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Much Interest In Probing Murder

Claude Barber and Golden Parker Still In Jail; Paul Creech Released But Wm. Benson Held As Material Witness

German Ace Faces West



Frederick Loose, famous German aviator, now at the Azores, awaiting favorable weather for a westward air hop to America, likely the last East to West at.

That considerable interest and feeling is being shown concerning the murder of J. M. Royal which took place at his home near Benson early last Friday morning, was evidenced by the crowded courthouse on Wednesday evening at which time Coroner Kirkman proceeded with investigations of the case. For two hours and a half evidence was gone over, about thirty or forty witnesses being examined during the time.

Three persons, Claude Barber, Golden Parker and Paul Creech, were being held until the completion of the inquest. After hearing the evidence Wednesday evening, Coroner Kirkman did not ask that Paul Creech be held any longer. A warrant had been sworn out against him, but counsel representing the state took a nol pros, and Creech was released Wednesday night. Parker and Barber are still confined in jail until further investigation shall be made. The fact that these men and the murdered man had been seen together at different times on the night of the murder, the fact that the automobile tire tracks in the lane at Royal's home were identified as being similar to tracks made by Barber's car, and the fact that Barber made attempts to borrow a pistol on the day prior to the murder were some of the circumstances leading to the holding of these men. Witnesses placed on the stand testified that about 10:30 on Thursday night a big car was heard leaving Barber's home. Others saw a large car parked near Royal's. Still others heard the discharge of a gun about one or 1:30, and later heard a car engine start off. Later an automobile was heard going toward Four Oaks and the chief of police of Four Oaks, about 1:30 or two o'clock, saw an automobile turn from the Four Oaks road toward Benson, in which the officer recognized Barber, but did not recognize the man who was with him.

William Benson was summoned to appear in the coroner's hearing Wednesday night, and when he was unable to explain satisfactorily the possession of a No. 12-gauge shot-gun, the same type with which Royal was shot, he was ordered held as a material witness. Yesterday afternoon he was released from jail under a \$2,500 bond.

Prosecution of the case is being brought by J. P. Royal, cousin of the dead man, who has qualified as administrator. E. J. Wellons has been retained as prosecuting counsel. Defendants Golden Parker and Paul Creech were represented Wednesday night by James Raynor, while Barber was represented by C. C. Canaday and Abell & Shepard.

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Presbyterian Services, Oct. 30. Providence, 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. A. T. Lassiter. Organization after sermon.

Four Oaks, 7:15. Sermon by the pastor.

The public is invited to worship with us.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Calvin Hall recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: anilmeweasll

Recorder's Court Has Heavy Docket

Quite A Number Of Whiskey Cases Disposed Of Here This Week.

A large docket was disposed of in Recorder's court here this week. Court was in session three days, and the following cases were tried:

The state took a nol pros with leave in the following cases: Gaston Roberts, charged with assault, Odie Allen, seduction, Bill Overcash, larceny; Henry Barnes, disposing of crops; John B. Jernigan, abandonment; C. A. Smith, larceny and receiving; Pearl Price, larceny; Dave L. Johnson, assault; Arthur Ingram, larceny; Julietta Smith, larceny; R. D. Lee, violation of the prohibition law; W. Bridgers, violation of the school laws; Walter Caudle, operation of car while intoxicated; J. W. Tomlinson, giving worthless check.

Other cases tried were: Millard Bain was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for possession of whiskey and being publicly drunk.

John Hudson, charged with violation of the prohibition law, was called and failed. Judgment nisi sci fa and capias.

W. E. Strickland, E. D. Adams and D. L. Adams were charged with violating the prohibition law. W. E. Strickland was convicted of operating a car while intoxicated and being publicly drunk. He was sentenced to the roads for six months and taxed with one-third the cost. The road sentence was suspended upon condition that he does not violate the prohibition law again in two years and on further condition that he is at home with his mother by 10 o'clock at night and is an obedient son. He is not to operate a motor vehicle again in 12 months and must pay one-third the cost. E. D. Adams and D. L. Adams were found guilty of possession and being publicly drunk. D. L. Adams was sentenced to the roads for six months and taxed with one-third the cost. Sentence was suspended upon the condition that he does not violate the prohibition law again in two years and on further condition that he is at home by 10 o'clock each and every night for the next two years and pay one-third the cost.

