

NEGROES INVOLVED IN LOFTIS AFFAIR GIVEN FREEDOM

Grover Cleveland King Sentenced to 30 days on Roads.

Finding that William A. Loftis, 54, Person white man whose body was found Friday morning at the home of Mary King, one of his Negro tenants, "came to his death through natural causes", members of a six man coroner's jury Monday morning reached an agreement and ordered the release of the King woman who had been held in Person county jail as a material witness since she reported Loftis' death early Friday morning of last week.

Also absolved of blame in connection with Loftis' death was Grover Cleveland King, young Negro man who was said to have been engaged in conversational dispute with Loftis at the time the white man suddenly dropped dead on the porch of the King cabin Thursday night.

King, who had been detained in jail since Friday night, was however tried Monday morning before a justice of the peace on a charge of disorderly conduct growing out of the dispute. Sentence of thirty days on the roads was imposed upon King for this offense.

At the Monday hearing which was the second session of the coroner's jury, it was again brought out that Loftis had no wounds of any kind on his body and that there was no evidence of foul play. Mary King stuck to her story that she called Mr. Loftis to her house Thursday night to quell a disturbance created by Grover Cleveland King and that the white man suddenly fell dead, as previously related.

In a telephone conversation after the Monday session Person County coroner, Dr. A. F. Nichols, expressed the opinion that death may have been caused by heart failure.

Helena Debaters Win On One Side

Helena affirmative debating team, composed of Nancy Tillett and Lawrence Rogers, won over the negative team from Creedmoor in the Helena school auditorium, Thursday evening, March 28. The judges for the debate were Messrs. B. B. Knight, Fitz Davis and J. B. Curran.

Helena negative team composed of Violet Starke and Paul Garrison, lost by a two to one decision to the Hurdle Mills affirmative team at Hurdle Mills on the same evening.

Troop 49 Holds Regular Meeting

Troop 49 held its regular meeting in the basement of the Community house this week, with 23 Boy Scouts present. The meeting was opened with the Scout Oath, followed by the roll call and short patrol meetings. Frank Whitt then led the boys in several songs.

For a short time Dr. Robert Long, the scoutmaster, led in a discussion of overnight hikes and a trip to the World's Fair. The meeting was closed with the Scoutmaster's benediction.

This program was in charge of Clyde Whitt's patrol.

Speed was the major cause of highway deaths in North Carolina last year.

CUBS IN ACTION



Zip and go... that's the life for a CUB (9-12 years). Many such happy, neighborhood-centered activities fill the CUBBING program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Plans For Reorganization Of "Cub Pack" Discussed

William R. Tilley Rites Will Be At Residence Friday

William R. Tilley, 74, respected citizen of the Mt. Tirzah community, Person county, died Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, at his residence, after an illness lasting one year and three months. Death was attributed to the infirmities of age and complications.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence by Elder Lex Chandler, who will be assisted by Rev. O. L. Riggs. Interment will take place in the family cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Beattie Cates; four sons, W. C., Clarence O., and Fred W. Tilley, all of Person county, and E. R. Cates, of Columbus, O.; four daughters, Mrs. Leslie Clayton and Miss Gertrude Tilley, both of this county, and Mrs. Lelia Garrett and Mrs. Myrtle Ryan, both of Columbus, O.; three brothers, Joseph and James Tilley, of Bahama, and John Tilley, of California; one sister, Miss Bettie Tilley, also of Bahama and seven grandchildren.

Behel Hill P. T. A. To Meet Monday

The Bethel Hill Parent Teachers association will meet Monday night, April 8, at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

A very interesting program in the "Social Life of Boys and Girls in the Community" is being prepared. In addition a play by the seventh grade entitled "Our trees" will be presented.

Another very interesting feature of the program will be a thirty-minute motion picture in technicolor. This film "Tulip Time at the World's Fair" presents many beautiful scenes from the tulip gardens at the fair.

Officers for next year will be voted on at this meeting.

Former Roxboro Citizen Gets Honor

J. D. K. Richmond, former Roxboro citizen and native of this county, has been re-elected vice-president of the South Boston, Va. Tobacco Board of Trade.

Mr. Richmond buys tobacco on the South Boston market for Reynolds Tobacco company. Prior to his moving to the Virginia city he bought on the local market.

DAWES ELECTED JUDGE OF PERSON RECORDER'S COURT

Unanimously Elected Monday At Regular Session Of County Commissioners.

Acting upon recommendations presented Monday morning by the Person Bar association through a committee representative of the association, members of the Person county Board of commissioners, in regular session, unanimously elected R. B. Dawes, Roxboro attorney and former mayor, as judge of the recorder's court.

