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MAN WANTED FOR COUNTY MURDER CONFESSES DEED

Perlie Rogers Tells Baltimore Police He Killed Millard Moore in 1926

CAUGHT LAST WEEK

Confesses Killing Moore When Baltimore Police Arrest Him for Law Violation

Perlie Rogers, wanted in connection with the murder of Millard Moore, colored, in the Free Union section of this county, July 25, 1926, was arrested in Baltimore last week and is being held for authorities here, it was learned in a letter received from the Baltimore police yesterday.

According to information gained from the letter received by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Rogers confessed the crime in this county to officers there when they questioned him following his arrest in the Maryland city in connection with some other law violation.

The following report carried soon after the killing, gives the circumstances under which it was committed: "Free Union, sometimes called Gawk, was the scene of a killing Sunday night, the appearance of which hinges between cold-blooded murder, a foolish prank, or killing by accident.

The circumstances were somewhat unusual, as Rogers, who had just come out of the Free Union Church and was standing on the steps, addressed several boys standing on the ground below him and said, "You boys don't believe a damn thing." Some one in the crowd said that they did not until they saw it; at which Rogers drew a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol and fired. The bullet pierced the heart of Moore, passed entirely through his body and through the arm of James Moore, another young fellow who was in standing range just behind Miller Moore. The bullet lodged against the skin on the back of his arm.

"Witnesses of the tragedy say that Rogers jumped and caught Moore before he fell and asked him to 'Excuse me; I didn't intend hurting you.' He soon vanished from the crowd.

The general feeling among the colored people of the section is that the killing was a foolish accident rather than a premeditated killing, as all the parties were supposed to be good friends.

Arrangements are being made to return the alleged murderer here, and it is understood that he will be tried at the next term of superior court convening here this month.

Everetts Holds Municipal Election Last Saturday

The old board of commissioners and town officials for the Town of Everetts were re-elected last Saturday without opposition for another two-year term.

The town's government is headed by Mayor Paul Bailey. Other officers include S. S. Bailey, treasurer, V. G. Taylor, J. S. Ayers and J. B. Barnhill, commissioners.

Mrs. Walter Wynn Dies at Home in Cross Roads

Mrs. Walter C. Wynn died at her home in Cross Roads township early yesterday after suffering many months with tuberculosis.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Wynn was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mc G. Bullock, of this county. Besides Mrs. Wynn, several small children and several brothers and sisters survive.

Business School Opens Term Here Yesterday

With several students enrolled, Mrs. Louie P. Martin offered the first instruction in her business school in the high school building here yesterday. Mrs. Martin stated late yesterday that she expected several more to enroll within the next few days, that the instruction was open to any one at a very small cost. Instruction in shorthand and typewriting will feature the work of the school, it was stated.

Temporary Restraining Order Checks Paving Program Here

NO COUNTY VETS ATTEND MEETING

First Time in 25 Years. This County Was Not Represented at a Re-union

Martin county, for the first time in twenty-five years, will not be represented at the roll of old Confederate Veterans at the annual re-union which is being held this week at Biloxi, Mississippi.

Remembering the service rendered by the youths of the sixties, the Martin County Board of Commissioners made appropriations several weeks ago to care for the expenses of any of the few remaining veterans in the county desiring to attend the re-union. Up until this morning, no applications had been entered for a part of the appropriations.

In their declining years, the few remaining veterans of the Civil War, find it too much to undertake such a long trip.

12 COUPLES GET LICENSES HERE

Number Is Unusually Large Considering Unfavorable Financial Conditions

An even dozen marriage licenses were issued in the office of J. Sam Getsinger, register of deeds, here during the month of May, the number reflecting much progress in the Dan Cupid realm, especially so under the present financial conditions.

Four of the licenses were granted white couples, as follows: Henry G. Roberson-Carrie D. Ward; John D. Roberson-Ruby Hopewell; William H. Bryant (Edgecombe county)-Mary E. Boyett; Dennis F. Rawls-Selma R. Jones (Pitt county).

Colored William Spruill-Clancy Edmondson; Andrew Hudgins-Venice Huff; John Whitfield-Catherine Teel; Jno. C. Roberson-Mamie Andrews; Geo. Buffalo-Marina Wynn; Floyd Wiggins-Florence Teel; Lester, Conney-Elizabeth Jones; Edward C. Williams-Geneva Sanders.

AGENTS ARREST 8 MEN IN RAIDS

Arrests Made in This and Hertford Counties Last Week

Federal Prohibition work reached a climax in this section last week when officers made eight arrests and captured much manufacturing equipment.

