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## NEGRO IS JAILED FOR MURDER OF WALTER HASSELL

Offers Version of Hassell's Death When Questioned Last Saturday Night

Arrested last week in connection with the death of Walter Hassell, young colored man, who was found fatally injured on the Washington highway near here early November 22, Philistine Barnhill, New Bern negro, last Saturday night offered his version of the tragedy. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck immediately thereafter procured a warrant charging him with murder. A hearing for the accused man has been planned for next Tuesday before Judge Bailey, but should he request one sooner, he will be carried before a justice of the peace.

Barnhill has told several different stories, each revealing facts closer to Hassell's death. In his Saturday night story, he said that he and Hassell had been riding around for some time in an old Dodge touring car. During their travels they had bought and drunk liquor, that Hassell became intoxicated and attempted to interfere with the operation of the car. Tiring of Hassell's repeated attempts to take hold of the steering wheel, Barnhill said he stopped the car at the spot where Hassell was found, removed Hassell and forty pounds of sugar, and left them on the highway. Barnhill claims that he continued down the road a short distance and turned around. As he was passing on the return trip, Hassell attempted to jump on the car and was thrown to the concrete and hurt, Barnhill declared. Claiming he was a stranger here, he rushed from the scene and went to a colored home on Main Street, near the railroad underpass, and spent the night.

Receiving information from other sources, officers are of the opinion that Barnhill struck Hassell over the head, robbed him, and left the man on the highway to die.

## INTEREST GROWS IN CHARITY GAME

Tar Devils To Play Demon Wildcats In Durham Saturday, Dec. 5

Interest in the Big Five charity football game, to be staged at the Duke University Stadium, Durham, at 2 o'clock next Saturday, is increasing rapidly. Tickets, placed on sale the last of this week, are selling nicely, and there is every indication that the game will be a sell-out.

The Carolina and Duke squads will be combined to make up one team; and the State, Davidson, and Wake Forest elevens will supply the players for the opposition. Various combinations may be used during the game, such as the Carolina line, backed up by the Duke backfield; the reverse of this arrangement; or a mixture of players of the two institutions so as to get the best possible alignment. It is just possible that the Carolina team may play as a unit for a few minutes; and that the Duke team may follow suit. The possibilities as far as the other team is concerned are equally as divergent.

Johnny Branch, Kid Brewer, Carolina and Duke stars, will be seen in action in this Big Five charity event. Other stars from all five colleges will battle during the afternoon.

The ticket sale is being handled by the American Legion, at the request of State Commander Henry C. Bourne of Tarboro. Communities in which tickets are sold will receive a part of the money to be raised by means of this charity game, 40 per cent going to the local community relief organization which helps the Legion to sell the pastebands. The expenses of the game are to be deducted from the other 60 per cent, and this fund used by the Governor's Council on Unemployment and Relief, as Governor Gardner and his council see fit, so as to do the most good in the relief program of the state, at the time when such funds are most needed.

## Man Killed by Falling Monument In Cemetery

Beaufort, Nov. 30.—While preparing to move a casket in Ocean View cemetery here this afternoon, T. E. Adair was killed instantly when a monument toppled over and crushed him. Mr. Adair and his assistant, Leland Swain, had dug into the grave of Dr. E. B. Whitehurst, having been employed by Dr. Whitehurst's mother to move the body.

Although 77 years old, Mr. Adair was strong and healthy. He was an excellent carpenter and all around mechanic. He helped to build the Atlantic hotel at Morehead City and also helped to erect many other houses and structures in this section.

He is survived by a son, W. E. Adair, and a daughter, Mrs. E. D. Doyle, both of Beaufort.

## 'Uncle Buck' Describes How Tobacco Manufacturers Are Ripening Their Big 'Melon'

### STOP TRUCKS

Trucks heavily loaded with manufacturer's tobacco, were forbidden passage on highways in certain parts of Virginia last Sunday, according to unofficial reports received here. Laws, apparently enacted during the past few days, suspended heavy truck traffic on Sunday in certain cities. It is understood that several vehicles from this county were stopped and held until after 12 o'clock Sunday night.

