

Olin M. Price Shot To Death; Three Are Held For The Crime

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the death of Olin M. Price was that "the said Olin M. Price came to his death by gunshot wounds in the hands of Dr. Rice B. Harmon, Ben Teal and Sam Perry accessories before and after the fact."

Olin Price was shot near the rear door of the Harmon Drug store last Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock with a shotgun, one load taking effect in front through the collar bone and another in the back of the shoulder. After being shot he walked from the drug store through the front door down the street and entered the parlor of Chas. E. Taylor where he died in a few minutes.

According to the testimony no one was actually standing in the back door of the drug store or just outside when the shot was fired and was on the street when the other was fired, one leaving a hole through the screen door.

After the shooting two empty shells were found just to the rear of the store and a loaded gun was found in the garage only a few feet away.

Dr. Rice B. Harmon was arrested at his home soon after the shooting and is held in jail.

Ben Teal empaneled a jury Wednesday afternoon, and after viewing the body and examining a few witnesses adjourned the hearing until Friday afternoon. On the completion of the hearing Friday the jury held Olin Price as principal with Ben Teal and Sam Perry as accessories before and after the fact. Ben Teal confessed to the shooting in a colored man's shop here in Lexington.

The coroner's jury was composed of C. E. Cooney, foreman; Sam P. Roof, T. M. D. Jordan, S. P. Corley, W. H. Knight, A. J. Mathias, John B. Roberts, James H. and R. M. Kaminer.

The attorneys representing the defendants will go to Greenville Thursday to argue a motion for bail before Associate Justice Cothran. The defense will be represented at the hearing by George Bell Timmerman and Cyrus L. Shealy and the state by Solicitor T. C. Callison.

It was intimated this morning that when the attorneys go before Judge Cothran, the affidavit of Dr. Harmon will throw additional light on the affair, but at this time the contents of the affidavit have not been made known. So far Dr. Harmon has not made any statement.

The testimony taken at the coroner's inquest follows in full:

Testimony.
Chas. E. Taylor, sworn, says: "I know Olin Price. I saw him come into my place this evening. He looked to be suffering. I don't know where he came from. He was bleeding and fell just inside my place of business. He died before leaving there. Just as he came in the door, he said Get a Doctor. I traced the blood back to the door of Harmon Drug Co. He died in about ten minutes. I didn't see him examined. I heard the reports of a gun. I heard two—they seemed about twenty seconds apart."

"I first went to the body and asked him who had shot him. He could not tell me. I have been to back of Harmon building since the shooting. I saw a hole in the screen door. He only made one statement that could be understood. He said Get a Doctor. He fell before I could get to him. I didn't see any clothing removed. I didn't hear anyone say anything. I didn't see anyone at the back. I was in front of store when gun fired."

"(Signed) Chas. E. Taylor."

Ben Teal, sworn, says: "I went to Harmon Drug Store about three o'clock. I had been there about fifteen to thirty minutes when Price was shot. I came there to see some dope for his car. He asked me to go drench a hog. I went and left Mr. Hendrix, Mr. Geiger, Dr. Harmon at back of Drug Store in the store. When I first came in Price came in to get a package of cigarettes. I don't know where he went. I didn't see Price as I went to drench the hog. I heard a gun fire when I left the hog. I heard two in the direction of

the Drug store. Sam Perry was with me. After the shooting, as I was coming out of the gate at hog pen, I saw Dr. Harmon going toward his house. He said: 'I'll be back directly, Ben.' The first house behind the store was standing open. I went to toilet, then on to Drug store. First thing I saw was Mr. Callison. I then saw blood. I saw Mr. Callison pick up a gun-wadding. I then saw Mr. Callison pick up two shells about eight feet from the back door. Mr. Callison showed me the screen door—it had a hole in it about the size of a dollar. I went on in the Drug store. A large crowd was in there. I do not know who was in the drug store when the shooting took place; When talking to Dr. Harmon about the hog, he seemed to be all right. I didn't know what had happened when I talked to Dr. Harmon when he was going away from Drug store. I didn't see any gun."

"(Signed) Ben Teal."

Sam Perry, sworn, says:

"I heard a gun fire twice this afternoon while I was with Mr. Teal drenching a hog. I had left the Drug store about fifteen minutes. Before we drenched the hog, I left Mr. Hendrix in the drug store. I don't remember who else was there. Mr. Harmon was outside the drug store. I was in there with Mr. Hendrix and Sinclair. I don't remember whether I saw Price in the Drug store or not. I don't know what Dr. Harmon was doing outside the store. I didn't see Dr. Harmon when we went to drench the hog. When I heard the gun shots, I next saw Dr. Harmon coming down the alley coming from the Drug store. He spoke to Mr. Ben and said: 'Ben, I am going home.' When I first saw Dr. Harmon after the shooting, he was just beyond the first automobile house. I didn't know what had happened till I got to Drug store and saw Mr. Callison. I saw Mr. Callison pick up the gun wad."

