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North Carolinians Held For Killing Officer In Virginia

Stuart, Va., Dec. 11.—R. D. Shepherd, 28, Patrick county constable, was instantly killed and Police Chief Joe W. Frans, 38, critically wounded early this morning three miles from Stuart on the Mount Airy road when the two officers attempted to question a gang of alleged rum-runners concerning an automobile which was stolen from Stuart earlier in the night.

Several hours after the slaying of Shepherd, Harvey Vernon was arrested at his home five miles west of Mount Airy, and Jim Midkiff was taken into custody at his home in Mount Airy. Both waived extradition and were brought here and lodged in jail to await trial on charges of murder. E. M. Daugherty, alias "Sweetback," of West Virginia, was arrested near Mount Airy several hours later and brought here to be held in custody as a material witness. Redgie Jones, a member of the same gang, is being held as a witness in the Mount Airy jail. Three other members of the same gang, the names of whom police decline to reveal, are being sought.

The affair which climaxed in the shooting of the two officers is thought to have had its inception last Monday when a car alleged to have been owned by Vernon was seized near Stuart with 100 gallons of whiskey in it.

Saturday afternoon Vernon and Midkiff came here and attempted to give a bond for the car, which was being held. Authorities wanted a \$250 bond, but the two men claimed it was too much. They left and apparently returned to Mount Airy.

About midnight Saturday a gang of about five men are alleged to have stolen the car from storage and Chief Frans

and Constable Shepherd gave chase.

With one gun between them and that in the possession of Chief Frans, the officers went after the car and chased it to a point near Watson Joyce's filling station, three miles from here. The car the officers were using ran out of water and was brought to a stop.

At the point where the car was halted, another machine was parked and there were men on both sides of the road.

Chief Frans handed his pistol to Constable Shepherd and Shepherd alighted from the car, only to face a fusillade of bullets. Three bullets struck him in the back and he died instantly. Chief Frans attempted to get out of the car and aid his companion, but he too was greeted with pistol fire. One bullet entered his breast and he fell to the road seriously wounded.

Leaving one dead and another critically wounded, the gang of alleged rum-runners fled in the car they were using.

Bleeding profusely from the wound in his breast, Chief Frans crawled to Moss' Filling Station and secured aid from Stuart. The man hunt then began.

Before entering the hospital here, Chief Frans is said to have positively identified Vernon and Midkiff as two members of the gang that shot him and Shepherd down.

Authorities here said they have been unable to locate the revolver used in the slaying of Shepherd and wounding of Chief Frans. They said that chief Frans' revolver was fired four times during the pursuit of the stolen car, but neither he nor Shepherd had an opportunity to fire the weapon after the gang had been overtaken.

FARM RELIEF PLAN DRAFTED

Washington, Dec. 13.—A tentative draft of a domestic allotment farm relief plan covering wheat, cotton, tobacco and hogs and repealing the stabilization provisions of the farm board act was made public today as the basis of farm relief hearings by the house agriculture committee.

After an executive session of nearly one hour, Chairman Jones distributed the draft of the emergency bill he had prepared to members of the committee. It meets tomorrow to proceed with consideration.

"This is simply a tentative bill to be used wholly as the basis of the committee's work," Jones explained.

The first section of the measure directs that within 30 days of enactment the secretary of agriculture shall estimate and proclaim the probable domestic consumption of the 1933 production of wheat, cotton, tobacco and hogs.

Each producer then would be entitled to an adjustment certificate "covering the domestic consumption percentage of each lot of the commodity which is marketed by or for him during the year."

The face amount of the adjustment certificates were to be fixed at 42 cents a bushel for wheat, 5 cents a pound for cotton, 4 cents a pound for tobacco and 2 cents a pound for hogs, less administrative expenses.

Widow of 1812 War Veteran Gets Pension

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Living on a pension earned 120 years ago by her husband in the war of 1812, Mrs. Marion Clark, calling herself 96 years young, bustles today about the quaint parlor in which she was married.

Mrs. Clark is the only one of seven surviving 1812 war widows who lives west of the Ohio. She gets a check for \$50 every month from Uncle Sam, although she did not marry the veteran until more than 50 years after the war had ended.

