

## George W. and Moses Moore Shot And Killed By Jeff Ausban Sunday Evening Following Quarrel; Ausban Shot In Arm

### Trouble Started Over A Horse Being in Other Man's Field

### MOORE FIRED FIRST

### Had Been Bad Feeling Between Parties For Some Time

George W. Moore and Moses Moore, his son were killed Sunday evening about half past six o'clock following a quarrel with W. Jeff Ausban, son in law of Geo. W. Moore.

Moore's horse got into Ausban's tobacco field and Ausban was attempting to run him out, using some rather harsh language and threatening to shoot the beast. Moore heard the threat and the curse words, and a quarrel began from there. Moore and his son, Moses, who lived a mile away and who happened to be at the home of his father got the horse out of the field, going home they procured the double barrel shot gun of Geo. W. Moore and proceeded down the road, passing Ausban's house about a hundred and fifty yards away. They passed Ausban's house and stopped and were asked by Ausban, who was sitting in his porch, what were they looking for. Young Moore said trouble and that he would shoot him if it was not for pity. Ausban told him he was a liar and that he did not have nerve enough to shoot him. Ausban went into the road to the Moores where a general cursing quarrel followed. After the quarrel reached a certain stage, young Moore fired a load of no. 8 shot into Ausban's right shoulder and arm. Ausban reversed his statement and pleaded for mercy, saying not to shoot no more that they had already killed him. From the best information obtainable, the Moore gun was fired three times, two shots did not hit him and may not have been aimed at Ausban.

Ausban then went to his house and to the back porch where he got his gun and shells loaded with buck shot. He went through the house and with his gun he made it to the yard. He was unable to see either of the Moores as there were weeds along the road which prevented it. Stepping back into the porch, he saw the Moores and opened fire on them. From indications, the Moores had moved down the road towards their home. The first time Ausban shot, the load entered the ground due to the weakness of his wounded arm. He immediately reloaded his gun with his left and shot Moses Moore who was facing him. One shot went through his arm and several into his side and one struck him in the upper left breast, ranging downward into the heart. He fell by the road side into a ditch. George W. Moore was killed immediately after his son was shot and fell dead in the ditch by the side of the road.

When examining his body it was found that two shot had struck him between the neck and shoulder, cutting through his suspenders and another struck him in the front part of the head about two inches above the edge of his hair, this one proving to be the fatal one.

A small sister of Moses Moore, who reached him in about two minutes after he was shot, says he told her he was dying and to run and tell his wife and children. Others who reached the scene in less than five minutes found both men dead except a few dying struggles from the elder Moore.

Witnesses state that when the first gun fired by Moore, a second followed immediately, each supposed to have been fired by Moses Moore. Within about two minutes a third gun fired and it is not definitely known, but indications are that George W. Moore fired it. Neither of these two loads struck Ausban, however.

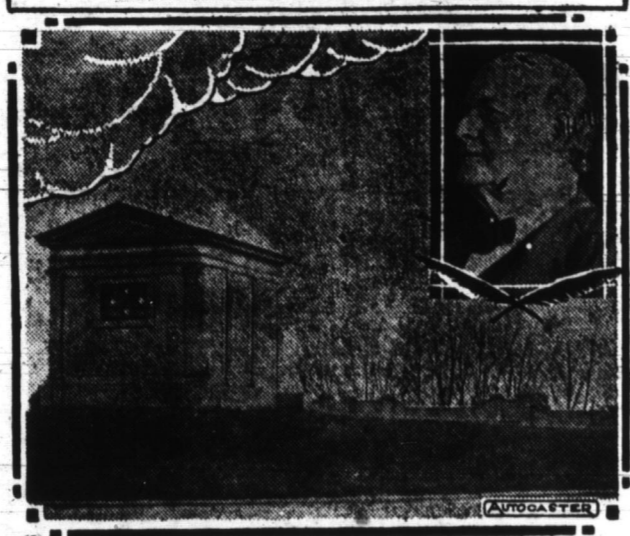
Both the Moores moved down the road towards home while Ausban went for his gun and about five minutes passed after Ausban was shot and before the Moores were shot by Ausban.

