

## DEFENSE SCORES IN TRIAL OF VANDERBURG YOUTH

### Account For A Blood Stained Axe And For Three Jars of Money

Experts Testify It Is Impossible To Determine Dried Blood That of Human

YOUTH STOOD WELL IN SCHOOL, TEACHER SAYS

17 Year old Boy Is Charged With Killing Five Members of His Family

GASTONIA, April 27.—(AP)—The 17th day in the trial of Jacob Vanderburg, 17, charged with killing five members of his family ended this afternoon and court adjourned for the week end after the defense had made an assault on three of the links in the state's chain of evidence.

The blood stained hand axe which was accounted for, the two jars containing money were identified as the 17 old defendant's and three physicians denied it possible to tell that the blood stains on the youth's hat were caused by human blood.

Defense attorneys declared they still had important witnesses to bring up. Vanderburg has not been on the stand. Other witnesses the attorneys said, were held back to present when court reconvenes Monday morning.

Three neighbors of the Vanderburg family made the identification of the hand axe which was discovered a month after the tragedy hidden under a log in the back yard of the home.

Robert Dixon, farmer, Charley Dixon, and a deputy sheriff took the stand in succession to tell they had taken charge of the Vanderburg farm after December 28 and had used the axe daily in chopping kindling and breaking up coal.

Clarence Bell told how he on the night before the farm was sold on January 15 had killed a chicken with this same axe and placed it on a log near the well house. The next morning on walking round the house, he noticed the axe, saw it had blood on it and placed it under the log.

He could not be shaken on stiffest cross examination by Solicitor Carpenter, steadily maintaining the axe on exhibition in the courtroom was the axe he has used.

State witnesses had previously testified to having found the axe and having taken it to Dr. Roland Clinton. The physician in turn had testified he received a chemical reaction similar to that made by blood in an examination of the axe.

A slight built 16 year old school boy, testified about the two small jars. The state evidence had been that Mrs. Vanderburg kept her money in just such jars. Jacob when arrested had them in a suitcase he was carrying.

Vance Miller, the lad, declared that some time before the fire he had been talking to Jacob at school and Jacob showed him the jars and the silver money in them, declaring he planned to purchase a suit of clothes with the money.

Dr. C. A. Shore, director of the state laboratory of hygiene at Raleigh; Dr. D. C. Quickie and Dr. J. A. Anderson, the latter to Gastonia physicians, were brought up by the defense in an effort to refute testimony by Dr. Clinton that the blood on Jacob's hat the night he was arrested was human blood.

Dr. Shore said he had worked in the state laboratory for 21 years and did not believe it possible to determine by microscopic examination whether dry blood was that of a human or any "other mammalian". The other physician's testimony had been along the same line.

Miss Bess Shannon, Gastonia history teacher, was the first witness and she testified that Jacob did good work in her classes.

"He was better in written than oral work," she said.

She testified that when asked a question, Jacob would, unless he knew the answer well, merely shake his head. The boy always seemed kindly disposed toward his classmates, she said.

"His reputation was good," she concluded.

Jake Curry, a barber, testified he had seen Jacob often in his shop and the boy seemed well-behaved.

Prof. Eris Cassel, principal of the Gastonia high school, testified the defendant had a good reputation at school. He said Jacob was an "average" student, having passed five out of eight courses.

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### MRS. ROYALL SPENCE DIES

Funeral for Beloved Young Matron from St. John Methodist Church Monday

MRS. ROYALL—Front ... L. H. B. Following an illness of two weeks, Mrs. Royall H. Spence, 34, died at a local hospital at 10 o'clock last evening. Mrs. Spence had entered the hospital for treatment several weeks ago and for a time had seemed on the road to recovery. A second major operation was found necessary and in her weakened condition she was not able to rally. Two blood transfusions were resorted to in an effort to bolster her wavering strength, but to no avail. Blood for the transfusions has been furnished by Mrs. Spence and by Miss Nannie Spence, a sister.

Funeral service will be held from St. John Methodist Church Monday morning at 10:30 and will be in charge of Rev. R. F. Munns, the pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. W. V. McFae, pastor of St. Paul Methodist church. Interment will be made in Willow Dale cemetery.

