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## Four Men On Trial For Their Lives In Johnston County Superior Court

Hon. Henry A. Grady Judge Presiding, Delivers Able Charge To the Grand Jury—Walters Case Brings Special Verdict of 50 Men—Other Cases Disposed of.

The August term of Johnston County Criminal Court convened in Smithfield Monday, with Hon. Henry A. Grady judge presiding. The judge's charge to the grand jury was an able deliverance. O. A. Barbour, of Benson, was made foreman of the grand jury, consisting of the 18 men who will remain in office for the ensuing six months.

The court then went into action and the following cases have been tried:

State vs. John Pilkington, for assault on Henry Futch with deadly weapon, and violation of the prohibition law, July 21, 1932. Prayer for judgment continued from term to term until August term, 1932, upon payment of cost and on condition that defendant remains a law-abiding and good citizen. Upon his failure to show that he has kept terms of this judgment, he may be committed to work on roads.

State vs. E. L. Summerlin, alias, Julian Summerlin, for rape. Grand jury returned a bill of indictment stating that on the 1st of July, 1931, Summerlin ravished, abused, and raped Bethel Langston, a female under twelve years of age at that time; that he did by force and violence and against the will of Bethel Langston.

State vs. Oscar Hicks. It appearing to the court that the defendant has been under suspended sentence of 18 months on roads by trial in April, 1931 term, and that he has failed to comply with conditions of the suspended sentence, it is ordered that defendant give bond of \$250.00 on condition that he pays into court by the December term, 1932 and by agreement with the Selma Cotton Mills, with whom defendant works, will pay half of his wages to his wife for her use and the use of her children.

State vs. Robert Marlow, white mill operator, aged 31, for abandonment. Plea of guilty, and prayer for judgment continued until December term, 1932 and by agreement with the Selma Cotton Mills, with whom defendant works, will pay half of his wages to his wife for her use and the use of her children.

State vs. Norman Eatman, assault with deadly weapon. Called and failed. Capias and continued.

State vs. W. A. Simkins and T. T. Bennett. False pretense. State takes no pro as to T. T. Bennett. Continued as to W. A. Simkins.

State vs. Tyler Mooneyham, robbery of Chas. Davis store. True bill. Pleading not guilty. Defendant given 3 years at state prison.

State vs. Jack Marbley, carrying concealed weapon and assault with deadly weapon, August 11, 1932. A true bill. Plea of not guilty. Defendant offered plea of insanity and found not guilty. Jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Deans Case  
Affair occurred on May 30, 1932. Special venire of 50 men are summoned to appear in this case on Wednesday.

(This testimony given at inquest following death)

Douglas Waters, 11-year-old son of W. H. Waters, deceased, of St. Pauls and Selma, testified that he accompanied his father on the night of May 30, to Deans' residence where several neighbors had been invited to a fish fry. The lad, obviously disappointed when no fish were produced, only a quantity of whiskey. He described vividly the scene that followed in which all were in a drunken condition except he and his father. About 10 o'clock he and his father and Mrs. Flonnie Hudson, of Goldsboro; Frank Strickland, Lonnie Deans and his father, Napoleon Deans, left the Deans residence and started down the highway. On a very careful examination he vividly described the locality where his father was fatally stabbed, which was lit as if by morning

sun due to a very bright moon. The little boy related how Frank Strickland and Napoleon Deans suddenly attacked his father without any provocation whatsoever; stating that during this melee, Lonnie Deans drew a knife and tried to cut Walters, who was able at this point to force himself from his attacks and hurled a brick at Napoleon Deans, knocking him down. In the meantime Frank Strickland had gotten back of Walters and succeeded in holding him in a vise-like grip. Young Deans and his father then stabbed Walters across his chest and abdomen as many as twenty or 30 times. Douglas then told of his father's escape and how he assisted his dying father in escaping the attacks by running down the highway. They ran nearly a quarter of a mile when they were rescued by a motorist who brought them to a Smithfield hospital, where Walters died a few hours later, never regaining consciousness.

Young Walters was carefully questioned as to the action the other witnesses of the affair. He stated that they were too frightened to do anything and just backed off, pleading with the men to stop fighting. He was also questioned as to the reports that his father was guilty of any misconduct toward Napoleon Deans' young daughter. Young Walters stated that he was with his father the entire time that they were at the Deans residence and that his father did not so much as speak to her. The other witnesses for the State gave practically the same testimony as young Walters.

It is reported that at the close of the State's evidence, the defendants will enter pleas of guilty of murder in the second degree or of manslaughter. This report has not been denied by counsel for the defense, but young Deans and his father both confessed to the murder to a coroner's jury last May. They will probably plead that theirs was an honor slaying, asserting that while a guest in their home, Walters attempted to criminally assault their young daughter and sister.

### PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE WEATHER GETS COOLER.

A dispatch from Albany, N. Y., Friday, said that James A. Farley, the wet Catholic chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee reported to Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, that on the basis of reports he had received of support for the Roosevelt campaign "there is not one state in the union that we concede to the Republican candidate." If this Child of the Pope has any more jokes to tell we wish he would wait until after the hot wave subsides to relate them.—Union Republican.

### WANTED HELP

A man from the country came into my home last week and said: "Brother Tuttle, I'm to hold a prayer meeting to-night and want a little help on some points of prayer." I gave him such as I could think of promptly. Such as: (1) Have a quiet place to pray, if you have to leave the house to get it. See Mark 1:35; Mathew 6:6. Use the same place daily, and you will soon have a precious history of answered prayers that will encourage you in praying. (2) Have a time to pray. Make it possible. David and Daniel prayed morning, noon and night, the more, the mightier in power. Do not allow yourself to think just any time will do, you cannot make a convenience of God. (3) Pray for some grace you need to grow in, patience or self-control, etc. (4) Pray for strength to endure your trials, and strength to overcome evil, temptation; etc. (5) Go to prayer in a thankful spirit—spirit of song, remembering you can pray only as God permits you to do in Jesus' name.

D. H. TUTTLE.  
Smithfield, N. C.

Currituck county farmers made their first cooperative carlot shipment of watermelons last week. The shipment was handled by the Currituck Mutual Exchange.

## Proceedings of County Recorder's Court

Tuesday, August 9th.

State vs. Milton Mimmes, white farmer, aged 31, for violation of the prohibition law. Plea of guilty as to possession and transportation of one gallon of whiskey. Defendant sentenced to 60 days on roads.

State vs. Willie Williams, colored laborer, aged 28, for assault with deadly weapon. Plea of guilty and defendant sentenced to 60 days on roads.

State vs. John Willis Glover, colored laborer, aged 22, for violation of the prohibition law, is found guilty of possession and transportation of one quart of whiskey. Defendant sentenced to 60 days on the roads.

State vs. Alton Johnson, white farmer, aged 25, for larceny of soda, value less than \$20. Guilty and given 60 day on roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and cost.

State vs. Felton Massengill, white farmer, aged 17, and Brad Massengill, white farmer, aged 35, for larceny of chickens, value less than \$20. Both guilty. Both sentenced to 60 days on the roads.

State vs. Mills Howell, white farmer, aged 21, and Daniel Howell, white farmer, aged 23, for violation of the prohibition law Daniel Howell not guilty and discharged. Mills Howell guilty of possession of four gallons of whiskey, beer and complete outfit for manufacturing whiskey, and given 90 days road sentence, to be suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and cost.

State vs. Dollie Griffith, colored laborer, aged 17, for larceny of corn, value less than \$20. Guilty, and given 60 days road sentence. Appeal. Appeal withdrawn.

State vs. John Wright, colored laborer, aged 59, for assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Defendant is given 60 days on roads.

State vs. Howard Raynor, white farmer, aged 23, for larceny of chickens, value less than \$20. Plea of guilty. Defendant given four months on roads and then sentence reduced to 3 months.

State vs. Cleve Nordan, white laborer, aged 24; and John P. Jones, white laborer, aged 17, for larceny of chickens, value less than \$20.00. Both guilty. Nordan sentenced to 6 months on roads. Jones given four months on roads. Both appeal. Appeal withdrawn.

State vs. Tempie Coats, white female, for abandonment of two-weeks-old baby. Nol pros with leave.

State vs. Charlie Smith, white laborer, aged 39, for violation of the prohibition law. Plea of guilty as to possession and transportation of one quart of whiskey. Sixty days road sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$5.00 fine and cost.

State vs. Carl D. Haves, white farmer, aged 25, and Young B. Stanley, white farmer, aged 28, for removing crops without notice, etc. Both guilty. Each defendant given 60 days on roads. Both appeal.

State vs. John Beasley, white laborer, assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.

## Wall Family Reunion Held On Sunday

A family reunion was held on Sunday at the home of Mrs. A. L. Batten at Archer Lodge, fifteen miles north of Selma. About fifty relatives of Mrs. Batten, who before her marriage was Miss Mary Wall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wall, gathered at the home and a sumptuous dinner was served under the shade of the large oaks on the lawn. Mr. Batten was master of ceremonies. Mrs. Batten is a sister of Mr. M. R. Wall, secretary-treasurer of the town of Selma, who with his family were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Batten are the parents of three children, Rufus Batten and Mrs. Luther Denning, of Goldsboro, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Batten who resides at the home place.

