

Flag Is Presented To Bolivia School

The Bolivia High School received a most welcome gift from the Fort Johnson Council, J. O. number 27, Southport, a "Flag" of which the school was in great need. It was presented by one of the members, Rev. J. D. Withrow.

It is a glorious gift which will be respected and honored by the Bolivia School children. They are proud to say that once more they can enjoy seeing "Old Glory," waving and swaying in the breeze.

Editor's Note:—This report was written by Virginia Clemmons, seventh grade student. Several reports were received from members of the Bolivia seventh grade class, and this one was chosen over several other very good articles.

The decrepit car drove up to the toll bridge. "Fifty cents," cried the gate-man. "Sold," cried the driver.

Comstock Stops Over Here Sunday

The U. S. Dredge Comstock came in Sunday morning on her way to Atlantic City, N. J., from the Savannah district, where she has been for the past few weeks. Several Southport men are included in the crew of the dredge, and they visited friends and relatives here Sunday before continuing the trip north.

IRMAN CLEMMONS REFUSED BOND BY JUDGE CLEMMONS

(Continued from page 1) all right" at the time, said he went home immediately when he saw the horrible blaze.

He was followed on the stand by Dr. William S. Doshier, who stated that second-degree burns, which covered an estimated half or two-thirds of Sellers' body resulted in his death.

Theodore Burney, negro orderly at the Brunswick County Hospital, stated over defense objection that Clemmons had set fire

to his clothing.

H. D. Williams took the stand and told of events which occurred on the night of the burning.

The testimony of Buster Robinson, in front of whose home the fatal incident occurred, testified that about 9 or 10 o'clock of the night of February 6, he heard a commotion outside his home and on investigation found Hobson Sellers and Irman Clemmons in front of his home, with Sellers in flames. He repeated a story he had told newsmen earlier of how he rushed into his home, secured a kettle of water and extinguished the fire.

He testified that when he ran out he saw Clemmons attempting to extinguish the fire by beating at it with a jumper or a coat of some type and that after the fire was extinguished the burned young man walked into his house.

Argument Followed. There, Robinson testified, an argument ensued between Sellers and Clemmons, in which Sellers accused Clemmons of setting him afire and Clemmons denied the charge. He identified some charred fragments of clothing as those from Sellers and an odor about them of "gasoline or something."

Under cross examination by the defense counsel Robinson testified that when he ran from his home to discover the cause of the commotion he saw two or three persons running away from the scene of the fire but could

not recognize any of them.

J. I. Stone testified to Sellers' accusing Clemmons of firing his body and of Clemmons' denial.

The few fragments of clothing, identified by Robinson as those he removed from the burned body of Sellers, were introduced as evidence by the state.

DONATIONS HELP DEFRAY COST OF SCHOOL CURTAIN

(Continued from page 1) make a personal canvass for funds. The committee expressed reluctance to go to the people with this plea for financial assistance, but felt that it was better to do this than face the embarrassment of being classified with a group that buy without paying for their purchases.

Contributions so far have been very generous, the following firms and individuals having donated: J. B. Ruark and Co., \$10; Dr. J. Arthur Doshier, \$10.00; J. Berg, \$10.00; Robt. F. Flaxco, \$10.00; W. C. Reece, \$5.00; John W. Lancaster, \$10.00; Annie Mae Woodside, \$10.00; T. W. Autry, \$2.00; M. B. Watkins, \$1.00; Watsons Pharmacy, \$5.00; Dr. W. S. Doshier, \$10.00.

Schedule Public Hearing on Yacht Basin Here March 4

(Continued from page one) city, town or local association whose interests may be affected. They will be given an opportunity to express their views, especially upon the exact improvement desired, its advisability, the interests that will be benefited thereby, the savings that would result, and the number of yachts and amount of commerce affected; also, to what extent local interests will co-operate in bearing the expenses of the desired improvement. In addition, information is desired as to the difficulties experienced by yachts in finding suitable anchorage space. Also information as to what facilities there are at Southport for repairing, fueling, and furnishing general supplies to yachts.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of facts, all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, in quadruplicate, as the record of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the War Department.