The following have been selected as pallbearers: active — E. W. Moye, Henry L. Moye, W. P. Middleton, C. B. Benton, C. G. Cobb, T. J. Casey, H. A. Pike and G. R. Chambers. Honorary—W. E. Stroud, R. H. Stevens, Dr. W. H. Cobb, Captain Nathan O'Berry, John D. Gullette, D. C. Farrior, Col. Jos. E. Robinson, B. F. Carr, Alton M. Harris, L. H. Waters, H. H. Hobbs, and R. A. Cherry of Morehead City.

Mrs. Spence was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Summerlin and was born and reared in Goldsboro where she has a wide circle of friends to whom news of her untimely death will bring sadness. She is survived by her husband and two children—Royall Spence, Jr., aged 8, and Hardy Spence, aged 4—her parents and four brothers and four sisters. The brothers are Walter, Leon and Ralph Summerlin all of Goldsboro. The sisters are Mrs. J. K. Rea of Norfolk, Va., Misses Minnie, Lucile and Nannie Summerlin of Goldsboro.

Mrs. Spence had been a life long member of St. John's Methodist church and was one of its most faithful workers. She taught a class in the primary department of the Sunday School at St. John's and was faithful in serving in all of the departments of the church. Kindhearted, always interested in the welfare of those about her, Mrs. Spence was a woman who had lived consistently the life of a Christian. Her death last night caused universal sorrow.

### PREPARING FOR QUARANTINE

AUSTIN, Tex., April 27.—(AP)—Geo. B. Terrell, State Commissioner of Agriculture, said today he was preparing a proclamation fixing a quarantine against importation of Florida citrus fruits. The Commissioner said he did not believe the Federal quarantine, established to prevent spread of the Mediterranean fruit fly, was sufficient to protect Texas growers.

### JONES LAW INDICTMENTS

CHICAGO, April 27.—(AP)—The first batch of Jones law indictments to be returned by a Federal grand jury in Chicago consisted of 13 true bills yesterday, naming 25 persons, including one woman.

### Pender Man, 70, Marries Brooklyn Woman, 65, Here

The royal road to romance converged in Goldsboro yesterday and Rev. Fred McKay, 70, of Burgaw, was wed to Miss Phoebe J. Ward, 65, of Brooklyn, N. Y. How the couple happened to meet—or whether they had ever met before—and fallen before Cupid's darts was not revealed.

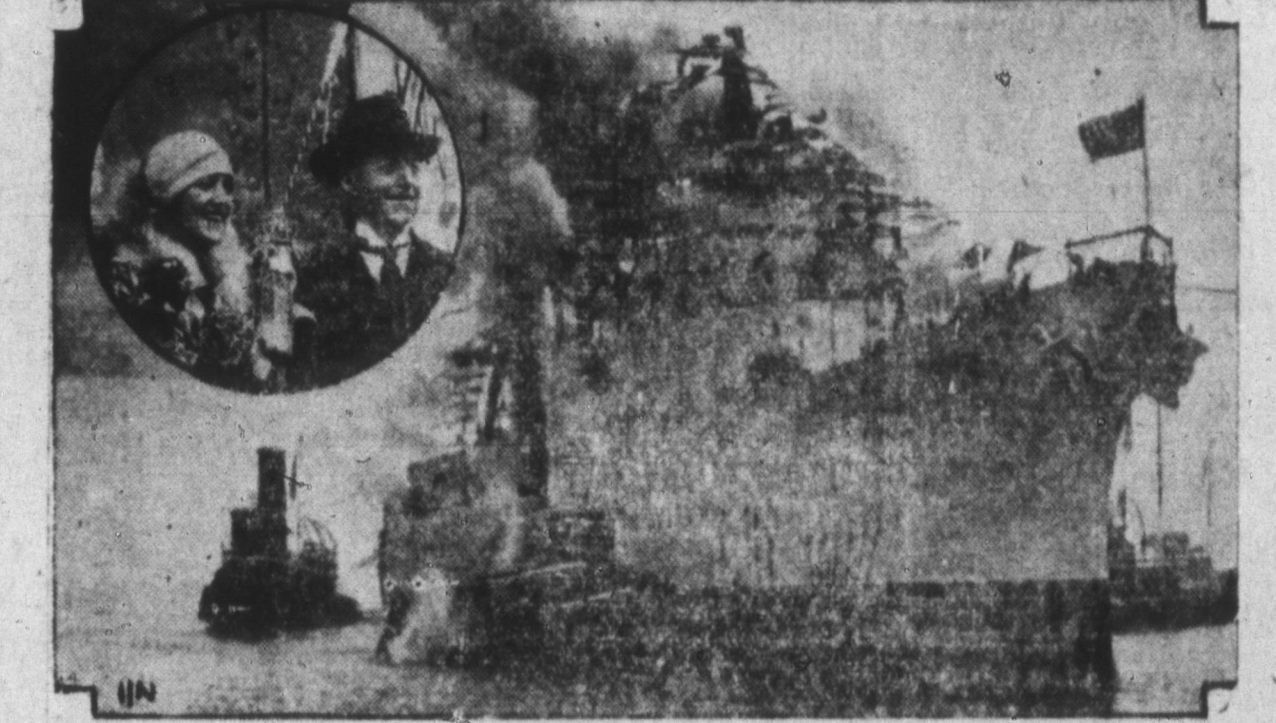
The bride arrived on the afternoon train after an 18 hour trip from Brooklyn and was met by her promised and they two proceeded at once to the office of Miss Dessie Grantham, register of deeds for Wayne county. She had undergone a health examination before leaving

