

BRUTAL CRIME IN HISTORY OF BLAKEST, DIRTIEST AND MOST WILLIAMSON COMMITTED SATURDAY

Smallwood Threatened Woman's Life and by Carefully Laid Plans Is Enabled To Escape Hands of Law

The blackest, dirtiest and most brutal crime in the history of Williamson was committed last Saturday night when Lock Smallwood of Bertie county assaulted Mrs. Alena Kelly, wife of Carl Kelly, at her home in the apartment over the F. K. Hodges store.

Mrs. Kelly who works in the City Fruit Store on Main street Williamson, N. C., went to her home about 11 o'clock where she lay down on the bed to rest and read. She did not undress but pulled a blanket over herself. In about a half hour her husband and Lock Smallwood who she had known for some time and who had been a close friend of her husband for several years, came in.

Smallwood was to spend the night, using the apartment usually occupied by Mr. Harrison a Plymouth contractor when in town and who is Mr. Kelly's employer.

Smallwood brought two friends to Williamson from Bertie county and asked Kelly if he would not take his car and carry them home which Kelly did. Mrs. Kelly still reclining and reading just as when her husband left.

After Kelly had departed, Smallwood went to her bed and sat down on the side of her bed. He was told by Mrs. Kelly to get away which he refused to do. After his refusing to get away, Mrs. Kelly attempted to get up when Smallwood caught her and forged her back on the bed, choking her and burising her throat, her skin and scratching her breast. She screamed so that it was heard by a number of people, but she was so badly choked that she could not continue to scream and the hearers of the first scream thought little or nothing more about it until later.

After accomplishing his purpose, he then told her that if she told it he would kill her. For some time she was heard begging and crying. Those hearing it however, thinking it was a disturbance between she and her husband, were slow to interfere. Some time thereafter Sheriff Roberson and Chief of Police J. O. Manning who had been away from town came and listening in heard Smallwood say "If you tell it, damn you, I will kill you". Then it was that the Chief went to the door and demanded entrance, going in he expected to find Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, but saw he was mistaken when he found the man to be Lock Smallwood.

Chief Manning found Mrs. Kelly badly frightened and deathly pale.

Smallwood took the floor and told the police the trouble was that her husband had gone off with his (Smallwood's) car and she was uneasy and nervous about it. While Mrs. Kelly was in her frightened condition she did not tell it, remembering the threat made by Smallwood. Smallwood's statement threw the officers off his track and they had no clue to hold

him. When Mr. Kelly came his wife told him just what had happened, but before Smallwood could be arrested, he had skipped.

Much sympathy is expressed by the people of Williamson and community for Mrs. Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly moved to Williamson early in the year and since their arrival there, Mr. Kelly has worked with the Williamson Tinning and Plumbing company and Mrs. Kelly has been employed at the City Fruit and Vegetable store. Mrs. Kelly is only fifteen years old, she being married soon after she reached the age of fourteen. To make the crime more brutal, Mrs. Kelly is in a delicate state by several months.

Smallwood is thought to have left for some northern points. Careful watch is being made by the officials and it is hoped that they will bring him to quick justice.

AN APOLOGY

We must offer our apology for the appearance of the Beacon this week on account of unusual difficulties. The building in which we have been doing business for about fifteen years is being demolished and we have been under the process of moving machinery and other machinery throughout the week.

Aside from this handicap the future editor of the Beacon came into existence on Wednesday morning at nine-thirty, and of course the present editor was compelled to remain at home during the greater part of the day. The youngster is doing fine, thank you, also its mother.

Our new quarters will be in the old school building, known as Hampton Academy, and we shall be delighted to have our friends visit us whenever in town.

NEW BUSINESS BUILDING

The town is to be congratulated upon acquiring a new and modern business building on Washington street.

The building which is now occupied by W. T. Nurney, undertaker; Central Garage, Ed McCray, pressing club, and The Beacon is now being wrecked by its owner, Mr. A. L. Owens.

Material is now being placed on the premises preparatory to the erection of one-story, brick building with cement floors and probably glass sky-lights.

This building will be one hundred and twelve feet long with a depth of sixty-five feet, and will contain six different rooms for various business enterprises.

