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## Arrest Harry Baucom At Wilson's Mills

Alleged Rum Runner and Wanted in Connection With Forsythe Killing

Now On Top



Since the reign of Johnny Kilbane the featherweight boxing ranks have been a rather muddled affair. Last week, however, Richard "Honeyboy" Finnegan (above) gave Chick Suggs a decisive trimming which really entitles him to sign himself, "World's Featherweight Champion."

PUTS UP STIFF FIGHT

Sheriff Parker and Deputies Make Capture at Home of John W. Tomlinson; Baucom Silent

Harry Baucom, alleged rum runner and who has been sought for by Wake County officials in connection with the killing of L. G. "Mighty" Forsythe, has been captured.

The arrest was made late yesterday afternoon at the home of John W. Tomlinson in Wilson's Mills by Sheriff J. P. Parker and Deputies H. D. Chapin, D. B. Dupree and C. Q. Stephenson. Baucom who is a man of large physique, gave the Johnston County officers quite a hard tussle before he was finally subdued and roped.

Clayton officials, whom Baucom gave the slip in Clayton yesterday afternoon, phoned the officers here to be on the lookout. Sheriff Parker and his deputies blocked the river bridge with a truck and after Baucom's failure to show up within a reasonable length of time the officers hit on the plan of searching for him in Wilson's Mills, where Baucom was known to have friends.

Baucom is now in the Johnston County jail here. He made no statement except that he had nothing to do "with it."

According to Deputy Dupree, Sheriff Parker received papers yesterday afternoon from Harnett County officers wanting Baucom on a charge of non-support of his wife and also papers from Wayne County on a charge of speeding.

Yesterday's News and Observer carried the following account of further developments in the Forsythe murder case which will probably be tried in Johnston county:

"While preparing last night for the resumption of the inquest at 10 o'clock this morning, Coroner L. M. Waring, who yesterday completed his seventh day of work on the baffling mystery, declared that "no new developments have occurred in the case." The only statement the coroner would make was that he expected to have several witnesses from Raleigh and Wake Forest to appear before his jury this morning, when it convenes for the third time to investigate Forsythe's death.

### MUCH GOSSIP.

"Rumors current last night were to the effect that members of the coroner's jury will recommend to Coroner Waring that he issue another warrant charging murder for the re-arrest of Evelyn Bitt, Durham girl, who is now held in \$5,000 bail on a charge of being an accessory to the killing. Coroner Waring had no comment to make in regard to it. It was reported that the members of the jury are far from being satisfied with the Britt girl's alleged statement as to how Forsythe met his

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### AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—



Sum people when they talk trying to make a good impression on you, leave you plum ingested wid em.

## Parties Feature Benson Society

Clubs and Parent-Teacher Association Present Program; Personals

Benson, Dec. 1.—The social life in this city during the past few days has been characterized by a number of lovely parties. Among the hostesses have been Mrs. Talmadge Lucas, Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mrs. Roy Smith and Mrs. W. B. Woodall.

Two parties of the week were given Friday by Mrs. Roy Smith and Friday by Mrs. Roy Smith and Mrs. W. B. Woodall at the home of Mrs. Smith on Parrish Drive. Rook was played at four tables in the afternoon. In the evening, five tables were made up for bridge.

The dining room and living room were thrown en suite for the occasion and decorated with fall flowers. The high score in rook was made by Mrs. Talmadge Lucas, the consolation to Mrs. M. T. Britt. In bridge the prizes for top score went to Miss Ruth Smithwick and Dr. A. S. Oliver, and the booby to Miss Gladys Harrill and Mr. Paul Lee. The prizes were in keeping with the Thanksgiving season. The refreshments on both occasions consisted of chicken salad, cranberry jelly, hot rolls, sweet pickled peaches, coffee, fruit gelatine, with whipped cream, fruit cake and salted almonds. The favors were miniature turkeys.

