

Man At Point Of Death Following Axe Attack by Son

Tom Scott Removed To A Durham Hospital; Son Held Without Bond

Tom Scott, 58-year-old colored man, was critically injured at his home on Susie Street early last Saturday night by his son, Edward (Ted) Scott, 27 years old. Using an axe, the son split his father's head open, almost cutting out the left eye and exposing the brain. Last reports reaching here from a Durham hospital where the victim was carried for treatment stated that he was at one point of death. Scott was removed to the hospital by ambulance after receiving treatment in a local hospital.

Conflicting stories have been told about the attack, but officers are taking no action pending the outcome of the victim's condition. The son continues in the county jail without the privilege of bond. Officers Chas. R. Moore and Clayton Rogers, answering a call to the Scott home just off Peel Street, said that they found the father lying unconscious on his bedroom floor, that the son and a brother-in-law were fighting when they reached the home. Scott was said to have been drinking.

The son told the officers that he went home and heard his father cursing his mother, that he (the son) said something to his father, and the father started on him with a large pocket knife. The son claims he ran around the house several times, the father in close pursuit. The boy declared that as he passed a door he picked up the axe and then attacked his father, sinking the cutting edge of the axe in the man's head.

No names were disclosed, but officers said they learned a different story from witnesses, claiming that the boy tore through a screen door and attacked his father.

Young Scott was just in court the previous Saturday for an assault. He has been in court quite a few times, one for resisting arrest and assaulting officers and for ravishing attacks on other persons over a period of several years. He did not offer to resist when the two officers closed in on him last Saturday night shortly before 8:00 o'clock.

Final Report On Georgia Markets

The marketing season for the 1952 Georgia-Florida flue-cured tobacco crop ended August 29 with final sales at Statesboro and Vidalia, Georgia.

During the sixth and last week of sales, average prices by grades were generally the lowest of the season reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Quality of offerings was lower than the previous week.

Volume was light for the week ending August 29 as gross sales amounted to only 2,181,202 pounds and averaged \$30.28 per hundred—or \$5.12 under the previous week. Season gross sales totaled 179,877,839 pounds for an average of \$49.04.

Lower quality leaf and non-descript offerings which made up three-fourths of the sales dropped \$2.06 to \$8.00 below averages week before last. Lugs and primings were as much as \$6.00 lower. The majority of declines ranged from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per hundred.

Receipts of the Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program were about 5.3 percent of last week's sales. Season deliveries are slightly over 3.6 percent of gross sales.

Man Booked For Knife Assault

Willie Ruffin has been booked for a knife assault on Dora Williams, officers stating that the damage was slight. Officer Chas. R. Moore, investigating the complaint, said the attack was made when the victim would not sit with him at the Carver theater last Saturday.

The attack was one of several reported during the week-end.

Man Dies Following Bloodmobile On Thursday Home Sunday For Eddie P. Hardison

Chairman Rhodes and Recruiter Edgar Gurganus said that new donors are needed, that the program in the past had been supported by a faithful few. While it does not injure one to give a pint of blood every six weeks, it is hardly fair to ask the faithful few to meet the bloodmobile even every twelve weeks.

Reliable reports declare that the supply at the blood center in Norfolk continues at a low point, that the demand is increasing. If the program is to be maintained for this area, more donors will have to volunteer. Volunteers are asked to contact Recruiter Gurganus or Chairman J. S. Rhodes, Jr., or Mrs. Lucille Cowen at the Red Cross office in the town hall.

FARM TOUR

Farmers Home Administration committee members from Bertie, Pitt, Greene and Martin County will make a tour of several farms in this county tomorrow. They will travel in about five cars. They will inspect developments on the farms of Joseph H. Lilley, Garland C. Tice, John D. Lilley, Robert Hardison and Henry Corey in Griffins Township, and study Farmer James Smithwick's beef cattle project at Jamesville.

Man Badly Hurt In Hatchet Duel

Frank Simmons, 33-year-old local colored man, suffered a fractured skull and his girl friend, Mary Lee Dickerson, 48, was seriously injured above the head, cheek and right arm in a hatchet duel at his home here on Andrews Street early last night. Simmons continues in a local hospital, and the Dickerson woman changed her residence, temporarily at least, from Oak City to the county jail.

Using a small hand axe or lathe's hatchet, the two went about the scarping work in the true Indian fashion. Only half conscious, Simmons declared to police that she struck the first lick and the carving and hacking got under way in real earnest.

The nature of the trouble leading up to the hatchet swinging could not be learned immediately. The Dickerson woman came here to join Simmons on a trip to South Carolina. They struck a difference and the hatchet severed just about the last ties between the two, police said.

It was reported that Simmons had been a frequent visitor in the Dickerson woman's home in Oak City for a year or more.

