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## NEGRO JACKSON RELEASED

Held For Murder Of Bryant, June 5, Near Marshall, From Inquest

Boyd Jackson, Negro, arrested in suspicion that he was the man accused by Jim Hart, 17-year-old Negro, as the slayer of E. M. Bryant, Greenville, Tenn., politician, which was on the highway-Marshall highway, was released from the Buncombe County Jail last Friday after he had confronted his accuser and the accuser recanted.

An inquiry into Bryant's death, begun the day the body was found, was to have been completed Saturday at Marshall by a coroner's jury. The jury viewed the body the day it was found and last Monday continued its session. Completion was postponed until after Jackson's part, if he was connected with the killing, was established.

Hart is held in the Buncombe Jail on charges of murder and highway robbery pending trial, which probably will not be until the September term of Buncombe county superior court, it was announced by Solicitor E. M. Wells. The slaying occurred in Madison county, but fearing that return of the negro to Marshall might precipitate trouble, Solicitor Wells said he would ask for a change of venue in order to try Hart in Buncombe county.

The Madison county grand jury is not scheduled to convene until the last week in August and Solicitor Wells said it is only slightly possible a special meeting of that body will be called to consider the negro's case. The meeting of the Madison grand jury will be after the close of the August term of Buncombe superior court and therefore trial would not be possible until September. The solicitor said the negro would not be taken back to Madison county but would be held here.

Feeling ran high in Madison county and in the adjoining counties of Tennessee after Bryant's body, with the head crushed by terrific blows, was found early on the morning of June 5 on the highway three miles east of Marshall. Hart was arrested early the same afternoon in Lincoln. He was driving the dead man's automobile.

He told a story of having been chauffeur for Bryant and of having been hired down by a Negro he at first named as "John". He declared that "John" filled the white car and that he (Hart) was forced on a threat of a pistol to watch the slaying and to stand in disposal of the body. He accused the other Negro named "John" as the slayer, and later, with him, attempted to kill him if he told of the crime.

Friday, confronted by Jackson, who had been arrested by Greenville police, Hart recanted his story and declared that "John" had nothing to do with the killing and that he (Hart) was forced on a threat of a pistol to watch the slaying and to stand in disposal of the body. He accused the other Negro named "John" as the slayer, and later, with him, attempted to kill him if he told of the crime.

At the conclusion of the grilling, Solicitor Wells and others officially announced that he declared they are

positive that they committed the crime instead of that Jackson had no part in it, as a knowledge of it.

The grilling was in office of Solicitor Wells. It began early in the afternoon and continued until nearly 9 o'clock. Among those present were Bryant's young widow, Daniel J. A. Neal, of Greensboro, Tenn., and several other Madison county officers; Solicitor E. M. Wells and several other Madison county officers; Solicitor E. M. Wells and several other Madison county officers.

Jackson established that he spent the day before the slaying in Greenville and the night of the slaying in Bull's Gap, Tenn. Hart admitted that he had sworn falsely about Jackson committing the crime, and questioned him about the slaying. Jackson declared that he was "an innocent as a six-months-old baby," and also that he would like to "far and burn" Hart for "lying about me." When Jackson was released, he grinned broadly and declared: "I'm one glad nigger."

Among those at the grilling and who will appear at the inquest was Harrison Redmon, operator of a filling station about midway between Asheville and Marshall, and several miles from the scene of the killing. He said he had been awakened about 3 o'clock the morning of the slaying and had sold gasoline to a negro in a car which was later identified as that of the dead man. He said the negro, (Hart), was alone.

Other witnesses who saw Hart walking along the road on the outskirts of Greenville and who later saw Bryant drive along out of Greenville along the same road will testify at the inquest. It is their theory that Bryant passed the negro just out of Greenville.

Bryant's body was found about two hours after midnight by bus drivers. The skull had been crushed by heavy blows and his pockets had been rifled. Hart's first story struck Bryant with a pistol and had struck him with a club, later picking up a big rock and crushing in the skull. Officers investigating found a bloody bludgeon near the body but have never found the other weapons which would tend to verify the story.

