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Craven County Murder Case is Expedited

State Completes Testi- mony Against Thomp- son Gatling and Eu- banks in Peel Case

New Bern, Sept. 9.—The Peel murder trial was started here today in superior court, the state at the night recess resting its case against Ben "Brownie" Thompson, of Goldsboro, charged with second degree murder, and Lawrence Gatling and Richard Eubanks, of Raleigh, charged with being accessories before and after the fact by taking Thompson away from the scene shortly after John F. Peel, Pamlico lighthouse tender, had been killed early on the night of Friday, August 7.

Selection of the jury was not completed until 4 o'clock this afternoon, many of the 75 men called for service having previously formed an opinion regarding the guilt of the defendants.

During the morning Solicitor D. M. Clark had announced that he understood that one of the defendants would submit to a charge of second degree murder. When attorneys for the defendants objected to his statement, failing to specify the defendant to which he referred, he named Thompson.

Hugh Dorth, of Goldsboro, attorney for Thompson, Bart Gatling and T. D. Parrish, of Raleigh, attorneys for Gatling and Eubanks, and George T. Willis and V. B. Derrickson, of New Bern, also attorneys for the defense, insisted that there had been a misunderstanding and that none of the defendants would plead guilty to any charge, Judge N. A. Sinclair, presiding over the court, instructed the jury to disregard any statement relative to any defendant submitting to any charge, as apparently there had been a misunderstanding.

The state put eight witnesses on the stand during the late afternoon: Henrietta Pelham, operator of a filling station where Peel and the defendants are said to have been just prior to the murder; J. Simmons, negro boy, who was at the station; Mary Cannon, who was riding with Peel on his truck at the time of the murder; Dr. J. R. Latham, county coroner, who viewed the body; Ulma Hader, resident of the section, who heard the shots; Constable James S. Bryan, Sheriff R. B. Lane and Deputy Sheriff C. Lupton, who made the arrests.

These witnesses offered practically the same testimony given at the coroner's hearing. Despite efforts of Hugh Dorth, of Goldsboro, attorney for Thompson to get her mixed up, Mary Cannon stuck well to the same story she has told ever since the murder. She said she had been swimming with Peel during the day. At night they went to the Pelham filling station, where there was a Ford with Thompson, Gatling and Eubanks in it. One of the men, whom she identified as Thompson, asked Peel to bring him to New Bern, this was agreed to and on the way she said that Thompson made to her an improper proposal which she declined. Thompson ordered Peel to stop the truck, she stated, and upon refusal there was a brief argument, during which Thompson took the key from the switch. Upon Peel's insistence that the key be returned she declared Thompson reached into his blouse, pulled out a pistol and shot Peel.

Thompson ran to the woods, the Cannon girl testified, but within a minute the same Ford they had seen at the filling station came by and the two occupants picked up Thompson and carried him away quickly.

Cross examination of the Cannon girl gave an idea of the type of defense that will be offered tomorrow for Thompson. She was asked to tell of her relations with Peel, of her attire in beach pajamas with one shoe and of an old preacher who gave her two dollars that day. She denied that she had taken a revolver from Thompson and started playing with it and that it went off as he attempted to take it from her. She said that a scar on her hand had been there five months and was not the result of recent powder burns.

FARMVILLE BOY GETS WEST POINT APPOINTMENT

Washington, N. C., Sept. 9.—Congressman Lindsay Warren today announced his appointments for the two vacancies at West Point from the First Congressional District. The examination will be held in March, and the successful candidate will enter the Academy on July 1. For one vacancy, Benjamin O. Turner, Jr., of Farmville, is named as principal; William E. Tucker, of Greensboro, first alternate; and Thomas J. Bailey, Jr., of Washington, as second alternate. For the other vacancy Vernon A. Ward, Jr., of Robersonville, is named as principal; Hugh Sawyer, of Elizabeth City, first alternate; and William B. Small, of Washington, as second alternate.

To Aid Jobless During Winter

Governor Calls Meeting for Next Week to Map Relief Program

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—Governor Gardner yesterday called a meeting here for Friday, September 18, for the purpose of outlining a state program for the relief of unemployed this winter.

