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Dear Louis:

Have you had any time to think about the Silas case? I've discovered that his complete name was William Silas Holliman, son of William Bailey Holliman. Bailey is buried in the Holliman-Stewart Cemetery at Bluff. Bailey was the son of my great-great uncle, First Lt. James Franklin Holliman, 58th Ala. Inf. Regt. He was captured at Missionary Ridge, TN in 1863 and was incarcerated at Johnson's Island Prison in Lake Erie. This is the prison where Holland M. Bell was sent after his capture at Hatcher's Run in the retreat to Appomattox.

I get the diagnostic blood results tomorrow in my effort to see if I have tertiary Lyme disease. Something is killing me.

Your brother in Christ: Doc

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One Hurt In County Fight Near Bankston

Henry Thompson Has Slight Concussion; Seeking Bill Garner

Henry Thompson, 33-years old, Bankston route one, was hospitalized Wednesday afternoon after a fight with Bill Garner, who lived nearby.

According to Mrs. Thompson, the fight began in the Thompson yard about one and one-half miles south of Bankston.

Both men, according to Mrs. Thompson, were drinking. Howard Garner, father of the younger man, also said that the two men were drinking, believing that it was "house brew," he said.

Thompson has a slight concussion on his head and numerous cuts and bruises about the head and body.

Garner left the scene of the fight and up to an early hour Thursday morning had not been apprehended by law enforcement officers.

According to Garner's father, the real name of the man sought is Troy Garner.

In the fall of 1948 a Troy Garner was convicted of manslaughter in the Fayette County Circuit Court and was sentenced to serve one year and pay a fine of \$250. This case was appealed at the time but Garner later served the sentence.

This conviction came as the result of Garner, killing Grason County when his car ran into a house driven by Doughty on the highway between Berry and Mary Johnson in the fall of 1948. At the time of the accident Garner was reported as intoxicated and then leaving the scene of the accident, although neither charge was made at the trial in circuit court. Police officers of Berry stated that the man had been seen here drunk. (Continued On Page 5)

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Under with the 15th Infantry, Third Infantry Division, in Korea. He saw his first service at Wonsan and helped with the evacuation of United States Marines when they were cut off in the Chosen rear area. He was evacuated from the Hungnam perimeter last November.

In discussing the heavy losses inflicted on Chinese troops, Lieut. Sims tells of one particular instance. He said his battalion spent one day in capturing a mill from the Chinese and at the close of the fighting that day more than 200 dead Chinese soldiers were counted. He said only two Americans were killed, although about 150 were wounded. "There was no way we could check the number of enemy wounded," he added.

Lieut. Sims doesn't have too much confidence in the ability or the fighting qualities of the South Korean Army, or ROKS as they have become known. He says there are only two good divisions of ROK soldiers and the rest of the country's soldiers are illtrained and badly equipped and that they seldom manage to "do anything right."

He also told of hearing freed American prisoners of war tell of the treatment they had received at the hands of enemy forces. Lieut. Sims says that in nearly all instances Americans who have been captured by Chinese forces are

Rattlesnake Caused Wagon-Car Collision; Snake Killed, Too

A four-foot diamond rattlesnake was killed by Henry Hammons on the road to Payco Lake Monday after the snake had caused a wreck.

Hammons met a two-mule wagon on the narrow road. The mules suddenly reared and turned, thrusting the wagon tongue through Hammons' automobile windshield.

He got out of the car and killed the snake, the cause of all the trouble, with rocks. It had 12 rattles.

Nobody was injured in the collision.

City Industrial Board Formed Monday Night

Board Of Directors To Hold Organizational Meeting On July 16

A seven-man industrial board of directors to direct the newly formed Industrial Development Board of the City of Fayette was named at the Monday night meeting of the Fayette Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Three men were named for six-year terms; two for four year terms and two for two-year terms; giving staggered terms of office for the directors who will manage the affairs of the board.

R. C. Cobb, Fuller Kimbrell and Bruce Harkins were appointed to serve for six years; O. H. Dodson and James Branyon II were named for four-year terms and Frank Jenkins and W. E. Sanders for two years.

These men received the unanimous vote of the Mayor and Aldermen present. One member of the board, Alderman Wightman Cannon, was absent, which was the reason for the vote being cast by the Mayor.