Eddie Williams and James Carroway, who were charged with violation of the prohibition law and carrying concealed weapon, were called and failed. Judgment nisi sci fa and capias.

Robert Holmes and Archie True-love were charged with violating the prohibition law. Holmes was convicted of being publicly drunk and was fined \$25 and required to pay half the cost. Archie True-love was found guilty of being publicly drunk and of possessing whiskey. He was fined \$25 and required to pay half the cost.

Council Wiggs, a white man of Pine Level, who was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, entered a plea of nolo contendere. He was found guilty and was sentenced to the roads for 90 days, the road sentence to be suspended upon condition that he does not violate the prohibition law again in two years and upon payment of the cost. He is also to pay a fine of \$50. The defendant is forbidden to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina in the next 90 days.

W. H. Arnold and W. M. Arnold were found guilty of possession of still and of manufacturing. W. M. Arnold was sentenced to the roads for 60 days and taxed with half the cost. Judgment was suspended as to W. H. Arnold upon the payment of half the cost. In another case against these defendants charging possession of whiskey, W. H. Arnold was sentenced to the roads for six months, the road sentence to be suspended upon condition (1) that he does not violate the prohibition law again in two years; (2) that he stays and lives with Mr. and Mrs. Markham; (3) that he does not go into Wilders or O'Neals townships during the next two years; (4) that he pay a fine of \$100 and half the cost of this action. The violation of any term of this sentence automatically puts the road sentence into operation. Pray.

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M. E. Orphanage And Locals To Clash To-day

This afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the strong Methodist orphanage team of Raleigh, 1926 champions, and Smithfield will clash on the local grid-iron. This game promises to be one of the best of the season. The teams according to previous scores are evenly matched. Mount Olive having defeated each by the same score—6 to 0. The locals have been greatly strengthened by the addition of Ramie Davis, star end of last season, and are planning to avenge the 53 to 0 defeat received at the hands of the Orphans last season.

Town Hall Site Sold At Auction

John A. Johnson Purchases At \$7,275; Contemplates The Erection Of Stores At An Early Date.

The site of the old town hall which was burned some time ago was put up at auction and sold Saturday, J. A. Johnson being the highest bidder. The lot was knocked off at \$7,275. S. T. Honeycutt, the auctioneer, sold the site first as two lots, these bringing \$3,500, and \$3,000 respectively. The bidding was more lively when the lot was sold as a whole.

It is reported that Mr. Johnson contemplates erecting two stores on the lot at an early date one of which will probably be used by the Jno. O. Jones Furniture company. The lot, which is located on the west side of Third street between Market and Johnston streets, is a very desirable business location.

The town some months ago purchased a lot on the corner of Market and Fourth streets, on which a municipal building will, in all likelihood, be erected some time.

FATHER OF MRS. C. M. JOHNSON PASSES AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson were called to Coats Saturday on account of the death of Mrs. Johnson's father, L. L. Turlington. Mr. Turlington had been in bad health for some time being a sufferer with heart trouble, and his death was not unexpected. He was 69 years of age. He leaves a wife and eleven children.

The funeral was held Sunday at the cemetery at Coats, the service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Betts, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church of which the deceased was a member.

Mrs. Johnson has the sympathy of many friends in her bereavement.

KENLY BASKETBALL QUINT READY FOR ACTION

(By Jos. M. Stencil)

KENLY, Oct. 26.—Coach S. R. Cotton of the local high school basketball team has again purchased the local tobacco warehouse and practice has already been started for the opening of the 1927-28 basketball season. Three letter men of the first 1926 five are back in great shape including Lester Watson, left forward; Braxton Watson, right guard, and Fred Kannan, right forward and star of last year's quint. At least twenty youngsters are seen on the recently remodeled court every night trying hard for a regular berth on the fast team. With plenty of real workers Coach Cotton promises local fans a fast quint and lots of exciting games for the coming season.