The governor's action follows the nation-wide movement of President Hoover to provide concerted aid for the army of jobless, now estimated at more than six millions. The President appointed Stuart W. Cramer, prominent Republican who was mentioned for but failed to land a cabinet job, to represent North Carolina on the Federal Council, headed by W. S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Mr. Cramer was the only North Carolinian to be included on the committee of 84. He is expected to be present at the state conference.

R. W. Henninger, employee of the state personnel department, who acted as secretary of the unemployment council last fall, will conduct the relief forces, Governor Gardner said. The meeting is expected to be attended by state highway, agricultural, health and welfare officials, as well as prominent citizens engaged in agriculture and industry.

The first meeting would be of a preliminary nature at which plans for setting up a permanent organization to operate during the winter will be laid.

"Last year the efforts of the council of relief and unemployment dealing with this were concentrated on unemployment and relief was incidental," Governor Gardner said in a statement.

"This year it will be the policy of the administration to emphasize recognition of the state to a proper realization of the obligation to relief and to undertake to arouse the people to the realization of this period of depression."

Many home demonstration clubs of the state have engaged in canning operations during the summer, storing up food for the winter. The state's food crop this year was good, it was said, but organized distribution of surpluses will be needed to prevent suffering in some instances of unemployment.

Closes Morehead Bank; Shortage

Bank Commissioner Orders Warrant Issued for Assistant Cashier

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—As the result of an investigation started shortly after examination of the bank by state examiners on June 10, Gurney P. Hood, state commissioner of banks, yesterday ordered the Marine Bank of Morehead City closed and a warrant sworn out for its assistant cashier, W. U. Mallison.

Commissioner Hood said he had been informed by telephone that Mallison's shortage amounted to \$10,244.90 and that he had instructed St. George T. Abrams, accountant who discovered the shortage, to swear out the warrant as a representative of the state department.

The bank was a small one, reporting deposits of only \$72,000 on the last call date. Total resources were placed at \$91,000, with capital and surplus of \$19,000 and loans and discounts of \$42,000.

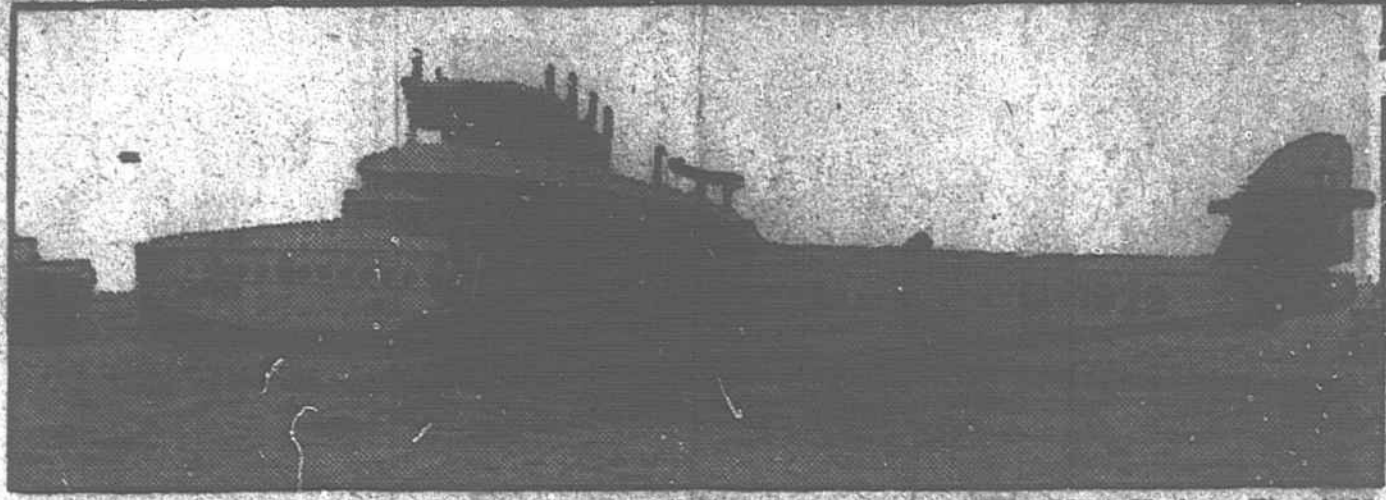
Dr. K. P. B. Bonner was president and E. A. Council, cashier.

