

GILLIAM HELD UNDER \$8000 BOND

FOR ATTACK ON C. HAYWOOD HARPER

PRELIMINARY HEARING BEFORE RECORDER TUESDAY

Hat Plays Big Part in Evidence; One Witness Said He Went To Harpers With Defendant; W. L. Lumpkin Assisted Chas. P. Green in Prosecution; Yarborough & Yarborough and T. P. Gholson Represent Defendant

Following a lengthy and interesting hearing in Franklin Recorder's Court here on Tuesday morning, Judge Hamilton Hobgood held probable cause was established by the State against William C. Gilliam for assault with a deadly weapon and attempt at robbery on C. Haywood Harper at the latter's home in Cedar Rock township in June of this year and ordered him held in a bond of \$8,000. The State was represented by Prosecuting Attorney Chas. P. Green, assisted by Sen. W. L. Lumpkin by private prosecution and the defendant was represented by Yarborough & Yarborough, and T. P. Gholson, of Henderson.

The evidence of Harper, the prosecuting witness, was amusing as well as showing a serious offense had been committed. He told how he was called out at night to get medicine for a sick child of a tenant and while he was getting it felt a pistol punching him in his side. He turned to see a masked man who demanded his money. He grabbed the gun, they tussled, the robber beat him over the head with some instrument until he was unconscious. He came to on the porch where his money was again demanded, struck again and left for dead. In the mean time his aged mother came to his rescue without results and she left the house at the request of Harper to save her life. He told of leaving the house, being brought to the doctor and returning. He could not identify anyone. Cross examination by Gholson brought some laughter but no damage to his testimony.

W. O. Stone stated he found a hat and saw blood on the floor of the room and on the porch, identified hat and said he gave it to Sheriff Moore. He had Sheriff Moore called before he went in house. Sheriff Moore told of being called by P. E. Dean for Mr. Stone and that Stone who was at the Harper home gave him the hat, and that he had kept the hat himself. A picture was called for but not admitted to evidence.

Edgar Gilliam, understood to be a cousin of the defendant, stated in effect on examination that he took Gilliam to Harper's, then went down the road, returned and picked him up and drove away. He also stated that William Gilliam took his (Edgar's) hat when he got out of the car to go to the Harper home. He identified the hat as his.

The cross examination of Stone, Sheriff Moore and Edgar Gilliam by Gholson failed to break down the evidence by the State sufficient to convince Judge Hobgood there was no probable cause.

At this point the State rested its case and the defense did not offer any evidence. The only argument before the Court being as to the size of the bond.

The case was sent over to Franklin Criminal Superior Court which convenes on February 5th, 1940, and Gilliam was returned to jail in default of bond.

Dim Your Lights

State Highway Patrolmen of this district have been instructed to enforce strictly the law requiring that motorists dim their lights when passing other cars, Sergeant R. S. Harris, of Durham, district commander, said this week.

Persons involved in a number of accidents recently have claimed they were blinded by lights of passing automobiles, Sergeant Harris said. He said the 1939 legislature passed a law requiring that lights be dimmed.

The sergeant pointed out patrolmen will have a hard job enforcing the law. The officers must turn and give chase after meeting a motorist who did not dim his lights.

FOR GOVERNOR Christmas For Every One In Franklin County



HON. J. M. BROUGHTON

"I will be a candidate for Governor of North Carolina in the Democratic Primary next May", states Mr. Broughton, of Raleigh. In making this announcement he goes on to say:

"In entering this campaign I do so upon my own initiative and responsibility and not as the candidate of any group, bloc or political faction. My candidacy will be addressed to all Democrats in the State. If nominated and elected, I will be under no obligation except to serve the people of North Carolina to the best of my ability.

"It will be my purpose during the campaign next spring to discuss fully the issues that may arise upon all public questions in which the people are interested. I plan to speak in every county in the State, so that the people may have opportunity to hear my views on these questions and pass upon my qualifications for this high office. While it is not feasible this far in advance of the campaign to discuss in detail all public questions that may concern the people of the State, I would be unwilling to make an announcement for the office of Governor without at least stating in general my views on essential matters of government.