It is expected that this new building will be occupied by W. T. Nurney, Central Garage, The Roanoke Beacon, B. G. Campbell, J. L. Gregory and Dr. T. L. Bray. Mr. Owens expects to have it ready for occupancy about the middle of August



MARGARET STAHL

Interpreter of Plays, on Chautauqua Program Here

Amongst American women play-readers, Margaret Stahl, who is to appear here on the coming Chautauqua program, is probably the most widely known, the most highly honored, and her position as a great artist, the most securely established. In her more than twelve-year platform experience she has lived one of the busiest and most exacting lives, but she has made everything in her experience contribute to one end, her platform art. One of the chief features in Miss Stahl's presentation of a play is that she is distinctively a creative artist. She is not an imitator, she is not a mimic. Imitation is not a virtue, originality is. And Miss Stahl is pre-eminently a reader with insight, originality and power. Through the most winsome personality she introduces her own emotional and intellectual conceptions, she seeks naturalness and humanity in her characterizations, rather than any affected or elocutionary trick. If the stamp of public approval represents real appreciation then Margaret Stahl had had that in abundance. Probably no reader today has a finer record of recalls than she there are scores of towns where she made all the way from three to twenty-five appearances.

Some Press Comments
"Miss Margaret Stahl put the entire play 'The Country Cousin,' before her audience in such a manner that one felt that she has seen the entire cast of thirteen characters with the beautiful settings she described. Her impersonations were so realistic that she scarcely had to tell her audience which character was speaking, once they had been introduced. It was one of the best entertainments in several years and Miss Stahl will long be remembered."
Bangor, Maine—"Daily News"
"The attraction was a star in the person of Miss Margaret Stahl, who gave the play 'Everywoman.' The emotional parts of her selections were rendered in a manner that not only were true to a nature's heart, but showed also how a woman can so enter into the interpretation of a play as to make one feel that real characters are being presented."

Reading, Pa.—"News Item"
"The reading by Margaret Stahl, 'The Unseen Empire,' was an unusual number in its strength and interest. The subject and the reader were a wonderful combination."
Lakeside, Ohio—"News"

FOR TREASURER

I take this method of announcing my candidacy for the office of treasurer of Washington County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held June 7th.

I have held this office for the past ten years, and during that period I have endeavored to conduct the affairs to the general satisfaction of all the people, regardless of party affiliation. I have become familiar with the duties of this office and feel that my experience equips me to be of more service in the future.

I will appreciate the support of the people, and if nominated and elected promise to execute the duties of this office to the very best of my knowledge and ability.

Respectfully,
A. L. HOLMES.

WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK

Mr. T. J. Swain, who was appointed to examine the lists of words in our contest which closed last week, has found it necessary to be out of town a great part of this week, consequently we are unable to announce the name of the winner.

Our next issue, however, will carry this announcement as Mr. Swain informs us that he has about finished the examination of the papers.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. W. W. Ambrose motored to Williamson Sunday.

Mr. Rex Fleury of Greensboro has been in town this week.

Mr. T. J. Swain went to Creswell on business yesterday.

Rain this week has handicapped the picking of May peas considerably.

Mr. W. T. Nurney undertaker is moving his plant in the old Hampton Academy.

Messrs. W. B. Cox and T. L. Smith went to Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Mr. J. J. Hollis of Albemarle Beach was in town on business this week.

Have you purchased your Chautauqua ticket? Time is getting short!

Quite a number of our people attended the dance at Albemarle Beach last night.

Mr. Sidney Smithson of Creswell was in town yesterday.

Mr. Herman Jackson and family motored to Jamesville Sunday.

Mr. Fenner Baynor of Belhaven was in town on business yesterday.

Mrs. J. I. Brewer of Pinners, Va., is in the city visiting her sister Mr. C. V. W. Ausbon.

Messrs Hal and Rudolph Beasley Wesley Hardison and Tom Bateman motored to Jamesville Sunday.

Messrs. H. W. and W. W. Bateman of Creswell, were business visitors here yesterday.

Mrsedame H. V. Austin, H. A. Williford and W. R. Hampton motored to Washington yesterday.

Atty. E. F. Aydlett Pasquotank candidate for congress, has been in the county for several days enlisting aid in his campaign.

Hon. Lindsay C. Warren Beaufort county candidate for congress was in the county this week in the interest of his campaign.

Mrs. B. G. Campbell and Mrs. J. S. Chesson are attending Salem College commencement at Winston-Salem. They drove through the country.

Come to the Almo Theatre Wednesday night May 28th to see "Wanted a Man" an evening of fun and laughter special Classic and Jazz music. Price 25 and 35 cents.