New York taxicab drivers received about \$26,000,000 in tips last year.

Greatest Woman Author

Mary Roberts Rinehart, American woman as a novelist.

Largest Ship of the Skies Ever Built



The Do-X completed its Atlantic flight when it alighted in the waters of New York Harbor. The aircraft carrier carried 72 passengers on its trip to four continents, visiting in turn Africa, South America and North America, after covering a large part of Western Europe at the start. The vessel's carrying capacity can be best likened to that of two Pullman cars, with additional space for dining facilities, lounging and moving about.

Pacific Aviators On Missing List

Allen and Moyle May Have Been Forced to Land on One of Aleu- tian Islands

Seattle, Sept. 9.—Don Moyle and Cecil A. Allen, California aviators attempting a non-stop flight across the North Pacific, were missing late today somewhere along the 4,400 mile Great Circle route between Japan and Seattle.

The most optimistic aviation experts agreed the fuel in the single motored monoplane in which the fliers risked their lives and their fortunes could not have lasted longer than about 48 hours, or until 3:30 p. m., eastern standard time, today, under the most favorable conditions.

Moyle and Allen left Samushiro beach, 375 miles north of Tokyo, at 8:30 p. m., Monday, eastern standard time. They expected to set their wheels on the airport here in from 39 to 44 hours.

Neither flier had extensive experience as a navigator, and a slight miscalculation would have led them far from their course. Their margin of safety was only several hours. They carried no radio. If they landed in water, their plane was expected to float not longer than 35 minutes.

Last reported at Point Ermo, Hokkaido Island, 110 miles from Samushiro beach, the fliers got off to a promising start.

Although numerous ships along the Seattle-Oriental route failed to report the plane and radio stations from Dutch Harbor, Alaska, onward, also scanned the skies in vain, hope was not abandoned until the fuel supply was known to be exhausted. The most economical route the fliers could follow misses most of the ships and land wireless stations.

Miss Frances Bresson, fiancée of Moyle, who flew up from her home in Riverside, Cal., to greet the fliers, reluctantly left the airport this afternoon. She said she could no longer hope that the fliers would reach their goal in one flight, but was confident they had landed safely at some point along the route and would continue to Seattle without delay.

She planned to return to California by plane tomorrow if no word was received before that time.

Meanwhile, W. W. Connor, governor of the Washington chapter of the National Aeronautical Association, requested the Coast Guard to begin an immediate search along the Aleutian islands for Moyle and Allen.

Dutch Harbor is the most westerly radio station and the fliers could have made a forced landing on one of the mountains and islands to the westward and be isolated in some native settlement or fox ranch for weeks or months before being heard from.

Major Frederick L. Martin, one of the American "round-the-world fliers in 1924, was lost for 11 days after his plane crashed in the fog against a mountain peak on the western end of the Alaska peninsula, despite organized efforts to find him.

Highest yields of sweet potatoes in Currituck county this season, as in the past three years of experimental tests, were made where the fertilizer was applied after the sprouts were set.

"JUDY O'GRADY AND THE COLONEL'S LADY"

New York, Sept. 9.—All women are the same, whether they come from Africa or Broadway, in the opinion of John Lauter, Jr., of New Brunswick, N. J., who at the age of 15 has just received the degree of master beautician.

The young beautician, who has been described as a genius at his art, told interviewers he gets no "kick" whatever out of girls.

"I can look at one on the street," he explained, "and tell you just what she has on her eyes, how much she pays for her complexion, and how soon her hair will change color. And I can make a pretty good guess how she'll look without all the fixings."

SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE PORTRAIT OF WASHINGTON

Washington, N. C., Sept. 9.—Announcement was made today by Congressman Lindsay C. Warren that every school room of every school in his district will, within a few weeks after the opening of the new school term, receive a beautiful portrait-poster of George Washington, executed in colors.

The portrait to be used in these posters is a reproduction of the famous Gilbert Stuart Athenaeum painting and will be 22 inches by 28 inches in size. This poster was selected after a good deal of study, and is considered the finest example of poster making available.

The poster pictures featuring George Washington are being distributed by Congressman Warren in cooperation with the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission of Washington, D. C., in order to stimulate interest among the thousands of school children of the district in the coming nine-months celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the Birth of the Father of Our Country.

Congressman Warren is in constant touch with the activities of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission which was created by congress to formulate and execute plans for the great celebration in 1932.

The United States Commission is placing a good deal of emphasis on the cooperation of the school children of America in this historic event. This poster-picture is just one feature of its work.

Congressman Warren announced that he will see to it that the schools, clubs, churches and fraternal and patriotic literature to be issued by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission.

The George Washington Bicentennial Celebration will begin on February 22, 1932, and last until the following Thanksgiving Day.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

To Steam Velvet
As the winter months approach we are all thinking of clothes. Some of our old velvet dresses or goods could be economically put to use if we only knew how to steam them. Here is a method:

Heat an iron and place it on its side. Fold several thicknesses of wet cloth over the iron as soon as the steam begins to rise, draw the velvet slowly back and forth across the edge of the iron, right side up. As soon as the mark caused by crushing disappears place the velvet on a smooth surface to dry.

\$50,000 Bribe Taken From Kidnappers

Investigator Claims Of- ficers Took Two-Thirds of \$75,000 Ransom

Chicago, Sept. 9.—A charge that police had demanded and received a \$50,000 bribe from the kidnappers of James Hackett, wealthy Blue Island gambler, last May, was made today by Pat Roche, chief investigator for the state's attorney, following the arrest of five men in Decatur, Ill., in connection with the abduction.

Roche declared that Hackett's kidnappers were stopped by the police shortly after they had freed the gambler for \$75,000 ransom paid by Hackett's wife and a friend late at night on a country road in Cook county. The police, Roche said, found the money in the men's car, recognized them as possibly being connected with the Hackett abduction and demanded two-thirds of the \$50,000 to free them.

Pressed for details, Roche said he was not prepared at this time to give out further information, but proposed vigorous prosecution will follow.

"I cannot reveal whether the offending officials are city, county or state police, but my information, I am convinced, is correct," he said. Those arrested at Decatur early today are Monte Moore, Morris Luttrell, John Leasinger, Joseph Yates and William Wallace. All were

Indicted Trio Arrange Bond

Ex-Employees of Wilson, Under Embezzlement Charge, Surrender

Wilson, Sept. 9.—Theodore A. Hinnant, former city clerk, his son, G. G. Hinnant, former assistant city clerk and tax collector, and Miss Mary B. Boger, former collector of street paving accounts, returned here from Ocean View, Va., last night and voluntarily surrendered to county authorities and arranged appearance bonds pending trial on charges of embezzlement of town funds.

A Wilson county grand jury indicted the three former city employees late Monday afternoon on charges of embezzling more than \$30,000 of town funds during the years 1929 and 1930. Auditors investigating the city's financial affairs tentatively fixed the apparent shortage of funds in the street paving department at \$41,500 yesterday. The Hinnants gave \$5,000 appearance bonds each and Miss Boger gave a \$2,500 bond pending trial on the charges against them. The bonds were fixed by Judge Henry A. Grady of Clinton, who is presiding over the term of superior court this week, when he ordered capias issued for the three defendants immediately after the indictment was returned by the grand jury.

Court officials were unable to say today when the case will be set for trial, but intimated that the trial date would hinge on the completion of the detailed special investigation being made into the city's financial affairs by Charles N. Goodno and K. W. Parham, certified public accountants of Raleigh. The investigation is expected to last several weeks longer.

