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Notorious Otto Wood Is Killed by Salisbury Police

State's Most Widely Known Criminal Fights To The Last, Threatening Police Officers.

OFFICERS DO QUICK JOB WITH BANDIT

Salisbury, Dec. 31.—Otto Wood, North Carolina's best known criminal, was shot to death in a gun battle here today with Police Chief R. L. Rankin.

The one-armed convict, widely known for his ability to break jail, fired two shots at Chief Rankin and Policeman J. W. Kesler before a bullet from Rankin's gun blew the side of his head off. He died before he could be carried to a hospital.

He was identified by Chief Rankin from descriptive matter mailed out by state's prison and by Roy Barker, a companion, who took no part in the fight.

Before the officers shot him down, however, Wood held the policemen at bay and even went so far, according to Policeman Kesler, as to threaten death to the officers if they refused to drive him out of town in order to allow him to escape.

Acting on a tip from an unnamed source that Wood was in town, Chief Rankin and Kesler began a tour of the city in an automobile. One block from the heart of the business district, Kesler said, they spied a one-armed man standing on the corner.

Driving up to the curb, Kesler said, Chief Rankin got out and approached the man.

"Otto Wood let me see your hand," the chief was quoted as saying.

"Here it is, damn it," Otto replied, and drew a .45 calibre pistol.

Branding his gun at them Kesler said, Wood forced both officers to get back into their automobile.

As Wood climbed into the car with a threat to the men to drive him out of town or they would be killed, Chief Rankin leaped from the car and fired. The bullet struck Wood in the leg and he returned the fire as he leaped from the car.

In the meantime, Kesler brought his gun into action and fired twice. Wood shot again and then Chief Rankin sent his second shot crashing in to Wood's mouth and face. The charge, fired at close range, fairly blew one side of Wood's face off.

Barker, Wood's companion, stood by and watched the battle, Kesler said. The heavy calibre pistol officers took from him was not loaded. He is being held in the county jail.

Wood died before he reached the hospital, Dr. W. L. Tatum, who examined his body, said.

FIRE IN NEGRO BUSINESS SECTION

A fire, which resulted from the explosion of a gasoline lamp, burned the roof of a store and damaged the stock of the occupant, Simon T. Williams, in the negro section here Wednesday night about 11:00.

The store, a two-frame building, owned by R. L. Davis, burned rapidly but was brought under control by the fire department soon after it arrived on the scene.

RECOVERING FROM SCALP WOUND IN AUTO COLLISION

Lester Turnage, who lives with his parents near Lang's Cross Roads, and about five miles from Farmville, is recovering from a severe scalp wound sustained in an accident of Saturday afternoon.

As Mr. Turnage backed his car from the garage to the highway, the driver of an approaching car thought he could avoid an accident by keeping on the right hand side of the road, the theory of which would have proved correct, if Mr. Turnage had continued to back, but he saw it a car and stopped short. Both Ford cars were damaged in the collision.

The man and woman, occupants of the other car, gave their names as Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tyson to the passing motorist who brought them into town, and the State license was registered as Aberdeen, but they disappeared very quickly after arriving in town, and police officers, who were later advised of the whiskey cargo aboard their car, have been unable to locate them as yet.

Mr. Turnage was carried to a hospital in Greenville for treatment, but has returned to his home, the wound proving to be less serious than it was thought to be at first.

FARMVILLE'S FIRE DEPT. CALLED TO WALSTONBURG

The Farmville fire department was called to assist Walstonburg's bucket brigade in fire fighting Tuesday evening about 9:00 o'clock. The roof of a dwelling house on Main street, owned by Dr. W. A. Marlow, and occupied by Mrs. Stephen Craft, was falling in as the firemen arrived, and their efforts were concentrated on prevention of adjoining buildings.

TELLS ASHEVILLE TO CONSOLIDATE

Merger For City, Schools, And County Suggested By Colonel Sherrill.

Asheville, Dec. 30.—The only hope of balanced budgets for Asheville and Buncombe county lies in the consolidation of all governmental functions of county, city, and schools into a single, central unit under the council-manager form, Colonel C. O. Sherrill told a large audience at the city auditorium yesterday afternoon.

