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## Chief-of-Police J. H. Howell Died Wednesday

Had Been An Efficient Officer of Selma For Past Three Years—Remains Taken to Goldsboro, His Former Home, For Interment.

Chief-of-Police J. H. Howell died at his home here last night at 8:30 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis on Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Chief Howell was sitting in the town clerk's office warming after his return from a trip to Smithfield only a short time before. Policeman J. L. Gurley entered the office, and noticing that Chief Howell did not look exactly right, asked him if he was feeling badly, but got no reply. He then noticed that his right arm and leg were quivering whereupon he went to him and caught him by the shoulders and continued to question him, but still got no reply. Chief Howell would turn his head and look at him as though he understood his questions but not the slightest motion of the lips was noticed which would indicate an attempt to speak. Mr. M. R. Wall, city clerk, went immediately for a doctor and secured Dr. Geo. D. Vick who was on the scene, and after pricking the skin of his right leg and foot with a needle, pronounced it paralysis. The deceased was then moved to his home here where he remained in an absolutely helpless condition until the end came. So far as we know, he never spoke any more after the stroke.

Chief Howell came to Selma from Goldsboro about three years ago when the town Commissioners wanted a man as Chief-of-Police. Knowing Chief Howell and something of his work as a law enforcement officer, they congratulated themselves upon being able to secure his services for that important post in the town's government. It is needless to say that Chief Howell measured up well to their almost expectations, for his tact in handling the breakers of the law with a mild and friendly way, yet with the full force and spirit of the law, has not only made warm friends of peace-makers but of the law-breakers alike.

The deceased is survived by his wife and three children, as follows: Mrs. W. A. Hinton and Miss Estelle Howell, of Selma, and Mr. Richard Howell, of Goldsboro. He leaves one half-sister, Mrs. John Phelps, also of Selma.

The deceased was 55 years of age. A short funeral service was conducted from the home here this afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Elder John Gardner, of Goldsboro, assisted by Rev. D. F. Waddell of the local Presbyterian church, and Rev. L. T. Singleton, of the local Methodist church, after which the remains were taken to Goldsboro where interment was made in the city cemetery.

The active pallbearers were: Carl Worley, Mayor W. W. Hare, E. J. Sasser, Ed Creech, Dan M. Hayes and Policeman J. L. Gurley.

The Honorary pallbearers were: Rev. L. T. Singleton, C. P. Harper, A. J. Holliday, Dr. J. B. Person and Dr. E. N. Booker, Rev. D. F. Waddell.

All business houses were closed during the funeral hour through respect to the town's popular chief.

## OUTER BANKS SUFFER WORST STORM IN YEARS

Morehead City, March 7.—Ocracoke Island and the outer banks of the Carolina coast experienced the worst storm in many years Sunday when a southeast hurricane which changed to a southwest 64-mile-an-hour gale struck between Cape Lookout and Cape Hatteras. It is believed no lives were lost. Property loss by home owners and fishermen will run into thousands of dollars. Home owners lost their gardens and their fences. Their front yards were washed out and had not the shifting wind cut down the sea tide that washed across the island many a home would have been washed away. At Ocracoke a half dozen small boats and one two-masted bug eye were destroyed in the storm or washed ashore. At Hatteras the mail boat was washed ashore and all along the coast, scores of small

## Pritchard Contest Soon To Be Taken Up

Senator Shontridge, Chairman of Committee In Charge, Returns After Illness. More Facts May Be Sought.

Washington, March 7.—Senator Shontridge, of California, was back in the senate today after an illness of two or three weeks duration. The senator is chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, and expects to call a meeting of his committee at an early date to consider the contest brought by George M. Pritchard against Senator Bailey.

At the last meeting of the committee the claim was made that the petition filed by Mr. Pritchard was inadequate, that the alleged facts set out do not warrant the senate in spending further time and money on the contest. The case was referred back to the committee at the instance of Senator Robinson, Democratic leader in the senate, and as a result of this and other developments the friends of Senator Bailey have been inclined to the belief that the senate would decline to take the case seriously in the future, and would spend no money in prosecuting the inquiry, although attorneys for Mr. Pritchard have contended that they had made out a more convincing preliminary case than had former Senator Heflin and his friends, who have secured from the Hastings subcommittee a report holding that there was no senatorial election in Alabama in 1930, and that for this reason the election should be declared null and void, that the seat should be declared vacant.