Mr. Dawes, who subsequently said that he would accept the position, will serve as judge until January 1, 1942, filling out the unexpired term of Judge W. I. Newton who died last week. The commissioners also decided this morning that there was no vacancy of the office of judge pro-tem, in view of the fact that S. G. Winstead, of this city, was duly appointed to this position in the first Monday in January this year, and that since this office had been previously filled, the bar's provisional recommendation as to the appointment of Judge B. Warren as judge pro-tem should not be adopted.

No action was taken upon the Bar's recommendation that there should be an increase in salaries paid to the judge and the solicitor, it being the opinion of commissioners that the question of salaries should be deferred until the setting up of the county budget for the next fiscal year. For the remainder of the present fiscal year salaries will remain as they have been.

First session of the county court with Judge Dawes as presiding officer is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9.

Song-Play By Miss Lisette Allgood To Be Presented Here

"Music Festival in Songlandia", the libretto of which has been prepared by Miss Lisette Allgood, young Roxboro resident, who is now a student at Meredith college, will be presented on the evening of Thursday, April 11, at Central school auditorium here, according to announcement made today by Mrs. Sam Byrd Winstead, of the city school music faculty, who will direct the production.

Plot of Miss Allgood's "song-play" is said to be similar to that of Wagner's "Die Meistersingers" and in the course of its presentation opportunities for including folk-songs, classical music and dances from many nations is provided. More than one hundred school children are expected to be in the production, which will be presented at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Choir Will Sing Friday Evening

Because of a change in schedule, the appearance of the Bennett College choir, of Greensboro, at the Person County Training school for Thursday evening, April 4, has been postponed until Friday evening, April 5. The choir will be directed by the distinguished composer, Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Victor Satterfield is reported to be much better after a severe illness of two weeks duration.

ZEB V. MORTON DIES AT HOTEL

Well-Known Hotel Clerk Dies In Sleep Early This Morning.

Zeb V. Morton, 37, night clerk at Hotel Roxboro, was found dead in his room about 11:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Morton, who had been suffering from a cold and a sore throat, had continued working although he had been unwell for several days. He was last seen early this morning, shortly after mid-night, when he retired to his room to go to sleep. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Discovery of the body was made by a maid at the hotel, who knocked on the door, obtained no response and then entered, for the purpose of morning cleaning.

Mr. Morton, who was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Zeb V. Morton, of this county, had been in delicate health almost all his life. Only close relatives surviving are an uncle, Stephen Moore, of Person county, and three aunts, Mrs. C. T. Stephens and Mrs. Nannie Timberlake, of Semora, and Mrs. Lundy Bowles, of Petersburg, Va.

Mr. Morton had been connected with Hotel Roxboro for about two and a half years and prior to that time was employed at the Palace theatre.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, although it is expected that the services will be held tomorrow.

COMMISSIONERS VOTE TO ASSIST LOCAL HOSPITAL

Person Commissioners Vote To Assist Hospital By Contributing To Debt Fund.

Provisions for incorporation in the Person county 1940-41 budget of an appropriation of \$2,500 to be contributed to Community hospital's debt fund was made Monday by the Person County Board of commissioners, of which Philip L. Thomas is chairman.

The action was taken by the commissioners following the appearance before the board of a hospital finance committee composed of J. W. Noell, Flem D. Long and Reade Gentry. Members of the committee pointed out that the present indebtedness of Community hospital is slightly in excess of \$21,000 and that the Duke endowment has recently offered the institution a conditional grant of \$12,000 to be used in partial cancellation of this debt, the provision being that the remaining sum necessary to clear the debt shall be contributed by citizens of the town and county.

It was also pointed out that with the appropriation from the commissioners budget \$2,500 and a hope for appropriation from the city council of \$1,500, the amount to be raised by private subscriptions would be \$5,000. It is expected that a campaign to raise the last mentioned amount will not get underway until after the matter of a city appropriation will be presented to the city council, although it is the hope of the hospital board and the finance committee to complete the local raising of funds by September.

The county commissioners also considered the requests, presented by a delegation of representative Negro citizens, that the county appropriate sufficient funds to pay part of the monthly salary of a Negro Home Demonstration agent, but action was deferred until the budget is made up.

Golf Club Rules Regarding Membership Fees Announced

Proctor and Petty Chosen As Finals Speakers At School

Commencement speaker at Hurdle Mills school will be Mr. A. M. Proctor, of the department of Education, Duke university, who will deliver his address Friday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium, while the baccalaureate sermon will be given at the same place on Sunday, May 5, by the Rev. D. A. Petty, pastor of Brookdale Methodist church.

