

Shoe And Clothing Firms Robbed By Four Durham Men

Two Captured and Two Escaped; Most Of Merchandise Recovered.

By taking a quick morning ride on a motor hand-car Chief of Police, S. A. Oliver and Officer Charlie Wade of the Roxboro police department, yesterday captured two Durham Negroes, James Miller and Mack Lyons, who, together with two other Negroes, broke into the jointly tenanted Main street store occupied by the Roxboro Shoe store and Emory Foushee's clothing company early in the morning and took merchandise valued at approximately \$400.

The robbery was first discovered by Carr Holeman, employee of the Camp Fertilizer company, around 7 o'clock yesterday morning, when he parked his automobile in front of the store, saw the open door and went in to investigate.

Following the report by Holeman, local police officers acted on a tip that four Negroes with sacks thrown across their shoulders had been seen a short while before walking the railroad tracks toward Durham, near Helena. Arriving near the spot in their car, the officers saw the four suspects, as described, about half a mile away; gave chase on the hand-car as the quickest way to approach them and ordered them to halt.

Upon failing to stop, one of the Negroes, James Miller, was fired upon by Officer Wade. Miller, who was thus wounded in the leg, and Mack Lyons were captured and brought back to the Person County jail, where they are being held without bond on charges of breaking, entering and larceny.

Although Joe Hayes and George Hedepeth, the two confederates of Miller and Lyons escaped while the officers were engaged in the chase, Chief Oliver said that the greater part of the stolen merchandise was recovered. Proprietors of the two establishments, W. Rainey Hawkins and Mr. Foushee, were at the court house later in the day making identifications of various items.

Included in the list were sixteen suits of men's clothing, five or six hats, thirteen pairs of shoes, four pairs of pants and fifteen neckties.

Officers say that the break-in, effected by slipping the front door lock, after removal of a piece of weather-stripping left a crack large enough to insert a screwdriver or some other implement of similar size, must have occurred shortly before day-break, although Miller told them that the thefts were made shortly after midnight. In one of the sacks was found a wrecking bar.

At a late afternoon hour today Hayes and Hedepeth were still at large, although local police, as well as those in nearby cities and towns, have been on the lookout for them.

As Chief Oliver and Officer Wade drove up to the court house and jail with Lyons and the injured Miller, about 9:30 o'clock, a curious crowd gathered around the car. Those who looked in could see Miller's blood-stained shoe on the rear floor, but there was nothing else there to satisfy the on-lookers or to indicate that its occupants had engaged in a flight and capture game.

"Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? of whre were the righteous cut off?"

—Job

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Local Resident

Funeral services for Mrs. T. H. Greer, 60, who died Monday morning at her residence on Pass street, this city, after being in a critical condition for six days following a stroke of paralysis, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Brookland Methodist church. Rites were in charge of Rev. D. A. Petty, the pastor, and interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Greer, who was the daughter of the late Henderson and Rachel Gollyhorn, formerly lived at Jonesville, Va., and was a member of the Methodist church there. She is survived by six children and one sister, four daughters, Mrs. J. M. Shields and Mrs. Victor Hargis, of Roxboro; Mrs. Harrison Bowman, of Jonesville, Va., and Mrs. Melvin Johnson, of Oxford; by two sons, Ray Greer, of Roxboro, and Paul Greer, of Winston-Salem, and by one sister, Mrs. Frank Ledger, of Middleboro, Ky.

Bumpass, Wade, Barnette Cars' In One Mix-up

Last night Darius Stanfield, Negro filling station attendant, driving south on Lamar street this city, attempted to pass between a parked car and another automobile, also going south. Lamar street is a narrow street and as a consequence of this unalterable conditions Stanfield came out of the squeeze with six damaged fenders, four on his own car and one each on the two others involved.

That was bad enough for Stanfield, who was driving a machine belonging to R. D. Bumpass, co-owner of a local filling station, but it just happens that the other automobiles Stanfield dented up are owned by Zeb Barnette and John B. Wade, two men who also make their living by operating filling stations.

The accident happened in front of Barnette's residence, where his car was parked, and for the moment each service station owner had a headache as separate and distinct as his respective establishment, although by gentlemanly agreement paying honors will fall upon Mr. Bumpass, and no charges will be pressed against Stanfield or against "Buddy" Pleasants, Wade's attendant, who was driving the other car.

Special Services Start Today At Episcopal Church

Beginning today and continuing on each Thursday during Lent special services will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the evening at St. Mark's Episcopal church, according to announcement made today by the acolyte, E. B. Ferguson, Jr., who will be the first speaker and will have charge of each service. Guest ministers will be invited to conduct successive services.

"What doth Invention but together place, The blocks of a child's game to make a palace?"

Bankhead Pledges Support to Bankhead



Senator Lister Hill of Alabama plus a "Bankhead for President" button on the lapel of Senator John H. Bankhead, also of the cotton state. They are booming the senator's brother, Rep. William D. Bankhead, speaker of the house, for the Democratic nomination for President in the 1940 campaign. Senator Hill is Bankhead's campaign manager.