The attorneys for Mr. Pritchard have also made the point that if their petition is inadequate in any respect the deficiency can be easily remedied and that there was a report today that this would be done, that an amended petition would be filed.

These election contests, whether in the house or senate, are regarded as quasi, judicial in character, but nevertheless it is difficult to prosecute such an inquiry with entire freedom from partisan political consideration, and the final voting on such propositions is apt to run along political lines. When the senate met today Senator Robinson directed attention to a report in an Alabama paper telling how a group of Republican regulars had assembled for dinner at the home of Senator Hastings, upon which occasion the report of the subcommittee was agreed upon, which was adverse to Senator Bankhead, who was allowed to take his seat when the senate convened, with the understanding that the senate would later seek to determine what had happened when Mr. Bankhead claimed the election over Mr. Heflin by a majority of 50,000.

The report in the Alabama paper concerning the Hastings dinner gave Senator Robinson a pain, and he declared it would be bad business for Democrats, Republicans and Progressives if such judicial questions were to be determined by groups meeting at the homes of members. He said if the Democrats got control of the senate, and he remained in a position of responsibility, such improper things would not be permitted to occur.

Senator Hastings got to his feet as was expected of him, and explained that it was indeed true that he had entertained some friends at dinner, the family and the cook being willing, and he did not believe in so doing he had transgressed the proprieties. Senator Hastings explained that he had felt himself in need of advice, that as chairman of the subcommittee in charge of the Alabama contest he had been obliged to digest thousands of pages of testimony, and he felt the need of counsel and light.

As a good many people have guessed would be the case, the three Republicans of the subcommittee voted for Heflin, they having decided that no senatorial election had really been held in Alabama, while the two Democratic members voted for Bankhead, and could see nothing in particular wrong with the manner of holding the aforesaid election. Besides, Senator Hastings had been grieved by a rumor that the Democratic leaders of the senate had met—this time it was alleged luncheon—and had decided to seat Mr. Bankhead permanently, whatever the evidence might disclose. Senator Robinson denied that

## Storm Damage Was Heavy Last Sunday

Eastern Part of State Along Water Coast Suffers Most. Severe Gales Carry Away Boats, Bridges and Other Craft.

While various agencies sought to estimate damage done by storms in the State over the week-end, crippled communications were being repaired hurriedly yesterday so the extent of winter's first blow might be known.

The coast of North Carolina was virtually isolated last night but bits of news filtered in from points still in contact with the remainder of the state.

Gales that whipped seas into a fury damaged coastal highways, ferries, water craft and causeways, and last night three coast guardsmen out in a picket boat on Oregon Inlet were still unreported.

Captain N. B. Hodges and a crew of five men were rescued from the Washington, N. C., oyster sloop Mildred Hodges, after they had spent Sunday night wrapped in sails with freezing water breaking over them.

The craft stranded near the mouth of the Pasquotank River, then dragged anchor and a stake stove a hole in the ship's bottom. All suffered from exposure.

At Nag's head it was reported the steamboat dock and three cottages were destroyed; water stood three feet deep in Manteo's street and damage to store stocks was heavy.

Steamship service from Elizabeth City to Manteo was suspended. Terminals of Mann's Harbor and East Lake ferry were swept away and the ferry was damaged.

The beach highway and the causeway from Nag's Head to Roanoke Island was damaged approximately \$150,000, it was reported.

A bus was able to make a round trip to Manteo late yesterday for the first time since the storm. Passengers reported water which had filled the town's streets was receding.

Several fishing boats were swept from their moorings and reported missing, all piers and wharves at the town were washed away, and a 100-foot barge stranded.

Slight damage was reported from Perquimans and Chowan counties with the exception of several automobiles capsizing on the Edentown, Elizabeth City highway.

Damage to fisheries, excluding Dare county, was estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

The storm began Saturday night and reached intense proportions during Sunday. Snow fell in many places and abundant rain was recorded. Winds over virtually the entire State reached high velocities.

For the first time this winter, thermometers went below freezing in almost every section of the State. Yesterday low temperatures were still being recorded in many cities over the State with forecasts for last night and today of freezing temperatures but cloudless skies.