At the June 18 meeting of the Fayette council, a resolution was adopted and passed allowing three citizens of Fayette to file a certificate of incorporation for such a board. This resolution was filed and approved by Probate Judge J. C. McCough. The Probate Judge has stated that he will now issue the certificate of incorporation.

The organizational meeting of the Industrial Development Board will be held in the Fayette Courthouse at one o'clock in the afternoon on July 18. At this time the board will select its chairman, adopt its own by-laws and complete the organization.

All meetings of the board must be public and must be advertised for one week before the meeting, according to the state laws which allowed the creation of such bodies.

After organization is completed at the first meeting, the board will (Continued On Page 5)

Add Block Elyton Road To City's Paving Program

One additional street, one block of Elyton Road, was added to a proposed small paving program for Fayette at the Monday night meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

At the June 18 meeting of the city board it was decided to investigate the cost of surfacing Poe Street in the northern part of the city. The Mayor was instructed to contact road contractors expected in Fayette to surface the

Sam Bobo Killed Early Wednesday Morning; Silas Holliman Held

Bullets Removed From Body; Men Had Had Dispute Over Corn On Place Holliman Was Renting; Bobo Wanted Him To Move

Sam Bobo, 37 year-old former trucker, and a farmer in Fayette County for only a few weeks, was shot down with a .32 calibre automatic rifle early Wednesday morning as he started toward his barn to get sacks of nitrate of Soda for use in side-dressing his corn crop. His two young sons, riding in a trailer behind the tractor on which Bobo was riding, escaped unhurt. Silas Holliman, 43-year old tenant on the

July 16 Set As Opening Of Whittemore

Test Runs To Be Made During Next Week; More Machinery Here

The Whittemore shoe polish plant is almost ready to begin production. Monday, July 16, has been set as the opening date. W. G. Warmack, plant manager, said today (Thursday).

The rest of this week and next will be used in getting the Kinks out of the machinery with test runs. If the test runs are carried out without too much trouble the women who will be employed on the machinery line will be called in for two days familiarization work next week.

All of the materials needed to start manufacturing white Mond polish are now in Fayette. The bottles arrived last Friday and the labels were brought in from Tuscaloosa this week.

Last Friday the third line of machinery, that used to manufacture Boby Elite and Cadet heel and sole polishes, reached here from the former plant in Cambridge, Mass. That is all the machinery needed here at the present time. No more is scheduled to arrive here for at least two or three months, Warmack said.

Five Hurt In Wreck Near Here Wednesday

Five people were injured, none seriously, in a Fourth of July collision between an automobile and a truck on the Judge Moors Road south of Fayette.

The five were all released from McNease and Robertson Hospital after receiving treatment for cuts and scratches.

They were listed as:

W. K. Welch, 41, driver of the truck.

Lee Lockhart, 23, occupant of the truck.

Eivana Hardy, 26, occupant of the truck.

Leon Freeman, about 40, colored, driver of the car.

Mattie Louise, 20, colored, occupant of the car.

The accident occurred late Wednesday afternoon.

Bobo place, surrendered to Fayette Sheriff Travis Lawrence shortly after the shooting and is being held in the Fayette jail without bond, charged with first degree murder.

Bobo had bought the farm only a few weeks ago, after having sold his truck, using money received from the truck sale to buy farm machinery, among which was the tractor on which he was riding when killed.

According to Holliman's statement and information obtained from one of the Bobo boys, Holliman was sitting on the front porch of his home on the Bobo place early Wednesday morning, just a little before six o'clock. As he saw that Bobo was to cross in front of the Holliman residence, passing through the yard, he got up, went into the house and came back to a front window with the rifle. After knocking out one of the window panes, Holliman opened fire and Bobo leaped from the tractor, after apparently having been hit five times in the arms.

As he tried to crawl toward the four more slugs entered his body, one going into his head. Holliman is reported to have said that he kept firing until Bobo quit moving. About 12 to 15 shots were fired from the rifle.

Thomas Veasey, Fayette County coroner, who made the investigation Wednesday, said that the man had been having differences since Bobo had purchased the place. Holliman, who has been working at a Moline, Illinois, farm machinery plant, returned to Fayette last Saturday.

According to the evidence brought out at the investigation Wednesday, Bobo had had a warrant issued last week charging Mrs. Holliman, wife of the man reputedly doing the shooting, with stealing corn. This action had come after a dispute between the two had already occurred about this same corn.

