

Carmine Captures Negro Wanted For Killing Of White Man Near Norfolk

Bootleg Liquor Seems at Bottom of Trouble at Oak Grove, Virginia, Early Wednesday Morn

LITTLE KILLER TALKS

Diminutive Darkey Gives Version of Affair Ending in Funeral for White and Murder Charge for Black

Last night at 9:20 a Hudson sedan rolled up to the entrance of the stockade of the Pasquotank County jail. As the car stopped the jail gate swung open and a diminutive negro less than 20 years old, a handcuff on his right wrist, stepped out, accompanied by a strapping white man, who held the other link of the handcuff.

The negro was Edward Grimes, alias Luther Grimes, alias Jim Hollowell, charged with the murder at 4 o'clock yesterday morning of a 55-year-old white man, John A. Parsons, farmer of Oak Grove, nine miles from Norfolk toward Northwest, in Norfolk County. The white man was Sheriff G. C. Smith of Portsmouth.

As the sheriff and his prisoner approached the car, the rear door swung open and a white man stepped out. He held out his wrist and was handcuffed to the little negro. Then white man and negro took the back seat and Sheriff Smith stepped in beside the driver. The car swung around and headed for Portsmouth, the sheriff having expressed the hope that he would get his prisoner safely in jail before John Parsons' neighbors learned of his capture.

Thus ended in Elizabeth City an episode that had its beginning at the home of Johnnie Whitehurst, colored tenant on the land of M. B. Walker at Oak Grove. The Parsons home appeared to be drunk but he tarried at the party until the wee small hours, sleeping, he claims, part of the time. He denies, however, that he had any liquor the whole night through.

John Parsons came to this negro party, according to Grimes, shortly before 4 o'clock in the morning. Grimes says that the white man appeared to be drinking, cursed him on sight, and then knocked him down. Still not satisfied, Parsons went off, supposedly to his home, and came back with a single-barrel shot-gun. The little darkey saw Sheriff Smith his version of the shooting, with a cordon of interested witnesses, including a policeman, a reporter, members of the fire department, Sheriff Charles Carmine and Deputy Pritchard, surrounding him inside the jail stockade while the Norfolk County officer waited for repairs to a tire punctured in the trip to Elizabeth City. Here is his story:

"Mr. Parsons said he was goin' home and come at me with the gun. He pulled the trigger but the gun snapped. At that I closed in on him and twisted the gun out of his hands. Then I started moving away with his gun in my hands and he followed me. I says to him 'Don' crowd me, Mr. Parsons,' but he keeps coming on and reaches back to his hip pocket and says again he's goin' to kill me. At that I again closed in on him and pulls the trigger without takin' any aim, and he drops."

Fired at short range, it is said, the whole load entered the white man's breast, piercing his heart, and death was instantaneous. Asked what a white man was doing at a negro party at 4 o'clock in the morning, Grimes replied, "I dunno, less it was to sell some of his stuff."

"You mean liquor?" queried his interlocutor.

"Yes," nodded the negro.

"How would you like to meet some of the folks around Oak Grove tonight?" the Norfolk County sheriff asked.

"I thank you," said the negro with a touch of dignity as he accepted the proffered gift. Sheriff Smith lit the cigarette and the colored boy inhaled the smoke gratefully. Then the automobile rolled up to the blockade gate, the gate swung open, the little darkey and the sheriff stepped out, entered the automobile and were gone.

MORNING AFTER AT CURRITUCK

Let Down Feeling Since Nol Pros in Murder Case

Currituck Courthouse, Sept. 10.—There is a let down feeling at Currituck Courthouse since the State yesterday took a nol pros in the case against Mrs. Dora Pentress and Riddle Capps.

The only case tried today up to the noon recess was that against two Norfolk negroes, Willie Jones, alias Osborne Taylor, and William Williams, charged with stealing merchandise to the amount of \$600 from the J. W. Poyner store at Moyock. The negroes were found guilty and given sentences of not less than three nor more than four years each in State's prison.

Just before 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of participating in an affray against G. G. Snow, Dexter Snow, Noah Cartwright and W. S. Newbern. The other defendants in the case were acquitted. Sentence had not been imposed upon those found guilty when court adjourned today at noon. The case against Noah Cartwright consumed a major portion of yesterday afternoon's session of court. Cartwright, who is from Powells Point, was charged with the possession and sale of whiskey. The jury got the case just after 4 o'clock but had not returned a verdict when court adjourned today for the noon recess. Indictments are that the criminal docket will not have been disposed of before Friday at noon.