New York and was quite put out when told that she would have to get a North Carolina examination, but went forthwith to get the necessary card.

"You are going to be a Tar Heel from now on," the soon-to-be hubby was quoted as addressing the soon-to-be bride as they applied for the license, "and if you don't like it you will have to make the best of it."

## TWO ARE HELD IN DEATH OF J. H. BONEY

### \$11,000,000 In Protection Launched



Here's the newest addition to the United States fleet, the U. S. S. Pensacola, just after the cruiser left the ways at Brooklyn Navy Yard, N. Y. Mrs. Josie K. Seligman, inset, with Secretary of Navy Charles Adams, christened the giant cruiser. When placed in commission the Pensacola will carry a complement of 500 men and officers. She is 585 feet in length and can make 32 knots per hour. (International News-Service)

### ROAD PATROL STARTS JULY 1

Captain Farmer and Lieutenants Undergoing Training in Pennsylvania

The News Bureau—Sir Walter Hotel. RALEIGH, April 27.—Captain Charles D. Farmer and his nine lieutenants forming the nucleus of the State Highway Patrol, are now taking intensive training at the Pennsylvania state patrol barracks at Hershey, near Harrisburg, preparatory to a school for patrolmen to be selected soon after the captain and lieutenants return, probably about the middle of next week, H. K. Witherspoon, assistant to R. A. Doughton, highway chairman, said today.

Messages from the captains of the force reveal that the members are each specializing in some particular phase of highway patrol work, in order to be prepared to give instruction to the patrolmen to be selected after they get back to Raleigh. Each will give specific courses, while all are required to take training in every phase of patrol work.

Three or four hundred applications are now on file in the highway offices for the 27 places to be filled, Mr. Witherspoon said. The plan is to establish the school for patrolmen, probably conducting it at the State Fair grounds, although there is a possible conflict, since the industrial display will be utilizing the space for a week.

However, the officials hope to be able to bring the patrol up to a high state of efficiency in order to be ready by July 1, when the patrol comes into official existence, to have each of the 27 men composing it capable of living completely and entirely up to the motto: "Safety, Service, Courtesy."

Whether or not the motorcycles to be used by the patrolmen will have side-cars has not been determined as yet, Mr. Witherspoon said, stating that there are good arguments on both sides. Without them the patrolmen would be in position to make greater speed, while with them they could render greater aid, in case of accident or need for carrying a passenger. (Continued on page 5)

### ASK EXTENSION OF SHAD SEASON

Goldsboro Fishermen Say They Haven't Had Chance to Do Any Fishing

Eight of Goldsboro's champion fishermen yesterday joined in an appeal to Henry A. Pike, game warden, requesting him to pass the appeal along to the state fish commissioner, that the date for shad fishing in the Neuse be extended to May 20.

Those making the appeal are Charles A. Brown, J. H. Pate, I. D. Seymour, Byron L. Pate, W. A. Seymour, E. P. Sasser, W. R. Crow and E. J. Tew.