## BEN FRISBY A REPUBLICAN

Has Stood Loyal to Working Men

Our attention is called to the fact that in the primary election of Madison county, June 16, 1930, Ben Frisby, a Republican, was elected to the office of Register of Deeds.

Ben Frisby, a Republican, was elected to the office of Register of Deeds. He has stood loyal to working men and has been a champion of the cause of the poor. He has been a member of the Republican party for many years and has always been a loyal supporter of the party.

## THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

We have been crowded out of this column so many times recently that we hardly know how to get back. A newspaper man on a semi-weekly paper has so many duties, it is almost impossible for him to collect his thoughts sufficiently to write often. Especially is this true when we are passing through a political campaign such as that we recently passed through. The strain of responsibility is overpowering at such times. We hope to regain our equilibrium some sweet day.

### THE SECOND PRIMARY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED

Under our form of government, the expense of electing officers is quite an item. Of course it is not all borne by the tax payers. Candidates for almost any office are taxed for sums large or small, the amount depending largely upon the office sought and the financial ability of the one seeking the office. However, a great part of the machinery of elections is done by taxing the people, and while the amount falling on each tax payer is small, it means a great deal of expense in one way or another to hold an election. And three elections in one year is rather too much. We see from a statement by Mr. Bulwinkle published elsewhere in this paper that his opponent in the Congressional race is calling another primary. We regret very much that such is the case. We see from the daily papers that Buncombe County has agreed not to hold another primary for its county officers. Haywood has also come to such an agreement so as to avoid the second primary. It seems that but for the Congressional race, no second primary would be called. If this be true, we be to the one who calls it. Of course, a candidate is within his legal rights to do so, but sometimes it does not pay a man to do all he has a legal right to do. We'll watch the outcome with interest.

## THANKS TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY.

Please allow me to thank you all for the support given me in the Democratic Primary. I am indeed grateful to my loyal friends and do not blame the Democrat Party for my defeat. I take all the blame on myself as I did not make an extensive campaign and my reason for not doing so is, in my opinion, a Democrat candidate, not making an extensive campaign in the Primary would have a better chance to win over the Republican nominees in the November election. I am thankful indeed for the support that the good old Democrats showed in the Primary election that had 1928.

## THANKS

I take this method of thanking my friends for the loyal support given me in the Primary on June 16. I was defeated but there is no hard feeling toward any one, nor even those who worked so hard against me. I am deeply grateful to those who helped me. This was the first year for office I had ever made and I appreciate getting acquainted with the people of the County that I did

## TRAY SANG IN PRISON FLAMES

Some of the people of the Madison county were found guilty and sentenced to the State Prison for a term of years. They were found guilty of various crimes and were sentenced to the State Prison for a term of years. They were found guilty of various crimes and were sentenced to the State Prison for a term of years.

## DOES NOT ADVOCATE SECOND PRIMARY

DR. SAMS ANSWERS MR. McELROY

W. ALBERT SAMS, M. D. Marshall, N. C. June 13, 1930

Editor of News-Record, Marshall, N. C. I note with a great deal of interest, what my good friends and faithful supporter in the Primary, Mr. John H. McElroy, has to say in his article, captioned, "Bulwinkle Should Be The Nominee".

