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Negro Woman Kills Man Then Declares She Didn't Mean To

Empties Double Barrell Shot Gun In His Back—Row Took Place On Red Row Sunday

Walter Gaines, colored, died Sunday afternoon about 6:30 with both charges of a double-barreled shot gun in his body, poured into it at close range by a colored woman, Euzella Jones, at her home on Red Row, just off W. Warren street. Gaines took the two loads from the gun in his back just under his left shoulder-blade, and died immediately after he reached the Shelby hospital.

According to most versions of the story, the negro, who had only been in the city about three weeks, had been with the woman all afternoon. He had come here from Forest City, although his home was in Newberry county, S. C., and had been employed in the construction of the new Gulf Refining plant in South Shelby. After being released Friday at noon, he wandered around over the negro district, finally striking up with this woman who was to slay him. Sunday afternoon he was with her again, and it is stated that he paid some of her bills for her.

However that may be, he went to her house some time before the shooting. One can only guess at what took place there. The woman's version, considered unreliable by the officers because of her excited mental condition, is that he made improper proposals to her, and then attempted to assault her. At any rate, as he turned to leave the room, she took the loaded shot gun from the place where it stood, pointed it at him, and pulled both triggers. The two charges struck in almost the same place, leaving a gaping hole in the body of the victim, large enough to thrust a doubled fist into. Many white people heard the shot, and gathered at the house. The negro was taken to the hospital, where he died immediately without uttering a word.

Immediately after the shooting, the woman fled to the home of Mr. J. C. Newton, where she had been cooking, possibly with some idea of gaining protection there. When the officers found her, she was in a perfect frenzy of terror and remorse, continually repeating "I can't go to jail," and claiming that she "hadn't meant to shoot him" and "she just wanted to scare him." She was lodged in the county jail, to await her arraignment on this count. It developed afterwards that she was married to a negro named Ed Jones, but so far as it is known, he does not enter into the affair at all.

Shelby people have been aware for some time that the moral conditions of the negro district known as Red Row, where the shooting took place, have been exceedingly bad. This is blamed more on the number of strange negroes now in town than on the Shelby colored people. It is learned, on good authority that another slaying, and possibly two, were barely averted there Sunday morning, by the timely intervention of bystanders. Once it was with a razor, the owner threatening to "cut another negro's bloody head off, and throw it against his dead body," and another time, pistols were drawn, a tragedy being averted only by the narrowest of margins.

The negro's body, unclaimed as yet by relatives, is in an undertaking establishment awaiting final decision as to its disposition. Up to press Monday, no relatives had been located by the officers.

It was found that the shot gun belonged to a negro called Tobe who is employed by the city, and who roomed at the house where the shooting took place. Immediately after the scrape, he left, refusing to stay any longer. His gun was sold to Chief Hamrick for \$2.00.

Rocky Mount Scouts Coming to Shelby

Shelby and Cleveland Springs will be the stopping place for 35 Boy Scouts, of Rocky Mount, due to the efforts of Wiseman Kendall. Shelby boy, the Star office, and the cooperation of the Cleveland Springs hotel management. The boys, who are taking an eight days camp trip through the "Land of the Sky," will be tenured the use of the ground to pitch their camp, and will be extended other courtesies, such as the use of the swimming pool, free of charge.

Rocky Mount's Rotary club, of which Kendall is a member, is sponsoring the trip. They will leave home August 18, and are expected to spend the night of August 26 or 27 here. A special bus has been chartered for the occasion, carrying sufficient camping equipment to allow the scouts to pitch camp ever night. An expert, diving and swimming team is a part of the organization, and it is hoped that an exhibition can be secured for the date they are here.

Loss of Home by Fire



Charlie Ross or Julius Dellinger, of Denver, Lincoln county who lost his home and all its contents by fire Saturday night. In the fire most of his letters, newspaper clippings and photos which he was relying on to establish the fact that he is the long-lost Charlie Ross, were burned. The child's picture is that of the youthful Charlie Ross, stolen in Germantown, Pa., many years ago.

Barn and Mules Are Burned Near Shelby

Fire Friday afternoon, destroyed the barn of Will Winslow, who lives about two miles from town on the Buffalo road, burned to death two valuable mules, and destroyed a quantity of new hay stored in the barn. It is thought that the fire originated through spontaneous combustion in the damp hay.

The house and other buildings were also threatened, but escaped without catching fire. An alarm was sent in to the city fire department about 7 o'clock after the blaze had gotten beyond control, and the house was endangered, but later developments showed that other buildings were safe.