Holliman claimed, the coroner says, that he went to Bobo Saturday afternoon and offered to pay up all rent on the house he was occupying. He said that Bobo demanded that he move out at once and that he said that he could not do that because he had no place to take his family at that time.

Apparently no further differences had occurred between the two men until Wednesday morning.

When Holliman opened fire, the first five bullets are believed to have hit Bobo in the arms and then he jumped from the tractor trying to get to cover. The machine ran on and crashed into the cornfield.

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Killingsworth Church Singing Will Be Coming Sun., July 8

July 8 will be the second Sunday of the month and time again for the annual Killingsworth Church

ers in the county were among the first to get the singing started. The second Sunday in July was set as the date for the annual affair 30 years ago. Prior to that time there

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The defense attempted to prove that Holliman had been having trouble with Bobo over the rental of his place. Holliman, who is the father of three sons, had rented the house in which he was living about one year before the fatal killing. It was brought out that he had decided not to use the house which he had been farming after he made the rental agreement. He did stay in the house in which he was living.

Holliman had been living in the house for about six months, but it was brought out that no rent had been paid on the place during that time.

In the meantime, Holliman had gone to Moline, Illinois, where he was working in a farm machinery plant. He returned to Fayette on Saturday, June 30. Holliman told of having gone to Bobo that night and offering him a check for \$120 in payment of the rent he owed on the place. Holliman said that Bobo demanded then that he move out of the house at once, but that he had refused.

Holliman said that previous to his return on June 30, that Bobo had agreed to purchase some of his corn and that the corn was divided into two piles in the crib near the Holliman house. Bobo was feeding his stock with the corn and it was brought out that the witness stand that one day he found the crib locked and when he acquired into the reason was told by Mrs. Holliman that she didn't want him feeding.

One Held After Slaying Of Sam Bobo Wednesday

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ner of the Holliman residence. After Holliman had surrendered to county authorities the sheriff and coroner went to the scene of the accident and began their investigation. The body of the slain man was brought to Fayette where Dr. Thomas Wiley removed the bullets.

The Bobo place, scene of the killing is located about 12 miles from Fayette, three miles west of the Bluff community.

Bobo is survived by his wife, Mrs. Thais Bobo; two sons, Ted Arthur and Jerry Max, both of whom were in the trailer; his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bobo; five brothers, Valcus Bobo, Winfield, Cpl. Clyde Bobo, Ft. Benning, Ga., E. K. Bobo, Ralph Bobo, and Julius Bobo, all of Birmingham; four sisters, Mrs. Nellie Moore, Mrs. Anna Pollard, Miss Betty Bobo, all of Birmingham, and Mrs. Lockie Bobo, Winfield route two.

Bobo is a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Vernon Church Thursday afternoon with Rev. M. O. Bridges, pastor of the church officiating.

Holliman, after being placed in jail, was given medical care Wednesday. He is the father of three sons.

Veazey's Mortuary of Fayette will have charge of the funeral arrangements.

they presently hold. Veterans may enlist in their former grades, or in a higher grade, provided civilian training or experience merits such promotion.

Non-Coal Smog

West Coast surveys reveal that three-fifths of the components of smog come from automobiles and buses, the burning of trash, and the heating of homes, stores, and offices.

Italy has purchased 1,200,000 tons of American bituminous coal for the second quarter of this year, three times her purchases in the January-March period.

Number Students From North West Alabama Now At FSTC

Several students from this area are enrolled in the third annual resource Use Workshop which will be held next week by the Department of Education and Psychology at Florence State Teachers College, Florence.

Included in the group are: Gertrude K. McLemore, Berry; Eunice T. Burnette, Sulligent; Mrs. Willie Mae Collier, Detroit; Wilburn Bacus, Winfield; Mrs. Rosa Bolling, Hamilton; Gertha Mae Green, Hamilton; Jewell Lockridge Sartain, Hamilton; Ettie Self, Hamilton; Mrs. Ora C. Terrell, Hamilton; Harold Tidwell, Brilliant; and Ida Lou Kimbrell, Carbon Hill.

Fayette Industrial Board Named By Council Monday

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have the authority to issue and sell bonds for the furtherance, development and production of agriculture and industry. Creation of this board was as made possible by the Alabama Legislature in 1953. This board can issue bonds to build a factory, or other industrial building, with the bonds to be repaid entirely from proceeds of rentals or sale of the building.

Bonds issued by this board will not be a direct obligation against the city of Fayette, and repayment is limited to funds from rentals or sale of the building after it is built.