Their petition is as follows: Because the Neuse river has been so swollen by freshets almost the entire open season for shad fishing, and because shad had ample opportunity to not only reach their spawning grounds in the Neuse and tributary streams of Wayne county, but to spawn without hindrance already this season, and

Because the undersigned interested citizens of Wayne county, who represent many others in this appeal who are affected under the present fishing laws, have had but scant privilege to enjoy the sport and pastime of shad fishing during the open season this year, and

Because these citizens herein represented, and many others affected, do not fish to sell their catch for gain, but for the sport and pleasure of fishing and to supply their own tables and many of their friends through gifts of fish when they catch a sufficient amount to warrant it; and

Because the appellators have caught nothing in the neighborhood of a reasonable amount of fish this season, on account of the swollen condition of the streams which has prevented.

Because of the known and further absolute fact that very few shad come up the Neuse river any season until fishing is barred by law at New Bern and other leading fishing posts at and near the mouth of Neuse river, now

Therefore, we respectfully beg you to use this letter to earnestly urge the N. C. Fish Commissioner, or any other proper authority, to extend the time limit for shad fishing in the waters of the Neuse river and its Wayne County tributaries, to at least May 20th, 1929.

### TOM STEED MAYOR

RICHLANDS, April 27.—Thomas Steed is the new mayor of this town. Steed and other officials were elected at a "convention" which was attended by many women as well as practically all of the male population.

### MEMBER OK RADIO GROUP

WASHINGTON, April 27.—(AP)—William D. S. Starbuck, a Democrat of Connecticut, has been selected by President Hoover as a member of the Federal Radio Commission, succeeding Commissioner Caldwell, of New York, who makes her come back," he declared and

### BABOON BABY BORN AT PARK

Young Rascal Will Be Displayed to Public First Time This Afternoon

Born to Mrs. Thilte Baboon of the Hermap Park zoo, a son. Mother and son are doing nicely.

The boy is now four days old and Roy Parker, superintendent of streets, announced last night that Mrs. Baboon would be permitted to display her prized offspring for the first time this afternoon.

"What has the baby been named," The News asked Mr. Parker.

"Well, we haven't decided yet," replied Mr. Parker, "and we would like for the folks who go out to see the young rascal Sunday afternoon to suggest a name."

The late Joe Baboon is the father of the new born infant, but Joe never lived to see his little one. During the flu epidemic, he contracted disease and it went into pneumonia, carrying him away. For a time Mrs. Baboon was inconsolable, but she apparently has forgotten her recent loss in fond caresses for the little one the last few days.

"We thought that Sue, the mother monkey, was proud of her child," said Mr. Parker, "but Mrs. Baboon is even more affectionate with her young one."

Announcement that Sue's baby was to be displayed to the public brought thousands to the Park last summer and it was expected that this would again be the case today.

In addition to being permitted to see the bouncing boy, the crowds will be entertained with a concert from the park type Orchestra under the direction of the Rackley Piano company. The hours for the concert are from 2 until 5.

### REPORT SLAYING 3 MISSIONARIES

NEW YORK, April 27.—(AP)—The Rev. Linus Manahan, rector of St. Michael's Monastery of Union City, N. J., announced today he had received a cablegram from Hankow, China, stating that three missionaries had been slain by Chinese bandits.

### No News From Faison Wife Who Left Home on April 7

Nothing was heard yesterday regarding the whereabouts of Mrs. Andrew Hughs who disappeared from her home at Faison on April 7. Her husband had resorted to newspaper advertising in an effort to locate her.

Reports reaching Faison were that Mrs. Hughs had been heard from at a point near Goldsboro shortly after she disappeared from her home, but nothing came of an investigation of the report.

The Faison man was able to assign no reason as to why his wife had left her home.

### Ed M'Kinnon and Rodney Crawford Farm Hands, Are Held Without Bond

### Fremont Girl Takes Honors in Raleigh

Jessie Rose Yelverton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Yelverton of Fremont, has the best musical appreciation for a child of the elementary grades in the schools of North Carolina. This the judges decided in Raleigh yesterday in the fifth annual music appreciation contest. Little Miss Yelverton was awarded a loving cup as winner in the group in which she had been entered.

She is a member of the sixth grade in the Fremont schools, being a pupil in the grade of Miss Rebecca Hines. Miss Josephine Robinson is teacher of public school music at Fremont.