T. D. Temple of Scotland Neck harvested 16 bushels of Tennessee 76 lespedeza an acre from his seedings this year.

The New Chevrolet Anxiously Awaited

The salesroom of the Grogan Chevrolet Co., will be the center of automobile interest on December 17th, according to an announcement that has just been made by Mr. Grogan, Chevrolet dealer. Mr. Grogan is more enthusiastic than ever about the line of cars Chevrolet is introducing for 1933 and feels confident that the public will share this enthusiasm when they have seen this new line.

According to Mr. Grogan the new Chevrolets present a distinctly new body styling which offers new features revolutionary in the low priced field. The cars are larger with more powerful motors and represent a substantial step forward in modern automobile safety engineering.

Many of the Chevrolet dealers have already visited the General Motor Proving Ground at Milford, Michigan, and have returned elated over the way the new cars perform on every kind of road and under every driving condition.

Mr. Grogan further states that the Chevrolet salesroom will present a particularly attractive setting for the new cars and believes that all records for attendance will be broken on announcement day.

Gets Another Term

George Womack, colored, who has the reputation of being rather light-fingered, got too familiar some time ago with some kerosene oil at Grogan's grocery store—to be exact, five gallons—and he was given a hearing in Reidsville recorder's court Monday morning. The recorder decided that George could put in sixty-one days to good advantage in helping maintain the public roads of the county.

New Manager

N. E. Hardy, who had served as manager of Pender's since it opened, was transferred to Reidsville last week and is succeeded by R. G. Bradley, also of Reidsville. The Messenger regrets to lose Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, but extends to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley a most hearty welcome.

STONEVILLE

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Stoneville School, held its December meeting on Tuesday night in the school auditorium.

Mrs. T. C. Stone had charge of an interesting program. Mrs. C. L. Joyce gave an excellent reading, "What Are the Fathers Doing?" Miss Ann Hundly of the Stoneville faculty gave a discussion on children. Superintendent J. E. McLean gave a splendid talk on the work of the P. T. A. in North Carolina. T. C. Stone gave a short talk about the plan for a gymnasium which we hope will soon be started. A great feature of the meeting was "A Womanless Wedding." Miss Mulligan, the chairman of the Program Committee, got up this play. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the unusual wedding. It was a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robertson of Madison were recent guests of Mrs. E. W. King.

Mrs. Geo. H. Mitchell of Martinsville, Va., visited Mrs. Jesse Carter Tuesday.

J. D. Carter and C. P. Robertson spent Wednesday in Martinsville, Va.

E. B. King was in Ridgeway, Va., Friday afternoon.

Miss Hallie Belton has returned from several days' visit to Roanoke, Va.

Miss Evelyn Vernon of Greensboro, spent the week-end with her parents.

Ed Smith was a visitor in Greensboro Sunday afternoon.

Miss Aileen Lewis has returned home from a visit to Greensboro.

T. L. Smith of Leakville, was in town Wednesday.

Robbers were rampant here last week. The drug store lost about \$10.00 in cash, and approximately \$25.00 in goods, such as cigarettes, etc. The R. T. Stone wholesale grocery safe was blown open and about \$55.00 in more extracted therefrom. The T. D. Poole hardware store was minus next morning, gun shells, knives, flashlights, etc. The Roy Fry filling station had about 9 gallons less gas in their tank. No positive clew has been found to this dastardly robbery.

Mrs. A. Ivie, Sr., and Attorney A. D. Ivie of Leakville were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. J. A. Scales.

Mrs. T. G. Glenn, Mrs. J. A. Scales and Mrs. A. D. Ivie were recent visitors of Mrs. Buchanan, of Spencer, Va.

H. L. Glenn of Winston-Salem spent the week end with his family.

Martinsville played basketball with Stoneville Wednesday night, Martinsville winning.

Mr. J. B. and Arnold Vernon visited Winston-Salem Monday. We are sorry to learn that R. L. Thomas continues very ill.

Rev. Mr. Hurst of Mt. Airy held services in the Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. and Clarence Vernon visited Leakville-Spray on Friday night.

Basketball was played at Stoneville Friday night against Walkertown and Stoneville boys and Walkertown girls and the Stoneville girls.

Tuesday night, December 13, two games, Martinsville girls vs. Stoneville girls, and Fieldale boys vs. Stoneville boys.

