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## Get More Facts In Snipes Case

Trial Will Probably Be Held In December; Richmond Persons Said To Fear Publicity; Mrs. Snipes Had Given Party.

RICHMOND, Nov. 23.—Police authorities investigating the death of Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, talented musician, formerly of Princeton, N. C., asserted today that they had evidence to prove that John Wesley Faison, former manager of the Hermitage Country Club, held on the charge of killing her by shooting her through the head in her apartment in the West End, the early morning of Nov. 16, did not rush her to Stuart Circle hospital immediately after phoning to his wife, telling her, as he claims, "Elsie has shot herself," but lingered for quite a while in the apartment.

They said that they had established that the shooting occurred at 12:40 a. m. and yet it was 1:20 a. m. before he arrived at the hospital with her in the automobile. His alleged delay in taking her to the hospital accounts, they believe, for the fact that his wife was able to reach the hospital from her home in the Northside almost as soon as he did.

WAS 5-MINUTE TRIP. According to her story, she telephoned to her brother-in-law, living near Byrd Park, several miles distant, and he came for her in his car and carried her to the hospital. It is estimated that Faison could have made the trip to the hospital from Mrs. Snipes' apartment in less than five minutes. Evidence that the pistol bullet which pierced her head did not come to rest on the bed, where it was found when police arrived on the scene, but buried itself in the wainscoting in the room and was subsequently extracted and placed on the bed, is in their possession, it was reported today.

In the opinion of Coroner Whitfield, the pool of blood under the chair where Mrs. Snipes was seated when she was shot indicates that blood must have dripped from the wound in her head for at least fifteen minutes before she was taken from the apartment. In calling a special grand jury to investigate the case, Judge Kirk Matthews of Hastings Court stated that he desired to speed up the case and hold the trial some time in December. The special grand jury will meet Monday.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 22.—Richmond was all in agog today over the prospect of the names of persons mentioned in the diary of Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes being made public when John Wesley Faison, former secretary and manager of the Country Club, goes to trial on the charge of murdering her.

Police indicated today that the diary which is said to contain the names of many persons of prominence in the community will be offered in evidence at the trial. Mrs. Snipes, a pretty and accomplished musician, formerly of Princeton, N. C., who came to Richmond about two years ago from that town, died the early morning of November 16 at Stuart Circle hospital of a pistol bullet wound in the head. Faison who brought her to the hospital several hours before she died said that she shot herself soon after midnight in her apartment in the

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## Tantalizer

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

Morgan Broadhurst recognized his name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: jseecapsp

## U. N. C. Glee Club To Be At Benson



William Way, Jr., (shown above) is business manager of the University of North Carolina Glee Club that is to sing in Benson November 28.

Mr. Way is doing graduate work at the University and serving as assistant director of athletics. He received an A.B. degree from the University last spring. While an undergraduate student, Mr. Way was first circulation and then business manager of the Tar Heel, student newspaper; was on the Yackety Yack editorial staff; a member of the Publications Union Board; manager of the boxing team; member of the Chi Phi fraternity, the G-man Club, the Glee Club, the Monogram Club, the Palmetto Club, and was a Commencement Ball manager.

He also served as an assistant in the Department of Economics and was assistant business manager of the Glee Club. He is a native of Charleston, S. C.

## Get-To-Gether At New Club House

First Community Affair Held At Old Massey School Since Turned Into Club House; Spelling Bee and Cake Contest.

The first community meeting held in the old Massey school house since it has been turned over to the Carter-Massey home demonstration club for a club house was held Tuesday evening. A large crowd was present to enjoy the program which had been arranged by the home demonstration club. There was an old fashioned spelling bee, a cake contest, music and readings. The members of the home demonstration club put on the cake contest, and after the cakes were judged these were auctioned off, the proceeds to be used for cleaning and decorating the club room. There were 25 cakes, and the winners in the contest were as follows: Mrs. C. H. Parker, first prize, \$5.00; Mrs. O. L. Boyette, second prize, \$3.00; Mrs. R. L. Barden, third prize, \$1.00. These prizes were given by the Southern Cotton Oil company, the cakes being made with Snowdrift. The judges were: Misses Jones and Neely, of Princeton, and Miss Ruth Jones, of Smithfield. The cake sale and the sale of hot chocolate netted \$26.00. O. L. Boyette was the auctioneer.

