

Marshall Hanging In 1906 Recalled

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MADISON COUNTY RECORD

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For the first time in thirty years and the second time in the history of the county there was on Monday, the 2nd inst., in the person of Peter Smith, a man legally executed; this latter one being the only instance of a Madison County man convicted in his own county receiving the death sentence which was executed, the former execution being that of Cunningham, whose trial was moved here from Buncombe.

While the law only allowed a few to witness the hanging, many came to see and hear what they could, there being twelve to fifteen hundred people present.

Smith having expressed a desire to say something, Sheriff Cole had kindly arranged a place and at 12:30 o'clock brought the condemned man out upon a platform where the crowd had gathered to hear the last words of the poor old man who was soon to pass into an unknown beyond.

Sheriff Cole asked Dr. Roberts to make a statement to the crowd expressing his regrets that he could not allow them all to see

Him and am going home to Him in a few minutes, I am not guilty of the crime as charged against me. I am sick and can't talk any more. Good - bye, friends.

the execution as the law forbid it and he must observe the law.

Smith was then taken back into the jail and dropped into a chair almost exhausted, he being so weak from sickness and the confinement, that the sheriff had to support him while making his talk. At 12:55 the sheriff was handed a telegram and all was suspense for a moment. "Perhaps it's a respite," said someone, but not so. The sheriff called the writer to one side and read the message which was from the Governor, he declining to further interfere in the matter.

The March To The Gallows

At 1 o'clock Sheriff Cole told Smith that it was time to go and he was assisted from his chair and walked with the sheriff to the gallows, Rev. C. O. Gray, who has been very attentive to the doomed man, advising and praying with him since he was brought to this jail, and Rev. L. B. Compton and P. L. Maness, and two lady missionaries, who were his spiritual advisers while in the Asheville jail, accompanied the prisoner to the scaffold where by his request they sang a hymn, "Sin Can Never Enter There," after which Rev. Compton read a chapter and then offered a very fervent prayer that brought tears to the eyes of strong men.

Smith Weeps Bitterly

This was the only time that the prisoner showed any sign of emotion at all, he breaking down and weeping bitterly. The prisoner then asked for one more hymn, "Is Thy Heart Right With God?" "You Have Been Good To Me." Smith was then carried onto the trap where Sheriff Cole, assisted by deputy sheriff Nick White and Sheriff Reed of Buncombe arranged his clothing, opening his collar to properly adjust the cap and robe. While doing this Smith gave a last hearty embrace to deputy sheriff Nick White, saying, "You have been good to me." Smith then smiled and said "good-bye" to those around him.

The Trap Sprung

Sheriff Reed placed the black cap over his head and Sheriff Cole

placed the noose around his neck. When properly adjusted, Sheriff Cole took his position at the lever below. When released by Sheriff Reed, who was supporting him, Smith reeled and came near falling backwards from weakness, but again steadied himself and stood erect. All being ready, Reed gave the signal and Cole pulled the lever. The drop being six feet, Smith's neck was broken, paralyzing every muscle in him. Not a sign of struggle or suffering was visible. It was just 1:15 when the trap fell and in five minutes Drs. Roberts and Clontz pronounced him dead. After fourteen minutes the body was taken down and placed in a coffin and delivered to George W. Candler and Peter Freeman, who, at the request of Smith's wife, had arranged to send the body to his old home on Spring Creek, the people of Marshall having contributed the money necessary for this purpose.

Two Nickels - "Take Them To My Wife and Boy"

Smith's only earthly belongings were two nickels, which he requested the Sheriff to give one to his wife and the other to his little boy, John, and request that they keep them always.

The Hanging A Success

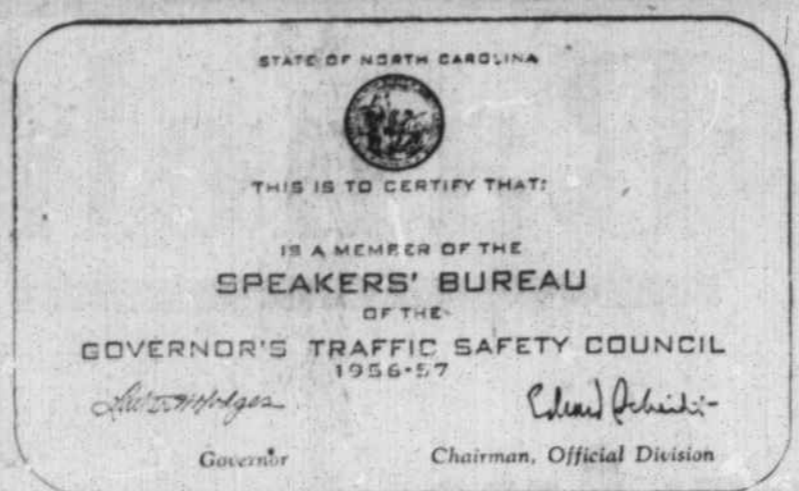
Sheriff Cole had everything in order and the execution was carried out with perfect smoothness, without a hitch or a jot of any kind, and the sheriff deserves credit for the manner in which he performed the unpleasant duty which devolved upon him.