Raiding in Hertford county Thursday, Agents Coats and H. S. Barbrey and Deputy Roebuck captured two large copper stills and issued warrants for Junius Cower and Nelson Lewter, both colored.

Early Saturday-morning, the officers went into the pocomass between Corey's store and Bear Grass Church, where they found G. R. Taylor and Noah E. Gardner, starting operations at day-break. Expecting others to appear for work at the plant, the officers secreted themselves and waited. Jerry Simpkins was the next to come and he with Wil Knox, the fourth member to approach the plant, was arrested. Mr. Knox made a dash for his liberty and won the race. He was arrested some time later.

Bond was arranged for the defendants with the exception of Simpkins who is awaiting trial in jail.

Saturday night, the agents found a small quantity of liquor in the storehouse of Haywood Ross in Gold Point. He was given a hearing and a nominal bond was required.

Later that night, the officers caught Floyd Sherron, a filling station operator on the Oak City-Hobgood road, in the act of selling two bottles of liquor. He was given a hearing this morning, but in default of bond, he continues in jail.

Former Martin County Boy Dies in Alabama

William Davenport, 28, son of the late Ed Davenport, of Hamilton, and wife Clara Gardner Davenport, died in Alabama last Tuesday and was buried in Hamilton last Friday afternoon.

Young Davenport lived all his life in Hamilton until about twelve years ago he moved to Durham where he married. Since that time he has traveled extensively.

His mother, one brother and two sisters, all of Durham, survive.

HOLD HEARING NEXT MONDAY AT TARBORO

Injunction Served on Town Officials by Sheriff Here Last Saturday

ACTION TEMPORARY

Attorney Hugh G. Horton Representing Nine Or More Citizens In Preparing the Order

The town commissioners were temporarily checked in the sale of \$75,000 street improvement bonds last Friday when Judge C. C. Lyons signed, in Nashville, a restraining order prohibiting further action pending the findings of the court at a hearing next Monday. Judge N. A. Sinclair will hear the case in Tarboro next Monday, according to present plans, it was stated yesterday.

The injunction served on the board of commissioners here last Saturday was brought by Messrs. J. E. King, J. R. Leggett, G. W. Blount, J. W. Watts, B. F. Perry, J. D. Bowen, J. T. Edmondson, D. D. Stalls, et al., through Attorney Hugh G. Horton. While his name does not appear along with those of the other plaintiffs, it was unofficially reported that Mr. J. G. Stoton had accepted a part of the responsibility for the attorney's fee in the case.

According to plans announced several days ago, the sale of the bonds was to have been made Wednesday of next week. Further action in the matter will be subject to the hearing scheduled before Judge Sinclair in Tarboro next Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, it was stated.

In preparing their complaint, the plaintiffs state:

"That the proposed ordinance was passed contrary to the wishes of the tax-paying citizens of the Town of Williamston and that the same was passed against the protest of some of the most substantial citizens of said town and against protest and against the vote of two of the commissioners, and the same was passed to expend public funds for purposes that are not at all necessary in that the same was passed intended to raise funds to build hard-surface streets for a few at the expense of general taxpayers who will receive no benefit therefrom in places where hard surface streets are not at all necessary at this time, and said ordinance was passed in the face of the physical fact that the town of Williamston is already so deeply in debt that the said ordinance could not legally be passed, the town already being in debt as deep and deeper than its citizens can bear, and at the time of said passage of said ordinance, the tax-paying citizens of the town of Williamston were burdened and oppressed with taxation and a large percentage of its property owners were having their property confiscated on account of excessive taxes and having their property taken from them, not being able to pay the taxes, and in the face of it, the defendants wrongfully and unlawfully are attempting to burden the taxpayers of the town of Williamston with \$75,000 additional debt and to consequently raise the taxes much higher, as said ordinance, if passed, would do, and especially since the ordinance makes no provisions for assessments against abutting land owners.

"That in an attempt to put the said ordinance and bond issue over and to pass the same whether the taxpayers of Williamston like it or not, the defendants have prepared or caused to be prepared a statement of the debt and deductions of the town of Williamston, and a statement of the assessed valuation of the town of Williamston for the year 1929, which, as plaintiffs are advised and believe, and upon such information and belief, allege, does not speak the truth for and in that the assessed valuation of the property subject to taxation by the Town of Williamston for the year 1929 can not and does not amount to \$1,684,696, as therein contained, and that the next debt of the Town of Williamston as listed in the aforesaid statement, is not correct at the figure of \$100,500, as contained in said statement.

