

Offer \$800 Reward For Each Mob Member

Needleman Still in Serious Condition At Washington; Is Friendly to Williamston

Refuses to Give Any Further Statement to Press This Week Upon Advice of Doctors and Lawyers; Holds No Malice Toward People of Williamston

A representative of the Enterprise visited Joe Needleman in his room at the Washington Hospital this morning and a short conversation was held with him. Upon the advice of his doctors and attorneys, who thought the effort required to go over the harrowing details would be bad for him and might cause him to lose his nerve, which has returned so rapidly in the past two days. The statement as he gave it to the Washington papers is the only word regarding the mob violence or the charge which rests against him that will be given out this week.

Although weak and nervous Needleman insisted that we express to the people of Williamston and the county his feelings toward them. Excepting those who were involved in the attack upon him and those who failed to protect him whose duty it was he has the kindest feelings. He says that their sympathy, which has been expressed in various manners, is greatly appreciated by him. Telegrams from many States, flowers and other remembrances have been pouring into his room ever since he has been in the hospital, and friendly visitors are at his bedside during the hours that he is allowed company.

Declares He Is Innocent
Needleman, in a statement to Drs. Knodes, Warren, York, and Drs. David L. Taylor, sr., and jr., just before he was placed upon the operating table and when he had been informed that he could not live an hour longer, declared that he was innocent and that he had knowledge of the young woman upon her consent. While coming from under the effects of the ether given him when two abdominal operations were made upon him at the same time by father and son, Dr. Dave sr., and Dr. Dave jr., he raved fiercely, over and over again protesting his innocence.

The operations were made as hurriedly as possible, but before they began much of his life's blood was lost. A blood transfusion was the only thing that kept the thread of life from snapping before he was properly attended to by surgeons. The terrible way by which he was mutilated and the walk into town to find doctors would have killed the average man.

Claims He Asked Protection
When Deputy Sheriff Peel arrested him in Edenton Needleman claims that he asked him not to bring him here. Deputy Peel denies this emphatically. Marriott Britt claims that he asked the sheriff for a guard for the jail because there had been so many people requesting the sheriff that they be allowed to see Needleman during the day. The sheriff claims that he let several of Needleman's friends, as

well as others, visit him during the day.

A mob, or some of its members, appeared at the home of Sheriff Robertson and demanded the keys. And instead of following them up as quickly as possible after he had refused them the keys, it is alleged that the sheriff did not get up town until a few minutes after the mob had its victim and had gone to do its dastardly crime. Sheriff Robertson says that when the mob came to his home his daughter fainted and was so ill that he was not able to dress and get off as quickly as he could have done otherwise, and when he came up town, he went to the jail to find out whether friends or enemies of Needleman had taken him from behind its bars. When he found that his clothes and belongings were still there he knew that his enemies had taken him out to do him violence. He claims that he had started in the direction that the mob had gone when Needleman returned to town.

Lack of Hearing Deplorable
A close-up view of the face of the case, as we can gather them, makes the affair even more pitiable than it would otherwise have been. Needleman in a death-bed statement declares his innocence claims that he asked to be carried to another jail, and finally asked for guards, and all three claims are refuted. The first by the young woman, and the other by the sheriff and the deputy.

This mixture of facts makes a more distressing appeal for a hearing to have been granted the accused, that he might have had a chance to give his side of the affair.

Macedonia Local News and Personals

Messrs. Messrs Sidney Beacham and Joe Sheppard Holiday and Miss Nellie Fisher went to town Saturday afternoon shopping.

Mrs. R. H. Peele, Miss Virginia, and Mr. Lucian Peele went to town Saturday afternoon.

Miss Sadie Mae Hadley visited Miss Elsie Green Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs. Claude L. Hadley, Bert Harrison, and Slibert Whitaker, of Packtown, were the guests of Miss Carrie Ward Sunday night.

Miss Maggie Jackson, of Oold Ford, spent the week end with Miss Myrtle Beacham.

The many friends of Mr. A. D. Hadley will be sorry to learn that he is quite sick. We all hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hadley and children spent Sunday in Griffins Township.

Mr. Julius Jackson was the guest of Miss Sadie Mae Hadley Sunday night. Miss Nealie Jones spent Friday night with Mrs. W. A. Coltrain.

Messrs. Hugh Coltrain and Robert Coltrain called on Misses Myrtle Beacham and Maggie Jackson Saturday night.

Miss Nellie Fisher left here Monday morning to go to her home in Mebane, N. C.

Expect to Arrest Three Saturday

Solicitor Donnell Gilliam was in town today working on the jail-breaking case. He states that he is gathering considerable information and expects to make three arrests tomorrow. He says he finds the county doing its full duty in trying to carry out the law.

