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ALEX HARRIS GOES ON TRIAL THIS MORNING FOR MURDER OF EUGENE, ESTELLE AND MRS. E. A. BILL; 150 CALLED ON SPECIAL VENIRE

JUDGE JOHN J. BURNEY PRESIDING OVER NOVEMBER TERM HOKE SUPERIOR COURT TO HEAR THIRD MURDER TRIAL IN WEEK.

Alex Harris will go on trial this morning in Hoke County Superior Court for the murder of Eugene Bill, his sister Mrs. Estelle Wilson, and their mother, Mrs. E. A. Bill, in a sensational triple shooting at the Bill's Place service station and store on Fayetteville highway on August 27th.

A special venire of 150 men have been summoned and selection of a jury will begin when court convenes this morning at nine o'clock. It is expected that the selection of the jury will consume the greater part of the day.

Assisting Solicitor Ertel Carlyle in the prosecution will be W. C. Downing, Fayetteville attorney, and members of this defense battery of lawyers are H. McNair Smith, E. D. Gavin, of Sanford, and L. R. Varner and Osmer L. Henry of Lumberton.

Harris, a farmer on the Crawford Thomas farms, gave himself up to officers here a short time after the shooting, stating at the time that he had "killed them folks, and he just had to do it."

Eugene Bill, first of Harris's three victims, had been released from Hoke county jail on Tuesday before he was killed on Thursday on bond of \$2,500 posted by his family. Young Bill was charged with the slaying of Johnny Harris, eldest son of Alex, on the Sunday night prior to the triple slaying.

According to officers the eldest Harris admitted that he had been brooding over the death of his son and, after returning from a tobacco market late Thursday afternoon, had gone home, got his pistol, and driven to the Bill Store and tavern. He waited until Eugene had put gas in a car for some negro customers and then followed Bill into the store where he immediately shot down the three members of the Bill family. The Negroes fled, to return to the station after reporting the shooting, to officers to investigate.

Harris is then said to have driven to his home, stopping on the way to give the pistol to a neighbor. He is supposed to have remained there but a few minutes before returning to Raeford where he surrendered himself to special officer W. R. Saunders who was preparing to enter the court house when Harris parked his pickup truck across the street.

Feeling ran high throughout the county as word of the killing spread rapidly. The killings took place at about 5:30 o'clock, and before 7 p. m. Harris was removed from the county jail by Sheriff D. H. Hodgins and Highway Patrolman J. Barnes to the jail of Cumberland county. He was held here for a magistrates' day, and he has remained in county jail since.

Court Adjourned Till January. Unable to Get Jury for Harris Case

The local bar waived its usual privilege of allotting only the first part of Court-week to the hearing of criminal cases, and at the current November term gave way entirely so nothing would obstruct the hoped-for clearing up of all jail cases, and particularly on account of the Harris trial. However, and notwithstanding that no civil cases were docketed, court abruptly ended Thursday afternoon after the special venire of 150 Hoke citizens failed to furnish but six acceptable jurors. Had a complete jury been obtained, it still seemed entirely out of question to hope to go through with so important a case in the remaining two days of this week. There was, therefore,

nothing else left prudently to do but adjourn and plan to re-hear the case at the coming January term when, most likely, the bar will once more postpone part of its civil docket to accommodate urgent criminal cases.

Book Week At Hoke County Library

The feature of Book Week at Hoke County Library will be a Picture Book Hour for children of kindergarten age on Thursday, Nov. 19th at 4 P. M. On Friday, Nov. 20, at the same hours, there will be a story-hour for children from grade two through grade seven. All children living in Hoke County are invited. Small children are especially asked to come on Thursday.

Book displays have been designed around timely subjects, and new books are available for people of all ages. Men and Women of Raeford and Hoke County are cordially invited to visit their library since it has been enlarged; their suggestions for further or better service will be welcomed by the librarian and the staff.

Old Stockings Are Needed In The War

"Old silk and rayon stockings officially became a war salvage item on Monday, Nov. 16", says Josephine Hall, Home Agent. The War Production Board is asking for the assistance of the women of the county during this week, and continuous through the duration, in the collection of silk and rayon hose for the production of war materials.

After the silk fiber has been reclaimed, it will be woven into powder bags to carry the explosive charges in big-calibre guns of the army and navy. Silk burns completely, making it unnecessary to clean the gun's breach before reloading. Reclaimed nylon also has important military uses.

The War Production Board asks that the stockings be carried to collection centers being established in retail stores having women's hosiery departments. The stores will pay all costs of handling the hosiery until shipment is made collect to the Defense Supplies Corporation, Green Island, N. Y., in minimum lots of 100 pounds. The hose are to be washed before being turned in to the merchant.

The local salvage committee asks that the women of Hoke County dig up their old hose immediately and send them on their way to the front.

Fish Fry Friday Night For Fire Dept.

Crawford L. Thomas and Ernest Campbell of the Hoke Motor Company are to give a fish fry for the members of the Fire Department Friday Night at the armory. They are giving the fish fry to show their appreciation of the efficient work of the fire department during the Hoke Motor Company's fire last winter when the timely efforts of the firemen saved the chevrolet building, and probably the whole block.

