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Johnston County Man Kills Wife and Himself

Marshall Robbins of Micro Township Shoots Wife to Death, Sets Fire to House and Goes in Woods and Commits Suicide

Selma, Aug. 11.—Marshall Robbins, Micro township farmer, who lived about four miles north of here, shot his wife to death today, and, after setting fire to their home, went into a nearby swamp and killed himself.

A charge from a shotgun was fired into Mrs. Robbins' head as she was hanging out clothes in the yard.

Hearing the shot, a son ran from a tobacco barn to investigate, and was told by his father, he said, that if he did not leave he would be shot too.

The son ran to the home of Deputy Sheriff Jasper Pittman, of Johnston county, who lived nearby. When the two went to the Robbins home, they found Mrs. Robbins dead and the residence and four tobacco barns in flames.

Other officers were summoned and with the aid of bloodhounds started a search for Robbins. As the trail led into a large swamp, the searchers heard the report of a gun.

Advancing about 30 yards further, they found the body of Robbins. He had pulled off one of his shoes and had pulled the trigger of the gun with his toes, the charge tearing away half of his face.

Dr. E. G. Parker, county coroner, held an inquest over the bodies, and returned a verdict of murder and suicide.

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SEEKS TO PROVE VETERAN'S DEATH

Bones Dug up Seven Years Ago May Be Those of the Missing Man

Greensboro, Aug. 11.—Were bones dug up on a Guilford farm seven years ago the remains of Irvin G. Finch, Durham World War veteran? Those were questions which Sheriff Dave B. Stafford was pondering today, but the sheriff frankly admits he had little to go on in trying to establish the bones as those of the missing man.

Mrs. Margaret E. Finch, 104 North State Street, Raleigh, believes that her husband was killed on a Guilford farm seven years ago. Recently she put in a claim for her husband's war risk insurance on the ground that seven years of absence was legal proof of death. In June the office of the adjutant general at Washington wrote Solicitor J. Frank Sprull and told him of Mrs. Finch's belief that her husband was murdered here.

Solicitor Sprull wrote the Raleigh woman for further details and a receipt of her letter today put the matter in the hands of the sheriff for an investigation. Her letter says: "My husband left Durham and went to Greensboro and went to work with a paint contractor and secured a room. Shortly after he began this work he was sent out in the country to do some painting for a farmer, leaving his regular clothes in his room in Greensboro and taking with him only one suit of clothes and one suit of overalls. As shown by letters and affidavits he was called from the farm home by one Bob Marshall and he was never seen again, though the farmer's dogs dug up the bones in the vicinity of the farm and they were taken to the courthouse at Greensboro, where I examined them. He never returned to the farm home and never returned to his room in Greensboro. The black dog owned a letter from her husband on April 13, 1923, some being dated April 11 and written in Greensboro, this being the last she has heard from him.

Four acres of Irish potatoes produced 60 bushels of marketable ones on the farm of John J. Batts, of Catawba County. Considering prevailing drought, this is considered a excellent yield.

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SAY QUALITY OF TOBACCO IS BAD

Henderson Buyers Think Tobacco Is Selling Fairly Well in S. C. Belt

Henderson, Aug. 11.—Low prices being paid for tobacco offered for sale on the warehouse floors in the South Carolina belt are due to the poor quality of leaf brought in by the growers, according to tobacco men from this city who are located on the border markets, and who were here over the week-end with their families. One buyer said that he considered the offerings to be selling fairly well, considering the type of weed.

Most of the tobacco sold so far has been of the low grades, consisting largely of primings and sand lings, and the average is expected to advance as the better quality of the crop finds its way to market.

A feeling persists that Eastern North Carolina and Middle Belt tobacco will sell better, though what justification there may be for this hope remains to be seen.

Recent official reports on the sales last week in Georgia gave the price average for the entire belt there as around 12 1/2 cents a pound, which is practically 2 cents a pound higher than the first week. It is pointed out that the better grades are probably now reaching the market, which is regarded as a factor and an accounting for the advance in prices on the second week's sales.

The Georgia crop is expected to be practically sold by the end of this month, after a selling season of five weeks. At that time, most of the tobacco men from this section who are in the Georgia belt are expected to begin returning home in preparation for the opening here.

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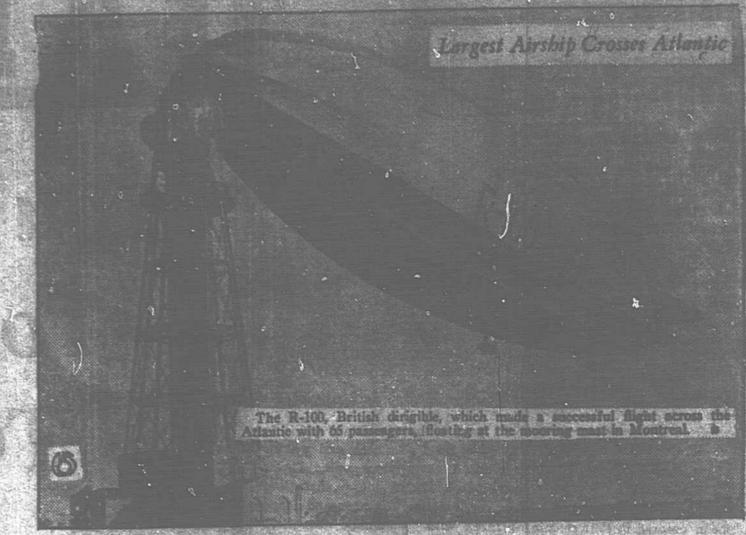
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PLANE DROPS BOMBS ON COAL MINING TOWN

Nine Are Dropped From an Orange Colored Mono- plane in Town Torn By Labor Troubles in State of Kentucky

Marion, Ill., Aug. 11.—Southern Illinois authorities were asked today to find an airplane which dropped nine bombs near the non-union mines in Kentucky. A message from an official of the coal company to Chief of Police Robert Ramsey of Marion, said the plane carried government license No. 5088.