PITT COUNTY WILL HAVE TAX COLLECTOR

Greenville, Sept. 8.—Carrying out their plans of relieving the sheriff of the responsibility of collecting taxes, the Pitt county commissioners in session here yesterday decided to place such duties in the hands of duly appointed tax collector with an efficient assistant. R. L. Barnhill, of Bethel, was selected to fill the position of this newly created job and C. P. Pearce, former deputy sheriff, was named as Mr. Barnhill's assistant. Mr. P. L. Stone, who has served for two years as tax supervisor, has tendered his resignation effective October 1, at which time the two new officers will assume their duties.

OLDEST INMATE OCCUPIES CELL ON DEATH ROW

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—The oldest man ever to face death in the electric chair in North Carolina occupied a narrow cot in a white washed, iron barred cell on Death Row in the state's prison last night.

He was John Henry Hauser, 82, David county man sentenced to die on November 2, for the murder of his son-in-law, Fred S. Styres.

A white haired, bewhiskered wisp of a man, he arrived by motor from Mocksville yesterday. It was his first trip to the prison, but he was calm as he met reporters.

"I've been getting along for 82 years, and I guess I'll get along here. What was to be had to be, I guess," he said, declining to discuss the crime for which he is sentenced.

Hauser scorned reports that he was wealthy, stating that he owned 111 acres of land and recently sold some to President S. Clay Williams of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., whose country home is near his homestead. The wife of his slain son-in-law is making her home with his wife, who is 78, he said.

An appeal to the supreme court will prevent his electrocution taking place on the scheduled date. Should he fail to get a new trial there an appeal to the governor may save him from the chair.

brought here this afternoon by automobile after Hackett, police said, had identified Moore as one of his abductors. Hackett was taken to Decatur by police as soon as the arrests were made known. Hackett previously had identified Moore's picture.

Farmville High School to Open Monday Sept. 21

Boy Bus Driver Ignored Signal

Coroner's Jury Gives Verdict on School Bus Fatalities—Shearon Is Still Alive

Wake Forest, Sept. 9.—The collision between train and school bus, which wiped out the lives of two boys here yesterday morning, apparently was due to the failure of the young bus driver, Cameron Shearon, to observe the burning red lights and the ringing bell of the railroad signal, the coroner's jury found here tonight. Young Shearon now lies fighting for his life in a Raleigh hospital but some improvement was seen in his condition today, it was reported here.

The jury's verdict follows: "We, the jury, find that John Caddell, Jr., and Robert Garner, Jr., came to their deaths by a collision between a Seaboard Air Line train and a school bus and that this collision was apparently caused by the failure of the bus driver for some reason unknown to us, to observe the crossing signal." It was signed by W. R. Timberlake, James L. Lake, L. W. Smith, H. H. Pearson, S. W. Brewer and R. W. Wilkerson, Jr.

Coroner L. M. Waring said tonight that all the evidence showed that the railroad danger signal was operating when the accident occurred.

Attending physicians, when operating on young Shearon yesterday found that his bladder had been ruptured. But despite this and his other injuries, including a broken pelvis and several broken ribs they believe he had a fair chance to recover.

Both the Caddell and the Garner boys were buried near here today. The funeral of the former, who was 18 years old, was held at the Caddell home a few miles south of Wake Forest. In tribute to the boy who was a son of John Caddell, baseball coach of Wake Forest College for years, the Wake Forest football squad of 41 men suspended practice this afternoon and attended the funeral in a body.

The funeral of Robert Garner, who was 17 years old, was held at the Forestville Baptist church.

The acreage to alfalfa will be increased in Moore county this fall despite hard times as a result of demonstration fields now being grown in the county.

Needy Workers Stage Hot Riot

Police Called to Quell Disorders Incident to Scramble for Jobs

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 9.—More than 13,000 unemployed men, seeking 2,500 jobs offered by the county as a means of relieving distress, engaged in a wild riot today at two county store yards where applications for the work were being taken.

Fighting started after late comers tried to wedge themselves into front positions in the long lines of applicants. Special police squads, regular riot squads and deputy sheriffs were called out before order was finally restored.