Mrs. Talmadge Lucas entertained in a delightful manner the members of the Dainty Dames Club on Saturday evening. All of the members were present. After a brief business session an interesting program was given by Misses Mary Lee and Sarah Turlington. The subject was "Artists and Art Galleries of the World." Two new members were taken into the club. Mrs. John Parrish and Mrs. Leon Talton. The hostess served a fruit salad course with lemon dressing, Thousand Island sandwiches, salted nuts, stuffed dates and coffee.

The Parent-Teacher Association held an interesting meeting last week with Mrs. J. W. Whittenton presiding. The subject discussed was "Reading in the Home." Mrs. Parlia Hudson and Mrs. J. E. Kirk had very interesting papers on the subject. Mrs. Howard Parrish sang a solo. A trio was sung by Misses Murlie Johnson, Florence Denning and Ethel Benton. The prize for the largest percentage of parents present was won by the second grade, Miss McLean, teacher. The prize was a wall pocket.

The John Charles McNeill Book Club met with Mrs. Chas. Johnson last week. The house was decorated in various colored chrysan-

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## Thinks Farmers Are Benefited Lawyers' Scrap Features Court

Judge Meekins Says Tobacco Growers Will Receive More Under Receivership

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—United States Judge I. M. Meekins who ordered the receivership for the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Cooperative association yesterday declined to guess as to how much will be paid by the receivers on "certificates of participation" issued by the association, but indicated that reports made to him in conference with the receivers and which will later be made public indicated doubt as to the receivers' ability to pay much or anything on the certificates.

"I will say this much," declared Judge Meekins. "There is no doubt but that the farmers will receive more than they would have received had there been no receivership and I do not know whether all the former officers can be reached or not but I should think that when the whole story is told some of them would wish they had never had any connection with the association."

Judge Meekins declared that the receivers are doing all in their power to preserve the assets for the farmers and that he is satisfied that he appointed the best possible men to wind up the affairs of the association. The receivers are James H. Pou, of Raleigh; Hallett S. Ward, of Washington, and M. L. Corey, of New York. They conferred informally with Judge Meekins Tuesday afternoon and night concerning what they have found out about the management of the association and new situations that have arisen since their appointment and will later make formal written report to the court.

"The receivers told me that they have 22,000,000 pounds of dark tobacco on hand and that the average price of it on the open market is only eight cents as compared with 18 cents a year ago," stated Judge Meekins.

Judge Meekins stated that this and other matters throwing great light upon the operations of the association would be fully set out in reports to be filed with him by the receivers.

### CRIME UNIVERSITY

INSAN ANTONIO  
San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 1.—Bill Sykes and his gang must be in San Antonio. A crime university, with blackboards, advance courses and a vocation department was revealed here today with the arrest of two men, who, police say, admitted being instructors.

One wall of the place raided was covered with slate blackboards, bearing diagrams of safe locks, an illustration of how to pick pockets and similar graphics.

Chairs were arranged as in a school room. Police found a notebook in which an embryo thief apparently had jotted down notes of a lecture. On the first page of the book was this admonition: "Beware of finger-prints."

Notes found indicated pupils had been offered special advance courses in pocket picking, burglary and safe blowing. One room was devoted to instructions in firearms.

Police said one of the "instructors" admitted his school had assisted pupils in disposing of stolen goods.—Associated Press.

### Husband and Wife



My wife makes me read the evening paper to her in the hot kitchen while she's getting dinner.—A.J.

WHAT DOES YOUR WIFE DO?

Clerk of Court Suffers Most Serious Injury As Flying Ink Well Empties Contents

The Recorder's Court of Johnston county experienced something of a thrill on Tuesday of this week during the trial of State vs. Donie Adams, white, charged with assault, when James Raynor, Benson attorney, who appeared for the defendant, lost his temper and hurled an ink well at William Wellons, a Smithfield attorney, who was appearing with Solicitor Massey in the prosecution.