"When Dr. Harmon told me about drenching hog, he was at the chicken yard. When I went to get the salts, I left Dr. Harmon down at chicken yard. I next saw him when he was going home. Dr. Harmon was the only man I saw coming down the alley. I saw some gentlemen standing on rear of printing office. I don't know where Sinclair was when the shooting took place. We had drenched the hog about fifteen minutes before the shooting took place. I didn't see anyone with a gun. That looks like Dr. Harmon's gun."

"(Signed) Sam Perry."

Claud Hook, sworn, says:

"I saw Dr. Rice B. Harmon about three o'clock this afternoon, close to his gas tank. He had a shot gun in his hand. I heard the shots this afternoon. The shots were fired about fifteen minutes after I saw Dr. Harmon with gun."

"(Signed) C. A. Hook."

John Fox, sworn, says:

"I went over to Harmon Drug Store after the shooting this afternoon. I looked around the premises. I located a gun that looked like this one in shed of automobile shed—in back end of shed. I saw Mr. Callison take two shells out of it. I saw the wadding. I was there when we compared the shells. These look like the same shells that came out of gun. The automobile was in the shed. I don't know the gun here. I didn't examine the gun to see if it had been fresh shot."

"(Signed) John S. Fox."

P. H. Price, sworn says:

"I am a brother to the boy that was killed this afternoon. I know this gun; it is Dr. Harmon's. I have been hunting with him. I heard the shooting. I left the drug store to go to the postoffice. I left my brother in Drug store at soda fountain. I went back to Drug store from postoffice. I saw blood and went on to Mr. Taylor's place. I didn't know where Dr. Harmon was when I left to go to the post office."

"(Signed) P. H. Price."

Sinclair Waring, sworn, says:

"I haven't been drink—neither am I scared. I went to hog pen to carry

Local Talent February 14th

On Tuesday night, February 14th, the Ladies' School Improvement League of Lexington will furnish the pleasure seekers all the amusement they are looking for at the school auditorium when a minstrel show by local talent will be given. Practice has been going on for several weeks under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Carroll, and from past performances a show worth while can be depended upon.

The show is being given for the benefit of the school. The proceeds will be used to help pay for the heating plant recently installed, and it is up to the people of Lexington to turn out—to get your money's worth of entertainment and at the same time contribute something to a worthy cause. The "standing room only" sign should go up with the curtain next Tuesday night.

The show will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock. The price of admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Go yourself and tell others to go. Your money's worth is guaranteed in the way of amusement, and at the same time you benefit a worthy cause.

HONOR ROLL OF LEXINGTON SCHOOL

Below is given the Honor Roll of the Lexington high school for the month of January, 1922:

First grade—John Wingard, Martha E. Barr.

Advanced first grade—Thomas Adams, Marcesta Hook, Gretchen Miller, Gladys Nipper, Louise Paxton.

Second grade—Margaret Meetze, Ruby Callison, Dorothy Wingard, J. C. Shepherd, Jr., Sidney Lee Steele, Jr.

Third grade—Pernell DeVail, Virginia Harman, Myrtle Lybrand, Mildred Lybrand, Cornelle Roberts, Suddella Shealy, Flossie Sox, Lewis Steele.

Fourth grade—Zela Caughman, Grace Shealy, Margaret Oswald, Arthur Obenschain.

Fifth grade—Henry Jake Bickley, Evelyn Caughman, Catharine Caughman, Sara Dreher, Myrtle Wilkins, Helen Obenschain.

Sixth grade—Dorothy Oswald, Beulah Fox Wingard, Wise Caughman, Frank Powell.

Seventh grade—Vermelle Hendrix, Eleanor Shearouse.

Eighth grade—Section one: Ruth George, Minnie Rose Harman, Odelle Harman, Christopher Kaufman. Section two: Thelma Kleckley, Marion Roof, Sam Corley, Barringer Wingard.

Ninth grade—Ernestine Lorick.

Tenth grade—Edith Roof.

Miss Boozer's music class—Evelyn Caughman, Catherine Caughman, Beulah Fox Wingard, Margaret Oswald, Dorothy Oswald, Rhude Meetze, Ruth George, Anna Lee Corley.

Mrs. E. B. Roof's music class—Lena Belle Kleckley, Christopher Kaufman, Harold Smith, Vermelle Hendrix, Helen Obenschain, Sara Hampton Kaminer, Geraldine George.

CLERK SALES MONDAY.

Clerk of Court H. L. Harman had five tracts of land to offer for sale Monday, salesday, and each were bid in by the parties holding the mortgages.

Tyler Bros. & Reed vs. I. R. Jefcoat et al., 25 acres in Bull Swamp township, sold to Tyler Bros. for \$100.