### 65 ENROLLED IN RED CROSS DRIVE

#### Campaign Here Received a More Liberal Support Than In Past

The American Red Cross roll call campaign received a more liberal response in this community this year than it received last year, or during the several years before, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman of the drive here. More than 65 memberships were added to the organization's roll, and a goodly number of donations less than a dollar in amount were received during the few days that the solicitors worked here. Last year, the total memberships numbered less than 50, the chairman stated.

While the community fell below the quota assigned, Mrs. Dunning said she was well pleased with the response and wishes to express sincere thanks to those who offered their aid in supporting the great humanitarian organization and assisting in the care of local charity charges.

Much of the money collected in the drive will be used in this community, the remainder going to Washington City, national headquarters of the American Red Cross, where it will be combined with the millions collected all over the country and used in combating disasters wherever they occur. That portion of the money held at home will be used to the greatest advantage possible in relieving the unfortunate in our community, it was stated.

### COAST LINE HEAD DIED YESTERDAY

#### Henry Walters, Wealthiest Man In South, Buried in Baltimore, Md. Today

New York, Nov. 30.—Henry Walters, once described as the wealthiest man of the South, died at his New York home today at the age of 83.

He ranked with Harry Mann, Hill, Morgan and Schiff as a builder of railroads and was still active as chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. He had been ill only a few days when death came at 4 a. m. His widow survives.

He maintained offices in New York, Wilmington, N. C., and Baltimore. The latter place was his regular residence.

Private funeral services will be held from his New York home at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Burial will be in Greenmont cemetery, Baltimore, in the afternoon.

Mr. Walters' father was one of the organizers of the Atlantic Coast Line system. Mr. Walters began his own railroad career as an engineer for the Valley Railroad in Virginia after studying at Georgetown university, the Lawrence Scientific school and Paris.

Soon after going with the Atlantic Coast Line, he became general manager and merged it with the Plant system of Florida. He further expanded the road by purchasing control of the Louisville and Nashville system.

In 1922 he married the widow of E. Pembroke Jones, an old friend. Before her marriage to Jones she was Sarah Green, of Wilmington, N. C., and well known in southern society. A survey made 10 years ago by the Wall Street Journal rated Mr. Walters the wealthiest man in the South.

### Kiwanians To Hold Their Regular Meet Tomorrow

The Kiwanis group will hold its regular meeting at the Woman's Club tomorrow at 12:30 o'clock.

This is the first meeting under the newly elected officers for the ensuing year. And those in charge are particularly interested in opening up with a full attendance.

There will be the regular luncheon, a few business matters, and a short program.

### STOCK HOLDERS WEARING SMILES OF ANTICIPATION

#### Tobacco Was Once Legal Tender; Not Worth Anything Now

By W. T. MEADOWS

Tobacco, in the early days of Virginia was legal tender; or, in other words, was considered the same as money and as such accepted by the merchants, tax collectors, and preachers for any debts or obligations. It was even used by the young gentry of the Province at that time for the purchase for themselves of a wife, provided it was agreeable with the young woman to be married.

What a vast difference there is between conditions at that time and now. Tobacco will not pay debts, and its purchasing power is equivalent to nothing.

For illustration, take the month of September. All the markets in the State averaged around 8 cents, when there was practically nothing but prunings and bottom leaves marketed! and, according to the latest statistics from State headquarters during the month of October, when the very cream of the crop was being marketed, the markets only averaged the pitiful sum of \$9.93 for the entire State.

Now, who is rocking the boat? It isn't the landlord, the tenant, the merchant. Ask any well-posted tobacco man, dealer, warehouseman, or manufacturer, and he will tell you that nothing less than 200,000,000 pounds will be the shortage in the Bright Leaf States, and North Carolina will lead the shortage.

The largest purchasers of our bright tobacco are known as the "Big Six," and what they don't know about playing the game is taught to others in post-graduate courses.