The Rev. Mr. Petty will deliver his sermon at 8 o'clock in the evening. Both Mr. Petty and Dr. Proctor are known to many Person county residents and it is expected that they will have large audiences. At the Friday evening finals graduation exercises will be held, culminating with presentations of diplomas and awards.

Dr. McDonald To Be Main Speaker At Helena Finals

Speaker at the finals, Thursday evening, May 9, at Helena school, Person county, will be Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of the Extension Division, University of North Carolina, of Chapel Hill, according to announcement made today by R. C. Garrison, principal, who said that another featured speaker will be the Rev. J. Winston Pearce, recently chosen as pastor of the First Baptist church, Durham, who will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Pearce, a native of North Carolina and an alumnus of Campbell college and Wake Forest, will deliver the sermon to the graduating class, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, May 5. Mr. Pearce received theological training at Southern Baptist Theological seminary and at the University of Chicago. For more than three years he has been pastor of First Baptist church, Nevada, Mo., but on April 10 will become pastor of the church at Durham.

Dr. McDonald was four years ago candidate for Democratic nomination as governor of North Carolina and is a popular state figure, as well as an attractive speaker, and Mr. Garrison said this morning that he is very pleased to report that Mr. McDonald and the Rev. Mr. Pearce have accepted the invitations extended.

Hurdle Mills To Give Senior Play

The Senior class of Hurdle Mills school will present a play, "The Path Across the Hill", Friday, April 12, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening. The characters will be Ruth Conrad, a young school teacher; Helen Foushee; Walter Conrad, Ruth's brother, Harold Horton; Grandpa Crawford, Ruth's grandfather, Rose Whitfield; Flo Gray, Ruth's Frivalous cousin, Delma Clayton; Lutie, Ruth's friend, Varonica Hall; Grandma Davis, Lutie's grandmother, Ora Murray; Dr. Jimmy Reed, Ruth's friend, Clarence Hall; Robert Post, Ruth's young boarder, Dallas Gates; Zuzu, Ruth's Negro Cook, Nelle Breeze; and Salamander Alexander John Henry Jones, Zuzu's admirer, Jack White.

Schedule of Payment Arranged So That Old and New Members Will Be Placed On Equal Basis.

In a statement issued by Howard K. Strang, secretary-treasurer, member of the board of directors of Roxboro Country club, incorporated, today said that it will henceforth be necessary for club members to take over maintenance of the golf course, it being pointed out that the course, at Chub Lake, is substantially complete as far as WPA is concerned.

Also, it was said, alterations to the club house are completed, with the exception of a few needed further improvements which will have to be assumed by the club members. Citing these facts, the directors are of the opinion that the question of dues, under discussion for some time, is now more pertinent than ever and that some adjustment of the dues schedule must be made if the club is to continue function as it should.

With this problem in mind the directors have presented a plan whereby dues will be equalized. Under this plan any member who has in the past contributed \$25 or over will be considered a "Paid-Up" member and this amount will be credited as a "Paid-Up" fee, which will as of April 1, 1940, be required of all members of the club.

Effective as of April 1, 1940 annual dues will be \$25, payable quarterly. It was indicated that all members who have to April 1 paid more than \$25 as dues will have the extra amounts prorated as payments on 1940 dues, but it was clearly indicated that those members who have not paid in as much as \$25 during the past year will have to contribute the additional sum necessary to make the paid-up fee now required of all members, although an arrangement has been worked out whereby completion of the paid-up fee may be made by both old and new members on a quarterly basis.

It is also announced that a daily green fee of fifty cents will be charged all non-members desiring to use the golf course.

In discussing the plans for financial adjustments, as proposed above, members of the board of directors pointed out in their statement that under the plan no attempt is being made or will be made to collect all back dues, but that all members will resume payment, regardless of how much they have paid in to date.

Slaughter Child Has Diphtheria

Carl Slaughter, two years of age and son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slaughter, who reside in the southern section of the city near the Oxford-Durham highway, is Person county's second victim of diphtheria since the first of January, according to announcement made today by Person Health officer, Dr. A. L. Allen, who said that although the child has been ill for several days, his condition is not regarded as serious.

But discovery of the case has prompted Dr. Allen to reiterate statements previously made as to the importance of parents seeing that all children over six months of age are given diphtheria antitoxin. The Slaughter child had not been so treated, it was said, although state law now requires diphtheria inoculation.