

Chas. Daniel Is Held For Murder Of Sim Quinley

Illicit Relations With Another Party and Liquor Basis For Attack

Sim Quinley, about 70 years old, was fatally shot at his home in Jamesville last Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by Chas. Daniel, 40-year-old colored man and a stepson of the victim. Quinley died almost instantly from the gunshot wound. Daniel, said to have been well saturated with illicit liquor, staggered down the street and surrendered to Constable Paul Holliday who turned him over to the sheriff.

Few details could be learned immediately and no preliminary hearing has been scheduled.

While there is no doubt about the identity of Quinley's attacker, other evidence is a bit confusing and involves two persons, including a woman, and a half gallon of illicit liquor.

Daniel claims Quinley was trying to shoot his (Daniel's) girl friend and future wife, that he struggled with Quinley and either shot him accidentally or in self-defense, the killer declaring he did not know the exact circumstances.

According to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck who started an investigation immediately, the shooting climaxed an illicit love affair between Martha Gray, 38-year-old colored woman, and a man whose name was given as Arthur F. Green. The Gray woman who had been spending much time at the home occupied by Quinley and Daniel, and who was to marry Daniel within a few days, entertained Green in the home while Quinley was attending to some business up town in Jamesville and while Daniel was plowing with a tractor in a nearby field. Quinley, who had been sick for two or three days, returned home unexpectedly and discovered the illicit love affair. Green departed immediately and while Quinley rebuked the woman, Daniel, coming in supposedly for another drink of liquor, heard the remonstrance and he went into a rage. Just where Daniel got the gun, it was not learned immediately, and just how long he and Quinley argued was not revealed. The woman left without offering to clear up the situation, and when questioned in jail she said "I cannot tell Charlie what happened. He'll get mad with me if I do."

The woman is being held as a material witness and for investigation, but Green had not been questioned late yesterday.

Quinley, a native of Pitt County, came to Martin about thirty years ago, locating in Jamesville where he worked at the fishery and on the farm for Mr. C. C. Fleming for years. "As far as I know he was all right," Mr. Fleming said, adding that the man had never given him any trouble.

There is a possibility that another motive underlies the murder, but officers would comment but little on it. Daniel's mother, Bell Daniel before her marriage to Quinley, died a few months ago and her property was left to (Continued on page eight)

Not Willing To Pay For Peace

Speaking to a unit of the North Carolina World Peace Forum in Chapel Hill a few days ago, Dr. Harold A. Bosley, dean of the Duke University Divinity School, said, "we have a chance for peace, but we're trying desperately to miss that chance because we aren't willing to pay the price." Dr. Bosley said that the world has no hope for peace unless "we have the capacity of being fair with those with whom we disagree, unless we can view the other side without putting the lowest conceivable interpretation on every move, and unless we can know how what we do looks to the other side."

The organization proposes to discuss the world issues in communities throughout the land, and bring pressure on Congress in the name of peace.

Appoint Officials To Hold Primary in May

INVITED

Its first official invitation to show its colors out of town since it was reorganized just one year ago, the Williamsston High School Band is scheduled to appear in the big Hospitality Day celebration in Tarboro Friday, April 23, Professor Jack Butler has announced. Quite a few details had to be worked out to make the trip possible, one of which was the moving a baseball game at Plymouth from Friday afternoon to Thursday afternoon.

Director Butler said the group would travel in private cars and leave here about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It is expected that they will be back home again by dark.

A stringent rehearsal program has been worked out to make certain the group will make a good showing.

Former Resident Of Martin County Dies In Hospital

Funeral In Jamesville This Afternoon at 3 O'clock For Boswell Edwards

Boswell S. Edwards, former resident of this county, died in Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, last Saturday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock following an operation. He had been critically ill for about two weeks.

The son of the late Boswell S. Edwards and wife, he was born in Smithfield, Virginia, 68 years ago and spent his early life in Virginia. He came to this county in 1908, locating in Jamesville where he was superintendent of the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company plant for four or five years. While in Jamesville he was married to Mrs. Mae Mizelle Mayo and even though he moved away from there about 1912 he still considered Jamesville his home, making regular visits there with friends and relatives down through the years. Locating in Baltimore after leaving Jamesville, he was employed by a construction company for a number of years, later managing several large rental properties in the Maryland city.

