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Grand Jury Absolves Oakley Of Blame For Manslaughter

Dan Loftis Wins Freedom
From Same Charge In
Court Trial.

Acquitted of manslaughter Tuesday was Dan Loftis, young Roxboro white man tried in Person Superior court before Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, after the case had been brought up from recorder's court last month. The charge resulted from the death of Willie Royester, Senora Negro, riding on a wagon said to have been struck by a car driven by Loftis.

Not a true bill was returned by the Grand Jury in the case of Clarence Oakley, also of this city, who had been charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Jim Henry Walters, Roxboro Negro, struck by a car said to have been driven by Oakley. This action of the grand jury ends criminal charges in a case of general interest here.

Plea of guilty to an assault on a female offered by attorneys for John Davis Carver, Longhurst youth of 19 was accepted by the State and private prosecutors and Carver was sentenced to serve two years on the roads. In recorder's court Carver had been charged with assault with intent to commit rape on a minor of seven, daughter of Longhurst neighbors of Carver's family.

Third day of Person Superior court, with Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, presiding was largely taken up with trial of a boundary suit in the civil division brought by J. P. Day against B. R. White.

In the criminal division work was finished Tuesday afternoon, last case heard being that brought by Charles Long, Durham resident, against Sam Lockhart and Norman Brown, in which it was alleged that Lockhart and Brown assaulted Long in a hotel room in Roxboro.

Lockhart and Brown, originally charged with breaking and entering and assault had charges amended so that Lockhart entered a plea of guilty of forcible trespass and Brown pled guilty to assault resulting in serious injury.

Lockhart was required to pay one half the costs, with judgment suspended, while no judgment was taken as to breaking, enter-

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Lennie Chambers Rites Conducted At Baptist Church

Lennie C. Chambers, 34, of near Rougemont, died Monday morning at 4 o'clock at Community hospital to which he returned Saturday for treatment after having gone to his home following an operation which he underwent two weeks ago.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Berry's Grove Baptist church, by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Green. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eva Oliver Chambers, of the home; three brothers, Percy, George and Harvey Chambers, all of Hurdle Mills, two sisters, Mrs. Addie Wilson, of Mebane and Mrs. Luna Honeycutt, of Hurdle Mills, also four half brothers, Moses, Richard Frank and Fletcher Chambers and one half sister, Miss Mildred Chambers, all of Person County.

News Briefs

W. C.'s Grandchild

Mr. and Mrs. John Bullock, of this city, announce the birth of a daughter on Tuesday morning, April 22, in Memorial hospital, Danville, Va. The baby is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bullock, prominent Roxboro residents.

Claytons' Daughter

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Clayton, of this city, a daughter, Mary Anna, on Saturday, April 19, at Community hospital.

In Valley

In a party of Roxboro residents who spent Sunday touring the Valley of Virginia were Mr. and Mrs. Ira S. Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Rudder, Thomas and Gardner Adcock and Miss Elizabeth Adcock.

BACK HOME

Edward Foushee, of the Roxboro fire department, injured Sunday morning in a motorcycle accident near Danville, Va., returned to his home here yesterday morning after receiving treatment at Memorial Hospital, in that city. He is a son of Roy Foushee.

Change Plans

Change of plans for commencement exercises at Helena high school will bring to the school as commencement speaker, Thursday evening, May 1, at 8 o'clock, Dr. Holland Holten, of the Department of Education, Duke University, Durham, according to announcement from R. C. Garrison, principal at Helena.

Originally scheduled to speak was Claude Gaddy, superintendent of Raleigh schools. Thirty-two seniors will be graduated from Helena, said Mr. Garrison. Dr. Holten is well known in the educational field and the public is cordially invited to attend.

MORE COMFORTABLE

Arthur Crossley, former executive of Somerset Mills, is reported to be resting more comfortably in a hospital near Wauregan, Conn., where he is being treated for injuries received from the explosion of a boiler in the basement of his home at Wauregan Saturday. One leg was amputated below the knee.

With him is Mrs. Crossley, who left here nearly two weeks ago to establish residence in Connecticut, where Mr. Crossley is resident manager of Wauregan Mills. Mr. Crossley is the father of Mrs. Richard Puckett, of this city, and of Miss Mildred Crossley, who will remain here with her sister until the close of school.

BETHEL HILL LEADERS

Valedictorian of Bethel Hill high school will this year be Miss Doris Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huel Hall, of Woodsdale, while the salutatorian will be Miss Lois Holt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Holt.