"That the bonds to be issued under the proposed ordinance are not funding or refunding bonds and are not bonds for water, gas, electric light, or power purposes and are not for sanitary sewers, sewage disposal, or sewage purification plants, and that the percentage that the net debt of the town of Williamston bears to the correct valuation exceeds eight (8) per cent of the assessed valuation, and the representations contained in the statement on file with G. H. Harrison, clerk, in the proposed bond issue aforesaid, as plaintiffs are advised and believe, and upon such information and belief, allege, could not by any reasonable method of computation be true and that a true statement would show that the ordinance authorizing the bonds could not be passed, and plaintiffs plead Sec. 2943 of the Consolidated Statutes as a bar against the passage

PREDICTS \$500,000 LOSS IN COUNTY PROPERTY LIST

Seven of Eight Townships Reporting Yesterday Show Losses

WILLIAMSTON GAINS

Goose Nest Township Expected To Show Valuation Decrease In Excess of \$100,000

Final reports given out by Mr. Jno. D. Lilley, county tax supervisor, for eight of the ten townships, indicate a drop of about \$500,000 in the assessed valuations of the property of the county.

The listings for the eight townships follows, each of the townships showing a loss with the exception of Williamston township which reported a gain of \$14,444:

Township	Listing	Loss
Jameville	\$ 1,253,176	\$ 17,572
Williams	417,746	62,576
Griffins	798,047	31,159
Cross Roads	796,477	49,394
Robersonville	2,773,900	114,794
Poplar Point	439,016	4,025
Hamilton	1,311,424	45,137
Williamston	2,501,061	*14,444
Total	\$10,290,847	\$310,211

*Gain.

ships have not yet filed their abstracts, and their figures are not available. Mr. Lilley, basing his estimate on preliminary reports coming from those townships, stated that Bear Grass will probably show a loss of \$50,000 and Goose Nest a loss of around \$120,000.

Around the largest drop on any classes of property is the automobile, mules, provisions, and solvent credits. Very few mules and automobiles were bought during the past year, and they are generally classed as old cars and old mules at a low rate.

The poor crop year naturally caused a shortage of corn and meat.

Mr. Lilley has announced that all questions of contested values may be heard at a meeting of the board of commissioners here June 16.

MRS. ELIZABETH J. GREEN DIES

Funeral To Be Held at the Home Near Here at 2:00 Tomorrow

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Green died at the home of her son, Mr. O. S. Green, in Williams township early this morning in her 77th year. Although Mrs. Green had been sick only a few days, she had suffered for years from asthma and other complications.

Mrs. Green was the daughter of Noah S. and Eliza Godard, of Griffins township, one of the leading families of the county for many years. She was the youngest child of a large family.

In early life she was married to Jordan S. Green who died several years ago. She is survived by one son, O. S. Green, and one daughter, Miss Bessie Green.

While complete burial arrangements have not been made at this time, it was announced that the funeral would be held at the home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

She had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years, and a preacher of that faith will conduct the last rites.

Woman's Auxiliary Meets Here Yesterday Afternoon

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) met at the home of the president, Mrs. M. S. Moore, on Main Street Monday.

The next meeting will be held at the same place at 10:30 a. m. Monday, June 16.

At the meeting yesterday, Mrs. W. B. Watts read from the book, "Christ in the Common Ways of Life," the chapter on the childlike spirit, which emphasizes the child's trust in its elders to provide, its optimism, and its non-attention to undue criticism.

A letter of thanks from a small orphan boy of the Thompson Orphanage, for favors the auxiliary had extended, was read.

Child Weighs One Pound, One Ounce at Its Birth

Simpsonville, N. C., June 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Hamby have a three-day-old baby girl that weighed one pound and one ounce at birth. The infant is normal.

Committee Discusses Economy Program With County Officials

Fifty-eight Names Appear on Combined Primary Tickets

MUCH INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN ABSENTEE VOTE

Only Two Townships Have Contests Scheduled for Next Saturday

1 REPUBLICAN BALLOT

Candidates Are Displaying a Marked Determination in This, The Last Lapse of the Race

Four ballot boxes will be used next Saturday throughout the county with the exception of two precincts, Williamston and Jameville, where local contests will make a fifth box necessary.

As the primary draws near, the campaign is reaching the peak in interest, and the candidates are displaying a marked determination in this, the last lap of the race.

Absentee voting in this county is expected to break all records next Saturday, Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the county board of elections, stating this morning that the requests for ballots have been numerous.

