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PERCY MILLER IS SENTENCED TO DIE JUNE 14TH

Judge Moore Passes First Death Sentence Since His Appointment

JURY OUT 50 MINUTES

Judge Clayton Moore passed his first death sentence since his appointment to the bench over a year ago, in Bertie superior court last Friday afternoon when he sentenced Percy Miller, convicted murderer of Chief of Police Pat White, of Windsor, to die in the electric chair the 14th of next month. Carrying out his duty, Judge Moore sentenced the man to die and said that Miller stand up and say what he would for himself. Miller said nothing and was ordered removed at once to the State prison, where he now occupies a cell on "death row."

Miller was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a Bertie County jury 50 minutes after the case was turned over to it. Ten minutes later Sheriff Cooper and the several guardsmen were speeding toward Raleigh with the convicted man.

Notice of appeal was filed by Miller's negro lawyer, and this will likely stay his execution.

Miller killed Police White February 10 when the officer attempted to arrest him. He escaped at that time, but was later captured by Sheriff Cooper.

Large crowds attended the trial, but during the time no disorder resulted.

COUNTY AGENT'S APRIL REPORT

Several Shipments of Poultry Made; Also Ships Hogs to Richmond

The county agent's report, showing many activities during the month of April, was placed before the county commissioners for approval last Tuesday.

During the month, Mr. Brandon, agent, carried on the following work: Twenty days spent in field, six days in office, held 129 office conferences, received 127 telephone calls, wrote 175 letters, visited 27 farms, traveled 857 miles on official duties, wrote 14 articles for papers, treated 271 hogs and loaded poultry. According to the report the shipments last month brought the total loadings this year up to 74,908 pounds, farmers receiving \$18,086.68. Mr. Brandon estimates that the cooperative poultry shipments save the raisers \$4,000.00 or more.

Delivering 130 bushels of improved cotton seed, the agent saved farmers approximately \$97.50 in the purchase price.

One carload and a truck load of hogs were shipped to the Richmond market. Shipping a carload of sweet potatoes, a farmer was paid \$1.70 per bushel. The fifth car of drain tile was delivered in the county this year.

Ice Cream Vendor Wins \$100,000 in Cuban Lottery

Havana, May 4.—Luck has smiled on M. Sevillano, a young Spaniard, who was a street vendor of ice-cream cones. He owed board bill and room rent. With his last remaining cash he bought a full ticket in the Cuban national lottery. He took his pushcart out as usual next morning and started on his rounds.

When the extra editions of the news papers came out carrying the results of the drawing, Sevillano discovered that the winning number, calling for \$100,000, was his own. He abandoned his cart on the sidewalk and danced all the way home, weeping and singing. Next day he collected his money and is now awaiting a vessel for Spain to take in the Seville exposition as host to several less fortunate ice-cream peddling friends.

WATTS THEATRE
Wednesday May 15
"THE ROAD TO RUIN"
The Vibrant Life Story of a Dequent Girl
ALSO COMEDY
Thursday-Friday May 16-17
"THE RED SWORD"
NEWS and COMEDY
Don't Forget, A Piece of Silver Free To Every Lady Who Attends Each Friday Night
Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily
MUSIC BY PHOTONE

Public Invited to Attend School Meeting Friday

The new school law in its relation to this county will be discussed at a meeting of school commissioners, county board of education, county board of commissioners and others who care to attend here in the courthouse next Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Pointed out to be one of the most important from the standpoint of the county's schools, the meeting will be attended by a hundred or more people, it is expected.

MANY AT MAY DAY EXERCISES

Almost 1,000 People Attend Exercises on School Grounds Friday

To many, almost a thousand people, the May Day exercises and dances at the grammar school building last Friday afternoon, featured the local school's entire closing program. With practically all the smaller children taking part, the event was well received by the large number of spectators, and gave evidence of careful training on the part of the teachers.

The little folks were very attractive in their dress and costumes and played their assigned parts to do credit to both themselves and their teachers.

The program of the exercises in outline form follows:

R. A. Pope, jr., dressed as Robin Hood, opened the exercises when he rode his pony into the court, followed by the queen and her attendants. Bridesmaids included Nell Clyde Harrison, Alverita Weaver, Ruth Jenkins, Louise Perry and Christine Manning. Grace Manning was maid of honor and Bessie Godwin served as crown bearer. Reed White and Susie Whitley were the flower girls and Myrtle Brown was the queen. Dick Dunn and Elbert Peel, jr. acted as pages.