Hallett Ward's dramatic plea for a verdict of not guilty by consent for his clients, Mrs. Dora Pentress and Riddle Capps, made yesterday following Solicitor Small's announcement that the State was not prepared at this time to make out a case against the defendants, is still the main topic of conversation in the dwindling crowd now in attendance on court.

Mr. Ward stressed the fact that his clients were both persons of limited means who, in addition to the indignity of imprisonment on what he characterized as a suspicion and procedure contrary to due process of law, had been put under a cloud as to their relations by the indictment brought jointly against them. The woman, he pointed out, had been able to give bond only through the innate chivalry of Currituckians; while the man had been compelled to jeopardize certain property as collateral in order to do so. Now for six months the good name of a woman, he said, had been under a cloud, while the character of its evidence, if any, against her.

Undoubtedly the sentiment of the crowd was with the former solicitor and Congressman. There was an almost audible grunt of approval as, with his instinct for dramatic effect, Mr. Ward turned upon Solicitor Small at the conclusion of his plea for his clients and said:

"Show your hand, or turn her loose."

Mr. McMullan set forth that there could be faint room for doubt that Herman Pentress came to his death by violent means. In view of the testimony of physicians as to evidences of violence disclosed in the post mortem examination of the body and in view further of the fact that the position of Pentress' body when found indicated that it had not fallen in a heap as when a man is smitten by disease but that it had been carefully laid out. He reviewed the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Pentress, recalling the fact that Mr. Pentress left home early in the evening to secure aid in getting off his premises four young Knotts Islanders who had invaded his home under the influence of liquor. For this aid he went to the home of his father, only about 300 yards away. After his departure Riddle Capps represented himself as succeeding in getting the trespassers off the premises. Riddle Capps and another neighbor then remained at the Pentress home until late at night, Capps taking his departure ahead of the other neighbor and without any effort's having been made to ascertain why Herman Pentress had not returned from his errand.

The inexplicable failure of three of his Pentress home to make any investigation of the continued absence of the head of the household, coupled with circumstances indicating that Pentress came to his death by violence, seems to have constituted the basis of the State's case.

SWEET POTATO GROWERS MAKE MONEY ON CROP

Dealers Estimate Farmers' Profit at \$125,000 on Yield of Approximately 100,000 Barrels

SEASON NEARLY OVER

Production Was Substantially Larger Than Last Year's, But High Prices Failed to Hold

Approximately \$125,000 has poured into the pockets of Currituck County farmers thus far in net profit on the sweet potato crop this summer, according to estimates compiled by leading potato brokers here, and based on an approximate yield of 100,000 barrels. Gross returns on the crop are placed at about \$375,000, from which is subtracted \$250,000 for the cost of production, picking, barrels, handling and other incidentals.

At least 85 per cent of the crop has moved already, the brokers say, though decreasing shipments will continue well into October. The yield this year has been substantially larger than that of 1925, and although last year's exceptional prices were not duplicated, the cash returns to the growers, figured in the aggregate, have been greater.

Last year, growers averaged better than \$5 a barrel on a crop of about 60,000 barrels. This year the price has fluctuated wildly, ranging all the way from \$7 a barrel during the first few weeks to the latter part of the season. The average net returns during the first four weeks are figured at \$4 to \$4.50, and for the last two or three weeks, \$2.25 to \$2.50. The average for the season is estimated at \$3.75 to the grower.

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'Income Tax She Catch Me' Says Indian Chief Motanic

But That Worries Judge of Umatilla Reservation Much Less Than Riding in Big Automobile Instead of Roaming the Plains on Horseback

By SUE McNAMARA
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Portland, Ore., Sept. 10.—Big business men sitting at mahogany desks chewing importantly on black cigars are not the only ones heavily hit by the income tax. With the "big government" at Washington giving the Indian his due in cattle and lands, the income tax now hits the red man as well as the white.

The writer was talking with Chief Motanic, judge of the Umatilla Indian reservation in Eastern Oregon. "Income tax she catch me," said the chief soberly. "The old chief thinks little of the state government and is glad Uncle Sam has direct control of the Indian affairs in spite of the income tax which has caught him. As he explains it, 'state government he give marbles then take Indian's land and fish. But government, she say 'no, these are my people.' State government would tax all Indians but big government she say 'no, only tax big Indian money.'"

