

DESPERADO NABBED AFTER FIGHT

Former Assemblyman Kills Himself With A Shotgun

Penitentiary Fugitive Identified as One Who Attacked P. C. Cohoon

Negro Overpowered by Pasquotank Resident Despite Savage Blow in Mouth From Blackjack

SEQUEL TO ROBBERIES

"Cucumber" Banks, Notorious Criminal, Captured After Raid on Stock of Hertford Store

Subdued after a fierce hand-to-hand encounter in the edge of a swamp near Okisko, Alfred Banks, a negro known here as "Cucumber," was brought to this city shortly before noon Wednesday, charged with robbery of the store of J. C. Blanchard & Company, of Hertford, of goods valued at about \$2,500, and with the theft of a horse and cart from J. P. Hill, farmer living in Hertford.

While in jail here, the negro was identified by P. C. Cohoon, of this city, as the one who attacked him in his home on Ebringhaus street, extended, last Saturday night a week ago, and who escaped afterwards. Banks left for Hertford Wednesday at 12:35 o'clock in the custody of Sheriff Wright, of Perquimans County, for trial on the robbery charges there.

"If he's not the one, he's his twin brother," Mr. Cohoon stated, after viewing the prisoner. Sheriff Wright gave assurance that if the Pasquotank authorities wanted Banks later to try him on a charge of first degree burglary, a capital offense, he would readily turn the negro over to them.

Sheriff Wright stated that Banks was a fugitive from the State penitentiary, having been sent up from Perquimans two years ago for a five-year term on a charge of having robbed two stores in Hertford.

The capture of the negro came at the climax of a series of incidents occurring in quick succession. Wednesday morning shortly after 1 o'clock, J. P. Hill, of Hertford, awoke and, looking out of the window, discovered that the back gate of his yard was open. His wife suggested that some one might have stolen his horse, and Mr. Hill immediately went out to investigate. He found that was exactly what had happened—some one had gone off with both his horse and cart. He immediately went to the home of Sheriff Wright, and reported the robbery.

Returning to Mr. Hill's home, the two traced the horse and cart to the rear of the Blanchard store. The back doors were open, and within a matter of minutes they closed them and again took up the chase, using Sheriff Wright's automobile. The trail led them through Hertford in an easterly direction, across the State Highway bridge, and on toward Elizabeth City, turning off on the brick road which circles through Chapanoke and back, after several miles, to the State road again. When they had reached the Five Bridges on the Pasquotank County part of the brick road, Sheriff Wright and Mr. Hill overtook the horse and cart. The negro jumped out, and ran into the woods at the side of the road. They heard him, but could not see him in the darkness. Sheriff Wright fired several times in his direction, and they undertook to follow him, but soon lost the trail.

Examining the abandoned cart, they found that it contained 40 suits of clothing, 45 ladies' dresses, 15 caps, four valuable suit cases, and a large quantity of ladies' hose. They returned to Hertford with it, and the loot was quickly identified by members of the Blanchard firm.

Carmine Is Notified Sheriff Carmine, of Pasquotank, was notified of the robbery and of the subsequent escape of the robber in a telephone message from Sheriff Wright immediately after the latter's return to Hertford. He, in turn, went to the vicinity of the Five Bridges to search for the fugitive.

Sheriff Carmine was accompanied by C. T. Nixon, who lives near Pasquotank station, and the two made a general search of the woods throughout the neighborhood. Finally when they were

BASEBALL FANS ORGANIZE HERE; AFTER SUFFOLK

Delegation Going to Virginia City Tomorrow Night to Discuss League Before Rotary Club

DIRECTORS CHOSEN

Local Association Put on Functioning Basis for Summer League; M. G. Morrisette President

Organization of the Elizabeth City Baseball Association was effected at a meeting of fans last night at the Chamber of Commerce, at which a board of nine directors was elected, and they in turn named officers for the association.

The directors are E. F. Aydtlett, Jr., E. Pratt Fearing, Dr. H. E. Nixon, M. G. Morrisette, J. C. Sawyer, A. R. Nicholson, J. H. Wilkins, Gilbert James and R. M. Cotter. The officers are: M. G. Morrisette, president; E. F. Aydtlett, Jr., vice president; Ralph Pool, secretary; R. M. Cotter, financial secretary; and J. H. Wilkins, treasurer.

