

Murder Charged In Spindale Shooting



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.22 BULLET IN TEMPLE KILLS MAN

Shooting Follows
Heated Argument
Over Trespassing
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

SPINDALE—A Rutherford County man, staring a high-powered Japanese rifle in the face, killed the man who held it with a .22 rifle near here last night.

Edgar Silvers, 48, of Harris community, was charged with murder in the death of Thomas Rich, 31, Harris service station operator.

Silvers told police Rich and two other men parked in a panel truck in his driveway last night. He said they were drinking wine and "causing a disturbance."

DATING DAUGHTER

One of the men, Silvers said, had been dating his daughter.

Silvers came out of his house and told the men to leave.

With that, he said, Rich got out of the truck, leveled a big Japanese rifle at him and said, "Who's big enough to make us leave?"

Silvers rushed back into the house, picked up his .22 rifle and came back out to face the men. Silvers said he fired one shot over Rich's head. Rich moved behind the hood of the truck, keeping his weapon pointed at Silvers.

FIRE DANCE

Then, Silvers said, he fired twice at Rich. The second shot hit him in the left temple. He died instantly.

One of the two companions of Rich, Bill Hunter, was arrested and charged with violating the county's prohibition law. Sheriff Vance Wilkins said three wine bottles were found in the cab of the truck.

The other companion, Carl Cole, was being sought by the sheriff's department for questioning.

PLACED IN JAIL

Silvers was placed in Rutherford County Jail at Rutherford without bond. His hearing will probably be held Tuesday.

Neither Rich nor Silvers has any previous record of law violation. The dead man was married and had four children.

Harris community is about five miles south of Spindale in Rutherford County.

Coroner Fred Crowe said there would be no inquest into the shooting pending further investigation by the sheriff's department.

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PARENTS KNOW a little boy will tackle about anything. Here Gary McFarlane of Dallas is engaged in a puffing contest with a blowfish. You decide the winner.

Postal Cutbacks Start Saturday

By EMERY WISTER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

No mail will be delivered to your home, office or plant Saturday.

Deliveries to business institutions will be reduced from three to two each day Monday through Friday beginning next Monday.

The main post office and classified stations will be closed Saturdays and the only services available will be a place to deposit stamped cards, letters and parcels and the opportunity to take mail from boxes.

MAIL COLLECTED

Mail will be collected from deposit boxes of a "Sunday schedule," which means if you have a letter you want handled quickly you'd best take it directly to the Post Office.

These are among the service slashes being put into effect when on orders from the Post Office Department in Washington.

Postmaster George E. Wilson Jr. said the schedule will continue through the final quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30.

1957. The service slashes were ordered by Postmaster General Arthur S. Summerfield because of what he said was depletion of operating funds. Unless Congress appropriates a requested \$47 million service will not be restored, he has said.

STATIONS OPENED

Classified stations will be open from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. so box holders can remove their mail. Special delivery mail will be delivered between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. as it is on all days.

The service slashes also affect third class mail. No mail in this category except medicines, serums, drugs and medical supplies will be accepted for mailing after April 28.

The service cuts also affect the Monday-Friday schedule at the Post Office.

Windows at the main and classified stations will be open only between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. though a basement parcel post window will be open between 2 and 5 p.m.

2 Delegations Argue Annexation Bill Merits

Label Law On Tobacco Is Killed

RALEIGH (P)—A resolution urging Congress to pass a law requiring tobacco manufacturers to say on the label whether their products contain "homogenized, reconstituted or synthetic tobacco" was quickly killed today by House Judiciary 1 Committee.

The resolution was passed several days ago by the Senate despite protests from lawmakers for the state's tobacco manufacturing counties.

Things were different today, however. Only one speaker was heard before the committee approved a motion by Forsyth's Rep. William F. Womble to report the resolution unfavorable. Only one "no" vote was heard.

Speaking against the resolution was J. Con Lanier of Greenville, general counsel of the Leaf Tobacco Exporters Association, and a member of the state general tobacco committee.

FIRE DANGER

Lanier told the committee, "You'll light a fire that will be hard to put out, and you will put doubt and suspicion in the minds of the people who smoke."

He said the tobacco industry already has enough of that sort of thing. He pointed to the cancer scare and told the committee it had cost tobacco growers 75 million dollars in the last two years.

Sen. Cutler Moore of Robeson, author of the resolution, did not attend the hearing.

The terms "reconstituted" or "homogenized" and "synthetic" tobacco have been used by persons critical of new processes developed by the tobacco manufacturers which enable them to use products such as stems and scraps which have been wasted in the past. Some tobacco leaders say such processes will enable the manufacturers to get 20 per cent more usable leaf tobacco from the same quantity of tobacco.