Mrs. Lem Gilreath, of Charlotte, will make a temperance address in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Pribble, native of Austria, now of Long Island, N. Y., Miss Frances Pribble and Robert DeShazo, were visitors in Stoneville, last week.

1,000,000,000 Miniatures of Their Portraits Will Aid Fight Against Tuberculosis

The portraits of little George Volkman, age 3, and his sister Carol, age 7, adorn the 1932 Christmas Seals which will be sold for a penny each during the holiday season to finance the work of the 2684 affiliated tuberculosis associations. The children are shown posing for their famous artist-father, Edward Volkman, of Weehawken, N. J., designer of the seal, as he puts the finishing touch to the poster that will advertise the campaign and which he also designed.

Santa Claus Is Busy Town As Christmas Draws Near

Santa Claus, Ind., Dec. 13.—My, my, but Sana Claus is busy these days!

There are so many children's letters to be read, so many visitors to be entertained, and so many gifts to be prepared, that all in all, there's not a minute to be wasted.

And if it weren't for J. F. Martin, Santa Claus postmaster, and help from the 60 persons in this village, Santa Claus would hardly get all the work done before Christmas eve.

Of course, you understand, this Santa Claus is only a town nestled in the southern hills. But it does a good share of the work for old Saint Nick for children from all parts of the nation write to Santa and the letters are delivered here.

Many of the parents, and even business firms send packages to this village and have them mailed just before Christmas, so they will bear the "Santa Claus" post mark.

Every day a bewhiskered Santa Claus in a red suit may be seen at work in the headquarters here wrapping toys, and gifts and reading mail. He is Perry Ballou, of Philadelphia, who come to Santa Claus in September to assist Postmaster Martin with the work that must be done before Christmas. Santa Claus, however, is feeling the depression this year. Postmaster Martin says a bit sadly.

Both Postmaster Martin and his assistants have read more sorrowful letters from the kiddies than usual. A little girl has written asking that she be sent some bed clothing for Christmas. That is all she wants. Other children will be satisfied if they get clothing and a little candy they write.

Years of experience enabled Postmaster Martin to tell whether a child's letter contains its own thoughts, or has been dictated by parents.

Santa Claus, Ind., gained world-wide fame less than 109 years ago. It all started when a California stamp collector suggested to Postmaster Martin, who has been on the job 30 years, that the name of the village be changed from the one word "Santaclaus," to "Santa Claus." The place is almost 90 years old.

Last year, so much mail was sent here for re-mailing that a movement was started in Washington to rename the postoffice. So many protests were made, however, with newspapers writing editorial about it and people writing letters, that the effort was abandoned.

Santa Claus is still on the map.

Walnut Cove 'Pounds' Youthful Pair Rob Bank of Small Sum

Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—A nine-year-old boy and his seven-year-old sister today broke into a Bloomsburg bank, police said, and took two sacks containing small sums of money.

The children were found later by an older sister who notified the father and then turned them over to the police. They were released tonight in custody of the father.

The boy and girl, John, Jr., and Lillian Harrington, Chief of Police Walter Beder said, entered the Bloomsburg Bank-Columbia Trust company, in the heart of town, through a small window.

From France, the chief said, they proceeded to the banking room and picked up two sacks of money that a bank employe had obtained at a Sunday school today and placed on a desk.

Baptist Church News

(Rev. O. E. Ward, Pastor)

Sunday school at 10 A. M. J. C. Brown, superintendent.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Going a Little Farther." Evening services at 7:30. Subject, "What Christmas Means to Me." As these services are the last of the old year, the pastor urges all members to be present. Election for all officers of the church and Sunday school will take place just after the morning service.

Read The Messenger ads.

Where The Fault Lies

There has been a great deal of adverse criticism over the condition of the road at the intersection just southeast of town, and many people have blamed the maintenance force for the bad condition. We are reliably informed that the State force has nothing to do with the present deplorable condition. It is up to the contractors who are building the new hard-surface link on the Greensboro road to see to it that these intersections are kept in good condition, but in this instance somebody has laid down in the job.