Opening Schedule For Local School

The following schedule has been adopted for the first three days in the local schools, Principal B. G. Stewart announced today:

Wednesday, September 3.—School opens at 1:30 and closes at 3:00 following registration of students.

Thursday, September 4.—School opens at 8:30 and closes at 12:00 o'clock noon, following distribution of books.

Friday, September 5.—School opens at 8:30 and closes that afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. Lunches will be served Friday and in the new high school cafeteria for the first time.

Children entering the first grade will report to Miss Grace Talton's room in the primary building Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock.

Pupils entering grades two, three and four will report in the grammar school auditorium. Pupils entering grades five through twelve will report in the high school auditorium.

Fees payable are: \$2.25 from grade one through grade eight; \$5.00 for all high school students; and \$9 for typewriter rentals. The fees are payable Wednesday and Thursday. There'll be no formal opening program.

Retired Railroad Man Died Friday Following A Long Illness

Eddie Preston Hardison, retired railroad man, died at his home here on Haughton Street last Friday afternoon at 6:15 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Suffering a stroke a number of years ago, he had been an invalid for a long time, receiving hospital treatment at intervals during his illness. His condition had been critical for several weeks.

The son of the late Asa and Sallie Modlin Hardison, he was born in Jamesville Township 66 years ago and spent his early life on the farm there. He went with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company in early manhood and following his marriage to Miss Bessie Roberson on May 17, 1908, he located in Williamston. Declining health forced his retirement.

Oak City School Ready To Begin Work Tomorrow

School Has Nine New Faculty Members and Four New Bus Drivers

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Oak City School Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Principal B. F. Sloan announced.

The school is opening with good prospects for one of its best sessions. With the consolidation of the Hassell primary and elementary units, Oak City is expected to show an increase in its enrollment. Approximately 45 pupils are being transferred from the Hassell area along with two teachers, Mrs. Beatrice J. Edmondson and Mrs. Viola P. Leggett.

The consolidation is making it possible to eliminate all combination grades, Principal Sloan said.

Some new equipment has been added, including new desks, individual lockers for the dressing rooms, tables and chairs and a new sink for the lunchroom, a new boiler for the primary building and floor coverings for the halls in the high school building.

The faculty includes: Sarah Eleanor Barnett, first grade; Mrs. Beatrice J. Edmondson, second grade; Mrs. Dorothy Woodworth, third grade; Mrs. J. S. Ayers, fourth grade; Mrs. Rachel High, fifth grade; Mrs. Viola P. Leggett, sixth grade; Imogene Lewis, seventh grade; Russell Manning, and Mrs. Katie S. Copeland, eighth grade; Eleanor Eubanks, public school music; B. F. Sloan, principal; J. L. Hassell, agriculture; Alma English, home economics; Jack H. Ange, English; Mrs. Isabelle Mallory, history and French; H. J. McCracken, mathematics and science, and Mrs. Marie B. Harrell, commercial subjects.

Mrs. Francis Hyman will manage the lunch room, and Sol Hyman's the new janitor. Bus drivers include, B. M. Harrell, Freddie Holliday, Maylon Edmondson, William Hackney High, Wade Hinson, Jr., Eddie Latham and Everett Purvis.

There are nine new members of the faculty, including the two transferring from Hassell, and there are four new bus drivers.

No formal opening is being planned.

Battle On Insect Rated As Serious

Washington.—Man may be losing his age-old battle against insects.

In the foreword of a new 952-page Agriculture Department yearbook titled, "Insects," Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan calls the situation "disturbing." He wrote: "We have more insect pests, although we have better insecticides to use against them and better ways to fight them."

Mr. Brannan blamed foreign pests which slip through United States quarantines for part of the trouble. He urged natural scientists to continue searching for new methods of fighting bugs. He said insects are costing the country approximately four billion dollars a year in damage to crops and property.

Endorsement Calling For Bridges Over River And Croatan Sound

With little new business on their calendar the Martin County commissioners completed their work and were gone before noon Monday. Only one or two persons appeared before the board with special requests, but they took very little of the officials' time and routine duties were handled quickly.

The board, lending a sympathetic ear, recommended to the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission that the 1.7 miles of road leading off Highway 64 between Williamston and Everetts be worked as a community project to the residence of Allen Williams. It was pointed out that residents along the route had already spent more than \$1,000 on the road.

A resolution, passed by a meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association and the Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association held in Columbia a few days ago, was endorsed by the county officials. The associations are appealing to the State for the construction of bridges over the Alligator River and Croatan Sound and make them toll projects. It is proposed to have a corporation build one of the bridges and the State to build the other one, but to be financed as toll projects.

