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## Man Subjected to Brutal Treatment

### Joe Needleman Taken From Jail And Cruelly Mutilated For Alleged Assault on 17-Year Old Girl.

Williamston, N. C., Mar. 30—The most horrible crime which has ever occurred in Martin county took place early Sunday morning about 3 o'clock when Joe Needleman, a young traveling salesman from Philadelphia, who had been apprehended in Edenton a few days ago on a charge of criminal assault and brought to Williamston where he was placed in jail and was taken from the jail by unknown masked men and carried a short distance on the Washington road where he was mutilated and left alone. The weakened, bleeding young man walked back to town and the night policeman gave an alarm of fire hoping to arouse the attention of the citizens Drs. Warren, Rhodes, Saunders and York were summoned and after a consultation the doctors Tayloe of Washington were called and they operated on the young man and stopped the bleeding and after a sufficient lapse of time he was carried to the Washington Hospital.

No crime in the history of the county has caused more excitement and sympathy; the alleged assault upon the young lady had brought indignation, but the brutal slashing of the young man has caused a feeling of strong resentment among the people who are horrified to know that such a spirit of lawlessness could exist in this community.

The young lady, who it is alleged was assaulted is a resident of this town, and on the night, which she claims to have been assaulted she returned to her boarding place but did not tell of her experience until a few days thereafter.

The unfortunate young man is said to be the son of a wealthy citizen of Philadelphia and now travels through this territory, selling Old Virginia Cheroots and chewing tobacco, and makes his headquarters at Kinston.

## COLORED MAN RECEIVES SERIOUS INJURIES

Lorenzo Lindsay, colored laborer working in lumber camp of Lum Owens a few miles on the Roanoke River from here, suffered a broken and fractured arm, two fractured places in the pelvis, a ruptured bladder and severe concussion of the brain.

The injured man was helping to erect a hoisting rig in a tall tree, some parts of which gave way throwing him to the ground. He was brought immediately here and received first aid from Dr. T. L. Bray, who in turn sent him to a hospital in Rocky Mt. At this writing we are told that he has not completely regained consciousness. Lindsay's home was in the Roper section.

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT GRACE CHURCH

As is its custom, Grace Episcopal Church, of Plymouth, will conduct a three-hour devotional service on the Friday before Easter, known in the Church calendar as Good Friday. It comes this year on April 10th. The service will last from 12 noon to 3 p. m. in commemoration of the three hours which Jesus spent on the cross. It will consist of hymns, prayers and seven brief addresses. The people are invited to attend the whole or any part of this service.

## Dr Howard Smith

The Eye-Sight Specialist, of Monroe, N. C., will be here again on Wednesday, April 15th. Fifteen years of satisfactory service see him if you have trouble with your eyes. Examination free and glasses furnished at a reasonable price. Don't forget the date.

SMITH'S DRUG STORE  
PLYMOUTH, N. C.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of authority contained in a judgment of Superior Court entered on the 30th day of March 1925. The undersigned commissioner will on Thursday, the 30th day of April 1925 sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate:

Lying and being in Washington County, bounded as follows: On the East by Little Mill Creek, on the South by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad on the West and North by Welsh's Creek, and being the same lands conveyed to Martha Parnell et al by Keuben Pettiford, by deed recorded in Book, page, in the register of deeds office of Washington County. Contain 18 acres more or less.

Said land is being sold under a judgment in the special proceeding in the case of J. H. Leggett vs Joe Cooper et al for petition for partition.

Said judgment docketed in the Superior Court, Book, Page, of the County of Washington.

This the 30th day of March 1925.  
Van B. Martin  
Commissioner.

## NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR TAXES.

The following real estate will be sold for taxes, Albemarle Drainage District at the court house door at 12 o'clock M. on the First Monday in April 1925.