Colonel Sherrill, former city manager of Cincinnati, and recognized authority on problems of city government, who came here at the invitation of the Young Men's Council, offered four recommendations:

1. Consolidation of the governments of Asheville, Buncombe county, and the schools into a single, central government covering the entire area of the county and all the local government functions therein.
2. Memorizing the state legislature to make an emergency appropriation to supplement local revenues, the state funds to be available as a loan at nominal interest.
3. The setting aside by the government authorities from the annual available revenue of a sum sufficient to pay the interest on outstanding bonds, first, then the establishment of an operating budget to be kept within the remainder of the revenue.
4. Operation of the combined city-county-schools government under the council-manager system, a small council of five to nine members to be elected by some non-partisan method such as that of proportional representation, these councilmen being chosen at large and not by wards.

Recommendations number 1, 2 and 4 could be carried out only through special legislation by the North Carolina General Assembly, Colonel Sherrill pointed out.

In discussing the operation of the proposed consolidated governmental unit, the speaker said:

"The council should choose by majority vote, one of its members to be known as mayor to act as ceremonial head of the city and county, as presiding officer of the council and to be the political representative before the people of the legislative policies of the council.

"The council should also choose by majority vote a manager to serve for an indefinite period, subject to discharge by two third vote of the council, after charges have been preferred, and public hearing held thereon.

"The council should be forbidden to interfere with the manager in matters of administration and personnel, including the making of contracts. All city personnel should be appointed, promoted and dismissed by the manager under civil service rules, assuring the merit system."

Colonel Sherrill, a former U. S. Army officer, is a native of Newton, North Carolina.

BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. G. S. Vought delightfully entertained at a bridge party honoring her brother, Phillip Carter Bunn, of Spring Hope, N. C. University student who was her house guest during the holidays.

The living room was attractive with its decorations of seasonal greenery, and two tables were placed for the game. When cards were laid aside, Miss Mae Joyner was presented with a dainty handkerchief as winner of high score for the ladies, and Carl Joyner was awarded the men's prize. Delicious ambrosia and spice cake were served by the hostess.

Those present were: Misses Elizabeth Fields, Evelyn Horton, Sue Barrett, Mae Joyner, Phillip Carter Bunn, Carl Joyner, and Suggs Askew.

Although he was forced to shoot the bald eagle which attacked his 8-year-old son, Roy VanDunk, of Hillburn, N. Y., paid a fine of \$27, the penalty for killing a bald eagle which is Uncle Sam's national bird.

Denounces Dry Law



Federal Judge William T. Clark of Newark, N. J., who declared the 18th Amendment unconstitutional. The Supreme Court will review his decision.

JUDGE FRIZELLE TAKES OATH OF OFFICE THURSDAY

W. B. Morrill, Justice Of The Peace, Administers Oath In Presence Of Relatives And Friends.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, resident Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, took his oath of office in Snow Hill Thursday, before W. B. Morrill, Justice of the Peace, in the presence of relatives and friends.

Judge Frizzelle, who it will be remembered, won out in the June primary over the incumbent, Judge R. A. Nunn, of New Bern, by a small margin, Judge Nunn being quite popular and having rendered meritorious service while in office, is an outstanding lawyer of this section, and his name is of genuine weight in the roster of the bar of North Carolina.

He is exceptionally well qualified for the bench position from long association with matters of public interest, and individual decision requiring enlightened judgement, and at a time when the country is in the throes of an acute political crisis, it is gratifying to see leaders with a sincere desire to safeguard the public, and who are not merely shifty, self-seeking politicians, elected to positions of solemn trust. Friends predict for Judge Frizzelle a very notable and successful tenure of office.

Judge Frizzelle began his judicial career by hearing several matters in his chambers Thursday. His first court, a three weeks civil term, will be held in Durham, beginning January 6th.

A child with 2 heads and 2 spinal columns was born dead at the Chambersburg, Pa., Hospital recently. Hospital authorities refuse to reveal the sex.

TREATS RELIGION OF THE FUTURE

Says It Will Be Founded On Idealistic Promptings Of Human Heart.

Greensboro, Dec. 30.—Rev. H. L. Canfield, pastor of the First Universalist church, speaking on the subject "What Next in Religion?" said to his congregation Sunday morning:

"To prophesy that the religion of tomorrow will, in important respects, be unlike the religion of today, seems a perfectly safe prediction, since the religion of today is, in many particulars, unlike the religion of yesterday. Furthermore, the character of the coming religion may be foretold with some degree of certainty, if one may base an opinion on what is known of present trends in religious thought.