Dances

Fairy dance, first grade; Dutch drill, second grade; doll dance, Sara Cone; flower drill, third grade; minuet dance, fourth grade; solo dance, Katherine Taylor Harrison; highland fling, fifth grade girls; May pole drill, sixth and seventh grade girls; butterfly dance, Billy Pope; song, "Welcome Sweet Springtime," by grammar grade children.

TWO NEGROES ARE ARRESTED

Officers Threatened by Arrested Men's Friends in Gold Point Section

While investigating a complaint in the Gold Point community last Sunday afternoon, Deputy S. H. Grimes and his brother, Mayo Grimes, were assaulted by Lee-Wester Taylor, colored. The officers had just arrested George Taylor when Lee-Wester Taylor slipped up behind Deputy Grimes' back and placed a pistol in the officer's back. The deputy's assistant turned and snatched the gun from the boy and placed him under arrest. A .38 caliber pistol was removed from the elder Taylor's pocket and he, with his son, was placed in the jail here to face trial today before Judge Bailey.

The colored people were having a big meeting of some kind there, and the officers were threatened by the Taylor's friends.

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Prohibition Officers Get 100-Gallon Still

Officers F. E. Street and J. H. Roebuck captured a 100-gallon liquor kettle in Mulberry Branch, Williams Township, last week and destroyed about 100 gallons of beer. The kettle was cold and no one was captured. The still was said to be an up-to-date one and was apparently manufactured at some machine shop. The officers stated that they find very few plants with kettles of the type captured Saturday.

Regular Luncheon of Kiwanians Tomorrow

With several business problems to come up, a large attendance upon the Kiwanis meeting is being urged by the officers. Mr. N. C. Green will be in charge of the meeting, it was stated.

Farm Life School Pupils To Present Play Here

The Farm Life School boys and girls will present a play, "The Prairie Rose," in the City Hall here Wednesday of next week at 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement made yesterday.

The cast presented the play at the Farm Life school closing a few weeks ago with much success.

The meeting will probably determine the interpretation of the new law that will be followed in the operation of the schools during the coming term; that is, the meeting will decide whether a drastic, medium, or a free interpretation of the law will be followed in this county.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR WAREHOUSE

Meeting Will Be Held in City Hall Tonight To Form Organization

A meeting of the Martin County Warehouse Co. stockholders will be held in the City Hall here this evening at 8 o'clock, when officers of the company will be elected and other business matters handled. A charter was granted last Friday by the State Corporation Commission, and with the election of officers tonight the company will be in position to proceed at once with building operations.

Blue prints have been prepared, and it is understood that bids will be asked for within the next day or two. According to present plans, the house will carry the same amount of floor space as the one destroyed by fire and will have walls of brick except the rear one, which will be made of metal.

While the name of the company will be the Martin County Warehouse Co., the house will be operated under the name of Planters Warehouse. Messrs. George H. Harrison and A. R. Dunning secured the charter in Raleigh last Friday.

N. C. INDUSTRIAL SHOW THIS WEEK

Being Held in Raleigh; Natural Resources Are Featured

North Carolina is holding its first industrial exposition this week at the State fair grounds, Raleigh. The interest centers mainly in the manufacturing sections, very few exhibits coming from the section of the State east of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad. The large manufacturing concerns have very extensive and interesting exhibits.

The exposition bulletin claims that North Carolina comes first in many of the leading industries. It leads in production and manufacture of tobacco. It has more cotton mills than any other state and has the largest hosiery mill, towel factory, overalls factor and the second largest aluminum factory in the world. The largest denim mill, damask mills, underwear factory and pulp paper mill in the United States. The State now pays more tax into the Federal Treasury than any other state in the Union except New York.

The bulletin also points out that we now have a population of 2,938,000 with less than one per cent foreign born.

The natural resources and the educational advantages are featured at the show, the bulletin stating that a circle embracing Greensboro and Raleigh contains the greatest educational facilities of any place in the world on a basis of population.

The exposition is also telling the world about the State's road system, water power developments, game, fisheries and agriculture.

Million Fist Fights A Year in Russia

Moscow.—Russians engage in a million fist fights each year, according to Dr. Leibovitch, of the Moscow Institute of Criminology.

Official statistics show that in Moscow there were 1,044 person hurt in fights during March, 1928, and 1,603 in April. The increase in the latter was due to holiday vodka.

The statisticians even gave social correlation to the fighters. They said that 35 per cent were neighbors, 15 per cent husbands, 6 per cent former husbands, 7 per cent relatives, 6 per cent friends, 5 per cent acquaintances, and 26 per cent perfect strangers.