Before these bonds can be issued, satisfactory evidence must be given to show that the company for which the building will be erected is financially responsible.

Creation of this board makes it possible for Fayette to make more attractive offers to new industries seeking locations.

England Imports Coal

Great Britain, whose coal export business was never below \$4 million tons for more than a decade preceding World War II, now must rely upon the United States to make up the difference in her own supply.

One Hurt In Fight Wednesday New Bankston

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earlier that afternoon. Garner has recently completed this prison term.

Thompson was treated by Dr. Thomas Wiley at the Fayette McNease and Robertson Hospital. He was brought to Fayette in a ambulance shortly after the report of the fight had been made in Fayette.

The fight occurred at about noon Wednesday.

J. M. Waldrop Buried Here Past Tuesday

J. M. Waldrop, 79, widely known Fayette County resident and political leader, was buried Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Fayette at two o'clock. Rev. A. M. Nix, of Fayette, officiated. He was assisted by ministers A. C. Nichols, Paul Cooke and H. Matt Brock. The body lay in state at the church from twelve-thirty until two o'clock.

Mr. Waldrop, who served for many years as State Democratic Committeeman, died in the hospital here Monday morning after a lengthy illness. He was a native of Tuscaloosa County.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mertie Waldrop, of the home; four sons, Clyde W. Waldrop, Demopolis, Cecil W. Waldrop, Sylacauga, Raymond Waldrop and Curtis Waldrop, both of Birmingham; six daughters, Mrs. Hazel Olive, Mrs. Brasse Holcomb, and Mrs. Floy Collins, all of Fayette, Mrs. Anna Thornton, Berry, Mrs. Lois

Oak Chapel To Have All Singing This Next Sunday

Dewey Harrison will be chairman for an all-day singing at Oak Chapel church, Sunday, 8. The church is located three miles west of Crossville.

Alabama College Honor List Listed Two Fayette Students


The honor roll for the semester announced this week by Alabama College, Montevidéo, lists two Fayette students.

Mrs. F. E. Nicholas, the Betty Houston, had an all-time high for the semester. Miss Gayton was named to the first roll.

Williams, Childersburg, a Louise Waldrop, Sylacauga, ten grandchildren.

The output of U. S. bituminous coal mines is currently running at a rate of 10 million tons a day.

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Preliminary Hearing Set As Of Wednesday Morning On Murder Charge

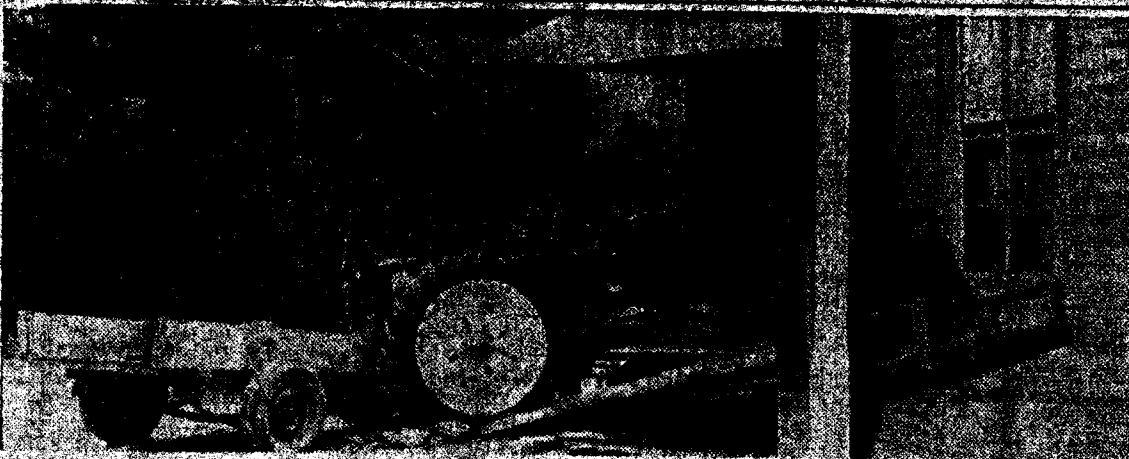
Holliman, charged with the murder of Sam Bobo Wednesday morning of last week, still being held in the county jail without bond for a preliminary hearing. The hearing has been set, up Wednesday morning of this week, according to W. W. Monroe, county solicitor.

