

Zangara Sentenced To 80 Years In Penitentiary

Twenty Years Each For Assault With Intent To Commit Murder Upon President-elect and Three Others; Charges Growing Out of Serious Wounds Inflicted Upon Mayor Cermak and Mrs. Gill Held in Abeyance; Possibility of Murder Count Involving Capital Punishment Still Remains, But Mayor Cermak's Doctors Feel That His Recovery Is Now Reasonably Certain; Zangara Presents Spectacular and Puzzling Figure In Court.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 20.—As scornful of the law as when he tried with fanatical zeal to assassinate President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt last Wednesday night, Giuseppe Zangara today pleaded guilty to four counts of attempt to murder and was sentenced to 80 years.

Zangara is 33. His sentences of 20 years in each case, running consecutively, constitute life imprisonment at Raiford state prison or hard labor in the Florida road camps.

However, should Mayor Anton Cermak, of Chicago, or Mrs. Joe H. Gill, prominent Miami society woman, die of the wounds they received when spectators deflected Zangara's aim at Mr. Roosevelt, the state will seek a first degree murder indictment and the death penalty.

Today's sentences were for trying to kill the President-elect, Russell Caldwell, Cocanut Grove, Fla., Miss Margaret Kruiis, Newark, N. J., and W. J. Sinnott, New York policeman and bodyguard to Mr. Roosevelt. The latter three were slightly wounded by the bullets Zangara's pistol sprayed into the crowd which surrounded the car occupied by the President-elect in Bay Front Park.

Insists on Guilt.

Louis Twyman, defense counsel, who entered Zangara's guilty pleas, said his client had insisted he was guilty.

"He says, 'No, no, I am not crazy, when we asked him if he thinks he is insane,'" Twyman told the court. Taking the witness chair, unconcernedly, Zangara gave stomach pains and hatred of capitalists as the reasons for his desire to kill Mr. Roosevelt.

"I suffer all time from my stomach," Zangara told Judge E. C. Collins. "I no like the way capitalists take all money. When I read in paper the President come here, I decide to kill him."

"I decide to kill him and make him suffer. I want to make it 50-50. Since my stomach hurt I get even with capitalists by kill the President. My stomach hurt long time."

Zangara told the court he did not care whether he lived or not. "I seek all time," he said. "I thing just maybe cops kill me if I kill President."

"Somebody hit my arm when I try it."

"They fools! They should let me kill him."

The prisoner turned as he was led from the court room, held up eight fingers, and asked Judge Collins how many years he had been sentenced to serve.

The judge nodded at the uplifted fingers.

"Four times twenty is eighty," Zangara shouted. "Oh, judge, don't be stingy. Give me a hundred years."

Laughing in evident amusement, Zangara then fell in with his guards and was led back into his cell. He will be held pending outcome of the injuries of Mayor Cermak and Mrs. Gill.

Selma's Pay Roll Sign Makes Traveler Bout Face

A few days ago two traveling men parked their cars near each other on one of Selma's main streets. One of these men noticed that the other's outer casing was badly cut and the inner tubing was threatening to blow out. He immediately called his contemporary's attention to this fact, who in turn questioned a colored man who was riding with him as to how it happened. The colored man made this reply: "Boss, you did it your self when you looked up at dat \$20,000 weekly pay roll sign across de highway you'se turned round so fast dat de car was runnin' on de two rims and dat't what done it."

Zangara's Fate To Await Developments

State Attorney Hawthorne, of Fla., Says That So Long As Neither Of The Victims Dies Zangara Will Be Subject Only To Action Of Criminal Court On Charges Of Attempt To Murder.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 17.—State Attorney N. Vernon Hawthorne today called the Dade county grand jury into special session of Giuseppe Zangara, who attempted to shoot President Elect Roosevelt should either Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago or Mrs. Joe H. Gill of Miami, two of his bullet victims, succumb.

Hawthorne said the jury could not under Florida law take indicting actions unless one of the victims died and made the case one of capital crime. Such an indictment would charge murder in the first degree, Hawthorne said.

So long as neither of the victims dies Zangara will be subject only to action of the Dade county criminal court on charges of attempt to murder.

Snakes Found In Dog Bitten Last June

Mr. J. S. Stancil who lives in the Raines Cross Roads section in Beulah Township, Johnston county, was a visitor to the office of the Johnstonian-Sun Tuesday morning and brought with him two snakes sealed up in a fruit jar. Mr. Stancil then related one of the most interesting snake stories that we have ever heard. He said that some time about the first of June he had a dog to get bitten by a poisonous snake on the left jaw, and that for several days afterwards the dog's head was swollen almost double its normal size, but that it later healed up and the dog was apparently as well as ever until some four or five days ago when he began to swell and died last Monday. Remembering similar experiences by his brother, Mr. Harvey Stancil, he said he cut the dog open and found two snakes clinging to the dog's liver which had been almost completely eaten by these reptiles. One of these snakes measures 43 inches in length and the other 38 inches in length. They are just a little larger than an ordinary lead pencil and were still alive when presented to us Tuesday morning. All of our local people here who have visited our office to see these snakes declare that they have never witnessed anything like it before.

