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GRAND JURY SHOWS QUICK ACTION

Charge by Judge Sinclair Is Model for Conciseness

Returns 33 Indictments In Record Time; Needleman Will Stand Trial for Life

Five Alleged Members of Mob Back in Jail; Others Out on Bond

The grand jury for the special term of court, after a short but pointed charge from Judge N. A. Sinclair, came back at the court with equal promptness, turning in 33 true bills in less than three and a half working hours, which may be the speed record for the State.

The grand jury found a true bill against Joseph Needleman, charging him with a capital felony, rape.

True bills were also returned against eight of the alleged mob members, charging them with the crime of mutilation. They are: F. W. Sparrow, F. W. Sparrow, Jr., and Clara Heath, of Kinston; Julian Bullock, H. L. Griffin, and Roy Gray, of Robersonville; E. C. Stone and Johnny Gurkin, of Griffins Township.

Bills charging accessory to jail breaking were found against Edgar Johnson, Lester Edmondson, Tom Harrell, L. A. Croom, Louis Johnson, Jas. H. Gray, Grady Smith, E. C. Stone, John Gray Corey, James H. Coltrain, Alfred P. Griffin, Johnny Gurkin, Albert Gurkin, Clarence Gurkin, A. T. Lilley, Allen Griffin, J. T. Smithwick, Benny Lilley, Roy Gray, Sherwood Roberson, E. C. Stone, John A. Griffin, A. W. Griffin, Huber Griffin, and Clara Heath.

In the cases charging accessory to jail breaking Edgar Johnson, Louis Johnson, James H. Gray, and Sherwood Roberson all made the plea of nolo contendere.

A. W. Griffin and Huber Griffin plead not guilty through their counsel, and Ben Lilley, who had no counsel, plead not guilty.

All the parties charged with the principal offense plead not guilty.

Cases Consolidated Solicitor Donnell Gilliam presented a motion to the court asking that all the cases be consolidated that trial be commenced Tuesday afternoon. Solicitor Gilliam stated that upon consideration and investigation he felt that Martin County was the proper place to try the case for various reasons. That he had every reason to believe that a fair and proper trial could be had here for the State.

Upon this motion Hon. John G. Dawson, of Kinston, representing Clara Heath, made a earnest plea for continuance upon the ground that he had expected the trial to be continued to the court of some other county and that he had not had proper

Will Demonstrate Dusting for Boll Weevil by Plane in Halifax

Scotland Neck, May 1.—Arrangements have been completed with a commercial airplane company to give a cotton-dusting demonstration to control the boll weevil on the farm of J. A. Kitchin, of this county, on Friday, May 15, according to County Agent C. E. Littlejohn, of Halifax County.

Mr. Littlejohn states that the demonstration will be held on a field of young cotton on Mr. Kitchin's farm about two and one-half miles from Scotland Neck on the Hobgood road. The company will have two airplanes and will actually lay a dust cloud of calcium arsenate from the air. The cotton will be too young and the boll weevils too few for the dusting to be actually effective in control, but the idea is to prove that airplane dusting is a practical and effective way of combating the pest.

The work will be done under the

supervision of Mr. Littlejohn and Extension Entomologist W. Bruce Mabee, of State College. Mr. Littlejohn already has about 1,500 acres of cotton signed up which the planters will dust with airplanes if they are convinced by the demonstration.

"Last year," says Mr. Littlejohn, "Scotland Neck and the neighboring communities in lower Halifax had more cotton under protection by the use of calcium arsenate dust during the first season of damage than any other community in the South. Five thousand acres were protected during the season. There were 80 of these big three-row dusters ready for operation and a majority of them were used. This is one reason why the Scotland Neck community was selected for the demonstration. We want cotton farmers from every cotton-growing county of the State to attend this demonstration on May 15."

Spectators Must Pay Attention to Court

Judge Sinclair called the attention of the people attending court Monday to the habit of nonattention and disrespect for courts, and suggested that the fault was not entirely with the spectators but frequently with members of the bar.

Upon his recommendation a motion was made, seconded, and carried recommending that the court, officers, the bar, all people interested, and spectators in attendance should rise while the sheriff convenes and adjourns court.