When F. L. Edwards, coroner and Sheriff Roberson reached the scene they found Moses dead and pale by the side of the road and George W. Moore in a ditch, stiff in death and Ausban at his home cool and composed.

The bodies of the dead men were removed to the undertaking establishment of F. L. Edwards and prepared for burial. They were buried in the Spring Green cemetery, Monday at 3 p. m. Funeral service was conducted by Elder B. S. Cowing.

Ausban was placed in jail by

Where Great Commoner Now Rests



Above is pictured the plot in Arlington National Cemetery where the body of Wm. Jennings Bryan is laid at rest. The mausoleum shown is where the body of Admiral Dewey rested for years but recently transferred to a crypt in National Cathedral. This site is the highest point overlooking the Potomac and Washington.

### CAPTAIN RHEM DIED TUESDAY

Capt. C. J. Rhem died Tuesday at the Caledonia farm, Halifax, N. C. Captain Rhem had been serving the State for 39 years and perhaps made a record for long and faithful service. A large part of his service has been on the Caledonia farm. When the farm was sold in 1919, Captain Rhem came to Williamston and was in charge of the 75 convicts who built a large portion of the big dam in the Roanoke river swamp. After spending two years here he went to the Wake County farm near Raleigh and was transferred to the Caledonia farm when it was again taken over by the State.

He was 79 years old and saw service in the War between the States.

He married Miss Bryan of New Bern, who with four children, one son in Tennessee and three daughters all of whom live in Weldon survive him.

Mr. Rhem had many friends over the State. While in Williamston he became a close friend to many of our citizens. But among the best friends in the entire State can be found a thousand convicts who have been under his authority and keeping.

His fair play and manly treatment has won a friendship for those prisoners that nothing but truth and justice can establish, and it is an honor to his memory that he treated them with respect even though they be prisoners.

His body was buried in Weldon yesterday.

### LECTURE IN CITY HALL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. H. M. Parker, of Tarboro, N. C., speaker for the International Bible students Association, will lecture in the City Hall Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m., and Sunday night at 7:45 p. m.

The subject of the speaker will be "The World's Judgment Day—Near." The lecture is free to all and the public is cordially invited to attend. No collection.

### Sheriff Roberson.

While the trouble directly responsible for the tragedy was over a horse, the true base for all the trouble runs back through years of lawlessness.

George Moore, who was a very good farmer and 56 years old, indulged in considerable drinking, frequently to the point of drunkenness and would apparently have the feeling of guardian or lordship over Ausban, his son-in-law. Ausban, who is a pretty rough fellow and has also done considerable drinking and had been in the Federal courts for liquor selling on more than one occasion, would not tolerate any dictation from his father-in-law and had some years ago kicked the old man out of his home.

Yet the relations were such that they helped each other house tobacco and accommodated each other as is the custom among neighbors. Moore would did bond Ausband and pay his cost when he got into trouble.

Moses Moore, a young man 31 years old, could not bear to see his father hector, egged him on in the row. Of the three, Moses was perhaps one of the roughest, a great drinker with less to commend him than his father. Ausban is of the fearless, rough type, ever ready to return evil for evil as well as good for good.

George W. Moore leaves a family of eight children, all grown excepting two girls. Moses Moore leaves three small children, while Ausban has five children.

### REGULAR SESSION RECORDERS COURT

The session of the Recorder's court did not produce any fines nor prison sentences last Tuesday, but in a way was on ethal leads us to wonder what will become of the county.

Every case centered itself and cast its deadly dagger into the heart of human society.

The first case was State against James E. Rawls, a young man, 22 years old, who was indicted for a abandonment. His wife, Louallice Rawls a rather handsome 17-year old girl, was the only witness in the case. She stated that they had been married 7 months, that they had lived peacefully together, never having any trouble, except he occasionally told her to leave, which she first thought to be said in a joking manner. He would not carry her visiting, that she helped him in the farm work and did her duty as far as she knew how and was able. That they did not have very much housekeeping equipment, but had enough to get along with.

She further said that he told her positively two weeks ago to leave, and he left the house, but would not carry her, and as soon as he was gone, she left home at 5 o'clock in the morning and walked about four miles to the home of her parents.

She later went back home accompanied by her mother. She was told by her husband that he was satisfied as he was, and she had to return with her mother.