Surviving besides Mrs. Hardison are three sons, Noah E. Mayo and R. J. Hardison, all of Williamston; four daughters, Mrs. W. B. Harris and Mrs. Richard Corey, both of Williamston, Mrs. Woodrow Lawrence of Edenton, and Rosa Lee Hardison, of the home. Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Christian church. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

International Oil Cartel Is Costing Citizens Billions

Washington.—A senator charges that an "International Oil Cartel"—so powerful that it is an "independent world government"—has picked the pockets of American taxpayers of "billions of dollars."

In Iran, the Premier is ousted and replaced by a "rightist" willing to make an oil deal with Britain. The people get rough. The new Premier flees and the old one comes back.

At first glance, it may not seem that those two developments have anything to do with each other. Actually, both are parts of the same picture and it is extremely important to all Americans.

The Senator is Thomas C. Hennings (Dem., Mo.). Last week, he said:

"For four months I have been trying to obtain the release of the Federal Trade Commission's oil cartel report which has been kept from Congress and the public by being labeled 'Secret.'"

The State Department and Defense Department clamped on the lid of secrecy, by claiming publication of the report would harm the "interests" of the United States, Hennings pointed out. He said he hasn't seen the report, but it undoubtedly contains facts which were disclosed several years ago by a "world petroleum industry" investigation conducted by a committee headed by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (Dem., Wyo.) Among those disclosures, Hennings explained, were these:

"Seven companies own and control—lock, stock and barrel—practically the entire world oil industry outside of the United States. Six of these same companies dominate the oil industry within the United States."

This "Big Seven" combine of five American and two foreign corporations, Hennings said, fixes oil prices the world around. It is "backed up" by the British Foreign Office, the U. S. State Department and the American Petroleum Administration for Defense. It operates in secret and

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Large Sale Of The Season Held Here Last Friday

After holding to comparatively small poundages after the first day of the new marketing season, the Williamston tobacco market is now in full swing with capacity sales on its flings.

A new poundage record was established last Friday when 306,582 pounds were sold for an average slightly under \$50 per hundred pounds. Tips were offered in fairly large quantity and the market was said to have been stronger for those types. However, the lifeless lugs continue to hold the general average down.

Up until this morning the market here had sold 1,179,080 pounds for \$66,539 or an average of \$48.46. Considering the quality of the tobacco, the price average is in line with the figure reported during the early part of the marketing season a year ago. During the first seven days of the 1951 marketing season the market here sold 1,376,494 pounds for an average of \$49.66 per hundred pounds. The price so far this season is \$1.20 per hundred pounds with the average reported in the corresponding period a year ago.

Late yesterday the houses were filled just about to capacity. One report said that the market would have blocked last Friday, but farmers chose not to spread their tobacco on the floors and hold it there until today for sales on account of weather conditions.

Under the average reported in the count of weather conditions, the block is scheduled to be cleared tomorrow.

A report on the markets in the entire belt follows: Average prices for most grades of Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco last week were about in line with quotations of opening week. According to the Federal-State Market News Service, volume of sales was light; however, on Friday auctions were heavy at most points.

A large number of grade averages fluctuated slightly. Practically all changes were only \$1.00 and \$2.00 a hundred pounds. Losses and gains were about equally divided. Practical top price was \$70.00.

Gross sales for the week ending August 29 totaled 25,172,585 pounds and averaged \$50.31 per hundred. This average was only 25 cents above that of opening week, which consisted of two sales days. Sales for the season were brought to 39,578,047 pounds for \$50.22. For the corresponding period last year, 44 million pounds had sold for \$50.80.

County Boy Takes Special Training

Fleet Training Center, Norfolk, Va.—Joseph L. Hardison, seaman, USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis F. Hardison of Jamesville, N. C. has reported here for a course of instruction in Anti-Submarine Warfare.

Here Hardison will learn the operation of underwater sound detection equipment and procedures used in warfare against enemy submarines. On completing the course he will return to his ship, the USCG No. 83435, now in the Atlantic Fleet.

He entered the Coast Guard in Jan., 1951, and received his recruit training at Cape May, N. J.

Resume Everyday Delivery Of Milk

Beginning tomorrow, Taylor's Dairy plant here will maintain every-day milk deliveries in this territory, according to an announcement released this morning by Manager J. W. Howard.

After working on an every-other-day delivery schedule for a short time, the management found it was not very convenient for its patrons and it was decided to return to the every-day delivery plan for both retail and wholesale outlets.

Million Pound Mark In County Court

ROUND-UP

Clamped down fairly substantially for several weeks, the lid on the crime front in this immediate area literally blew off last week-end. By the time the last round-up was completed Sunday, seventeen persons had been jailed, six for public drunkenness, seven for assault, and one each for larceny, careless and reckless driving, violating liquor laws and disorderly conduct.

