

## Bazemore Convicted Second Time for Killing Yelverton

### Sentence Had Not Been Passed Shortly After Noon Today

A verdict of first degree murder was returned by a Greene county jury yesterday for the second time against George Frank Bazemore, murderer of Gordon Yelverton of this place, November 5 last year.

The second trial started last Wednesday morning with the task of selecting a jury from a venire of 125 men. It took until 11 o'clock to examine them as to their qualifications, and after the entire list had been called there were only 9 jurors in the box. The court ordered fifty other names to be drawn from the box and the men summoned to appear at 2 o'clock that afternoon. Just before the names of the additional fifty had been exhausted, the 12th juror took his seat at 3:32. The jury was composed of J. B. Vandeford, J. T. Whitehead, J. B. Albritton, J. I. Rogers, G. W. Gregory, J. E. Manning, Hugh Moore, Paul Methercut, Lemuel Dawson, J. H. McDaniel, J. B. Eakes and J. W. Parrisher.

Bazemore was represented by Paul Frizzell, of Snow Hill. D. M. Clark, solicitor, of Greenville, was assisted by Mr. Taylor, of Snow Hill, E. S. Peel, of Williamston and Archie Dees, of Goldsboro.

Dr. Whitting, coroner, was the first witness, and he described the body, its condition and location when examined.

J. C. Gurkin, next witness, who lives near here, told about seeing Bazemore standing near where the Yelverton truck was being loaded on the evening prior to the murder.

Robert Richmond, colored, said Bazemore asked him if he knew whether the boy who drove the truck was gone, that he expected to go with him. This was between 7 and 8 o'clock Thursday night before the horrible crime took place next morning. He saw neither Yelverton nor Bazemore any more until ten days later when he saw Bazemore in the Wilson jail and recognized him at once in a crowd.

Johnson Gardner, night watchman at the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse here, said that Bazemore came to the warehouse between 12 and 1 o'clock Friday morning, November 5 and asked permission to sleep on sacks behind the stove. That Bazemore lay down and he thought went to sleep. At 4 o'clock Bazemore was gone, and he saw him no more until the following Monday night at the courthouse.

H. L. Meador, warehouseman, said he got up 10 minutes to 4 o'clock Friday morning, carried clothes to washerwoman and saw Gordon Yelverton standing by his load of tobacco up Main street as if waiting for someone. Returning a few minutes later, Mr. Meador found the boy still standing there. Just before reaching Staton's corner, two blocks away, Mr. Meador said he met some one hurrying towards the truck, according to Mr. Meador, the figure was of small stature. He further said that Bazemore had denied even going to Wilson during the season at any time before that. He stated that he had seen him on the way there with Yelverton and that the negro afterward admitted he went and helped unload tobacco. He further stated that Bazemore did not stand around the warehouse and barbecue stand on Friday morning after he reached there about 4:30.

J. A. Hardee, of Greenville, said a truck loaded with tobacco with a large boy and a young colored man drove to his place early Friday morning, that the white boy came in and bought crackers, sardines and cigars, and called to negro and said, "George come in" which the man refused to do after several calls until Hardee himself said come in that he was welcome to warm. Hardee saw neither of them again until ten days later when he saw Bazemore in Wilson jail and had no trouble in identifying him among a number of men of his age and about his size. J. S. Cooke, night policeman here, said he knew both Gordon Yelverton and George Frank Bazemore and had seen them leave together as many as two and perhaps three times with trucks of tobacco.

Ivy F. Smith, of near Walsenburg, saw the truck with the boy driving and the negro whom he recognized as Bazemore with him. When he first saw them they were headed towards Wilson. In about a half hour, the same negro with the same truck returned alone, going in the direction of Farmville. Upon cross examination, Mr. Smith became somewhat excited and declared the steering wheel of a Ford truck was on the right side.

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Court adjourned at this point for the day and reconvened at 9 o'clock Thursday. John Darden, a colored man, said he was sitting within 10 feet of the highway, a mile from the place of murder, when the truck passed. He said the Ford truck, loaded with tobacco and covered with a brown canvas with a white boy driving and negro with him, passed him going towards Wilson. The truck and negro soon returned without the white boy, that the negro driving was the prisoner Bazemore.

