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PRICE TEN CENT

Three Men Held For Robbery Of Leland Country Store

Three men are being held in jail at Southport and in the New Hanover County Jail under \$25,000 bond each for the December 26th armed robbery of a Leland country store, it was announced by Brunswick County Sheriff Ed V. Leonard.

Those held are Virgil Sanderson, 23, a former Beulaville man who has been working as a Wilmington insurance agent; John C. Whaley, 21, of Beulaville; and Troy Brown 45, of Leland.

Sanderson and Whaley have been identified as the two men, one masked and armed, who robbed the store, and Brown is charged with aiding and abetting and conspiracy to armed robbery. The store was operated by Mrs. Marie Willett, A reported \$17,200 in cash and bonds, was stolen according to the County Sheriff's Department of Brunswick County.

Whaley was arrested in Beulaville on Friday afternoon after a tip off from Sheriff Miller, Duplin County Sheriff, to the Brunswick County authorities. Whaley had been spending money so freely in Beulaville according to reports, that officers had become sus-

picious of him and had kept a close watch on him. He is reported to have given \$100.00 bills for Christmas presents. He had bought a '63 Ford which he traded for a '61 Ford, for which he paid cash and in which car he was riding when arrested by the Sheriff and SBI Officer Frank Satterfield.

On Saturday Virgil Sanderson was picked up at Beulaville and held in the Sheriff's office until officers from Brunswick County came to pick him up.

Sanderson was identified as "the masked robber," by Mrs. Alice Benton, one of the two women in the store. She also identified Whaley as being the unmasked one. It is alleged that the men bound Mrs. Benton and Mrs. Mary Fisher in the bedroom attached to the station where they carried out the robbery.

Both men have admitted being involved in the robbery, according to the Brunswick County Sheriff.

All three men will be taken to Southport where they will be given a preliminary hearing in Brunswick County Recorder's Court on January 9, according to Solicitor

A. H. Gainey, Jr. of Brunswick County.

The 300-pound safe which was taken from the building during the robbery was found and removed from North East river on Tuesday morning about 10:30 o'clock. Sheriff Miller of Duplin County said that the safe was in about 10 ft. of water in Northeast River which crosses Hwy. 24 a few miles S. of Beulaville. The door had been blown off and a hole cut in the bottom.

Leonard said \$700 of the missing money has been recovered from Whaley. The investigation is not yet complete.

James Shepard Awarded Degree

An outstanding accomplishment is being hailed by friends and relatives of James B. Shepard, 23, of Box 32, Beulaville, North Carolina.

The local man has been awarded an Associate Degree in Applied Science for successfully completing a 96 week training program in Electronic Technology and Design at the Chicago laboratories of DeVry Technical Institute - one of the nation's largest and best-equipped Electronics training centers.

J. J. Gershon, Director of DeVry Tech's laboratory training, in making the award, said:

"Today's specialist, particularly the person trained in Electronics, is in a position to work in some of the most challenging and profitable opportunities I have been privileged to see. I congratulate you on choosing a career in such a promising field as this."

Continuing, Gershon stated, Electronics is helping to work near-wonders in many different fields. For example, the launching and precise control of satellites and missiles would not be possible without the use of Electronic devices. Communication between the ground and the missile also is Electronics even helps to sort and analyze the valuable information relayed back to earth from space vehicles. Thus, trained technicians are vital keys to the success of the Free World's space program.

In conclusion, Gershon told the local man, "Your DeVry Tech training can thus be a 'passport' to a challenging, interesting and profitable future. Again, my congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your career."

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Trial & Error

Mr. Santa Claus, I wish to thank you for the wonderful Christmas that you gave to me and my family. We are all so busy before Christmas asking you for things but do we ever take time after Christmas to thank you for the many gifts that you gave to us?

Thank you for our friends and family that we fail to see but once a year, and that is during the Christmas season.

Thank you for the little notes we receive on Christmas Cards that knit together the gaps of neglected correspondence and bring us closer to our friends throughout the country.

Thank you for the closeness of feeling which families have on Christmas morning when they are opening gifts that show time and thought and sacrifice to give our loved ones the gifts that we know they have been wanting.

Thank you for our health and safety. When we look at the papers from all over the state and see the many tragedies that happen and realize but by the grace of God these tragedies could have happened to us it makes us all more thankful for the blessings which we have.