The spelling bee was an interesting feature of the program, there being twenty-eight contestants. Mrs. Roy Whitley was the winner and was presented with the prize cake of the contest. M. P. Young, principal of the Princeton school, gave out the words, and A. J. Fitzgerald, of Smithfield, and Miss Cox, of the Princeton faculty, were the judges.

The rooms were decorated with cedsnucks, pumpkins, and pine, suggestive of the Thanksgiving season and forming an attractive setting for features of the program. After the spelling bee Mrs. R. L. Barden gave a humorous reading and little Miss Rackley, of Princeton, did some aesthetic dancing. The last number was a mock jazz band in which members of the home demonstration club dressed in uniform appeared to perform on instruments improvised from gourds, tin lids, etc., in imitation of the various instru-

## Safe Is Cracked Early Yesterday

Would-Be-Thieves Enter Office Sinclair Refining Company But Get No Loot.

What appeared to be professional safe crackers visited Smithfield in the early morning hours of yesterday, but from all indications they went away as poor as they came.

Yesterday morning when M. C. Davis, local agent for the Sinclair Refining company, went to the office located just across the railroad near the station, he found that the safe had been blown open. The hinges on the door of the safe were intact, but the combination had been blown to pieces. Quite a bit of debris met the eyes of the agent.

The safe is a total loss, but the would-be-thieves did not get any loot, for there was nothing in the safe. However, according to Mr. Davis, the two truck drivers came in late Wednesday afternoon with about \$400, but fortunately the money was not deposited in the safe.

Officers were summoned yesterday morning and Deputy T. E. Talton reports that a window had been taken out and that the lock had been prized off the door of the little office. The office building is quite small being only about 6x8.

The occurrence is said to have taken place about two o'clock in the morning. An unusual noise is said to have been heard by negroes living across the railroad. The little house in which the watchman at the railroad crossing stays is located about seventy-five feet away, but the watchman, D. Meyers, a colored man, states that he was not in the house at the time but had gone across the railroad to his home. He says he was one of those who heard a noise about two o'clock.

Automobile tracks and what appeared to be men's tracks were to be seen near the office in which the safe was located.

## MRS. VINE EDWARDS DIES AT HOME NEAR PRINCETON

PRINCETON, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Mary Edwards, wife of Vine Edwards, died at her home near town Monday after an illness of three weeks with typhoid fever. The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Elijah Pearce and Rev. Mr. Gardner, after which the remains were buried in a new graveyard about one-half mile west of Vine Edwards' home.

Mrs. Edwards was the mother of thirteen children all of whom are living. Four or five of them are married. The youngest one is about six years of age.

About the first of July some of her children were taken with typhoid fever and for weeks and weeks this mother sat by the bedside day and night nursing and waiting on these children. Several different ones contracted the fearful disease; as fast as one would get better another one would be taken with it. Part of the time two of them were seriously ill. Three weeks ago when the last of the children were well on the road to recovery, Mrs. Edwards was taken with the fever. A trained nurse was secured but with the best of medical attention and everything that could be done, she continued to grow worse until the end. She was a good woman and always at home attending to her own family. She was never heard to make any unkind remark about anyone. There were about four hundred people present at the burial. A large number of beautiful wreaths of flowers bore testimony of the sympathy of her many friends.

## JR. O. U. A. M. TO GIVE MEMBERS OYSTER SUPPER

All members of Smithfield Council No. 102 are cordially invited to be present next Tuesday night, November 29 at 7:30 o'clock. A fish and oyster supper will be served.

ments of a band. As a matter of fact, the gronofola furnished by Crumpler-Jones Furniture company of Smithfield furnished the music, the performers only going through the motion.

## Harison Ferrell Is Cut In Affray

A cutting scrape was the result of an altercation arising from the purchase of a box at a box party held at Smith's school in Elevation township Wednesday night, according to information received here yesterday. The quarrel was said to have been between Harrison Ferrell and Herbert and Alton Dupree. One of the committeemen quieted them in the house, but it is said that a fight took place after the box party was over, resulting in the cutting of Harrison Ferrell. Ferrell was brought to the Johnston County Hospital where he is reported to be getting along nicely.

