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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

Salina, 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 Devo 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 blood-stained envelope a letter from her husband on April 12, 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 tubers on the farm of John J. Batts, of Catawba County. Considering prevailing drought, this is a record.

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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 sandlings, 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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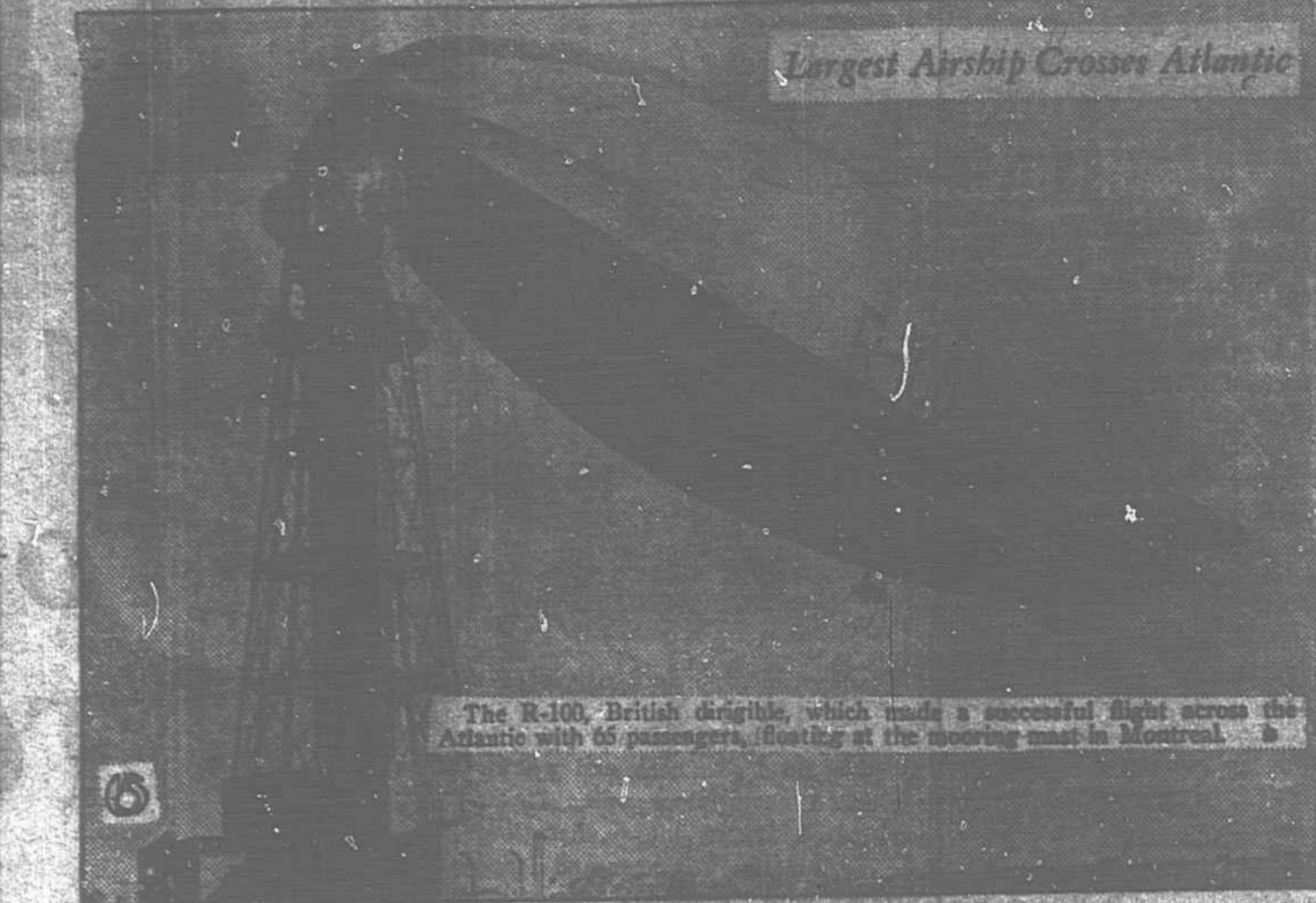
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Largest Airship Crosses Atlantic

The R-100, British dirigible, which made a successful flight across the Atlantic with 65 passengers, floating at the mooring mast in Montreal.

