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Negro Man Fatally Wounded By Shotgun Blast

ATTACKER IS HELD IN JAIL

Ernest Murchison, 23-year-old Hoke county negro died Monday afternoon in Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, from shotgun wounds received last Thursday night at a filling station on Pope Hill—colored section just north of Raeford.

Neill Blue, 30-year-old negro, was arrested Sunday and charged with the fatal shooting, which officers say he admits. He is being held in the county jail and will be given a hearing next Tuesday if he desires one. Blue was brought to jail Sunday by his landlord, G. W. Williamson.

Officers described the shooting as related to them by Blue and witnesses.

Murchison (they say) had been riding around with Blue's girl friend and when Blue heard about this he got very blue. So he went home, got his shotgun and went back to the filling station on Pope Hill where he laid in wait for the return of Murchison and the girl.

When they rode up, according to the account, Murchison got out of the car whereupon he and Blue got into an argument over the girl and who she should be riding around with.

The argument ended when Blue let go the shotgun blast at the other negro.

Blue was quoted by officers as saying Murchison had a pistol on him at the time but other witnesses were said to have denied this.

Murchison, who lived on Crawford Wright's place, was a married man and is survived by his wife and six children.

Police Telephone Is Installed

A telephone has been erected on the corner across main street from the Bank of Raeford and citizens of Raeford probably will find this to be a great convenience when they are in need of police aid.

Number of the police phone is 2631. Citizens who call this phone when needing a policeman are asked to bear in mind that the policeman may be a block or two away and to be patient and hold the line long enough for him to reach the box.

List Takers Are Named By County

At their regular meeting Monday morning, the Hoke county board of commissioners decided to have tax listing from January 20 until March 1. The period was postponed slightly because so many persons had asked for an extension of time due to the large amount of moving that goes on the first of the year.

The following list takers and assessors were appointed with the first named being the list taker and assessor and the last two to serve as a board of assessors with the list taker:

Allendale: J. A. Roper, Arch McEachern, N. F. Watson.

Antioch: J. A. Hodgin, Jr., J. L. McPhaul, Knox Watson.

Blue Springs: C. J. McNeill, J. F. Chisholm, Manley Norton.

Little River: Daniel McGill, E. B. Blue, Charlie Marks.

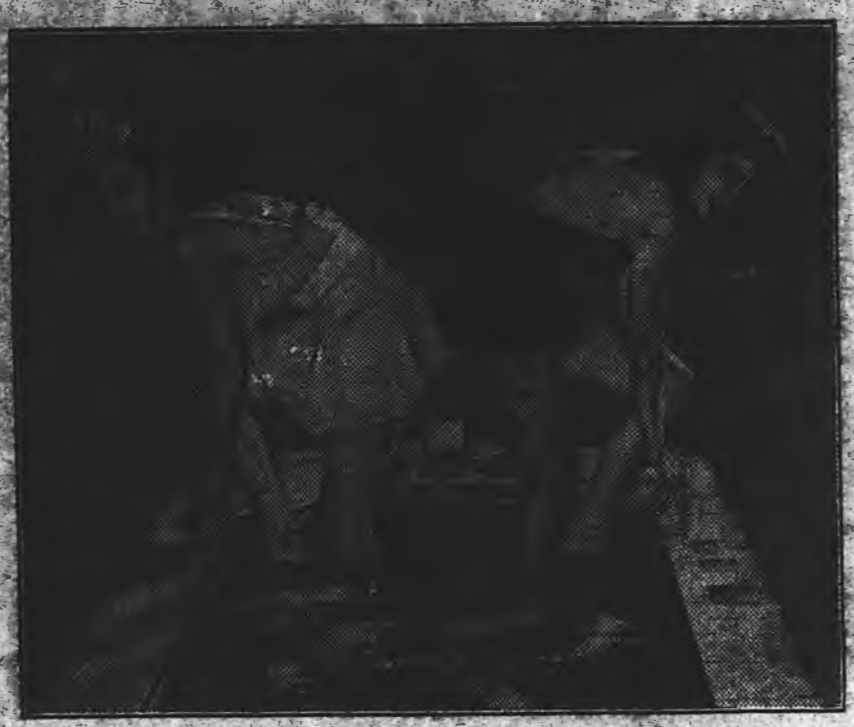
McLauchlin: M. G. Ray, Louis Parker, F. A. Monroe.