Man's growing knowledge of the universe and of the laws and forces operating therein, has shown him that much in his religion was based upon an erroneous or incomplete understanding of himself and of the world in which he lives. The present tendency is away from a belief in a supernatural government of human affairs. Before now, critical situations have arisen in human relations when it seemed as if the men under whose leadership the crisis has been safely passed, were divinely appointed. Yet in other crises competent leadership has been tragically wanting, and the end has been disaster. The coming religion will not dispense with a belief in God, but it will have a profounder understanding of Him. He will be known as governing not by caprice or by special providences, but by laws universal in their application. Upon human beings will be placed the sole burden of establishing righteousness in the world. The kingdom will not be superimposed from above, but will be outwardly established through the idealistic and creative promptings of the heart of man. The religion that is to come will be sociological rather than theological. It will little concern itself with theories about the unknown; it will rather seek in the realm of the known what will most certainly bring out the finest in man and the best in his institutions."

MOTHER OF O. G. SPELL DIES LAST SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Spell were summoned to Autryville Saturday afternoon due to the death of Mr. Spell's mother, Mrs. L. C. Spell, who had been ill for some time, but was taken worse rather suddenly before her death.

Mrs. Spell is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. B. Ballard, of Roseboro, and two sons, L. C. Spell, of Autryville, and O. G. Spell, of this city.

Burial took place Sunday afternoon at the family burial ground near Autryville.

A person whose name is so large at to attract attention is eligible to membership in the Nose Club of London, Eng.

THE BARRETT-DAIL MOTOR CO. ACCEPTS CHEVROLET AGENCY

New Firm Occupying Building Formerly Occupied by The Baker-Mason Lumber Company; New Cars Now On Display

On page four of this issue will be found the announcement of the Barrett-Dail Motor Company to the effect that they have secured the agency for the Chevrolet cars and trucks, for Farmville and surrounding territory.

The owners of the Barrett-Dail Motor Company are H. L. Barrett and T. M. Dail. Mr. Barrett has for the past several years operated the Barrett Service Station and Garage here, and is well and favorably known to the motoring public of this section, having been distributor of the Star, Oakland and Pontiac automobiles; This is Mr. Dail's first venture in the automobile business.

The Barrett-Dail Motor company will occupy the building on Wilson street formerly occupied by the Baker-Mason Lumber Co., and just across the street from the building formerly occupied by Barrett's Garage. Extensive remodeling has been done in the building and this firm is now ready to serve you promptly and efficiently in either sales or service to the Chevrolet, America's most popular six cylinder automobile.

This firm will retain their regular efficient and courteous force of mechanics and service men, while in the office and parts department will be found Mr. D. L. Barber.

JOHN B. LEWIS OPENS LAW OFFICES HERE

When a young man, who spends six years away from home, laboring in the fields of self improvement, and storing up a reserve knowledge to be used in the interests and occupations of common life, and in State and county affairs, it is a mark of respect and high esteem to any community to have that young man return and cast his lot and fortune in with his home folks. It leads to the inevitable conclusion that the mutual confidence borne by the boy and town will prove a tremendous asset to both.

And such a thing has come to pass in this community, the young man, John B. Lewis, being the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Lewis, well known and prominent citizens of this section. A young man of brilliant mind and outstanding college achievements, he recently opened and is maintaining the law offices of Walter G. Sheppard, who left this week for Snow Hill to continue his practice in the place left vacant by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle at the Greene county bar, when he went on the bench as Superior Court Judge Thursday.

Lewis graduated in '23 from the local High School with honors, and entered the University of North Carolina the same year. Here his aptitude for facing problems squarely, his fearless mind that enjoys the tackling of big things, an air of quiet, unaffected assurance, and a notable gift of expressing himself well, won for him a merited recognition from both the faculty and student body.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in '29, and Bachelor of Laws in '30, having been initiated into the honorary scholarship fraternity of the Phi Beta Kappa in 1927. He was a member of Tau Kappa Alpha debating fraternity, speaker of the Phi-Anthropic Literary Society, and president of the Senior Law Class in his senior year.

After obtaining his license to practice law from the Supreme Court in February, 1930, he continued to study, taking a graduate course in law during the summer, afterwards practicing in Wilson for several months as a member of the law firm of Lewis and Wallace.

Lewis believes in his home town, his home folks, his county and community, and we bespeak the fact that this attitude, together with a spurting ambition and large ability, will win for him universal admiration and whole-hearted loyalty.

COMMISSIONERS REDUCE EXPENSE TOWN GOVERNMENT

Prompt Action Taken On Recommendations Offered By Mayor Belcher; All Salaries Cut Ten Per Cent.

At a recent meeting of the City Dads, Mayor Belcher presented the following recommendations:

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Farmville, North Carolina:

Considering the present financial condition, I suggest and recommend, to Your Honorable Board, the following:

First: A ten (10) per cent cut in the salary of each employe of the Town.

