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CONVICT WARD OF RAPE ATT.

Kirk Morris Submits In Murder Case, Gets 28 to 30 Years In Nash County Court

Judge Clawson L. Williams was expected to pass sentence this afternoon on Luther Ward, Stoney Creek white man charged with seizing Mrs. Hattie Hollingsworth on her front porch in Willifordtown and attempting rape the night of October 1, in Nashville superior court.

The jury pronounced Ward guilty at 1:30 o'clock.

Ward, 44 years of age, was bound over from here after a hearing before Magistrate W. S. Swain. He was trailed and captured by Nash Deputy J. R. Tanner after Mrs. Hollingsworth reported being seized by a man who fled when she screamed.

Tanner stated that Ward is suspected of former night prowling offenses in the Willifordtown section.

Kirk Morris, Hunter's Hill Negro charged with shooting and killing his neighbor, was submitted by his attorney on a second degree murder count and received 28 to 30 years today.

Wash Alston, Nash county Negro charged with the hit-run death of Jim Remus, Negro near Gold Rock in September, was sentenced to a term of from 18 months to three years.

James Battle, Negro accused by a local Negro woman, Edna Murphy, of snatching her pocketbook after making love to her, received five to seven years.

Lonnie Parker, Negro charged with stealing a car, received two to three years.

Joe Parker and Jasper Gilmore were sentenced to 18 months to three years terms for housebreaking and larceny.

Paul Doughtie of Rocky Mount was found not guilty of a charge of larceny from the person.

James Jenkins was found not guilty of receiving stolen goods.

Although a true bill has been returned by the grand jury, Hubert Cherry, Nash county farm Negro, had not been tried at noon today in a first degree burglary case. He was charged with breaking into the house of Avert Davis near Sandy Cross at night, and after entering the bedroom where two of Davis' daughters slept seizing one of the girls.

Wilson Plans Big Christmas Celebration

Wilson, Dec. 1.—Plans were completed last night for the monster Christmas celebration that will be held here Friday night, with a chorus of several hundred voices included in the affair it bids to be one of the largest affairs of its kind that has ever been held in Eastern Carolina.

At 7 o'clock the school children of the town will gather at the First Methodist church here and at 7:30 they will form a parade and go through town singing Christmas carols. The parade will end at the front of the Court house here.

At the court house the Glee Club of Atlantic Christian College and the school children together with the college band and the band of the Charles L. Coon High School will play and sing carols.

Santa Claus will be introduced to the crowd during the services by Mayor Charles B. McLean and Santa will unveil the gigantic star and scene of the Three Wise Men that will adorn the front of the court house this Yuletide Season. The star will contain some 400 electric lights itself while Santa, while unveiling and turning on the star, will also turn on the some 5,000 electric lights that will decorate the business section of the town this Christmas.

Set Hearing For Hose Plant

Greensboro, Nov. 27.—Charges of intimidation and coercion of workers because of their union affiliation will be aired against Mock, Judson, Voehringer, Inc., makers of full-fashioned hosiery, in a National Labor Board hearing here in the Guilford courthouse on Monday, December 6. The name of the examiner who will hold the hearing has not been announced.

Charges were preferred against the Greensboro firm, one of the largest of its kind in the country, by Henry L. Adams, district had of the America Federation of Hosiery Workers. Adams and assistants have been engaged in organization work among the 1,500 employees of the concern for a year or more. Bargaining efforts have been nullified through the company's consistent contention that no majority of the workers is represented by the union.

The Mock, Judson, Voehringer company will shortly start construction of a new mill in Siler City, one to employ 200 or more people and to represent \$200,000 or more in machinery and equipment.

More Duplin County farmers have wanted winter cover crops this fall in any previous season.

IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

Robert R. Reynolds,
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Editor's note—Senator Reynolds' column for this week is written at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where the Senator is being given final treatment for an acute ear condition affecting his hearing.

The cause of agriculture is now being ably presented to the Congress. The arguments for and against the proposed farm bill promise to furnish new light on the conditions confronting the American farmers and ways by which those conditions may be corrected. In the first few days of debate, there is evidence that whatever measure may be finally enacted will be drafted on the basis of first-hand data.