Quewhittle: W. L. Thornburg, N. F. Sinclair, Arch Tapp.

Raeford: John Cameron, W. S. Maxwell, A. A. Harris.

Stewart: W. J. McPhaul, J. L. McGoogan, W. I. Culbreth.

Treat for a Miniature Pool



Following the completion of their respective picture assignments at RKO Radio, Marguerite Chapman, left, and Renee Haal have a look at the model pools on display in Hollywood. Brunette Miss Haal, newest addition to the contract roster at RKO, will play her most important screen role in the forthcoming "They Met in Argentina," film musical with Maureen O'Hara, James Ellison and Alberto Vila heading the important cast. Miss Chapman recently completed a role in "A Girl, a Guy and a Gob."

Agriculture Board To Hold Meeting

Harry B. Caldwell, master of the State Grange, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Hoke county board of agriculture to be held Friday, January 17, at Rockfish.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. by the Rockfish home demonstration club at a cost of 40 cents per person. Those who attend the dinner meeting should notify the county or home agent so that arrangements can be made.

The open meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The Board of Agriculture is sponsoring meetings of this type each month with the purpose of getting agriculture information to the greatest number of people.

It is expected that a large number of people will attend this meeting to hear Mr. Caldwell. He is popular for his leadership and for his broad outlook upon agriculture problems.

Soil Meeting In Lumberton

On Friday, January 17, a district meeting on the 1941 soil conservation program will be held in Lumberton. The county committee and chairmen of the township committees will attend from Hoke county, according to A. S. Knowles, county agent.

The meeting will consist of a detailed discussion of the program by state and Washington AAA officials.

County meetings will follow this gathering. Hoke county will hold a similar meeting on January 29th to familiarize all county and community committeemen and other agriculture workers with the plan. It is expected that farmers will be able to know the provisions of the 1941 program.

LOST, A FEMALE BULL

And this from the Fayetteville Observer:

"Lost: White face female screw tail bull. Liberal reward for return; no questions asked."

DO YOU KNOW THE RAEFORD STREETS?

Following is a directory of the streets in Raeford for the benefit of those persons who do not know the street's names:

- RUNNING EAST AND WEST**
- Central Avenue Running east and west on north side of A. & R. Railroad. Johnson Company and Bill Roberts' house are on this street, which is Fayetteville highway.
 - Elwood Moving toward courthouse from A. & R. tracks, this is next street. Dr. Matheson's office is on this street.
 - Edinborough Jail is on one end of this street and Presbyterian church is on the other.
 - Campus Avenue Edwin Smith's house is on this street.
 - Donaldson Avenue John McGoogan lives on east end; Cal McLean on west end.
 - Prospect Avenue Hoke high school is on west end (Aberdeen highway); Carl Freeman lives on the east end.
 - 5th Avenue Soft ball lot and Scout cabin are on this.
 - 6th Avenue Dr. Brown's, Edgar Hall's and Clyde Upchurch's residences.
 - Harris Avenue One block south of A. & R. tracks—Laurinburg and Southern depot—Bruce Morris' home.

- RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH**
- Main Street News-Journal office, Raeford theatre, etc., are on this street . . . main thoroughfare of town.
- GOING EAST**
- Stewart Street Homes of G. B. Rowland, Tom Culbreth.
 - Highland H. L. Gatlin, Sr., lives on corner of Highland and Central. Mrs. J. W. McLauchlin faces Highland.
 - McLauchlin Mrs. Seate is on corner of McLauchlin and Central.
 - Oakwood Avenue Will Lamont's residence.
- GOING WEST**
- Magnolia Ross McBryde's and Joe Dowd's homes.
 - Fulton Street Mrs. J. W. Currie, F. E. Service.
 - Green Street Lennie Teal's home, Mrs. John L. McLeod.
- Just a few of the familiar places are named on each street in order to identify the landmarks.