Upon the passage of such motion the court ordered that such procedure be followed at each session of the court during this term.

time to prepare his case. He stated that the defense of his client would be an alibi. Judge Sinclair ruled with the solicitor, declaring it apparent that sufficient notice had been given all defendants, since they had been arrested more than three weeks ago. Attorney Fred I. Sutton representing the Sparrows, also asked for more time, but failed to impress the court with the idea that the defendants had not had plenty of time to set up their defense.

Cases Postponed to Wednesday However, upon request of counsel for the defense the case was postponed until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, to give time for getting their witnesses in court.

The State asked that a special venire be ordered to appear in the case, whereupon the court ordered that by consent of counsel for the State and all defendants a venire of 200 men were ordered to be summoned by the sheriff to appear in court on Wednesday, May 6, at 9 a. m.

No plans have so far been announced as to the trial of Joseph Needleman for the capital offense charged.

Court will possibly have a rest day today (Tuesday) while the sheriff is summoning the jury and the attorneys are laying their plans for the big fight Wednesday.

Five Men Remanded to Jail Just before the adjournment of court Judge Sinclair called F. W. Sparrow, sr., and F. W. Sparrow, jr., of Kinston, H. D. Griffin, Julian Bullock, and Roy Gray, of Robersonville, to stand and placed them in the custody of the sheriff, with instructions that they be taken to jail. All the other defendants were permitted to leave under their respective bonds.

Mr. Tom Davenport, of Oak City, was in town yesterday.

John L. Hassell Not a Candidate for Mayor

Very little interest is being manifested in the town election today, as there is but one ticket to be voted on.

It had been rumored that there would be an independent candidate in the field, but in an interview yesterday Mr. John L. Hassell, the present mayor, who was being mentioned as the "independent" candidate, stated that he would under no circumstances be a candidate, and that he knew of no other candidate.

Therefore, the field is left open for Robert L. Coburn, for mayor, and C. O. Moore, W. T. Meadows, Geo. H. Harrison, C. B. Hassell, and E. P. Cunningham, for commissioners.

MARCH AND APRIL REPORTS OF AGENT

Farmers Buy Two Cars Title; Also Helps Load Two Cars Poultry; Car Explosives Delivered

The following is the report of the County Farm Demonstration Agent, Mr. T. B. Brandon, for the month of March:

21 days spent in field work. 5 days spent in office work. 161 conferences with farmers in regard to farming. 204 letters written. 67 farm visits made. Traveled 867 miles on official duties. 7 articles written for newspapers. 15 orchards inspected. 201 hogs treated. Aided farmers in buying two cars of farm tile with a saving to them of \$184.00.

Loaded, with Mr. Risher, county agent at Washington, one car of poultry. We secured 22 cents per pound for hens, and 10 cents per pound for roosters, cash at the car door. The price paid the farmers was about 4 cents above the local market. This county furnished about half of the car which was 7,000 pounds of poultry.

The report for April follows: 23 days spent in field work. 4 days spent in office work. 181 conferences with farmers in regard to farming. 156 letters written. 874 miles traveled in regard to my work.

201 hogs treated to prevent cholera. 7 articles written for local papers. 15 orchards inspected.

Delivered one car of explosives, with a saving to the farmers of about \$1,800, which will get up 10,000 stumps in the county. At present I have requests for 11,000 pounds to be ordered in September or October.

A second car of poultry was loaded with the county agent at Washington, N. C. We secured for the farmers, cash at the car door, 23 cents a pound for hens, and 10 cents a pound for roosters. This price paid was about 5 cents above the local market.

Have arranged for a cotton-variety test on Mr. L. B. Harrison's farm on the road to Washington. We are using 10 different varieties to see which will yield the best. There will be boards placed in front of each variety so that the people can tell which variety they will like the best. From this we hope to get some valuable information.

Wants Farmers to List Their Crops

Mr. D. G. Matthews, the county assessor, is anxious to get a complete list of the farm products from each farm in the county.

The law requires that each farm shall give to the tax lister, when listing his property tax, a complete statement of all crops, fruits, and other income from farm crops for the previous year.

This is in no way intended to be a base for taxation but to enable the farmer to know whether or not he is making a profit on the farm.