The town boys have also started practice and will play their games in the cooperative warehouse, the opening battle will in all probability be the town versus the high five. The town quint will be composed of former college and high school stars.

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to all who helped in any way, either in thought, deed or word, during the sickness and death of our father.

CORINNA SANDERS & BROTHERS.

CAKES AND PIES WANTED FOR ARMISTICE DAY EVENT

Mrs. T. J. Lassiter has been appointed chairman of a committee from Smithfield township to secure cakes and pies for the Armistice Day celebration which will be held in Benson on November 11. The following have been chosen: Will H. Creech, Smithfield, route to serve on the committee; Mrs. 2; Mrs. John Hobbs, Smithfield, route 2; Mrs. Jesse Whitley, Smithfield, route 1; Miss Ruth Jones, Mrs. A. H. Rose, Mrs. H. L. Skinner and Miss Martha Pittman.

L. L. Levinson of Benson, general chairman, states that 1000 ex-service men are expected to attend the celebration. He wants a request for 2000 pies and 4000 pies by November 3 or 4, which means that the committee should begin soliciting at once. Let the motto in this celebration be: "Our best for the boys."

Kiwanians Hold Regular Meeting

Discuss Overture From Selma For Joint Superintendent Lights And Water; H. V. Rose Speaks On Theodore Roosevelt.

It was called to the attention of the Kiwanis club at its regular luncheon meeting held yesterday in the basement of the Methodist church that the city commissioners have under advisement an overture from the town of Selma to employ only one superintendent of lights and water for the two cities, instead of one man for each town as is now the case. It was pointed out that this arrangement would save each city about a thousand dollars a year. Discussion followed in which N. C. Shepard spoke of the fine service that the local superintendent gives in emergencies and the advisability of keeping a full time man here because of his availability during emergencies. No action was taken concerning the matter.

Kiwanian L. G. Stevens was in charge of the program yesterday. He introduced Hon. H. V. Rose who spoke to the club on the life of Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Rose said that Mr. Roosevelt had distinguished himself as a soldier, a public official, a writer, and a father. During the war Mr. Rose met two of Roosevelt's sons who were fighting in France, and also met Mr. Roosevelt's sister who went on a pilgrimage to young Kermit Roosevelt's grave in France. Kermit was killed while serving with the Aviation Corps.

The committee on entertaining the New Hanover high school orchestra which last night gave a concert for the benefit of a nurse's home at the hospital, reported a most hearty response on the part of Smithfield citizens.

GOOD NEGRO CITIZEN PASSES AWAY HERE

One of the foremost negro citizens of Smithfield, John Byrd, died at his home here Monday evening at seven o'clock at the age of 71. Byrd, for years, taught school here, and in fact continued his teaching in other places until two years ago when, on account of ill health, he was forced to stop. He has been a force for the uplift of his race in this community, and his death will be mourned by many. His industry and educational work won for him the respect of white and black alike.

LAYING PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE.

Mrs. Thel Hooks is chairman of the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale in this city, and already she is laying her plans for the campaign this fall. Mrs. Hooks says that even at this early date there is a most gratifying interest being shown in the raising of funds to fight this dread disease.

Another Large Potato.

W. O. Fields, of near Selma, brought a large potato to this office Wednesday. It is of the Porto Rico variety, and weighs eight pounds. Mr. Fields states that on May 1 he planted a quarter of an acre of potatoes, and from this patch he has housed 77 bushels, all of them fine ones.

An idle brain is the advance agent of a busy tongue.

Announce Events For Chautauqua

Six Big Numbers Including A Play Scheduled For Nov. 21, 22, And 23 At School Auditorium.

