

DEMPSEY HINES, A COLORED MAN KILLED AT MOBLEY MILL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

KILLED AS A RESULT OF A BLOW ADMINISTERED BY HOYT HOLLIDAY WHICH KNOCKED HIM OVER ENBANKMENT

PRELIMINARY TRIAL HELD YESTERDAY

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, ASA T. CRAWFORD PLACES HOLLIDAY UNDER \$1,000 BOND FOR HIS APPEARANCE IN COURT

About four o'clock Sunday afternoon Sheriff Roberson was notified that a dead man had been found by the roadside near the Mobley Mill, and the sheriff immediately went to investigate the matter. He had Dr. Hugh B. York go along also to make a medical examination.

When he reached the place he found the dead man to be Dempsey Hines, a colored man. His body was lying by the roadside at the base of a fill about five feet high. Information was offered by some present at the scene that Hoyt Holliday had knocked the negro backward off the dam and that he had struck a log killing him but there had been no altercation between Hines and Holliday. The sheriff went immediately to the home of Holliday where he found him sitting on the porch and arrested him, bringing him to town placed him in the county jail.

Holliday was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace, Asa T. Crawford yesterday afternoon. C. R. Swain, J. R. Crawford, Dr. H. B. York, John S. Cook and Joseph Hollis were examined as State's witnesses.

Mr. Swain stated that he with Holliday, Crawford and Dempsey Hines had been riding in his automobile that he was driving with Dempsey Hines on the front seat beside him. They were coming from the direction of Hamilton and were approaching the Mobley Mill when Hines asked Holliday for a dip of snuff and Holliday told him that he did not have any as he had lost his snuff box, whereupon Hines told Holliday he was a damned liar and that he just did not want him to have it. Then Holliday warned Hines not to call him a liar again as that was "fighting pieces" and the negro had repeated his statement and told him to get down on the ground, asking Swain to stop the car, this Swain refused to do. Then Hines reached down and turned off the switch and got out of the car before it stopped and when Holliday got out after him he called him a damned liar again. Then Holliday hit him a blow in the face which knocked him backward, his head hitting a log when he fell down the embankment. Swain added that he cranked up and drove home. Upon cross examination he testified that Holliday and Hines had stood face to face when the lick was passed and that they had both been drinking.

Mr. J. R. Crawford was the next witness called and he said that he had been at Joe Hollis' home when C. R. Swain, Hoyt Holliday and Dempsey Hines, colored, came for a short visit and when they left they invited him to go along with them and he had told them that he would go as far as the water mill and that he sat on the back seat of the Ford car with Mr. Holliday. And then he gave substantially the same version of the dispute as had Mr. Swain. But that he did not leave the negro with Messrs. Holliday and Swain but had stayed with him until the froth emerged from his nose and mouth and nauseated him and he went to a spot near where some boys were swimming and that they returned with him a few minutes and they found that Hines had moved a little bit and that his head had slipped off the log on which it was lying when he left and that he appeared to be dead.

Mr. Crawford stated that he had seen Dr. York examine him and that he had explained to the doctor how it happened. He had seen no blood except a very small stain on the log where the head had hit and on the ground directly underneath the head, he added and he also stated again that Holliday had struck with nothing but his fist.

Dr. H. B. York was the next witness. He testified that Sheriff Roberson asked him to examine the man and that he found a small, smooth straight cut of one inch in length on the back of the head at the base of the skull which was crushed in a place about two and one half inches in circumference. He stated that he found absolutely no other evidence of violence or bruise and he smelled whiskey

LIST OF WINNERS IN ENTERPRISE'S MISSING WORD CONTEST

Minnie M. Hardison of Jamesville Wins First Prize While J. H. Mizell Of This Place Cops Second One

After running for ten consecutive weeks the Missing Word Contest came to a close with the issue of the Enterprise of June 13th. The contestants must have enjoyed the contest, for there were few who did not continue until the end. The number trying for the various prizes was highly pleasing and it is our sorrow that we aren't able to forward to each and every contender a prize, but it would be almost impossible to do such a thing; so we checked up the labors of all and are awarding the prizes to those gaining the most points and showed no one any partiality whatsoever.