Holliman surrendered to county jail last Wednesday morning after the fatal shooting of Bobo in the front yard of the Holliman home, about ten miles northwest of Fayette.

Holliman is reported to have shot Bobo inside a front room of the home as Bobo drove across the front yard on the way to work. Bobo was riding a tractor with two small sons in a trailer behind.

Two .38 calibre bullets were recovered from the body of the slain man.

Holliman is prepared for all emergencies. His home builder should be certain that his chimney is strong enough to handle any fuel.



WHERE SAM BOBO WAS KILLED JULY 4: The picture at the left shows the tractor on which Sam Bobo was riding on the way to a barn last Wednesday morning. After he was shot and fell from the vehicle the machine crashed into the end of the residence of Elias Holliman. Holliman is

being held in the Fayette jail charged with first degree murder. At the right is the window through which Holliman is reported to have fired a .38 calibre rifle. Broken pieces of the glass are visible on the porch floor.

Badly Bruised As Car Turned Over Wednesday

Isadore Roberts was badly bruised Wednesday night when the car in which he was driving over turned after skidding in loose gravel on the road entering Highway 43 from the Fayette Municipal Airport.

According to reports, Mr. Roberts was returning to his home about four miles north of Fayette, when

apparently trying to pull out to allow another car to pass, lost control in the gravel.

It is said that a car coming into the highway from the Dixieland Drive-In Theatre and returning to Fayette, was too far over on the left side of the road and that Mr. Roberts was trying to avoid a possible collision.

He was given first aid treatment at the McNeese and Robertson Hospital and returned to his home Wednesday night.

In the past ten years bituminous coal production per man-hour has increased by 37 per cent.

Berry Officers FHA To Meet Next Monday Afternoon

Officers of the Berry Post Homeowners' Association will meet at the high school in the home economics department Monday afternoon, July 16, at one-thirty o'clock.

Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the year's work and make plans for future sumner meetings and programs.

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Other Cases Continued

With the conclusion of the Johnson trial the Fall term of Fayette Circuit Court was adjourned. Other cases which had been docketed for trial were continued.

Among those continued was a charge of assault with intent to murder against "Buster" Hubbert and another against the same man for operating an illegal fish trap. These charges grew out of game wardens claiming to have found an illegal fish trap operated by Hubbert and then say that the man fired at them as they attempted to destroy the trap. Game wardens charged that Hubbert fired more than 100 shots at the time.

Fayette Girl Among Candidates For Montevallo Campus Beauty

A Fayette girl, Gayle Houston, has been selected as one of the sophomore class beauties at Alabama College, Montevallo. Miss Houston will represent her class at the college "Elite Night", to be staged on this coming Saturday night.

At this time judges will select the campus beauties and the study body will vote on talent selections. Each year "Elite Night" is sponsored by the Montage, college yearbook, and six beauties and eight favorites will be chosen. The candidates will meet the judges at an informal tea Saturday afternoon.

Miss Dean Swindle, of Reform, is a candidate for one of the talent selections. She is listed as a

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R. L. Harwell, vocational teacher at the school, says that sweet potatoes only will be canned at this time. The arrangements to operate the plant this day were made, Harwell says, to help save the sweet potato crop in the county against possible damage from frosts.

The plant will be operated on other days if enough people will signify a willingness to use the facilities, Harwell says. He states that enough canners must be obtained to assure expenses of the operation.

Caines Ridge To Have Regular Fourth Sunday Singing Meet

The regular fourth Sunday afternoon singing will be held at the Caines Ridge Church on the coming Sunday afternoon, scheduled to start at 1:30 o'clock.

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Silas Holliman, 46-year old farmer of Fayette County, was given a life sentence here Tuesday night after being found guilty of killing Sam Bobo, his landlord, on the morning of July 4. The jury was out only about 45 minutes before returning its verdict. The hearing of testimony lasted about one and one half days, starting with the selection of the jury shortly after noon Monday.

No appeal had been taken by defense lawyers up to late Wednesday afternoon. Even in the event of the filing of an appeal, Holliman could not be released from jail while being held under such a charge. He has remained in the Fayette County jail since his surrender to sheriff's forces on the morning of July 4, when he voluntarily came in to Fayette to report his actions. Bobo was killed about six o'clock in the morning and Holliman was placed in the Fayette jail a few hours later.

