

Sentence Bazemore to Die January 26

Found Guilty in Snow Hill Court for Killing Boy

Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court Is Made

George Frank Bazemore was found guilty of first degree murder by a Green County jury last Wednesday when he went on trial in Snow Hill for the murder of Gordon Yelverton, a young boy of this place, on November 5th. Judge A. M. Stack sentenced the negro to die in the State's electric chair on Wednesday, January 26, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Sheriff Raspberry, of Greene County, carried Bazemore to Raleigh Thursday and delivered him to the warden of the State prison who confined him in a cell on "death row" to await the day of his execution. John Frizzelle, attorney for Bazemore, gave notice of appeal to the supreme court. It is not yet known whether or not he will perfect his appeal.

Drawing a jury from a venire of 100 men, the court started the case at noon last Wednesday; at 3.30 the evidence was all in, and the case was given to the jury soon afterwards. After deliberating for almost an hour the verdict of first degree murder was returned.

The first witness called in the case was the coroner of Greene County, who held the inquest over the dead boy's body. The wound was described by him, he stating that death resulted from a shot in the back of the boy's head.

J. C. Gurkin, of this place, was the next witness to take the stand. He stated that he had seen Bazemore standing near the truck when it was being loaded the day before the murder took place. Bob Richmond, an aged colored man, also of this place, took the stand next. It was learned that Bazemore asked him on the afternoon of the day before the murder where Yelverton was, that Bazemore wanted to know because he said he was going to Wilson with him.

Johnson Gardner, night watchman at the Roanoke Warehouse here, testified that Bazemore came to the warehouse at 1 o'clock and left at 4 o'clock on the morning of the murder. Night Policeman J. C. Cook stated that he had seen Bazemore hanging around trucks loaded with tobacco on several occasions, and that he had seen him leave with the trucks.

Mr. H. L. Meador, local warehouseman, told the court that Bazemore was not at his warehouse after 4 o'clock on the morning of the murder. The evidence up to this point clearly showed that Bazemore left here with the boy, and when evidence was heard from the various sources in Greenville and Farmville, the guilt was very pointed.

Mr. J. A. Hardee, of Greenville, testified that Yelverton and Bazemore had stopped at his store and ate sardines in the early morning of the day of the killing. Then Mr. Smith, who runs a filling station near the scene of the murder saw Yelverton and Bazemore as they passed in the truck. A few minutes later he saw Bazemore return with the same truck load of tobacco and alone. Mr. Smith's evidence was verified when a colored man testified on the stand. Bazemore was identified by these two men as the same who had gone by first with

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STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

"The Girl From Rocky Point"

—with—

Ora Carewe and an all-star Cast Also Comedy

Always a Good Show

Many See Man Scale City Hall

Climbs Flag Pole While It Sways From Side to Side

Mr. Geo. P. Polley, a "human fly" of Marblehead, Mass., amused a large crowd here Wednesday evening when he climbed to the top of the city hall. He thrilled the spectators when he stood on his head on the cornice and also as he wended his way along the edge of the building.

When he reached the top of the building and examined the base of the high flag pole, most of the people said he had done enough. Yet he did not stop, but proceeded to climb the pole while it swayed and swung from side to side. Many of the spectators agreed that it looked dangerous; some said it looked foolish; and others said it looked both foolish and dangerous.

Mr. Polley also amused a large audience at the theatre last night with his tricks of magic, most of them entirely new, and regarded as the most difficult ever seen in this section.

Mr. Polley is the first real "human fly" to perform here, and his climbing was well received by the large crowd. He was to have climbed the city hall again last night, but the crowd was too small to warrant the task. However, he announced that he would return Saturday and scale the walls of the courthouse at 4 o'clock.

Christmas Services at Baptist Church Sunday

"We have seen His Star" will be the Scripture text for the sermon at the Memorial Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Sunday afternoon at twilight, which is 5 o'clock, this church will hold its White Gift Christmas Service. All preparations have been completed. The general public in and out of town is invited and a great audience of people is expected.

This twilight service will close the day's activities, there being no preaching service in the church at the usual evening hour. The people will be free to attend the other church services of the town or to employ their time as they see fit.

There will be no mid-week service next week on Wednesday evening, the only service during the week will be the Christmas Tree Services on Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

On the Sunday immediately following Christmas, there will be only one preaching service in the church, and that will commence promptly at 10:30 o'clock, a unified church service of the Sunday school and church audiences.

Kiwanians Have Good Meeting Wednesday

The Kiwanis Club had a fine meeting Wednesday, perhaps the best attendance since the club was organized. After the general business meeting, the program was placed in the hands of Rev. C. H. Dickey, who presented a resolution authorizing the Kiwanians to join the Woman's Club and the chamber of commerce in a library campaign. The resolution was passed by an unanimous vote.