Chief marshal will be Miss Ruby Humphries. Second marshal will be Miss Christine Perkins. Others are to be William Shotwell, Gerald Ray Dickerson, Charles Jones, and Misses Carolyn Gravitt and Eva Long.

As Fire Took Heavy Toll Near Roxboro



Smoke rolled upwards Sunday afternoon as about three million feet of lumber burned at Pope-Blalock Lumber Plant two and a half miles from Roxboro on the Durham Road. Five small houses, one loaded box car and two empty cars also went up in flames, with the total property loss estimated at between \$60,000 and \$70,000. Mrs. Mildred Griffin, who was injured when struck by an automobile as she walked across the highway to view the flames, yesterday was reported to be improving in a Roxboro hospital.

Lumber Company Fire Draws Big Crowd Sunday Afternoon

Electric Power Not To Be Off For Two Hours

T. Miller White, district manager for the Carolina Power and Light Company, today said that electric service in Roxboro will not be interrupted Sunday afternoon from two to four o'clock.

According to original plans current in this area, including Yanceyville, was to have been cut off in order to make certain inspections at Roxboro substation, but Mr. White was yesterday advised from the central office, Raleigh, that the inspections will not take place at this time and that the current will not be cut off.

White Men And Negroes Missing Says Mangum

Two white men, Romey Le-roir Powell, of Depot street, Roxboro, and Robert Lee Frazier, of Longhurst, and two Negro men, Melvin Woods, and Melvin Quick, both of Route 1, Roxboro, who were registered with the Person Selective service board, have since registration moved and left no forwarding address or are unknown on the rural route as given on their registration cards, according to announcement today made by Service Board office manager B. B. Mangum.

"The Board will appreciate any information as to their whereabouts," said Mr. Mangum, "since unless the correct addresses of these men are found very soon, their names will have to be turned over to the United States District attorney for investigation."

Names of two other men, announced sometime ago as missing, have been turned in to the District Attorney, said Mr. Mangum, who added that at least two men reported to newspapers as missing have been located.

W. H. MANGUM KILLED, RITES HELD MONDAY

Ca-Vel and Roxboro Man
Fatally Injured Near Wilson.

Funeral services for William H. (Buddy) Mangum, 23, of Wilson and Roxboro, who was fatally injured about 2:30 Sunday morning in an automobile accident about 9 miles from Wilson on the Wilson and Rocky Mount highway, were conducted Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Rock Grove Baptist Church on Allensville Road near Roxboro by the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Curran. Burial was in the Davis family cemetery.

It was reported that Mangum's back was cut by glass when his car overturned and that death resulted from loss of blood. He was driving alone at the time of the accident.

He formerly was employed at Collins and Aikman Corporation here and had been in Wilson only three weeks, where he was instructor in a plush mill.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mildred Davis Mangum, and one daughter, Sylvia of Wilson and Roxboro; his mother, Mrs. Minnie Mangum of Harrisonburg, Va.; three brothers, Robert Mangum of Bethel Hill, Thomas Mangum of Harrisonburg, John Mangum of Petersburg, Va., and four sisters, Mesdames Fannie Tucker of Harrisonburg and Emma Clayton of Longhurst, Minnie Turner and Ray Lipscombe of Roxboro.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Nellie Clay is a patient at Community hospital.

A NEW PRO?

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mian of the Roxboro Country Club a boy, Alfred Mian, Jr. The new member of the Country Club is doing nicely and so are his mother and father. Time of arrival 5:00 A. M. this morning.

Mrs. Mildred Griffin Injured in Wreck Resulting From Spectacular Blaze Is Improving.

Mrs. Mildred Griffin, 58, seriously injured Sunday afternoon when struck by a car on the Durham road near the scene of the Pope-Blalock lumber company fire, is today reported at Community hospital as being slightly improved.

Alfred Blalock, of Dunn, one of the owners of the lumber company which was destroyed by fire, was said to have been in Roxboro Tuesday and it was reported that the plant will be rebuilt.

Fire originating in a lumber yard shavings pit about 1:15 o'clock, two and a half miles from Roxboro on the Durham Road Sunday afternoon destroyed the Pope-Blalock Lumber Plant, about three million feet of lumber, five small residences, one loaded box car and two empty cars and caused property loss estimated at between 60 and 70 thousand dollars.

Injured near the scene of the fire was Mrs. Mildred Griffin, 58, of Roxboro, who was struck by a car reported to have been driven by Henry Howard of Longhurst.

