

Wilkes Man Is Freed of Burchette Murder

Verdict of Not Guilty Is Returned by Jury in Action Charging George Byrd With Killing of S. M. Burchette in Ferguson Community on November 11

North Wilkesboro, March 16—George Byrd was acquitted of the charge of murder of S. M. Burchette at Ferguson November 11 this afternoon in Wilkes Superior court when the jury said "not guilty" after two hours and 40 minutes deliberation.

The trial, one of the longest in the history of Wilkes court, began Monday afternoon. The jury received the case at 3:50 o'clock this afternoon following the charge of Judge W. H. Bobbitt and rendered their verdict at exactly 6:30 o'clock.

The state relied entirely upon circumstantial evidence in attempts to prove that Byrd shot Burchette, 63-year-old salesman of household necessities, through his window as he was retiring for the night.

Burchette was killed by five iron slugs apparently fired by a shotgun. In Byrd's home officers found a shotgun with the inside of the barrel scarred and by several articles found in his home the prosecution sought to prove that he cut the slugs from a bolt.

Byrd, 63, received the verdict calmly but with noticeable expression of appreciation. Asked how he was feeling, he said, "I feel just like I have felt all along except I hadn't heard them say not guilty."

Because the nature of the evidence indicated that the murderer committed the crime with premeditation and deliberation, Judge Bobbitt charged the jury that one of two verdicts might be rendered: guilty of murder in the first degree or acquittal.

Following adjournment of court it was learned from one of the jurors that on the first ballot 11 were for acquittal and one for a verdict of guilty.

STATE ROAD

Mrs. Evelyn Driver and little son, Phillip, of South Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. Reece Couch of Elkin, visited their grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Combs, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Arnold of Brooks Cross Roads, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Wesley Hamby and children, Edward, Bobby and Nellie Sue, of Salisbury, visited Mrs. Hamby's mother, Mrs. Emma Walters, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Combs and daughters, Mary Frances and Betty Ann, and Misses Clea and Loreta Jenkins visited in Mount Airy and Hillsville, Va., Sunday.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITAL

The Dobson Woman's club met in the club house last Thursday evening. Mrs. J. W. Crawford, vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. J. W. Comer. After the opening club song, the club collect was repeated in unison.

Reports from various departments and committees were heard and approved. The attendance prize was won by Mrs. V. J. Myrick. Mrs. A. P. Cobb, chairman of the month's program, presented Mr. V. J. Myrick, scoutmaster for the Dobson Boy Scout troop, who gave a very worthwhile talk on the "Standards and Requirements of Scouting."

Miss Emma Comer introduced Mr. J. K. Hale, Jr., Mt. Airy scoutmaster, who spoke on "Scouting and Its Contribution to Citizenship."

Plans were made by the club to raise funds to finance summer camping trips for Dobson Scouts, which is sponsored by the Dobson Woman's club. Quartettes were sung by boys of the Copeland school, Julian Taylor, Denny Scott, George Briggs and Loyd Snow.

During the social hour tempting refreshments were served in Easter motif by the following committee: Mrs. A. P. Cobb, chairman, Mrs. P. B. Folger, Mrs. J. T. Threatte, Mrs. Ivy Rogers, Mrs. Howard Snow, Mrs. Colon Spoon and Mrs. W. A. McCraw.

Mr. Jim Dan Hemming, student at State College, Raleigh, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hemming, and sister, Mrs. John Lewellyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Forrest spent Sunday at Francisco with Mr. Forrest's parents.

Mrs. J. W. Comer, who has been confined to her home for 10 days with flu, is out again.

Mrs. J. T. Threatte went to the Elkin hospital Thursday, but has returned to her home here where she is improving.

Little Danny Southard, of the Mulberry community, was a Sunday visitor with Bertha Jewel Hemming.

Lon Folger, Jr., student at Carolina, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Reece, Sunday. Lon, Jr., is at his home in Mt. Airy for spring holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. West, of Yadkinville, were dinner guests Sunday at the Kenlin Inn. Mr. West filled his appointment at the Baptist church at the 11 o'clock hour.

Miss Elizabeth and Spencer Norman attended the teachers' meeting at Raleigh Friday and spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. W. H. McNeil, at Carthage.

Mrs. Fred Coates entertained her bridge club Thursday evening at her home in the Reid apartments. Scoring highest in the progressions, Mrs. C. G. Comer won the prize, after which Mrs. Coates served delicious refreshments.