The defense attempted to prove that Holliman had been having trouble with Bobo over the rental of his place. Holliman, who is the father of three sons, had rented the house in which he was living about one year before the fatal killing. It was brought out that he had decided not to use the land on which he had been farming after he made the rental agreement. He did stay in the house in which he was living.

Holliman had been living in the house for about six months, but it was brought out that no rent had been paid on the place during that time.

In the meantime Holliman had gone to Moline, Illinois, where he was working in a farm machinery plant. He returned to Fayette on Saturday, June 30. Holliman told of having gone to Bobo that night and offering him a check for \$120 in payment of the rent he owed on the place. Holliman said that Bobo demanded then that he move out of the house at once, but that he had refused.

Holliman said that previous to his return on June 30, that Bobo had agreed to purchase some of his corn and that the corn was divided into two piles in the crib near the Holliman house. Bobo was feeding his stock with this corn and it was brought out on the witness stand that one day he found the crib locked and when he inquired into the reason was told by Mrs. Holliman, that "she didn't want him fooling around there any more. Witnesses testified that Bobo tore the lock from the crib and went on in. He later removed his mule and farming tools away from the crib, but left the corn and some fertilizer in the house.

About a week before the fatal trouble, Bobo had had a warrant issued charging Mrs. Holliman with stealing corn and following this Mrs. Holliman had called her husband to come home, saying that "Bobo was giving him trouble."

Holliman said that on his return that he went to Bobo and offered him the check for \$120, which he said that Bobo refused, telling him that he did not owe that much and that he had taken some corn in payment of part of the rent.

The defendant said that he did not see Bobo again until the morning of July 4 when he shot him nine times with a .22 caliber rifle. He told on the stand that Bobo had never made any threats of any kind.

Bobo was killed as he drove across a corner of the Holliman yard while on the way to the corn crib in which the fertilizer was stored. He was driving a tractor with a trailer attached and his two small sons, Ted Arthur and Jerry Max, were riding in the trailer.

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TO SERVE IN GERMANY: Corp. William Galloway, now stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind., will leave for duty in Germany next month. Corp. Galloway is the son of Mrs. Gladys Galloway, an employee of the Fayette unit of Alabama Mills.

Berry F. H. A. Had Initiation For Degree Members

The Berry Future Homemakers held their initiation ceremonies for all members eligible for the F.H.A. degree in the chapel of the Berry school last Wednesday, October 17. The initiation ceremonies were a part of the chapel program that day.

Grace Swartz, president of the Berry F.H.A. conferred the degrees on Jo Ann Jones, Naomi Latham, Myra Jean Nichols, Sandra Woods, Faye Freeman, Jewell Kelley, Emma Jean Davis, Nell Wyers and Gail Yerby.

Other officers, besides the president, who serve the Berry chapter are: Gail Yerby, vice-president; Jo Ann Jones, secretary; Gail Gibson, historian; Freida Dunn, parliamentarian; Betty Jean Lowrey, treasurer; and Nell Wyers, reporter.

The U. S. textile industry uses almost six million tons of bituminous coal per year.

Picks Contest Candidates

Elections were held last week for candidates for the title of "Miss Kennedy High School" and for Prince and Princess from the Kennedy Grammar School. The winner of the titles will be crowned at the school's Hallowe'en carnival to be held next week.

The candidates chosen from each grade in the Kennedy school are: seventh grade, Neil Wilson and Margaret Dunne; eighth grade, Ella Weese Taylor and Carol Ann Taylor; ninth grade, Laudeen Owens and Grace Livingston; tenth grade, Wynene Moore and Gladys Foster; eleventh grade, Virginia Stenbridge and Sara Joe Stripling; twelfth grade, Faye Foster and Ruth Richards.

The candidates for "Prince" from the grammar school are: first grade Donald Champion and Tommy Ayres; second grade, John D. Dollar and Bobby Aldrich; third grade, Buddy Bradford and William Davis; fourth grade, Buddy Vice and Morris Brown; fifth grade, Armon Newman and Thurmsa Taylor; sixth grade, James Newman and Larry Newman.

The candidates from the grammar school for the title of "Princess" are: first grade, Patsy Lindsey and Glinda Geer; second grade, Henri Jane Plyler and Gail Newman; third grade, Muriel Nabors and Sandra Long; fourth grade, Linda Cargile and Faye McDaniel; fifth grade, Linda Prater and Jane Cooper; and sixth grade, Waurene Newman and Banks Prater.