The arrest of the three tomorrow will bring the total of those held for trial in connection with the mob of Saturday night up to eight. There are three in the Pitt County jail at Greenville and two in the Edgecombe County jail at Tarboro.

GROUP CENTER CONTEST RESULTS

Williamston School Has No Opposition in Contests Held Here Last Saturday

On Saturday, March 28, the second group-center contest was held at Williamston and the following schools sent representatives: Group I, Williamston; Group III, Biggs.

In the contest of group I Williamston had no opposition. The following students were entered from the local school: Spelling contest: Margaret Rodgers, Edith Taylor, Mary Alice Dunning, Melville Wynne, and Robert Shirley. In this contest Margaret Rodgers and Melville Wynne were selected to represent the school at the county commencement.

In the story-telling contest: Alta Critcher, Josephine Anderson, and John H. Gurganus. Alta Critcher was selected from this contest to represent the local school.

Arithmetic: Margaret Rodgers and Edward Peele were selected to represent the school. Both of these were tied for first place. The best of these two will be selected to represent the school at the county commencement.

The third grade, under the supervision of Miss Anderson, gave a splendid display of work under dramatization. This grade will present this as special work at the county commencement.

In the contest held by group III only the Biggs school entered. The following students were representatives of the same:

Spelling contest: Fred Cross, Clyde Rogers, Mervin Bonds, and Ollie Bailey. Clyde Rogers was selected to represent the Biggs school at the county commencement. The second place in this contest was awarded to Fred Cross, the third place to Ollie Bailey.

Arithmetic contest: The following students were entered as representatives: Mervin Bonds, Clyde Rogers, and Fred Cross. The first place was awarded to Mervin Bonds. The second place to Clyde Rogers, and the third place to Fred Cross. In this group only one representative is entitled to represent the school.

Singing contest: Song used "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." The following students participated: Clyde Rogers, Ollie Bailey, Mary Price, and Willon Bonds. There being no opposition to this group they were awarded first place and will represent the school at the county commencement.

The next group center meeting will be held at Jamesville on April 2. Much interest is being shown in these contests.

BOYS OFF TO WAKE FOREST

Coach Ricks and Williamston High School Track Team Leave for Tournament

Coach Ricks left yesterday with his track team for Wake Forest, where they will participate in the inter-State high school track meet.

The boys left with high hopes and feel confident that they will bring back some first prizes, as they have been working steadily for the past few weeks. The following boys were selected to take the trip: George Harris, Eli Barnhill, W. T. Meadows, Tommy Teel, Benjamin Courney, and John Booker, who will represent the school in the declamation contest there Friday.

TELLS ATTITUDE OF COMMUNITY

Chamber of Commerce Writes News & Observer to Correct Impression Made by Various Articles

The Williamston Chamber of Commerce yesterday addressed the letter which appears below to the News and Observer, following a special meeting of this body held Wednesday afternoon. The letter, which is self-explanatory, is as follows:

To the News and Observer: The Chamber of Commerce of Williamston held a special meeting for the purpose of ascertaining its duty in making public its attitude and the attitude of the community concerning the deplorable and outrageous crime committed here on last Sunday morning. This step was taken because the articles published in several of the papers did in no way represent the true feeling of the people and were misleading and did a great injustice to the people of Martin County. The chamber of commerce, speaking for the community, wishes the public to know that this community in no way condones the barbarous mutilation committed by the mob, and is greatly shocked and incensed, both on account of the ghastly deed and the flagrant disregard of the law. In the entire history of Martin County there have been two cases of jail breaking previous to the one Sunday morning, both committed by citizens of other counties. This is the first time that citizens of Martin County have been charged with this offense.

The community is backing the solicitor, Donnell Gilliam, and other officers of the law in making a complete investigation of the affair, as is witnessed by the fact that five of the mob have been arrested, and it is expected that the entire mob will be apprehended before the end of the week.

WILLIAMSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By K. B. Crawford, President. By Robt. L. Coburn, Secretary.

Marriage Licenses Issued in March

Marriage licenses were issued to the following people by the register of deeds during the month of March:

White
F. W. Sparrow, jr., 21; Effie Gritter, 19.

James C. Keel, 21; Bertha C. Taylor, 22.

William L. Knox, 40; Isabell Ayers, 21.

Colored
Sam Gorham, 19; Maletta Rogers, 17.

James Bagley, 23; Carrie West, 23.

Rufus T. Chance, 55; Mary E. Cherry, 48.

Peter Canon, 20; Louise Gilliam, 20.

Willie Davis, 21; Perlie Harrell, 18.

Allen Thomas, 20; Bill Collins, 18.

Elijah Jones, 20; Carrie Ehorn, 19.

John Brown, 39; Bessie C. Thornton, 32.

John Henry Adams, 51; Martha Purvis, 40.

Warren A. Gray, 55; Lavinia Knight, 55.