C. P. Bowden and J. A. Bailey both stated they were going to Wilson and saw the truck parked by the road in about 30 steps from the place where the boy's body was found. They said that there was a small man under the wheel who they thought was a negro as if ready to turn the truck around. They went by very slowly, thinking at first it was a neighbor's truck.

J. A. Dupree said he was plowing cotton in his field some four or five hundred yards away and heard the report of a pistol or rifle in the direction of the killing between 8:30 and 9 o'clock.

## Fourth Will Be Observed As Holiday Throughout County

### Holiday Feature Does Not Interfere With County Commissioners, However; All Stores Close

That the Fourth will be observed throughout the county was learned yesterday when representative merchants in Hamilton, Robersonville, Oak City, Everetts, and Williamston stated that it was understood that practically all the business houses in those towns would remain closed for the day.

The county board of education will not meet Monday but will hold its meeting on Wednesday as agreed by the members.

Recorder's court will not convene Tuesday as scheduled, but will carry the docket's cases over to the following Tuesday.

As was announced, the county commissioners will hold their regular meeting as scheduled for Monday. In this connection, the offices of the registrar of deeds and clerk of the court will remain open.

## Plan Big Campaign To Advertise Market

### Tobacco Market to Open September 6

The reporter slipped up last week and stated that the local market would open September 7, when he should have stated September 6. The error came about by thinking the past custom would be followed, that is opening the market one day after the largest tobacco markets opened. This year the local market will open along with practically all the others, on Tuesday, September 6.

## Kiwanis Club Host to Number Farmers

The Kiwanis club was host to a number of farmers last night. Perhaps no former meeting of the club has wrought out with a finer spirit of friendship than that prevailing at the meeting.

A goodly number of farmers made talks on the important problem of the proper relationship of town and country.

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## Sunday Schools Meet Sunday in Robersonville

### Splendid Programme Is Announced by H. S. Everett, President

Under the auspices of the Robersonville Township and Martin County Sunday school association, the Robersonville Township Sunday school convention will be held in Robersonville Sunday afternoon, July 3, at 3:30 in the Christian church. The convention is for all Sunday school workers of all denominations and a large attendance is expected. Mr. H. S. Everett, president of the association, announces a splendid program for the meetings, as follows:

3:30 p. m.—Devotional, song, Scripture reading, and prayer; led by Rev. E. W. Mason, pastor of the Robersonville Baptist Church.

3:45 p. m.—"How to Reach Adults and Hold Them in the Sunday School," by Mr. R. A. Pope, superintendent of Martin County schools.

4:05 p. m.—Special music by McDowell music department of the Robersonville Woman's Club.

4:20 p. m.—"Meeting the Needs of the Young People Through the Sunday School," by Miss Anna Trentham, county home demonstration agent.

4:40 p. m.—Song.

4:45 p. m.—"The Greatest Need in Our Sunday School," or "One Good Feature of Our Sunday School," (Three-minute talk by some representative from each Sunday school.)

5:00 p. m.—Business session; election of officers (vice president and secretary for the township).

5:10 p. m.—Adjourn.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

## Describes Race With Lindbergh Pictures

Mr. J. W. Wolf, of Baltimore, visited the Kiwanis Club last night. Mr. Wolf is official photographer for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Wolf described a race that he made on a Pennsylvania train with several air planes from Washington to New York. On the arrival of Lindbergh in Washington, he had taken moving pictures of the race, as did several others. He prepared his film and rushed to New York on a special train over the Pennsylvania system, making an average speed of 87 miles per hour and ran the Lindbergh pictures in theaters at 7 o'clock the same day, beating all the airplane men to the screen by an hour and a half.

## Epworth Leaguers Meet in Louisburg

Rev. T. W. Lee left Monday to attend the Epworth League conference at Louisburg. He was accompanied by Misses Sue Leggett and Mattie Lou Rogerson, who represented the senior Epworth League; Hibbel Livermen, representing the intermediate league; and Julia Daniel, representing the junior league. It is hoped that the leaguers will have a full attendance next week to hear from the delegates regarding the conference.