Deputies John O. Ellington and Jasper Beasley were called to the scene of the fight, and they arrested the Dupree boys. They were brought here, but gave a bond of \$1,000 each and were allowed to return home.

## Gower Declared Clayton Mayor

Case Tried Before Jury In Superior Court Here; Verdict Is Rendered In Favor of Plaintiff.

The title to the office of Mayor of Clayton was settled here Tuesday afternoon in the Superior court by a jury, which decided in favor of Dr. F. G. Gower as against the incumbent, C. W. Carter. The title to this office has been in dispute ever since the municipal election, which was held on the 3rd of last May. Mr. Carter and Dr. Gower, according to the election returns received respectively 239 and 238 votes. Dr. Gower was running as a regular nominee of the town convention, and Mr. Carter was running on an independent ticket. Upon the action of the board of elections declaring Carter the duly elected mayor, Gower took exceptions and resorted to the courts, alleging in his complaint that Carter had received several illegal votes. The votes challenged were those cast by an Assyrian who had never become naturalized and several of the teachers in the Clayton city schools.

This matter was first before the courts of Johnston county at the June term at which Judge W. C. Harris presided. At this term Judge Harris signed a judgment confirming Carter as the duly elected and qualified mayor, and from this judgment Gower took an appeal to the Supreme court. The matter here was reversed and remanded to Johnston for a new trial.

The trial of this case, which took precedence over all other pending cases at this term, was begun on Monday of the first day of court and continued to the close of the second day. A large number of witnesses were in attendance for both sides and each side was well represented by counsel, those for the plaintiff being Parker and Martin, E. J. Wellons and Paul D. Grady, of the local bar, and those for the defendant being W. H. Lyon, of the local bar, and Josiah William Bailey, of Raleigh. No notice of a second appeal was made when the verdict was returned.

A Shake-down The New Jersey coast, from Asbury Park northwards, was shaken today by earth tremors moving from south to north. The Western Union at Highlands, N. J., vibrated violently for 20 cents.—Boston American.

## Get a Cradle.

First Assistant Vice-President: What sort of a position would your son like?"

Second Assistant Vice-President: As nearly horizontal as he can get."—Cornell Widow.

The West Wake Fair at Apex charged no gate receipts to the 10,000 or more persons who visited it, yet it was the most successful event of its kind recently held in the vicinity of Raleigh.

## Glendale Patrons Work For School

et Day For Hauling Dirt On School Grounds; More Than a Hundred Attend Parent-Teachers Meeting.

KENLY, Route 2, Nov. 24.—The second Parent-Teachers' meeting of the year was held in the Glendale high school auditorium on Monday night, November 7. At the first meeting which was held about a month ago there were 104 patrons and teachers present, and the attendance was even better at this meeting when 116 were present. The large attendance at these meetings is very encouraging, but the most pleasing thing about it all is to see the splendid spirit of cooperation and general good feeling toward the school and each other which has been so clearly evident each time they all meet and spend an enjoyable hour or two together.

At the meeting last Monday night the house was called to order by the president, Mr. D. T. Godwin, who made a few fitting remarks and then turned the meeting over to the secretary and the following program was rendered:

Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers," by the congregation. Bible Reading, Ione Davis. Prayer, Rev. W. R. Johnson. Roll Call and Minutes of last meeting read, Miss Davis, secretary.

Song, by sixth and seventh grade children. Instrumental Solo, Miss Rawls. Quartet Selections, Messrs. Boyette, Cockrell, Pittman and Davis. "Friday Afternoon Composition" by several sixth and seventh grade children.

After the above program was over E. T. Boyett, the principal, explained to the parents about the individual student records which are being kept for each pupil and called attention to the importance of sending the children to school regularly.

After some discussion regarding the beautifying the school grounds, it was decided that the people of the community would congregate on Friday afternoon, November 26, for the purpose of hauling dirt at the school to fill in behind the new retaining wall which was recently built in front of the school building.