Alice M. C. Scherer vs. John W. Sharpe, 75 acres in Platt Springs township, sold to C. M. Efrid, attorney, for \$200.

H. L. Harman as clerk of court vs. Azariah Taylor et al., 400 acres on North Edisto, sold to P. J. Mims for \$3,000.

Bank of Western Carolina vs. G. C. Wooten, et al., 46 acres near the township, sold to C. M. Efrid, attorney, for \$500.

Matthews & Bouknight Co. vs. David Jefcoat et al., 102 acres near Leesville, sold to Matthews & Bouknight for \$150.

GO TO HEAR SUNDAY.

A party of Lexingtonians motored to Spartanburg last Saturday to hear the noted evangelist, Billy Sunday. The party was composed of John T. Sox, Jesse Ballentine, Miss Cecil Barre, Miss Winnie Hartley and others. They returned Monday afternoon high in their praise of the Rev. Mr. Sunday, and report a pleasant trip.

College Play Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8 o'clock the Columbia college girls will present to the people of Lexington at the high school auditorium two short plays, "Our Aunt From California" and "The French Girl and the Phonograph." The entertainment is under the direction of Miss Marguerite Zimmerman of the expression department of Columbia college, and will be exactly the same as given at the college on December 5 last.

This entertainment has been scheduled to appear in Lexington on two former occasions, but due to inclement weather was postponed both times. Unless something unforeseen happens the play will be put on tomorrow night.

The last appearance here of the dramatic club is pleasantly remembered, and warrants the prediction that a full house will greet the girls tomorrow night. Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children and for students and school teachers. There will be no reserved seats.

OLIN M. PRICE BURIED FRIDAY

The funeral services of Olin M. Price, who was shot in the Harmon drug store and died a few minutes later in the undertaking establishment of Chas. E. Taylor last Thursday, were held Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at St. Stephen's Lutheran church, the services being conducted by the Rev. A. E. Obenschain, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Whitten. His body was interred in the church burying ground beside that of his wife, who died just two weeks before he was killed.

Mr. Price was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price of Lexington. Besides his parents he leaves a daughter, about five years old, and several brothers and sisters. He was 28 years old and had been a resident of Lexington for several years.

SANDY RUN DOTS.

We are having some rainy weather at this writing.

The social was enjoyed very much at Mr. L. G. Culler's Saturday night. Miss Helen Stabler spent Saturday night and Sunday at home.

Miss Mae Moit Stabler spent a few days last week with Mrs. Jake Hilderbrand.

Mr. L. G. Culler and family and Mrs. J. H. Jumper visited Mr. L. B. Furtick and family last Sunday.

Miss Annie Crim spent Wednesday night with Miss Rosa Belle Rucker.

Mr. Gary Rucker is all smiles; it's a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jumper spent Saturday with their prents near Gaston.

Miss Maggie Lou Rucker has been spending a while with her cousins, Misses Clara and Rosa Belle Rucker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jumper visited Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Culler Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jumper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jumper visited Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jumper Sunday afternoon.

Miss Sallie Carrie Culler was the guest of Misses Mae and Bessie Stabler Monday afternoon.

Mr. H. C. Stabler is all smiles; it's another girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hilderbrand and Miss Mae Moit Stabler were the guest of Mr. B. F. Jumper and family Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. A. Lucas spent a few days with Mrs. H. D. Stabler.

Mr. Collie Jumper and Mr. Leroy Hoffman were the guests of Miss Annie Crim Sunday.

Mr. Berbon Furtick was the guest of Miss Bessie Stabler Sunday evening.

Mrs. H. D. Stabler has been ill for the past few days. We are glad to know she is better.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

John Willis, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Wilson, died January 20, being only 49 days old.

Revenue Bills Are Meeting Opposition In State Senate

Columbia, Feb. 7.—When the legislature began work Tuesday on the fifth week of the session so much that must be accomplished remained to be done that all prospect of adjournment within the 40-day period went by the board. Of all the revenue measures which have passed the house, only two have succeeded in running the gauntlet of the senate. As the fifth week started the senate still had to act on the two corporation license tax bills, the income tax bill, the hydro-electric power tax bill, the bill taxing moving picture theatres and the luxury tax bill. This latter has not yet passed the house, being the only one of the new revenue measures to meet with opposition in the lower body. Determined opposition for all of the revenue bills is being encountered in the senate, however, and it appears likely that some of them may meet their Waterloo in the upper body. The income tax bill came from the finance committee Tuesday night with a divided report, the majority making several amendments, among which was the exemption of insurance companies from the provisions of the bill. A minority of the committee recommended that a reduction of 50 per cent, be made in the rates.