PAPER LATE

That the paper is late was beyond our control as the Linotype Operator was summoned for the Harris Jury and lost a whole day waiting to be called.—Editor

Attention Is Given The Quail Hunters!

The quail season opens on Thanksgiving Day. Hoke County has joined the ranks of Cumberland and Robeson in observing Lay Days during the season, Nov. 26 to Feb. 10. Open days for taking quail will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



By STRUTHERS BURT

Listen, Americans! We don't have to be told this. We're a lucky nation. We've been lucky all through our history. We began to be lucky the moment our ancestors decided to come here. We're still lucky. But don't let's crowd our luck.

Our cities are still unbombed; our children can still walk in safety; not yet have our wives or daughters been enslaved or insulted or raped; none of us have as yet been shot as hostages, but it's coming closer—the red real horror of war, and already on a score of far-flung battle fronts our young men stand at attention or are already engaged. So let's finish it off. Let's have done with it. Let's put the murderers and gangsters back where they belong, where we put Pretty Boy Floyd and John Dillinger. And let's make sure this time. Let's make this as speedily as possible a world where decent men and women can live and bring their children up decently, and let's bring our young men back as speedily as we can, and let's bring as many as we can back whole.

It may take a year; it may take 2 years; it may take longer, but let's finish it off. You know we can. Everyone knows we can. Even Hitler knows we can. But it's going to take every ounce of strength and brains and patriotism we have, and IT'S GOING TO TAKE LOTS OF MONEY. And that's where we older people—we mothers and fathers, and friends and relatives of all kinds—can help directly, and keep on helping, no matter what else we are doing, and where the young people not yet of age or who can't go to war or who are essential where they are can help. Day by day, week by week, we can help. Bonds buy bombers, stamps buy ships. A dollar today is worth two tomorrow. Machine guns and high explosives don't wait. Neither do submarines.

How much is a young American worth? Each stamp or bond you buy may be saving his life, and the lives of two million like him. Nor will tomorrow do. It takes only the fraction of a second to kill a man.

Buy, and buy, and buy, and keep on buying. Buy regularly what you can. Ten cents, twenty cents, a dollar, five hundred, five thousand—buy and keep on buying. Put so much aside each week. You're investing in lives, in the future, and in your country.

Shut your eyes and imagine. Watch the great tidal wave grow, your ten cents or dollar in it; watch it turn to tanks and planes and guns and ships; watch it roll closer to Berlin and Tokio and curl and break. What a lovely use for money! What a lovely hour!

With every cent you invest you save a life and hasten the end of this horror. With every cent you keep blood-red war away from these shores. Our young men will win on every battlefield, as they have before, if we will support them. And the thought of that and the thrill of investing in your country—how's that as a reward?

U. S. TREASURY DEPT.



"The Cathedrals of Old England"

Rev. John Everington, world traveler and lecturer, will show pictures of the Old Cathedrals of England at the Raeford Methodist Church Sunday Evening, 7:00 P. M.

Mr. Everington showed the "Gardens of England" at Raeford a few months ago, and all who saw those pictures will want see his second program. Mr. Everington is accompanied by his daughter who also takes part on the program. Public is cordially invited to attend this program. There will be no admission charges.

Union Thanksgiving Service In Presbyterian Church

A Union Thanksgiving service will be held Thanksgiving Day in the Presbyterian Church at 10 o'clock. Rev. E. C. Crawford, Pastor of the Methodist Church will preach.

The Union Thanksgiving service has been a custom in Raeford of long standing and the people of all the churches in town and county are invited to attend this service next week. With the world at war and with our armed forces deployed across the world and with many of our sons and brothers in these forces; it is a time when God's people must take the time to pray. The Thanksgiving service is an opportunity for the people of this community to express their gratitude to God for His many blessings upon us. The churches are anxious to make this service a county wide union service and invite the members of all churches to join in this hour of worship.

Any one found hunting on other days or with a bag limit of more than ten birds will be prosecuted. It is also a violation of the law to shoot quail after sun-set.
H. R. McLean,
County Game Protector.



William F. Lentz Dies In Hospital

William F. Lentz, passed away Sunday night at 11 o'clock in a Fayetteville Hospital where he had been desperately sick for fifteen days. He had been ill for some time before going to the Hospital and his condition was never considered satisfactory for X-ray in order to complete a diagnosis. All of his children were with him at the time of his death, Sgt. William Lentz, his oldest son, who is stationed in the Caribbean Area arrived by plane about 24 hours before his father died.

The body was brought to the home near town from which place the funeral was conducted on Tuesday morning. Rev. E. C. Crawford, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church and Rev. W. F. Trawick, former pastor conducted the services.

A mixed quartet sang two favorite hymns "Abide With Me" and "Old Rugged Cross" and Mrs. W. R. Barrington sang "Sun Down by Ira Wilson. Interment was in Raeford Cemetery.

Pall Bearers were, H. L. Gatlin Jr., Julian McLeod, Berder Niven, Chester Wade and Sam and Spec Morris.