In Hospital

Mrs. Griffin is still a patient at Community Hospital, where her condition is described as improved. She received head injuries, a broken arm and a fractured nose.

Howard, who had attempted to reach the scene of the fire, said he turned around because of traffic congestion and was returning to Roxboro when Mrs. Griffin, accompanied by her son, William Belk Griffin, stepped out from behind a parked car.

Mrs. Griffin, who was going to the fire had just crossed the highway.

With Howard were his wife, daughter and a niece.

Three loaded box cars and one empty car were shifted to a point near the Norfolk and Western station and a slight blaze in one car was extinguished by the Roxboro Fire Department, which with the Ca-Vel Department responded to the call to the lumber plant although little could be done. (Continued on back page)

Philip L. Thomas Named As New Commissioner Nominee



Winstead Nominated As
Candidate For Mayor. All
But Kane Re-Nominated.



Shown at top is Mayor S. G. Winstead, nominated as candidate to serve his first full term; below is Philip L. Thomas, former chairman of the Board of Commissioners, who was nominated as candidate for City Commissioner Monday night.

ELECTIONS HELD FOR TEACHERS IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Four High Schools and
Two Elementary Schools
Report No Change.

School committees at four Person County high schools and two elementary schools have reported to R. B. Griffin, county superintendent, the re-election for the 1941-1942 school term of all present members of their respective faculties.

High schools making this report are Hurdle Mills, Mt. Tirzah, Bethel Hill and Allensville, while elementary schools so reporting are Olive Hill and Cunningham. Election reports are expected soon from schools at Bushy Fork and Helena and from schools in the Roxboro district.

District committeemen at Bethel Hill are S. P. Gentry, R. L. Hall and Dr. John H. Merritt. Names of other district committeemen in the County have not been announced. Superintendent Griffin today said that personnel of faculties re-elected will of course depend upon signing of contracts by teachers concerned. One member of the Allensville faculty, William Smith Humphries, has announced his resignation.

ON SAME CASE

At noon today Person Superior court was still concerned with the Day-White boundary suit, trial of which started yesterday. Court was convened Monday morning but was recessed at noon following selection of the Grand Jury. Judge Leo Carr, presiding jurist was in Wallace that afternoon for the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. D. B. Bradshaw.

Only new nominee for Roxboro Board of City Commissioners is Phillip L. Thomas, former chairman of the Person Board of County Commissioners, who on Monday night at a city-wide mass meeting was, nominated to the City Board position now filled by George W. Kane. Mr. Kane's name was placed on the nomination ballot, but Mr. Kane explained that because of the fact that he has been recently appointed as a State Highway commissioner, he would be unable to serve on the City Board.

Renominated were incumbents, Mayor S. G. Winstead, and Commissioners Gordon C. Hunter, C. Lester Brooks, Preston Satterfield, Sr., and George J. Cushman.

The meeting held at Person County Court house was opened by Mayor Winstead, who named Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris as temporary chairman. By vote of those present Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris was made permanent chairman. Secretaries were J. S. Merritt and F. O. Carver, Jr.

Mayor Winstead, after the election of May 6, will begin his first full term in office. He was first named as Mayor, in November 1940 after the death of the late Mayor S. F. Nicks, Jr.

Messrs. Hunter, Satterfield, Brooks and Cushman have served several terms, as did Mr. Kane. Mr. Thomas, to date, has not served as a City official.

R. B. Clayton Dies At Home At Rock Grove

Rheuben B. Clayton, 62, farmer, of the Rock Grove community, Person county, died last night at 9:30 o'clock from a heart attack. Four weeks ago he returned from a Durham hospital, after having been in ill health several weeks.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock at Allensville Methodist church by the Rev. D. A. Petty, pastor. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Clayton, who never married, is survived by one brother, Thomas Clayton, of Rock Grove, and two sisters, Mrs. Phoebe Humphreys, of Richland, and Mrs. Bessie Clayton, of Fuquay Springs.

SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

As a part of commencement activities at Roxboro high school a Spring Music festival, participated in by the glee clubs, by soloists and by the band, will be presented Sunday afternoon, April 27, at 3 o'clock in the high school auditorium, it was announced today by H. C. Gaddy, supervising principal.

Directors of the concert, to last one hour, will be Mrs. Sam Byrd Winstead, for the glee clubs and John Thompson, for the band.

Formal graduation exercises at the high school will begin on Sunday evening, May 4.

TURN TO BOOKS

Senior examinations at Roxboro high school will begin Monday, April 28, according to announcement made today.