The Central Garage now occupying the building next to this office, have rented the building formerly used by the board of education for storing trucks and will begin moving their paraphernalia in a few days.

The local talent play "Light House Nan" from Jamesville was in the graded school auditorium last night. Our people are pleased to welcome visitors of this nature.

WILL WATERS FIRES LOAD OF BUCK SHOT INTO HENRY BOWEN'S BODY AS RESULT OF FRIENDLY QUARREL

Bowen Now In Washington Hospital Is Holding His Own, No Better, No Worse, According To The Latest Reports

Saturday night about ten thirty o'clock, Will Waters shot and very seriously wounded Henry Bowen in the store of Reubin Spellar near the Roanoke river wharf at Williamson. According to a statement made by Waters to the Norfolk police the shooting was a culmination of a trip on Saturday afternoon when Will Waters, Dink Hardison and Henry Bowen made a trip to get whiskey, and upon returning became engaged in a friendly argument on the wharf and during the course of which Bowen became infuriated and slapped Waters. This maddened Waters and he went to his home and got his gun and secured shells at a Williamson store and then went back "down the hill" and found Bowen in Reubin Spellar's store and shot him, the number 2 buck shot going in Bowen's back causing him to have several hemorrhages from which he lost so much blood that he was not expected to live for several hours.

Bowen was able to walk most of the way to Biggs Drug store where he was given first aid by Dr. H. B. York and was then rushed to the Washington hospital where he is reported as getting along as well as could be expected, but as being still in a very critical state.

Waters spent the night in or near Williamson, having evaded the sheriff and his deputies that night as he was seen early next morning at Spellar's store again but he left shortly after seven o'clock Sunday morning for Norfolk by car with Willie Armstrong, a colored boy who worked for him, driving.

When Waters was arrested in Norfolk (long distance telephone messages having been sent there, he was arrested soon after his arrival on Granby street) he exonerated the negro boy and told him to carry his car back home and put it under the shed and he added, "I don't think I'll have any more use for it soon."

According to Norfolk papers, Will is in a pitiful condition and they say that he broke down when he was jailed and fell to the floor crying, "Lord how did I ever do a thing like that?" and he has wanted to keep in touch with Williamson to find out how Bowen is getting along and they say he is much grieved over the critical condition of his friend.

Sheriff Roberson left Tuesday morning for Norfolk and returned Wednesday noon with Waters.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of representative in the general assembly of 1925, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held June 7th.

I had the honor of representing this county during the session of 1919, and if nominated and elected I will endeavor to support issues that arise according to the wishes of my constituency.

I will appreciate the vote and respect of the people.
Respectfully,
B. F. HALSEY.

SCHOOLS CLOSE MONDAY NIGHT

The Plymouth Graded and High Schools will close on Monday night of next week with appropriate exercises. These exercises will close what is considered the most successful year in the history of Plymouth schools. Every department of the school has made splendid progress, and while there will necessarily be some failures the percentages will be smaller than ever before.

There has been a fine spirit of loyalty and cooperation among the teachers and their achievements have been worthy of their efforts.

Commencement exercises began on April 24th when the primary grades very pleasingly presented the operetta "Little Boy Blue". On Monday night, the evening of April 28th, the first music recital ever given by this school was rendered in the school auditorium. Miss Morgan, the music teacher, deserves credit for the high class of work her pupils have done.

On Friday night, May 2nd, the graduating class presented their annual play "Daddy Long Legs" to a packed house. This play was directed by Mrs. H. A. Liverman.

On Friday evening, May 2nd, the grammar grades gave Hiawatha. The characters were well selected and the little play was greatly enjoyed.

Eight or nine of the present faculty are expecting to return another year.

There will be ten to graduate from the high school, eight girls and two boys.

WINSLOW—AYERS

The out-of-town friends and relatives of the families have received the following invitation:

Mrs. Fannie Dixon Ayers requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter

Ruth

to

Mr. Walter Frith Winslow

on Wednesday evening, the fourth of June

at nine o'clock

at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Plymouth, North Carolina.

No invitations have been issued in Plymouth and a general invitation is extended to all to attend the wedding.

FOR TREASURER

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY:

This is to announce that I am a candidate for the office of treasurer of Washington County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held June 7th.

I have been an active Democrat all my life and have worked in each campaign for the interest of the party as a whole, and have never before asked for any office.

If elected I will do my best to serve the people of the entire county without favor to anyone. I will appreciate whatever support I am given.

Very truly yours,
R. T. CHESSON.