## 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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## 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 interested 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.

### 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 there Tuesday after having been separated a year, following divorce proceedings. Miss Caraway had been with her mother here for several weeks, having recently completed a demonstration tour for a Baltimore paint and varnish firm.

### PASTORS TAKE VACATIONS

Three of the four resident ministers of Farmville are away on their annual vacations, which will end on September 1.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Venable, of the Presbyterian church are enjoying a vacation in the Valley of Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Harrell, Methodist pastor and wife, are also in Virginia, Ocean View. Rev. R. S. Tandy and Mrs. Yandy of the Christian Disciples church left the second week in July for an extended visit to Kentucky and Mississippi.

This leaves Rev. Ford A. Burns of the Baptist church and Wm. Bloxham, student at an Episcopal seminary, supplying at the local Episcopal church to carry on the religious activities during the month.

The preacher at the Union services, held each Sunday in July and August, whose name is never announced for the following service, remains an uncertainty no longer, and the only surprise the evening congregations could receive now, would be the sermons delivered by the same preacher in succession.

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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 hauled 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.

### STONE TALKS TO TOBACCO RAISERS

### Recalls Warning That Farm Board Deal Only With Organizations

The Federal Farm Board cannot render aid in its developments unless first the growers want it and after they get it will stand 100 per cent behind their own business demanding efficient management and fair dealings to all.

James C. Stone, tobacco representative declares in the current issue of the Progressive Farmer.

His message to Dr. Clarence Poe in which he emphasized the necessity of growers organizing, follows in part:

"You attended most of the tobacco meetings which I held last fall and winter at Florence, S. C., Raleigh, N. C., and Danville, Va., and you will recall that I stated as forcibly as I could at all of these meetings that under the Agricultural Marketing Act unorganized growers could not get aid from the farm board. I said that the board under the law could only function through co-operative marketing associations formerly owned and controlled which complied with the terms of the Capper-Volstead law and that if tobacco growers were not satisfied with the selling system which they had then was the time to organize and that if they waited until the marketing season this summer began it would be too late to receive aid from the board on this crop."

"You will also recall that I arranged and held meetings with representatives of the State colleges of agriculture and county agents from the states of Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia, together with representatives of the Farm Board and the Division of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the purpose of systematically holding meetings of growers in these states to let the growers know what to expect and what not to expect from co-operative marketing associations in the event they decided to organize. The growers of only two states showed any interest—South Carolina and Georgia."

Both of these states organized, Mr. Stone pointed out, adding:

"This year's selling season opened in Georgia with extremely low prices and though the acreage of bright tobacco according to the report of the United States Department of Agriculture was about 5 per cent larger than last year due to unfavorable weather."

"In some sections of the district a co-operative marketing association cannot be organized in time now to handle this crop and relieve the growers from their present unhappy situation but from this condition they should learn the proper lesson."

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## Nose Craft Toward Goal of 1000 Hours after Regain- ing Record; Noisy Demon- stration Is Staged for the Flyers of St. Louis

St. Louis, Aug. 13.—The world's premier sustained flight pilots, Doc Jackson and Forest O'Brine, tonight rode the air above Lambert field in their trim cabin monoplane, "Greater St. Louis," as champions once more.

After breaking the world's refueling endurance flight record at 9:22 a. m., these two veteran sky-swallowers nosed their craft toward a goal of 1,000 hours in the air. At 4:11 p. m., Jackson and O'Brine had been aloft 561 hours, and had surpassed by almost eight hours the record of 553 hours and forty minutes set in Chicago last month by the flying Hunter brothers of Sparta, Ill.

Soon after word had been spread that "Red" and "Obie" had recaptured the record, congratulatory telegrams began to pour in.

A small crowd of the airport cheered lustily, standing in the driving rain to watch the "Greater St. Louis" sweep gracefully over the field just above their heads. The downpour recalled the evening of July 31, last year, when Jackson and O'Brine landed at the same field after 420 hours