

COLLEGE EDITOR SHOTS AT SWEETHEART BUT EXAMINATION PROVES HIM SANE

Was Going to Shoot Himself, Really Shot At Pretty Sweetheart And Hit Two Negro Women Instead

A heaven for tabloid newspapers developed in Dunn last week when Mack Hobson, 20-year-old college magazine editor and student leader at the University of North Carolina, walked into a Dunn five and ten cent store and emptied a revolver in all directions.

The young man was quoted as saying that he intended to shoot himself; instead he found himself shooting at his erstwhile sweetheart who had jilted him. The girl, Aleese Tart, was not injured, but two Negro women shoppers in the store were struck by bullets.

It was wild shooting. Subsequently, daily newspapers published many mushy letters allegedly from Hobson (to Miss Tart) who writhed in the throes of unrequited love.

Then there was a hearing and later an insanity examination for Hobson whose attorneys had hoped to base their defense on insanity. It was no go. "Hobson is sane today and knows right from wrong," the learned medical men said, and temporarily Hobson's main defense was shattered.

The details of the shooting itself are less interesting than developments that followed. Newspapers played the whole thing up from the tabloid viewpoint. There were pictures of "pretty" Aleese, who wanted Hobson "as a good friend," as she sat on the witness stand, and more pictures of "handsome" Hobson writing letters or something in the jail at Dunn.

There were quotations from Hobson who "must have lost my head" and didn't know why he did it, and more pictures of witnesses seated a-

round conference tables in the courtroom with sweltering lawyers.

It was all very "courtroomish" and the circumstances seemed taken from a short story. The heat in the courtroom was almost unbearable, but it gave attorneys a chance to be photographed in shirt sleeves and with ties awry, battling to see that justice is done.

Hobson was given a two-hour examination Sunday upon orders of a Dunn judge and said, as was expected, "It seems sorta funny being examined for insanity." He greeted his inquisitors "very pleasantly" and appeared "amused" at being examined.

The only thing out of place was the whole affair. It should have been staged in New York or Philadelphia where the tabloid sob sisters would have given it their undivided attention instead of in quiet, rural little Dunn where nothing of the sort ever happens.

Miss Tart, cornered after the hearing by reporters couldn't tell them anything, but back in the Dunn five and ten cent store Saturday she laughed and discussed the affair and the hearing with other sales girls.

It isn't all over yet; not by any means. Hobson, the college editor who really wouldn't have liked being declared insane but didn't mind the examination that proved he isn't, is facing trial in the September term of Harnett Superior Court on charges of assault with intent to kill, conviction under which carries a penalty of four months to ten years in prison.

In the meantime, Hobson, out of jail under a \$1,000 bond is back in Dunn and Aleese is back in the five and ten. Any time things get bore-some for either of them they can hit the headlines in an instant simply by calling a reporter and making a statement. It's that kind of a happening.

The Negro women who got shot, in case you're interested (and few people were), are not suffering greatly from the bullet wounds.

Deputy Sheriff Probes Two County Robberies

Robbers entered stores on opposite ends of the county last Thursday night, making a conglomerate haul of five dollars in cash and twenty dollars worth of merchandise.

The thieves took cigarettes, cigars, canned meats, motor oil and gasoline from the store and service station of C. E. Lane on the Elizabeth City Highway, while O. C. Long's store in Bethel Township on the opposite side of the county, was robbed of five dollars, which Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens found hidden under the store Friday afternoon.

Deputy Sheriff Owens is investigating both crimes and has taken finger prints in both cases. A suspect, whose name was withheld, was questioned briefly, but later released.

PINEY WOODS NEWS

Ernest Chappell, of Rich Square, was here to attend the funeral of his father, Thomas Chappell, and spent the week-end.

Misses Margaret Raper and Geneva Chappell, Gilbert Chappell and Hilda Bunch visited friends in Norfolk, Va., Sunday evening.

Thomas Chappell and Fentress Lane returned Saturday from White Lake, where they spent the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winslow and daughter, Lois, visited Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Chappell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Raper and daughter, Margaret, visited Mrs. R. D. Raper, in Elizabeth City, Friday. C. J. Raper and family visited relatives at Weeksville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Chappell and children, Miss Catherine Lane, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Raper and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chappell Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Winslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winslow Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perry and son, Dewey, of Bethel, will visit Mrs. Perry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chappell, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Adams and son, Billy, and Frank Darden, of Edenton, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Chappell Sunday.

WOODVILLE N. W. A. MEETS

The Mattie Norman White Young Woman's Auxiliary of Woodville Baptist Church met Friday evening with Miss Frances Perry. The devotion was given by Miss Helen Davis and she also had charge of an interesting program with the following members taking part: Misses Beulah Bogue and Helen Davis and Mrs. J. A. Bray. Delicious pineapple ice cream and cake was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Those present were: Mrs. J. A. Bray, Misses Helen Davis, Beulah Bogue, Edna Morgan, Frances Perry, Katherine Godfrey, and Daphne Godfrey, Madames E. L. Perry, Conroy Miller, Durwood Whitehead and Jimmy Morgan.

All Crops Looking Very Good, County Agent Anderson Says

All crops in the county are looking very good, L. W. Anderson, county agent, said Monday.

Breaking them down into individual cases, he said that corn is much better than normal and by far better looking than in some other counties.

Cotton, he said, is looking better than in a number of years, and prospects are that a good yield per acre is in the offing.

Peanuts are about normal—not quite so good as usual in spots—but looking well as a whole.