December 15 is the time for the next meeting. This date was decided upon because to wait until the regular meeting time would put it too near the Christmas holidays. This helpful and enjoyable meeting close with light refreshments in the domestic science room.

## FATHER OF R. E. HOLT PASSES AWAY HERE

Friends here and throughout the county were grieved to hear of the death of Mr. Edgar Holt, which occurred here at the home of his son, R. E. Holt, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock after a short illness. Several days ago Mr. Holt was taken ill with pneumonia and he grew worse until the end.

Mr. Holt formerly lived in the wife came here last summer to Polenta section but he and his wife with their son, Mr. Holt was about sixty-six years of age.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at three o'clock and interment was made in the family plot in the cemetery at Oakland church in Cleveland township. The service was conducted by Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Smithfield and Oakland churches. The floral offering was very beautiful.

The deceased is survived by his wife and several children. He was the father of R. E. Holt, of this city, and Mrs. Ashley L. Johnson, who lives near town.

## Special Meetings.

Commencing Friday night, November 25, Elder E. V. Tenny, of New Hampshire, a great prophetic Bible student, will preach at Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian church, and continue through Saturday and Sunday. Everybody should hear him. We are expecting him to explain by using his stereopticon views.

J. Q. BAKER.

For Automobiles to Drive Beneath River



At New York last week the Holland Tunnel under the Hudson river was opened—one of the great engineering feats of the ages. The tunnel, 9,250 feet long, costing \$48,000,000 joins Manhattan island and New Jersey. On opening day 52,285 cars passed through. It took seven years to build the double tube tunnel. Above, 1-side the tunnel. Below, One of the ventilating plants; and, autos lined up for the trip under the river.

## Officers Make Whiskey Raids

One White Man Arrested, Three Stills Seized, and Several Hundred Barrels of Beer Found.

Johnston county officers made three successful raids on blockaders last week, arresting a white man and confiscating several hundred barrels of beer. The first raid was made in Selma township Monday afternoon. A white man, Add Mitchell, was at the still and he was arrested. An 80-gallon distilling outfit, 300 gallons of beer, and a quantity of whiskey were taken. Mitchell gave bond for his appearance in Recorder's court here on November 29.

Monday afternoon an 80-gallon still was captured in Cleveland township, and 1500 gallons of beer were seized. No one was at the still and no arrests were made.

Tuesday afternoon a complete distilling outfit was captured in Boon Hill. About 200 gallons of beer were found and destroyed. This still was not in operation.

Officers making these raids were Deputies T. E. Talton, P. L. Wood, D. T. Oliver, W. W. Stewart and C. C. Williams.

## DEATH OF MRS. ROY CRUMPLER AT MICRO

MICRO, Nov. 22.—This community was saddened Friday when the news reached here that Mrs. Lucy Crumpler had died suddenly at her home near here. She was a faithful member of the Freewill Baptist church. She will be missed by her many friends. Her baby preceded her to the grave last February.

Her remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near the home. The service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. S. H. Styron, at two o'clock. The floral offerings were beautiful.

The deceased is survived by her husband and two small children, a father and mother, three sisters and three brothers. Those from a distance attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. I. Pittman and sister, Irene, of Black Creek; Arthur Pittman, of Orlander, Fla.; Miss Inez Pittman, who teaches at Corinth-Holders, and Mrs. Luetta Barbour, of Smithfield.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late W. J. Hooks wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown them during the recent sickness and death of their beloved husband and father.

MRS. W. J. HOOKS & FAMILY.

Nearly ever yacre of land planted to tobacco and peanuts in Martin County this year has been planted to a cover crop. This means that between 30,000 and 35,000 acres have been so planted.

## Second Lyceum Number Nov. 28

The Shields Trio To Present Dramatic Sketches, Playlets, Vocal and Instrumental Music At Courthouse.

The Shields Trio of Chicago will present a modern, artistic program of vocal and instrumental music, dramatic sketches, readings and playlets at the Johnston county courthouse on date of November 28. This is one of the splendid attractions included in the Piedmont Lyceum course being sponsored here this winter and is worthy of the patronage and hearty support of all our people.