Second: A ten (10) per cent cut in the water and light rate.

Third: That all bills of the fire department be submitted to and passed on by the Board of Commissioners as other bills of the Town.

Fourth: Extension of the Town limit, so as to take in all tobacco factories and Washington Height, as they enjoy all the benefit and privileges from the Town without the Town realizing any revenue.

Fifth: That a copy of the minutes be published in the Farmville Enterprise each month, showing the collections and disbursements.

R. E. BELCHER, Mayor.

Recommendations One, three, and five were unanimously adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Recommendation two was taken under consideration. In regard to recommendation four, the Board ordered a survey made and bill drawn to present to the approaching session of the Legislature.

FARM LEADER IN ATTACK ON LEGGE

Challenges Head Of Farm Board Support Marketing Activities Inquiry.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 30.—John A. Simpson, National Farmers' Union president, has challenged Alexander Legge, farm board chairman, who join in urging passage in the Senate of the Walsh resolution calling for investigation of the board's marketing activities.

In a letter to Legge made public here tonight, Simpson asserted that "shouting 'liar'" did not clear the chairman of charges that he sought to break the price of wheat and had testified he opposed an advance in the cotton price.

Legge had said anyone making the Simpson charges was an "unmitigated liar."

"Were I so inclined," Simpson said in his letter, "I feel sure that I could win over you in any name calling contest. You, sir, may have acquired some slight experience in shouting and bellowing at underlings while you were head of the harvester trust, but I have driven mules and called hogs to the feed trough."

"Your attempt to strut like a two-cent Mussolini when you replied to my charges fails to intimidate me," Simpson continued.

"I challenge you," said the letter, "if you feel innocent of the charges, to join me in urging passage by the Senate of the Walsh resolution calling for an investigation of the farm board's marketing activities of the farm board."

"Shouting 'liar' does not clear you of those charges. A Senate investigation might—though I am convinced it would not."

"The charges that I made against you were two.

"First: I charged that you testified at a recent agriculture committee hearing that the farm board through its marketing agencies had bought and sold on the wheat market exchange to the extent of one hundred million bushels of wheat and that on November 22 your set-ups also sold on the Chicago exchange three and one-half million bushels of wheat for the purpose of breaking the price. You testified that the farm board and its set-ups also bought and sold on the cotton exchange. You further testified before this committee that you wanted wheat to be kept so low that it could be fed to hogs instead of corn; you further testified that you did not want to see cotton advance in price, that the textile mills needed cotton at just about the price that it is now.

"Second: I charged that the farm board marketing agencies were using federal money to force farm organizations to subscribe to and approve of farm board policies."

"These things, sir, I stand ready to prove to any responsible investigating body, as I have pointed out before."

While turning the sod in his front yard at Fort Wayne, Ind., Carlton Reider unearthed a tin can which contained \$450 in gold.

Farmville Organizes Relief Association

GREENVILLE WOMAN ROBBED OF \$4,250.00

Operator of Rental Agency Held Up As She Enters Her Home.

Greenville, Dec. 31.—Mrs. G. H. Ballard, of this city, was held up and robbed on Friday night of last week of \$4,250. The robbery was kept quiet for a few days in the hope that the police department could work on some clues furnished them by the victim.

According to Mrs. Ballard's statement she had attended religious services and was in the act of entering her home when several men grabbed her, snatched her purse and made a quick getaway. Her screams soon attracted a large crowd, but the robbers had been gone several minutes before any search started.

Mrs. Ballard conducts a rental agency, and had failed to deposit her collections of several days. She was carrying the money in her purse for safekeeping instead of leaving it in her home.

CHRISTMAS CARDS CAUSE VERB'L WAR

Senator Caraway And Secretary Engage In Controversy Over Greetings.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Sweetly worded greetings for a merry Christmas and Happy New Year had given rise today to an acrimonious exchange involving mention of starving babies, political motives and economy.

Senator Caraway, Democrat, of Arkansas, opened it by saying he had received information that Secretary Hyde sent his Christmas cards out postage free under the Franking privilege extended official business.

Secretary Hyde replied he had not. The cards sent under Frank, he said, were from the Department to those who had aided its work during the year and to members of the Senate and House agriculture committees.

An official of the Postoffice Department said a few cards not entitled to Frank had been sent over from Hyde's office through an office error, but that the small amount of postage due had been paid immediately the mistake was discovered.

In bringing up the matter Caraway said Hyde "was opposed to using government money to succor starving babies in drought ridden states but I understand he used it to send out Christmas cards."

Hyde said sufficient proof that the Franked cards were official greetings only "can be adduced from the fact that Senator Caraway received one."