## Drivers With Old Tags Are Subject to Arrest

Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton stands by his refusal to grant an extension of time in which to purchase auto license tags, and beginning today any user of an old license is subject to arrest.

Estimates as to the number of licenses yet unsold vary, but it is thought that the unsold number is around 125,000. The local bureau is expecting another shipment of 1,500 tags today, it having sold within 250 of the number first shipped here.

## Everetts Defeats Creswell, 6 To 3

The Everetts team defeated Creswell yesterday afternoon at Everetts 6 to 3, in an interesting game. Dick Cherry, pitching for Everetts, struck out 13 men, allowed but 3 hits, and did not walk any. Howard Gaylord led at the bat with a triple and two doubles. Jimmy Brown got three singles. Everetts meets the same team at Creswell Monday, July 4.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Creswell 100 002 000—3 3 6 Everetts 100 003 02x—6 9 3

Those attending the Green County court at Snow Hill this week were H. L. Meador, Z. H. Rose, W. B. Daniel, H. T. Robertson, J. C. Gurkin, Johnson Gardner, J. S. Cook, R. J. Peel, F. A. Ballard, R. E. Pope, Tom and Hardy Rose, E. S. Peel, and W. C. Manning.

Mr. F. L. Robertson, of Norfolk, is visiting relatives here this week.

## Township To Vote on Larger School District Next Tuesday

### Polls Open at Sunrise and Close at Sunset; 226 Will Be Necessary to Carry the Election

A count shows that there are 451 voters qualified to cast a vote in the school election here next Tuesday at the courthouse. It must be remembered that an elector who fails to visit the polling place next Tuesday allows his vote to account against the election. As the books now stand, and it is not likely that they will be changed as is possible through a challenge, 226 will have to cast votes in favor of

the election in order to carry it. The law in the matter states that a majority of the qualified voters is necessary to carry the election.

Pollholders, Haywood Rogers and W. H. Edwards and R. T. Griffin will be at the courthouse from sunrise to sunset next Tuesday. While the election is going on here, the citizens in the Smithwick school district will be conducting a similar one.

## Fertilizer Factory Is Assured Town

### To Begin Construction of Factory Here in Next Few Days

Mr. C. B. Mitchell, vice president of the Standard Wholesale Phosphate & Acid Works, of Baltimore, and Mr. C. G. Crockett, of Norge, Va., were in town yesterday arranging details for a guano factory here.

Mr. Crockett will return in a few days with their company engineers to begin the construction of their factory. He will move his family here and have charge of the operation of the plant.

Arrangements are now under way for repairing the branch line of the Atlantic Coast Line to the river at the old coopeage mill, where the factory is to be located.

According to plans outlined by Mr. Mitchell, this will not be simply a mixing plant for local purposes but will supply a large section of the State and a portion of three other States, where they expect soon to ship in trainload lots.

Water transportation is furnishing Williamston the key that brings the factory here, and it would not have located here if there had been no way to carry heavy freight except by rail. Mr. Hunter stated that his company was getting freight from Germany, France and Chile for one-third of what it cost them to ship from Baltimore to Columbus, Ohio.

It has not been announced whether the local plant will be operated as a branch of the Standard Wholesale Phosphate & Acid Works or incorporated under a new name. The company already operates the Standard Guano Co., United States Guano Co., Standard Acid Works, and Union Acid Works. Its principal manufacturing plants are on Curtis Bay, near Baltimore.

## Officers Find Four Barrels of Mash

Sheriff Roebuck, Deputy Grimes, and Police H. O. Daniel went out into Cross Roads Township yesterday afternoon and found four barrels of beer hidden in the woods. While meditating the officers heard a cart coming and moved off a little.

Sam and Mansie Wynn drove up within about 25 yards, as near as they could drive, turned their cart around and backed in as far as possible, and began unloading their wood. When approached by the officers, they claimed they had hauled the wood down to patch a muddy place in the little path they had left, the muddy place being about 50 yards further on, and to which they might have easily driven the cart. The two men were taken in custody and required to furnish bond for the next session of the Recorder's Court.