Change In Bank Personnel

Mr. Raleigh Griffin, of Woodland, N. C., who was a former clerk in the Branch Banking and Trust company here, has recently been put in full charge of the bank's affairs.

Miss Winnie Rickett To Speak At Selma Baptist Church

Special services at the Selma Baptist church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Miss Winnie Rickett, State Baptist Young People's Secretary, will be the principal speaker. This service will be under the direction of the local B. Y. P. U. Special music will be furnished. Both the young and older people are urged to attend this service. Mrs. Chas. Stephenson, the president of the local union, will have the service in charge.

Miss Rickett is a very interesting speaker, so don't fail to hear her.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Friday night the Selma High School basketball team subdued the Smithfield team by the score of 23-6. Selma got the lead from the opening tipoff and were never headed throughout the game. The usual good work of Parrish and Foster featured for Selma, while the work of Grimes and Ennis were the most outstanding for Smithfield. The local team has only been defeated but once this season. Recently Clayton was defeated 50-7, Four Oaks 20-16 and Micro 20-18.

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Hostess To Sunday School Class. Miss Lena Duggins was hostess to the members of her Sunday school class at her home on Tuesday evening. Games were played and several contests were greatly enjoyed. The hostess served a delicious sweet course. Just before the party the teacher, Prof. O. A. Tuttle, took the class to the basket ball game, played between Micro and Selma.

The Pitt County Farmers' Exchange handled \$41,007.04 worth of farm products last year and has \$1,191.08 on hand in cash and equipment. A stock dividend of 6 percent was paid to members.

Mr. J. U. Oliver Died This Morning

Passed Away At Home of His Sister, Mrs. J. C. Diehl—Ill Only Five Days—Funeral From the Home Friday Morning at 10 O'clock—Interment In Family Burying Ground.

James U. Oliver died at the home of his sister, Mrs. John C. Diehl, in Selma, this morning at 5 o'clock after five days' illness of pneumonia. Mr. Oliver was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James U. Oliver and was born and reared at the old home place between Selma and Pine Level. He was 37 years old and unmarried. Surviving are two brothers, Dr. A. S. Oliver, of Raleigh, and R. T. Oliver, of Pine Level, and one sister, Mrs. J. C. Diehl, of Selma. The funeral services will be held from the home of his sister tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. L. T. Singleton, pastor of the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church, and the interment will take place in the family burying ground near Pine Level.

Mr. Norkett Escapes Serious Injury

While coming from Laurinburg six miles beyond Fayetteville on Route 24. Wednesday afternoon, Mr. J. E. Norkett, of the Lizzie Cotton Mill here, had a very narrow escape from serious injury and possible death when his automobile, a new Desota Six, was completely demolished.

Mr. Norkett, in relating the story to us, said that he was accompanied by Mr. J. R. Austin, a prominent farmer of Mecklenburg county, who is visiting him, and as they neared a bridge behind a woman driving a Packard car, the woman apparently slowed down very suddenly at the bridge's approach. He said that he threw on his breaks so suddenly that his car skidded the rear end striking the abutment to the bridge. It then continued on across the bridge with a side movement and landed across the bridge completely demolished. Mr. Austin was thrown to the ground but sustained only slight injuries. Mr. Norkett escaped unhurt.

Writes From Panama

Sgt. Sidney Price who is stationed in Panama has written asking that the Johnstonian-Sun be sent to him. He is a Selma boy and likes to keep in touch with his friends and the old home town. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Price of this city and has been stationed in Panama for some time.

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Mrs. Paul Warren, who has served as clerk in the bank for a long time, and whose services have met with public approval because of her many kind and courteous acts toward the public, has been retained from further service with this bank. On behalf of the public, we feel prompted to express to Mrs. Warren a word of appreciation for her efficient services to the public while with this institution.

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Congress Will Let States Settle Repeal

House Votes 289 To 121 For Repeal of 13-Year Old Constitutional Amendment After Brief But Fervid Debate That Roused The Packed Galleries; Action By House Follows Senate Vote To Submit Repealer To States, 36 Of Which Must Approve To Put New Amendment Into Effect.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The 13-year old constitutional amendment for national prohibition went back to the states for a new decision today, on a 289 to 121 vote in the House of Representatives.