In the course of hearings held throughout the country, prior to the convening of the special session, farm witnesses from at least twenty-five states presented their views. Equally as important, these hearings brought to many sections of the country a new realization that the community storekeepers and the community bankers can not prosper unless the farmers in the outlying areas share in our economic advances. Thus the effort now underway in Congress is more than an attempt to write a farm bill—it is an attempt to bring stability to our farm population, without which we cannot move ahead as a country.

More than ever before, the debate in Congress and the letters from my colleagues concerned with the farm problem, reflect the thought that the American people as a whole can enjoy the economic benefits of our Democracy only in proportion to the extent that our farmers prosper.

Unfortunately, many of the conditions that retard agriculture will not be corrected in the measure now under consideration or any other passed at this session. But the foundation is being well-laid for giving our farmers new hope and encouragement and at last the knowledge that the Congress views the problem of agriculture with understanding. Too many temporary expedients in the past have made many of our farmers rightfully skeptical of legislative remedies for their disproportionate share of our national wealth.

It is already evident that a farm bill alone will not help the farmer, unless there is along with it better control of marketing and distribution. It is here that the farmer has been really hurt. It has resulted in the grower who nurses a farm commodity from seed to sale, getting far less for his commodity than the middleman who sells it. In addition, it is also realized that any permanent help for agriculture will not be in a protected market and sell in an unprotected market. This, of course, involves tariff changes, always a highly controversial legislative subject.

It might also be pointed out that farmers generally are getting a better understanding of the day by day attempts to give them assistance. The American Farm Bureau Federation and other farm groups, through state organizations, are keeping the individual farmers and their spokesmen advised of developments. As a result, sentiment from "back home" reaches the Capitol almost daily and has an important part in guiding the views of members desirous of protecting the best interest of their constituents.

If I may add a personal note, it is to say that it has been a source of much regret to me that an ear condition which required immediate attention or the danger of serious trouble later, has prevented me from participating in the preliminary consideration of the farm bill. However, I shall be on the floor within a few days and give such humble assistance as I can, to the cause of agriculture—our most pressing national problem.

Dig For Liquor In Colored Cemetery

Investigating a report that a large quantity of liquor had been buried in the colored cemetery here, officers over the week-end found the report unfounded but not until they opened a newly-made grave. Immediately upon learning their mistake, the officers notified Coroner S. R. Biggs who dismissed action after learning the facts in the case.

The grave, that of a small child, was in a strawbrush covered area, and the rains had lowered the mound even to the ground. The officers explained the box was just under the ground, leading them to give credence to the reports they had received.

PARAGRAPHS For Busy Folks

DESECRATE FLAG

Capturing an American-Owned tug, the Feiting, late Tuesday, Japanese soldiers, according to witnesses, tore the American flag from its place on the flagpole and threw it into the Whangpoo River. Consul General Clarence Gauss immediately filed a vigorous protest to the Japanese government. Japanese are reported to be ready to return the tug and apologize.

CUT

President Roosevelt has urged that congress cut the customary appropriation for federal aid to state road-building programs in half. Many Democrats have protested against this proposed cut in federal aid, while Senator Bailey, often at variance with the president is heartily in favor of the cut. The president is urging retrenchment in government expenditures, looking to a balanced budget.

SETTLEMENT

A final settlement between the Norfolk-Southern Railroad and the A. & N. C. Railroad was made by a court decree recently. This clears up the title of the state to the railroad from Goldsboro to Morehead City through New Bern. Both sides made some concessions, and an amicable settlement was finally worked out.

PERSISTENT CUSS

J. W. Cates of Edenton is certainly a persistent hunter, Wednesday, according to a news item in the News and Observer, he went after quail and got none, Thursday he sought for deer and found none, Friday he walked vainly through the forest seeking squirrels or rabbits and came back empty handed, but Saturday he and a friend received the reward of the persistent—they killed twenty geese.

SELL TAGS

Beginning Wednesday fashion dealers the little oblong metal plates displayed on each end of all automobiles owned in the state shall be black on gold instead of gold on black as at present. The 1938 tags went on sale Wednesday morning, and tags for all cars in the state must be bought before January 1.