HONOR OFFICERS OF EASTERN STAR

(Continued from page one) by Mrs. Harry Corlette. Those honored were: Past Matrons, Mesdames E. H. Cranmer, H. T. St. George, L. J. Dawkins, J. D. Sutton, Frank St. George, Josie Jelks; Past Patrons: L. J. Dawkins, J. Berg and J. R. Hood. Delicious refreshments were served.

Live Oak Chapter No. 179 O. E. S. will hold its regular meeting Monday evening, March 1, 1937. Miss Lottie Mae Newton, District Deputy Grand Matron, will make her official visit to the Chapter.

Election of officers will also be held at this meeting. All members are urged to be present.

RACE RELATIONS MEETING SUNDAY

(Continued from page one.) Mr. Fesperman made an interesting speech at night from the scripture. He said all would be found wanting in the scale balance.

Several selections were sung by the Melody Quartet composed of James Davis, Leroy and Ephriam Swain and Raphael Parker.

TWO ACQUITTED OF FLOGGING CHARGES IN TRIAL TUESDAY

(Continued from page 1) present. The aged Mr. Cox, other victim of the flogging, who admitted on the stand that he had said after his flogging that he thought the KKK was a good thing, and that he would like to join, followed Inman to the stand, and told of being dragged from his home about 10:00 or

10:30 o'clock on the same night that the other man was flogged.

Pushed into a waiting automobile where there were five men, Cox said that he was thrown into the foot of the machine, and that a man sat on his lap. He was blindfolded, so that he might not see the way he was going. The victim had considerable conversation with one of the unmasked men, he said, whom he recognized as Willie Jacobs, of Columbus county.

Brought to the spot where Will Inman had previously described, Cox said that he was ushered to the center of a circle of hooded white-robed figures. At the conclusion of which it was finally voted that he be given 25 licks. Cox said he told them, "Boys, treat me right."

Remonstrating with the band, he told them he was an old man, and the number of lashes was finally reduced to 5 licks. Put back into the car, he was ejected from the machine five miles from his home, at which he finally arrived at three o'clock after walking the distance without shoes and bareheaded in the cold November night.

Other witnesses for the State included Sonny Jones and Laurence Andrews, son-in-law of Cox, as well as Dorsey Cox, his

son, who testified to a conversation which they claimed they had with the defendants in which they said, "We didn't hurt Old Man Cox much, but we give Will Inman a good one." Jones stated at the outset that the defendants used the pronoun "they" but he later changed it to "we."

Most of the other evidence for the state was corroborative. Mrs. Jesse Cox substantiated her husband as to facts which occurred at her home on the night before Thanksgiving. Sheriff Jasper A. Russ, of Brunswick, was also offered by the state.

When the court convened after the noon hour, Reverend Vance Simmons, one of the defendants, mounted the stand to testify in his own defense. He denied any knowledge of the floggings until after several days following their perpetration, and said that he made none of the statements credited to him by the state's witnesses.

He was followed on the stand by Garfield Simmons, the other defendant, who likewise testified that there was nothing to statements credited to him in the evidence offered by the state, and disclaimed any part whatever in the matter.

Both defendants offered evidence as to their whereabouts on the night in question, and Garfield proved that he was sick in

bed at the time and had been for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Wilson testified to these facts, as did Elmer Smith, Zeno Inman, who was paying court to one of Mr. Simmons' daughters, Newman Babson, Thomas Simmons.

An array of reputable citizens of Columbus and Brunswick county took the stand to give both defendants a good character,

while they gave some of the state's witnesses including Jones and Andrews, all a bad character.

These character witnesses for the defendants included W. F. Ward, C. L. Sasser, B. A. Marlowe, head of the Columbus prison camp, Armstrong Evans, Earl Edwards and others.

On the stand, Jones and Andrews admitted long court terms

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