Mr. Dickey called for short talks from F. J. Margolis, Robert L. Coburn, Clayton Moore, Judge M. V. Barnhill, and Solicitor Donnell Gilliam. All of them not only made pleasing talks, but they were full of the spirit of love and religion. Geo. P. Polley, the magician, was introduced and performed a few feats that were a wonder to all present.

Methodist Program For the Next Week

Sunday school, 9.45 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.
Intermediate Epworth League, 2 p. m.
Junior Epworth League, 2.40 p. m.
Preaching at Holly Springs at 3.00 p. m.
Woman's Missionary Society meets Monday at 3 p. m. with Mrs. W. C. Liverman.
Senior Epworth League, Monday at 7.30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m.

Mrs. J. W. Mizelle and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griffin of route two were business visitors here last Wednesday.

Pugh Is Found Guilty Second Degree Murder

Gets Sentence Varying From Seven To Ten Years

J. M. Pugh was sentenced last Wednesday to the State's prison for not less than seven years and not more than ten years by Judge M. V. Jarnhill for having killed Beaman Silverthorne last October. The jury took the case Wednesday morning and after two hours' deliberation returned the verdict, "guilty of second degree murder". The solicitor did not ask for a first degree verdict, and the jury having the right in the case to return either a second degree verdict or charge Pugh with manslaughter, returned the greater of the two.

Counsel for the defendant gave notice of appeal and if the case goes to the supreme court, Pugh may apply for bond pending the outcome of his appeal. He was carried to Raleigh yesterday by Sheriff Roebuck.

Late Tuesday afternoon the counsel for the defense placed several witnesses on the stand, and evidence of a similar nature as that given earlier by other defense witnesses was continued. Speeches were made by members of the bar on both sides the case, and on Wednesday morning after the rebuttal, the case was given the jury.

It is understood that an error was made in the trial when several jurors were allowed to remain in the box who had expressed their views regarding the murder before the trial was commenced.

Stockings Are Sent To Disabled Soldiers

Twenty-one Christmas stockings were shipped yesterday by the Women's club to the disabled soldiers at Oteen. The stockings were prepared by members of the Woman's club here. Packed with fruits, candies, tobacco and a testament, the stockings will be delivered to the unfortunate soldiers at Oteen on Christmas day.

A large number of magazines and books in addition to the stockings were sent by the Club.

Clubs all over the State are sending these little gifts to those who were unfortunate in the battles of the World War.

Jailed When He Makes Threats to Kill

Thurston Harrison, a 17-year-old boy of the Bear Grass section was jailed here late Wednesday night after he had threatened to kill several people at the home of Mr. Hyman Cowing, near Bear Grass.

Deputy Sheriff, S. H. Grimes was called and he brought young Harrison here and placed him in jail where he remained until yesterday when he was released under a hundred dollar bond.

The young man would not allow a car to be moved from the Cowing home and he held his pistol ready to back his statements. His actions caused neighbors to notify the county officers.

The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

Dec. 19.—"Samuel the Just Judge". Samuel 7:13-12, 15.

(Having written these lessons, without a single omission, for the year 1926, I have decided not to continue for 1927. It is a great privilege to in some way assist so many people in this county, but a multiplicity of duties, ever enlarging, causes me to take this action for the coming year. I sincerely hope that some other man or woman may continue to get out these comments; for there is a great place for them among all the people. If I have helped any Sunday School pupils and teachers this year, I am grateful, beyond expression, for that opportunity. And it may be that I shall resume this writing again, at a later day.

Wishing for my readers a glad, good Christmas, as well as for Mr. W. C. Manning who has been so kind to publish these lessons, I shall write the lesson for next week and my connection with this column shall cease, at least temporarily.—C. H. D.)

Samuel, the just Judge, is the title of the lesson for Sunday, "Just Judges" is what we need today. President Taft says that the administration of criminal justice is about to fail in this country. Just judges, just jurors, and people who will not perjure themselves is a crying need. Justice is the very thing many people do not want; and often it is defeated in high places. We must so educate morally; that the great mass of people will demand justice and support it.

It is not surprising that Samuel won for himself this title of the just Judge. He had a wonderful mother behind him, and a long course of ministering before the Lord, and he never forgot either. The people had great confidence in him, and he judged them as long as he lived.

It may be said that a judge in those days, and in the sense employed here, was considerably different from the function of our judges in this day. Samuel was not only a Judge to the people, but he was their defender, their prophet, their statesman—in his day at least, we might say of him as we do of George Washington that he was the father of his country—its protector, its greatest patriot and its mightiest man.