Mrs. N. W. Hatch Is Hurt In Accident

Millbrook Postmistress And Two Sons Injured When Car Leaves Highway

Mrs. N. W. Hatch of Millbrook, Wake County, was injured seriously and her two sons, Representative William T. Hatch and A. B. Hatch suffered painful hurts late Sunday when their car left Highway 54 near Graham and rolled down a 12-foot embankment.

Mrs. Hatch, rushed to Alamance General Hospital, Burlington suffered severe cuts and bruises and it was feared her hip may have been fractured. She was reported Monday, however, as somewhat improved. Representative Hatch and his brother suffered cuts and bruises about the face and head. A. B. Hatch was driving. The Wake Representative said an approaching car forced the Hatch machine off the road and that his brother lost control due to the condition of the road's shoulder.

Mrs. Hatch is postmistress at Millbrook. Her son served in the 1937 Legislature from Wake.

James L. Cobb Taken By Death

Tarboro.—James L. Cobb, 77, died at his home near Pinetops Friday night after a month's illness. Mr. Cobb, a prominent farmer was born and reared in this section of the State. He spent his life in agriculture.

The funeral was held at his home Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with interment in the family burying ground nearby.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emma Dunford Cobb; five daughters, Mrs. S. B. Jenkins, Mrs. John Cherry, Miss Catherine Cobb, all of Pinetops, Mrs. Clarence Spivey of Farmville and Mrs. A. S. Bynum of Charlotte; two sons, George Cobb of Louisburg and J. L. Cobb of Spartanburg, S. C.

Elder E. L. Cobb of Wilson officiated at the funeral.

ASHE TURKEYS

The week before Thanksgiving Ashe county farmers shipped approximately 20,000 turkeys to market centers both north and south. The turkeys brought 19 cents a pound on foot but the dressed fowls were higher in price. The birds averaged 11 pounds each but the largest tom to leave weighed 21 pounds.

Records submitted by Greene County 4-H Club boys indicate that one member produced 117.8 bushels of corn on his acre, an increase of 11.7 bushels over the winning yield last year.

Tree Cradles Menacing Nest



These Austrian machine gunners routed birds out of their nests and turned this tree into a machine-gun post during recent army maneuvers near Vienna. The added effectiveness of machine-gun fire from an elevated position was studied during the war games.

Time to Consult the Blueback Speller

We recall reading an editorial, a few days ago, our best recollection in the News and Observer, in which was raised the question of the lack of ability of young newspapermen to spell. There was a suggestion that the time had arrived when the school should return to the Blue Back Speller. It was suggested that newspaper writers, as a class, are supposed to be among the best spellers and if these could not spell then there must be something wrong with the character of instruction. The system must be wrong. We know that this has been a thought of many capable educators "That Columbia University of New York has foisted upon the nation the system of instruction, that we are now using with the beginners which undertakes to teach the child to read books before the 26 letter are taught." In fact, the child is really not seriously taught his letters until he has reached the third grade but is expected to have read many books. This system of instruction is clearly putting the cart before the horse. If the child can not be taught 26 letters then the teaching of reading is purely superficial and the first 2 years of instruction is practically thrown away. The Chinese language is made up of characters and the child mind is burdened with having to learn more than 9 thousand. Our system of learning to read before learning 26 letters is practically foisting on the young mind the Chinese system.

High school teachers, especially the older teachers will admit that the child cannot spell. The children admit themselves that they cannot spell and we heard a young man recently out of school say the other day, that he could not spell and that many of his teachers could not spell, but he did not think the teacher ought to be blamed because many of the teachers were taught the same system that was being foisted on the pupils at this time. The Blue Back Speller teaches the letter, it teaches the sound of the letter, it divides the word into syllables, and it is impossible for a person to be a good speller without being able to sound the syllables in the words. A teacher that goes to Columbia University and takes this character of instruction at great cost, even though she knows the system appears to be wrong, is unwilling to admit when she returns to her school room that her spelling training was not correct. For that reason we believe this college has done an untold harm to our instruction. We know in olden days the people who went to school from 3 weeks to 3 months per year could spell as well as the children that go to school 11 years and nine months to a year. We join with this editorial that it is time to go back to the Blue Back Speller.