Name	Amount
J. G. Ange	\$2-05
G. L. Bowen	23-23
M. C. Forrest or N. H. Harrison	31-44
N. H. Harrison Jr.	297-28
N. H. Harrison Sr.	159-91
Wynn C. Mighell	25-01
A. A. Morris	109-34
N. W. Paul et al.	28-28
J. O. Paul and Joseph Paul	122-23
Minnie Paul, Lilly Chesson & Neva Harrison	37-59
Edward Rehder	109-34
William Spruill	21-87
A. S. Skubic	30-75
United Commercial Bank	30-20
Washington Beaufort Land Co.	152-40
Chas. Williams	11-14

**CASH** For Dental Gold, Platinum, Silver, Diamonds, magneto points, false teeth, jewelry, any valuables. Mail today. Cash by return Mail. Hoke S. & R. Co., Otsego, Mich.

Mr. W. D. Peal of Creswell, was in town this week.

## 33 Years Ago

—IN—  
Washington  
County

Items gathered from issue of The Roanoke Beacon published Friday, April 1, 1892

## All Fools Day.

Some people don't like the fancy front on the city hall.

A movement is on foot to build a Methodist Protestant church in this town.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. C. Hassell is having some difficulty in getting a site for his mill. With as much idle land as we have near this town, it seems hard that such an enterprise should be shut out.

Mr. C. C. Jackson who has been attending the Medical College of Baltimore has returned home.

Rev. E. A. Wright of the Albemarle Mission M. P. Church preached two able sermons in the Baptist church here Sunday morning and night. He will preach at the church every fourth hereafter.

We say let the old board of councilmen be elected—they have done a good work.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of court, January term 1925, signed by His Honor N. A. Sinclair, judge presiding over superior court of Washington county, in an action entitled Rebecca Basnight vs Joseph Basnight, will offer for sale to the highest bidder on Monday, April 27, 1925, at 10 o'clock at the court house door in Plymouth, N. C., the following described land: Lying and being in the public road leading from Plymouth to Roper, N. C., and bounded by the lands of Frank Howcott, Ida Lawler and others and being the same land conveyed to Joseph Basnight by deed of H. D. Davenport and duly recorded in book 76, page 27 of the register of deeds office of Washington county.

This March 26, 1925.  
P. H. BELL, commissioner

FOR SALE—Early Jersey Wakefield cabbage plants, white heads, Woolard, 10c per 100. Plymouth.

North Carolina, Washington County.

Pursuant to a power of sale vested in the undersigned trustee by the terms of a certain deed of trust executed by F. I. Harung and wife to W. L. Whitley, as trustee, on the 26th day of July, 1922, and recorded in Washington County in Book 6, page 126, register of deed's office, and default having been made in the payments of the notes thereby secured, and application having been made to said trustee for a sale of the said land described in said deed of trust, the said undersigned trustee will expose at public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Washington County, North Carolina, on the 26th day of April, 1925, at 10 o'clock, noon, the following described land:

Lying and being in Washington County, North Carolina, beginning at a point marked by an iron pipe which is located as follows: Begin at an iron pipe at the intersection of the eastern line of the Norfolk Southern railroad right of way with the eastern bank of the Pungo River Drainage District Canal, run thence north 2 degrees and 35' east along said right of way line 7,920 feet to an iron pipe, thence south 64 degrees and 25' east 13,200 feet to an iron pipe at the beginning point) run thence 25 degrees and 35' east 1,320 feet to an iron pipe, a corner, thence south 64 degrees and 25' east 2,640 feet to an iron pipe, a corner, thence south 25 degrees and 35' west 1,320 feet to an iron pipe, a corner thence north 64 degrees and 25' west 2,640 feet to an iron pipe the beginning, containing 80 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 41 north, as shown on plot of subdivision of the Eastern Carolina Home and Farm Association, Inc., which is duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Washington County, in registration of titles book No. 1, at page 25.

## COLORED WOMAN SHOT.

Mary Dawson, colored woman who operates a lunch room at the Wilts Veneer Company, was shot last Sunday morning about one-thirty by Henry Smith, five shots taking effect in various parts of her body.