Surviving besides Mrs. Edwards are two brothers, Will and Herbert Edwards, and a sister, Mrs. W. S. Rountree, all of Berkeley, Virginia. No children were born to the union.

Funeral services are being conducted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fleming in Jamesville this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by (Continued on page eight)

Firemen Called To Crawford Home Sunday

Starting from a spark from a kitchen flue, fire burned a small hole in the roof of the home of Mrs. J. C. Crawford on North Houghton Street at 10:45 o'clock Sunday morning.

Called to the home, firemen had the fire out in a few minutes. Damage was negligible.

NEARING GOAL

While only preliminary reports have been received, it is fairly certain that the cancer fund drive in this county is pushing on toward the \$1,500 goal. The local district, it was estimated today by Mrs. Chas. I. Harris, county commander, is right at its goal of \$600, and other communities declare that the public is rallying to the support of the movement.

During the meantime, arrangements are being made to extend aid to destitute and worthy cases in this county, but to render effective relief it will be necessary to over-subscribe the quota by a large margin, it was explained.

Sylvester Peel Is Named Chairman Elections Board

Few Changes Made In Personnel for Several of the County Precincts

Machinery for holding registrations and primary and general elections, and possibly special referendums during the next two years was set up last Saturday when the newly appointed members of the Martin County Board of Elections met in the courthouse, perfect their organization, appointed personnel for the thirteen voting precincts.

Sylvester Peel, beginning his eleventh term with the board of elections, was again made chairman, and Hassell Worsley, young Oak City man who went on the board for the first time, was named secretary. Wade Vick, Robersonville man representing the Republican Party on the board, has ably served and in a most cooperative way for years and is back at his post.

While just about all their duties are outlined by the State Board of Elections, the members of the board voted to empower the chairman to fill positions made vacant by resignation in the precincts. In those cases where the precinct officials representing the Republican Party resign, appointments are to be made subject to approval.

Very few changes were made either in the county board or precinct personnel. Mr. Worsley succeeds A. M. Hasty who resigned hardly before he served because his duties carried him out of the state at election time. In the precinct appointments, the county board "fired" no one, but filled positions made vacant for one reason or another in a comparatively few cases.

Precinct officials are listed below, the name of the registrar being first, and those of the judges of election being second and third, the last representing the Republican Party. However, it does not necessarily mean in this county that the owner of the third listed name in each precinct is a Republican. The third member, it should be remembered, is acceptable to the Republican Party. The list of officials follows:

Jamesville: F. Clarence Stallings, J. L. Knowles and Chas. Davenport.

Williams: Lee D. Hardison and Chas. L. Daniel.

Griffins: S. Oscar Peel, Stephen E. Manning, and J. C. Gurkin.

Bear Grass: LeRoy Harrison, Delmus Rogers and W. A. Bowen.

Williamston No. 1: Mrs. Gray M. Griffin, and Joe G. Corey.

Williamston No. 2: S. H. Grimes, Chas. R. Mobley and Jesse T. Price.

Cross Roads: Horace M. Ayers, J. B. Barnhill and Oscar Ayers.

Robersonville: Allen Osborne, T. L. Roebuck, L. N. Vick.

Gold Point: Harry Roberson, J. W. Taylor and G. P. Bullock.

Poplar Point: W. Slade White, Luther G. Leggett and Herman C. Harrison.

Hamilton: J. B. Everett, G. A. Oglesby and George Haislip.

Hassell: D. R. Edmondson, George Leggett and George W. Ayers.

Goose Nest: N. Lawrence Hyman, Joseph C. Ross and Ernest Bunting.

Record Traffic On the Roanoke

Although no regular schedules are maintained and there are no regular freight boats, river traffic is believed to have set a new record last month. During the period the bridge was opened 101 times for boats plying up and down the stream. Most of the boats were owned and operated by logging firms, some with headquarters as far away as Delaware. High water has interrupted logging operations along the river and traffic has been materially reduced during recent days.

Few Cases Heard In Superior Court Monday Morning

Case Charging Local Doctor With Malpractice Being Tried Today

Convened shortly after 10:00 o'clock Monday morning, the Martin County Superior Court, opening a two-week term for the trial of civil cases only with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn on the bench, studied the calendar for the term, heard three divorce cases and handled a few other matters before recessing about thirty minutes later until this morning.