Mrs. Thel Hooks, secretary of the local Chautauqua organization, has received the program to be given here, November 21, 22 and 23, at the school auditorium, and the six big events promise to be as interesting as anything yet brought here.

This year's Chautauqua program will include two concerts by the Christine Bingham Recital Company; a full afternoon's entertainment by the Murrel Poor Duo; an inspiring and convincing lecture, "The Modern Tale of Two Cities," by Charles Howard Plattenburg; a full evening's program of magic and sand painting by the S. S. Henry Company; an afternoon of novelty entertainment by Miss Beatrice Knapp; and last but not least a three-act modern comedy, "The Patsy," by the author of "Applesauce," last year's Chautauqua success.

The Christine Bingham Recital Company consists of Christine Bingham, popular Philadelphia soprano, and Patrick Henry Lynskey, of New York City, tenor. Christine Bingham varies the vocal selections of her program by playing her own violin obligatos.

The Murrel Poor Duo is said to be "the little" company with the big program. Mr. Poor enjoys (?) the distinction of being called "the man with the India rubber face." They present a program of impersonation readings, songs and combination numbers on the chimes.

S. S. Henry and Company bear the reputation of being the most versatile entertainment company on the Lyceum and Chautauqua platform, for not only is Mr. Henry a magician of note, but an artist of novelty and skill as well. His art novelty, sand paintings, originated by him, never fails to elicit the very highest commendation from every audience.

"The Patsy" is described as a three-act comedy of American life with laughter predominating in every line. A touch of pathos now and then is said to remind those who are convulsed by the humor of the play of the really serious lesson involved in its production. The cast to present the play here is said to be unusually competent and the production will probably exceed even that of "Applesauce" of last year.

This year's program will not be without the usual special events for the children under the direction of a trained leader—games, songs, stories, and their own Junior Town government will be combined on the last afternoon into a program given by the children themselves for the delight and benefit of their parents and others.

Presbyterian Services.

Sunday morning, Smithfield 11 o'clock. Community Sunday night, 7:30. Public cordially invited.

COMPULSORY LAW WILL BE ENFORCED

Notice is hereby given to all parents and guardians who have not put their children and wards in school that the compulsory attendance law will be strictly enforced beginning with the 1st day of November. Most of the cotton is now out and the six months schools begin October 31. Therefore there is no reason why the children should not be put in school at once. It costs the county just as much to run the school with a small attendance as it does with a large attendance and unless children are put in school promptly they are unable to make their grades in many instances, and this entails a great loss of time on the part of the pupil. It is, therefore, evident that failure to put children in school brings a big loss to the county and at the same time a great loss to the children and parents. For this reason the compulsory attendance law will be strictly enforced on November 1st.

H. B. MARROW, Supt. of Schools. MRS. D. J. THURSTON, Welfare Officer.

Taft Prosecutes



Charles Taft, son of the Chief Justice and former President Taft is directing the prosecution of George Remus, millionaire "Bootleg King" for the murder of Mrs. Remus at Cincinnati, O.

Little Child Is Instantly Killed

Four Year Old Child Of Mr. And Mrs. Addison Wiggs Crawls Under Car Of P. A. Boyette And Is Run Over.

A most distressing occurrence took place near Rains, Cross Roads Tuesday just after noon when Paul Boyette, county surveyor, accidentally ran over with his car the four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Wiggs, killing the child instantly.

Mr. Boyette, who lives near Glendale, had been surveying some land for Mr. Wiggs, and after eating dinner came out of the house, got into his automobile and drove off. The child, while the rest were at dinner, is thought to have crawled under the car, and possibly to have fallen asleep. No one knew the child was under the car until the car had run over it.

DOWNIE BROS. WILD ANIMAL CIRCUS COMING

Visitors to the great Downie Bros. circus which will exhibit in Smithfield one day only, November 5, are always delighted with the courtesy shown them by all the employees of the show. Visitors are made to feel welcome. They are regarded as patrons who are conferring a favor by their presence. In striking contrast to the treatment of the public by the ordinary show, which seems to regard their patrons as interlopers, this unflinching courtesy adds greatly to the pleasure of a visit to these vast exhibitions. Careful attention to the comfort and welfare of ladies and children is made obligatory upon everyone connected with the shows by the management, and so it is that ladies and children may attend these exhibitions without the slightest discomfort or danger if they have no male escort.