The shooting, as far as we can learn, followed a dispute between Mary and Henry.

Sheriff Reid hastened to the scene of the occurrence as soon as he was notified, made as much of an investigation as was possible. The man who it is claimed did the shooting has not been located, but information has been gained that he came here from Georgia and has probably returned that state.

The injured woman is mending splendidly despite her numerous wounds.

## IMPROVING PREMISES.

An added improvement to the grounds surrounding the plant of the Wilts Veneer Company here is the establishing of a park in pleasing appointments. Two large fountains have been installed which will be fed by the large tank on the property of the company.

People arriving here on the Atlantic Coast Line trains get a more favorable impression of the plant, and incidentally Plymouth now that this attractive park has been made.

## WESTOVER NEWS

Mrs. Marven Jackson of Edenton spent the week-end with her mother Mrs. Gilliam Chesson.

Mrs. Ruth Coburn who has been visiting friends and relatives in Norfolk, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Baldwin of Washington and Mr. White motored over to the Union meeting at Zion Chapel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Davis and son Jasper and Mr. Edward Smithwick of Leechville were dinner guest of Mr. N. C. Vail Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas and children of Windsor spent Sunday with Mrs. Gilliam Chesson Sunday.

Miss Edna Earl Nurney of Plymouth spent the week-end with Miss Mildred Vail.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Newberry of Plymouth were the guests of Mrs. George Ayers Sunday.

## NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

This is to notify all persons and firms concerned that I have sold my stock of goods in Plymouth, N. C. trading as G. T. Davis and Company to D. G. Davis, and from this date am no longer connected.

All persons holding claims against G. T. Davis & Co., Plymouth, N. C., will please present them to G. T. Davis at Windsor, N. C. All persons indebted to G. T. Davis & Co., of Plymouth, N. C., will make payment to G. T. Davis at Windsor, N. C.

G. T. DAVIS

Said land will be sold subject to a deed of trust to the First National Bank of Durham, trustee, and also subject to taxes and drainage assessments assessed and to be assessed.

This the 19th day of March, 1925.  
W. L. WHITLEY,  
As trustee.  
By Zeb Vance Norman, Attorney.

## Oddfellows Convention

### PROGRAM

Of the second district convention to be held with Plymouth Lodge number 405, I. O. O. F., Plymouth, North Carolina, Thursday, April 9th 1925.

FIRST SESSION AT THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE. PRIVATE 2:30 P. M.

Convention called to order by President Stocks.  
Opening Ode  
Prayer by Chaplain  
Roll Call of Lodges.  
Reading Minutes of last meeting at Swan Quarter.  
Report of Lodges of the District.  
Reports of Standing Committees.  
Reports of Special Committees.  
New Business.  
Fixing time and place of holding annual picnic  
Miscellaneous business  
Good of the order

Adjournment for supper to be served in basement of Court House at 6 p. m.

SECOND SESSION AT THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE AT 7:30 P. M.

## Public Meeting

Meeting called to order and presided over by President Stocks or the District Supervisor.

Address of welcome by Rev. O. W. Sawyer of Plymouth, N. C.

Response, Past Grand Master S. B. Currin of Greenville, N. C.

Address, "The Measure of a Man" by Dr. J. Vincent Knight of Edenton, North Carolina.

Address, Rev. Richard Bagby of Washington, N. C.

Introduction of and informal remarks of Grand Lodge Officers present  
Benediction.

## BILL BOOSTER SAYS

THE MAGNETS THAT DRAW TRADE AND HOME SEEKERS ARE ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS PLACES, WELL-KEPT STREETS, COZY HOMES, LIVE LODGES, HOSPITABLE CHURCHES, GOOD SCHOOLS, FRIENDLY PEOPLE! WE HAVE ALL THESE, BECAUSE WE'RE ALL DOING OUR BIT!



CHARLES J. JAMES

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