The first thing that you come in contact with, in each one of the president's offices, is a very handsome desk and a big swivel chair, and under the desk is a big Georgia rattle-snake watermelon, which is supposed to be cut for the benefit of the stockholders, or about Christmas.

But before this, while the buying season for raw material is going on, they have a leaf department, and a shrewd duck at its head who buys all the tobacco. The leaf manager takes orders from the big boss in the swivel chair as to the number of pounds he wants of each grade and the territory he wants it bought; and just as soon as the number of pounds is bought of that certain grade, the leaf man makes his report. Then the big boss says, "George, get that watermelon out and mark on it 'Grade OIC, filled.' He then dictates a letter to his stenographer for all the buyers to cut OIC off their lists, as they have all they need. Not many more days before the order for PTX will be filled, and others as the market continues, until finally the melon is marked up and the buyers become walking delegates on the various floors of the bright belt. Then prices begin to fall week after week, until finally every market becomes a one or two buyer market.

Starting the case last Friday morning, the court heard the evidence of several witnesses during the day. Saturday morning was given over to the argument of counsel, and the jury took the case just before the noon hour, but failed to reach a decision until that afternoon.

The \$50 verdict covered the value of the Brown car in the estimation of the jury, and around the worth of the car the argument of the jury is said to have centered.

Under the ruling, the defendant is to pay the costs of the case, which are no small amount.

The case followed the collision of a car driven by Francis Barnes and one belonging to Edgar Brown in the early morning of January 1, 1930.

#### Margolis Brothers Extend Their Sale To Christmas

Thrifty shoppers will welcome the extension of Margolis Brothers' anniversary sale that started here week before last. In continuing their sale, Margolis Brothers will make possible sizeable savings to their customers who would buy reliable merchandise at greatly reduced prices. From now until Christmas eve, the store will continue to offer real bargains to the buyers.

#### Town Automobile Tags To Go On Sale the 15th

Possessing the same color characteristics, 300 town automobile license plates have been delivered here for sale to automobile owners beginning week after next. The tags will command the same old price of \$1 each.

Don't forget to watch this "roll your own" business. She is going by leaps and bounds.

Mrs. W. A. Jenkins and children spent Thanksgiving with relatives at her old home place near Stokes.

### 20 Shopping Days Before Christmas

Just 20 more shopping days before Christmas!

Local Merchants are receiving large shipments of Christmas goods daily. Remember the home merchants when planning your shopping tours.

### 12 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED IN NOVEMBER

#### Same Number Was Issued By Martin Register In October

Another dozen couples entered the matrimonial ring in this county during November, it was learned from a review of the marriage certificates filed in the office of County Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger this week. During the month of October, the register issued licenses to eight colored couples and to four white couples. Last month the number of white couples applying for licenses was increased by one, while the number of colored couples procuring permits dropped one.

Licenses were issued to the following couples:

White  
Mack Manning and Carrie Stalls, of Martin County.

Jesse Williams and Carrie Bland, both of Martin County.

Julius C. Martin and Lillian Edmondson, of Martin County.

W. Frank Barber and Iciclean Bailey both of Martin.

Johnnie L. Griffin and Charity Grimes, both of Martin County.

George Smith and Alice Purvis, of Martin County.

Orie Cherry and Ruth Monte, both of Bertie County.

Leroy Dixon and Hattie Mooring, of Martin County.

Johnson Rodgers and Zena Pippin, both of Martin.

Grover Jones and Fannie May Manning, of Martin County.

James Robertson and Mary Gladys Williams, both of Martin.

Fred Smith and Emma Manson, of Martin County.

Rev. MARSHALL LEAVES TODAY

#### Jury Dismisses \$5,000 Suit Filed by Miss Waters Of Jamesville

After discussing the evidence in the Waters-Brown versus Barnes case for several hours here last Saturday, the jury awarded the plaintiff, Brown, \$50 damages, dismissing the \$5,000 suit of Miss Ocie Waters, and the suit of Brown for personal damages in a like amount. The verdict was received with disappointment by the plaintiffs, according to information received soon after the verdict was returned.