Sam Joyner, Bertie County, 35; Lizzie S. James, Bertie County, 19.

S. C. Ward, of Pitt County, 21; Annie Chance, 19.

Tobe Rogers, 21; Mamie C. Dempsey, 18.

S. L. Waits, of Washington County, 19; Eula Lee Brown, 17.

News Notes of Baptist Church

Sunday school, 9.45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meetings, 6.45 p. m. Evening service, 7.45 p. m. An attendance of 169, with an offering of \$54.75 for missions was a part of the Sunday school record last Sunday. The children and young people who rendered the program did fine work.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETING TUESDAY

Doctor Warren Celebrates Birthday by Being Host to Martin County Doctors Organization

The Martin County Medical Society met Tuesday night in their regular session. The following were guests: Drs. D. L. Taylor, D. T. Taylor, jr., and Dewitt Knuttz, of Washington; Drs. S. P. Bass and G. Y. Hooker, of Tarboro; Dr. Edgar Long of Hamilton; Drs. Jesse and Vernon Ward and Marshall Kilpatrick, of Robersonville; Drs. Charles Laughinghouse, Wooten, Greebe, Pace and Outland, of Greenville; Dr. Dixon, of Ayden; Dr. Byrd, of Raleigh; Mayor E. L. Stewart, of Washington; and Messrs. K. B. Crawford, R. A. Pope, W. C. Manning, J. L. Hassell and Dr. P. B. Cone, of this city. They were present in part to attend the meeting of the society, but mainly to celebrate the birthday of Dr. W. E. Warren, who was host to the society and several friends.

It was not definitely stated what anniversary it was; however, conceded to be the 46th. Doc or Josh Taylor raised the question of the accuracy of the date, and said that he could not find enough candles in Washington to decorate the cake.

Doctor James S. Rhodes, of this city, was called to preside in the absence of Dr. Saunders, the president. Dr. Spencer Bass, of Tarboro, was called on and read a paper before the society dealing with some important diseases and their treatment. A number of the doctors engaged in the discussion which followed.

Hon. E. L. Stewart of Washington, was asked by the chairman to act as toast-master, and for an hour many good after-dinner speeches were made by the doctors present, relating to things happening to doctors in their practice.

Several presents were given the host, among them one from the staff of the Washington Hospital.

The dinner and the reception were thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of guests present. All praised Doctor Warren for his activity in the capacity of an officer in the various medical societies, as a doctor, and as a good fellow.

TOBACCO PRICES MADE BY CO-OPS

Tobacco Planter Recalls the Days of Nine-Cent Tobacco and Outstanding Overpayment

There are plenty of tobacco farmers both within and without the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, who recognize that the real issue at stake in upholding or relaxing their allegiance to the cooperative marketing of tobacco is whether they shall drop back to the pre-war prices of 12 and 15 cents for the weed or whether they shall continue to hold tobacco prices up to or above twenty cents a pound as has been the case during the three past years. In that regard the association has sold and paid the farmers for more than two-thirds of the 445,000,000 pounds delivered to it in Virginia, North and South Carolina.

A striking contrast between the prices of tobacco before the war and today is given in the following letter of Rufus Carter, prominent planter of Pittsylvania County, the largest bright tobacco-producing county in the United States:

The Tobacco Growers Coop Assn., Raleigh, N. C.

Gentlemen:—I have received final settlement for my 1922 crop of tobacco, including check for a small balance to my credit. Since I had long since received 100 per cent of the bankers' valuation, I did not expect any further payment. From 100 per cent already there was no deduction for expenses. This was net, the tobacco having been sold for a sufficient sum to pay for receiving, grading, storing, and selling, and besides to pay for 30 of the 150 warehouses and then put aside a substantial reserve fund. When we remember that the bankers' valuation was about double that of the auction warehousemen, this record should be a source of pride to the management and of gratitude to the membership.

Predicted 12-Cent Average
Soon after the annual meeting of the United States Tobacco Association in 1922 and just one week before the cooperative association began to receive tobacco, a prominent warehouseman, who I assume is a member of the United States Tobacco Association, and fully advised of the proceedings of their convention, said

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County Commissioners Vote Maximum Reward Allowed by the Statutes

REGULAR SESSION RECORDERS COURT

Big Docket Faced Judge Smith and Solicitor Peel; Sixteen Cases Disposed of

The recorders court was held Tuesday, March 31, Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor E. S. Peel presiding and prosecuting.

The following cases were called and disposed of:

State vs. Allen Smith; carrying concealed weapons. Plea of guilty entered. Sentenced to jail for one day and fined \$50.

State vs. Ida Thomas and Zeke Brown; obstructing ditch. Not prosecuted.

State vs. Isiah Mobley; carrying concealed weapons. Found not guilty.

State vs. Harry Walter Biggs; assault with deadly weapon. Plea of guilty entered. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost of action.