Thank you for small towns during the Christmas season when people are neighborly and friendly taking out time in the rush to drop into a friend's home to exchange gifts, recipes, ideas and good will.

Santa there are so many things that we would like to thank you for, that it seems impossible to name all of them. But most of all for your fine Spirit of giving, and forgetting self, that you instill in us even if it is for such a short season. It is a feeling of fulfillment and enjoyment which we would not experience if you did not come once a year with your sleigh full of hope, peace, faith and charity.

The New Year is here upon us, and have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? Even if we keep our resolutions but for a day or two, it is a good idea to take stock of ourselves and make a few resolutions. It at least shows we realize that we need to improve in many categories.

We were real proud of Duplin County for their lack of highway accidents during the holidays. No fatalities, and no serious accidents with property damage were reported. However we had enough during the Thanksgiving Holidays to last for a long, long time. We also had enough other tragedies to make up for the lack of highway accidents.

This has certainly been a quite week after the turmoil of the last several weeks. People walk at a more leisurely gait, the drug store "coffee" group seem to be in on hurry, and conversation is drifting around to such items as the Governor's Inaugural which will be held next week, the Dixie Classics which start this afternoon, and the basket ball season in the county which will get in full swing when schools open on Tuesday, January 3. Life moves on again into the New Year with new dreams and plans for the future.

Here's wishing each and every one a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Ruth

Farm Census To Be Taken In January

Census of 1960 crops will be taken by the Tax List Takers during January 1961, when 1961 taxes are listed.

"The purpose of the Farm Census is to obtain reliable information on land use, crop acreage and selected livestock numbers. Information of this type is needed currently in order to plan and carry out the most practical Agricultural Programs for North Carolina. Changes in the production of crops must be based on current and reliable information in order to use our farm resources efficiently and to protect the welfare of Tar Heel farmers. Farmers, individually or collectively, cannot wisely plan for the future without using and studying all available facts pertaining to agriculture in the same way as efficient business men analyze their operations."

Farmers are urged to be prepared to give Farm Census information when they list 1961 taxes during January, 1961.

Negro Confesses Brutal Rape-Slaying Of Rose Hill Widow On Christmas Eve

The Town of Rose Hill was saddened and enraged on Christmas Eve a tite brutal rape-slaying of one of their residents, a widow, Mrs. Lena Barnes.

A 31 year old, negro laborer, Theodore Boykin of Teachey has confessed to the slaying, according to Sheriff Ralph Miller.

Mrs. Lena Barnes, 58, who lived alone in a two story home about two miles South of Rose Hill was found dead in the basement of her home after officers had been called when she failed to attend a dinner party on Christmas Eve to which she had been invited. Deputy Snyder Dempsey and Rose Hill Chief of Police, Bill Quinn, found the body.

Boykin is being held without bond in an undisclosed jail, as feeling is "runnig high" in the county. Boykin broke down and confessed on Monday after being questioned by the Sheriff, two of his deputies and an agent of the State Bureau of Investigation, Hoyle T. Hartley.

Yesterday (Wednesday), the pistol with which Boykin shot Mrs. Barnes was obtained. Boykin told deputies where to find the pistol and it was brought to Kenansville by officers. The pistol allegedly used in the crime was obtained from a friend of Boykin. Miller quoted Boykin as saying he gave the pistol to a man after the murder, for a Christmas present.

Sheriff Miller said Boykin confessed that "robbery was the motive" but that he "raped her one time and then killed her to cover up the rape." According to the Sheriff

Boykin shot Mrs. Barnes twice in the chest with a .32 caliber pistol after hitting her over the head with a poker. A medical examination by Dr. C. F. Hawes of Rose Hill disclosed that Mrs. Barnes had been raped. Sheriff Miller said after being questioned the following series of events were reconstructed by the Sheriff.

Mrs. Boykin, who was employed by the Rural Electrification Office in Rose Hill, worked until noon on Saturday. She went to her home and left her groceries on the back porch. When she entered the kitchen, Boykin who had been hiding behind the door, hit her over the head twice with a poker, according to the confession, and dragged her into another room where he raped her.

Then, the confession alleges, he carried her down to the basement and with his eyes tightly closed, shot her twice.

Boykin says he got into her home by ripping a bathroom screen and unlocking the window.

