

## **Newt Holland Killed Near Hugo Sunday**

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Preliminary hearing for W.E. "Billy" Chambers, living five miles northwest of Hugo, who Sunday noon shot and killed Newton Holland, Hugo barber, will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning in the court of County Judge N.C. Bonds.

Chambers, former deputy sheriff and constable, surrendered to Sheriff A.M. Spear, shortly after noon Sunday and is being held in county jail pending preliminary hearing. A score of persons Monday offered to make bond for Chambers, but bail can not be fixed until after the preliminary trial.

Holland was riddled with steel jacketed bullets from a 38 calibre [sic] automatic when Chambers came upon Holland in company with Nina Mansell, who lives near Chambers. The shooting occurred near the Maxwell school house six miles northeast of Hugo. Holland and the Mansell girl were said to have been returning from Sunday school when Chambers met them.

The shooting is said to have been caused by Holland showing attention to Evelyn Chambers, 18 year old daughter of W.E. Chambers. Holland had been going with the girl for about four months and Chambers had warned him two or three times that unless he stopped, he was going to kill him, according to officers.

The Chambers girl had started to go driving with Holland and the Mansell girl Sunday but a brother kept her from going, it was said.

Holland was struck by nine bullets, two taking effect in the breast causing almost instant death. The Mansell girl was struck in the arm by a stray bullet but the wound is not serious.

Newton Holland had been living in Hugo for about 15 years, having either operated or worked in barber shops during practically all of the time. He has a divorced wife who is now living in Tulsa. Holland had two children, Newton, Jr., 14 years old, who lived here with his father and another son, 12 years old, who lives with his mother. - Hugo News.