The climax of the case came when Rawls was asked by the Court if he would not take his wife back, and he said "no".

The Court dismissed the case for the want of statutory grounds to warrant abandonment.

From all appearances in the whole transaction, it is an easy matter to burst asunder the sacred bond of matrimony. No cause whatever seemed to exist except a young husband turning the cold shoulder to a child-wife, who from every indication had a desire to play the part of a wife to him. There was not even an appearance of vengeance, hatred nor entire trial. It would seem that marriage is getting cheap.

Another case which involves the vital chords of family ties was drawn in the investigation of the Ausban father-in-law and brother-in-law wrecking three homes and disturbing a large community, and making orphans and widows.

The Court found probable cause of guilt in this case and required the defendant W. J. Ausban to give a bond in the sum of \$1500.00 for his appearance at the September term of the Superior court.

### Woodmen Initiation At Everetts Friday

Last Friday night two more members were put through the tests of the Modern Woodmen of America at Everetts.

The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by those present while the candidates rode the goat.

There will be another meeting Monday night, August 10, when four or five candidates will be initiated into the camp. An enjoyable time is promised all who attend this meeting, as the goat is in fine shape for riding. All members of Everetts are urged to be present, and an invitation is extended to all members of other camps to be with us at this time.

### DRAW JURY LIST FOR SEPTEMBER TERM OF COURT

September Term Begins Third Monday in Next Month; List Drawn Monday

At the regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners last Monday the following names were drawn to serve on the jury during the September term of Martin County Superior court, which convenes the third Monday of next month.

The court will last for two weeks and jurors for two weeks were drawn. The following were drawn to serve the first week:

L. M. Brown, R. L. Stallings, J. A. Gotsinger, J. W. Martin, Luther Harrison, C. L. Daniel, Robert B. Gardner, O. S. Green, A. W. Harrison, Claude Roberson, Joseph E. Manning, J. David Griffin, W. D. Daniel, H. D. Harrison, John A. Manning, J. C. Anderson, J. C. Bennett, W. H. Crawford, J. L. Williams, Harry A. Bizes, J. A. Ausban, J. S. Ayers, G. H. Forbes, Jasper Johnson, L. P. House, M. E. Smith, D. O. Moore, D. I. James, P. L. Salisbury, L. B. Fleming, L. B. Brown and H. J. Etheridge.

For the second week: L. H. Davis, O. W. Hamilton, Wm. L. Moore, N. T. Tice, Ira T. Harrison, Edmond Harris, Samuel Rogerson, R. C. Bailey, R. A. Critcher, G. W. Taylor, W. A. Everett, O. P. Roberson, J. Dawson Roberson, C. V. Croom, C. M. Edmondson, P. H. Davenport, J. L. Pritchard, J. R. Rawls.

### BATHING BEAUTY CONTEST SUCCESS

Pamlico Beach Annual Event Goes Over Big; Robersonville Girl Chosen Queen

Hundreds of people from every part of eastern Carolina were present at Pamlico Beach during the past week end to participate in the events leading up to the annual bathing beauty contest. The Pamlico Beach Hotel and all the cottages were overrun with the guests.

Dances were given Friday and Saturday night in the spacious pavilion, where nearly a hundred couples engaged in the contest to select the best dancers. The judges, after careful consideration, awarded the ladies' prize to Miss Olivia Stearns, of Belhaven, and the gentlemen's prize to Mr. Roy Jones, of Belhaven.

Sunday afternoon a heavy down-pour of rain postponed the awarding of prizes until five o'clock. The contest consisted of the spectators making a living ring around the sides of the pavilion, while a bevy of North Carolina's prettiest young bathing beauties paraded under the circle and vied for the honors. The first prize, as queen, went to Miss Carrie Louise Grimes, of Robersonville, N. C., and the second prize to Miss Peggy Wooten of LaGrange, N. C.

In spite of the rush of the holiday crowds, there was an abundance of deliciously served food at the hotel for all who cared to register. The day passed off without any untoward incident, and all who were present expressed themselves as being delighted with Pamlico Beach.

