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## Lee Cody and Deane Tried

### Convict Guard and Convicts Tell of Gang Hold-up and Identify Cody as Leader.

Following a preliminary hearing before Recorder John P. Mull Friday morning Lee Cody and Crawford Deane, young white men, were bound over to Superior court under a \$1,000 bond each on the charge of participating in the holdup of a guard at the convict camp here last September and bringing about the release of Ralph Dillard Deane, brother of Crawford Deane.

Details brought out in the evidence at the preliminary hearing for the first time gave the public a clear insight into the case and through eye-witnesses identified Cody as the leader of the so-called masked and robed party.

### Guard on Stand.

Louis Eads, guard at the camp on the night of the hold-up, took the stand first and related the affair in detail. According to him it was about 2:30 in the morning when Cody (the guard used the name positively—not saying he thought so) stepped in and told him to "Stick 'em up," a gun being pointed at his breast. The guard complied, according to his evidence, and Cody then told him he wanted Ralph Deane and wanted him quick. There was some trouble in unlocking the door to the convicts, but after being hurried by the man with the gun, Eads managed to get it unlocked, the intruder holding his own gun and the guard's on him. When it was unlocked Plummer Thrasher, a convict, ran out, the guard said, but the man terraced Cody ordered Thrasher back. The guard was placed in the room and two convicts were forced to cut off Deane's chains. When they departed, the guard said, Cody gave Deane the keys and Deane locked the guard and convicts all together.

Questioned about Cody's identity the guard was positive that it was Cody, stating that having worked him on the gang for 100 days he knew his voice, and also recognized warts on one hand and the slippers the intruder wore. The man was masked, the guard added when questioned by Solicitor Burrus, and was robed in a way. He further stated that four or five others were in the party, but that he did not recognize any of them, although he thought they were all robed or masked in some way.

Plummer Thrasher, a prisoner, next took the stand, and told of certain conference held between Cody, the elder Deane and himself about getting away after Cody's time was made. The younger Deane, on trial with Cody, was not connected with the plans, according to Thrasher. Thrasher stated that he knew when Cody was coming and was ready when he stepped in and held up the guard. Acting from a natural impulse, thinking that he was to be freed, Thrasher said he stepped out the door as soon as it was unlocked, but that Cody pointed the gun at him and ordered him back. Thrasher was reasonably certain he told the court that he recognized Cody's voice, but stated that he could not recognize either of the two other figures he saw. They did not resemble Crawford Deane in stature he added on being questioned.

Marvin Grigg, another convict, was placed on the stand and practically followed the details related by Thrasher and Eads. The voice sounded like Cody's he said, but had no way of positive identification. Chief Hamrick, who conversed with the prisoners in jail, and Deputy Mike Austell, who with Claude Harrill brought them back from Ohio, were other witnesses used by the prosecution. Their evidence was in connection with events transpiring after the defendants and Ralph Deane, who has not been captured, had left this section.

Young Deane in all of the evidence was not positively connected with the holdup, other than by certain remarks he made to Chief Hamrick and one plan of a getaway talked before the real hold-up.

Both defendants were well dressed, Cody presenting a very nice appearance, and neither seemed worried as the web of evidence came closer. Deane frequently smiled as if in derision at certain statements made by witnesses.

It will be remembered that Cody and Deane, going under assumed names, were arrested in Ohio last week upon request of local officers. The other Deane who was freed at the gang hold-up and was also wanted in Ohio in connection with a charge there made his getaway.

## Shelby Masons To Attend Grand Lodge

J. Frank Roberts, master, and Carr E. Cline, senior warden, and George D. Washburn, junior warden, of the local lodge of Masons will leave Shelby Monday to attend a Grand Lodge meeting in Raleigh. They go as delegates from the Cleveland lodge, and will be absent several days.

## Champ Fiddler Plays for Ford



"Mattie" Dunham, champion fiddler of Mattie, fiddled his way into the limelight when he played old time tunes for Henry Ford, auto manufacturer, in Detroit, recently.

## POSTAL EMPLOYEES IN ANNUAL BANQUET

### Department Telegrams Add Kick to Affair. One Forbids Flirting With Flappers. Dover Speaks.

The postoffice employees of Cleveland county, all hands around, from the big boys down the line, came in for a job from Uncle Samuel's postoffice department Wednesday, when a telegram was received in Shelby by Postmaster Quinn announcing that all flirting with flappers that visit the various postal emporiums in the county will have to be cut out. No names were mentioned. It was a blank (t) order.