But the income tax is one of the least of the chief's troubles. This white man's modern means of locomotion is a problem. He started for Portland in his big new touring car to attend a Presbyterian church banquet and the thing broke down.

"First time ever late," the chief grunted. "Always come horse back."

He looked with disgust at the white man's incompetent contraption of shiny enamel and knobs and levers and flashing wheels. The time was when chief Motanic roamed the plains as wild as any of the picturesque and fiercer red man. It gives the god chief's people a flutter to have him stand before them in dark impassive dignity and hear the bustling little interpreter tell of the transformation wrought in the soul of "this, our brother." The old Indian has a sense of humor, and there was a little twinkle in his black eyes when the interpreter was called away.

When asked what he thought of modern progress, Motanic said: "Much swift but much progress. Good for young Indians. Old Indians like wild horses, no good to anybody. Young Indians all educated and adopt white man's way. Twenty years more no Indian race. Grandchildren no understand 'Cayuse language now. All speak English."

COOLIDGE ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON

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DEFENDANTS GIVEN 60-DAY ROAD TERMS

Colored Offenders Allowed Opportunity to Escape Sentences Under Alternative Judgments

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Waldon Sutton, Pearl Morris, whose name he has his sex, was given the alternative of paying a fine of \$25 and costs or of serving 60 days on the roads at Thursday morning's session of recorder's court. Both defendant and prosecuting witness are colored. The case was the outcome of an altercation in a colored barber shop at the rear of the City Market, in the course of which Morris was accused of going after Sutton with a Winchester rifle.

Convicted of stealing two chickens from Walter Madrin, who lives near the passenger station, LeRoy Johnson, colored youth of 17, was placed under a suspended sentence of 60 days on the roads, conditional upon his paying for the chickens and the costs of the court. Both Johnson and Madrin were given until Friday morning's court session to decide whether they would serve time or meet Judge Sawyer's alternative conditions.

FIRST COTTON IS BROUGHT TO GIN

Gregory, Sept. 10.—The first two loads of seed cotton from the 1925 crop were brought to Gregory this morning. The cotton was grown by Austin and Henry Gregory, colored tenants on the farm of T. M. Roberts, near here.

"The first cotton brought to our gin of the 1924 crop," says J. H. Boswood, "was brought on October 10, just a month later than this year."

FRENCH TROOPS ARE FIGHTING IN EARNEST

Paris, Sept. 10.—Le Yatin says the French offensive against the Rifians in Morocco has begun in earnest. After preparatory bombardment yesterday, the troops attacked en masse along the entire front today.

POLICEMEN DISCUSS CRIME COMMISSION

Greensboro, Sept. 10.—Relation of the new National Crime Commission to the work of policemen was presented to the convention of the North Carolina section of the National Association of Policemen today by H. C. McGowan of Hagerstown, Maryland, secretary of the National body.

COMPETITION IN WORLD TRADE IS ON THE INCREASE

Marked Improvement in European Conditions Give America Warning, Says Walter Drake

GREAT EXPANSION

Looks for Tremendous Boom Within Next Few Years and Says America Must Be Ready

By J. C. ROYLE
Associated Press Staff Writer
New York, Sept. 10.—The marked improvement in European conditions reported today by J. Walter Drake, assistant secretary of commerce, who has just returned from an investigation of industrial conditions, brought immediate warning from trade authorities that American producers must prepare for keen world trade competition.

"Within the next fifteen to 25 years will come a tremendous expansion in foreign trade for which it is none too soon to prepare, now," said William B. Gibbs, president of Gibbs Brothers Inc., who has made a life study of trade routes and foreign trade developments. Gibbs Brothers is the firm which reconditioned the Leviathan and which designed and is building at present the largest and fastest merchant ship ever constructed in an American yard.

"The main development," Mr. Gibbs asserted, "will come with trade in the orient, especially China."

"The main manufacturing and producing centers of the world," he continued, "are in the United States and in Great Britain and Northern Europe. You have only to unfold a Mercator's projection and on that map of the world see the geographical advantage this country holds in supplying the new markets in which this new demand will be developed."

"Speed and cost of delivery is a prime essential in capturing these markets. The distance to the markets of Brazil and Argentina is no greater from New York and North Atlantic ports than from the British and German shipping points. The same applies to the East African and South African territories. To the West Indies and Central America the American advantage from New Orleans and other harbors is even more marked. The saving of mileage should give this country an absolutely dominant position in the trade of the West coast of South America."