The trial of the case had progressed in an orderly manner, save for rather heated occasional tilts between the two attorneys, until the close of the evidence. A question of the relevancy of the admission of bloodhound evidence was before the court, and the lawyers differed sharply in their views, and when Wellons made use of the word "crook" in presenting his view, Raynor took exception on behalf of his client, stating that such a remark made about him would call for blows. Wellons was prompt to inform Raynor that he could deliver an occasional blow himself. Without further ado, Raynor snatched an ink well from a table and hurled it at his opponent with quite a show of vengeance. Missing his aim, the flying ink well wrought no more serious trouble than making a polka dot line across the court room, sparing nothing as it passed. The clerk of the recorder's court received a copious drenching of the bottle's contents, which necessitated his returning to court after the noon recess in a change of attire.

Order was soon restored, and the defendant was found guilty and dealt with. Raynor appeared in court on the following morning and apologized to his Honor for losing his temper.

The court has been in constant session here this week, disposing of quite a large number of cases which have been on the criminal docket for many weeks. It has been the intention of the court to clean the slate before the installation of the incoming judge on next Monday. This week's proceedings will appear in the next issue.

### SHOOTING SCRAP AT WILSON'S MILLS

A shooting scrap in which Arthur Haynes, Wilton and Charley Tomlinson were the participants, took place in Wilson's Mills last Friday night, but without any fatalities. According to reports, Haynes claimed that Charley Tomlinson owed him \$7.50, and would not pay him. Haynes is said to have run the two Tomlinsons into a store in Wilson's Mills on Friday, and when they would not come out, he said to have remarked that he would get them later. Accordingly, Friday night, he went to the home of Wilton Tomlinson and called for Charley. Haynes was ordered to leave when Tomlinson started back in the house. Haynes is said to have jumped on the running board of his car and fired a shot. The Tomlinson boys fired back, but Haynes ran for safety.

Haynes was shot some time ago by Mr. John Tomlinson, his father-in-law. He is generally known as "Monk" Haynes.

### Farmers Buy Pyrotol

18,000 pounds of pyrotol, surplus war explosive, was ordered by farmers in Duplin county in November. Landowners in this county had previously ordered 18,000 pounds in October making 36,000 pounds for the county this fall.

### Uncle Sam Bars Mails To Woman Who Faked Age

Washington, Dec. 1.—Clara Hamrick of Waco, Texas described by herself as "lonely, pretty and -9" and by postal inspectors as "about 30 and very homely," today was barred from use of the mails under a fraud order issued by the postoffice department. The department said Miss Hamrick accepted money from various male correspondents on promise of marriage, but always evaded such commitments.

Spending Few Days in City  
Miss Bettie Vinson, of Selma, is spending a few days here with Mrs. W. M. Gaskin.

### James "Jimmie" Woods



Sincerity behind a glad-hand said its dividends to this man—who not recently was selected in a national search by a hard-headed group of Los Angeles bankers and business men to manage the new Biltmore hotel there—and at \$50,000 per year.

### Dunn Swept By Wave Of Theft

More Than Twenty Robberies In The Past Ten Days—Woman Carries Man With Pistol

Dunn, Dec. 1.—Another robbery, in which a woman played the leading role, was committed in Dunn Sunday night about 9 o'clock when the home of Willie Pope, on South King avenue, was entered and \$30 in cash taken from the pockets of J. F. Pope, who rooms there.

The victim of the robbers was in the house alone. He had retired just a short time before the robbers appeared. He heard a noise at a window in the room, he says, and upon looking saw a woman on the outside. She held a pistol on him while two men entered the house and went through every room.

Upon reaching the room in which he lay covered with the pistol in the hands of the woman the robbers searched his pockets and took \$30 in cash, after which they left through the back door, which had not been locked. The woman wore a veil over her face, but was white, according to Pope.

### TWENTY SUCH CASES.

More than 20 robberies, or attempted robberies, of Dunn homes have been reported during the past 10 days, nine of them occurring in one night. Tracks about the buildings entered indicate that one woman and one or more men have made up the band of robbers who have held the town in their throes for more than a week.