Several thousand applicants stood in line all night in order to be near the front when registration started. The county has offered the 2,500 highway ditch diggers' jobs in an effort to aid in solving the unemployment problem, and the first applications were taken yesterday.

Fred C. Wilkins, supervisor, said that 4,000 applications were received yesterday before the books closed. Those who did not get their names in yesterday therefore waited all night, and at dawn today more job seekers,

Deserts Old Bosses

Ramsay MacDonald, English politician who has formed a new cabinet from all the big parties, has been read out of the Labor Party which made him great.

Supt. R. E. Boyd Getting Everything in Shape to Begin Eight Months' Term

The necessary arrangements for opening the Farmville High School are being completed very rapidly and Superintendent R. E. Boyd is planning, and effecting the execution of every detail, so that when the students walk in on Monday morning, September 21, at 8:30 o'clock, they will be able to adjust themselves promptly to the proposed schedules and work may begin with the least confusion possible.

The Farmville High School has for years been considered as one of the very best of the state, holding aloft as it does the standard of thorough preparation. Its graduates have been exceedingly fortunate in being able to enter colleges of the east, west, north and south, on their credits and merits of the school here, and they have been outstanding in their class work and attained honors which may well be viewed with pride by citizens of the community.

The people of this community have expressed themselves as unwilling to sacrifice the education of their children on the altar of the greed of Big Business, and have made what might almost be called a covenant with each other to support the eight months term.

This cannot be achieved unless the covenants pay their taxes this year as promptly as possible. How can they do this? We do not know. A great deal of cutting, the practicing of a strict economy that pinches and sacrifices that hurt will probably be the result of keeping that covenant. But it will be eminently worthwhile, this training of your child's mental faculties.

The attention of High School pupils, with the exception of those entering the eighth grade, is called to the registration day, September 14. Those expecting to enter the ninth grade will be received at the superintendent's office from 9:00 to 11:00 a. m.; for the tenth grade, from 11:00 to 12:30, and seniors from 2:00 to 3:00 p. m.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETS AUXILIARY ENTERTAINS

An enjoyable social event of the week was that of Wednesday afternoon when the Auxiliary to the Captain James Thomas Smith Camp Spanish-American War Veterans entertained at the home of Mrs. H. C. Anderson, having as special guests the local members of the camp, Mrs. W. Parker, of Charlotte, Mrs. Lillian Parker and Mrs. Eliza Tyre, the latter being made an honorary member of the Auxiliary with three new members, Mrs. Addie Moore, of Ayden; Mrs. Sudie McRae, of Williamston; and Mrs. Ray West, of Walsenburg, being cordially welcomed as new members.

Interesting talks were made by Mrs. Nonie Barrett, president of the Auxiliary; Miss Emily Gayle, historian; W. Parker, camp commander, and others. Prizes in the amusing contests, which furnished entertainment were won by Mrs. Nonie Barrett and Mrs. W. Parker.

Miss Virginia Adkinson assisted in serving refreshments consisting of punch, ices and cake, and rendered several piano solos. Old time tunes were played by Mrs. W. Parker, of Charlotte.

Out of town members and guests included Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Pollard and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Willis, of Washington.

BEBE AND BEN HAVE A LITTLE DAUGHTER

Hollywood, Sept. 9.—Barbara Bebe Daniels Lyon, weight five pounds, 14 ounces, was born today to Ben Lyon and his wife, Rebe Daniels, featured film players.

"We are very happy and proud," said Lyon. "Both Bebe and Barbara are getting along fine."

Miss Daniels was given an extension in her motion picture contract to prepare for Barbara's arrival.

The curb market established for the convenience of summer visitors at Morehead City netted Carteret county farmers and farm women an average of \$200 a week this season.

Impatient from their long wait, became unruly after the late comers started trying to get from places in the lines.

When the fighting started windows were broken, several men were injured and a large number fainting from weakness, superinduced by hunger and lack of sleep. Many raided a nearby apple orchard, stripping the trees of fruit.

The special squads of police carried tear gas bombs and riot clubs but were not forced to use them in quieting the rioters.