The income tax bill is closely modeled after the federal law and contains practically the same provisions as to exemptions, deductions and other details, the main difference being in the rates of taxation. Under the bill in its present shape every person who must make a return must pay a minimum tax of \$5.00 in addition to the other taxes levied. Single persons having an income of \$1,000 and married persons having an income of \$2,500 or more must make a return.

Amount of Tax.

The following table will give some idea of the rates which are levied under the bill in its present form:

Income.	Person.	Married Person.	Married with 3 Children.
\$1,500.00	15.00	0	0
2,000.00	25.00	0	0
2,500.00	35.00	0	0
3,000.00	45.00	15.00	0
3,500.00	55.00	25.00	0
4,000.00	65.00	35.00	11
5,000.00	85.00	55.00	31
10,000.00	385.00	355.00	319
20,000.00	985.00	955.00	919
50,000.00	2,785.00	2,755.00	2,718
100,000.00	5,785.00	5,755.00	5,719

The rate of tax on corporations is fixed at a flat 3 per cent. of net income.

What changes if any the senate will see fit to make in the rates remains to be seen. The fight on the bill will probably come on the question of rates. There appears little objection to the bill other than the rates, which some believe entirely too high. The so-called taxpayer convention

recommend a rate which will be just one-tenth of the federal rates, which it is estimated would yield only about \$500,000.00 revenue this year.

The present rates in the bill are estimated to raise about three times that much. The income tax measure is the chief reliance of those who have hopes of reducing the tax on general property. Under the plan proposed by them it will be the chief means of raising revenue for the state government.

No one yet knows what will be the final disposition of the gasoline and kerosene tax bill. It was passed by the house last year carrying a tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline, kerosene and lubricating oils. The senate raised the tax on gasoline to two cents and eliminated kerosene and other oils. The bill has been sent back to the house. It will probably have to be threshed out on free conference.

Other Measures.

There are numerous other important measures on the calendars of both houses, some of which will doubtless be left unacted upon. The bill fixing the hours of cotton mill employees at 55 per week has been passed by the house and is now before the senate. The bill which abolished the present railroad commission, or rather added four new members to the railroad commission, allowing the old members to serve out their present terms, but adding four new members, to be elected by the legislature, was passed by the senate, and is now before the house. The present railroad commission and the public service commission are combined under the terms of the bill.

Several bills are now before both bodies having to do with the state highway department. Opposition to the highway department, however, is expected to take a little different turn since the resignation Tuesday of Mr. Moorfield, chief engineer. Friends of the department are hoping that Mr. Moorfield's resignation will clarify the atmosphere considerably and that attempts to abolish the department will not hereafter be pushed with such vigor.

Another important measure is a bill to provide a suitable body to take over the Columbia canal as soon as the litigation concerning this important property has come to a close, which is expected to be at a very early date. The present canal commission, which has practically succeeded in recovering the canal from the state, will have ended its work with the termination of the suit for recovery. The legislature must designate some body to take over and administer the property when it comes into possession of the state. There ought to be considerable revenue to be derived from the canal.

The legislature will probably be in session until some time in March.

INTERESTING PHASES OF CLUB WORK

Clemson College, Feb. 2.—The annual report of L. L. Baker, supervising agent of boys' club work, for 1921 shows some interesting phases of decided educational value, such as community organization, encampments and short courses, exhibits at state and county fairs, dealings with banks, the use of purebred seed and purebred animals, etc., things which make club work worth while, regardless of the monetary value of club work.

The community club method of conducting boys' club work was tried out for the first time in 1921 and proved a most satisfactory method from all angles, particularly because of its educational effect upon the members in training them to transact their own affairs and learn the value of cooperation. There were 4 community clubs, with a total membership of 741. These clubs held 245 meetings carrying out monthly programs and instructions furnished by club leaders. The wisdom of the community club plan is borne out by the returns of county agents, the most efficient work having been done in those counties which have had community organizations.

There were ten short courses and encampments combining instruction and pleasure, attended by 370 club members. The number of exhibits at

fairs was 31, the prizes won totaling \$1350 on crop exhibits and \$1600 on animal exhibits, or a total of \$2950 in prizes.

As an illustration of business methods learned by club members, money was borrowed by members for club work from 32 banks, the total amount being \$480. There were 450 club members having their own bank accounts in conducting their club work.

The value of purebred seed and purebred stock was taught the club members by the county agents and club leaders, and 500 purebred pigs, 280 good grade pigs, and 28 purebred calves were distributed to members. Seventy bushels of purebred seed corn were used by club members, 420 of whom planted catch crops for soil improvement.

PREACHING AT PILGRIM.

Divine services will be held at Pilgrim church on Sunday, February 12, at 11 a. m. The sermon will be preached by one of the Theological professors from the Lutheran seminary at Columbia. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A regular show at the school auditorium Tuesday night, February 14! Be there!

Attend the big minstrel at the school house on February 14, and take your friends with you.