### Roanoke Rapids Power Co. Merged With V.R.P.

The Roanoke Rapids Power Co., has been merged with the Virginia Railway & Power Co. The plan to tie the waters of the Roanoke and James Rivers together has been working for a long time, but until this week never fully made effective. Now the Roanoke Rapids interests and the new owners of the Virginia concern have gotten together and Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk, Suffolk, and many other Virginia towns, as well as a large number in North Carolina will be served by the waters of the Roanoke River with electricity for both power and light.

The property now is estimated to be worth \$10,000,000.

### Civil War Veteran Dies In Goose Nest Township

Mr. John H. Etheridge of Goose-nest township died last Monday.

Mr. Etheridge was about 84 years old and a soldier of the Civil war. He was buried at Conoho church last Tuesday.

### Services at the Church Of the Advent Sunday

Church school—9:45, a. m. Morning prayer and sermon by Rev. E. Lucien Malone of Hattiesburg, Mississippi at 11:00 o'clock. Services at Holy Trinity Mission—8:30 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

### COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR MEETING ON FIRST MONDAY

Several Important Questions Come Up. School Budget Approved; Order Election for Hamilton

At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Martin county last Monday several important questions came up. Some were deferred to future meetings, while others were passed. All members of the Board were present.

Isaac Johnson of Robersonville was allowed \$3.00 per month, his account to be added to that of County Poor.

It was ordered that a school election be held in Hamilton to vote on an increase in the tax rate for schools.

It was ordered by the Board that the value of two lots of Bailey and Barnhill at Everetts be reduced \$500 due to damage by highway.

P. R. Cherry was relieved from paying of tax on \$200.00 solvent credit, improperly listed in Williamston township year of 1924.

The school budget as was submitted by the County Board of Education of July 13 was accepted.

Advertising for bids for a full county audit was ordered by the Board.

A jury list was drawn for the Martin county September term of Superior court.

The matter relating to a health campaign for Martin county was deferred to a future meeting.

### REPUTATION OF FAIR SPREADING

Swine and Poultry Departments Have Inquiries for Reservations From Outside the State

That the Roanoke Fair has made a reputation outside the State as well as within is attested by the many inquiries coming in for reservation for swine and poultry from several different parts of the north and east.

The swine and poultry departments of this fair have made a record second to none in the class A fairs of the State, and they give promise this year to be greater than ever before.

Last year the management began to build up the agricultural department and it was of the best. This year the premiums are so arranged that the county exhibits will be doubled and the many community exhibits will be increased 100 per cent.

One-half of the great main exhibit hall will be filled with the products of the farms and homes of eastern Carolina.

Miss Pauline Smith and Miss Violet Alexander promise something never before in a district fair in the home economics department. Especially good this year will be the demonstrations given under the supervision of these ladies.

The booking of the free acts and music and the great fireworks program have all been completed and one of the largest midways ever in Carolina will furnish fun for all who attend.

Ten races will be given during the meeting and are of the circuit which comprises the nine larger fairs in east Carolina.

The premium books will be out in a few days, and all who desire one should write to this office, and we will see that they are supplied.

## Fiddlers' Convention Here Monday, August 17; Put On by Chamber Commerce

### Would Rule Chicago



Mrs. Johanna Gregg, member of Chicago School Board, thinks the second city needs a municipal housekeeper to "clean-up." She has the party support and is out for the Republican nomination as mayor. A rapid fire campaign is planned.

### COUNTY AGENTS' REPORT FOR JULY

The report of the County Agents was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners last Monday is very interesting in that it gives information concerning the boll weevil. The report for the month of July is as follows:

20 days spent in field work.  
214 days spent in office work  
214 conferences with farmers in regards to farming.

78 farms visited during the month.  
990 miles traveled on official duties in county.

128 letters received.  
Eight articles written for local papers.

32 bulletins sent out.  
85 hogs treated.

The greater part of this month has been spent in assisting the farmers who are dusting cotton to control the weevil. At present there are about 30 dusting machines in the county. The results appear to be very satisfactory at present and where the poison has been used the infestation is very low. Where there has been no poison used and a heavy infestation now, there should be several applications of poison used in order to keep the weevil from puncturing the young bolls. We are told that the weevil is about three weeks earlier this year, that is the migratory period is about three weeks earlier in states south of us.