It is very necessary that farmers should know as much about their business income as any other class of business people.

If every farmer in the county will make an accurate statement of all farm expense and income for the year 1924, they will greatly help the local tax listers.

TAKES SIDE WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY

John W. Green Answers Attack Made By Mr. Hugh M. Burras Through Enterprise Last Friday

To the Editor: Mr. Burras said that he listened very attentively to the highly flavored speech of Hon. Clayton Moore. This is true, as Mr. Moore does not make use of any speech anywhere other than the highly flavored variety, even in a social conversation.

Mr. Moore is full of the mentioned "thunderstorms" that come from a clear sky; clear and fair storms that always hit the spots where they aim.

If some of our other officers of Martin County were such men as Clayton Moore, there would probably be no knoos to untie.

There are some people who can sit and listen at a gentleman's speech for a whole day and then not know whether he is pleading a case at law or preaching the gospel.

As to going to Mr. Moore's home to see him as county attorney, as stated by Mr. Burras, I would judge that the county commissioner's business was to get advice and not to give advice.

As to rumors about Sheriff Roberson, I wish to say that I have reason to believe that he did not have the slightest idea of any mob violence. I have found him to be a high type of gentleman in every respect, who carries out the law, if possible.

Mr. Moore earns every dollar paid to him by Martin County as county attorney. The time may have been, prior to the present time, when the county commissioners could have got by without a lawyer, but our present commissioners, or at least some of them, are badly in need of advice. As a matter of fact, we have some county officers who get smaller salaries than Mr. Moore that we get less results from than we do from Mr. Moore, and we regret to have to pay our money to them.

Mr. Moore is a full-blooded American, a native of Martin County, North Carolina, and a Martin County attorney. He performs his duty. He is even as much or more known in the capital city as he is here at home. He is not responsible for our high taxes whatsoever. I am sure Mr. Moore pays his proportional part of the taxes and has them paid up to date.

I further wish to say, in conclusion, that Mr. Moore went out in the field and asked for his office like a man, as he knew the people of old Martin would support him. He did not slip around and find a hole and secretly slip into office at the eleventh hour and ninety-ninth minute.

Mr. Moore has a perfect right to appear for the defense in the Needleman matter, as the whole affair on both sides is a State case and not a county one. It is tried in the State courts and not in the recorder's court of Martin County.

JNO. W. GREEN, A Martin County Taxpayer.

Jamesville to Play Everetts Wednesday

(Special to The Enterprise) Jamesville May 4.—Everyone is cordially invited to attend the ball game Wednesday here when the Jamesville High School meets Everetts. The game is expected to be a good one as the teams are about evenly matched.

Come out and see the pitcher work that has a record of 20 strike outs during one game. Jamesville is boasting of having won every first place in athletics that it has took any part in this year, namely: Won every first place in track; all basketball games; all baseball games, so far.

Entertain for Doctor and Mrs. Pendleton

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders entertained last night with two tables on bridge for Doctor and Mrs. Pendleton, of Elizabeth City, who are visiting their niece, Mrs. C. H. Godwin, and Mr. Godwin.

A salad course was served after cards had been played for two hours. Those present besides the guests of honor were: Mr. and Mrs. Godwin, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Biggs, and Mrs. F. W. Hoyt.

Special Term for Trial of Joe Needleman and Mob Members Began Monday

Co-op Head Sues



Aaron Sapro, originator of the Farmers' Co-operative Marketing plan, has filed suit for \$1,000,000 against Henry Ford's Dearborn Independent denying that he is in a conspiracy of bankers who seek to control the food markets of the world.

Order Your Extra Enterprises Now

All regular subscribers and others wishing to receive extra editions of the Enterprise containing news relative to the trial now in progress here are requested to send 25 cents in coin to this office.

An extra edition will be published Wednesday night, and it is probable that other extras will be printed this week, depending entirely upon developments at the courthouse.

If we fail to publish more than one extra issue, we will advance your regular subscription one month ahead of its present standing.

This small sum is asked to meet the natural expense of publishing this paper, and a prompt remittance will be appreciated, as we would like to know how many copies of the extra to print.

Stamps will not be accepted.