### Salary Cut In Wilkes.

Wilkes county commissioners have ordered a 10 per cent cut of all salaries effective July 1. County officers who feel the cut are: Sheriff, clerk of the court, registrar of deeds, commissioners, superintendent of schools, county accountant, and all others on the county pay roll. There is a decrease of approximately \$500,000 in valuation of property in Wilkes in 1932 over the previous year.—Wilkes Journal.

## Chicken Thief Faces Judge In Cow Pasture

It is not out of the ordinary for a thief to have to go before the judge for his misdoings, but this usually happens after he has been caught and bound over to the court; but Judge W. P. Aycock, of the county recorder's court, has added a new precedent to the usual order.

Saturday morning Judge Aycock walked out to his cow lot and heard some chickens making a noise down in the rear of the pasture and knowing that there was no reason why chickens should be in that territory, he walked down towards where the chickens were heard and found a sack full of chickens hidden in a ditch. Realizing that the chickens had been placed there by some thief, the Judge secreted himself in some bushes nearby. He had not been there long before a negro by the name of Bill O'Neal came for the chickens. Then it was that he was confronted by the Judge who must sit in judgment as a witness against the thief. The judge got in touch with the chief-of-police and O'Neal was placed in the county jail to await trial in recorder's court when he will again have to confront the judge, not as a spectator, but as a witness and the judge to give testimony and to pass upon the merits of the same all in the same court. Should the defendant plead not guilty it will then be up to the court to prove the accusation by the State, but as luck would have it the State has a witness whose testimony the judge must recognize as final, and render his verdict accordingly.

## Another Son Is Born To Mrs. Lindbergh

Englewood, N. J., Aug. 16.—The Lindberghs have another baby boy. A second son was born to Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh at 6:30 a. m., today, five and one-half months after their first child was kidnapped and slain.

Despite the ordeal she sustained with fortitude the whole world admired, Anne Morrow Lindbergh was understood to be "doing nicely," and unconfirmed reports said the same about the baby.

Always insistent on the right of himself and his family to privacy in their personal affairs, Colonel Lindbergh did not make public any details of his son's weight or appearance. Not even a formal announcement of the birth came from the stately Morrow mansion, hidden by summer foliage high on the Hudson river bluffs.

Late in the afternoon, however, Colonel Lindbergh sent out a statement expressing the hope there would not be continued publicity on the birth of his son.

## Riverside Filling Station Is Robbed

Smithfield, Aug. 17.—The Riverside Filling Station here, which is operated by C. F. Godbold, was robbed last Monday night; this being the fourth time within twelve days. On Monday night, Mr. Godbold chased the robbers away firing several shots at their car. Judging from the car tracks, Mr. Godbold thinks all the thefts were committed by the same parties. This station had been robbed once before, some two or three months ago. The second robbery occurred on Wednesday night, August 3rd. The robbers returned on Friday night, August 12, and on Saturday night, August 13th, and again on Monday night, August 15th. On each visit they secured considerable quantities of gasoline and motor oil, broke several locks and did much damage to the fixtures. On Monday night policeman E. A. Johnson heard a noise at the filling station, and drove his car over the river bridge to investigate. He found that the robbers had been there, and he immediately notified both Mr. Godbold and Mr. H. R. Forlines, the Sinclair distributor for this section. The three started for the Riverside station, but policeman Johnson came upon a negro that was wanted for a crime committed elsewhere, and stopped to take him to jail. Godbold and Forlines went on to the filling station, and when nearby they could see by the light of the moon that a car was under the shed. As they turned off of the highway this car dashed off towards Raleigh without any lights, and without any visible license plate. Mr. Godbold says he fired several

## Tobacco Prices Not So Good As Expected

### Tropical Hurricane Kills 26 In Texas

Relief Workers Give Food and Medicines to Victims—Hundreds Suffer From Injuries—Crop Damage Is Heavy.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 15.—The ravages of the southern Texas hurricane became more grimly apparent today as relief workers went among the hungry and injured with food and medicines.

The storm swept out of the Gulf of Mexico last Saturday and hit Houston full force, the wind attaining a velocity of around 70 miles an hour.

The known dead totaled 26; the injured numbered several hundreds; damage to two major crops, cotton and rice, exclusive of all the other destruction wrought in an area several hundred square miles in extent, was estimated authoritatively at \$2,000,000.

An insufficient supply of food was reported at Angleton, which suffered the greatest damage. Houston relief workers promised more food immediately and arranged to send additional physicians and nurses to aid in caring for the injured.

The local unit of the Red Cross asked for contributions of \$10,000 for relief in Brazoria county.

Property damage caused by the hurricane could not be estimated beyond the general knowledge that it ran into millions of dollars at Angleton, Freeport and West Columbia, all within 100 miles of Houston.

Estimates of the crop loss, made by G. C. Ellison, agricultural agent here, and R. Hoffpauir, president of the Houston chapter of the American Rice Growers association, did not include damage to all crops other than cotton and rice.