"The Pacific coast ports have an incomparable position with regard to transport of goods to Japan, China, Eastern Russia, Malaya and Australasia, and even the Atlantic shipping points have all the better of such routes compared with foreign competitors by reason of the Panama Canal.

"This country can produce the necessary goods with but little added preparation. But it cannot transport the goods effectively expeditiously and with full profit unless it provides its own merchant marine. To transport American goods in foreign ships is to place oneself at the mercy of an adversary and to share profits with him in advance. The building up of a merchant marine therefore is a question which affects every American citizen, just as the Panama Canal did, not as a matter of pride but of individual profit."

WANT SUNDAY SET TO PRAY FOR RAIN

Atlanta, Sept. 10.—Governors of the South for states are expected to issue a special proclamation today urging church congregations to unite next Sunday in applications for Divine deliverance from the drought that has damaged their crops and now threatens to wipe out even their drinking water. Governors Brandon of Alabama, Walker of Georgia, and Peay of Tennessee are expected to issue the proclamations.

Apparently encouraged by the results obtained by the people of South Carolina last Sunday when they prayed for rain, the church people of two Southern States yesterday implored their Governors to set aside next Sunday as a day for application for Divine deliverance from the drought that has damaged their crops and now threatens to wipe out even their drinking water.

SPURLOCK RETURNS TO LENOIR-RHYNE

Hickory, Sept. 10.—Spurlock, former Center College football player, has returned to Lenoir-Rhyne College and Coach Dick Gurley hopes to use him this coming season in every game possible. It is stated, it is Gurley's plan, his associates say, to build up an eleven around Spurlock.

Spurlock plays in the backfield and is a 10-second runner.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 10.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 23.80, an advance of 25 points. Futures, closing bid: October 23.54, December 23.55, January 23.54, March 23.62, May 23.52.

Full Program Arranged For Road Celebration In City Thursday Week

Band Concerts, Speech-making, Airplane Stunts and Elaborate Dinner Promised Visitors Here

SHE HELPS TO PUT THIS CITY ON MAP

Again Elizabeth City breaks into the limelight of National publicity. This time it is through the entrance of Miss Catherine Spence, of this city, in a "funny face" contest conducted by Film Fun, a movie magazine with a wide circulation among followers of the silver screen.

A photo of Miss Spence, in grotesque attire, is given premier place on a front page in the October number of the magazine, with pictures of other contestants grouped about her. Her picture is a scream.

The last details of the program for the "get acquainted" celebration to be held here on Thursday in connection with the linking of Gates and Pasquotank Counties by a State highway across the Great Dismal Swamp at Acorn Hill were completed today, and the program committee offers assurance that there will be plenty of entertainment for all who come. The new road lessens the highway distance from Gates to Pasquotank by 30 miles.

FINISHING WORK ON FORKS ROAD

Builders Expected to Complete Task Within Next Day or Two

Paving of the Forks School road, westwardly from this city 2.3 miles in Providence township, will be completed this week, barring exceptionally unfavorable weather, it is announced. The road is of plain concrete construction, nine feet wide, and was the first undertaken by the Pasquotank Highway Commission under its recently inaugurated "feeder road" program.

Contract for construction of the road was let to D. E. and E. L. Williams, of this city, June 5, at \$13,834.40. The road is a continuation of West Main street, and begins at the Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing. A bridge over Knobs Creek, in connection with this road, was built by W. L. Jones, of this city, the contract price being \$17,175.

Making an allowance of two weeks for the concrete to set properly, it is anticipated that the Forks School road will be opened to the public by Saturday week, September 26.

The last link in the Elizabeth City-Edenton Highway will be broken open Saturday of this week, affording a concrete road 30 miles long between the two cities. The road is 16 feet wide as far as Hertford, and nine feet from Hertford to Edenton. Ultimately, through construction of the Edenton-Emperor bridge and hard-surfacing of North Carolina's link of the George Washington Highway along the Dismal Swamp Canal, it will afford unbroken highway connection between Norfolk, Va., and the part of North Carolina hitherto separated from the Albemarle district.

Highway Commissioner Hart, of the First North Carolina District, recently gave assurance that this State's part of the highway from South Mills to the Virginia line would be hard-surfaced at an early date.