Train Hits Truck; Three Are Injured

Two white men and a negro from Ohio, S. C., were slightly injured Wednesday morning around 10:30 o'clock when the truck in which they were riding was hit by an Aberdeen and Rockfish freight train at the crossing on the Aberdeen highway near Mrs. Ina T. Lentz' home.

Witnesses said the men drove onto the track and stopped directly in front of the train. The train was not traveling at a high rate of speed but the truck was badly damaged and the pilot to the train was damaged.

The men were treated by Dr. G. W. Brown and one of them sent to a Fayetteville hospital for further examination.

To Show Exhibit At Cotton Meet

The National Cotton Council will meet in Augusta, Ga., January 27th and 28th and the Pine Forest Home Demonstration club of Hoke county has been asked to put on display at this meeting the exhibit which it showed at the county fair this fall.

In a letter to Miss Josephine Hall, home agent, Ed Lipscomb of Memphis, publicity director of the cotton council, said he had seen snapshots of the booth used in the fair here and that it demonstrated very well the use of the cotton bags and was entirely in keeping with information printed by the council.

Mrs. J. F. Jordan, Mrs. Roger Dixon and Miss Hall are planning to go to Augusta to take the exhibit.

Cecil Dew Is Given Patent On Invention

Cecil Dew, well known Raeford citizen, was issued a patent recently by the United States government on a filing device for insurance papers.

The "gadget" works on the principle of a clip style coat hanger and papers are filed vertically instead of horizontally in shallow drawers as usual. The invention is designed to prevent the rumpling and creasing of papers through the constant opening and closing of the drawers as found in the type of cabinet now in use for such papers.

Mr. Dew has a rough model of the invention which he has been using for about a year.

The inventor has received inquiries from several manufacturers concerning the device.

Ancient Dwelling Being Repaired

E. B. McNeill is repairing the old dwelling on the Peterson farm out in Blue Springs township some six miles from Raeford. He has torn down the log house in which two or three generations have been reared.

Mr. McNeill is erecting two new rooms to a later frame building adjoining the original log house.

The sills and pillars, which are lightwood blocks, are still in a good state of preservation although they have been in use for considerably more than 100 years.

The great-grandparents of the present generation of McMillans were reared on this farm of which Monroe McMillan is a member.

Representatives Off To Raleigh

Senator Ryan McBryde and Representative Laurie McEachern left Monday afternoon for Raleigh to attend the legislature which formally convened Wednesday at noon.

The representatives said they have no stirring legislation in mind other than the conducting of routine business.

It is expected that the biggest part of the legislature will be taken up with passing state laws to conform with the national wage and hour laws.

Local Boys Join Army Air Corps

William McFayen and Clyde Upchurch, of Raeford, left last week for Jackson, Miss., where they will enter school to train as members of the army air corps under the defense program.

They will remain in Mississippi for three months and then will be transferred to an advanced school in Texas.

BROTHERS IN COUNTY COURT

Brothers Shipman—Angus, and Gaston—all colored and Lauchlin township—faced Judge W. B. McQueen in court Tuesday morning, charged with various petty offenses.

Angus was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He was bound over to superior court for \$200 bond after Recorder found probable cause.

Gaston was given 30 days on the road, sentence suspended on payment of the costs, after he pleaded guilty to driving without a license.

Gaston was given a 30 day road sentence, suspended on payment of costs, for being drunk and disorderly; and was given 3 months, suspended on payment of \$30 and costs, for carrying a concealed weapon.

Other cases tried Tuesday included:

Frederick Watkins, negro, drunk and disorderly, 30 days on the road, sentence suspended on payment of the costs.

Walter Hawkins, negro, violating road law, 30 days on the road, sentence suspended on payment of the costs.

Viola Frye, larceny, 30 days in jail in each of two cases, judgement suspended on payment of costs.

Hattie Mae Frye, larceny, larceny, not guilty.