Everywhere were stories of lost homes, lost investments, lost relatives.

At Angleton, the relief center improvised in a community hall, one of the few buildings left undamaged, was so crowded physicians planned to send the more seriously injured to Houston.

Freeport was in desperate straits and there, too, as in West Columbia, the list of the injured was long.

In Wharton and Brazoria counties, fields that were white with cotton before the storm lay beaten and devastated today. Rice that had been cut and stacked was strewn over the countryside, rainsoaked and worthless.

## Arrested For Stealing Ride On Freight Train

Special Agent J. M. Long, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, Friday afternoon arrested Quincey Harvey and William Taft Williams, colored, who claimed to be from Wilmington, on the charge of beating a ride on a Coast Line freight. They were brought to the city lockup and later given a hearing before Mayor Wash Hare who sentenced them to serve 30 days on the streets of Selma. Since coming to Selma Sergeant Long has been making it warm for the hoboes coming to Selma, in fact it is a rare thing now to see any of the vagrants hanging around the union station.

### Mrs. W. L. Etheredge In Hospital.

Mrs. W. L. Etheredge was taken to the Johnston County Hospital at Smithfield last night about 11:30 o'clock and soon thereafter underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her many friends here are anxious about her condition, and are hoping to learn that she withstood the operation well and will soon be able to return to her home. It is feared that she waited too long for the operation to obtain the best results.

shots and he thinks that some of these must have hit the car. He thinks the car was a 1931 Chevrolet six. He says that there were curtains or something else on the under side of the car which obscured his view, so that he could not see through the glass, and that it was therefore impossible to tell how many people were on the car.

Heavy Offerings Registered At the Opening On Tuesday, But Fall off Somewhat On the Second Day—Prices For Low Grades Range Higher Than Last Year, But the Best Grades Are About Same As Last Year's Opening.

Florence, S. C., Aug. 17.—Tobacco prices clung to opening day levels on nearly all markets of the Eastern South Carolina belt and border North Carolina counties today.

Sales, however, dropped materially from those on the crowded first day. Wednesday's average price was between 7 and 10 cents a pound, an improvement over last year's prices, but a disappointment to many of the growers.

Observers of the United States Department of Agriculture on duty at the Lake City and Darlington markets, said prices were firm and that better grades, medium and fair grade lugs, averaged slightly higher. Offerings were of about the same quality, they reported.

Farmers continued to bring mostly inferior grades into the market, hoping for a rise in prices for superior type. Prices for the better grades of weed have shown no improvement over those paid in 1931.

About 75,000 pounds were sold at Kingstree, averaging between 7 and 9 cents. Better grades were in more demand. Lower types continued to bring more than last year.

The Timmonsville market reported sale of 132,732 pounds at an average of \$8.46 a hundred. Pamlico warehouses disposed of 25,000 pounds at an average of \$9.00.

Of the 30,000 pounds sold at Dillon, most of it was of inferior grade. The average was \$8 a hundred. A few tags were turned. Farmers appeared disappointed because of predictions of 12 to 15 cents a pound prior to the opening break, and are inclined to hold for higher prices.

At Lumberton, N. C., 235,756 pounds were sold at an average of \$8.54 per hundred. Only common grades were offered. More tags were turned than on the opening day.

A slight advance in prices was shown at Darlington, S. C., where about 60,000 pounds were sold at slightly more than 8 cents. A big portion of the offerings were primings.

The weed brought from 10 to 10-1-2 cents at Lake City, and prices were more satisfactory than on Tuesday. There were few rejections. Some 100,000 pounds were sold.

## Negro Sentenced In Assault On Officer

Smithfield, Aug. 16.—Joe Lofton, Negro, of lower Johnston county, was sentenced to serve four years on the county roads, having been found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill upon Waylon Jones, county game warden and deputy sheriff, on January 16, 1931. Lofton, who was also indicted for violating the prohibition laws, escaped from a posse of officers who were chasing him following the shooting of Officer Jones and was only recently captured. Jones chased Lofton during a raid on the Negro's still and when the officers came too close he fired upon him, the shot lodging just below his right eye.

## Boy Is Shot Dead In Meadow Township

Smithfield, Aug. 17.—County Coroner J. H. Kirkman was called to Meadow Township late this afternoon where a young man named Ruffin Thornton, age 20 years, had been found shot to death near the home of his father. (Father's name not learned).

After returning to his home here tonight, Mr. Kirkman stated that the relatives and neighbors believe it to be a case of suicide. He said his investigation had revealed that the boy had been drinking heavily for two or three days, and had been reprimanded by his father. The boy then took a shot gun and left the house. A little later a shot was heard and some one went to investigate and found the boy shot to death and the gun nearby.