"The number of these cards sent out this year," he continued, "was about 900. The postage would have been about \$18.

"The senator's interest in starving babies is very touching. It is hard to see how the payment of \$18 to the Post Office Department by this department would have changed the status of any babies—whether starving or otherwise. The senator's interest in such babies is, I am inclined to believe, both academic and political."

Such cards, he added, have been sent out for ten years and he had not been required by postal inspectors to pay back "a lot of postage or a cent of postage." To clear up the matter, the secretary announced he was sending a sample of the official greeting to the postal authorities with a request for a ruling on whether it was entitled to travel postage free.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON

The following announcement has been received by friends and relatives here:

"Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCullom, of San Antonio, Texas, announce the birth of a son, Bert McCullom, 2nd, Tuesday, December 30th."

Mrs. McCullom will be remembered here as Miss Guilla Askew.

Massachusetts' Coolidge



His first name is Marcus. He is the new U. S. Senator from the Bay State, a Democrat and no close kin to the former President.

Will Endeavor To Provide Necessities For Destitute Families In And Around Farmville.

IMMEDIATE NEED FOR CLOTHING AND FOOD

In line with the recent program designed by the local Rotary Club for a relief organization here, was the mass meeting called by Mayor R. E. Belcher, and held on Tuesday evening in the town hall.

A goodly number of interested citizens was present and D. E. Ogleby was elected as chairman, R. A. Joyner, vice-chairman, and Mrs. W. H. Nance secretary and treasurer.

Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, welfare chairman of the Woman's Club, and a member of the Pitt County Welfare committee, reviewed the present situation, and told of a number of destitute cases which had come under her observation. Revs. R. S. Tandy, H. L. Hendricks, and Attorney R. T. Martin made brief talks relating to the organization of the town and problems which arise in all forms of relief work.

A ways and means committee of which Mayor Bicher is chairman, with Chief of Police, J. L. Taylor, John B. Lewis and Manly Liles as members, was appointed, together with an investigation committee composed of Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, J. L. Taylor, and policeman George Braxton. The last named group will pass on all cases brought to its attention, in which phase of the work they will be assisted by L. W. Godwin, who will also give the final order in expenditures.

The organization hopes to provide necessities for destitute families during the winter months, and will appeal to the different churches, civic clubs, and fraternal bodies for their co-operation, as well as to the citizens of the community, in order that the situation may be dealt with in an intelligent and efficient manner.

Now is the time for you to ransack those closets of cast off clothing that you have been saving for years, get out those old shoes which you will never wear again, and do your bit towards providing some degree of comfort for those who need it desperately.

Until the past year or two we boasted of the fact that we had no poverty stricken people in Farmville, and it was true, but we are faced today with the real problem of providing food and fuel for a large number of families to whom the future looks dark indeed. Many of them are able and willing to work, and would be glad to get a job even for a few hours. Can you give them some kind of employment? This would be the very best way in which to help the situation.

There is bound to be a great deal of sickness and suffering this winter which can be prevented if every citizen in Farmville will make some effort to assist the Relief Association by contributing in money or service, or both. . . . these three, but the greatest of these is CHARITY."

Mrs. A. S. Venable was hostess to the Garden Club on Monday afternoon at 3:00 at her home on George street. A round table discussion concerning the beautification of Farmville in the More Beautiful America contest, preceded the program. Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. A. C. Monk, Mrs. D. R. Morgan, Mrs. E. E. Joyner, and Mrs. D. E. Ogleby are members of the contest committee.

The club decided to invite Charles A. Tucker, or Warrenton, to speak at the January meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association, the program of which will be arranged by this group. The loss of a faithful and interested member, Mrs. Sarah Hassell, was noted by the chairman, Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, and a resolutions committee was appointed at this time to draw up resolutions for the Woman's Club meeting in January.

The program for the afternoon was presented by Miss Bettie Joyner, who read a selection on "Poisonous" by Mrs. J. M. Wheelus with a reading, "The Legend of the Passion Flower," and by Mrs. J. L. Shackelford, who read some garden reminders for the South from a garden magazine. The subjects of "Fruit Trees As Ornaments" and "Hints in Caring For House Plants" were touched briefly by the chairman in her talk, which closed the program.

The faithful dog of Alois Aster, government forester, of Salisbury, Austria, was buried in the same coffin with its master. Both the man and the dog were shot and killed by a poacher.

Abraham Wolff, St. Louis, Mo., millionaire junkman, who died recently, was penniless when he arrived in the United States from Russia 65 years ago.