GAG MESSENGER AND RUN WITH MAIL BAGS

Winona, Minn., Sept. 10.—Five handbills held up the Winona mail wagon at 4:30 this morning and tied Henry Williams, messenger, by the hands and feet with wire and gagged him. Then after selecting four registered mail pouches of between 50 and 60 bags they headed for the twin cities in an automobile.

PUPILS ASKED TO MEET BEFORE SCHOOL OPENS

Preliminary to the opening of the Elizabeth City schools Monday, all pupils promoted from the seventh grade to the high school have been asked to meet in the high school auditorium Friday morning at 9 o'clock. All high school pupils are to assemble in the auditorium Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Pupils who will enter the fourth, fifth and sixth grades have been asked to gather in the grammar school auditorium Monday morning at 9 o'clock, and all entering the seventh grade will meet in the high school auditorium at 11 o'clock.

MAY BE EARL AND YET BE AMERICAN CITIZEN

London, Sept. 10.—Oliver Henry Wallop, Sr., of Wrothing, has announced that he will assume the title of Earl of Portsmouth in succession to his elder brother, who recently died here, may do so without foregoing his American citizenship which he acquired in 1904 by naturalization. It was stated here today on high authority.

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BASEBALL, FREE MOVIE

Hallet S. Ward, Former Member of Congress, to Deliver Main Address; Badges to All Visitors

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The opening event of the celebration will be a concert by the Elizabeth City Boys' Band, 65 young musicians who have attracted widespread favorable comment by their playing at similar events in North-eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia. The boys will give a concert from 10 to 10:20 o'clock in the morning, as the vanguard of the crowd begins to arrive.

From 10:20 to 10:40 o'clock, the Southland Jubilee Singers, of Norfolk, popular colored melodians, will entertain the visitors. The Craig Navy Band, of Portsmouth, Virginia, will give a concert from 10:40 to 11 o'clock. At the latter hour, the day's speeches will begin, with Hallet S. Ward, former member of Congress from the First North Carolina District, scheduled to deliver the principal address. Mr. Ward will be introduced by Mayor McCabe, who will also welcome the visiting throng.

The speechmaking will end at 12 sharp, when the serving of the barbecue and other delectable satiables will begin. The menu comprises barbecued pork and cornbread, cooked Dixie style, pimento cheese and ham sandwiches, potato salad and cold sodas. There will be plenty of ice water on hand throughout the day. Some idea of the size of the feast may be gathered from the fact that the committee in charge has contracted for 2,000 pounds of young pork for the barbecue, and has employed a veteran chef for the business of preparing this tasty Southern dish.

An early and a half has been allowed for dinner, which will be served on tables erected in the shade of the venerable elms on the courthouse square. From 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock there will be musical selections and stunts by airplanes. After a 30-minute intermission, a baseball game will be played between two of the fastest teams in this part of the State. For those who do not care for baseball, there will be free moving picture presentations at the Alkrama theater. A special program has been arranged. Badges will be issued to all visitors, entitling them to first consideration at the barbecue, and to admission to the baseball game and movies. Committees will be stationed on all highways leading into the city to give out the badges, and there will be special registration booths on the grounds for those whom the committee may miss.

Gates County people will be special guests at the celebration, but others from all the counties in this part of the State and elsewhere will be equally welcome, and will be invited to share freely in the entertainment events. All merchants of the city are being urged strongly to decorate their stores in attractive fashion for the event, and all are expected to co-operate in this with the same enthusiasm they have shown in the past of the celebration. D. Walter Harris, chairman of the program committee, states that he has met with a ready response to every appeal for aid in carrying out his part of the job effectively. He says he has found everyone he approached enthusiastic over the celebration, and obviously anxious to help assure its success.

The general committee is seeking the services of 75 girls and women in helping to feed and otherwise look after the crowd. Mrs. James G. Peering, president of the Woman's Club, is asking that all members who will assist in this part of the celebration get in touch with her or with Mrs. S. W. Gregory, secretary, at their earliest convenience.

Members of the four committees engaged in the arduous task of raising the funds necessary report highly encouraging results. A partial list of those contributing, handed in to G. R. Little, finance chairman up to noon Thursday, is given below. Mr. Little explains that many others have contributed already, but the committee.

FAREWELL DANCE

Tonight at Chantilly nine p. m. to two a. m. Music by Buck Gwaltney's Serenaders. advlop

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