Today, the court called the \$15,000 damage suit brought by R. B. Speller, administrator, charging Dr. Edward Early with malpractice. Just before court was opened this morning it was learned that the trial of the case is likely to require a greater part of the day. Attorneys Horton and LeRoy are representing the plaintiff and Attorneys Peel, Manning and Ward are representing the defendant. An array of witnesses, including doctors in several eastern North Carolina towns, have been summoned as witnesses in the case which is being hard fought by both sides. The plaintiff states that his wife died at childbirth, allegedly as a result of the defendant's negligence.

The \$10,000 and \$18,000 damage suits brought against Robert Hardison by E. G. Modlin and James E. Godard have been continued, along with the \$10,000 and \$5,000 suits brought by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sullivan against Amos Cox and Vance Harrington. The court was advised that the defense attorney, representing the insurance companies in all the cases, had a conflict and could not be present for the trials. The cases were set for trial next June.

No judgment was immediately entered, but it was unofficially learned that the guardian had been discharged in the P. P. Peel case.

A damage suit brought by Branch Marslander, Jr., by his father as next friend, was filed and settled in the court by agreement Monday when the defendant, Eli D. Harrison, offered to pay \$450 damages resulting when the plaintiff, riding a bicycle, was hurt in a crash with the defendant's car at the intersection of Williamston's Main and Houghton Streets last November 22.

Three divorces were granted, one to white and two to colored couples, at the Monday morning session, all of them being based on two-year separation grounds.

William Oscar Clemmons was divorced from Hannah Price Clemmons, the couple having separated in 1945 after a married life of nearly twenty years. The three younger children are with the mother, but the father claimed he was helping support them.

In his case against Maggie Taylor, Floyd Taylor said they were married in 1935, separated in 1940, that the three children now with their mother are being supported by him.

In the divorce case of Frank Edward Thomas against Selma Marie Thomas, it was stated by the (Continued on page eight)

PLEA

A plea came from the office of Mayor Robt. Cowen yesterday, urging trespassers and prowlers not to desecrate Woodlawn Cemetery.

Acting thoughtlessly perhaps, persons have made footpaths across the cemetery, not even troubling to walk around well marked graves, the mayor said. Prowlers have been going into the cemetery in the late hours of night for questionable purposes, discarding their liquor bottles and trash. Police were reported to have chased out prowlers just ahead of the Easter sunrise service there.

While no fence can be placed around the cemetery just now, officers pointed out that trespassers and prowlers are to be rounded up without further notice and carried into the courts.

\$100,000.00 School Building Program Approved By Board

Planning Limited Programs For Bear Grass-Williamston

Bids Will Be Asked For Just As Soon As Specifications are Complete

A \$100,000 building program for the Bear Grass and Williamston schools was approved by the Martin County Board of Commissioners in special session last Friday afternoon. The program, admittedly far short of what had been originally planned, will greatly relieve the crowded conditions in the two schools for the next year or two, at least, it was pointed out. The original program as advanced by the board of education more than two years ago, would have called for an appropriation of possibly \$300,000.00 or more.

Meeting in joint session with the board of education, the commissioners studied the conditions from every possible angle. In the face of existing needs, the officials were convinced that something had to be done without delay toward relieving crowded conditions. Temporary structures were discussed, but such a plan was abandoned when it was reasoned that it would be just that much money wasted in the long run. Temporary structures would cost anywhere from \$10,000 to \$12,000, and it was pointed out that such projects might not pass inspection.

Anticipating state aid in financing building construction for schools in the future, the commissioners thought it advisable to limit the program to absolute minimum needs for the present.

The original program planned for Bear Grass would have cost approximately \$90,000. The program approved by the commissioners last Friday calls for three class rooms, home economics room and a cafeteria, costing an estimated \$50,000. The original program planned for the Williamston school would have cost possibly \$180,000, but the approved program, calling for three class rooms and a home economics room, will cost an estimated \$50,000.

The Bear Grass addition will be connected with the present building, it was explained.

The Williamston building is to be located on the lot between the high school building and East Grace Street. It will be limited to one story, but the construction plans call for a foundation and walls sufficient to support a second story to be added later.

Discussing the financial side of the program, the authorities were of the opinion that it could be financed from capital outlay funds and surpluses, making it unnecessary to float bonds. It may be necessary, however, to borrow a few thousand dollars, but it is fairly certain that difference can be financed by floating short term notes.