Lutheran Picnic At Dallas Wednesday

The annual picnic of the district, Lutheran Brotherhoods of Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland and Mecklenburg counties will be held again this year at Dallas in Gaston county on Wednesday August 18th. The program which lasts all day calls for the principal addresses by Dr. H. B. Schaeffer, new president of the Lenoir Rhyne college at Hickory. Mr. A. E. Cline, of Kings Mountain, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Cleveland county is president of the district brotherhood and will preside over the exercises which begin with a band concert at 10 a. m. and continues through the day with speeches, addresses, singing, children's exercises, etc.

Highways Get 85 Cents In Each State Dollar Spent

More than half of all the money spent by the State of North Carolina in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, was spent in building and maintaining better highways, according to figures and percentages obtained from Baxter Durham, State Auditor.

This sum was \$23,659,804 and represents 58.88 per cent of the State's total expenditures, or more than all other State expenditures combined. It was financed by special highway, gasoline and automobile taxes, of which \$8,298,620 was used in the highway program, and by the sale of \$15,271,184 in highway bonds.

Education was the second greatest item of State expense, receiving \$5,950,422 during the fiscal year or almost fifteen cents of every dollar spent by the State.

Charities, correction and welfare received \$2,713,972 from the State, or 6.78 per cent of the State's entire income.

LOCAL MERCHANTS ARE HEAVY LOSERS

Receiver Appointed For Vanstorsy Who Held Lease On Cleveland Springs Hotel

At Goldsboro Friday Paul B. Edmundson, of Goldsboro, was appointed permanent receiver for J. C. Vanstorsy, who with his brother Henry Vanstorsy was lessee of the Cleveland Springs hotel. It is learned on good authority that the liabilities are listed at \$38,856 and the assets at \$11,761. All of these assets are not solvent, it is understood, and in the last analysis there will be around \$3,000 with which to pay the bills. Since labor must be paid first out of the assets, it is understood that practically all of the amount arising from the settlement of the affairs, will be needed to pay for labor hired but unpaid during the operation of the hotel by Mr. Henry Vanstorsy. It is therefore believed that Shelby merchants and business men, will stand to lose some \$20,000 or more in the transaction as most of the accounts payable were to Shelby firms for supplies. Many of these local concerns have filed their claims in due form with the receiver which others feeling that there would be nothing to distribute in the settlement, did not go to the trouble to submit their claims.

Attorney O. M. Mull who represents creditors with accounts amounting to about \$15,000 intended to go to Goldsboro last week and attend a meeting of the creditors, but he decided to turn the accounts over to Attorney O. N. Lovelace of that place who handled the local accounts for Mr. Mull's clients. Several other local attorneys had accounts which were filed with the receivership, a conservative estimate of the local accounts being around \$20,000.

After the tragic death of Mr. Henry Vanstorsy, his brother J. C. Vanstorsy, of Goldsboro, who was a joint lessee of the Cleveland Springs that the bankruptcy course was the hotel, came and operated the institution for a few weeks, later deciding best course to pursue in view of the overshadowing debt.

HOME OF CHARLIE ROSS IS BURNED

Ross Family Lose Everything In Blaze While They Are Away From Home

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the home of Charley B. Ross (the former Julius C. Dellinger) at Denver, near Lenoir, Saturday night.

The family was away from home when the fire was discovered. Nothing was saved except the clothes the members of the family had on. Neighbors were taking care of Mr. and Mrs. Ross and family for the night.

Since returning from New York and Philadelphia a few weeks ago seeking to establish his right to be called Charlie R. Ross, the Denver citizen has been operating his wood-working plant and writing the story of his life.

In the fire Mr. Ross lost many of his valuable records and papers which he had saved since a boy and on which he was relying for data for the story of his life.

FRANK P. GOLD TO BE BURIED TUESDAY

One Of The County's Leading Farmers And Churchmen, To Be Buried At Zion Church Tuesday

Mr. Frank P. Gold, one of the county's leading farmers and churchmen who died Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock at his home near Zion church, six miles north of Shelby, will be buried Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Zion church where for 55 years he was church clerk, 30 years a deacon, 25 years superintendent of the Sunday school and 40 years leader of the choir. The funeral services will be conducted by Revs. D. G. Washburn and Frank Putnam who have known him for many years and found him a most faithful friend and co-worker. Mr. Gold was conscious before the end came and made some of his funeral arrangements. Meeting the hymns which appealed to him most, Grady Wilson, Ralph Gold, Turner Cabaniss, Joe Spangler, Wilbur Simmons and Lee Cornwell will serve as active pall bearers. Mr. Gold being one of the most esteemed and useful men in the county, the funeral will no doubt be largely attended.

Mr. Gold was born Jan. 29th, 1856, the son of Param A. Gold, a Confederate soldier who was killed in battle near Richmond, Va., in 1862, leaving the wife and three small children. He was only a lad of 14 when his father died but he faithfully cared for his mother until her death. Mr. Gold married Margaret Irvin, sister of the late Rev. A. C. Irvin and lived in the Zion community from young manhood until death Sunday, always taking an active interest in church, school and community development. In church work he was particularly interested and gave unstintingly of his time and talent to further the cause of his master. He loved home, church and friends and forgot self to serve them. At Zion he was always in his place of duty and to sickness and sorrow, was a helpful, comforting, a living example of a fine Christian life.