Harris Resigns To Go To Hazard, Ky.

Following publication of an Associated Press story Tuesday morning to the effect that he had been elected city manager of Hazard, Ky., a town of about 12,000 population, city manager James C. Harris, of Roxboro, who has held his position here for the past four and a half years, later in the morning announced that he has accepted the city manager-ship of the Kentucky city.

His resignation was presented to the Roxboro city council at a call session Tuesday morning and was accepted. It is understood that Mr. Harris will take up his duties in the Kentucky city as soon as his business affairs in connection with the local office can be terminated, which will probably be within the next two or three weeks.

In a formal statement issued after the council meeting Tuesday morning Mr. Harris said:

"Having been elected city manager of Hazard, Ky., I have resigned my position in Roxboro, and I wish to take this occasion to express my appreciation for

the unwavering cooperation that I have had from the board, and also my appreciation for the courtesy and friendliness I have experienced at the hands of Roxboro people during the four and a half years I have been here."

Mr. Harris, who is 30 years of age and is regarded as one of the youngest city managers in the nation, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a member of the Roxboro Rotary club and of the First Baptist church.

During his period of connection with the city in the capacity of city manager, the tax rate has been reduced from \$2.25 to \$1.35 per hundred dollars valuation. At the same time the city police force has been doubled; the fire department, although still a volunteer department has been placed on a paid basis and water and sewer facilities have been doubled.

Mr. Harris, who is a native of Warren county, came to Roxboro from Fuquay Springs, where he also served as city manager.

DR. RICHARDSON SPEAKS BEFORE AGENCY COUNCIL

Advocates Establishment Of Co-operative County Health Council.

Discussing the apparent need of an organization to be known as the Person County Health Council, Dr. W. P. Richardson, of Chapel Hill, who is director of the tri-county Orange, Person and Chatham health department, told the members of the Person County Council of Social Agencies at their delayed January luncheon meeting held Monday at Hotel Roxboro, that a county health council, composed of people directly interested in county health welfare, could render much effective service to the program being carried out by the county department of health.

Dr. Richardson, who was introduced by the Social Agencies' president, Miss Lake Allen, went on to say that a health council, such as he proposes can often do effective work through its representatives. These representatives are, he said, drawn from such

FLEM D. LONG TO SEEK OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR

Is First Candidate From Person - Granville District To Announce.

Flem D. Long, prominent Person county farmer and merchant, who resides in the Concord Church community, announced Monday morning that he will be a candidate for the state senate from the district composed of Person and Granville counties, subject to the Democratic primary, May 25. No other candidates for this office have yet been announced.

In his formal statement to the press, Mr. Long, who has previously held several important county positions, said that he has been contemplating this announcement for some time; that his decision to seek the senatorship comes after assurances of support from many friends in both counties and that he desires and promises to fill the position to the best of his ability.

Last elected Person senator from the Person and Granville

Stephen Georges' Sentence Shortened By Judge Hayes

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR R. C. MERRITT CONDUCTED TODAY

Former Roxboro Resident Passes In Greenville; Prominent In Tobacco World.

Robert Connor Merritt, 46, native of Person county and member of a prominent family here, died Wednesday evening at 6:20 o'clock at a hospital at Greenville, where he was taken early Tuesday morning following a sudden illness, which developed Monday night and was later diagnosed as meningitis.

Mr. Merritt, who had made his home in Greenville for the past eighteen years, was at the time of his death vice president of the E. B. Ficklen Tobacco company and was regarded as one of the most popular tobaccoists in the state. On Wednesday of last week he returned to his home from a business trip and at that time was suffering from a slight attack of influenza, although he recovered from this illness and was apparently well at the time he was suddenly stricken.

A brief service was held at 9 o'clock this morning at his Fifth street home, in Greenville, and final rites were conducted this afternoon at three o'clock at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mamie Merritt, on South Main street, this city, by the Rev. T. M. Grant, pastor of the Greenville Jarvis Memorial Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Martin, pastor of the Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church, of this city. Interment followed in Burchwood cemetery.

Mr. Merritt was the son of Mrs. Mamie Merritt and of the late J. S. Merritt, prominent Roxboro attorney, who died more than thirty years ago. He was a brother of Miss Sue Merritt, of the Roxboro grammar school faculty; of Miss Eglantine Merritt, of Smithfield, and J. S. Merritt, editor of the Person County Times. He was married some years ago to Miss Gertie Bradsher, of Roxboro, who also survives, as do two children; a daughter, Miss Mary Jameson Merritt, and a son Robert Connor, Jr., of Greenville.

Connor Merritt, as he was known to Roxboro citizens, received his education at Roxboro high school and at Oak Ridge Institute. For two years after he was graduated from Oak Ridge he was engaged in business in Roxboro, but soon went to Greenville, where he became connected with the Ficklen company, and subsequently became a leading business man, especially in tobaccoists' circles.