Duplicating the Senate action last week, when it favored submission of a repeal amendment to state conventions by a 63 to 23 vote, the House acted before being in session an hour and a half, cheered on by part of the galleries and in the face of ominous silence on the part of others there. The latter represented many of the prohibition organizations, which served notice at once through the Anti-Saloon League that the issue would be "fought to a finish in state capitals."

The vote was fifteen more than the two-thirds required. Speaker John N. Garner was greeted with cheers and applause on announcing the outcome.

WRECK ON HIGHWAY NO. 10 NEAR PRINCETON

Mr. E. J. Sasser and family, returning to Selma from Mt. Olive Sunday evening about 7 o'clock when meeting a car which blinded him so that he did not see a wagon he was overtaking until his car had struck the rear end of the wagon, knocking a Mrs. Edwards onto the paved road and breaking her collar bone. There was no lights on the wagon, it is alleged, and no blame was attached to Mr. Sasser who took Mrs. Edwards and her husband to the Johnston County Hospital. At this time the extent of her injuries are not known.

A. C. Crumpler Is Seriously Injured

Last Monday afternoon while dismantling the remains of the old store building on Railroad street, belonging to the J. H. Parkers heirs, A. C. Crumpler was seriously injured when the frame skeleton of the building collapsed and fell upon him. His chest was crushed, one leg and one arm broken. He was immediately removed to the Johnston county hospital where he was given all possible medical assistance.

Mr. Crumpler was so seriously injured that but little hope is held for his recovery, but the last reports we had from the hospital said that he was still living.

Revival Meeting At Little Creek Church

A series of revival meetings began at Little Creek Pentecostal Holiness church on Sunday, February 19th and are continuing through this week, and probably longer. These services are being conducted by Rev. Walter Williams of Selma, route 2. Services each night at 7:30. Public cordially invited.

Tax Payers Mass Meeting Is Called

You are urgently requested to meet at a county-wide Mass Meeting of the tax payers of Johnston County at the Court House in Smithfield, on Tuesday night, February 28, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of reorganizing the Tax Payers' League and to draft such resolutions for tax relief as the meeting may deem necessary to present to the State Legislature, now in session in Raleigh.

Your presence at this meeting may mean considerable tax relief to you, so don't fail to come and help us. Bring every tax payer you can with you. This is urgent, so don't fail to be there Tuesday night at 7:30.

THE TAX PAYERS LEAGUE OF BEULAH TOWNSHIP.
J. C. GRADY, Chairman.

Mrs. S. D. Brown has been confined to her room with "flu," but we are glad to say she is out again. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Creech and children, carroll and Christeen from Sanders Chapel section, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Denning.

Burns Is Arrested In Fatal Accident

Coroner's Jury Holds Dunn Man Responsible For Death of Preston Blackman.

Smithfield, Feb. 19.—Coroner James H. Kirkman was called upon Saturday to empanel a jury and pass upon the cause of the death of Preston Blackman, a farmer residing in Ingrams township.

The evidence tended to show that the deceased was struck by an automobile driven Friday night "in a careless, reckless and indifferent manner, and on the left-hand side of the road in the direction the car was moving," and in addition to the foregoing verdict, the jury found this automobile was being operated at the time by Archie Burns.

The accident occurred in Four Oaks Friday night, while the deceased was walking along the highway in front of the chair factory. The deceased was about 50 years of age, was married and leaves a wife and two sons. Burns is about 30 years of age and he resides in Dunn.

Moving To Selma

Mr. C. C. Fitch who has charge of the Wet Wash Laundry of Selma, is moving his family here from Hamlet, N. C. He has as his associate in the business Mr. E. A. Beck, also of Hamlet, who expects to move his family to Selma within the next few weeks. We welcome these new comers to our town and wish for them a successful venture in the Laundry business here.

SUPERIOR COURT FOR TRIAL OF CIVIL ACTION

Monday, February 20.

Hon. Henry A. Grady, a Judge of Superior Court of North Carolina, presiding.

Jurors for 1st Week

A. J. Futrell, J. M. Woodard, B. E. Stallings, R. L. Parker, W. A. Braswell, W. H. Crocker, J. A. Weeks, L. Shepard Penny, H. E. Weeks, W. V. Blackman, W. A. Nordan, J. M. Johnson, Frank Richardson, D. F. Thompson, S. A. Mathews, M. G. Futrell, George Holland, Walter K. Eason, R. L. Hill, Jr., B. B. Batten, Clarence Weeks, D. H. Sanders, Jr., J. J. Sanders, James L. Peedin.

Jurors for 2nd Week

Loomis Vinson, A. F. Holt, Jr., Kyle Stephenson, G. H. Wall, Albert Casey, L. A. Smith, W. R. Flowers, Fred E. Lee, James H. Watson, Henry Kemp, P. B. Chamberlain, W. N. Hood, M. F. Mathews, Luther R. Johnson, L. F. Barnes, J. P. Rains, G. B. Smith, L. L. Painter, Julius B. Lee, Willie E. Garner, Joe E. Creech, W. A. Hinton, J. M. Driver, J. M. Wall.