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CHECK FLASHER VISITS MADISON

A stranger hit Madison last week and represented himself as being associated with the engineering department of Virginia Highway commission. He had a local printer to print on several checks of the First National Exchange Bank of Roanoke the following: "Department of Virginia Highway Engineering Department." This party then proceeded to issue several of these checks ranging in amount from \$30.00 down. Making small purchases and then getting the balance in cash. All these checks have been returned with the notation "no funds." This was a pretty sharp trick, and the checks having the appearance of being on Virginia Highway department, no one hesitated to cash them, especially when a sale was being made. An effort is now being made to apprehend the slick crook. He is about 5 feet 11 inches high, red face, with gold in front tooth or teeth, wearing riding trousers and laced boots, sandy or light hair, and had the appearance of being what he represented himself to be. It is to be hoped that the Virginia Highway commission will join in the search for the party who is using it to defraud, and we believe that the North Carolina officers will have the hearty support of its Virginia neighbors.

STOKESDALE

Kid Robinson of Winston-Salem was in town Saturday evening.

Ramon Lemons of Salisbury was in town Sunday.

Dewey Dillon of Greensboro and Miss Mae Newell Jegrum motored to Winston-Salem Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Pearman and son spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pegram.

Wayne Allen of Winston-Salem was in town Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eller spent the past week in Lexington.

The Ladies' Aid of Gideon Grove M. P. Church met with Mrs. Hansel Angel Monday evening at 7 o'clock. After the business of the meeting a program was rendered and then presents were dispersed from the Christmas tree to those present. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The meeting adjourned to meet in January with Miss Bertha Boone.

The Ladies' Aid of Goshen M. E. Church met with Mrs. Joe Vaughn Wednesday evening at 7:30. After the business of the meeting a delightful program was given and Christmas presents presented. The meeting was dismissed by repeating the Lord's prayer in unison.

Miss Bertie Rowland of Greensboro spent the week end with Miss Mary Vaughn.

Billy Neal of Walnut Cove spent the past week with his grandfather, D. P. Lemons.

Mrs. Frank Pegram is seriously ill at her home.

Miss Eula Angel underwent an operation in a Greensboro hospital for appendicitis.

Miss Jewel Browning spent the week end here.

Somebody To Blame

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an item to the effect that the State Maintenance Road Department disclaims responsibility for the bad place at the intersection of the Wentworth and Greensboro roads just beyond the cemetery. This may be and probably is true, but somebody is responsible for the wretched condition at this intersection, and the road is all but impassible, just at this time. If the State is not responsible, then the State should see to it that the contractors rectify and do that which is required of them, and lose no time in so doing. If the contractors have failed to comply with their agreement, then the State should see to it that such is done. People are continually getting hung up in this particular spot, and the road is the worst it has ever been. What does the Maintenance Department purpose to do about it, and when may the traveling public hope for relief?

In New Quarters

This week the Grogan Chevrolet Co., which had occupied the J. A. Wall building since opening for business, moved into new quarters—the garage formerly occupied by Hawkins & Son, where both salesmen and mechanics will be pleased to see and serve you.

The 54 sweet potato curing houses in Gaston county are all filled with a good grade of sweets.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Marjorie Holmes, Home Demonstration Agent

Program For Next Week
December 19th: 10:30 A. M. Leaksville Home Economics Class—"Candy Making."
2 P. M.: The Happy Home club will have a Christmas program and a social meeting.
December 20th: The Apple-Clarke club will meet with Mrs. Scott Bennett and Miss Annie Bennett. Popcorn balls and other Christmas sweets will be given as a demonstration for the afternoon.
December 21st: The Sadler club will meet with Mrs. C. J. Warriner. "Christmas Sweets," will be the demonstration.
December 22nd: The Rocky Springs club will meet with Miss Emma Joyce. "Christmas Sweets," will be the demonstration.
December 23rd: Curb market at Smith-Pinnix Warehouse.
2 P. M.: The Mt. Carmel club will meet with Mrs. Flossie Ellington. "Suggestions and Candies for Christmas."

Christmas Suggestions

Home made things when nicely made and attractively wrapped make nice Christmas gifts and can be made with very little expense and are appreciated. The following suggestions may prove helpful:
Peanuts fried in deep fat make a nice gift.
Fruit cake wrapped in cellophane.
A pound of pulled mints or salt water taffy. A coffee can enamled or coated with gilt makes a nice container for same.
Jelly or preserves in small jars wrapped in cellophane make attractive gifts. Pickles also.
Christmas cookies in a tin box, so they will keep crisp and fresh, make delightful gifts.