## Prospects Bright for Peanut Plant Here

While no definite action has been taken in the matter, prospects are bright for the Columbia Peanut Co. to locate here, according to Mayor L. L. Coburn. For the past several days, the mayor has been corresponding with officials of the company straightening out minor details with the possibility that the peanut company would locate one of its many plants here.

It is not known when the company will make its final decision but should it decide to locate here, work will be started within a short time on the factory.

## Rev. Larkin To Conduct Revival at Hamilton

A revival meeting will begin at the Hamilton Methodist Church Monday night, July 4th. Rev. L. C. Larkin, of Tarboro, a former pastor of this church, will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## County Officers Capture Large Still Tuesday

### Over Barrel of Liquor Turned On Ground By the Officers

Big Bertha's sister, a large copper still of about 250-gallons capacity, was captured last Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Roebuck and Deputies Hardy and Daniel. The still was of the same type and make as one captured by officers in Griffins Township several weeks ago. The workmanship indicated that the two kettles were made by the same man, or rather the same company. However, that might be a mistake, since skill in the shaping and making of stills has become general and is now a matter of course.

At the plant, Sheriff Roebuck found a Coca-Cola barrel filled to the brim with liquor, and two 20-gallon kegs already sealed and ready for delivery. Two pint bottles constituted the excess spirits and were probably reserved for use while more was in the making. Six vats containing together around 2,500 gallons of beer had just been refilled. The liquor along with the beer was turned out and allowed to trickle into the earth's bed. While the equipment was not entirely complete, it was sufficient to turn out liquor in large quantities.

When the sheriff reached the plant, he saw two men, one white and one colored. The white man was dressed in "Sunday" clothes and appeared to be nothing more than a prospective customer. They were not long in leaving the plant when the officers approached. A third man, having the appearance of a casual visitor, came near the still while the officers were making preparations to destroy the outfit and liquor. He made no hasty retreat, however, after he looked the situation over. The sheriff refused to give the names of the men, stating that he was not positive as to their identifications.

Sheriff Roebuck thinks the still had been in operation only a short while and that the whisky found at the plant was the entire output. The kettle, with the equipment, was brought from its home in Turkey Swamp in Cross Roads Township, near the Bear Grass Township line to the courthouse here, where it was placed on exhibition at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday.

## Baptists Announce One Service Sunday

Beginning Sunday, the Baptist church will have but one Sunday service throughout the months of July and August. In each instance this will be the morning service.

Sunday morning communion will be observed at the 11 o'clock hour and this will conclude the day's program.

It is felt that with only one service, the people should come out in large numbers, and make of the single service a real one.

The pastor wishes to remind the members that it is useful, especially at this season of the year, to bring their offerings each Sunday. There is no need for the church's finances to drag merely because it is summer. This test should be met regularly, cheerfully, and punctually.

The pastor of this church will preach at the county home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every one is invited; and the people who live in the neighborhood of the home are especially asked to be present.

Those following the mid-week Bible studies will have for the study next Wednesday night first and second Peter and the little book of Jude.

Sunday school Sunday morning, as usual.

## Baptist Services at Oak City and Everetts

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. Ross Yokley, who will be at Fort Bragg, the pulpit of the Baptist church at Oak City will be supplied on Sunday, July 3, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Rev. Sanford E. Ayers, one of the Baptist foreign missionaries. The pulpit of the Baptist Church of Everetts will be supplied on the following Sunday, July 10, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., by Rev. Ayers also.

## Enjoyable Meeting of Modern Woodmen

The regular meeting of the Everetts Camp, M. W. A., was very much enjoyed Monday night when Mr. Heber Peel was initiated and proved to be such a brave candidate. After the initiation he expressed himself as having enjoyed it thoroughly.

Next meeting Monday night, July 11, when there will be one more go, through the scene of adoption.

**STRAND THEATRE**

**SATURDAY**

**KEN MAYNARD and Tarzan in "SOMEWHERE IN SONORA"**

Also

**Comedy and Serial**

**Always a Good Show.**