Three of the seventeen were white and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 55 years.

Five Accidents On Streets And County Highways

Passenger In Car Is Badly Hurt In Accident On River Bridge

One person was badly hurt and property damage was estimated in excess of \$2,500 in a series of automobile accidents in and around Williamston over the week-end.

Early Saturday afternoon two cars, one from Philadelphia and the other from New York City, scratched fenders on the town's main street at the Haughton spotlight. Officer Chas. Moore, making the investigation, said a little paint would cover the scratches, that the damage would hardly exceed \$5 to both vehicles.

A short time later there was a three vehicle accident on the town's Washington Street at Guilford Brown's barbershop. Russell Bennett Griffin, colored man of Everetts, was driving Jack Manning's freight truck into town, following a 1950 Packard driven by Elsie Mae Caruso of Morehead City. The Packard slowed down and the truck crashed into it when the brakes failed. The Packard crashed into John Riddle's 1949 Chevrolet parked in front of the barbershop and then plowed into a pillar and tearing away some weatherboarding. No one was injured. Investigating, Officer Chas. R. Moore estimated the damage to the Packard at \$1,250 and that to the truck car at about \$125. The truck was not damaged, and it was estimated that repairs to the building would cost about \$50.

Saturday night about 8:30 o'clock, Harry Daniel Woodard was driving west on the main street and just before reaching the underpass, an unknown car plowed into the rear of his 1949 Plymouth, knocking it about 70 feet. The hit-and-run driver pulled out and sped away. Damage was only slight. Officer Chas. R. Moore investigated.

Driving south on U. S. Highway 17, near the intersection of 4363 South Avenue, New York City, the driver of his 1939 Buick, a slipper road. After skidding to the right, the car swerved to the left and turned on its side in the highway.

No one was injured and the car, valued at about \$400, was offered for sale for \$25, according to Cpl. C. Byrum and Patrolman Traveller Register who made the investigation.

Driving into Williamston in a 1942 Oldsmobile, Austin Watson of 36 W. 135th Street, New York City, was investigated.

Chair Swing Climaxes Quagmire

In one of a series of messy and colorful reports among the week-end, Hattie Rascoe, all but knocked out by Gerry Smith on Griffin Street last Saturday morning.

To climax an argument between the two, the Smith woman was being pushed up into the folding chair. Planting it on Rascoe woman's head, the attacker left a seventeen-stitch gash in her forehead. At a preliminary hearing before Justice Chas. R. Mobley the Smith woman was bound over to the county court for trial next Saturday. Bond was required in the sum of \$50.

Several Defendants Sent To The Roads By Judge R. T. Johnson

Judge R. T. Johnson handled twenty-six cases in a little over two hours before adjourning a regular session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Saturday morning. Fines were imposed in the sum of \$435. Several bonds were forfeited and several defendants drew time on the roads.

Proceedings: Pleeding not guilty, LeRoy Barnes was adjudged guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, plus costs. He lost his driver's license for a year.

Charged with speeding 95 miles an hour, reckless driving and failing to heed a siren, Ralph Edgar Boston of Jamesville pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for nine months. He gave notice of appeal and bond was required in the sum of \$500.

Walter E. Norris, charged with drunken driving and resisting arrest, failed to answer when called and judgment absolute was made on his bond.

Russell Thompson was found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

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Willie Watson, pleading not guilty, was adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Charged with assaulting a female, Ervin Wynn was given a six-month road sentence which was suspended. Before the court had completed its work, the defendant allegedly violated the terms of suspension, and the sentence was invoked.

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Charged with speeding, Ralph Wisler Plews of Coral Gables, Fla., failed to answer when called and his bond was forfeited.

Charged with speeding, Benjamin F. Hill of Ahoskie was taxed with the court costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Guy Wade was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charlie Barnes was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. In a second case against him, Barnes pleaded not guilty of larceny. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Robert Lewis Everett was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. He drew a similar sentence for having no chauffeur's license. In a third case in which he was adjudged guilty of larceny, Everett was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The sentences are to run consecutively.

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GI's Asking For Duty In Korea

Heidelberg, Germany.—A total of 2,116 infantrymen in the United States Army in Europe have volunteered since January for duty in Korea. Army headquarters announced here.

Army officials said that about 1,900 of the applications had been approved while only 67 disapproved. Most of the remaining applications now are being dealt with.

More than 700 soldiers serving with the Army's technical or service units in Europe have asked for transfers to infantry units in Europe.

Former Resident's Murder Clew

Wayne Lilley, former Williamston boy, picked up the first lead in the Officer Mills murder case in Greenville. The young man, a motorcycle sergeant in the Greenville police force, had a cafe conversation with a man who had been picked up there by two Marines who killed a man in Greenville a year ago.