In resigning from the rectorship of the local parish, the minister takes over the duties in the Belhaven and Lake Landing churches. He will also continue to serve the Plymouth and Roper Episcopal churches, and it is understood that he will also preach in the Hamilton church until other arrangements can be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have made many friends during their stay here of about two years, and news of their departure is learned with regret.

No minister has been assigned to the local parish by the Bishop of the East Carolina Diocese at this time, it was learned from one of the vestrymen of the Church of the Advent this morning.

#### COUNTY COUPLE ARE DIVORCED

#### Mrs. Ethel Peeler Ransome First Martin Woman To Get Divorce in Reno

The first Martin County marriage to be annulled by a Reno, Nevada, court was reported last week, the court giving Mrs. Ethel Peeler Ransome an absolute divorce in her case against William Thomas Ransome. The divorce was granted last September on the grounds of desertion.

Mrs. Ethel Peeler, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Bob Peeler, of Robersonville, and the late Fate Peeler, was married to William Thomas Ransome, of Enfield, May 4, 1912, the ceremony being performed here. There are three children.

The divorce was one of 30 granted North Carolina couples during the last several months, the most prominent of the number, according to press dispatches, being that of Ann Cannon Reynolds, daughter of the wealthy Concord towel manufacturing family, and Smith Reynolds, scion of the tobacco family. Mrs. Reynolds was granted her divorce on a charge of cruelty after young Reynolds had settled \$1,000,000 on her and their baby daughter, Ann Cannon Reynolds, II.

Strong Program On at the Watts All This Week

With Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy on the screen again tonight in "Parade On Us," and Helen Twelvetrees in "Bad Company" tomorrow night, and Douglas Fairbanks and Bobe Daniels in "Reaching for the Moon" on Thursday and Friday nights, the Watts theatre here is offering one of the strongest programs this week to be found on the screen anywhere.

Of particular interest to theatre-goers is the picture Thursday and Friday night.

#### UNION COUNTY HAS HAD LITTLE RAIN THIS FALL

Fall gardens are a failure in Union County due to lack of rain. County Agent Tom Broom reports a rainfall of one-third of an inch since August 23.

## Begin Work on State Prison Camp in County This Week

### GASOLINE SALES SHOW INCREASE IN THIS STATE

#### Fewer New and Old Cars Registered In the State During The Year

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Although fewer new or second-hand automobile titles have been registered and fewer 1931 than 1930 tags sold, gasoline sales for the past five months showed an increase of 3,428,630 gallons, according to tax figures made public yesterday by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell. The collections, however, are net and subject to variations in refunds, which were large last year.

The gasoline tax, like a number of others was increased by the last Legislature, but the increase in collections exceeds the increased tax.

Highway collections, including taxes on automobiles, gasoline, and titles for November were reported at \$1,334,584.22 as compared with \$1,139,892.21, bringing collections for the first five months of the present fiscal year to \$7,237,333.62 as compared with \$5,862,545.52 for the corresponding period last year. Decreases in the receipts for registered cars evidenced fewer automobiles changing hands or fewer new cars bought.

Although automobile licenses for the five-months period showed a \$79,883 increase, the total sale of 1931 tags (which lasts through the calendar year) is \$477,224.33 behind sales during a corresponding period last year for 1930 tags.

Light rains, falling in this section over the week-end for the first time in over two months, hardly more than wet the surface of the ground. Although it did not reach the ditch bottoms and small streams, the drizzle is said to have been of great value to forage crops in the county.

During the past two months, ditches and many small streams have run dry, and many heavy rains will be needed to fill them to normal levels.

The drizzle, general through a large part of the country, added to the danger in travel, and in certain parts of the country air travel and that on certain highways were halted by resulting fogs.

Several travelers on the Hamilton road were forced to spend Sunday night with residents between here and Hamilton when they found it impossible to travel in the dense fog.

The closing of the bank came as a distinct surprise to local citizens, although it had been known that business for