Noak Webster wrote the Dictionary and he wrote the Blue Back Speller and his system was: learn the letter and its sound and divide the word into syllables.

ROCKY MOUNT PLAYS GOOD BALL IN CHAPEL HILL

The Rocky Mount High School football team has made a fine showing this year. They won the Eastern Carolina Championship of the larger schools and the right to go to Chapel Hill and contest for the state championship with the high school of Charlotte, North Carolina, which had won the Western Carolina Championship. The game was well played, good football from start to finish and Rocky Mount's team acquitted itself in fine shape all the way through. The score being 20-7 in favor of Charlotte. Those who witnessed the game from Rocky Mount, around 1,000, were pleased with the splendid playing of our team.

Charlotte had a fine team and played splendid football. Charlotte team being somewhat heavier than ours. The game was close and was interesting and exciting from the beginning to the end.

113 Persons Killed In Motor Accidents

Slaughter On The Highways Continues Despite The Eagle Eye Of Major Arthur Falk And His Underlings

Automobile wrecks in North Carolina in October killed 113 persons. The month's total brought to 887 the number of highway fatalities so far in 1937, compared with 803 for the same period year, the highway safety division reports.

A total of 815 persons were injured in 858 accidents last month, compared with 689 injuries in 626 wrecks in September.

Thirty-three persons were killed in October in automobile collisions, four in collisions with horse-drawn vehicles, six with trains, six with fixed objects and two with bicycles.

Thirty-eight pedestrians were killed and 114 injured, and there were five fatalities among children playing in streets. Non-collision accidents claimed 24 lives. Walking on the road was blamed for 11 fatalities, drunken driving for seven, reckless driving for 15, speeding for 21, hit-and-run drivers for 11, and speeding on curves for 19.

Six drunken pedestrians were fatally injured. Fifty-one fatal accidents occurred on straight roads and four at straight intersections.

Several Million Pine Seedlings Are Ready To Plant

Interested Persons Urged To Make Plans Now For Tree Stock

P. W. Tillman, district forester at Rocky Mount, announces that for the fall of 1937 and spring of 1938 two and a half million tree seedlings are available at the State Forest Nursery, near Clayton, N. C., which is operated by the Forestry Division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The district forester urges that those who are interested in forest tree planting make their plans now to apply for the planting stock. Applications and announcements of the terms of distribution are available at the above address, or from the state forester at Raleigh. The applications are filled in the order they are received until the supply is exhausted.

Hunters, campers, woodcutters and any other persons frequenting the woods are requested to be careful with their smoking. Remember, there is a law forbidding the starting of any fire without securing a written permit from the N. C. Forest Service. You may burn up some one's future crop of trees that they have just planted and destroy their natural crop also.

Plans are underway to double the capacity of the State Forest Nursery for next year so that 5 million trees will be available for the fall of 1938 and spring of 1939.

The species of trees now growing at the nursery consist of loblolly or old field pine, longleaf pine, shortleaf pine, black locust, white ash and slash pine. The slash pine is not a native tree of North Carolina and its planting is recommended only in an experimental way in most of the counties of the State.

Over 215 million forest trees were planted in the United States last year on Federal forest land and the southeastern states distributed 56 million trees to private individuals from state nurseries.

Fish and Milk Make A Safe Combination

The popular superstition that fish and milk make a dangerous combination is just so much hooey, said Fred M. Haig, of the dairy department of State College.

This belief, he said, probably started in days before refrigeration when people who got sick from eating fish that was not strictly fresh happened also to drink milk at the same meal.

No facts of food chemistry or physiology substantiate this old belief he went on. Experience of years disproves it.

Other people are afraid to drink milk and eat acid fruits at the same meal. They say that acid fruits will curdle the milk in the stomach.

As a matter of fact, the first thing the stomach does to milk is to curdle it, so it can be digested. And curds formed from fruit acids are finer and easier to digest than those formed by stomach gastric juices alone.