Davis Long, negro, assault with deadly weapon and using indecent and profane language, remanded to mayor's office.

E. W. Dickers, white, killing fence, 30 days on the road, sentence suspended on payment of the costs.

Burg School Auditorium Is gutted By Fire

W. J. Jones, co-president of the school board and E. M. L. Selmon and Miss Hollaway, a member of the faculty, were visiting Mrs. Tom Upchurch in Raeford Tuesday when they received a telephone call informing them that the new auditorium used jointly by the two schools had been destroyed by fire.

Fire trucks from Fayetteville, Roseboro, Clinton and Dunn fought the blaze but the fire had made such headway and water facilities were so scarce that little could be done.

Destroyed was the two-story brick building, completed a year ago, housing the new auditorium, the library and the band room. Fifteen thousand volumes were destroyed in the library and a baby grand piano and all the band instruments of the two schools were lost.

The building cost \$80,000 and the books and instruments were valued at \$5,000. Only \$12,000 of the loss was covered by insurance.

Democrats Honor North Carolinians

Members of the tobacco family in Salem, has been made the Democratic National Convention. Charles W. Tillman has been made director of the Women's division of the National Committee for Democracy.

Reynolds in charge of finances and with Mrs. Tillman as the women's division of the Democratic national committee. Carolina is expected to play a prominent role in Democratic leadership during the next four years.

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Local Committee Starts Campaign

The Hoke county infantile paralysis campaign, under the direction of Dr. A. L. O'Brian, will begin next week. Assisting Dr. O'Brian in this work is a committee of three: Mrs. W. E. Street, Jr., working the town; E. C. Crawford, working the rural communities; and W. F. Baker, working the schools. Every person making a contribution will be given a badge. Children may enroll through the classroom at school. Coin boxes will be placed in all stores, and programs or social functions arranged for raising funds.

Cotton Hearing Friday, Jan. 10th

A cotton hearing will be held at Charlotte Friday, January 10, at which time the county AAA committee and several cotton growers of the county will attend. It has been announced by County Agent A. S. Knowles.

The cotton situation is to be discussed and recommendations will be made for future action. Representatives from North Carolina and Virginia are expected to attend.

Kiwanians Hold Ladies Night

Annual Ladies Night meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club was held last Thursday night.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by a former and charter member of the club, Rev. W. C. Brown.

After dinner was served, the meeting was turned over to Master of Ceremonies H. L. Gatlin, Jr.

E. D. Johnson gave a welcome to the ladies and response was made by Mrs. Paul McCall of Sanatorium.

Introduction of friends and wives followed after which there was a musical program. Then Rev. E. C. Crawford presented the speaker of the evening, Rev. W. C. Brown, pastor of the Hay Street Methodist church of Fayetteville.

Following Mr. Brown's talk, Dr. M. R. Smith presented a token from the club in appreciation of his services at the place to Mrs. Ina Lentz.

Outgoing president J. E. Thomas then turned the meeting over to incoming president, Neil A. McDonald, Jr., who recognized the new officers: Ryan McBryde then presented Mr. Thomas with the past president's pin.

New officers of the club are: president, Mr. McDonald; vice president, E. C. Crawford; secretary, Mrs. W. C. Brown; treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Brown.

McPhaul House Visited By Fire

The John McPhaul home in the Gold Hill section of Hoke county was damaged by a fire which broke out early Tuesday morning.

The fire started between walls and was extinguished by workmen who were nearby at the time.

Whitted Resigns; Going To Goldsboro

Billy Whitted, who has been on The News-Journal staff for the past four months, has resigned, effective January 11, to take a job with the Transcript and Messenger in Goldsboro.

MRS. J. C. THOMAS BETTER

The condition of Mrs. J. C. Thomas, who was quite sick last week shows great improvement. A host of friends and relatives from out of town have been here to see her since she was taken sick. Mrs. Will Bradley, a sister from Princeton and Mr. and Mrs. Jule Lentz, of Durham, are with her today.

Court To Open January 20th

January term of superior court will open in Hoke county Monday morning, January 20, with Judge Charles L. Williams presiding.