Reports state that politics, in the truest sense of the word, is much in evidence in certain parts of the county, giving rise to this: "Anybody who fails to vote as I vote, is a fool," one voter remarked. When other voters were about to attack him and asked him to explain the statement, he said, "Vote as they please."

Below are the ballots complete, including a lone one for the Republicans:

Democratic Primary Ballots
For United States Senator: (vote for one)—Thomas L. Ester, Furrifield M. Simmons, Josiah W. Bailey. On the same ballot are the names of James H. Holloway and George P. Peil, one to be selected for member of the Corporation Commission.

A second box will be used for the second district solicitor ballots, one of the following men to be chosen for that office: Troy T. Barnes, Henry D. Hardison, Donnell Gilliam.

A third box will be used for the county ballot which is as follows:
For clerk superior court, (vote for one): R. J. Peel, John L. Rodgers, John D. Lilley.

For register of deeds: (vote for one)—J. Sam Getsinger, Fred S. Powell. For sheriff: (vote for one)—C. B. Roebuck, R. B. Brown.

For treasurer: (vote for one) W. H. Carstarphen, Gus Harrison, John E. Pope.

For judge of the recorder's court: (vote for one)—John L. Hassell, Jos. W. Bailey.

For solicitor of the Martin county recorder's court: (vote for one)—W. H. Coburn, H. O. Peele.

For coroner: (vote for one)—S. R. Biggs, B. S. Courtney.

For member board of county commissioners: (vote for five)—T. C. Griffin, L. P. Holliday, Joshua L. Coltraine, J. D. Woolard, V. G. Taylor, J. A. Everett, J. G. Stoton, H. S. Everett, T. B. Slade, J. Haywood Rogers, B. S. Cowin.

For member of the county board of education: (vote for five)—J. Eason Lilley, W. O. Griffin, R. W. Salsbury, J. T. Barnhill, B. M. Worsley, H. C. Norman, J. A. Getsinger, K. B. Crawford, Javan Rogers.

Williamston Township—For road trustees, (vote for three)—Geo. H. Harrison, A. F. Taylor, Jno. M. Bowen and W. L. Taylor.

Jameville Township: For road commissioners, (vote for three)—Joe H. Holliday, H. L. Davis, J. F. Martin, Monroe Holliday. For constable, (vote for one)—Ola G. Carson, J. Raleigh Manning.

Republican Ballot
For United States Senator: (vote for one)—George E. Butler, George M. Pritchard, Irvin B. Tucker, H. Grady Dorsett. This ballot will be printed on blue paper, while the Democratic ballots will appear on white paper.

In addition to the boxes for the regular ballots there will be one box each for spoiled ballots and the ballot stubs.

Combining all the ballots, both Republican and Democratic, there are 58 candidates' names on the several ballots. Study the ballot, and vote accordingly.

Zeppelin Changes Its Route And Is Not Seen Here

People in this section were generally disappointed when they learned that the Graf Zeppelin had changed its schedule and course and could not be seen as it passed northward to Lakehurst, N. J. The big dirigible reached there Saturday, having failed to visit Havana.

TAX COMMITTEE ASKS ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT

Suggests Twenty Per Cent Reduction in Salaries Paid Teachers

EXPECTING RESULTS

General Thought of Meeting Indicates That Rigid Economy Will Be Practiced in This County

Meeting in joint session here last Friday night in the new high school auditorium, the Martin County Board of Commissioners, Board of Education and the various local school boards heard a number of recommendations offered by the county tax committee, Messrs. G. H. Cox, J. G. Stoton, R. W. Salsbury and J. Eason Lilley, in an effort to introduce a rigid economy program in the operations of the county government and county schools.

One or two of the various recommendations were attacked, but as a whole the body listened to the suggestions for lower taxes without protest. Nothing definite was done, but the discussions waxed warm at times, indicating that there'll be visible results later on.

In suggestion a 20 per cent reduction in teachers' salaries, possibly the most radical recommendation, the committee was told by Superintendent R. A. Pope that such a decrease would practically wreck the schools, that such a drastic cut in the salary schedule was not advisable. One or two other objections were entered, but as a whole, the body accepted the general purpose of the recommendations urging a decrease in taxes some how, manner or form.

Chairman G. H. Cox, presiding over the meeting, stated that the committee had spent much time in studying the budgets of the local schools and that of the county board of education in preparing the recommendations. He admitted that the investigators had found the county's affairs had been conducted on a fairly reasonable economic basis. "That's fair, but it does not mean that there is no room for more economy. We need conservative men and we should be careful in selecting them," Mr. Cox declared. He advised against radical procedure.