We think, and basing our reason on pure facts, the contest has been a success in most every way. We are sure the several hundred who tried for the prizes have readily seen that the advertisements a newspaper carries contain valuable news, even more so than the "news" itself, in many cases.

When you look through the list below and fail to see your name don't be disheartened but when, if we do, stage another contest start with an even greater determination to win.

The winners are as follows: First prize, Minnie M. Hardison, Jamesville, N. C.; second prize, John H. Mizell, Williamston, N. C. The first prize is a check of \$10.00, the second is a check for \$5.00 and then the ten next highest are all equal, being checks of \$1.00 denomination (checks all good, too). The winners of the \$1.00 checks are, Mary M. Andrews, Williamston, N. C.; Mrs. Augustus Williams, Robersonville, N. C.; E. Virginia Barnhill, Robersonville, N. C.; Cecil Taylor, Williamston, N. C.; Elbert Moore, Williamston, N. C.; Mrs. Robert Hydenrich, Williamston, N. C.; Mrs. J. W. Canady, Williamston, N. C.; Emma Daniel, Oak City, N. C.; Mrs. Elmer Chesson, Williamston, N. C.; Mrs. Theodore Roberson, Williamston, N. C.

THE GILL OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH TO HAVE WHITE SALE

The Gill of the Episcopal church will serve ice cream, cake and candy at Jim Leggett's old store, Thursday night at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Messrs. Sam Mangum and Hubert Melvin of Durham were visitors here yesterday and today. Mr. Mangum was one of the proprietors of the Dixie Warehouse last season and was one of the most popular warehousemen that has been to Williamston for a long time.

Mr. Crawford to the court. Mr. John S. Cook also testified that he had seen the man in the same position as the others had described, that the body was lying at the foot of the embankment, saw Dr. York make the examination and heard Mr. Crawford explain how the accident occurred as a result of the trouble which had just been told by Messrs. Swain and Crawford. He said that he had seen no blood in the road at any place.

Joseph Hollis stated that Swain, Holliday and the negro, Hines, came to his home to get pop and that they had also invited him to go with them which he refused to do and in a short while Swain returned and told him that Holliday had struck the negro and he believed had killed him. He said that he went for Sheriff Roberson immediately and that he had seen no blood on the dam Sunday but found some Monday in the same place that he had examined Sunday and had not seen any at all. There was no sign of scuffling on the dam.

MESSRS. M. C. SHARY, F. J. SEIFERT AND CARROLL W. WILLIAMS HERE SATURDAY

Are Members of the Editorial Staff of The Manufacturer's Record

Messrs. M. C. Shary, F. J. Seifert and Carroll W. Williams of Baltimore were in town Saturday for a few hours. Mr. Williams is on the editorial staff of the Manufacturer's Record and Messrs. Shary and Seifert are connected with the advertising department of the Record.

They are getting information and material for a special edition of the Manufacturer's Record to be issued in a few months which will be called "The Southern Division" and they will feature "Fifty Years of Southern Progress" under the divisions "A Glimpse of the Past, the Facts of the Present and a Forecast of the Future." Richard Hawthorne Edmond has been the prime factor in making the Record the useful agency that it has become in the promotion of the South. No editor or writer of any kind seems to comprehend more clearly the natural advantages that nature has bestowed upon the Southland than Editor Edmond. His paper is quoted in all parts of America as authority on the problems, advantages and institutions of the South.

The issue of this special edition of his magazine will be of great value to the Southland as it will tell the real facts in a plain and forceful manner and that is the only kind of advertising we need, for we are more bountifully blessed than we know.

CHAMPION CABBAGE GROWER

Mr. L. Phelps Hardison stands at the head of the champion cabbage growers of Martin county.