### WILL INSPECT HOSPITAL FARM

George R. Ross and E. C. Blair To Visit Asylum Farm Here Monday

Geo. R. Ross, recently appointed by Governor Gardner to have general oversight of all state-owned farms, will visit the State Hospital farm near here on Monday morning. Mr. Ross will be accompanied by E. C. Blair of the Experiment Station and Extension Departments, who has been advising as the crop rotations for the local Hospital farm.

"This is an opportune time for Wayne farmers to observe the Asylum farm as the winter cover and hay crops are now at their best," says county agent A. K. Robertson. "The Harley and vetch combination for hay is especially fine at this season and shows us that these crops are excellent for our section as hay crops. Wheat and oats and Abruzzi rye are also grown at the Asylum farm and are splendid."

### CONFERENCE IN CITY MAY 4-5

Elder Miles of Louisville, Ky., to Preside at Latter Day Saints Meeting

The State Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will be held here Saturday and Sunday, May 4th and 5th.

The Saturday meetings will be held in the Chapel at Greenleaf; the Sunday meetings in the Opera House. Meetings will be held daily at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Elder Miles L. Jones of Louisville, Ky., president of the East Central States Mission will be the principle speaker.

There will also be fourteen elders of this state. The public is cordially invited.

### Net of Circumstantial Evidence Indicates They Murdered 65 Year Old Man

HIS SKULL CRUSHED AND HE WAS ROBBED OF \$800

Two Negro Women Held Under Bond \$200 Each For Further Conference

Ed McKinnon, St. Paul negro, and Rodney Crawford, negro living in the Wallace section, were bound over to the July term of Duplin Superior court on charges of murder in connection with the brutal slaying of J. H. Boney at his home near Tin City, at a hearing before Magistrate Frank Potter in Kenansville yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock. A web of circumstantial evidence surrounds both of the negroes, but officers and other county officials believe McKinnon actually did the killing. Willie Mae Cuddington and Gladys Bowers, negro women employed as strawberry pickers, were also bound over to Superior court under \$200 bond each. The women were said to have been with the two men a short time before Boney was believed to have been killed. McKinnon and Crawford were remanded to the county jail without privilege of bond.

### Two Negro Women Held Under Bond \$200 Each For Further Conference

The two negroes were rushed to Kenansville Friday morning a few hours after their arrest, and lodged in the county jail for safe-keeping. Intense feeling wrought to a fever pitch over the second cold-blooded murder to occur near Wallace within the past three weeks, ran high against the blacks when it was learned they were suspected. Hundreds of farmers from the country around Wallace, were gathered around on the streets of that town Friday morning after news of the arrest of the negroes had spread. Groups congregated on corners, in door-ways and around the jail, and, according to reports reaching here yesterday, there were audible murmurings of a "necktie party."

The body of the murdered man, J. H. Boney, was found by a negro woman, who went to his house to cash some strawberry checks. The negroes started screaming and sent someone to tell Boney's son-in-law, a man named Thompson, to come at once. Mr. Thompson was on the scene in a few minutes, and officers were notified. Police and deputies, after examining the body with its crushed head, and the heavy club, which was found a short distance away, made a thorough search of the premises and several hundred yards of the surrounding territory. Tracks found near the body, were said to have led to "the shanty where the suspected negroes were staying during the strawberry picking season."

McKinnon, who was on the witness stand for a few minutes near the close of the hearing, denied that he had ever had the stick, which was used to crush in the head of the murdered man. When asked by prosecuting attorneys if he had ever seen the blood on the club before, he said "no." The negro admitted that he and Crawford had gone to Boney's home about dusk and had borrowed a small amount of change from the white man, so they could "take the girls to the show." McKinnon also admitted that they had pawned his pistol to Boney for a pint of whiskey, and had then left the place to go and catch up with the girls, who he declared had gone on ahead. The negro denied, however, that he and the other man had followed the path in which the tracks were found. They declared that they went another way.

A thorough search of the Boney premises, and of the shanties occupied by the negro women and men, was being made yesterday by Duplin officers. It is hoped that the money, \$800 said to have been stolen from Boney's person by the murderer, might be found, and thus add another link to the already strong chain of circumstantial evidence.