Men in the Shelby office put the blame on Carr Cline. The writer of this article tried to find Cline Thursday to find out if he had any defense to make, but he was absent from the postoffice building. Fred Baber said he had left town.

The Postoffice department also gave heed to a report which seemingly has reached headquarters that G. V. Hawkins is engaged in forming Al Smith clubs in Cleveland county. The department let it be known that the forming of "wet" clubs in this bailiwick would not be tolerated.

The telegrams conveying the displeasure of the department were received while the postal authorities were celebrating a quarterly dinner Wednesday night at the Courtview hotel. Some said the wires were bogus. But at that it was rather freely admitted there were grounds for the flirting order.

The bunch, fifty strong, embracing (embracing is a good word) all the postal employees in Cleveland county had a jolly evening. Once every three months this crowd, collectively known as the Cleveland Postal Service council, succumb to their appetites and sit down at a banquet.

It was a three course affair Wednesday night, plus singing (hic!) and speech making. Also some jokes were cracked, including the aforementioned telegrams. The crowd hauled in Mr. John R. Dover, mill magnate, who gave them a humorous speech.

Postmaster Quinn, as president of the council, presided (Whether or not the genial postmaster kept order is beside the point).

The group got down to serious business (excepting always attention to the three course dinner) long enough to pass a resolution for each of the postmasters of the county to file with the Shelby office data on the increase of business in the several offices for the past two years, by way of showing how much the county has grown in postal receipts.

The next affair will be held at Kings Mountain. (Note: If the menu can be satisfactorily arranged.)

## Old Phil Begins By Banking Coin At Far Age Of 87

### Takes \$77.50 Check Straight to Bank. Intends to Make It Last Until Next Check Arrives.

The first check he ever handled, the first banking account he ever had, and the most money ever—that was the predicament Old Phil Roseboro, 87-year-old Shelby negro, found himself in late Wednesday afternoon, except it could hardly be a predicament, unless it was a fortunate one.

His pension check, the first ever given a colored man in this state, came late Wednesday and 20 minutes after its arrival Old Phil and Clerk of Court George P. Webb were heard for the Cleveland Bank and Trust company, where the money was deposited. Prior to that trip the old-time servant had never known anything about banking business.

The check was for \$77.50 and \$67.50 was left in the bank for safe keeping, the old fellow taking \$10 along for necessities. He knows nothing about checks but his face will be his passport when he goes back after more money. When told that it would be best to leave the money in the bank Phil remarked: "Yessir; Ahse gonner leave it dere. Ahse gonner made it last a long time. Reckon, boss, if Ah live much longer Ah'll ever git annuder check." He hadn't understood yet that he was on the regular pension list and that next June he would receive another check for a similar amount and twice each year thereafter. Seventy-seven dollars was a lot of money to Phil—a regular fortune.

Clerk of Court Webb is of the opinion that the old fellow chuckled to himself all night between remarks about how good white folks were to him.

## EXPECT WILL TRIAL IN SUPERIOR COURT

When the Superior court convenes in March there will appear on the docket (unless a compromise is reached in the meantime) the first case of a will contest on nearby property in the history of this county for some years.

In fact, Mr. Webb, the clerk of the court, declared that he remembers only one other will contest on county property in the history of his administration, which extends over a period of eight years.

This current squabble has arisen over the will of the late Mrs. Fannie Poston, of the Elizabeth settlement, east of Shelby. The bone of contention is a 30-acre farm, and a four room dwelling that reposes upon it.

Mrs. Poston willed the farm in trust to her daughter Mrs. Sarah Mabel Poston Wellmon, the will specifying that the proceeds from the acre were to be devoted to the welfare of her son, James Dewey Poston.

## Lily Mill To Make Thread

### Schenck's Local Plant To Manufacture Spool Thread, Bucking Big Trust. Is Big Move.

Here's a yarn to make Shelby sit up.

It's important, and like most important ones, it can be told in a paragraph.

The Lily Mill has engaged upon the manufacture of spool thread for domestic use. And the importance of that revelation consists in the fact that insofar as is known this is the only mill in the South engaged in this sort of production.

It is a new departure—a big jump. It means that the Lily Mill is putting out a product to buck a trust—the spool thread trust, with trading headquarters in New York, and manufacturing headquarters in Connecticut.