The machine, containing two men, and described as an orange colored monoplane, appeared about 6 a. m. It approached Providence, Ky. at about 2,000 feet, coming from the direction of Illinois.

The first bomb struck near Clay City, a few miles north of here. Then the machine dived toward Providence and released two bombs. Columns of smoke and dust rose from a field.

The plane circled the town, and came back, dropping lower as it came on. A bomb fell near the entrance to the Ruckman mine, but failed to explode. Five more were dropped near the Meador, Young and Holt mines, but only two exploded. The explosions of the bombs could be heard for miles and threw the town into an uproar. The machine appeared about the time the miners were going to work.

The bombs which failed to explode were made of dynamite wrapped in adhesive tape with fuses attached.

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Jackson And O'Brine Set Another Endurance Mark

MOONSHINER HAS HARD TIME OF IT

As Soon As He Gets Busi- ness Going Good Revenue Agents But In

Kinston, Aug. 11.—Bankruptcy may be the next development in the career of a Craven county moonshiner. His business has gone from bad to worse since the first of the year.

Prohibition agents, who admit having hounded him and tell the story of a prosperous business debacle with manifest glee, expect him to go out of business after one more raid.

In January the blockader had a 68 'box' distillery in low grounds—"never mind where," to quote the agents. It was raided and burned. Sixteen boxes of mash represent considerable more than \$1,000 in raw materials, \$900 worth of sugar alone.

The moonshiner erected a 60-box plant. The "revenuers" promptly ruined it.

His next enterprise was less than half as large. It required only 28 boxes. It was hacked to bits by the dry agents.

Now he is manufacturing monkey rum, not a good grade of corn liquor, with a nine-box still. The agents will capture that in time. They have certain reasons for not rushing things.

The corn crop in Eastern Carolina is the largest on record. But despite the abundance of "whiskey trees" on practically every farm in the region, production of liquor this fall will be off 40 per cent from last fall, the "dry" agents predict. Current prices are low, and they promise to be low when things pick up in the fall.

That, according to the Justice Department's operatives in hob-nail boots, is because commodity prices in general have fallen.

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FARMVILLE GIRLS INVITED TO ENTER BEAUTY CONTEST

Prizes Will Be Awarded for Most Beautiful Girl Bath- er; Also for Largest At- tendance from Any One Locality

Farmville has been invited to send a bathing beauty contestant for the gala bathing beauty revue to be held August 27 and 28 at Atlantic Beach near Morehead City.

According to a letter written here by R. W. Gordon, of Morehead City, who is directing plans for the state contest. Sponsors of the festival hope that many cities of the state will be represented, so that "Miss North Carolina" may be truly representative.

To the winner will be given a handsome silver loving cup. Silver loving cups will also be presented to the alternates. Prizes will be awarded to all who enter the contest, so that it is considered well worth while for every city to have a representative. Judges will be selected from distinguished sections.

A silver loving cup will also be presented to the city that has the largest number of citizens, based on mileage, present at the contest on Wednesday night, August 27, when the winners are to be selected. The prizes will be awarded on the following night. Plans are under way to make the events outstanding socials in the history of the state.

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NEGRO CAFE EMPLOYEE IS SHOT TO DEATH

Marcellus Riddick Is Shot to Death in Argument Over Staple in Alley at Rear Door of Greenville Cafe

Greenville, Aug. 13.—Marcellus Riddick, colored, was shot and killed by Ed Haten, also colored, following an argument last night in the alley back of the Greenville Cafe, where both men were employed. Haten immediately escaped and still remained at large this afternoon, although members of the police department had hopes of nabbing their man by nightfall.

The bullet, fired at close range, entered Riddick's throat. He was said to have staggered into the cafe and dropped to the floor, dead.

Officers said today the shooting was the outgrowth of an argument over a broken staple. The argument started yesterday afternoon and was resumed again last night.

At the height of the controversy the two men were seen to go out the back door into the alley. A few minutes later the report of a pistol was heard, and Riddick's form hurtled through the doorway and dropped to the floor. He died before medical attention could be secured.

Although members of the police department immediately began a search for Haten, they were unable to obtain any information as to his whereabouts. He was believed to have left town immediately, and working upon that theory police and county officers in all of the surrounding communities were notified to keep on the lookout for the man.

Coroner E. S. Williams started an inquest into the shooting this morning, but was continued until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

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RE-MARRY AFTER HAVING OBTAINED A DIVORCE

Miss Colvin Caraway of Farmville, and Johnnie Meadows, a former resident and barber of this place, who now resides in Wilson, were married Tuesday after having been separated a year, following divorce pro- ceedings. Miss Caraway had been with her mother here for several weeks, having recently completed a demonstration tour for a Baltimore paint and varnish firm.

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