Be Ready To Give Pint of Blood Monday

(Continued From Page One) your name is turned in and you will be notified at what time to FAY. Don't Be Backward D. A. come for the donation.

The basement of the Fayette Methodist Church will be used for the headquarters of the blood unit to be in Fayette that day. All people who report to give blood will go to this church where they will be given an examination and then processed for the blood giving.

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To Discuss Class Projects

The senior class of the Kennedy High School has held two meetings in the past week; the first held for the purpose of electing two candidates, Faye Prater and Ruth Richards, for "Miss Kennedy High School." The second meeting was called for discussing the duties of the members as seniors and also projects the class would have this year.

The class president, O'Neal Watkins, presided at the two meetings.

The class has also elected its "home room mothers." They are Mrs. Floyd Newman and Mrs. C. A. Porter. The "mothers" help the seniors in their activities and represent them at Parent-Teacher Association meetings.

Holliman Gets Life In Bobo Slaying Trial

(Continued On Page Two)

It was shown that Holliman had been sitting on the front porch of his home when he saw Bobo approaching on the morning of July 4. He is then said to have gotten up from his chair and gone into the house. Then it was told that he knocked a window glass from one of the front windows and began firing at Bobo as he drove across the yard.

Bobo was reported to have jumped from the tractor and tried to seek cover before one of the bullets entered his head. He was shot five times in the arms, then four more bullets entered his head as he tried to crawl to a nearby tree. The tractor ran into the corner of the house.

No preliminary hearing was held for Holliman prior to his indictment by the Fayette County Grand Jury on October 1. He had been held on a first degree murder charge until that time.

Sentence was passed on Holliman.

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Holliman Held County Jail Without Bond

Preliminary Hearing Set As Of Wednesday Morning On Murder Charge

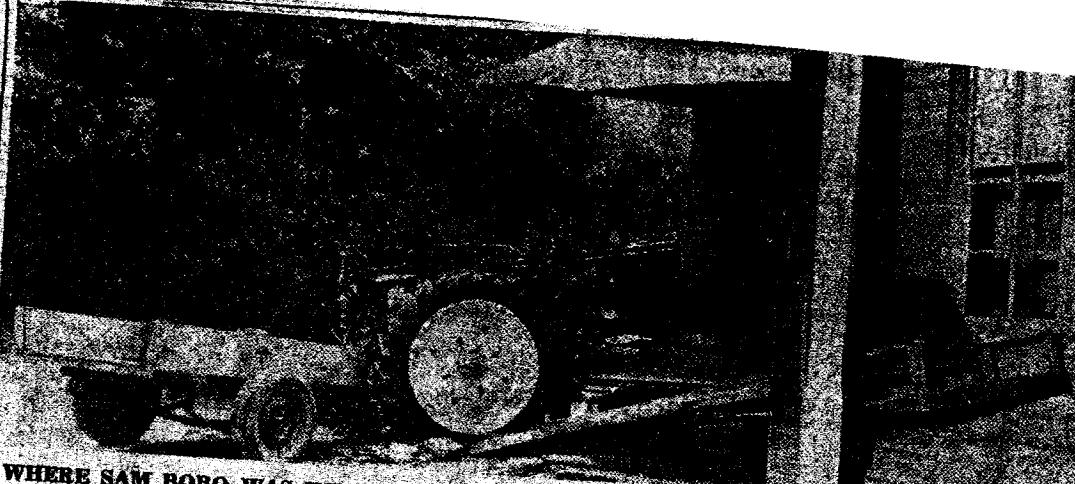
Holliman, charged with the three murder of Sam Bobo Wednesday morning of last week, still being held in the county jail without bond. Holliman has been set, up for a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning of this week according to W. W. Monroe, county solicitor.

Holliman surrendered to county jail last Wednesday morning after the fatal shooting of Bobo in the front yard of the Holliman residence about ten miles northwest of Fayette.

Holliman is reported to have shot Bobo from inside a front room of the residence as Bobo drove across the Holliman yard on the way to work. Bobo was riding a tractor with his two small sons in a trailer attached behind.

Three .22 calibre bullets were removed from the body of the slain man.

Holliman is prepared for all emergencies, a home bulidger should be certain that his chimney is safe enough to handle any amount of fuel.



WHERE SAM BOBO WAS KILLED JULY 4: The picture at the left shows the tractor on which Sam Bobo was riding on the way to a barn last Wednesday morning. After he was shot and fell from the vehicle the machine crashed into the end of the residence of Silas Holliman. Holliman is

being held in the Fayette jail charged with degree murder. At the right is the window through which Holliman is reported to have fired the .22 calibre rifle. Broken pieces of the glass are visible on the porch floor.