"I have no panaceas to offer, no magic formulas to propose. Sound government is the best liberalism; sane progress is the best conservatism."

The following facts about Mr. Broughton's life and history will, no doubt, be interesting to many: Full name: Joseph Melville Broughton (given name 'Melville' Broughton, and called 'Mel' by his intimate friends). Born in Raleigh, N. C., November 17, 1888. Son of the late J. M. Broughton and Sally Harris Broughton, and a nephew of the late Needham B. Broughton.

Attended public schools of Raleigh and the Hugh Morson Academy in Raleigh. Graduated at Wake Forest College in 1910.

Principal of Buhr High School, Franklin County, 1910 to 1912. Reporter on staff of Winston-Salem Journal during spring and summer of 1912.

Special course in law at Harvard Law School, 1912-1913. Engaged in general practice of law at Raleigh continuously since 1914.

1914-1916 Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Wake County.

1918 President Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

1921-1924, City Attorney of Raleigh.

1922-1929 Member Raleigh School Board.

Member of State Senate from Wake County in the session of 1927, and again in the session of 1929.

President Wake County Bar Association, 1933.

President North Carolina Bar Association, 1936.

Keynote Speaker Democratic State Convention, 1936.

Presidential Elector at Large in 1936 election.

Member of Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College continuously since 1918, and member of Board of Trustees of Olivia Roney Public Library of Raleigh continuously since 1920.

Superintendent Tabernacle Baptist Sunday School of Raleigh continuously since 1918; and teacher of men's Bible Class in that Church for the last 15 years.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session on Dec. 8th, 1939, at 7:30 P. M. All members of the Board were present except W. G. Lancaster.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. The monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Chief of Police were read and approved.

A request was received from the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce to decorate a community Christmas tree that is to be placed on the Court House Square. This request was approved.

The Board let the contract for completing the plumbing in the Armory Building, for the sum of \$175.00.

The Board approved the purchase of 3,000 two-cent window envelopes.

Supt. Harkins was instructed to install a street light on the South end of Kenmore Avenue.

After approving a number of accounts for payment, the meeting was adjourned.

Murphy To Seek Eure's Job

Walter "Pete" Murphy, of Salisbury, 67-year-old veteran of 14 legislative sessions formally announced Friday that he would seek Democratic nomination for secretary of state in the 1940 primaries.

Thad Eure, the incumbent, has let it be known he would seek reelection, but has set no date for a formal announcement.

Murphy said he had many letters urging him to run for the office.

U. N. C. Graduate Active in fraternal circles, Murphy has also been president and secretary of University of North Carolina, alumni. He received his law degree at Carolina in 1894, and has been a member of the board of trustees of the school since 1903.

Known all over the state as "Pete" Murphy was born in Salisbury in October 1872. He served his first term in the General Assembly in 1897, was speaker of the House during a special session in 1914 and in the regular assembly of 1917.

Between terms in the House, he served as reading clerk of the Senate in 1899. He was a member of the 1939 Legislature.

NO FIRE, BUT SMOKE

Quite a bit of excitement was in evidence about 9 o'clock Sunday night when the fire alarm was turned in from the Bank building on the corner of Main and Nash Streets. Upon investigation by the Fire Department it was found that the building was full of smoke caused, no doubt, from the janitor building a heavy fire in the furnace without opening the damper, causing the fire to become smothered.

The condition was first discovered by Mr. Chas. P. Green when he went to his office. Mr. R. W. Smithwick, owner of the building, was soon on the scene and reports no particular damage.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Young People of the Episcopal Church wish to extend to everyone a cordial invitation to their Christmas pageant, "The Holy Nativity," on Friday evening, December 22nd, at 8 o'clock. Several solos will be rendered in connection with this pageant which depicts the birth of Our Lord.

This invitation is extended to the entire public.