The managers of the Lily Mill have laid plans to cut the ground from under competition through under-selling. They are putting out a standard thread to sell for ten cents a spool of four hundred yards. Whereas the trust thread sells for ten cents for two hundred yards—a difference of a little matter of a hundred per cent. J. W. Schenck, of the Lily Mill, discussed the new enterprise with The Star-Friday. He said the new undertaking is a week old. They are making the basic part of the thread at the Lily Mill, and finishing it up at the Lawdale plant. At this latter plant, by the way, fancy parcel cord has been successfully manufactured for years, although the public doesn't know a great deal about it.

The Star representative saw some of the new spool thread at the A. Blanton Grocery Company, through the courtesy of Mr. C. S. Young. Mr. Young was highly enthusiastic about the new product.

According to his angle of vision, which is usually pretty wise, it adds a hitch in the belt to the enterprise of Cleveland county.

## A. L. HOYLE DIES AT FALLSTON HOME

### Prominent Fallston Citizen Dies Suddenly. Leaves Large Family Scattered Over Section.

Mr. Alexander L. Hoyle, one of Fallston's best known citizens, died suddenly at his home there Tuesday night. Mr. Hoyle was apparently in good health when he retired, but about 9 o'clock his wife heard a noise, going to the bed she found him dying.

An outstanding and honorable citizen, a church member for years and liked by his neighbors and friends, the deceased will be greatly missed in his enterprising section.

The funeral services were held Thursday morning at Pleasant Grove church, where the deceased had been a member since early boyhood. The services were conducted by Rev. I. D. Harrill and Rev. G. P. Abernethy.

Mr. Hoyle was born in Cleveland county near New Prospect church on June 15, 1861, the son of Martin Hoyle. He married Miss Laura Ann Spurling in 1883 and is survived by his wife and eight children, all of the children being married. Twenty-three grand children also survive as do eight brothers and four sisters, three brothers being dead. At the time of his death Mr. Hoyle was 64 and one-half years of age.

Surviving children are: Lawrence A. Hoyle, of Shelby; John M. Hoyle and Mrs. T. A. Lee, of Fallston; G. Ed Hoyle, of Charlotte; Mrs. R. M. Brackett, of Shelby; Clem A. Hoyle, and Clarence Lee Hoyle, of Fallston, and Mrs. Richard Moore, of Forest City.

A large crowd of relatives, neighbors and friends gathered at the funeral services in tribute to the departed, who was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Pall bearers were: Messrs. Will Dixon, Clem Martin, Chas. Clay, Tom Sweezy, Lewis Ledbetter and L. F. Hamrick. Flower bearers were: Annabel Lee, Mary Sue Brackett, Blanche Hoyle, Lalage Hoyle, Wray Hoyle, Lela Ross, Faye Ross and Fannie Ross. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

## Baptist Pastors To Meet Here Tuesday

All the Baptist pastors and Sunday school superintendents in the Kings Mountain association will banquet together Tuesday evening, January 18, at 7 o'clock at the Cleveland Springs hotel here, it is announced by officials of the association.

A splendid program has been arranged and it is hoped that every church in the association will be represented.

Around 75 pastors and superintendents are expected, it is said.

## DROUGHT BROUGHT CANNED GOODS IN DEMAND LOCALLY

### Twice As Much Canned Goods Used In Shelby And County. Very Little Canned Here. Wholesale Merchant Declares.

What the late lamented drought cost Shelby and Cleveland County is slowly but surely being revealed. Facts drip through the Colander of time, into our beans, as 'twere.

Mr. C. S. Young, of the A. Blanton Grocery Company, told The Star Friday that the increased consumption of canned goods in Cleveland county this fall and winter, which could probably be traced as a direct result of the drought, was one hundred per cent.

Which means, if you please, that where we ate one can of the good old garden stuff in 1925 we are eating two cans today. And what that means in terms of dollars and cents, multiplied by the collective appetite of Cleveland county, would shock the local imagination.

"We canned virtually nothing," said Mr. Young, "for the simple reason there was nothing grown to can. We should make up for it this year, by adopting the greatest diversified planting program we have ever undertaken."

The well known merchant said he estimated the money loss from the drought, including that of the short cotton crop, would fall little short of four million dollars—three and a half million anyway.