Mr. Hardison brought a cabbage to town on June 20th that weighed sixteen pounds. A large number witnessed the weighing of the cabbage.

To the one or one bringing in a cabbage weighing 16 pounds or over we will give a two years subscription to The Enterprise. To the man bringing in one weighing 15 pounds we will give a one year subscription to The Enterprise.

Offer holds good any day this year.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS TO GIVE A JAPANESE TEA

The Epworth Leaguers of the Williamston Methodist church will give a Japanese Tea at the home of Mrs. W. E. Warren on Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6.

Refreshments will be served and a silver offering will be taken. Special music.

The public is cordially invited.

MR. HARRY A. BIGGS AND MRS. WILLIAMS ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the spring social season in Williamston occurred Thursday evening when Mr. Harry A. Biggs and Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams entertained at Albemarle Beach, complimentary to a number of their local friends.

The host and hostess offered to their guests an evening of assorted pleasures. The water was cool and refreshing, and quite a number of the party tried swimming, while the dancing with music by the Williamston orchestra proved a very popular attraction. A sumptuous midnight luncheon was served, consisting of fruit punch, assorted sandwiches, pickles, cheese and cake.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Samplers, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cotard, Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Cone, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Miss Carrie Dell White, Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams, Mr. Harry A. Biggs, Mr. Jack W. Biggs, Mr. E. S. Peel, Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., Mr. Julius S. Peel.

MRS. SALLIE BIGGS ILL

Mrs. Sallie Biggs continues very ill and little hope is entertained for her recovery unless there is a decided change in her condition in a short while. Mrs. Biggs is one of the most beloved women of the town and county and friends by the score anxiously await and hope for her recovery.

Mr. D. D. Stalls made a business trip to Washington yesterday. Mr. C. D. Carstarphen Jr. motored to Washington Sunday night.

Messrs. Henry Gurkin and brother Alonzo Parker Gurkin of Norfolk were in Windsor Sunday. Mr. C. E. Modlin of Windsor was a business visitor here yesterday.

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS IN TRUCK SHIPMENTS

North Carolina leads all other states in truck shipments since June, her truck crops amounting to more than those of Florida and California combined.

Our State shipped on Saturday 301 solid car loads of potatoes, bringing to the growers \$150,000. The same day we shipped 21 car loads of berries, sixty nine car loads of cucumbers and eight car loads of snap beans.

The prices on most truck crops have been poor. The late spring caused all sections to plant at the same time, causing too great a production at one time.

DELEGATES TO ASSEMBLY

Misses Evelyn Harrison, Josephine Strickland, Mary Clyde Leggett and Mr. Bryant Carstarphen returned Saturday from Morehead City, N. C. where they served as delegates to the annual North Carolina Epworth League Assembly.

The assembly met in the Atlantic Hotel which was turned over entirely to the use of the leaguers. The ball room was converted into an assembly hall in which the devotional services were held. Classes were conducted throughout the lower floor of the building.

The faculty, consisting of some of the ablest ministers and Christian workers of the State, offered a course of study especially adapted to the needs of Epworth Leaguers. The local delegates took the work offered and received certificates indicating the amount of work covered.

The standard of the local Epworth League chapter will be greatly raised by its splendid representation at the conference. Its former leader, Mrs. L. C. Larkin, has been appointed Junior Supt. of the North Carolina Conference. She is pleasantly remembered in Williamston as the wife of Rev. L. C. Larkin.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCall Return From Wedding Tour

Mr. and Mrs. John McCall returned yesterday evening from a wedding trip of three weeks duration during which time they have visited Northern cities and spent much time at Virginia Beach.

They were married in Wilmington, the home of Mrs. McCall June the fifth at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. E. A. Yeager. The wedding was a very quiet one with only the close relatives of the contracting parties present.