AN UNINVITED VISITOR

Some unknown person visited the Chamber of Commerce offices over the City Barber Shop Tuesday night and took with them some personal belongings of the Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Malone. The officers have not reported an arrest yet, but a close check-up is being made.

MILLS SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS

It is reported that Mills School will close on Tuesday afternoon of next week to observe the Christmas holidays. It will reopen after the holidays on Tuesday, January 2, 1940.

TOBACCO MARKET

The Louisburg tobacco market will close for the holidays at the completion of the sales today. The sales the past week have been very satisfactory.

COLLEGE WILL CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

According to announcement the Louisburg College will close on Saturday to observe the Christmas holidays. It will reopen to resume its work on the morning of January 3rd.

REV. H. I. GLASS AT METHODIST CHURCH

The new Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District will be at the Methodist Church Sunday morning for his first sermon in the Louisburg church. The public is cordially invited to be present at this quarterly occasion.

Quarterly conference will be held immediately after the preaching hour.

All other services of the day will be held at the accustomed time.

GOTTON ELECTION CARRIES

The exact figures have not yet been given out but it is understood the Cotton Control election held here on Saturday was carried favorably by an extra large majority. Quite a large vote was cast and the results show the growers control minded.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

To Be Held on Court House Square Sunday Afternoon At 4:30—Public Invited

Plans for the Community Christmas Service to be held Sunday, Dec. 17th at 4:30 o'clock on the Courthouse Square are complete. This service is under the auspices of all our churches and the Christmas Carols will be led by all the choirs in Louisburg, under the direction of Mr. I. D. Moon. To make this a real White Christmas Service with gifts of every kind for our needy the cooperation and presence of every person, children as well as grown ones, will be needed and it is hoped that the spirit of this service will linger on through all our Christmas festivities.

There are twenty-five opportunities in our Louisburg district, some of which have already been taken. If you wish to have one of these opportunities call the Chamber of Commerce office or go by and select a family that you are particularly interested in. The gifts from our service will all be kept in one central place and will go to supplement boxes and take care of those who will not have Christmas without our help.

Representatives from every organization in town will take part in the distribution of these gifts.

Take part in this Community Christmas and keep in mind the time and place for our Sunday Service and come with your gift, whether big or small.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held a most unusual interesting session on Tuesday. The hearing of William C. Gilliam for assault on C. H. Harper and attempted robbery drew quite a large crowd. He was held for higher Court under an \$8000 bond. Other cases on the docket were disposed of as follows:

Lit Alston, unlawful possession of whiskey, paid in full.

P. L. Horton, operating motor vehicle without drivers license, judgment suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and costs.

D. L. Arnold, reckless driving, not guilty.

Freddie Priett, reckless driving, not guilty.

Vance Snow, operating automobile intoxicated, nolle pros with leave.

William Mathews, operating automobile intoxicated, nolle pros with leave.

William F. Hunter, abandonment and non support, guilty, prayer for judgment continued, upon payment of costs and \$60 and \$12 per month thereafter.

Dave Sturdivant, Maurice Sturdivant larceny and receiving, jury trial requested, continued.

Jim Ayscue, larceny and receiving, jury trial requested, continued.

Julian Smith, larceny and receiving, jury trial requested, continued.

Leslie Pearce, larceny and receiving, jury trial requested, continued.

William Gilliam, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill and attempted robbery, probable cause found, sent to Superior Court, bond fixed at \$8000.

The following cases were continued: Thomas D. Griffin, operating automobile intoxicated.

Murman McKnight, unlawful possession of whiskey.

Jerry Cooke, assault with deadly weapon.

Henry Dubston, forcible trespass.

Ollie Roberts, trespass.

Stewart Davis, bastardy.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION CONTEST

The Louisburg Garden Club is sponsoring a display of Christmas table arrangement, swags, wreaths, packages, doorway, decorated cookies, cake, and candies in White's Furniture Store, Tuesday afternoon, December 19th, from 3 o'clock to 10.