The architects have already been notified to prepare detailed building specifications, and bids will be asked for just as soon as possible. It is thought that bids could be submitted about the middle of next month. If the contract bids exceed the cost estimates to any great extent another problem will have been created, meaning that the board of education and the commissioners will have to go into another huddle.

Sending Books To French Children

Members of the Association for Childhood Education at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, are sending a goodly number of books to children in France. Members of the association, numbering about sixty, contributed to the fund.

Miss Ellen Joyce Clark, junior from Everetts, is president of the organization which handled a similar project last year.

Bids Received For Major Political Offices In County

Bids for all major political offices in this county have been filed with the board of elections, according to information released over the week-end by Chairman Sylvester Peel. Only one or two offices are begging for candidates, the election official explaining that no one has filed for county surveyor or for constable in any of the townships. Unofficial reports indicate that no one is planning to enter the primary for surveyor or constable, leaving the county without an official surveyor to succeed A. Corey who is in the race for the State House of Representatives, and leaving the candidates for constable to get in by appointment.

Business on the filing front picked up last Saturday when bids received for the remaining major offices, several candidates having announced and filed with the board previously.

J. D. Woolard and H. C. Norman paid their \$5 filing fee last Saturday to succeed themselves as members of the Martin County Board of Education, their action, while not mandatory by law but customary in this county for

board of education candidates to enter the primary, leaves no positions vacant on the board.

Other candidates placing their names in the pot and their filing fees, based on one percent of the salary received with a minimum fee of \$5, follow:

For treasurer, R. H. Smith, \$9; for judge of county court, Chas. H. Manning and J. Calvin Smith, \$16.80; for county solicitor, Paul D. Roberson, \$13.20; for register of deeds, J. Sam Getsinger, \$33; for State House of Representatives, A. Corey and Edgar Gurganus, \$6; for county commissioners: Hamilton-Goose Nest district, N. W. Johnson and Henry Johnson; for Jamesville-Williams district, C. C. (Frosty) Martin; for Griffins-Bear Grass district, W. Tom Roberson and Wm. M. Harrison; Williamston-Poplar Point, John H. Edwards; and Cross Roads-Robersonville district, C. Abram Roberson.

Filing time closes at 6:00 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, April 17. Candidates must have their fees in the hands of the chairman by that time to enter the primary the 29th of next month.

No Developments In Attack Case Of Last Friday

Mrs. Carey Bryant Victim Of Attack In Her Home Near Parmele

No trace of the intruder who entered the home and attacked Mrs. Carey Bryant near Parmele last Friday morning has been found, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said this morning following extensive investigations conducted by him and other officers.

Dogs carried to the scene of the alleged attack were unable to pick up a track, and the attacker, unknown to the victim, was not seen by anyone prior to or after the reported attack. "We just don't know which way to turn in furthering the investigation," Sheriff Roebuck said.

Mrs. Bryant, 19, was grabbed by a Negro in the kitchen of her home one and a half miles from Parmele, about 19 miles west of here, the sheriff said. The Negro was in the house when she returned from carrying water to her husband in the field.

Mrs. Bryant, a bride of eight months, fought her attacker, overturning furniture and tearing down articles from the walls, the sheriff said. Her dress was torn in the scuffle, the sheriff related. She fainted but the Negro fled. A doctor said she had not been raped, the sheriff reported.

Roebuck said Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Guy Rawls, a neighbor across the road, walked into the field with water. When they returned Mrs. Rawls drove down the road to a grocery store and Mrs. Bryant entered the house. She went through the house into the kitchen where she was seized. When Mrs. Rawls returned from the store she heard Mrs. Bryant's screams. She rushed to the house to find the young bride revived from her faint and the Negro gone.

Sheriff Roebuck said Mrs. Bryant was able to give only a meagre description of her attacker. She said he was 21 or 22 years old, wearing a cap and blue overalls and had light brown "gingercake" skin.

Officer Sprains Ankle In Fall From Porch

While in the line of duty, Officer Arthur Perry stepped off the edge of a back porch at a colored home just off Sycamore Street late Sunday night and badly sprained his ankle. He has the injured ankle packed in ice and plans to get out shortly.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were arrested, three of them by local police, and detained in the county jail over the week-end. The whites outnumber the colored four to three, it being one of the few times in recent months that the colored population held no majority.