CHARLOTTE FOLKS speak on city extension proposal today in Raleigh with Rep. Jack Love (left) and Sen. J. Spencer (right) listening.

29 Are Treated As Gas Escapes

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. (P)—Chlorine gas escaping from a leaking railroad tank car early today made a score of persons ill and forced evacuations of a large area near this western Pennsylvania community.

Ellwood City Hospital reported that it had treated a total of 29 persons, many of the members of volunteer fire companies.

Six persons were admitted for further treatment, the hospital said, adding that none appeared to be in serious condition.

Ellwood City Hospital, swamped with emergency cases, said it could not say immediately how many persons had been treated. At least one volunteer fireman was reported in serious condition. A workman wearing an oxygen-supplied mask succeeded in shutting off the escaping greenish-yellow gas that was boiling from the tank car, about an hour after the leak was discovered.

Residents of the tiny community of Frisco, where the leak developed, were returning to their homes as a rising wind began carrying away the gas.

Firemen, using fog nozzles, sprayed water over the tank car and surrounding buildings in a continuing effort to decontaminate the area.

The tank car, parked on a railroad siding, was estimated to contain perhaps 30,000 gallons of a chlorine compound used in the manufacture of a bleaching fluid.

Jay Johns, an official of another chemical firm which has a plant nearby, said he was notified of the leak about 5:30 a.m.

When I got to our plant you could see this greenish-yellow vapor boiling out of the top of the car.

"It was rolling up and down the Connoquessing Creek Valley. There were a dozen ambulances, and firemen were taking out people who had been made ill and going to other houses to warn the people to get out.

"After a while a man with a gas mask on climbed up on top of the tank car and got the valve closed. The leak stopped. I couldn't tell who he was."

The grade school in Frisco was ordered closed for the day.

Income Tax Slash Chance Appears Good

WASHINGTON (P)—Income tax reductions at this session of Congress became an increasing possibility today.

Speaker Rayburn of Texas, leader of the controlling Democratic majority in the House, said prospects are "good" for a tax cut effective next Jan. 1. He commented after an unusual policy meeting yesterday with Democratic members of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

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Both Sides Heard By House Body

By JULIAN SCHEER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

RALEIGH — Extension of Charlotte's city limits was the hottest issue here today as about 200 Mecklenburgers filled the Highway Dept. auditorium for a two-hour public hearing.

The House Judiciary 2 committee took no action following an hour each of presentations by proponents and opponents of a bill which would extend Charlotte's city limits more than 30 miles.

Rep. Jack Love, who failed to sign the Mecklenburg proposal, brought two hundreds of opponents here from Charlotte this morning.

BIG MOTORCADE

His entourage was matched by a motorcade of Charlotteans headed by City Manager Henry A. Yancey, Mayor Phil Van Every, Chamber of Commerce President Col. Paul Young, News Publisher Thomas L. Robinson, and a "Who's Who" of Charlotte business, political and civic leaders.

The session was orderly and quiet with only one outbreak and those testifying were asked numerous questions by judiciary committee members.

Rep. Addison Hewlette presided at the meeting, which saw about 100 people as supporters for each side.

Mayor Van Every told the committee, "There's nothing strange, new nor complicated about extending the city limits of a city. It is something that every city and town in America has done many times, and unless life in these United States experiences a radical and sudden change, every city and town will again find it necessary."

"If Charlotte had never extended its limits, it would be less than one mile today, surrounded by See ANNEXATION on page 2-A

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Bartlett's doesn't list Rodgers and Hammerstein's "I'd say that I have spring fever. But it isn't even spring." (From "Milk and Honey" by Rodgers and Hammerstein).

"State Fair."

So spring fever is too poetic for the scientist, too scientific and prosaic for the poet.

But spring fever IS real, it IS SOMETHING.

Spring fever is when the ledger sheets are starting at you from your desk, but you're using your pencil to practice the grip on a fishing rod.

IT'S WHEN you feel you are floating on nothing but a breeze, or you gaze at only the spring air outside the window, or you sit, and maybe rock a little in slow motion, on the front porch, and you know you'd better get back to the business at hand, but somehow you can't, or won't, or don't want to.

And to you, it's when... You finish the sentence.

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Our Weather

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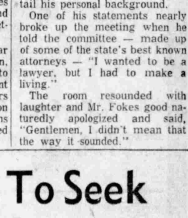
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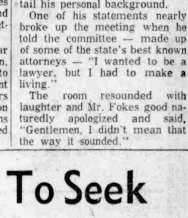
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