Local Firemen Enjoy Fish Supper Last Night

Members of the local fire company with a few invited guests enjoyed a fish supper at the Murray-McCabe mill last night following the regular practice. The menu consisted of rock muddle, chowder and slaw.

Rev. J. M. Waters, of Wilson was here this morning attending to business matters.

Dr. James E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, visited here a short while this afternoon.

EAST CAROLINA MAY SECURE 2 STATE PARKS

Conservation Director Says Particular Attention Will Be Given This Section

PLAN GAME REFUGES

Particular attention will be paid during the present year to the development of publicly owned recreational centers in the eastern section of North Carolina. Col. J. W. Harrellson, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, declared recently.

Areas will be considered in this section for game refuges and others will be inspected with a view of the establishment of State parks, forests, and recreational grounds with a view of establishing such centers when funds are made available.

"The State of North Carolina," asserted the conservation director, "needs to establish at least two State parks in this section. We are now working toward the creation of a State game refuge and public shooting ground in the Holly Shelter Swamp in Pender County and have other areas under consideration for these purposes.

"As another move toward the expansion of conservation activities in Eastern North Carolina, the Department of Conservation and Development is lending active assistance to the United States Forest Service and urging the immediate establishment of a National forest in this section. Funds for the purchase of National forests will be available under the long-time policy of acquisition of pine lands in eastern United States, adopted by Congress at its last regular session."

"The last barrier toward the establishment of a national forest in eastern North Carolina was removed when the General Assembly, at its recent session, passed an act authorizing the Federal Government to acquire land in that section for this purpose.

"Up to this time all of the National forest lands purchased in this State have been in Western North Carolina. Their benefits have been pronounced, and our department is eager that the eastern part of North Carolina be given the same advantage in this respect. Under the existing policy of the Forest Service it will probably be possible for the State to create game refuges on the proposed National forest areas."

RECORDER HAD ONLY 6 CASES

Work Completed in County Court Today Before Noon

With only six cases on the docket, Judge Bailey and Solicitor Peele completed their work in the recorder's court here today in a very short while. Several fines of \$50 or more were imposed but notice of appeal resulted in a majority of them.

The court procedure follows: El Savage plead guilty of driving an automobile while he was under the influence of whiskey and was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs of the action. His license to drive an automobile was revoked for a period of twelve months.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Annie B. Moyer with an assault with a deadly weapon. She plead guilty in the case and entered an appeal to a higher court when the court ordered her to pay the costs of the case and the prosecuting witness' doctor's bill. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

Joe Mayo was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs in a case charging him with disturbing religious worship. He appealed to the superior court and bond was fixed at \$100.

Lee Wester Taylor was given a six-months' sentence on the roads in each carrying a concealed weapon and assaulting with a deadly weapon charge. He appealed his case, bond being fixed at \$300.

G. W. Taylor was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and the judge fined him \$75. Notice of appeal was made in open court.

Regular Communication Of Masons Tonight, 7:45

There will be a regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 7:45, at the Masonic Hall. A full attendance of members is requested by the officers. Visiting Masons are cordially invited to attend.

Williamston Giants Will Play Rocky Mt. Friday

The baseball game here next Friday afternoon between the Rocky Mount All-stars and the Williamston Giants is expected to feature the colored baseball season here. Handbills, advertising the game, carries a line, "See the old reliable Joe Harry."

PRIZE-WINNING KITCHEN FIXED UP VERY CHEAP

Agent Tells How Cash Outlay of \$25.90 All Required To Win First Prize

STARTED YEAR AGO

Reviewing the work that was accomplished during the better kitchens campaign, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, described how the winner of the first prize, Mrs. Lee Hardison, went about the task. Mrs. Hardison won the prize at a small financial cost, indicating that practically every housewife in the county could greatly improve her kitchen.

Miss Sleeper stated that Mrs. Hardison made preparations for the entering the kitchen contest a year ago, that she collected bulletins and cut out magazine pictures in an effort to better carry on the work. When the kitchen was first scored, Miss Sleeper stated that it was not celled and the stove was stationed cross-wise in a corner of the room. Suggestions were made by Misses Sleeper and Smith when they scored the kitchen, and soon after Mrs. Hardison, assisted by her husband, started improving the cook room and working arrangements.

"After two months had passed," Miss Sleeper stated, "the kitchen showed much evidence of cooperation, hard work, and planning on the part of the family. A linoleum, easy to clean, had been placed on the floor, and a window was built in the side wall with a sink and drain board underneath it.