Mr. Gold had been in declining health for two years or more suffering with leakage of the heart. His condition was very critical a few weeks ago when death was expected any moment, but during the last two weeks, he had shown signs of improvement, much to the encouragement of his family and friends. Mr. Gold is survived by his beloved wife and the following children: Mrs. S. E. Grigg, Mulberry Grove, Ill.; Broadus E. Gold, Cliffside; Mrs. Grover Champion, of Gaffney; Mrs. M. W. Martin, of Cliffside; Carl A. Gold, of near Chesnee; Mrs. A. B. Wood, of Burlington, Ky. Also there are two sisters, Mrs. L. J. Spake, of Cherryville and Mrs. B. R. Biggerstaff, of Bessemer City, and one brother, George A. Gold, of Crewe, Va.

Calls No. "5" for Beefsteak and Gets An Alarm of "Fire"

There is a vast difference between a fire and a beefsteak but there is very little difference in the sound of "fire" and "five". Some lady called Central office Saturday and wanted telephone No. 5. To get this she simply said "five" but evidently said it in a feverish, excited sort of way because the weather was hot and the busy housewife was making hasty preparation for a Sunday dinner. The "five" girl misunderstood and took the voice for a fire call. Down in the fire department the loud bell sounded and when this special "fire" bell sounds on a signal from the Central office, the members of the fire department have been trained to assemble in the greatest possible haste. When the "fire" telephone clanged in the fire station it was also clanging down at Eskridge's garage where Chief Herman Eskridge heard the alarm at the same time. Before the bell stopped ringing the chief had sped to the station, the fighters had gathered and were ready to mount the big "red devil." All that was needed for them to leave the scene was knowing the place to go. When the receiver was lifted from the hook, the voice of the housewife had softened somewhat in an effort to get a fat juicy steak from McKinney's market which bears No. 5 in the telephone book. When the error was discovered, the firemen enjoyed a hearty laugh and dispersed to their several places of business. Now say, "have you any nice steaks," to any of the firefighters and you get a laugh.

The trouble with being a judge is that no two people see alike. The most insignificant person can attract attention at church with squeaky shoes.

Shelby Makes Another Reduction in Tax Rate and Will Pay \$104,430 Interest and Bonds During Fiscal Year Just Started

Budget Is Made Up For Coming Year, Based Largely On Last Year's Expense.



Mrs. H. W. Cristy takes a hurdle on "Glenna Bay" in the Ladies Hunter class at the annual horse show at Stamford, Conn. Glenna Bay seems to take offense—begs pardon, a fence—easily.

YOUTH UNDER BOND FOR CRAFT INJURY

Mrs. Raven Craft Has Back Injured And Newberry Youth Charged With Reckless Driving

While Mrs. Raven Craft is in the Shelby hospital with a back injury, as a result of an accident she met with Sunday a week ago, a young man named Whitener of Newberry, S. C., is under a \$5,000 bond to appear in the court of Magistrate A. Hoke Huss at Cherryville, Monday, August 30th, for a hearing on charges of reckless driving and an assault on Mrs. Craft. Mrs. Craft has been in the Shelby hospital for a week and is partially paralyzed because of the injury to her back. It is not thought that her back is broken but there is an injury to the spinal nerve which may make her an invalid for life.

Mrs. Craft lives near Waco and it will be recalled from previous articles in The Star that she was going to church last Sunday evening with her family when the Craft car stopped at a filling station for gas. As the Craft car was going across the road where two roads cross each other, the Buick, driven by young Whitener of Newberry plunged into the rear of the Craft car, turning it over and spilling the occupants, who were Mr. and Mrs. Craft and Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, their relatives. Mrs. Craft had the worst injury of the party and was rushed to the Shelby hospital where she has been under treatment since. There were three occupants of the Buick car and all were injured. The driver, however, was served with a warrant and required to give bond in the sum of \$5,000 for his appearance Monday, August 30th, before Magistrate Huss at Cherryville. He is a grandson of Mr. Logan Sam of Crouse, who signed his bond.

20,000 DOZEN FRUIT JARS SOLD LOCALLY

Wholesale Dealers Have Evidence That More Fruit Has Been Saved Than Ever Before

Cleveland County and the section immediately surrounding, this year canned for home consumption something like thirty or forty thousand bushels of fruit and vegetables, calculations from the number of fruit jars disposed of by the various dealers are anywhere near correct. Figures given to The Star as to the number of jars sold indicate that the total number will run around 18 or 20 thousand dozen, and to this must be added the number left over from last year's season, and the seasons before. It is reasonable to suppose that this number will equal, if not surpass the total sold this year. Common sense will also show that these containers will be filled before any new jars are bought, hence the number of dozen jars filled with peaches, and other fruits can be conservatively estimated at around 40,000.