In Dare county, practically all nets set out by fishermen were swept away. Damage was estimated at \$250,000 and fishing operations were suspended.—News and Observer, March 7th.

## MISS GOW'S MOVES OF THREE YEARS AGO INVESTIGATED

Vancouver, B. C., March 9.—At the request of New Jersey authorities, Royal Canadian mounted police today questioned persons believed acquainted with Betty Gow, nursemaid for the kidnaped child of Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh.

Betty Gow was said by police to have been a visitor here three years ago.

The election case had been considered at a social gathering of his colleagues, whereupon Senator Hastings said he stood corrected, and obviously relieved to hear that the Robinson luncheon had been kept on a high plane.

There is a good deal of guessing as to how this Heflin-Bankhead case will wind up. Some friends of Senator Bankhead said today much would depend upon the attitude of the progressive group, and these members have thus far kept their own counsel. There is a report that two Democrats will vote to declare the Alabama seat vacant.

## March Term Criminal Court Is Underway

Two Weeks Term Began Monday, With Hon. Clayton Moore, Special Judge Presiding—Hon. W. C. Harris To Preside Next Week.

The March term of Johnston County Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, began last Monday, with Hon. Clayton Moore, Special Judge of North Carolina, presiding over the first week's session. Hon. W. C. Harris, Judge of Superior Courts of North Carolina, will preside over the second week's sessions. Hon. Clawson L. Williams, Solicitor of the Fourth Judicial District, was present and prosecuting on the part of the State.

The jurors for the term are as follows:

**First Week.**  
Aquila Byrd, Herman Johnson, Ayden Lassiter, C. H. Wellons, Willie Grady, W. V. Massengill, Paul A. Johnson, D. A. Austin, J. W. Parrish, Walter P. Brown, J. J. Massengill, P. L. Barnes, Robt. L. Powell, J. C. Evans, Conary Stanley, Turner Vinson, D. E. Adams, G. L. Hinnant, H. T. Boyette, H. E. Mitchener, Luby Batten, Hugh Ragsdale, R. A. Daughtry, Douglas Wall, J. D. Lassiter, Matt R. Johnson, James A. Johnson, Perry Allen, C. M. Hardee, Lester Hales, J. S. Richardson, G. Hobert Lee, W. E. Norris, D. C. Adams, W. H. Turlington, W. L. Ellis, H. W. Creech, R. B. Strickland, Delno Coats, Z. T. Bissette, Norman Langston, L. T. Ogburn.

**Second Week.**  
Wissie Boykin, J. V. Lassiter, M. L. Marler, C. A. Johnson, Seba Creech, J. L. Ogburn, G. F. Vinson, Jesse H. Austin, J. T. Barnes, Geo. R. Langston, Jack B. Wooten, D. H. Price, A. E. Boykin, Edgar Barbour, A. W. Massengill, J. Willard Corbett, A. L. Faulkner, J. Clyde Futrell, J. M. Stephenson, Jr., C. D. Kirby, Paul E. Johnson, T. C. Baker, John P. Stephenson, Simon Allen.

**Grand Jury (Six Months) Beginning March 7, 1932.**

J. W. Parrish, Benson, Foreman; W. E. Norris, Benson, Route One; R. A. Daughtry, Smithfield, R. 2; Robt. L. Powell, Smithfield, R. 1; Matt R. Johnson, Benson, Route 1; Turner Vinson, Clayton; Douglas Wall, Clayton, Route 2; Candyard Stanley, Four Oaks; W. H. Turlington, Benson; W. V. Massengill, Four Oaks, Route 2; D. C. Adams, Four Oaks, Route 2; Willie Grady, Smithfield; W. L. Ellis, Smithfield; Paul A. Johnson, Smithfield, Route 1; J. D. Lassiter, Wilson's Mills, R. 1; P. L. Barnes, Smithfield, Route 2; Herman Johnson, Smithfield, R. 1; C. H. Wellons, Four Oaks.

**Jurors Excused.**  
J. C. Eason, out of county.  
Jas. A. Johnson, dead.  
G. Hobart Lee, out of county.  
Ayden Lassiter, teacher.  
Court then got under way and the following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Arthur Haynes, violation of the prohibition law. Judgment of former term stricken out. Case dismissed. No cost to attach.

