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SUPERIOR COURT HELD FULL WEEK

Three Capital Cases Are Disposed Of—Rufe King and John Hairston Found Guilty—Allie Moser and Jim Stuart Are Acquitted.

Coming to a close at 2:15 o'clock Sunday morning the special term of Stokes Superior court, held last week, disposed of three capital cases, in addition to a number of minor ones.

In the case of Rufe King, charged with rape, the jury brought in a verdict on Friday charging the defendant with "assault and attempt to commit rape" and Judge Cameron McRae sentenced King to the State prison for a term of not less than four or more than six years. King's counsel gave notice of appeal but later abandoned this and he will be taken to Raleigh tomorrow by Sheriff Taylor.

John Hairston, colored, charged with murder, was sentenced to a term of not less than ten or more than fifteen years, after counsel on both sides had agreed upon a verdict of murder in the second degree. Hairston was taken to the State prison by Sheriff John Taylor on Tuesday.

Allie Moser, white, and Jim Stuart, colored, charged jointly with an attempt to burn the residence of Will Briggs, near King, were found not guilty by the jury, after being tried for their lives.

Will Chapman, tried and found guilty on a charge of larceny, was sent to Durham county roads for four months. Sheriff Taylor carried him to Durham Tuesday.

John Privett, aged 59 and charged with fornication and adultery, was found guilty and given six months in the county jail, the county commissioners being given authority to hire him out.

Although the court held a full week it is stated that the docket was far from being finished.

Claud Tucker, assaulting Shores Hall, paid the cost in the case.

Wealth of State Decreased In 1927-28

Raleigh, May 19.—Corporate wealth in North Carolina decreased almost ten millions of dollars in valuation from 1927 to 1928, decreases having been shown in 72 of the 100 counties, of which only 28 showed gains, according to figures compiled in the office of Leroy Martin, executive secretary of the State Board of Equalization, from figures in the office of the Department of Revenue.

Walnut Cove Won Over Danbury Saturday

Walnut Cove defeated Danbury 13 to 11 in a game of ball Saturday afternoon.

PROSPECT GOOD FOR FARM AGENT

Stokes Commissioners Said To Look Favorably On Proposition—State Will Pay Half Of Salary.

A large number of the citizens have been heard to express themselves as favoring the employment of a farm demonstrator since the matter came up at a recent meeting of the board, and it is said that the members of the board look favorably on the proposition, especially since the State will pay half the salary of such a man if the application is received before the State's funds for this purpose are exhausted.

A good number of the counties of the State are taking advantage of this offer and it is proving a great help to farming in these counties.

It has been estimated, as mentioned previously in this paper, that half the salary of a good man would not cost more than an average of 10c per man, and no special tax would be necessary, as the half salary could be paid out of the general funds of the county.

The benefits that would come from the employment of a good demonstrator would be considerable, and without a doubt would result in more diversification of crops, larger yields per acre and many other improvements in agriculture.

Already, since the question of employing a demonstrator has come up, one prominent citizen stated here last week that if the commissioners would employ a man he would take it on himself to solicit funds from business men and offer prizes to those farmers making the best yields, etc.

Madison Man Is Claimed By Death

Madison, May 22.—Nat M. Pickett, one of the most prominent business men of this town and section, died suddenly today at 12:30 o'clock, being stricken with a heart attack on the street, and death followed in a few minutes.

Mr. Pickett had been in his usual health, apparently, and had just started home when stricken.

Mr. Pickett held large real estate holdings in Rockingham county and also Winston-Salem.

Man Found Dead Not Bufort Rhodes

W. E. Rhodes, of Stokes had a message last week from Charleston, W. Va., stating that a young man had been found dead there which filled the description of his son Bufort, who had been gone from home some time. After conferring with the officials at Charleston it was found that the body was not that of young Rhodes.

CARS KILLED 73 DURING APRIL

Only 44 Were Killed In April 1928 In State—Accidents Are Increasing.