PENDER ROAD NEWS

Rev. W. O. Henderson, of Elizabeth City, will begin a revival at Bethlehem Christian Church Sunday, August 11, at 3 p. m. Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock throughout the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sutton and son, of near Elizabeth City, Mrs. Glenn Hobbs and daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Wood and two daughters visited Mrs. R. A. Perry last Sunday.

W. P. Lane and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Lane went to Elizabeth City last Sunday and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lane.

Mrs. R. A. Perry and J. B. Perry visited her daughter, Mrs. Lessie Evans, of Ballehack, on Wednesday of last week. Louise Evans returned home with them for a visit with Mrs. Perry.

Miss Sallie Sue Skinner spent a few days last week visiting her father, Willie Skinner, of near Edenton.

William Stallings made a trip to Baltimore, Md., with friends last week.

Frank Dillard is spending the summer with his mother in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Eugene Rempson, of Sanford, is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. I. Cullipher.

Growers Make Ready To Sow Winter Peas

Austrian winter peas will play a major role in protecting North Carolina farm land against the ravages of soil erosion during the cold bleak months, says E. C. Blair, agronomist of the State College Extension Service.

Already growers have ordered more than 1,500,000 pounds of Austrian pea seed through the AAA's grant-of-aid program for spreading a green blanket over their unprotected lands this winter.

Blair said the seed should be planted between September 1 and October 15, the earlier the better. On land where they have never been grown before, the seed should be broadcast at the rate of 30 to 40 pounds to the acre. Twenty to 30 pounds is enough when drilling peas or when broadcasting on land that is well-inoculated.

The seed must be inoculated unless

they are sown on land that is already inoculated. Land inoculated for vetch or for garden peas (May peas) does not require inoculation for Austrian peas.

Although this legume is a soil-builder, it will pay to use some fertilizer under the crop. On good soils of the Coastal Plain, Blair recommends 200 pounds per acre of an 0-8-6 mixture. For poor soils, he suggests 200 pounds of a 4-8-6 fertilizer.

In the Mountains and Piedmont, best results will be secured with 200 pounds of a 0-10-4 on good soils or 200 pounds of 4-10-4 on the poorer soils. The fertilizer application to the crop following the peas may then be reduced by these amounts.

Austrian peas may be planted after corn, cotton, tobacco, peanuts, soybeans, cowpeas, and other crops. They may be turned under in time to plant the same crops they followed, with the exception of tobacco and in some counties cotton.

REVIVAL MEETING AT WOODVILLE CHURCH

Revival services will begin Monday night at Woodville Baptist Church and will continue throughout the week. The Reverend W. F. Woodall, of Charlotte, will assist in the meeting and services will be held each afternoon at 4 o'clock, and each evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Gamble On Weather Horticulturist Advises

Weather conditions are sometimes unfavorable for the growing of vegetables in late summer and early fall in many sections of the State, but H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist of N. C. State College, says the odds in favor of good weather for vegetable growing are high enough

for rural people to take a chance.

"It is said," he declared, "that nature will contribute 90 percent to the growing of vegetables if you will devote your energy to the balance, or 10 percent. If this is true, then plant during the next six weeks a few vegetables for an early fall harvest."

Niswonger recommends that, for Eastern North Carolina, cabbage plants be set out between now and August 15; beets and carrots should be planted from August 1 to 20; collards and sweet corn, August 1 to 10; turnips and turnip salad, in August; and spinach, Swiss chard and tomatoes, in July and August.

For Western North Carolina, sow lettuce seed in rows during August and thin out 12 inches apart, and anytime during July and August: plant snap beans, carrots, collards, sweet corn, kale, Swiss chard, tomatoes and turnips.

The Extension specialist also recommends that in making plans for a garden, it is wise to consider the growing of one or more of the following small fruits: strawberries, youngberries, and raspberries. "Two or three hundred stawberry plants and twenty-five each of Young or Boysenberry variety of dewberries and the red raspberry will supply your family with these home fruits," he says.

Niswonger reports that many farm families have grown small fruits in the home gardens for the first time this year, and they are delighted with the results.

STILL 'ASITTIN'

Moultrie, Ga.—Finding a turkey gobbler sitting on seven Irish potatoes, apparently trying to hatch them, Virginia Exum bought seven eggs and swapped them for the spuds. This didn't suit the gobbler. He rolled the eggs out of the nest and rolled seven more Irish potatoes in.

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Miss Sarah Elliott has returned from Raleigh, where she attended the 4-H Club Short Course.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilder spent the week-end with relatives near Winfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Stallings spent Sunday afternoon at Ocean View, Va.

Mrs. P. L. Griffin spent Sunday afternoon with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Branch, in Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor and daughter, Mary Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gardner and son, Morris, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bright and son, Harry, of Okisko, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Symons Sunday.

Mrs. John Asbell and children

spent Sunday with relatives in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. C. L. Jackson spent Friday in Elizabeth City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Alexander Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson was in Elizabeth City Wednesday.

Miss Waverly D'Orsay returned Thursday from Portsmouth, Va., after visiting Mrs. Roy Branch.

Tim Trueblood visited in Norfolk, Va., Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Perry, her son, Jack Perry, and his children, Helen and Jack, of Elizabeth City, have been guests of Mrs. C. L. Jackson.

Mrs. Bertha Whitehead and daughter, Al, and C. A. Ownley visited Mr. and Mrs. J. O. White, of near Hertford Sunday evening.



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