State vs. Claude Dixon, assault. Remanded to Recorder's Court.

State vs. Bonnie Sanders, violation of prohibition law. Called and failed. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias. Capias instanter.

State vs. Gaston Everette. Called and failed. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias instanter.

State vs. T. E. Talton, fornication and adultery. Called and failed. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias. Continued.

State vs. E. V. Alphin, violation of prohibition law. Continued under former order.

State vs. W. O. Hicks, for non-support. Capias instanter. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias.

State vs. Osborne Starling, for larceny. True bill. Motion to calendar for Wednesday, March 9, 1932, and to consolidate with case of State vs. Lester Capps, and so ordered. Capias instanter.

State vs. Herdie Temple, white farmer, aged 25, for assault with deadly weapon. Enter plea of nolo contendere. Discharged upon payment of cost, \$40.09.

State vs. James Terry, colored

farmer, aged 25, for assault with deadly weapon. Assault made of Joel B. Lee. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Jury sworn and empaneled. Verdict: Guilty of assault with deadly weapon. Judgment: Defendant to be confined to jail for 18 months and assigned to work public roads.

State vs. Lassiter or Lester Capps for larceny of lamps, pans, and basins in Bizzle Grove Church. A true bill.

State vs. Jasper Wood, for assault with deadly weapon on T. C. McLamb. A true bill.

State vs. John Brinson and Geo. Parker. Larceny of automobile. Plead not guilty. True bill. Jury sworn and empaneled. Verdict as to John Brinson: Guilty of larceny and receiving (auto). Judgment: Defendant to be confined in jail for 12 months and assigned to work on public roads. Verdict as to Geo. Parker: Guilty of an attempt to steal an auto. Judgment: Defendant to go to jail for six months and work on public roads. Sentence suspended for 2 years during good behavior, upon payment of cost.

State vs. Howard Godwin, Alton Godwin, and S. C. Godwin, for house-breaking and larceny. A true bill. Property of Bat McLamb.

State vs. Howard Godwin, S. C. Godwin, Alton Godwin, and Floyd Lee. House-breaking and larceny. A true bill. Property of N. H. Benson.

Due to conflict of courts in this district, Hon. W. C. Harris, one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of North Carolina, is unable to hold the term of Superior Court for this county, beginning March 7, 1932, and Governor O. Max Gardner has commissioned Hon. Clayton Moore to preside over the entire term of this Superior Court.

State vs. Victor Harbour, white farmer, aged 19. House breaking and larceny. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Jury sworn and empaneled. At the close of evidence offered by the State, the defendant went on the stand and certain admissions made by him resulted in a verdict against him of receiving stolen property amounting in value to less than \$20.00. Judgment: A twelve months road sentence, suspended during good behavior for two years, upon payment of cost, and defendant may have until December term, 1932 to pay cost.

State vs. Mansley Beasley, Milton Beasley, and Alton Barefoot. Assault with deadly weapons. Date December 24th and 25th, 1931. Jury sworn and empaneled. At close of evidence each defendant entered a plea of guilty. Judgment: On the count of forcible trespass, defendants to pay cost and a fine of \$75.00 each. On the count of assault with deadly weapon, each defendant given suspended road sentence of eight months during good behavior for two years, provided they pay fine and cost by December, 1932 term of court.

State vs. Arthur (Monk) Haynes. Order: This cause coming on to be heard upon motion of J. W. Moore, bondsman, to be discharged from the judgment heretofore ordered upon ni si duly issued and it appearing to the court that the defendant was thereafter again placed under bond and attended court for trial of his case, which was continued by the State, and that the defendant is now serving a sentence imposed by the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, it is ordered that J. W. Moore is discharged from said bond and judgment thereon. Clerk of court directed to cancel judgment.

State vs. C. H. Daughtry, forgery. Defendant pleaded guilty.

State vs. Lawrence McLamb. Nol pros with leave. No cost will attach against county.

State vs. Felix Woody, violating auto laws. Clawson Williams, Esq., for State; E. J. Wellons, Esq., for defendant. Jury sworn and empaneled. After deliberating about three hours the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Heated by electricity, a new portable device has been invented to steam upholstery, clean clothing and exterminate insects.