## Local Orchestra Heard In Oregon

Reception of an experimental program broadcast Friday night by station WBT at Charlotte obtained from Ammonsville, Oregon, on the Pacific slope, Tuinieu, Cuba, and New York state, according to H. W. Burwell, station announcer, who displayed a number of letters and telegrams from listeners-in.

A goodly portion of the musical program was furnished by the Carolina Syncopators, crack Shelby orchestra, composed of local talent and considered one of the best of the state's best musical organizations.

Replies stating that clear reception was obtained were received from points in South California, Canada, Waverly, Mass., Kokomo, Ind., San Antonio, Texas, and from several points in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.

Such widespread reception, as evidenced by replies from those who heard the program, emphasizes, said Mr. Burwell, the value of Station WBT as an advertising medium for the Queen City.

## Mr. Turner's Sister Dies In Florida

Mrs. Paresade Ellis died at 5330 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. D. Lessier, at St. Petersburg, Florida, according to a message received by relatives here.

## Cherryville Man Shoots Up Town; Chief Is Shot

### Jesse Van Dyke, Young Butcher Runs Wild With Gun Thursday And Shoots Two. Holds Officers At Bay For Time.

A telephone message to The Star from the Lincolnton hospital this morning stated that Chief of Police A. L. Painter, of Cherryville, who was shot by Jesse Van Dyke on a rampage at Cherryville Thursday evening, was in a serious condition and in an unconscious stupor. His condition was described as "bad" by physicians, who stated that the bullet had entered the head just to the right of the right eye and had presumably made its way along the edge of the skull and the brain on the right side. Physicians at the time were preparing to relieve the pressure of the skull on the brain and the outlook for the police officer would not be predicted upon. He had been in an unconscious state since arriving at the hospital, but was in more of a stupor Friday morning, it was said.

## House Destroyed By Flames At Grover Thursday Afternoon

A house belonging to Mr. Fred Green and located on one of the main streets of Grover was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon early.

The house was occupied by a Mr. Humphreys and family and no one was at home when the fire started. The blaze was first noticed when jumping out of the roof and the fire was beyond control when held was summoned. However, workers managed to save all the household goods and furnishings with the exception of clothing in one closet.

Just how the fire originated is not definitely known. One presumption is that it started from the chimney, while some believe it may have originated in the closet or elsewhere.

It was a five room house and there was about \$600 insurance, it is reported.

## CLEVELAND BANK IN ANNUAL MEET

The name of A. P. Weathers, mayor of Shelby, was added to the board of directors of the Cleveland Bank and Trust company, at the annual meeting of the institution held last week.

Other than that there was no change in the official personnel of the establishment, it was announced.

William Lineberger was re-elected president; R. E. Campbell, vice president; J. J. Lattimore, secretary-treasurer, and J. L. Suttle, manager of the insurance department.

The board of directors, revised to contain the name of Mr. Weathers, is as follows: Mr. Lineberger, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lattimore, Mr. Suttle and Z. J. Thompson, C. Rush Hamrick, J. A. Suttle, J. E. Webb, W. J. Arey, H. F. Young and the mayor, Mr. Weathers.

## CO. K Moves Into Prepared Quarters

Shelby Military Unit Now Stationed In New Royster Building on South LaFayette.

Headquarters and armory equipment of Company K, Shelby unit of the national guard troops moved this week into the specially prepared basement of the new Royster building on South LaFayette, where quarters will be maintained in the future.

The company has been stationed in the Washburn building armory on Morgan street since May, 1923.

## Little Wife Gets Gun.

Late in the night Van Dyke turned his pistol over to his wife, a woman of small stature, who was in the room with him, gave himself up to Sheriff Rhyne, with words "I ain't shot anybody." He appeared, members of the posse said, to have just awakened from a trance. He was taken immediately to Gastonia, where he was placed in jail.

Van Dyke realized, it was said, that he had been doing some shooting, but vehemently denied that he had "killed anyone." Sheriff Rhyne said the man had probably been crazed-drunk and was evidently sobering up, first press dispatches say.

## Local Men Attend Furniture Exposition

William Lineberger and M. A. Spangler are leaving Shelby Monday to attend the semi-annual furniture exposition in High Point.

This semi-annual event has become a notable feature in furniture trading in this section of the south. The High Point manufacturers exhibit their products in a huge exposition building, to give the buyers the benefit of viewing in a compact mass the latest productions in the furniture line.