Automobile accidents caused 73 deaths in N. Carolina last month in comparison with 44 during April 1928, according to a report just issued by the motor vehicle bureau of the State Department of Revenue.

April fatalities brought the total number for the year to 196. The toll for the first three months, an average of 1.3 persons killed per day, was considerably below the April record which shows 2.3 persons killed in the state each day through automobile accidents.

In addition to those killed, there were 369 injured. Nineteen pedestrians were killed and 41 injured; 20 deaths resulted from automobile collisions with a horse-drawn vehicle, and 10 from collisions with trains. There were 19 deaths resulting from non-collisions with fixed objects, and one from a collision with a bicycle.

Tallest Building In The World

Plans are underway for the construction of the world's tallest building, a 75-story structure to be erected in Chicago to house the general offices of the Illinois Central railroad and the Crane Manufacturing company.

The building, to be known as the Crane Tower, will rise 1,022 feet, thirty-eight feet higher than the top of Eiffel Tower in Paris. The date for the start of construction has not yet been announced.

In addition to being the tallest structure ever erected by man, it will be the world's largest office building, containing 3,500,000 feet of space.

Among the outstanding features of the edifice as announced is a 1,000 automobile garage for tenants; a first floor bank, a convention hall, several smaller conference halls, a 104,000 feet exhibition coliseum, tenants' club, grills, restaurants, turkish baths and a gymnasium.

The building is to be constructed of stone, with the exception of the crowning stories which will be of gold terra cotta.

Financing will involve issuance of \$26,000,000 in leasehold bonds and stock.

120 Gallons Beer Poured Out Yesterday

Sheriff John Taylor and Deputy Berkeley Smith poured out 120 gallons of beer near Meadows yesterday. The still was not found.

A tennis court is being constructed in the rear of the Danbury Methodist Church here this week for the benefit of the young people.

PROGRAM FOR LIBRARY BENEFIT

To Be Presented In Danbury School Auditorium Friday Night Of This Week.

The library committee of the Fine Arts Club will present a miscellaneous program in the school auditorium for the benefit of the Danbury Public Library on Friday evening, May 24th at 7:30 o'clock. A small admission price of 10 and 20 cents will be charged.

An added attraction of the event will be a seven-piece orchestra from Winston-Salem to furnish music for the occasion.

The program for the event follows:

- Music.
- Welcome.
- Chorus—"Floating With the Tide."
- Song.
- Hawaiian Moonlight.
- Music.
- Drill—"Daring Maids."
- Solo.
- Mr. Clock.
- Music.
- Chorus—"Ole Man River."

McIver Is Not Stokes County Youth

The following item in regard to the trial this week of John Henry McIver states that he is a Stokes county boy. This is an error, according to the belief of citizens here, who state that McIver is not a former citizen of this county.

Yadkinville, May 20.—The trial of John Henry McIver, Stokes county youth, formerly of Winston-Salem, on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Claude Jones, Leaksville-Spray automobile dealer on October 4, last, will get under way tomorrow morning. State's Solicitor John R. Jones announced today. A special venire of 75 men is being summoned today by Sheriff C. E. Moxley, and from this number will be selected a jury to sit upon the case.

The State's prosecution announced that a first degree verdict will be sought. McIver has been in jail here since he was arrested in a Mississippi town some weeks after the killing of Jones.

Since the article above was printed McIver has been found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to thirty years in the State prison.

John Southern's Mind Is Affected

John Southern, of the Meadows community, was arrested on a warrant by Sheriff John Taylor yesterday at his home and brought here to jail. Southern has apparently lost his mind and had been making numerous threats of violence. He will be held in jail here and unless his condition improves will be sent to the State hospital.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME

Explosion Of Oil Stove Almost Wipes Out Family Near Bassett.