To these figures above must be added a total of 40,000 quart tin cans sold over the county, which means something like 2,500 more bushels of fruit. Jelly glasses also figure largely, dealers estimating their sales in this item at 1,200 to 1,500 dozen, plus the glasses already on hand. With these addenda, the total amount of canning reaches almost unbelievable figures. Authorities on the science state that a bushel of peaches will fill sixteen quart containers, or about eight half-gallons. Figuring from the ratio of pints, quarts, and half-gallons in use, it is fair to say that a bushel of fruit will fill an average of an even dozen jars. Thus the aggregate total of bushels canned will run something like 40,000, an amount that should almost rate this section with the far-famed sand-hills of Eastern Carolina.

EMPLOYEE SUING DOVER MILL HERE

From Gastonia Gazette:

According to a complaint filed here in the offices of Clerk of Superior court S. C. Hendricks, H. G. Propst, mill employee now said to be living at Cramerton, is asking \$10,000 alleged personal injuries of his former employers, the Dover Cotton Mills, Inc., of Shelby, the case to be set for trial here by his attorneys, Carpenter and Carpenter, and E. R. Warren.

Propst alleges he was employed in the card room of the mills in December, 1925. Instructed to hold the licked end of a belt on a carder, Propst claimed the instrument split and caught his trousers, throwing him over the machine into a nearby alley.

He was thus injured, receiving severe bruises, it is alleged, to his knee and leg, internally and externally. He asks \$10,000 damages, claiming the mishap was due to the negligence of the defendants.

A reduction of five cents on the \$100 property valuation was authorized by the mayor and board of aldermen in called session this morning, making the second reduction to be made by the present administration within a little over one year. Last year there was a ten cent reduction, which of course was well received by the taxpayers. In making up the budget for the incoming year, it is found that another reduction can be made and by keeping within the appropriations for the various causes, there will be a small margin left in the treasury for the next administration which will take charge next June.

The city will have to pay \$61,436 on various bonds during the present year—June 26 to June 27 and will require \$43,000 in bonds, making a total expenditure set aside for these two items alone of \$104,430. The entire budget of the town is \$184,215, so after deducting what is paid for interest and the retirement of bonds, this leaves only \$4,000 with which to run the town.

This year the city is having to pay \$10,000 more interest than it paid last year, this being on the \$200,000 bond issue for the new water plant now under construction.

Nine Millions in Property The assessed valuation of real and personal property in the town of Shelby (new and old) boundaries is \$9,018,000. Within the old corporate limits the value of property for taxes is \$6,404,948. The Shelby school district extends beyond the enlarged corporate limits in order to give those living just outside of town the advantages of the Shelby public schools and in this special charter school district the assessed value of property is \$9,642,269.

Tax Rate Levied At this special meeting of the board to fix the tax rate for the coming year, the following tax ordinance was unanimously adopted:

It is hereby ordered that an ad valorem tax of 45c on each \$100 valuation of property be, and the same is, hereby levied upon all the taxable property within the town of Shelby, N. C., to raise revenue for general purposes and the needs of the municipality. It is further ordered that an ad valorem school tax of 30c for public school maintenance, and 11c to pay interest on \$200,000 school bonds, or an aggregate of 41c on each \$100 valuation be, and the same is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property within the Shelby special charter school district No. 33.

It is further ordered that an ad valorem tax to raise revenue to pay interest accruing on bonds, and the principal of such bonds as become due during the fiscal year, to wit: 14c for school bonds and interest, 10c for funding and refunding bonds and interest; and 10c for street paving and street and sidewalk bonds and interest; or an aggregate of 34c upon each \$100 valuation, be, and the same is hereby levied upon all the taxable property within the old corporate limits of the town of Shelby, as constituted prior to January, 1925.

It is further ordered that a poll tax of \$2 be, and the same is hereby levied upon each taxable poll within the corporate limits of the town of Shelby for purposes as provided by law.

Appropriation Made

It is hereby ordered that appropriations be, and the same are, hereby made by the town of Shelby to maintain the municipal activities of said town and pay its legal obligations for the fiscal year 1926-27 in amounts and for the several objects as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Object and Amount. Includes items like Administrative department, Street and sidewalk maintenance, Police department, Fire department, Fire truck, purchase price installment, Contingencies, Interest on \$200,000 school bonds, Public school maintenance, Interest on \$35,000 school bonds, Interest on balance issue of \$75,000 school bonds, School bonds, principal maturing, Interest on funding and refunding bonds, Funding and refunding bonds maturing, Street and sidewalk bonds.

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