The Shields Trio, composed of three Shields Sisters, is an extremely attractive and unique organization. First of all, it is not unusual to find three such talented and clever young ladies in one family?

Ivime, is a singer and pianist of ability. Clarity of enunciation and charm of personality captivates her audience. Laurene is a dramatic reader. She appeals to young and old as she draws from a rich storehouse of memory both humorous and dramatic selections. She is also an excellent singer. Hattie Bell, 'Cellist, possesses splendid technique and her cello is mellow and rich in tone. She plays with equal skill and old favorite and the works of the Master.

These versatile and experienced entertainers have delighted large audiences in many parts of the Union and have also been enjoyed over the radio. Smithfield is indeed fortunate in having such a popular attraction included in the lyceum course this season. Make a date with yourself now to hear and enjoy the work of these charming girls on Monday evening, November 28.

## E. L. HALL DIES IN FAYETTEVILLE

Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson was called to Fayetteville Wednesday on account of the death of E. L. Hall, father of Mrs. Zoe Callahan, who has frequently visited here. Mr. Hall died Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock following an illness of five days. He was taken suddenly with appendicitis which went into peritonitis. The funeral was held yesterday morning and interment made in the Fayetteville cemetery.

The deceased was a native of Johnston county having formerly lived at Benson. He leaves besides a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Callahan and Miss Maude Hall, three brothers, Rev. Wilbur Hall and Jim Hall, of Durham, and Marshall Hall, of Clayton.

Magnesium limestone puts quality into the tobacco crop and increases the yield per acre.

## Tax Books Ready For 10 Townships

Already Tax Collector Grimes Is Taking In Tax Money; Other Books Will Be Ready Soon.

The tax books for ten townships have been turned over to Tax Collector W. F. Grimes, and he will be glad to write a receipt for any taxpayer in these several townships. The townships now ready are Bentonville, Boon Hill, Micro, Selma, Pine Level, Wilson's Mills, Cleveland, Pleasant Grove, Elevation and Meadow.

The first man man to pay his tax in Cleveland was Delma Coats; the first in Pleasant Grove, A. T. Grimes; the first in Boon Hill, D. H. Wallace; the first in Micro, Evelyn Brown; the first in Selma, Chief J. H. Griffin; the first in Pine Level, F. E. Helm; the first in Wilson's Mills, Charles Lockhart, colored; the first in Meadow, John Peacock, colored; the first in Bentonville, Roger Cox; the first in Elevation, J. M. Barbour.

The books for the seven other townships are being prepared as quickly as possible, and it will be only a short time until they will be in the hands of the tax collector.

## DEATH MRS. J. C. WILLIAMS IN BENTONVILLE SECTION

Tuesday night, November 22, Mrs. J. C. Williams passed away at her home in Bentonville township after an illness of about two weeks. Mrs. Williams had, however, been in bad health for several years. She was about 70 years of age.

The funeral was conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home after which interment was made in the family graveyard. Rev. Mr. Henderson of Sampson county, a former pastor of Mill Creek Christian church of which the deceased had been a consistent member since girlhood, conducted the service.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband and three sons and three daughters, as follows: W. A. Williams, of Wilson; J. A. Williams, of Goldsboro; Mrs. S. S. Turner, of Bentonville; Mrs. A. G. Adams, of Bentonville, and Mrs. W. C. Grant, of Four Oaks.

The deceased was an aunt of Mrs. E. C. Narron of this city.

## CAPTURE TWO WHISKEY STILLS WEDNESDAY

Chief W. D. Strickland and Deputy Jasper Beasley, both of Wilson's Mills, captured two whiskey stills on Middle Creek in Smithfield township Wednesday and found two barrels of beer at the location. Both stills were located at the same plant, one a new one and the other appeared to have been in use for quite a while. No one was at the plant, but it had recently been in operation, according to reports reaching here. Both stills were brought here yesterday and turned over to the sheriff.

## Presbyterian Services.

Oakland Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Thanksgiving sermon and offering for orphans. Smithfield Sunday 7:30, sermon by pastor. Sunday school 10 o'clock, Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Public cordially invited.

## Aunt Roxie Opines By Me



"Mista Sinclair sho' got sux burns oiled in de wheels uv justice."