MORE CASUALTIES ADDED BATTLE OF BENTONVILLE

DUNN, Oct. 24.—Two more casualties have been added to the Battle of Bentonville, one of the closing engagements of the Civil War. A shell picked up by the Rev. J. J. Langston, of Dunn, on the Bentonville battleground at the exercises there a few weeks ago, exploded at the minister's home and severely injured Mrs. Langston and her young son.

The old shell had been swept in the fire by Mrs. Langston, who did not know it was loaded.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

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Johnston Ass'n Is 25 Years Old

Program Of Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Meeting To Be Held In Selma, Nov. 1 And 2.

The Johnston Baptist Association will meet at 10 a. m. next Tuesday at Selma in its 25th annual session. This body was organized at Selma 25 years ago, having been up to that time a part of the Raleigh association. It has had a steady growth through these 25 years of its history until today it has 45 churches with a membership as reported a year ago of 6,061. The value of its church property was \$340,000. Contributions last year were \$52,356.47, of which \$9,207.58 was for benevolences. It had 5,662 in its Sunday schools, and 812 in its B. Y. P. U. S., while the various groups of the Woman's Missionary Union had a membership of 889.

The coming session will feature the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the organization, and it is thought will be the most interesting session of its history. Mr. E. H. Gower, of Clayton, has been moderator of the body during its entire history, and will read a paper covering the history of the body. Other noted speakers on the program are Dr. F. P. Gaines, the new president of Wake Forest College, and Dr. B. W. Spilman, noted among the Sunday school specialists of the south.

The program follows: TUESDAY MORNING. 10:00 A. M. Devotional Service, Rev. A. L. Brown. 10:15: Roll Call of Churches. Enrollment of Delegates. Adoption of Order of Business. 10:30: Address of Welcome and Response. 10:40: Report on Missions: State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions, R. F. Hall. Address J. C. Powell, of Africa. 11:30: Miscellaneous Business. Announcement of Committees. 11:45 Introductory Sermon, I. E. D. Andrews. Adjournment.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON. 2:00 P. M. Devotional Service, A. A. Pippin. 2:15: Digest of Church Letters, R. L. Shirley. 2:45: Report on Benevolences: Orphanage, Hospital, Aged Ministers, A. L. Brown. 3:15: Report on Education, S. L. Morgan. Address, F. P. Gaines, President Wake Forest College. 3:50: Miscellaneous Business. TUESDAY EVENING. 7:30 P. M.: Devotional Service, S. N. Lamb. 7:45: Anniversary Address, Dr. O. R. Mangum, Oxford. WEDNESDAY MORNING. 9:30 A. M.: Devotional Service, G. P. Lanier. 9:45: Miscellaneous Business, S. L. Morgan. Centennial Campaign, J. Dwight Barbour. 10:15: Woman's Work: Mrs. B. A. Hocutt. 10:30: B. Y. P. U., Jas G. Lane. 10:45: Sunday Schools, L. L. Levinson. Address: "Lights and Shadows in Kingdom Building," Dr. B. W. Spilman. 11:20: Cooperative Program, I. E. D. Andrews. Address, Dr. C. E. Maddry. 12:00 M.: Missionary Sermon, J. E. Kirk. Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. 2:00 P. M.: Devotional Service, A. R. Creech. 2:15: Report on Religious Literature, S. W. Oldham. 2:30: Report on Social Service and Public Morals, S. S. McGreggor. 2:45: Obituaries, A. A. Pippin. 3:00: Twenty-five Years of History, R. H. Gower. Anniversary Address, Dr. Livingston Johnson. 3:30: Election of Officers. Adjournment.

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