At present, requests are coming in fast for pyralite which is about the same as dynamite and is used to blast stumps. And farmers who want to place orders for same and haven't done so, please see your county agent some time before the middle of September.

There has been a small outbreak of cholera in the county and any farmers who want their hogs treated can do so by notifying me at Williamston over the telephone or by mail stating how many hogs and pigs to be treated.

### Leaguers Guests of Miss Mary Harrison

Miss Mary Harrison delightfully entertained the Epworth League at her home and tobacco barn Friday evening. The Leaguers were first invited into the music room, where music was rendered by Miss Mary Clyde Leggett. Miss Harrison then invited her guests out to the tobacco barn, where games were played and songs and yells were enjoyed. By this time a very tempting supper had been prepared by the hostess, consisting of fried chicken, country ham, pickles, cakes, and everything good that one could wish for.

At a late hour the guests departed, declaring a very pleasant evening—As reported.

### Regular Services At Riddicks Grove Sunday

The regular preaching service will be held at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Riddicks Grove Baptist Church. In case Pastor R. L. Shirley, who is in Greensboro on business, does not return, the service will be conducted by Rev. Geo. D. Leggett. A cordial invitation is extended to all the people to worship with us.—R. L. Shirley, pastor.

### Local Merchants Put Up \$130 In Prizes For Winners

### FOUR STRING BANDS

### Thirty-Five Entries Already Received; Expect More

A real evening's entertainment will be offered to the people of this section when the "old-time fiddlers' convention" will be staged by the Williamston Chamber of Commerce on Monday night, August 17. Fiddlers from all parts of east Carolina and from various points in Virginia will gather at the Roanoke Warehouse, where the convention will be held.

The convention bids to be one of the largest ever staged at any place on the state. Fiddlers will be here from all the way from Wadesville, Roanoke Rapids, Tarboro, Enfield, Scotland Neck, and many other places. The merchants of the town are offering \$130 in prizes to the winners of the various contests, and this will be an added feature to the convention. See the list of prizes and names of the merchants who are giving them on page four of this issue of the Enterprise. The articles to be given away are on display in Nassel's Department Store window.

Thirty five contestants have already agreed to attend, and as many more who wish to take part are cordially invited. A general good time for all is assured. Seats will be arranged in the Roanoke Warehouse, and a platform will be built.

Three string bands will be here, and a fourth is considering coming. About eighteen fiddlers will be in the contest. The piano will be represented by four or more persons. Several who have the reputation of being able to tear a banjo "tail to pieces" will be there. The guitar, the mandolin, flexotone, and saw, as well as the harp will be there and able ones to play them. Many solos are being arranged on the program, and to make the program complete clog dancing will be added.

Mr. Robert Hodges Peelle attended the birthday party of Misses Ethel and Evelyn Peelle Sunday afternoon.

Mr. A. J. Manning spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Cherry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coltrane were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rogers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Perry and little daughter spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. Slade Peelle.

Miss Mary Bailey spent Saturday night with Miss Sadie Mae Hadley.

Messrs. Marvin Jones and Archie Gardner were the guests of Misses Sadie Mae Hadley and Mary Bailey Saturday night.

Messrs. Hubert and Robert Coltrane were the guests of Miss Myrtle Beacham Sunday.

Miss Thelie Perry spent Sunday night with Miss Sadie Peety.

Messrs. Heber Lucien and George Peelle, Sidney and Nicholas Beacham were visitors at Old Ford Sunday night.

Messrs. Lucien Peelle and Staton Revels motored to Riverside Park Saturday afternoon.

Miss Carrie Lee Peelle spent Saturday night with Miss Carrie Ward.

Miss Mintie Bailey spent Saturday night with Miss Myrtle Beacham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peelle spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hadley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Revels spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Griffin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Green.

### JOLLY MACEDONIA TWINS.

Rev. Mr. Yearby of Tarboro will preach at the Baptist church tonight, (Friday) at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Mr. Yearby to Preach at Baptist Church Tonight

PROGRAM OF SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—J. C. Anderson, superintendent. Walter Raleigh White, a native of Bertie County, and now residing in Plant City, Fla., will hold services both morning and evening at the Baptist Church Sunday, August 9, at the usual hours. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.