Another oft-told, admonition is that sipping milk slowly instead of drinking it naturally aids digestion. Research studies have shown that when milk is sipped slowly, the curds formed are bigger and harder to digest than those formed when it is drunk rapidly.

Milk is no more fattening than any other food containing the same number of calories, Professor Haig declared. Milk is the most nearly perfect food.

He said growing children need at least a quart of milk a day, and adults can drink a pint a day to good advantage.

Rites Conducted For Aged Farmer

Funeral rites were conducted for Hobe Eason, 75, prominent Nash county farmer who succumbed at a local hospital here, following an illness of several weeks with paralysis.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Martha Eason; three sons, L. C. W. R., and M. R. Eason, all of this city; one daughter, Mrs. G. B. Winstead, also of Rocky Mount. One brother survives, Henry Eason, and one sister, Mrs. Rosa Parker.

Services were conducted at 2:30 from the Mount Herman Baptist church by Mr. Eason's pastor, Rev. R. L. Collins. Interment followed in the churchyard.

TARBORO CURB MARKET MAKES A FINE RECORD

Tarboro, Nov. 27.—The Home Demonstration Club Women of Edgecombe County, who operate a curb market here in Tarboro, have had a successful season, according to Mrs. Eugenia Van Landingham, newly appointed County Home Agent.

The club women of the county have sold \$6,330.36 of their farm produce, as follows, dairy products brought \$530.30; meats, \$430.71; fruits and vegetables, \$2,404.27; poultry and eggs, \$1,683.45; cakes and breads, \$536.02; flowers, \$322.58; and plants, \$150.03.

Most of the produce was surplus from gardens and farms, and the amount is the largest ever sold on the local curb market since it was organized in 1923.

Mrs. C. C. Tynes, one of the "first sellers on the market in 1923" has continued to use it throughout the years and in 1937 was one of the largest sellers, having taken in \$1,500 on the curb market.

Jail Syphilitics Refusing Treatment

Arrests Of Syphilitics Reported In Many Counties Of State

Syphilitics refusing to take treatment have been arrested and jailed in several counties, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer, has been advised by local health board heads.

Mr. Reynolds, a few weeks ago, in an interview pointed out the provisions of section 3, chapter 206, Public Laws of 1919, which provides that a person who refuses to take treatment may be jailed.

Arrests already have been made in the Chowan-Bertie health district, and in Franklin, New Hanover, Surry, Wilson and Craven counties. Other arrests are expected to follow where patients are notified and fail to appear.

Health Officers Active
White people, Negroes, men and women are all being made subject to the law, it is disclosed in letters from health officers. Some of each have been placed in jail.

In some instances the response has been so satisfactory that it was not necessary to make any arrests. However, the health officers indicate they mean business and will enforce the law more rigidly in the future.

Fair Prices Lead To Good Farming

Stabilizing agricultural prices at a "fair level" makes it possible for the farmer to follow a balanced cropping system that conserves the soil.

There is a direct relation between the up and down price of farm commodities and the care that is given the soil, said E. Y. Floyd, of State College.

When prices are ruinously low, he said, farmers tend to grow all the cash they can in an effort to wrest a living from the land. They are virtually forced to keep every possible acre in cash crops.

And under the pinch of low income, few farmers are able to carry out the good practices necessary to enrich the soil and conserve it for future years.

Thus low prices work in two ways to force a type of farming that rapidly depletes the soil, Floyd pointed out.

On the other hand, high prices induce farmers to raise all the cash crops they can in their desire to make money while the making is good. And farmers tend to neglect their soil.

In places, the custom of growing cash crops year after year with few soil-building crops in rotation or as a cover crop has so reduced the fertility of the land that it is impossible to make a decent living farming this land, he continued.

The 1938 agricultural conservation program, he said, is intended to stabilize prices at a level that will encourage farmers to carry out good soil-conserving practices and check the wasteful depletion of the land.

Yearly the amount of feed for livestock coming into Harnett County is decreasing as farmers realize more and more the savings they can make by growing these feed crops at home.

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