Mr. McCall is the local manager of the Leader store and has been living in the city of the past few months during which time he has made many acquaintances and friends who will be interested to learn of his marriage. They will be at home in the Ewell home on Smithwick street, the home formerly occupied by Mrs. Sue Ewell.

KILLING OF NEGRO SAD AFFAIR

The unfortunate killing of Dempsey Hines, a negro, on Sunday by Hoyt Holliday, a white farmer, produces a sadness, perhaps even greater than the simple killing itself.

The fact that three white men were riding around on Sunday celebrating and drinking liquor with a negro is the tragedy of the affair.

Three white men, all with good families go out to ride, talk and drink with a negro who also has a family. As a result of the association of the four unmeasured and untold trouble has been wrought. Trouble to the extent that one man goes to his grave and another under a one thousand dollar bond.

Yet, the greatest blow comes to the innocent women and children who have to share the sorrows and troubles which result from improper associations.

Just another time when people failed to think. Another reminder of how easy it is to get into trouble and how hard it is to get out. But if the continued killing keeps on a par with the present or increases in the least there will be but few to think or to be reminded in Martin county.

Messrs. Julius Purvis, Crack Taylor, James Edwin Harrell and William H. Williams spent the week-end in Norfolk and Ocean View.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shirley and children motored to Morehead City yesterday. While in Morehead they will attend the Annual State Sea Side convention held by the Baptists.

FORMER RECTOR TO PREACH HERE

Will Preach Both Morning and Evening At Episcopal Church

In the absence of a minister in the Parish, Rev. Morrison Bethea, former rector and Archdeacon of the Convocation of Raleigh, will preach here both morning and evening on the fifth Sunday, June 29th.

Mr. Bethea has visited the town quite frequently since he has been making his home elsewhere, often being called to minister to the congregation, and his love for the people is still strong, as is that of the people for him. His visit to the Parish at this time will be appreciated, and the public is cordially invited to hear him at both services.

Mr. Bethea is an attractive speaker, and his sermons always bring a message, refreshing and wholesome, to his hearers. Members of other congregations who do not have services on that day are especially invited to attend.

IS DROWNED IN TAR RIVER FRIDAY

Tried to Swim Across the River With All His Clothes On

Wilson, June 23.—William Jackson Cockerell, 22 years of age, whose parents are dead, was drowned in Tar River late Friday afternoon while swimming with his uncle, whose name we did not learn.

It is said that they were up above Strickland's mill, where they were fishing, and the young man decided he wanted to cross the river and attempted to swim the stream with all his clothes on. The strong current carried him under and his body was recovered late Friday evening.

Saturday morning Coroner Pearson of this county, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Frank Barnes and Dr. Eric Bell, repaired to the place made examination of the body and came to the conclusion there was no foul play.—Tarboro Southerner.

BARBER SHOP NEWS

The men of Williamston are complaining that they cannot get a seat at the local barber shop because there are always so many friends of the opposite sex who have to be present their friend gets a "trim" or a "shingle" or a "bob". They admit that in this day of equal rights that the women have a right to go to the barber shop and that it is their hard luck if they don't get there first. But they do say she ought to leave her friends at the drug store.

"Andy Gump" says that he is getting mighty tired of staying in town these hot days when he could be enjoying himself in some cool shady spot on the banks of the old mill pond fishing for those monster "chubs" that he heard Dunning tell about just because he is afraid to leave "Mm" that long for fear she would have one of those "boyish bobs" when he got back to town.

One lady in town says that she never had anyone to tell her that she had pretty hair until she had the bulk of it "laid out" in the palm of her hand. And she says that she would appreciate it if no one else would take the pains to tell her so again. If anyone should ask my opinion I should certainly feel like saying that it is one of the most uncalled for compliments that I ever heard of any one giving another.

As the fourth of July is so near at hand we know that Williamston will still have plenty of women with beautiful long tresses to take the part of the Goddess of Liberty in case we should want to have a patriotic parade or anything of the kind. It actually happened in one of our nearest neighboring towns during May that on Memorial Day the lady who was to pose as the Goddess of Liberty sent word to the committee that she could not come to the exercise because "her children had been taken violently ill."