The following Moravian Christmas cookie recipe is good. These cookies should be cut with fancy cutters, such as fish, rabbits, stars, diamonds and other things, to be truly Moravian.

- 1 pint molasses
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 3-4 cup lard
 - 1 T. ground cloves
 - 1 T. ginger
 - 1 T. cinnamon
 - 1 T. allspice
 - 1 t. salt
- Mix dry ingredients, add melted lard and molasses. Make into a medium dough, let stand from two days to a week before baking. In cold weather the dough may seem hard to roll, but if put in a warm place for a short while and worked about with the hand (flour) before attempting to roll it will work fine. Bake in a medium oven. If cakes blister decrease heat.

Here And There In The Clubs

The Mapleview club will have a call meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Henry Stallings to make toys for poor children for Christmas.

Mrs. C. C. Griffin of the Bason club and Mrs. Jack Saunders of the Mapleview club are serving soup at Bethany and Wentworth schools, respectively for the undernourished children. This is made possible through the Finance Corporation.

Bethany club meets Tuesday to make toys for the unfortunate children of the community.

A new club was organized in the Matrimony community last Tuesday. They started off with nineteen women enrolled.

Special Christmas Curb Market

We are making an effort to have a particularly nice market for Christmas, which will be held Friday morning, December 23rd, at the Smith-Pinnix Warehouse. Special advertising will be gotten out for this market.

Bason Club Meeting

(Mrs. P. B. Wright, reporter)

The Bason Home Demonstration club held its December meeting with Mrs. T. L. Webb. Mrs. Mollie Sharp conducted the devotional exercise by reading the second chapter of St. Matthew. A Christmas song was sung and a Christmas poem was read by Mrs. T. L. Webb. The club collect was repeated in unison.

Sharon-Glady Club Meeting

(Miss Jessie S. Butler, reporter)

The Sharon-Glady club held its December meeting with Mrs. Meadames Henry and W. E. Small.

We were indeed glad to have the visitors and one new member, Miss Mildred Sharpe.

Mrs. J. I. Butler conducted the devotional, after which the following program was rendered:
Song, "Silent Night."
Reading, by Miss Etolla Gunn, "Grandfather's Christmas."
After our program we turned the meeting over to Miss Holmes. The demonstration being "Candy Making." Our agent showed us the different candies that can be made from butter fondant. Salt water taffy being another candy that was very good.

The hostess served grapes and bananas.

The club will meet in January with the reporter and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Butler.

MAYODAN

Mrs. R. W. Shropshire, Mrs. Bill Barrow and Poise Shropshire spent Wednesday in Martinsville.

John Dempster, Jr., of Charlotte spent a few days in town. Mrs. H. Roy Martin and Mrs. Minnie Rader spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Price, Jr., spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Heath of Martinsville spent Sunday in town.

A delightful lingerie shower was given by Mrs. T. W. Crews at her home Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6, honoring Miss Frances Shreve, whose marriage to Dan Boyer will take place next Saturday. Miss Willie Mae Holton and Mrs. Harold Myers entertained the guests with games and stunts. The prizes going to Miss Garnette Reynolds and Mrs. R. C. Veach. At the conclusion of the games little Dot Welch brought in a wagon filled with beautiful lingerie and presents to the honoree. The hostess then served a delicious salad course. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Crews besides the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Horace Shreve, were Misses Doris Rhodes, Dura Jones, Irma Martin, Frances Gann, Clara Johnson, Garnette Reynolds, Willie Mae Holton, Deane Crews, Geneva Shreve, Louise Fulton, Nellie Veach, Gladys Matthews, Gracie Gray and Mesdames K. V. Reid, R. C. Veach, John Williams, Nan Landreth, Harold Myers, Roy Hall, Hattie Myers, H. A. Crews, Bill Crews, F. J. Welch and R. E. Freeman.

Warehouses To Close

The local warehouses will shut down Friday for the Christmas holidays and will remain closed until Monday, January 9th. It is estimated by those in position to know that at least 85 per cent of the crop has been already sold, and much of that remaining will be disposed of this week.

Read The Messenger ads and buy it at home.