First of all, I think Mr. McElroy would do well to go and read my original statement given to the Press on Monday morning of this week. The statement was made more with an idea of expressing my appreciation to my friends than of trying to induce anyone to call a second primary, and at the time I made this statement, Hamilton C. Jones was in the lead. Before the election I made the proposition for the high man to take the nomination. In fact, there was so much talk in the lower end of the District about a second Primary, that you could hardly hear anything else talked about. Mr. Jones came to Marshall last Sunday night to see me, and while here he thought he was high man, and was, so far as the count was at that time. He left here of the same opinion Monday about 2 P. M., as you can see, Mr. Editor, it was, as he said at that time, up to Mr. Bulwinkle to call it, and Mr. Jones told me he had every reason to believe that he would. Now I have tried to play absolutely fair and open in all this campaign, and would not under any circumstances ever betray one of my friends. I say frankly I have never advised anyone to call a second Primary, at any time, in fact I think it better to leave it as it is without a second Primary, personally, but I do not know either of the other men's opinions, or their desires. I have very carefully refrained from putting anything personal in the Campaign, neither did I cast any side slanting sarcasm, in it. So my statement was that I should most certainly support Mr. Jones in the event of a second Primary. I say it as a fact that it is a man's job to defeat Mr. Jones in November and another thing I say unequivocally, I will support the Nominee, and I most emphatically declare that I do appreciate the vote cast for me in the Primary.

## SECOND PRIMARY FOR JONES

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

On Saturday, July 20, a second primary will be held to nominate a Democratic candidate for Congress from the Ninth District of North Carolina.

At the Primary held on June 16, I received a plurality of the votes cast and lacked only from five to ten hundred votes of obtaining a majority over both other candidates who opposed me in the Primary.

My opponent is demanding a second primary, and under the law it will be held. I shall enter this second Primary with the conviction that thousands of Democrats in the District who have so loyally supported me in the past and who, on a feeling for me and loyalty to the Democratic Party, will again help me to my support.

I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the efforts of those who through my campaign and of those thousands of Democrats who voted for me and supported me without regard of the hope of reward in such and every position in the District. Having been defeated in the Primary on the 16th of June, 1930, my great desire is to carry the District for the Democratic Party. With this

## APPRECIATION TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY.

I appreciate very much the big vote I got in the race for Commissioner and I want to thank all those that supported me. Respectfully, GUY ENGLISH.

You can not get new wheat from threshing old straw, I am doing what I have in this matter for the benefit of the Democratic Party in the entire Congressional District. I say again it is a serious proposition for us as a whole, and I most earnestly request here and now that no fight be stirred in this second Primary that would in any way cause a division of our ranks in November.

I especially request the two contestants to abstain from personal references in any way. There is not, or ought not to be, any personal things in the fight at all, for after all one or the other will have to support his opponent in November.

Hosts of my friends are going to support one or the other, and since the Primary is purely Democratic, let's all keep it that way. With another expression of gratitude for my loyal few, who supported me, I am

Most gratefully, W. A. SAMS, M. D.

## JAMES WALLIN CHARGES FORGERY

Says Jeter Ramsey Had Published Statement He Did Not Make Or Authorize

NORTH CAROLINA, MADISON COUNTY.

James Wallin, being first duly sworn, says: That on June 6th, 1930, issue of the News-Record of Marshall, North Carolina, there appeared published on the front page of said paper an article, headed, to said paper by Jeter P. Ramsey, a candidate for the republican nomination for Register of Deeds for Madison County, a part of said article was as follows:

"HERE IS WHAT JAMES WALLIN HAS TO SAY ABOUT THE WARRANTS THAT J. WILL IS TRYING TO DECEIVE YOU WITH!"

TO THE VOTERS: I, James Wallin, do hereby certify that I took out the papers that J. Will is showing around and that I had no intention of convicting Jeter P. Ramsey on the warrants for there was absolutely no evidence against him. He is not guilty of the charges. These papers have been lying in Roy Gudgeon's office for over two years. Jeter P. Ramsey is a man of good character and I have known him all of my life as a law abiding citizen. He is well qualified to hold the office of Register of Deeds and will make a safe register."

I hereby deny the above statement as a forgery. I declare that the above statement was not made by me, nor was it authorized by me, and I declare that I do not know the person who made the same.

This the 14th day of June, 1930. JAMES WALLIN, Plaintiff.

Banker—Remember, my boy, if you work for me, you'll be just one among many. College graduate—Get. As I start in as vice-president—Foolisher.