Those in charge pondered over the situation and "looked over" the crop of pretty women and decided that there was no other one to take her place and finally they had to call her up and tell her they could find no one else with long tresses and ask her what should they do.

There was nothing left to do except for the poor woman to leave her children to the care of someone else while she went and helped in the patriotic parade.

We decided to write about this experience of our neighbors so that we might at least persuade two of our prettiest young women to save their hair for such occasions.

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN COUNTY

In an article in this paper last week reference was made to the fact that the chief necessity for Farm Life or other schools ambitious to build up a classified high school was twofold, viz; more numbers are required and more money than the county appropriates will be needed. In this connection the cost of transporting school children is considerable. The present policy of the Board of Education is to provide the truck when a sufficient number of children, residing beyond a radius of three miles of the school can be pledged to attend daily there by making the hauling cost as cheap as the teaching cost would be in the district where they reside.

There were eight trucks operated in Martin county during 1923-24 school term to transport children. Seven of them were county owned and the cost of operating of all was paid for by the county for the constitutional term of six months. When a truck was operated for any additional term, the additional cost came from special tax funds of the district deriving benefit from same. These eight trucks traveled a total distance of 23,033 miles during the term and the average number of miles traveled per day by a truck was 2879. The average number of miles traveled per day by a school bus was 18.9. The total number of passengers hauled to and from school was 27,138, or an average of 27.8. The total upkeep and maintenance cost amounted to \$287.25 during the term making an average operating cost for each truck each month of \$41.51. Therefore, the cost of hauling the average child each day an average distance of 18.9 miles was a little less than seven and one-half cents.

A little school averaging 15 pupils per day with a teacher paid \$90 per month has a per teaching cost per pupil of \$6.00. This is a per pupil per day instruction cost of thirty cents. If the school were a high school department, the instruction cost would be even higher than thirty cents. The instructional cost at a certain high school in this county during 1922-23 was between forty and fifty cents per pupil per day. In the school to which these children were transported the instructional cost and transportation cost are not this year half the instructional cost alone of last year.

Transportation is the means of growth, efficiency, and economy when rightly handled. School boosters are using it for it is cheaper than buying shoe leather.

Miss Benjamin leaves for her home in Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitley, Mrs. M. D. Watts, Messrs. John L. Hassell and Harold Everett accompanied Miss Gladys Benjamin to Rocky Mount Sunday afternoon to take the train for Lake Village, Arkansas. She made the trip by the Southern route, going by way of Atlanta. Miss Benjamin taught in the local schools and made for herself an enviable reputation as a teacher and she took an active interest in the religious and social life of the town. She has made a host of friends in Williamston who regret that she will not spend the summer here. While in Williamston she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jesse Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stubbs and little son, Harry Jr. spent the week-end in Wake Forest visiting Mrs. Stubbs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris.

Miss Daisy Wynne, Mr. R. F. Pope with Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Shirley are spending this week at Morehead City. Mr. Hamilton Hutchinson of Raleigh spent several days of last week visiting his cousin, Mrs. C. B. Hassell and Mr. Hassell.

Mr. Pertie Perry of Tarboro and Ahoskie spent several days of last week visiting his mother, Mrs. Louisa Perry in New Town.

Mr. Robert Bogart of Washington spent a part of last week here with Mrs. Bogart at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sallie Biggs.

Messrs. Cedric Leary, G. C. Britton and John White of Ahoskie of Ahoskie were visitors in town Sunday.

Mrs. A. Hassell and Mrs. J. L. Peel motored to Washington yesterday to carry Miss Ruth Peel to get the train for Morehead City.

Mrs. J. D. Woolard was called to Norfolk last week to attend the funeral of her little niece, Miss McNamara who died on Thursday morning. She returned today.