It was decided to make an additional effort to interest Suffolk in entering the proposed summer league. The directors agreed to go to that city in a body tonight, if a meeting could be arranged, and put the situation before the fans there, explaining that Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton only had taken the preliminary steps toward formation of teams, and that Suffolk therefore would be under no handicap in starting at this time.

In a long distance telephone conversation with E. B. Caldwell, secretary of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Caldwell advised that he would be out of town today, and could not arrange a meeting for tonight, but tendered the directors of the Elizabeth City association an invitation to attend the weekly luncheon of the Suffolk Rotary Club at 6:30 o'clock, to put the baseball situation before its members.

Directors of the association here are planning to send a delegation to Suffolk tomorrow night, accompanied by one or more representatives from Hertford and Edenton. They are especially desirous of bringing Suffolk into the league, on account of its effect in stimulating interest in the summer baseball program.

SEAPLANE HOPS OFF BOUND FOR MIAMI

Charlotte, S. C., May 26.—The seaplane Buenos Aires flying from New York to Argentine, left the Charleston Navy Yard this morning with Miami, Florida, as its destination.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS TABLED AMENDMENT

Washington, May 26.—The Northern Baptist Church convention here today voted to table an amendment to the church bylaws requiring immersion as prerequisite to membership.

Modernists and those favoring compromise of the fundamentalist-modernist controversy supported the motion to table the amendment which was proposed at the Seattle convention last year. It would have defined a Baptist Church as one composed only of those who had been immersed.

Mrs. Howard G. Etheridge of Asheville returned home Tuesday after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge-Godfrey of Camden.

The Laughing Jackass (Right)



A strange visitor from Australia reaches Long Beach, California, to join Dr. J. E. Edwards' collection of rare animals and birds. This creature is the Australian kookaburra, better known as the Laughing Jackass. He is perching on the shoulder of Miss Marjorie Williamson.

Hurry and Bustle Reign Where May Peas Are Iced

Shipping Season at Height This Week, With Crews Working Night and Day to Put Perishable Crop on Market With Minimum of Delay and Damage

The busiest place in Elizabeth City these last few days is that area embracing the Norfolk Southern freight yards and the bulk of the commission merchants' warehouses. Day and night, with the May pea shipping season at its peak, the work and hurry and bustle go on unabated. It makes an interesting sight.

The May pea is the most readily perishable product grown on a large scale in Northeastern Carolina. When it is ready, it must be picked. Even a day or two may mean the difference between good quality stock and bad, between high prices and low—and a profit and a deficit, so far as the grower is concerned.

Once the peas are picked, they must be put on ice and shipped with a minimum of delay. Practically all the peas shipped from here are consigned in refrigerator cars, loaded 4450 baskets to the car. In this way, they reach the market in perfect condition—or the railroad must make good any deterioration resulting from negligence in icing, or from other causes within its control.

Refrigerator cars are being iced night and day by the Crystal Ice & Coal Company from a long icing platform on the Norfolk Southern yards, just to the rear of N. Howard Smith's produce warehouse. The platform is built at the level of the top of the cars, and 300-pound blocks of ice are carried from the ground to it by means of a heavy chain conveyor.

Atop the platform, the ice is shunted deftly from the conveyor to the top of the car to be iced. There it is broken to bits, big or little, according to the type of the car, and is loaded into huge bumpers, one at each end. The bumpers on the average refrigerator car holds about five tons of ice.

The peas are loaded in the middle section of the car, and the cool air keeps them in proper condition for marketing. It is not exceptional for 60 cars to be loaded in a single 24 hours period, more than half a million pounds of ice being used.

DEBATE BE HELD IN CHARLOTTE SUBURB

Charlotte, May 26.—The atheist-fundamentalist debate will be held Monday at Lakewood, a suburb, according to an announcement by Doctor T. T. Martin, field secretary of the anti-evolution league of America, which is sponsoring the debate.