Everyone, (whether a member of the Garden Club or not), is invited to enter as many ideas as possible.

Blue and Red ribbon will be awarded by the Judges, who will render their decision at 1 o'clock the same afternoon.

The public is invited to visit the display. There will not be any admission fee, but a silver donation will be received at the door.

All are urged to participate. Don't fail to come and exchange your Christmas ideas with your friends.

If you will enter some feature of the contest please notify either Miss Susie Meadows or Mrs. Edward Griffin at your earliest convenience.

WAR IN EUROPE

Geneva, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—The League of Nations, prepared today to condemn Russia as an aggressor and to organize aid for invaded Finland after receiving a curt Soviet refusal to consider mediation of the Russo-Finnish conflict.

The Russian reply to a League "ultimatum" demanding that Russia withdraw from Finland and enter peaceful negotiations for settlement of the dispute was signed by Premier and Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov and was received just before midnight, the "deadline" fixed by the League.

The League, impotent to really punish Russia, today will hear formal denunciation of the Soviet as an aggressor and a demand that she be expelled from League membership.

Possible Procedure
This will be the League's probable procedure:

1. The committee of 13 named to act on the Finnish war will report to the assembly at 10 a. m., Russia's refusal to discuss mediation, and present the assembly with its reports on the dispute.

2. Assembly members then will discuss the Russian invasion and suggest possible League action.

3. The assembly will refer the matter back to the Committee of 13, which in turn will entrust to a new drafting committee the task of drafting recommendations. This committee probably will propose recommendations denouncing Russia as an aggressor and urging all possible aid for Finland.

The full assembly will debate the committee recommendations and approve or reject them by majority vote.

5. If the recommendations specify expulsion for Russia and are passed by a simple majority of the assembly, then by League procedure they will go to the League's Council, or executive committee. Unanimous vote of the council is necessary for expulsion.

Sentiment remained almost unanimous in favor of Finland and for condemnation of Russia, but the delegates are widely divided on the best method by which this sentiment may be expressed officially.

RUSSIA CURTLY REFUSES TO BEGIN PEACE TALK

Moscow, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Russia early today curtly rejected the "invitation" of the League of Nations to cease hostilities in Finland and begin peace talks under League auspices.

Premier and Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov addressed a formal reply to the League's telegraphed proposal to the president of the League's special committee set up to deal with the Finnish war.

He said the Soviet government declined to accept the League's offer to discuss the Finnish question, and referred the committee to his letter of last week to Joseph A. C. Avenol, Secretary-General of the League.

Helsinki, Dec. 12.—Finnish troops and airplanes smashed a large-scale Russian offensive today, a Finnish communique reported, wiping out "three enemy battalions" and leaving "hundreds of the fallen enemy lying before our positions."

The Russians were repulsed with "tremendous losses" in hard fighting on a 200-mile front from the Karelian Isthmus to Tolva-Jarvi, about 75 miles north of Lake Ladoga, the Finns said.

At the same time, a report from the Finnish post of Mantyluoto said the 2,217-ton German freighter Bohelina had been sunk in the Gulf of Bothnia by a submarine. Several of 29 survivors insisted that the submarine was Russian, although there was no positive identification.

The captain, second officer and radio operator were killed by shell fire. Survivors said the submarine tossed 15 shells into the vessel.

The Finnish military communique indicated that today's fighting was some of the most severe since the war started.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Great Britain and France disclosed today a financial alliance to last until six months after they make a peace with Germany.

This money partnership, hailed by a French finance ministry spokesman as "the strongest accord in history between two governments," was announced in Paris and London at the moment people of the Allied nations were hearing that British troops had won their first direct engagement on the Western Front.

Military dispatches said the British threw back three waves of German troops Sunday in an attack south of Buschdorf, in the Moselle valley region. The German losses were reported to have been severe. None was reported by the British.

The financial accord was signed on December 4 when Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, was in Paris, and was announced today by Sir John and

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.
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