The chairman invited argument, stating that a discussion would be of marked value in effecting a solution to the present problem. "With land valuations dropping and the demand for teachers greater, we are in for it," Mr. Cox stated, adding, "strict economy is our only hope for relief."

The deviation from certain cost schedules and its possible effect came before the meeting, but the results of such action upon the county's participation in the State Equalization Fund could not be determined.

Taking the floor for a few minutes, Mr. J. G. Stoton openly denied that he was against schools. "In fact, I am in favor of them," he stated with much emphasis. He added that it might be possible to cut down a little here and a little there. It was his expressed opinion that it would be better if the State would take over the schools and raise the payroll. In his remarks, Mr. Stoton said, "School employees work only half as much as we do on the outside and they get a damn sight more for what they do than we."

It is generally believed that there'll be no decrease in the school rate during the coming year. Recommendations or no recommendations, it is an accepted fact that the school census is steadily increasing, that more teachers are required and that intangibles are dropping in value.

The general thought of the meeting indicated that every effort toward economy would be made in the operation of the schools. The recommendations furnish a problem that should be studied with great care.

Commenting upon the recommendations, several citizens as much interested in tax reduction as anyone, yesterday defended the officials, explaining why various reports had not been published and that local school taxes were controlled by the several boards. The various reports are open in the respective offices and were not published in an effort to curtail expenses, it was pointed out.

Note: Space being limited in this issue, the recommendations will appear next Friday.

COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING

Orders 10 Percent Decrease in Amounts Allowed List-takers

Matters of only routine importance were scheduled for the work calendar here yesterday before the board of county commissioners, however, prolonged discussions were held causing the members to adjourn late in the afternoon.

Gradually the requests for aid pour into the office of the commissioners. Adolphus Jackson, colored, of Parmele, was allowed a monthly sum of \$3 per month on account of his disability to earn a living.

C. W. Bembridge, white, of Jameville, was also allowed \$3 for the same cause.

Mrs. Marina Moore and children were granted an increase of \$5 on their monthly allowance.

Taxes came in for a small portion of the commissioners' time when a correction was made in the tax list of Bennett Gray heirs. Land listed as 14 acres and valued at \$720 was listed as 35 acres as shown by actual survey and the value increased to \$1,000.

Introducing further economy into the administration, the board reduced the amount allowed list-takers by ten per cent as compared with the salaries paid for that work last year.

NOBODY FILES CAMPAIGN COSTS

Filing Held Up by Insufficient Reports, It Is Declared

No candidate for a county office has filed his full report of expenditures in the present political campaign, according to information gained from the office of the clerk of the court here, where the reports are to be filed.

It was pointed out, however, that several of the candidates had been before the clerk and made preliminary reports, that sufficient blanks had not been received for filing according to law.

Although there are many candidates in the field and numbers of workers standing by for hire, it is generally believed that the aspirants in this county have not spent but very little money in advancing their candidacies.

In the United States Senatorial race, reports indicate that considerable sums have been spent, most of which can never be traced from the donor to the receiver.

TOWN OFFICIALS HOLD MEETING

Prohibit Play On Miniature Golf Course Here On Sundays

The town board of commissioners met in regular session here last night with all members present.

All business and routine matters were dispensed with quickly and the board adjourned with very few questions of importance coming before it.

Other than the reading and the passing of bills, no other business was transacted with the exception of prohibiting of the miniature golf course on Sunday. Mr. Frank Carstarphen pleaded in the interest of Sunday golf but his plea was rejected.

No Challenge of Electors Made In This Precinct

The registration books in this precinct are apparently all right, as no one appeared last Saturday to enter a challenge. Silence in the case supports the validity of the registration, the approximately 175 new names being entered without a complaint on the day set apart for challenge.

In certain sections of the State, especially at Raleigh, the challenge has attracted much attention.

Everetts Votes To Sell Its Power-Light Franchise

Secrecy was exposed in the Everetts power and light election last Saturday when 48 citizens voted, each favoring the sale of the franchise to the Virginia Electric and Power Company. There were 63 registered for the election, but only 48 visited the polls and as each cast his ballot favoring the sale, the results "showed up" the Australian Ballot.

The town is receiving \$10,000 for its power and light franchise.

Town of Columbia Sells Its Power Franchise

In a special election held last Saturday, the town of Columbia voted ninety eight for and none against the sale of its power plant to the Virginia Electric and Power Company. In consideration of the franchise, the power company pays \$35,000.

The power company will build a transmission line to connect with its lines recently constructed from here to Plymouth.