Will Lentz was born December 13, 1895 in Anson County, the son of Franklin R. Lentz and Annie R. Lentz. Both father and mother were from well known families, his father being a native of Stanley County and his mother of Anson. Mr. Lentz moved to this section before the founding of Hoke. He became identified with the farming interests of his adopted county and was considered a good farmer. He married Miss Ina Thomas, who survives with the following children, brothers and sisters, Sgt. William Lentz of the U. S. A. stationed in the Caribbean Area, James Lentz of Randolph Macon, Front Royal, Va., and Jack Lentz of Raeford; Three daughters, Mrs. Clyde McInnis of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Harold McDiarmid of Wilmington, and Mrs. Jack Morris of Raeford; and the following brothers and sisters, W. H. Lentz of Carthage, J. H. Lentz of Southern Pines, Leon Lentz of Raleigh, Boyer Lentz of the Army, Mrs. E. E. McSwain of Ansonville, Mrs. T. W. Pope of Strother, S. C. and Mrs. Henry McCormack of Indiana.

The family agreed to an Autopsy as the doctors in attendance were unable to diagnose the case. A report from the Autopsy has not been submitted.

FUEL OIL RATIONING

Consumer rationing of Fuel Oil and Kerosene will take place this week on Thursday from 3 to 8 P. M.; Friday 3 to 8 P. M.; and Saturday from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. at the following places: Antioch white School, Asheboro, Mildouson, Raeford Graded School, Rockfish white School, and Little River Community House at Lobelia. Stamps will be issued only for fuel for cooking and lighting purposes. Application blanks will be supplied for all other purposes but these will be filled out by the user and mailed to the Fuel Oil Rationing Board in Raeford.

The first ration period will be from November 10 to February 10, 1943. All applicants should come prepared to show the registrars the exact amount of oil used during the same period last year. This will facilitate the speed in handling the applications.

All persons (or families) who use oil or kerosene for any purpose such as lamps, cooking, heating, tractors, stationary engines, washing machines, refrigerators, etc., must register. Do not fail to do this as you will be unable to purchase oil if you do not have the ration stamps. Cooperate with the Ration Board and the teachers by coming early to your most convenient rationing point as named above.

Turn In Rent Forms

Mrs. Kate Blue Covington insists that all those who have new tenants fill in the blanks and return to her at once. This is the order of the rent Area Director.

Criminal Docket Hoke Court Cleared

C. A. White and John Hines Convicted of Manslaughter; Number of Minor Cases Were Disposed of.

Excepting the trial of Alex Harris, charged with the triple slaying of members of the Bill family, the criminal docket of the Hoke Superior court was cleared before noon Wednesday, it was stated by Solicitor Ertel Carlyle. The trial of Harris will begin this morning. Judge John J. Burney, Wilmington, is presiding over the November term.

C. A. White, indicted for murder in the death of Wesley Hamilton, which resulted from an auto wreck near here June 23rd, entered a plea of nolo contendere and was sentenced to served 12 months in jail. The sentence was suspended by Judge Burney on good behavior for a period of two years.

John Hines, colored, charge with the shooting of Barrett Turner, was tried on a second degree murder count. During the hearing his attorneys entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter which was accepted by the prosecution. He was sentenced to served five year in state prison, with commitment not to issue, though he is to serve a 4 months term in the county jail and was placed on probation for five years.

Tommy Edwards, 14, colored boy was sentenced to an indeterminate term in the Morrison Training school upon conviction of having carnal knowledge of a colored girl of like age.

Rufus McRae, charged with the theft of \$700 from Gaoby McMillan, was found guilty. William Cobb was found not guilty in the same case. Judgement was withheld by the court to be pronounced today after McRae has accompanied officers to a place where the money was supposed to have been hidden. Judge Burney told McRae that if a sizeable portion of the money was recovered this would probably lighten the sentence.

David T. Morgan, driver of the bus which stopped abruptly and caused numerous injuries to soldier passengers when two other buses crashed into the bus driven by Morgan was ordered to pay the court costs and his case was remanded to the Recorder's court for final disposition. Morgan had appealed from the decision of Judge W. B. McQueen.

Guy Taylor, charged with killing a female deer, was declared not guilty by the court. Judge Burney also ordered a degree of not guilty in the case of John Henry Purcell who had appealed a gambling charge from the recorder's court. Jerry McNeill, indicted on two counts for forgery, pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay the costs and was put on probation.

Wilk Thomas, charged with the larceny of \$120 from Cecil Lacene was found guilty and was sentenced to prison for 18 months. A charge against him for carrying a concealed weapon was not pressed.

Kiwanis Club Met November 12, 1942

The Raeford Kiwanis Club met in the Kiwanis Hall on the above date with 24 members present and in the absence of the president, J. L. McNeill Vice President, presided.

The club voted to meet on Tuesday night of Thanksgiving week, at the usual hour 7:00 o'clock. The club has not missed a meeting this year and will meet on Tuesday of that week in order not to miss.

Bob White was in charge of the program, introducing as speaker, Dr. Cooper of the Sanatorium. Dr. Cooper made a most interesting and instructive talk on Epilepsy. The meeting was then adjourned.