Boykin said he then tried to mop up the blood in the rooms using the bathroom to rinse out his mop, and there he lost his hat which was one the clues which led to his arrest.

The body was discovered about 10:00 Saturday night by Deputy Dempsey and Police Chief Bill Quinn. The two officers immediately started questioning neighbors who said they had seen a strange colored man loitering around in the neighborhood. Dempsey and Quinn worked until 6:00 Christmas

morning picking up suspects.

In Sheriff Miller's office this afternoon he highly praised Deputy Dempsey for the fine work he had done in this case.

Dempsey states that he got about an hour's sleep and went out looking again with "Boykin on his mind." He went to Boykin's home and Boykin wasn't there but was riding around with a friend. Dempsey found him, arrested him, and brought him to an undisclosed jail.

Boykin has a long record of previous convictions and was released in November of 1960 from a road sentence after being convicted of a breaking and entering charge.

Acting on a tip, Dempsey went to the home of Mary Elizabeth Kenon's of Teachey and recovered many items which Boykin had stolen from Mrs. Barnes home and had given to Mary for presents. It is reported that Boykin had given away many of the items which he had stolen from the widow's home.

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Mrs. Wadkins



Mr. Thompson

HONORED FOR SERVICE - E. C. Thompson senior vice-president, and Mrs. Mabel B. Wadkins, head bookkeeper, both of the Branch Banking & Trust Company, Warsaw, were honored for their loyal service to the Testimonial Party in Wilson, given in honor of all of Branch Banks' officers and employees with 25 years or more services. Mr. Thompson was honored for 32 years of service with Branch Bank, while Mrs. Wadkins was honored for 31 yrs. service. This dinner was held on Thursday evening, December 15, at the Carolina Country Club in Wilson, at which time in recognition of loyal service, each honoree was presented with a hand some gift.

ASC Offers Premeasurement Service

Any farmer in this State may have the acreage laid off for him on which he will plant his allotment crop for this year. This service which is offered to producers of all allotment crops by ASC was termed "premeasurement" today by O. L. Holland, Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee.

Every year there are some farmers who, through inadequate premeasurement on their own part or because of incorrect information on the acreage in permanent fields, plant either more or less than they are actually permitted by their allotment. In the case of overplanting, this causes the farmer unnecessary expense in the way of unused fertilizer, unused plants or seed, or treating of land that can't be used. In the case of underplanting, this could cause the farmer to lose some of his "planting history", and of course it would cause him to lose some of his income.

This premeasurement service may be requested through the local ASC county office beginning January 3, 1961, for all spring-planted crops except burley tobacco. ASC has already trained and

equipped the reporters who will do this premeasurement work. The farmer will be required to pay only the actual cost of the visit to his farm and the determination of acreage on his farm. The deposit to cover the actual cost of the work is made by the farmer at the time he makes application for premeasurement.

The premeasured acreage will be accepted by ASC reporters as the "official" measured acreage provided the farmer plants the entire premeasured area and no more, and provided there was no obvious error made in the premeasurement. A later trip will be made to the farm to determine that these requirements have been met; but in most cases additional measurements will not be necessary.

According to Holland, only a limited amount of this premeasurement work can be done in the short time available, so applications should be made early. All farmers desiring premeasurement should visit their local county ASC office as soon as possible after the opening date on Tuesday January 3, 1961, he said.

Tobacco Discount Program To Continue

Prices for flue-cured tobacco from discount varieties will be one-half the support rates for comparable grades of other varieties in 1961.

This is a continuation of the variety discount program that was operated this year by ASC according to Rufus Elks, Jr., Office Mgr. for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. According to Elks, discount varieties have been classified by State and Federal scientists located in this area as "low yielding in flavor and aroma, generally of light body and - or currently with poor acceptance in the trade."

In order to avoid the possibility of a farmer unprofitably planting a discounted variety, farmers should procure their seed only from reliable sources. Only in this manner will the farmer be able to certify that he is not planting one of the discounted varieties.

According to Elks, the quota of 1,212 million pounds, converted to acres, results in 715,817 acres available for allotment in 1961. Acreage available for allotment in 1960 totaled 715,110 acres. The increase in North Carolina amounts

to one tenth of one percent. This one tenth of one percent is required to be used for adjusting allotments, this is, for correcting errors, and for adjusting inequities. Thus, for most farms, 1961 allotments will be the same as in 1960.