Considerable work is being done to the court house grounds. The walks are being re-cemented, the outside walls are being cleaned, and the inside walls painted. Several workmen are employed on the project.

Henry C. Hampton spent Saturday afternoon with friends near Rural Hall.

Mable Dobbins was a Sunday visitor with her sister, Mrs. Culmer Jackson.

Mrs. Robert A. Freeman, Jr., spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halsey, at Mouth of Wilson, Va.

Mrs. Roby Marion and baby, Elizabeth Reeves, are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Marion, Asheboro, Route 3.

F. F. Riggs returned from the Elkin hospital Saturday, a convalescent from pneumonia.

Miss Mildred Monday, of Mt. Airy, was a Sunday visitor with Miss Earle Nance.

ROCKFORD

We are very proud of our community center. The Adult School has been moved from the church and store building to a vacant Sunday school room at the Methodist church and this room will be used for the different classes of the school and also the young peoples' society. There will be school four afternoons and nights each week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A good crowd was present at school Friday, 25 attending school Friday afternoon and night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Bland and daughter, Laura, of Winston-Salem, were visitors in Rockford Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Marion and daughter, Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Marion, of Ararat, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Holy-

field and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Holyfield last Sunday.

Several young people of this community attended the junior-senior banquet in the Copeland gymnasium last Saturday night.

Mr. Charles Snow, of Fort Bragg, is spending several days with his aunt, Mrs. C. B. Davis. Mrs. Rosa Booker, of Dobson, is spending a few days with her

daughter, Mrs. J. W. Thore.

Rev. McClamrock, of Dobson, filled his regular appointment at the Rockford Methodist church last Sunday.

Mr. Spencer Norman, principal of Rockford school, attended the State Teachers meeting in Raleigh last Friday.

The Rockford Home Demon-

stration club met at the home of Mrs. Bill Coe last Monday. The club had their annual style show with first places going to Miss Eulala Burrus and Mrs. Harvey Burrus and second winners being Mrs. Bill Coe and Mrs. J. R. Coe.

The hostesses, Mrs. Bill Coe and Mrs. Coke Wall, served a delicious plate consisting of chicken salad, tomato sandwiches, devilled eggs, and apple sauce cake and coffee.

Engine Trouble

Boston Traffic Cop—"Say, you get going—what's the matter with you?"

Polite Driver—"I'm just fine, thank you, but I think my engine's dead."

AT CASHWELL'S



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\$1.98 and \$2.98



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Here you will find just the hat to match your Easter outfit at a price you will be more than willing to pay. A huge assortment of straws and felts in light, medium and dark colors. Shapes and styles to please everyone. Many of these sold as high as \$2.98. Friday and Saturday only—

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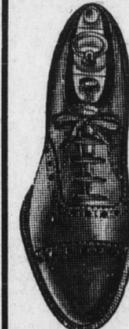
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Children's Easter Shoes

Fine sturdy shoes in solid white, white and brown, light tan, black patent, etc., in newest style oxfords. Included in this group are shoes for small, medium and large children, also some styles for ladies. Every pair guaranteed to give satisfaction. All reduced Friday and Saturday to

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Men's SHOES



We have a complete assortment of latest styles in young men's two-tone white and brown, solid white, light brown and black shoes for Easter. Made by the famous Endicott Johnson Co., and fully guaranteed. Come in and get your new Easter shoes from us. Save at least \$1 on every pair. Many styles to choose from.

\$1.98 - \$2.98

Ladies' SHOES for Easter



Our store is fast becoming known as Elkin's leading shoe store at popular prices. Here you will always find the latest styles in shoes that fit you properly and satisfy the most exacting taste. Our large assortment of ladies' shoes for Easter consists of pumps, ties, straps and oxfords in whites, two-tones, patents and browns. Why not come to Cashwell's for your Easter shoes and save the difference? All sizes from 3 to 9. Specially priced at—

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MEN'S SUITS



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\$9.95 and \$14.95

Formerly \$19.95 and \$24.95

MEN'S SHIRTS

Our large assortment of men's shirts for Easter is something that every man in Elkin and surrounding community should see. Here are the latest patterns and styles in new colors and stripes, to suit everyone. Some of these sell regularly for \$1.29, \$1.49, \$1.69. All on sale Friday and Saturday for only—

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