State vs. William Staton; assault with deadly weapon. Plea guilty. Sentenced to Edgecombe roads for 10 months.

State vs. William Staton; carrying concealed weapons. Plea guilty. Sentenced to Edgecombe roads for four months. Term to begin at the expiration of the first term.

State vs. Henry Pierce; violating liquor law. Pleads guilty of having material on hand for the purpose of manufacturing liquor. Prayer for judgment continued until first Tuesday in September upon the payment of the cost and entering into bond in the sum of \$250 for his personal appearance before the court.

State vs. Simon Sheppard; assault. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of the cost.

State vs. Simon Sheppard; resisting officer. Not guilty.

State vs. Simon Sheppard; using profane language. Not prosecuted.

State vs. Simon Sheppard; larceny. Guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of the cost.

State vs. William Bland; assault. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost and paying Dr. W. E. Warren \$40 for medical attention.

State vs. Jesse Moore; aiding and abetting prostitution. Guilty. Sentenced to the Edgecombe roads for 6 months.

State vs. Jesse Moore; larceny. Guilty. Sentenced to Edgecombe roads for 6 months. Term to begin at expiration of first term.

State vs. Dave O'Mary and Leon Edwards; manufacturing liquor. O'Mary not in court. Edwards not guilty.

State vs. Edmond Whichard; fortification. Guilty; prayer for judgment continued.

Hubert Poteat Decries Singing Cheap Hymns

Kansas City March 30.—"Cheap hymns" were decried in an address here last night by Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, who holds the chair of Latin in Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. Dr. Poteat spoke to delegates here at the eighteenth annual convention of the music supervisors' national conference which opened today.

"The taste for vulgar music in the church is comparable to the taste for it outside the church," declared Dr. Poteat. Those pushing the twaddle hymns advertise their wares in sundry ways. One of the most effective is the evangelic singer, who introduced venerable jokes and poor vaudeville in the House of God.

"There are three tests for a hymn. If it is old, it probably is good because it has withstood countless assaults by widely varying tastes. If your spiritual instinct tells you its idea is good, use it. If the mature judgment of yourself and others sanctions it, sing it."

Death of Mrs. Hester Ange

Mrs. Hester Ange, widow of the late Edwin W. Ange, died near Jamesville Tuesday, March 31, and was buried at the Ange graveyard Wednesday; the funeral being conducted by Rev. A. J. Manning. The deceased was 68 years old and leaves two children, Edwin Ange and Mrs. Horton Meilin. She had been a faithful member of Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church for more than 40 years.

County and State Each Offers \$400 Bounty for Capture

The board of county commissioners met in special session this afternoon and voted a reward of \$400 for the apprehension and conviction of any person who was engaged in the assault and mutilation of Joseph Needleman on Sunday, March 29. This reward supplements the \$400 offered by the State and is the maximum amount that can be offered by the county.

The members present at the special session were: Chairman Henry C. Green, John N. Hopkins, H. M. Buras, T. B. Slade jr., J. G. Barnhill.

T. B. Slade, jr. offered the motion, and it was seconded by J. G. Barnhill authorizing the county to pay a reward of \$400 for the apprehension and conviction of any person engaged in the assault and mutilation of Joseph Needleman on March 29. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

State Also Offers \$400
Chairman Henry C. Green received a telegram today from Governor A. W. McLean, as follows:

"The State will pay a reward of \$400 for the apprehension and conviction of any person engaged in the jail breaking and assault and mutilation of Joseph Needleman."

A. W. McLEAN, Governor.
Raleigh, April 3, 1925.

HAMILTON BOND ISSUE CARRIED

Proposition to Issue \$15,000 Electric Light Bonds Carries by Unanimous Vote

At the town election held in Hamilton Tuesday, March 31, on the proposition to issue \$15,000 electric light bonds, every vote was cast for the bonds.

The town expects to procure power from some outside plant; Williamston, Scotland Neck, and Greenville are all easily accessible, and can furnish ample power at a much lower rate than can be furnished by a small local plant.

They expect to begin the construction of a power line just as soon as they can make a satisfactory contract for the current.

An Appreciation From Mr. Ricks

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to the public for the hearty support of athletics given us by the people of the town during the year.

In one sense of the word we had a very successful season in basketball, winning the last five games out of six, and also winning more games than we lost during the year.

We sincerely appreciate the unusual support of Mr. B. R. Barnhill, who was always ready and willing to help us carry the team by lending his cars. Never would he accept one penny for the use of them, but seemed glad to have the opportunity to help us. The team also expresses its appreciation to him and to all of those who gave us their hearty support.

THE STRAND THEATRE
Williamston, N. C.

There will be a special picture each night next week.
Do Not Miss a Single One
MONDAY
Marion Davies in 'Little old New York' Heads the List

COLOR AND GAIN

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