On Monday night Mr. Merritt complained of feeling unwell, saying that he had a severe headache, and a physician was called, but his condition did not become critical until later in the night, when he became unconscious and was rushed to the hospital, where an operation was performed. Specialists from Richmond were called into consultation, but only slight hope was held for his recovery.

News of his death was received here with profound sorrow and last night many citizens, who knew him as a Roxboro boy and young man, pausing to pay tribute to his memory, characterized him as a friendly, courteous, and humor-loving man, who never forgot the Person county as a boy.

Rural Schools To Remain Closed For Rest Of Week

Person county rural schools, with a few exceptions, were closed again Tuesday after having been open for one day, Monday. Closing was ordered because many county roads are still in such condition as to make bus service impossible. The announcement was made Tuesday afternoon by Person County Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin, who said that local highway authorities have assured school officials that roads ought to be in condition by Monday of this next week.

Person schools remaining open include those at Ca-Vel, Longhurst and Roxboro, as well as a few Negro schools not serviced by busses. Also closed although it is in the city limits is the Person County Training school for Negroes, the larger part of whose pupils are brought in by busses.

SCOUT FATHER-SON BANQUET WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 16

Frank Dix, Greensboro Executive, Expected To Make Principal Address.

With Frank Dix, Greensboro Scout executive, expected as speaker, plans are now virtually complete for the annual "Boy Scout Father and Son" banquet to be staged by the Person and Roxboro Scout council on Friday, February 16, at Hotel Roxboro. The banquet will begin at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Toastmaster for the event, which, although it comes a few days later than National Boy Scout week, is being given as a local feature of the celebration of the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the American branch of the organization, will be O. B. McCroom, chairman of the local council.

Those in charge of the program to be presented include W. A. Pickering, chairman; Dr. Robert E. Long and D. Clyde Swartz, while other details are being handled by C. A. Harris, F. O. Carver, Jr., and Joe Guffy, who served as an arrangement committee last year and are again performing similar duties.

In a statement made Tuesday night of this week, Mr. Harris said he expects a good attendance this year at the banquet. Scouts and their fathers, together with other scouts who will have sponsors, are expected to join local leaders in a program of fun, food and music, with the direction of the last mentioned to be in the hands of Wallace W. Woods.

Mr. Dix, who is well known for his effective Scout work in Greensboro, is expected to speak on some phase of "Senior Scouting." Tickets for the banquet may be obtained from members of the arrangements committee.

GOES TO SANITORIUM

Coleman C. King, who has for the past two months been a patient at Community hospital, left Sunday for Sanitorium, where he will receive treatment for some time in a hospital there.

Convicted In Federal Court In Durham Monday; Citizens Lend Aid.

Stephen Georges, a naturalized American for the past four years and a Roxboro cafe operator, who was tried the first of the week in federal district court at Durham, before Judge Johnson J. Hayes, on charges of entry into the United States on a false permit and of giving false information as to how and whence he came into this county, yesterday received a modification of the original sentence imposed.

Judge Hayes, after consultation with Georges' attorney and after hearing representations from prominent Roxboro citizens as to Georges' good behavior in Roxboro, announced that Georges, a native of Greece and originally a British subject, would be sentenced to serve only a year and a day in the penitentiary for his offense.

The original sentence, imposed Monday, required that Georges should serve a sentence of two years in the penitentiary and then suffer deportation. The original sentence also provided that Georges should be allowed two days to make arrangements for the continuance or closing up of his business interests in the Royal cafe here, and while no modification of this ruling was announced yesterday in Durham it is understood that Georges will be given a little more time to arrange his affairs before beginning service of his sentence. Likewise, no change in the deportation order was announced.

Characterizing the case as tragic, but saying that he had no other choice in the matter, Judge Hayes said that the "Giving of false testimony in courts rocks the very foundations of justice itself." Georges has an American wife and a son not more than two or three months old.

During the years he has resided in Roxboro Georges has been regarded as a worthy American citizen, was at one time a member of a civic club and has taken an active though discreet role in community affairs.

Under the charges brought out in federal court it was shown that when Georges obtained his

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Person Four-H Clubs To Present Radio Program

Representatives of Person county's 4-H clubs have been asked to present a radio program on "What Four-H Club Work Means to Individuals, Farmers and the Community", over station WPTE, Raleigh, at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Those participating will include: Miss Mary Evelyn Long, of Bushy Fork; Miss Ellen Owens, of the John C. Terrell school; Bernard C. Clayton, of Mt. Tirzah, and Clarence Hall, of Hurdle Mills.

ENTERS UNIVERSITY

J. Y. Humphries, Jr., of the Bethel Hill community, left Tuesday morning for Louisville, Ky., where he will attend the University of Louisville. He will reside with an aunt in Louisville. Mr. Humphries is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Humphries and is a graduate of Bethel Hill high school.