FIFTY YEARS OF RIDING THE RAIL

Captain Haywood Clark, Veteran A. C. L. Conductor, Retires After Fifty Years of Service.

Captain Haywood Clark, retired from the service of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company May 1st, after a continuous service of fifty years. For many years Captain Clark has been conductor on the Norfolk-Wilmington run, making regular time. He first served on the Coast Line on the road running from Rocky Mount to Tarboro. Later, when the line was extended to Williamston under the old Albemarle & Raleigh charter, he came on this line for some time.

It would be interesting to know how many passengers Captain Clark has hauled, as well as the number of miles he has traveled. Doubtless the distance traveled would have carried him around the earth a hundred times or more.

Captain Clark has always been faithful to his trust and a friend to the traveling public.

Mr. T. A. Brinkley, who for a number of years has been conductor on the Rocky Mount-Plymouth train, has been transferred to the Norfolk-Wilmington train, the position being vacant by the retirement of Captain Clark.

Mr. S. C. Snead, of Shawsville, Va., arrived Wednesday night to accompany Mr. I. G. White, who has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis for the past few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning, where he was a guest, to his home in Shawsville.

Crowd Fills Courthouse; Charge of Judge Short But to the Point

The courthouse was filled and standing room was at a premium. Faces not familiar to our folks were dotted over the room and cars from towns over this section of the State were lined up near the building.

Two men, C. C. Fleming and J. H. Jolly, were the only ones that had been drawn as jurors who were not present when the list was read out. They had been properly excused.

The following were drawn to serve on the grand jury:

George H. Harrison, foreman; J. F. Crisp, I. F. Stokes, S. S. Bailey, W. A. Beach, W. A. Casper, F. S. Purvis, T. W. Davenport, W. L. Taylor, J. S. Johnson, L. L. Edmondson, L. H. Hux, R. A. Edmondson, J. T. Bennett, J. M. Johnson, H. B. Roberson, C. J. Griffin, Geo. W. Martin.

Judge Sinclair's Charge

Judge Sinclair, who is considered to be one of the strongest judges of the State, made his charge when the jury-men had taken their seats in the box. He began by impressing upon them that they were a part of the court, but independent in that justice was entirely in their hands and should they fail to administer it it was lost.

The best type of government cannot be maintained, he said, unless courage and character are found in the jury box, not only of the grand jury but of the trial jury as well. He called attention to the fact that the commissioners could discard an entire body of jurors and replace it with another, if the members lacked intelligence and moral character.

The State's criminal procedure form was upheld, but the judge said the greater proportion of the weakness of the procedure of the criminal courts lies in the juries.

The criminal laws of the State divide the violators of the law into three general classes. The third class embraces such crimes as affect society at large, and the individual is not expected to prosecute, but the State does, and, therefore, the charges go before a grand jury.

People Should Learn Constitution

Our people should be taught the constitution, he said, and they would have more respect for the law. The law that protects our property and our lives is the greatest blessing that we have and therefore our juries should be careful to see that the law is carried. The Edmond Burke theory, which says the king in his palace has no right to enter the home of the most humble peasant without the proper process of law, is the foundation for all the law that exists in our country today.

"With the grand jury rests the power of the preservation of the good name of your county," concluded the judge.

His charge was short, but teeming with reason, fairness, and firmness. Henry D. Taylor was made officer of the grand jury and the solicitor placed all bills in the hands of the jury, after which the court recessed shortly before 11 o'clock until 2.30.

Press Representatives Here

The following newspaper men are in attendance upon the special term of court here this week:

Mr. William Richardson, of Raleigh, representing the Associated Press. Carl Goerch, of Washington, representing the Washington Progress.

Ben Dixon MacNeil, of Raleigh, representing the News and Observer.

R. E. Powell, of Raleigh, representing various newspapers over the State.

The special term of the superior court of Martin County called by Governor McLean for the trial of the criminal assault case against Joe Needleman, Kinston tobacco salesman, and the mob violence cases against twenty-nine men of Martin and Lenawee counties, convened here yesterday morning at 10.45, with Judge N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, presiding, and Solicitor Donnell Gilliam, who has done such efficient work in rounding up the members of the mob, prosecuting.

Strand Theatre DONT FORGET THE SHOW AT THE STRAND TONIGHT