Efforts on the part of local officers to apprehend the robbers have proved fruitless and the several shots fired at them by residents of the homes they entered have missed the mark. Citizens of the town are wrought up over the matter.

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**SHOP EARLY AND BUY Christmas Seals**

## Teacherage Now Almost Complete

Large Building Erected at Four Oaks For Teachers Is Modern In Every Detail

Four Oaks, Dec. 2.—The teacherage, which has been under construction for the past three months, is almost ready for occupancy. It is located a short distance from the school building and on the east side of it. It is a two story brick veneer structure with its style of architecture in keeping with the school building. This teacherage has twelve bedrooms a large living room, two halls, a kitchen and dining room, two large study halls and bath rooms. It is modern in every detail, having of course, water, heat and lights. The matron of the teacherage will be Mrs. Lillie P. Austin, of Oxford, who is expected to begin her duties in a few days.

The singing class from the Methodist (Orphanage) gave a sacred concert at the Methodist church Thanksgiving night. A large crowd was present to enjoy this concert which was very helpful and inspiring. It was declared by several to be the best one ever rendered by this class. Little Geraldine Smith, the smallest member of the class, was asked to give a reading "Herman Blossoms" which was on last year's program. She won the hearts of all present because of being such an unusually sweet child. Too, her father is well known throughout this community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Austin visited relatives in Clayton last week.

Mrs. Alice Adams and children spent the Thanksgiving holidays at Airlee with Mrs. Adams' parents.

Mr. Hubert Allen visited his father, Mr. W. A. Allen, at Raeford during the past week end.

Mrs. Sterling Gates and children, of Farmville, returned to their home recently after having spent the past week with Mrs. Gates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders.

Mr. Tommie Strickland, of Charleston, S. C., visited his mother and other relatives here last Thursday and Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. Cox, of Durham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Massengill Thursday.

Miss Christine Dodd, who is in school at Louisburg College, came home last Wednesday to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Dodd. She was accompanied home by Miss Edith White, of Knott's Island, who is a school friend of hers. Miss White returned to Louisburg Monday but Miss Dodd remained at home for a few days because of illness.

Mr. Booker Barbour, of Charlotte, visited relatives in and near town recently.

Messrs. Lexie Barefoot and Gilbert Grady, who are in school at Chapel Hill, visited their parents during the past week end.

Mrs. T. E. Oliver, of Benson, spent a few days here last week with her son, Mr. W. C. Oliver.

Miss Florence Wooten, a member of the graded school faculty, visited relatives at Maysville during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hatcher were guests of relatives at Raeford last week end.

Miss Mildred Yarboro visited relatives at Spring Hope during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. W. A. Allen spent the past week end at Wilson with her niece, Mrs. Eva Baucom.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Keene and family were guests of friends and relatives at Fremont Thanksgiving day.

Miss Miriam Brietz, a member of the high school faculty, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents at Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Page and daughters, Misses Maggie and Annie Ruth, and Mr. Wright Robbins, of Elm City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Strickland on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gibson of Rocky Mount, recently visited Mr.

### Senator? Small



Frank L. Smith, altho elected to the senate from Illinois, may not be seated. It is claimed he literally bought his election. Should the senate refuse to admit him—Lev small (above), now governor nominates as the man to fill Smith's chair in Washington. Gov. Small will resign. Fred Sterling, lieutenant governor, then become governor and will name Mr. Small.

### Kiwanians Elect New Set Officers

George Ragsdale Is New President—Rev. D. E. Earnhardt Makes Short Talk

The local Kiwanis club held its annual meeting yesterday at 12:45 at the Woman's club, heard the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, and elected the officers for the coming year.

To succeed Leon G. Stevens as president, the club elected George Y. Ragsdale; as vice-president, Dr. W. J. B. Orr; district trustee, N. C. Shepard; and Dr. J. W. Whitehead, H. B. Marrow, R. P. Holding, W. N. Holt and R. C. Gillett, as directors. These officers are to take charge at the first meeting in January.