BILL GETS MANY WHAT'S THE USE A GOOD LAUGH AT BIG CROP FARMER MAIL SHOPPERS WANTS TO KNOW

Mr. Dollar Grins Gleefully When Women Find Bargains From Chicago Were Not So Wonderful

THEY LEARN LESSON COTTON IS EXAMPLE

Either Find Purchases Not What Claimed or Discover Could Have Bought Cheaper in Home Town

"I get many a good laugh," said Bill Dollar, "and I hear the wailing of people who spend their money out of town and then are not satisfied with what they get."

"The first case that came to my attention was while I was in a shoe store. A woman came in and said she had received a pair of bedroom slippers from up north and they were not big enough and she wanted to trade them for a pair in the window. The shoe merchant looked them over and saw they were cotton felt, and the customer said she had paid \$1 for them.

"She said she was in a hurry to get the right size for they were to be used for a present that day. The merchant knew that the woman was a buy out of Elizabeth City and showed her a wide selection of better slippers in all styles and sizes at \$1 and suggested that the best thing to do would be to buy a new pair and get something that would be satisfactory. But she couldn't see it that way and went out to continue her swapping expedition.

"Next I heard a lady complaining about a hat she had bought out of town. She made the selection from a pretty picture, but when the hat arrived it was covered with beads and little dew-drops that made her look like a fright. She had the hat and a city up north had the money. It cost her \$3 to have it made over so that she could wear it. She was heard to remark 'I'll buy my next hat in Elizabeth City.'

"I heard some more gossip, too," continued Bill, "among a group of ladies who had sent away to New York to buy some dresses that were marked at a special price of \$9.98. They arrived O. K., and the quality of the material was just as the advertisement claimed, but the surprise came when this group of ladies saw the same goods, same numbers and all, on sale in Elizabeth City at \$4.75 each and they were not on the bargain counter."

"The instances just cited," said Bill, "are only a few of those that I have heard of lately and I could go on telling of many other cases where grief was the portion of folks who spent their money out of town, but what is the use of continuing such sad news? The home folks will be better satisfied if they will look through the Elizabeth City stores and buy first class goods from first class neighbors."

"In my journey around town," said Bill Dollar, "I have met lots of folks and they are loyal to their city. They try to keep the money that they earn in Elizabeth City circulating in Elizabeth City. Every dollar that is sent away from this city retards the growth of Elizabeth City."

"It is an individual matter with each and every person as to where they shall spend their money. No person likes to be told where their money shall be spent, but the real thinkers know that the money that they earn in Elizabeth City is the one that spells progress.

FLORIDA GOVERNOR TESTS FEDERAL LAWS

Tallahassee, Fla., May 26.—Governor John W. Martin today authorized Attorney General John B. Johnson to institute proceedings in the United States Supreme Court to test out the constitutionality of the Federal inheritance tax law. The governor in a certified letter gave the Attorney General authority to enjoin collection of such taxes in the state of Florida. The Attorney General announced that he expected to leave for Washington Monday to file application with the court for permission to test the law.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 26.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 15.37, Oct. 17.60, Dec. 17.52, Jan. 17.42.

New York, May 26.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 18.90, an advance of 5 points. Futures, closing: July 18.40, Oct. 17.64, Dec. 17.55, Jan. 17.48, Mar. 17.52.

Prominent Currituck Man Ends Life While Worrying Over Health

New Marion?



Out in California they're talking about Ruth Reynolds (above) of Currituck County. She is talking about Marion Taylor. Miss Reynolds was lifted to stardom when she sang with the Metropolitan Opera stars for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. She's now preparing for a concert tour.

Roanoke Institute Is Holding Finals

Commencement exercises at Roanoke Institute are now at their height, and will close Friday night with a program by the graduating class. The finals began last Friday night with exercises by the first five grades, and the commencement sermon was delivered Sunday afternoon by Rev. D. W. Hoggard, of Plainfield, New Jersey. There were other exercises Monday and Tuesday, including the crowning of the May queen on the campus yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the annual debate was held, the subject this year being: "Resolved, that the United States should join the League of Nations." Later, there was an address by Rev. J. H. Chase, pastor of Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Church here. The second year high school classes will give their program tonight at 8 o'clock.

The annual contest between Roanoke Union and Normal League will be held Thursday at 10 o'clock, with class day exercises on the campus at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and the third year high school program at 8 o'clock at night.