In referendum December 15, 1959, a total of 96 percent of the State's flue-cured tobacco growers voted in favor of quotas through 1961. Marketing quotas have been in effect for flue-cured tobacco every year since enactment of the Agricultural Act of 1938 except for 1939, when they were disapproved by growers.

Tobacco imports by the U. S. amounted to 157 million pounds, valued at \$115 million, in fiscal 1959-60. They consisted mainly of oriental types for blending, cigar filler and scrap.

The U. S. Imported \$507 million in sugar during fiscal 1959-60, mainly from Cuba and the Philippines. Sugar is the nation's second biggest agricultural import, next to coffee.

Beulaville National Guard To Participate In Governors Inaugural Parade

Battery D 2nd AW Bn. (SP 252 Artillery) Beulaville will participate in the Governor's Parade on Thursday, January 5, 1961 in Raleigh.

Captain Richard S. Bostic, commanding officer, announced that the unit would leave the Army at 7:15 A. M. on Thursday and arrive in Raleigh in time for the Battery to form in front of the Governor's Mansion at 10:15 A. M.

They then will march as an escort to the Governor and Governor-elect to Memorial Auditorium and arrive there at 11:50 A. M. The parade will start at 1:00 P. M. After the 19 gun salute they will

march from the Memorial Auditorium to the Capital, arriving there around 2:00 P. M., this being the end of the parade.

Robert B. Price Named Principal Faison School

Robert B. Price, a native of Sampson County, has been named principal of the Faison Elementary School. He replaces the late J. A. Batson of Mt. Olive.

Price has taught school in Sampson and Pender counties. He gave up teaching to serve as Tax Collector in Sampson County for several years and until recently has been connected with the Sampson Motor Lines.

Price will begin his duties in the Faison School on January 3.

BRIEFS

WARSAW TAX LISTERS
Township Tax Listers for Warsaw will be at the Fire House behind the Town Hall in Warsaw beginning January 2, 1960, to list 1961 Taxes.

TO GO TO WASHINGTON
Miss Catherine Bowen has been notified that she has been selected to work in Congressman Henderson's office in Washington. Miss Bowen will report for work around the middle of January. Miss Bowen has been employed by the Clerk of Courts office in Kenansville for the past several years, and lives in Warsaw.

AGRICULTURE TEACHER
Jimmy Saults of Warsaw has been selected as Agriculture Teacher at James Kenan High School to replace the late C. H. Pope. Saults is a 1959 graduate of State College.

MUSH!
SLOW DOWN ON SLIPPERY ROADS

Need For Sewing Machine Is Great

Mr. and Mrs. X have six children between the ages of 15 years and 3 years. Mr. X has asthma and is unable to work part of the time. He is a veteran and has the opportunity of going to Veterans Hospital during very serious attacks. However he cannot qualify for Veteran's compensation.

Mrs. X suffers with atrophic lateral sclerosis which began in such an unusual way that her case has been extremely interesting to the doctors at Duke. The Duke doctors thought the case so unusual they called in the North Carolina Memorial Hospital doctors.

Although the family had been known to Duplin County Welfare Department for school services previously, the local doctor referred Mrs. X to us because her condition in January 1959. She was referred to Vocational Rehabilitation and was sent to Duke. The Welfare Department provided money for medicine which she could not have secured otherwise. In March 1960 when worker visited the home Mrs. X was sitting with a tub of clothes on a chair in front of her washing with no washboard. She had little strength in her hands. She could not get the clothes too clean but she said she could get the odors out of them and the children would not be embarrassed at school. She had to wait until the children came from school to have

them hung out because she could no longer walk without falling.

When worker was back in the home in December, 1960, Mrs. X was able to do little besides sit. At home with her were the two youngest who are of preschool age. She said the knee baby will start to school next year and she does not know what she shall do. That child can hand her wood, and now as she sits right by the heater, she can slowly and with evident effort open the stove door and put it in. She does not know what she shall do when she is left with only her baby who will be four years old in August, 1961.

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New Year Wishes...

To the DUPLIN TIMES Subscribers, Advertisers, Correspondents, Subscription Solicitors, to Postal Workers, to Public Agencies, to Community Organizations, to all who have helped make the Duplin Times an instrument of Public Service, to everybody everywhere: the Happiest New Year ever.

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