Following the election of officers, Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the Methodist church, made a short talk. He stressed the importance of free and unbiased thought, of stalwartness of character, of sound principles and methods. He expressed the hope that he would soon come to know the men of Smithfield, complimenting them on their friendliness and geniality.

N. C. Shuford, superintendent of the city schools, recommended to the club that it hold a Father and Son banquet and that later in the year that it entertain the senior class, both of which the club unanimously decided to do.

### City Dry Cleaning Company Moves

Mr. C. M. Johnson, proprietor of the City Dry Cleaning company, has recently purchased from Mr. W. H. Austin the building formerly occupied by "Bud" Brown's barber shop on Third street, and is having the machinery and equipment moved into new quarters. Both floors of this building will be used, and a new dry cleaning department fitted up.

The building formerly used by the City Dry Cleaning company was badly damaged during the recent fire when the opera house was burned, and some of Mr. Johnson's machinery was destroyed. More room will be available at the new location and better service is promised the public.

The City Dry Cleaning company has steadily grown since its establishment four years ago when Mr. Johnson moved here from Benson. He now has seven regular employees, with extra help on rush days.

and Mrs. J. B. Creech.

Miss Mary Jones, a member of our school faculty, spent a few days last week at her home in Ashland, Va.

Mrs. Mills and children, of Raleigh, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams during the week end. Mrs. Mills was en route to her home after having spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother at Red Springs.

## Kiwanians Will Give Minstrel

Last Act Written by Local Talent To Be A Burlesque Kiwanis Meeting—Numerous Musical Features

The Kiwanis Minstrel, so long planned for by the local club, is scheduled for next Friday, December 10th, in the auditorium of the school, and promises to be splendid in every respect. Perhaps no minstrel ever given here will compare with this one in point of costumes, scenery, and in talent. One of the features of the entertainment will be the singing by the circle and the ends.

Costumes for the men are being furnished by the Hooker-Howe Costume company, as will be the big cyclorama used as the backdrop in the first part. The men in the circle will be dressed in blue and white.

Musical features of the evening will be provided by the entire group with the assistance of soloists, duets, a quartet, and possibly an octette. James Davis, Kenneth Coates, Marvin Woodall, Chester Alexander, Paul Eason, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Holliday will be among the specialty singers. The parts of the end men will be taken by Dwight Johnson, Arthur Narron, Raymond Woodall, Herndon Alexander, Tilden Honeycutt and George Ragsdale, all of whom are well known as "niggers." W. N. Holt is the Interlocutor.

The minstrel will consist of the customary first part, which will include songs, jokes, dances and specialties by the ends. Then will follow an intermission which will be filled by Marvin Woodall, Dwight and Theron Johnson, and perhaps a monologist.

The customary after piece will be unusual. Rather than stage a more or less stereotyped one-act skit as the closing part, the group will use a burlesque on a Kiwanis meeting, to be known as the "Charlottesville Kiwanis Club." The characters will be named for local people, only local applications will be used in the jokes and speeches, and only local institutions will be the butts of the sarcasm and irony to be employed. The piece was conceived and written by two of the men in the show.

Tickets will go on sale during the early part of next week, at a popular price, the proceeds of the show going to the Kiwanis club and will be spent in Smithfield, probably on charity. Local patronage is solicited.

### Entertains at Dinner.

Clayton, Nov. 27.—At their lovely colonial home near here, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Yelvington entertained with a delightful dinner party yesterday at 6 o'clock. The living room and dining room were especially attractive with their decorations of autumn leaves and berries. The dining table centerpiece was a beautiful bowl of autumn fruits, surrounded by red and gold leaves and branches of bitter sweet. At each end of the table were tall candles, which shed a soft lovely glow over glass and silver.

A four-course dinner was served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Brown, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Pratt, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. John I. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey S. Gattis, of Clayton.

### A Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one leapers his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Ticket must be called for before the following issue.

RANFESC ESJNO  
Bill O'Mary recognized his name last issue.