THE CRIME

As most of our readers remember, Smith was arrested about a year ago, charged with criminal assault upon Eva Suttles. He was tried at the February term of court and found guilty with a recommendation by the jury to the mercy of the court, but under the law, the court could only give one sentence and that was death. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, which confirmed the lower court. The case was then carried to the Governor who gave Smith a respite from May to August and later to Sept. 14th and then to October 2d, when after carefully considering the evidence he declined to further interfere with the sentence of the court.

Implicates Henry and Lum Frisbee

Smith had been charged with other crimes in the past but had not been convicted of any of them; the most serious being that of killing his stepdaughter some years ago, but the grand jury didn't even find a bill in that case. Smith left a statement in which he says that Henry and Columbus Frisbee killed his stepdaughter and gave Jim and Ben Allison as witnesses. Peter is dead and gone. He died



SPEAKING FOR SAFETY . . . Doing their bit for highway safety are some 200 members of the Governor's Traffic Safety Council who carry special ID cards like this one. Influential in community affairs, the speakers have pledged their support to the governor's campaign against traffic deaths and are anxious to tell others about it. Members from Haywood County are: Roy Burch, Sherrell Jimison, Ernest Messer, Don Randolph, J. E. Wilkinson, and Carl Williams of Canton; Wayne Rogers, John Thomas and Charles Underwood of Lake Junaluska, and Jack Felmet, Robert H. Hall, Al Hunt, Jack Noland, and Ted Stackpole of Waynesville.

Draft Board Classifies 75 County Men

Seventy-five Haywood County men have been assigned new draft classifications by Selective Service Board 45. They are:

Class 1-A (available for induction) - Billy Robert Jenkins, Charles Robert Mills, John Manuel Rhinehart, Phillip Lee Capps, Fred Lyles Finger, Neal Lamar Stamey, Charles Howard Jones, Tommy Ervin Clark, Charles Robert Edge, Jackie Ray Rhodes, James Richard Evans, Thomas Dewitt Hyatt, William Wesley Leatherwood.

Class 1-C (inducted) - Frank Glen Clark, George Dennis Williamson, Jake Denver Burrell, Roy Chambers Moody.

Class 1-D (reserved) - Gene Arthur Cagle, Ernest Harry Patrick, Bruce James Holder, Robert Johnny Conard, Jerry Carroll Haney, Donald Howard Franklin, Riley Lewis Inman, Gary Dean Wyatt, Harry Sidney Buchanan, Arthur Roger Belt, Joseph Dixon Edwards.

James Mike Troutman, Richard Keith Messer, John Frederick Ruff. Class 2-S (student deferment) - James David Greene. Class 4-A (prior service or sole survivor) - Floyd Furman Roten, Billy Lambert Pearson, Hugh Arthur Poston, Benjamin Butler Lattimer, Jr., Herschel V. Shields, James David McJunkin, James Arthur Davis, Francis Lamar Pless, Melvin Bryant Earley, Fred Alton Rogers, Ray Richard Morgan, Bruce William Hall, Roy Henry Stuart, Paul Hamilton Allen, James Weaver Parkins, Reeves Edward Payne, Robert Randolph Sutton, Doyle Hoyatt Jordan, James Woodward Bryson, William Howard Trull, Bruce Leon McKinnish, Billy Joe Lowe, Delton Cullins. Class 4-F (relected) - Herman James Medford, Max Haywood Chapman, J. B. Martin, Harry Fincher, Jr., John Carlile Holtzclaw, Frederick Spurgeon Brown. Class 5-A (over-age) - Robert Cordell Evans, Jr., Timothy Mack Conley, Arthur Carroll Hargrove, Homer Lee Duncan, Frank Gale Davis, Sanford Teddy Knight, Robert Harvey Williams, William Max Wright, George Asbury Gaddis, William Anderson Huskey, Jr., James Hugh Scruggs. The next board meeting will be held Nov. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Roast Pork Is Seasonal Meat Dish

Low on ideas for a flavorsome meat dish for these cool November evenings? A roast fresh pork shoulder with savory stuffing may be the answer.