The room had been ceiling and painted attractively and checked green and white curtains gave evidence of taste and invited the onlooker to view from the open window. An ice box was made from a goods box in which was a large large stand for ice. A funnel, attached to the bottom, drained off the water. The total cost of the improvements made was \$25.90.

Miss Sleeper said "This winner was able to improve her kitchen by selling hens and turkeys. Many others can improve their kitchens and make them cheery. Many of the contestants have said they would not have their old kitchens back again. One man who helped told me that he had spent \$15 in helping his wife make the kitchen more attractive, but he said 'I do not want the money back nor the old kitchen, for I intend to keep on improving it.'"

THREE NAMED TO SCHOOL BOARD

A. Anderson Refuses Re-election After Twenty Years' Service

Refusing reelection at the expiration of his last term, Mr. Arthur Anderson brought to a close approximately 20 years of service as a member of the local school board. During a part of that time Mr. Anderson served as treasurer and throughout the period there was no remuneration. The growth of the school has been marked, two new buildings having been built and the enrollment increased many times during his connection with the school administration.

Appointments were made last week by the Martin County Board of Education to fill the places made vacant by the death of Messrs. C. D. Carstarphen and T. F. Harrison and the refusal of Mr. Anderson to continue as a member of the local board. The board is now made up of Messrs. Haywood Rogers, C. A. Harrison, J. D. Woolard, Roger Critcher, and Dr. P. B. Cone.

Prominent Robersonville Citizen Died Saturday

H. Alonza Gray, prominent citizen of Robersonville, died at his home there late Saturday evening of apoplexy. He had been in poor health for several months, but his condition was not considered serious, the end coming as a shock to the community.

The funeral was held from the home yesterday afternoon by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of the Robersonville Christian church. Interment was made in the new cemetery in his home town.

Mrs. Gray, with three children, Mrs. John Perkins, J. H., and Garland Gray, survives.

Baptist Men Will Have Fish Supper Thursday

The men of the local Baptist church are invited to a fish supper, at the bridge, Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

The supper is being given by the Men's Bible Class of the church. This class is taught by B. A. Critcher.

While the supper is being prepared and given by this particular class, they are asking all the men in the church to be their guests. It is thought that a large number will attend. Ample provision is being made, and a good time is assured all who go.

W. O. SAUNDERS REVIEWS EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN ADDRESS HERE FRIDAY

TWELVE SENIORS GET DIPLOMAS

Attendance Certificates Also Awarded to 22 At Exercises Friday

The 1928-29 term of the local school was brought to a close last Friday evening when Mr. W. O. Saunders, of Elizabeth City, delivered the commencement address, and certificates were awarded seventh grade graduates and the dozen seniors. Attendance certificates were given 22 pupils who had neither been absent nor tardy during the 160-day term. The evening's program was necessarily short, the school having no auditorium to prepare regular closing exercises.

Seniors receiving graduation certificates included Hibble Liverman, A. J. Manning, Annie Mae Williams, C. B. Clark, jr., Robert Edwin Peel, J. Paul Simpson, William Cook, William James, Viola Grimes, Virginia Harrison, Margaret Rodgerson, and Mary Carstarphen, who by leading the class was made valedictorian.

Certificates of attendance were given to Fern FitzGerald, Jamie Gurganus, Frances Cox, Ben Manning, Louise Green, Louise Peed, J. D. Bowen, Nettie Ferrell Meador, Jack Manning, Nellie Hopkins, Beulah Bennett, Louise Perry, Mary Holloman, Lawrence Lindsley, Ella Wynn Critcher, Edna Hopkins, Densel Simpson, Sallie G. Gurkin, Marie Griffin, Robert Gurganus, Julia Gurganus.

Before bringing the evening's program to a close, Principal L. H. Davis spoke briefly to the members of the graduating class and mentioned the possible progress in the school plant.

TALKING RECESS IN WASHINGTON

Threats of Contests in Both Houses of Congress on Farm Relief and Tariff

Washington, May 12.—Threats of long contests in both the senate and the house on the tariff and farm relief issues today turned the thoughts of congressional leaders to a recess as the heat of summer blanketed Washington.

With the farm bill still in the debating stage in the senate and the tariff measure just getting a start on what appears to be a rough path in the house, the program for the extra session is far behind the expectations of the administration.

Senator Watson, of Indiana, the Republican leader, has been giving serious thought to a three-weeks' recess next month after the house passes the tariff measure and while it is before the senate finance committee.