Martinsville, May 22.—Mrs. Holman Spencer and her three children, Hilda, age 12, May, 5 and Juanita, 3 years old, were burned to death about 8 o'clock this morning when a kerosine cook stove in their home exploded trapping them, the home being completely destroyed. The family with the father resided on a tract of land adjoining Bassett Golf course, seven miles north of Martinsville where they operated a poultry farm. Neighbors were unable to rescue any one except the mother. Children's bodies were mass of charred ruins when extracted from ashes after fire. Mrs. Spencer was taken from fire in midst of blaze, in a critical condition and lived but a few minutes. Mrs. Spencer was getting breakfast while her husband was out in the yard attending duties when the explosion occurred. The Spencer family occupied a small four-room, two-story structure.

The family came to this country four years ago from West Virginia. Remains of three children will be placed in one coffin while mother will occupy another.

Guilford Battleground Celebration

Joseph M. Dixon, assistant secretary of the interior has accepted the invitation to make a patriotic address at the 4th of July celebration at Guilford battleground, near Greensboro. The Loyal Order of Moose will have charge of the program.

Mr. Dixon is a native of Alamance county, a former governor and senator from his adopted State, Montana.

First Car Load Of Georgia Peaches

The first car load of Georgia peaches passed through Greensboro, Thursday being handled by the Southern Railway. They were from Fort Valley Ga., the heart of the Georgia peach district. This car is three weeks earlier than the first car of peaches last year and is considerably earlier than the average time of the first car of peaches shipped in the preceding eight years.

The State Farmers' Convention will be held at State College during the week of July 22 to 26. Every county is invited to send a delegation of its leading farmers and farm women.

O. A. Wright of Forsyth county says that vetch is one of the cheapest fertilizers for corn that he can use. He is plowing under a heavy growth this spring for such a purpose.

KING MAN WITH ROAD PATROL

Goes To Morehead City To Take Training—Revival At Christian Church—Personal Items.

King, May 20.—Cleet Kiser of this place has accepted a position with the state as road patrolman and left Sunday for Morehead City where he will take a two weeks training course.

Albert Petree and daughter of Cincinnati, Ohio are spending a few days with relatives here. Mr. Petree who holds a position with the Norfolk and Western Railway as locomotive engineer, has been in Ohio for about 25 years. He was reared in this section.

The closing exercises of the King high school were good and large crowds attended all through.

The following births were registered here last week: to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tuttle, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Lane, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. William Tuttle, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Collins a daughter and to Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Browder, a daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Grady E. Stone have returned from a trip to Asheville and other places in the western part of the state.

Herman Newsum left Friday for Toledo, Ohio where he goes to accept a position.

David Calloway of Mt Airy spent the week-end with his father, T. F. Calloway who resides near here.

The King high school baseball team crossed bats with the Kernersville highs on the King diamond Saturday resulting in a score of 5 to 3 in favor of the home team.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Pulliam of Randolph county spent Sunday here the guests of relatives. Mr. Pulliam formerly resided here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kiser of Winston-Salem spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Craven, of Coal Ridge were among the visitors here Sunday.

Revival services will begin at King Christian Church Sunday May 27th. Rev. J. T. Saunders will conduct the meetings. Song service will begin each evening at 7:45.

A Touching Appeal

I note, says William Stokes, the following appeal for charity in the current local bulletin of the Business and Professional Women's club.

The kiss—of no use to one, Yet absolute bliss for two. The small boy gets it for nothing.

The young man has to steal it. The old man has to buy it. The lover's privilege. The baby's right. The hypocrite's mask. The married man's duty. To a married woman—Hope. To a young girl—Faith. To an old maid—Charity.

Baker Reunion

There will be a Baker reunion at Mr. Wiley O. Baker's home at Mtn. View the second Sunday in June. Want everybody to come and bring a full basket.

A survey of Catawba county shows 61 scrub bulls and 93 pure breeds in the county. Beginning with the first week in May, an intensive campaign will be made to eliminate the 61 scrub animals and replace them with pure breeds.