Attorney Will Rogers of Ahoskie was in the city yesterday attending to business.

Mrs. R. J. Peel is visiting at the home of Mr. Henry D. Peel who is very ill from a stroke of paralysis.

MR. H. WILMER MIZELLE OF EDENTON IS SPENDING A FEW DAYS HERE

Has Not Been in Williamston in Twenty-six Years

Mr. H. Wilmer Mizell of Edenton is spending a few days in Williamston. Mr. Mizell says that he has not been to Williamston in twenty-six years. When he first approached the town he found so many changes that had taken place that he had to go down to Carstarphen's store before he was sure where he was. (One advantage Mr. Charlie has given us by not building.)

Mr. Mizell has been in the jewelry business in Edenton but has recently sold out his business and is now general sales agent for Oakland cars. He is a native of Jamesville, his father, the late H. W. Mizell, was for many years one of the leading merchants of Martin county.

LOCALS TO PLAY WASHINGTON TEAM TOMORROW

The local town base ball team will battle with the picked team of the Sunday School League of Washington tomorrow afternoon in Washington. It is understood that the Sunday School League of Washington is composed of several good teams and the best is picked from the league a real team it will be. Many of the local fans are planning to attend the game.

The probable line-up for Williamston is as follows: Britt, pitcher; Jesse Harrell behind the bat; Charlie Jones, 1st base; J. Purvis, 2nd base; Harry James, 3rd base; Julian Harrell, ss.; Robt. Grimes, L. F.; Howell Taylor, C. F.; L. Barnhill, C. F.

HAMILTON ITEMS

Miss Sarah Long Johnson of Oak City and Miss Helen Meeks of Scotland Neck are the guests of Mrs. E. M. Long.

Mrs. Maude Newsome and Sallie Rogers are spending some time with Mrs. J. A. Davenport.

Mr. G. E. Hines from Ahoskie spent the week-end here with friends and relatives.

Mr. Carl Sal-bury is visiting relatives in Scotland Neck.

Mr. Ernest Harrell of Oak City and Mr. Julian Smith of Farmville were in town Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones of Greensboro are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. L. F. Slade is visiting friends in Suffolk.

Miss Annie Mizell is visiting friends and relatives here.

Dr. B. L. Long left Sunday for New York to attend the Democratic convention.

Mrs. M. B. Boyle and Miss Ethel Waldo are visiting Mrs. E. A. Council in Morehead City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edmondson and family motored to Riverside Park Sunday.

Mrs. L. F. Slade is visiting friends in Suffolk.

Mrs. Harry Waldo is spending some time in Norfolk.

Mrs. B. L. Long and Mrs. J. B. Cloman are spending some time in Georgia with Mrs. Long's daughter.

Messrs. D. G. Matthews, C. D. Perkins, L. R. Everett, P. P. Peel and J. B. Purvis spent Sunday at Riverside Park.

Miss Lou Miller of Goldboro is visiting her sister, Miss E. L. Miller. Misses Annie Mae Davi, Irene Bellamy and Mr. Henry Stok motored to Riverside Park Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sherrod and Miss Pattie Sherrod spent Sunday at Calera. Mr. Robert Long carried Dr. Long to Weldon to take the train for New York Sunday morning.

SHERIFF ROBERSON AND DEPUTIES CAPTURE STILL

Sheriff Roberson and deputies Peel and Newton captured a copper still early yesterday morning in Pear Grass township. The still had been in operation only a few hours before the officers reached it. No liquor or beer was found.

Bruce Wynn of Trinity College spent yesterday morning in the city.

Mrs. John D. Biggs, Frances Williams, Ruth Peel, Catherine Hardison and Doris Mae Stalls left yesterday for Morehead City.

Miss Miriam Courtney is attending the Baptist Seaside Convention at Morehead City this week.

LOST: THREE POUNDS DURING the hot spell. Finder will please return same to The Enterprise and be rewarded.