The hearty roast flavor is bound to please, and the savory stuffing helps provide that "something extra" that you may have been looking for.

Moreover, November is a good month to serve pork rather often, as this time of the year finds various pork cuts and pork products in generous supply, owing to seasonally heavy hog marketing.

If you wish to prepare a roast fresh pork shoulder, the U. S. Department of Agriculture specialists suggest buying one that weighs from five to six pounds, enough for five to six servings. The next step is to skin it and remove the bones. Then prepare the savory stuffing:

- 1/4 cup chopped celery and leaves
 - 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
 - 1 tablespoon chopped onion.
 - 2 tablespoons fat
 - 2 cups soft bread crumbs
 - 1/4 teaspoon savory seasoning
 - Salt and pepper to taste
- Cook celery, onion, and parsley in the fat for a few minutes. Then add the bread crumbs and other

seasonings and stir until well mixed and hot.

Sprinkle the inside of the pork shoulder with salt and pepper, and pile in some of the stuffing. Begin to sew edges of shoulder together to form pocket, and gradually work in the rest of the stuffing. Do not pack tightly. Sprinkle outside of shoulder with salt and pepper, and, if desired, flour also.

Place the roast, fat side up, on a rack in a shallow uncovered pan. Roast without water at 350 degrees until tender - about four hours for a five pound shoulder. Turn roast occasionally. Remove string before serving.

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LOSES EYE TO SAVE THE OTHER



CAROL ANN MOLINARO is shown with her mother as she went to the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for removal of a cancer-infected right eye. The surgery is being undertaken in an effort to prevent spread of the malignancy to her left eye. The doll held by Carol was an "early Christmas" gift. (International Soundphoto)

Capital's Embassy Row Saying Hellos, Goodbyes

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Capital society is having a hard time keeping up with the residents on Embassy Row, saying hello to the newcomers, bidding farewell to their diplomatic predecessors.

Washington instinctively extends a friendly welcome to its new arrivals, whether they represent big or little nations, and always is sad to say goodbye to the departing. Among the last who'll be most missed are Britain's popular Ambassador Sir Roger Makins and his American-born wife who left some weeks ago with their pretty twin daughters, Mollie and Cynthia, to return to England after 10 years in this country. Sir Roger is taking over a new, important post as Great Britain's joint permanent under secretary of the treasury.

Next year there'll be many more sad adieus when Norway's Ambassador Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstjerne, who first came to Washington to represent his country in 1910, reaches his 70th birthday and is scheduled to retire. As dean of Washington's diplomatic corps, he and his charming wife, Marjorie, are much beloved and respected by big and little-wigs alike in this many-faceted city.

Some 11 new ambassadors and ministers from four continents have presented their credentials to the President since last June. Three of them represent new nations. There's Ambassador Ibrahim Anis (pronounced AN EEECE) of Sudan, formerly an Anglo-Egyptian co-dominion, which became an

independent republic, Jan. 2, 1956. The retired physician, and his wife have five children and are expecting a sixth. Sudan, a nation of from eight to ten million persons, has already purchased an embassy here.

Morocco, formerly a protectorate of France, established its independence last March and has sent as its envoy Ambassador El Mehdi Ben Abdou, who is also a physician. Both he and his wife are young, good-looking and speak fluent English. Tunisia, also a former protectorate of France, establishing its independence last March has sent a charming, witty bachelor—Mongi Slim—as its ambassador. Then there's France's new ambassador Harve Alphonse and his chic and talented wife, who are expected to take their place among the capital's top party-givers.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 22 "THEM!" Starring JAMES WHITMORE EDMUND GWENN JOAN WELDON Plus Selected Short Subjects

Key Club To Collect Food For Needy

The Key Club of the Waynesville High School has made plans for its annual Thanksgiving project of collecting food for the needy.

Members of the club will make a house-to-house drive tonight from 7 until 10:30 o'clock, to pick up donations of citizens of the community. Cash will be accepted also.

Last year the Key Club collected 19 bushel baskets of food and according to Ralph Prevost, Jr., the group expects to exceed that amount this year.

The food is turned over to the Haywood County Welfare Department for distribution.

Added to the collection of the Key Club will be contributions of other high school clubs and class rooms.

Ninety percent of Bermuda's food supply is imported, most of the British colony's cultivated land - about 700 acres - is used for Easter lilies and bananas.

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