Three were charged with public drunkenness, one each with drunken driving, murder, assault. The seventh one, a woman, was held for investigation. The ages of the group ranged from 22 to 62 years.

Mrs. Ed Cassell Died At Her Home Monday Afternoon

Funeral Services In Local Holiness Church This Afternoon

Mrs. Lena Cullipher Cassell, 61 years of age, died at her home here on East Pine Street yesterday afternoon at 4:10 o'clock. She had been in declining health the greater part of a year, but she continued with her work in the home until about six weeks ago when she was forced to her bed. Her condition had been critical since that time, and the end was not unexpected.

The daughter of the late Hardy and Lucinda Martin Cullipher, she was born between Williamsston and Everetts on July 19, 1886, and spent her early life there. In early womanhood she was married to William Edward Cassell and lived in and around Williamsston since that time. She was a devoted wife and mother and a good neighbor.

Mrs. Cassell joined the Presbyterian church at Poplar Point Mission about fifteen years ago, and the local Presbyterian minister, Rev. James I. Lowry, and Rev. N. J. Ward, Holiness minister, are conducting the funeral (Continued on page eight)

Locate Studio Here In Old Lotus Club

The Royal Photographic Center, formerly located on North Houghton Street, has new quarters in the old Lotus Club rooms over the Firestone Store here. Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Tetterton, operators, have had years of experience in photography and will handle all types of photographic work.

Body Of Drowned Man Found Early Monday Morning

Funeral For John S. (Bud) Williams To Be Held On Wednesday

The body of John Staton (Bud) Williams, 60-year-old white man who was drowned while fishing in the Roanoke near the old Poplar Point landing on Sunday, April 4, was recovered early yesterday morning at Cedar Landing, about 26 miles from the scene of the accidental drowning. Decomposition was fairly well advanced, but the body was easily identified by his sons. Fifty-one dollars in cash was found intact on his person along with an old B station gasoline book.

Funeral services had not been definitely completed early this morning, but it was tentatively planned to hold the last rites at the graveside in the old Williams family cemetery not far from Gold Point Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the Robersonville Christian church, will officiate.

The body was found about 9:00 o'clock Monday morning by George Hardison, fisherman, who was looking for a boat that had broken from its mooring. He found the body floating near the Martin County bank just across from Cedar Landing between Williamston and Jamesville. After tying the body, he traveled the approximately eight miles back up the river to Williamston and reported it to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck who summoned the undertaker and members of the family. The body was prepared for burial and placed in an air-tight vault.

It is believed that the body was carried down the river from the scene of the drowning about the middle of last week, that it got caught in some bushes near Cedar Landing last Friday. Workers on a barge across the river said they saw buzzards hovering nearby over the week-end, but made no investigation. A short time before Hardison found the body a large oil tanker passed by and it is believed that the swells from the boat started the body drifting again.

Reviewing the work handled in trying to locate the body, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stated that he had had a tug boat dispatched there by the Mengel Corporation to move barges out of the way of Searchers who spent day after day dragging and dynamiting for the body, that he had contacted the Coast Guard and explained further that volunteers had worked to the satisfaction of most of the family. A sister, arriving over the week-end from Philadelphia, appealed Sunday by telephone directly to Governor R. G. Cherry for additional assistance, but the governor was quoted as saying that little could be done other than what could be handled by those already searching for the body. A similar answer was made by the Coast Guard, the sheriff said.

Reports reaching here late Saturday stated that a person had lost his life by drowning near Mackeys earlier that day.

The drowning near Poplar Point was the second reported along the Roanoke banks in this county this year. Earl Morris, young white man, having lost his life near Jamesville on the night of April 2. His body was found the following Monday.

Two Minor Auto Wrecks Reported

Two minor automobile accidents were reported on U. S. Highway 17 in this county last week-end. Patrolman J. T. Rowe, making the investigations, reporting no one hurt. Traveling south, Mrs. Dorothy Levine, 149 Harris Ave., Hewlett, Long Island, N. Y., started to pull out to pass a line of traffic, and scratched the fender of a 1940 Pontiac driven north by Jerome Lindemuth, banker, 4 Mainline Ave., Attleboro, Mass. The minor accident took place near Corey's Cross Roads. About \$30 damage was done to the Pontiac and the 1947 Kaiser driven by Mr. Levine.