Badly Bruised As Car Turned Over Wednesday

Isadore Roberts was badly bruised Wednesday night when the car in which he was driving over turned after skidding in loose gravel on the road entering Highway 43 from the Fayette Municipal Airport.

According to reports, Mr. Roberts was returning to his home about four miles north of Fayette, when

he apparently was trying to pull out to allow another car to pass, lost control in the gravel.

It is said that a car coming into the highway from the Dixieland Drive-In Theatre and returning to Fayette, was too far over on the left side of the road and that Mr. Roberts was trying to avoid a possible collision.

He was given first aid treatment at the McNease and Robertson Hospital and returned to his home Wednesday night.

In the past ten years bituminous coal production per man-hour has increased by 37 per cent.

Berry Officers FHA To Meet Monday Afternoon

Officers of the Berry Home-maker's Association will meet at the high school in the economics department Monday afternoon, July 16, at one-thirtieth of the clock.

Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the year's work and make plans for future meetings and programs.

Girls who are serving on

Rhodes Holliman

From: "Rhodes Holliman" <drbh88@verizon.net>
To: "Louis Moore" <Lmoore@watvc.com>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 9:27 PM
Subject: Many Thanks !!

Dear Louis:

The packet of newsprint arrived today and I am delighted. I owe you big time ! I agree with you about the ethics of writing a publishable story at this time: too many living descendants on both sides. I'll put your brilliant effort in the family archives. I know that Eddy Smith also made a big contribution to the research. I'll be thanking him too.

If I write something for SOUTHERN TIMES, I'll change all the names, dates and places and will send you and Eddy the rough draft for approval or rejection. I understand legal ethics just like I understand medical ethics. I'm not suffering for an opportunity to see my name in press and would never write anything that might embarrass or hurt anyone. SOUTHERN TIMES already has about 6 more of my articles and I'm trying to specialize in Civil War topics which have really increased sales. With 77 Hollimans fighting for the Confederacy, I have an abundance of stories to tell.

In spite of the fact that Silas was convicted, there are many unanswered questions. Some members of the family still believe that Bobo was involved in hanky-panky with Silas' wife. Bobo had the opportunity with Silas working in Moline, IL. After Silas was incarcerated in Kilby Prison, it is alleged that he told his wife: "I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you"! It is a fact that he never communicated with her again. Upon release, Silas finished his days with a son in Tuscaloosa County. I have been unable to find his grave site. I think, upon his death, he was returned to Fayette County but I can't prove it. I can't find a grave in Tuscaloosa County and I've had some first class grave locators looking for me. Sam Bobo is buried in Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

There is a great deal more to this story than an argument over corn or unpaid rent ! Shooters are usually content with one or two bullets per victim ! If ever there was a case of malice aforethought, this was it ! Nine bullets in forensics ! I would guess that Silas emptied a tube-fed magazine which would hold about 18 rounds. That would support a motive of some considerable provocation ! The sheriff should have been able to find all the empty shells since all were fired in a single room.

I should have been a homicide investigator.

I'm re-opening a chapter in my life's book: a gift from me to me on my 80th birthday ! I had to close my gun shop in 2003 to provide 24/7 care for my cancer stricken wife. She survived and is doing well and I am again going to do something I really love. I had a Federal Firearms License from 1990 until I let it lapse in 2003 and I made a lot of money. I will be mailing the new application to the BATF this week and hope to be in business again by the first of the year. Small arms ordnance has been my avocation for more than 60 years. I guess I'm pretty presumptive: I'm assuming that I will live 3 more years which is the tenure of a FFL. Lately I have been doing some gunsmithing for friends and this has rekindled my fire. I expect to be considerably more prudent than Silas !!!!

11/19/2007

I'm sorry to hear that you and Jane have had the "cruds". The dry summer and warm fall has provided an excellent environment for viral and bacterial proliferation. Many of my friends have been sick here: a veritable epidemic. I pray that you both have generated a good immune response.

Thank you again for your time, knowledge and generous assistance. I remember my father commenting on the Silas-Bobo story. He said the provocation was Sam driving his tractor across Silas' yard ! This idea just adds another motive to the story. I was in the Army at the time.

Your brother in Christ, Doc