Jurors excused: S. A. Mathews, deaf and H. E. Weeks, ill.

Cases Had

Dr. V. A. Davidian, vs J. W. Fitzgerald. Action on an account. Jury finds that both Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fitzgerald are each indebted to Dr. Davidian \$150.00 with interest from August 1st 1931.

Star Manufacturing Co., vs, Town of Benson. Consent judgment. Plaintiff to pay cost.

Retta Gower Bradley vs Earl Bradley. Action for divorce, adultery being the grounds sued upon. Defendant found guilty by jury of committing adultery.

Tuesday, February 21.

Citizens Bank and Trust Co., vs Earnest P. Allen. Action on account.

J. E. Wilson vs. J. V. Allen. Action on account for mules sold and delivered.

Proceedings County Recorder's Court

Tuesday, February 21.

State vs Tim Westbrook, white farmer, aged 55. Violation prohibition law. Guilty possession 1 quart whiskey. Fined \$5.00 and cost.

State vs John Bell, colored laborer, aged 30. Receiving stolen chickens, value less than \$20.00. Knowing them to have been stolen. Guilty. Defendant given 3 months in jail and assigned to work on county roads.

State vs Preston Peedin, white laborer, aged 25. Carrying concealed weapon. Not guilty.

State vs Preston Peedin, white and Reva Boon, white, fornication and adultery. Both defendants guilty.

Interesting Items From Smithfield

Johnston county is scheduled for four weeks of Superior Court without any intermission. A two weeks Civil term opened last Monday with Judge H. A. Grady on the bench. It is expected that Judge J. P. Frizelle of Snow Hill will take charge next week and after finishing the civil term he will preside over the term for the trial of Criminal cases which is to run through the following two weeks.

There are many signs showing clearly that the people of Johnston county have not yet decided to quit farming. Regardless of the existing depression they are sowing more and larger tobacco beds than usual, and some are building new barns.

There is said to be an unusual demand for mules this season. Sheriff R. U. Barber, who has been handling live stock for several years; in speaking of the matter Tuesday said that there had been very little change in prices in the last three years, and that a man could sell all the mules this season that he could buy and pay for.

Mr. Hugh M. Austin made an interesting talk at the Kiwanis club last Thursday.

Mr. Austin who is a member of the enterprising clothing firm of Austin & Hamilton, took for his subject "A Suit of Clothes." He traced it all the way from the sheep to the finished product in the store, showing the many changes that it undergoes, and the great amount of handling that it gets between the sheep and the weaver.

He estimates that a dollar spent for clothing at his store benefits not less than one thousand people. It helps the farmer who produces the wool, and helps to keep the woolen mills, dye factories, tailoring shops, railroads, steamboat lines, traveling salesmen, merchants, and everybody connected with them profitably employed.

The Kiwanians will hold their meeting on Thursday of this week with the senior class in the school building and will award prizes for the best essays on the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Bennie Coats, a well known farmer and a son of Ben A. Coats of the western section of Elevation township, was assaulted and seriously injured on the Hunter road last Saturday night.

A negro named Roosevelt Fellows was reported to have committed the crime. Fellows was arrested and given a hearing before Joel A. Johnson, Justice of the Peace, last Monday. He was bound over to court, and his bond was fixed at \$200.00. Being unable to make the bond, he was lodged in jail.

Full particulars of the unfortunate affair are not available here, but it is reported that Coats was hit on the head with an automobile jack, and that there is some doubt about his recovery.

Seen Along The MAIN DRAG

(BY H. H. L.)

ORIN A. TUTTLE sporting new Chevy. Look out, girls—ANABEL JONES and ELIZABETH WHITAKER Fording in the rain to Wilson on shopping expedition—MILDRED PERKINS leaving for Richmond, Virginia, for week-end visit—COUNTY AGENT SLACK shaking hands with Selmaites—BOYD COOK buying ducks for his duck farm—MABEL JEFFREYS with her tin pan. SMITHFIELD CITIZEN: "They tell me that when the siren blows in Selma everybody lights out for SMITHFIELD, the fire truck and all"—Dozens of people visit Johnstonian-Sun office to see the two snakes taken from a dog that was bitten by a snake six months ago—TOBE STRICKLAND wins the first "pot" at Woodard's Drug Store; MAYOR WASH HARE shaking hands with his friends, the May election is not far off—MARY BOOKER visits Maindrag with several good looking Pine Level teachers. Come again, girls—ELIZABETH HILL is all smiles this week. Charlotte is contemplating a visit to Selma this week-end.