It's a great tribute to any man when he is asked to pray with or for any cause. The people had such high confidence in their Judge that they even called on him to carry their cases up to God when a mere Judge could not handle them. God, then, was the last Court of Appeal. And Samuel seemed to have both the confidence of the people and access to this Supreme Court in the Heavens.

"Under his banner the people naturally wrought victories."

Schools Close Today; To Reopen January 3

The graded school closed today for the Christmas holidays and will reopen Monday, January 3. The several teachers will leave this afternoon and tomorrow for their homes to spend the vacation with their families.

Tobacco Sales Report Up To December 1st

Third From Top, Local Market Averages \$28.46

The November report of tobacco sales and prices has been given out by the Department of Agriculture. Wilson, of course, leads in sales for the month, selling twenty million pounds; but not in price, her average being \$28.13.

Greenville comes second in pounds with thirteen million pounds sold. She also stands second in price with an average of \$30.03. Farmville led in prices, selling almost four million pounds at 30.16. Kinston is third in the number of pounds sold with nine million at 26.22. Rocky Mount fourth with seven and a half million pounds at 27.24. The next is Farmville; and then comes Goldsboro and Williamston with one and three quarter million pounds each. The Goldsboro price was only \$23.13, while Williamston average was \$28.46.

Robersonville sold 825,288 pounds at \$27.81; Washington 894,424 pounds at \$29.62; Ahsokie 651,134 at \$27.53; Tarboro, 1,019,970 pounds at \$25.41. Only three markets were higher in prices than Williamston in November, Farmville, Greenville, and Washington. Perhaps the three higher markets, all of which were struck by a rain during the dry period, had a better crop than the other sections not so fortunate.

The Windsor market is not listed for November. Wallace sold less than a third of a million pounds at \$21.09, the lowest in the eastern belt.

Town Team Defeats Rocky Mount "Y", 34-24

One of the best basketball games of the season was witnessed here last night by a large crowd of spectators when the local town team met the strong Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A. quint in the Brick Warehouse. Time after time the crowd poured forth its yells when members of both teams would make spectacular plays. Many long and difficult shots were made, and the passing of both teams was good for the greater part of the game. For the greater part of the period there was only a small margin lead held by the locals, but in the last half Rocky Mount was checked while the locals carried their score upward, the game ending with 34 for Williamston and 24 for the visitors.

Dick Cherry did most noticeable work for the locals and his playing was well received. He scored 15 points while Britt followed with 10 for the locals. Yelverton was the mainstay for the visitors, and he led both teams in individual scoring by accounting for 20 of his team's 24 points.

Fort Bragg was to have come, but for some reason unexplained changed his mind. The manager of the town team here was fortunate to get the "Y" team here last night.

JAMESVILLE DEFEATS BETHEL BY LARGE SCORE WEDNESDAY
The Jamesville basketball team defeated those of the Bethel school at Bethel last Wednesday night by a one-sided score of 43 to 15.

Plotters of Robbery Get Light Sentences

Juniors Enjoy Oyster Feast

Install New Set of Officers at Special Meeting

At a special meeting held last Tuesday night in the hall of the H. D. Peele building, the Martin Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, installed its officers elected at a recent meeting.

For the coming year the following officers entered upon their duties: Councilor, J. Marshall Rogers; vice councilor, T. Marvin Britton; recording secretary, Julian H. Harrell; treasurer, J. D. Woolard; financial secretary, John A. Ward; assistant recording secretary, Joe G. Corey; conductor, Leroy Savage; warden, C. B. Harrison; chaplain, Henry D. Harrison; inside sentinel, George C. Jenkins; outside sentinel, W. S. Bailey. Applications for eight new members were presented at the meeting.

After the installation of officers the members retired below and partook of steamed oysters, pickles, and crack ers.

Everetts Woodmen Enjoy Oyster Supper

The regular meeting of Camp No. 15642, Everetts, held Monday night December 13, was very much enjoyed and everyone complimented Mr. C. B. Reddick and Mayo Peel for being such excellent cooks when it came to preparing the oysters. About twenty five of the members of the camp were present together with six visitors, five from Bear Grass and one from Farmville.

The officers elected for the year 1927 are as follows: Mr. H. L. Roebuck, councilor; A. L. Jackson, advisory councilor; W. L. Ausborn, banker; Paul Bailey, clerk; Benjamin P. Leggett, watchman; J. H. Bland, sentry; H. O. Daniel, escort and Mayo Peel chief foster. Those elected to serve on the Board of Trustees are V. G. Taylor, one year; J. W. Cherry, two years and J. Arthur Wynn, three years.

The next meeting will be Monday night, December 27, at which time there will be one candidate to be initiated. It is probable that another will be present for initiation. A good time is promised together with fun for that night.—Reported.

Coaches of County Teams Meet Here

The coaches of practically all the high school basketball teams met here yesterday afternoon in the school building to make arrangements for a county basketball tournament.