An exhibition physical culture drill will be given on the campus Friday morning at 10 o'clock, with promotion hour beginning an hour later, and the alumni address at noon by Rev. R. S. White of Norfolk.

Roanoke Institute is undertaking to raise \$10,000 in 90 days for meeting current expenses, including teachers' salaries, and for the purchase of additional equipment to meet new educational standards.

RESERVOIR BREAKS; SWEEPS TOWN AWAY

Tokyo, May 26.—The Mayama Irrigation reservoir in Akita Prefecture of Northern Japan has burst its banks and has swept away half of the town of Kitaura, according to reports received here. The town has a population of 7,000 and it is feared that the casualty list may be heavy. Reports say that the postoffice, bank and theater in Kitaura have been carried away.

PROTESTS AGAINST WAGES TEXTILE MILLS

Washington, May 26.—Protest against wages in the textile industry was presented today to the Senate labor committee by Thomas F. McMahon, president of the International Textile Workers.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lamb at the Elizabeth City Hospital a son, Sunday, May 23.

Lee Dunton, Former Representative of County in General Assembly, Dies of Shotgun Wound

ILL SEVERAL MONTHS

Was Lifelong Resident of County; Funeral Services Conducted This Afternoon at 1 O'clock

Supposedly while despondent over continued ill health, Lee Dunton, formerly Representative of Currituck County in the General Assembly, and long active in the business and political affairs of the county, killed himself yesterday afternoon in the front yard at his home on Piney Island, it was learned here today. He was about 65 years old, and had been in failing health for several months.

Accounts of the suicide received here by long distance telephone from Coinjock stated that Mr. Dunton arose from the dinner table, walked out into the yard without hitting at his intention, and blew off the top of his head with a shotgun. Death was instantaneous.

Mr. Dunton had been married twice. He was a lifelong resident of Currituck, and is survived by his second wife; by two children by his first marriage, Mrs. Lloyd L. Doney, of this city, and Mrs. H. H. Hampton, of Currituck County; and by an adopted son.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the chapel on Church's Island, Piney Island, the settlement in which Mr. Dunton lived, is on the road which follows the Inland Waterway canal from Coinjock to Church's Island, and is only a few miles from the latter point.

KRIM RELEASES ALL FRENCH PRISONERS

Fez, French Morocco, May 26.—Abd-el Krim caused all French prisoners in Rif to be returned to Targuist this morning for liberation.

Fez, French Morocco, May 26.—It was officially announced this afternoon that Abd El Krim, Rifian leader, was coming into the French lines. Prior to notifying the French of his surrender, Abd El Krim returned all French, Spanish and native prisoners who had been held in Rif.

ONE DEAD AND SIX HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Knoxville, Tenn., May 26.—One dead and six seriously injured, several of whom are not expected to live, is toll of an automobile wreck this morning at Whitehead Hill, between Roane Mountain and Elizabethton. The party was en route from Marion, North Carolina to Johnson City, Tennessee, to work in a box factory.

FUNERAL MATHIAS OWENS

The funeral of Mathias Owens, who died Saturday morning at his home on East Burgess street, was conducted at the home Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dr. J. W. Harrell and Rev. H. T. Bowen. Special music was rendered by the choir of City Road Methodist Church. The quartet sang, "Near or My God to Thee," and Mrs. George Bell sang, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

Those attending from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Owens of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Owens of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jard and Mrs. S. L. Edmundson of Virginia Beach and Mr. and Mrs. William Ballard of Norfolk.

The active pallbearers were: W. L. Britt, L. S. Hooper, Jr., H. W. Morrisette, Kennedy Davis, W. C. Dawson, R. G. Sawyer, C. W. Ballard and D. G. Brockett. Honorary pallbearers were: T. B. Wilson, T. P. Nash, L. S. Hooper, Sr., J. F. Ferebee, L. S. Gordon, Darius White, Sr., C. H. Brock, Pat Deizer, Dr. C. B. Williams, E. F. Aydtlett, J. W. Fisher, S. W. Twiford, J. W. Dawson, F. H. Ziegler, Arthur Mann, M. B. Griffin, Captain A. L. Cahoon and F. M. Grice, Sr.