But now come rumors of a new maneuver by the administration and other rumors that an all-summer recess is in contemplation. Those advocating the long recess declare it will serve the purpose of permitting a cooling off in the majority party ranks in the senate which were split wide open in the bitter fight over the President's farm program.

It is the hope of senate leaders to dispose of the farm bill Tuesday and send it to the house for an adjustment of differences, revolving chiefly around the export debenture provision.

With the farm bill out of the way the senate will take up the combined measure for authorization of the 1930 census and, for reapportionment of the house on the basis of that census.

Another stiff fight is in prospect there and when that is out of the way, the senate will be called upon to pass its judgment as to the eligibility of Andrew Mellon as secretary of the treasury in view of his stockholdings.

A new subject of controversy promises to get started tomorrow before the senate judiciary committee when it begins consideration of the resolution of Senator King, Democrat, Utah, proposing an inquiry into the right of President Hoover to withhold the public lands from oil operations.

OVER 500 HEAR PUBLISHER FROM ELIZABETH CITY

Made Commencement Address at School Here Friday Night

MEDIOCRITY PLAYED

Reviewing educational systems from the time of the Indian down to the present W. O. Saunders, Elizabeth City publisher, delivering the commencement address here last Friday evening in the new high school auditorium declared the present system to be so complex that the schools are giving a smattering of everything and efficiently training the child in nothing. He held no one responsible for the condition, pointing out that the situation is the result of a multiplicity of changes.

In a few words, Mr. Saunders told his hearers, 500, or more, that the educational costs were too great for what the children are getting in return. The Hancock bill, referred to as a slap at the modern educational system, is, according to the speaker, the first of many attacks on educational costs, and the system may look for many other slaps. From \$950,000 in 1900, elementary school costs reached \$34,692,000 in 1926, and the schools are turning out fewer and fewer boys and girls who know how to spell, write, or work arithmetic. They are graduated but are not learned in any particular subject. The taxpayer is beginning to realize the state of conditions, and where he was once "sold" on educational advancement, he is now restless. "Every time you spend one cent for educational purposes, we spend five cents for automobiles and three cents for luxuries. We could spend more, but we are not satisfied when the boys and girls complete their schooling and are then unable to organize. They do not know how to put two and two together, and that is the reason for unrest in the educational system today," Mr. Saunders continued. "The heads of education will have to watch their step," he declared.

After telling of a few of the high spots in his own life and declaring the modern girl indiscreet, Mr. Saunders attacked the type of teachers who are training the youth of today. "We have grown so rapidly that we have been forced to recruit our teachers from the ranks of flappers and the care-free male graduate, and as a result we are entrusting the work of shaping the lives of our children to those whose own characters are not developed," he declared. Continuing, "The youth of today needs highly trained leadership more than any other tribe of youngsters that ever came before, and they are not getting it. We need not expect our children to develop character as long as we keep them under a lot of ignorant and inexperienced teachers," the publisher continued. "The trouble is we have too many mediocre teachers, too many mediocre preachers, and too many mediocre newspapermen." He forecasted the exit of the mediocre preacher and a marked change in the educational system when the latest inventions are fully developed.

Maintaining that if the youth of today has character and energy, Mr. Saunders stated that they can secure knowledge outside of the school room. He referred to the lives of three big men who attributed their success one to luck and the others to hard work. While luck might be counted and hard work deemed necessary, for one to succeed he must have character.

As a remedy to present conditions, Mr. Saunders suggested that we return to the old masters, provide more money for educating teachers. To properly do this the speaker would have the young man attend college two years, spend a year abroad, travel in this country six months, train on a farm and in a factory for twelve months, ending with a year in college. Once this is done we will have some one to instill character in the lives of our boys and girls."

Local High School Ends Season With 2-0 Victory

The local high school closed its baseball season here last Friday afternoon when the boys defeated the Washington Collegiate Institute nine by a 2 to 0 count. The game was one of the best of the season, and brings to a close a most successful year in athletics for the high school here.

During the season Coach Hood's boys won four games, tying two and losing two others. With one or two exceptions the teams defeated were those of much larger schools than the one here, and were organized several seasons ago.

Fats and Leans Playing Second Game Today

"Sure, we are going to win, because I am going to umpire," Pete Fowden stated this morning when asked for advance "dope" on the baseball game between the Fats and Leans this afternoon on the new high school diamond. And while Pete is on the fat side, he will encounter strong opposition in Dr. Jas. Rhodes who is scheduled to umpire for the leans.

Both sides are said to have added to the lineup since the last game when the fats "nosed" out the leans 15 to 3.