No rules and regulations were made at the meetings yesterday but a special committee for that purpose was appointed. This committee will draw up the rules for the tournament at a meeting to be held within the next few days.

Will Climb Corner of Courthouse Saturday

George P. Polley, the "human fly" will lean one of corners of the courthouse will climb one of the corners of the courthouse tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The work of a human fly is the most daring of all the things that men undertake, and Mr. Polley is no exception to the rule.

NEW TELEPHONE MANAGER TAKES UP WORK HERE

Mr. James R. Stanley took up the duties of local manager of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company here last Wednesday at which time the duties were turned over to him by J. W. Manning. Mr. Stanley has been connected with the Carolina company for some time, having worked in Tarboro for the past several months. Mr. Manning will be interested in the Williamston telephone company.

Sunday Services at Episcopal Church

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector (Fourth Sunday in Advent)
8:00 a. m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a. m.—Sunday morning.
11:00 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.
3:30 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission.
7:30 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

Secretary N. G. Bartlett of Kinston was a business visitor here last Tuesday.

Two Years on Roads Given Three of Gang

Grady W. Morris Goes Back to His Home In Oriental

Percy Woodard, Clinton K. Morris, Phillip Worthington, and Grady W. Morris all plead guilty in superior court here Wednesday, when they were called to answer the charge of conspiring and plotting to rob the Farmers & Merchants Bank in Williamston and the Planters & Merchants Bank in Everetts in the latter part of October.

C. K. Morris was turned over to authorities from the State prison to complete a 5-year sentence given him in the Craven County court in January, 1923, of which term he had only served 6 months when he escaped from the Caledonia Farm.

Percy Woodard was sentenced to the Rocky Mount road district roads for the term of two years, to be paroled at the end of six months if he makes a good prisoner and stays out of the State, except that he may visit his mother in Pamlico County.

Phillip Worthington was also sentenced to the Rocky Mount road district roads for the term of two years, to be paroled at the end of six months if he makes a satisfactory prisoner, and leaves and remains out of the State of North Carolina.

Grady W. Morris was also sentenced for two years, which was suspended so long as he does not violate any of the laws of North Carolina. He was released and taken home by his mother, who lives in Oriental.

This was one of the most interesting cases that has appeared on the Martin court docket for many years. Conceived and born in the minds of Percy Woodard and Phillip Worthington, the idea came to them, while they were lounging around New York pool rooms to come to eastern North Carolina to go into the bank robbing business. Woodard wrote to a local man from Connecticut, stating that he had some good propositions to offer. As soon as this letter was received, it was turned over to one of the officers of the town, who advised the recipient of the letter to seek further information; and in a few days Woodard and Worthington drove down from New York in a car they then stated was stolen.

After divulging their plans they left for Norfolk, where they said they had tools and an expert "blower," and would return in a few days. When they reached Norfolk, however, they found that their "blower" evidently C. K. Morris, was in jail. They then wrote that they would be in Williamston October 19.

Woodard and Worthington returned just as they had stated they would. From their arrival on Tuesday night until 9 o'clock Thursday morning, the county and town officers were in constant touch with every move they made. But from that time until Sunday morning they gave the officers the slip, except Percy Woodard, who returned here Thursday night with a man unknown to the officers. These two spent the night at the Atlantic Hotel, leaving early Friday morning for Norfolk.

Early Sunday morning the four men reappeared. C. K. Morris went on to New Bern, and the other three hid at the old Whitley mill site up the river. They were all arrested in Kays' Cafe Sunday evening except Clinton, who was taken into custody Monday. Grady Morris was with them on Sunday.

While they made denial that they were going to rob a bank, both C. K. and Grady Morris told in their written confessions that Woodard and Worthington had told them they planned to do so. C. K. Morris stated that they had first told him so near Williamston on the Sunday they were arrested that they planned to "stick up" the bank at Everetts. He claimed that he then refused to go further with them and left them.

Grady Morris stated that he first heard he bank mentioned Sunday, when he found two pistols in the car. He asked about them and was told they had them to hold up a bank with.

After the arrests, all talked freely, and being separated they told enough on each other to convict them all, even if there had been no other testimony except their own statements.

THRILLS HUNDREDS WHEN HE CLIMBS CITY HALL FLAG POLE



George P. Polley, of Marblehead, Mass., "human fly" thrilled a large crowd here Wednesday when he scaled the walls of the City Hall. Mr. Polley's life often depends on the short fingers, for he often swings his body from high buildings with nothing but his fingers holding to a pinch of a roof. He has climbed buildings all over the country, his most spectacular feat taking place when he went up the walls of Boston's City Hall blindfolded. He will climb a corner of the courthouse here tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock.