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Selma Young Men Are Found Guilty

The case of Robert L. Ray, Jr., and Thomas Ray, young sons of attorney and Mrs. R. L. Ray, of Selma, were found guilty of larceny of a large quantity of cigarettes alleged to have been stolen from a box car on the Norfolk and Southern railway yards at Duncan, between Fuquay Springs and Lillington, on the night of June 15th, last in superior court Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Their codefendant, Bernice Bunn, son of a prominent wholesale merchant of Zebulon, who was charged with receiving the cigarettes knowing they had been stolen, was acquitted.

The case was called on the 14th Thursday morning before Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, who is presiding over two weeks' term of Johnston county court. On account of the prominence of the families concerned much interest has been manifested and sentiment in the community has been about evenly divided as to the guilt or innocence of the defendants. The case has been hard fought from the beginning. The defendants were represented by Judge E. H. Brooks, E. J. Wellons and James R. Pool, of Smithfield. The prosecution was handled by the solicitor, Clawson Williams, of Canford.

It was charged by the state that the two Ray boys entered into a conspiracy with Ollie Moore, "Pea-rine" Parrish and Anderson Marlowe, who had previously pleaded guilty, to rob the box car at Duncan and proceed from there by way of Smithfield and Selma to Zebulon where the cigarettes were alleged to have been turned over to Bunn, who was to have disposed of them. The state also alleged that it was soon ascertained that the cigarettes were export cigarettes and not having proper revenue stamps, could not be disposed of in North Carolina and upon this discovery the Ray brothers carried the cigarettes to Selma, leaving a large quantity in the possession of Grover Eason, who lives near Kenly. Eason corroborated the evidence offered by Moore, Parrish and Marlowe in that he testified that Thomas Ray asked him to pack the cigarettes, about a bushel of loose cigarettes, in boxes and dispose of them and that he would pay him \$1.00 per thousand for his trouble. Eason denied any knowledge of the cigarettes and offered the testimony of their father, mother and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Benson that on the night of the alleged robbery that Robert Ray was at home all during the night and that Tom Ray made a trip to Wilson county, accompanied by Herman Benson, for the purpose of carrying some money to Mrs. Benson's brother, and returned to the home of his parents at about 9:30 o'clock, remaining there the remainder of the night.

The Rays and Bunn offered a large number of witnesses who testified as to their good character. Judge Grady continued prayer for judgment until Wednesday morning. The boys were not held in custody but were allowed by the judge to return to their homes until Wednesday.

Both men were found guilty of second degree murder by the jury after deliberating for 30 minutes, returning Tuesday night at eleven o'clock. Each defendant was given 30 years in the State penitentiary at hard labor.

Johnston County Criminal Court

State vs. Charlie Strickland, for rape (Lucile McCabe). Jury returned a true bill that Strickland, on March 2, 1933, did with force of arms and against the will of Lucile McCabe, carnally know and rape her, she being over 12 and under 16 years of age.

State vs. Gray Pittman, for driving auto while intoxicated, on December 26, 1931. Plea of not guilty. Defendant pleaded guilty to transporting liquor. State takes nol pro as to driving while intoxicated. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

State vs. Jasper Wood, assault with deadly weapon (Tom McLamb) on January 3, 1932. Defendant pleads not guilty. Jury returned verdict of guilty.

State vs. H. M. Hight, man laugher. State takes nol pro. No cost to attach this defendant is known to be in extremes with tuberculosis.

State vs. Bill Wiggs, Sr., and Julian Stephenson, house breaking and larceny. Store house of J. W. Smith and Dalmar Eason, December 14, 1932. Plea of not guilty. They are not represented by counsel Stephen on pleads guilty in case of robbery of J. W. Smith's store, but pleads not guilty as to breaking and entering store of Dalmar Eason. Wiggs pleads not guilty in each case. Jury returned verdict of guilty as to each defendant.

State vs. Leon Watson and Willis Gill, charged with the murder of Zeke Hinnant in the first degree. The separate cases of Watson and Gill consolidated into one case for trial. Two venres that were selected for the cases were consolidated. Each defendant pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was selected from the regular panel and the special venire:

M. B. Bailey, Four Oaks; C. C. Young, Clayton; R. A. Bailey, Selma; R. E. Barbour, Benson; Rexford Barbour, Wilson Mills; S. W. Creech, Zebulon; J. L. Flowers, Bentonville; R. L. Penny, Ben on; H. S. Honeycutt, Angiar, R. 1; Elijah Wheeler, Benson; J. V. Stephenson, Angier R. 1; J. L. Boyette, Kenly.

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Friday night Dr. Alexander spent several hours at the woman's bedside in an effort to prolong her life until her father could arrive from Fort Myers, Florida, where his baseball team is in training and was said to have worried greatly lest she die before her father arrived.

After her death the physician went to a telephone to call an undertaker, was seized with a cerebral hemorrhage and died almost immediately. When the undertaker arrived his body instead of his patient was carried away first in order that an investigation might be made of his sudden passing.

Mrs. McCambridge's body was sent to Worcester, Mass., for interment while that of Dr. Alexander was sent to Montpelier, Ind., his former home.

Selma Boy In Earthquake Zone

Mr. R. J. Smith is in receipt of a letter from his son, R. J. Smith, Jr., who lives in Los Angeles, California. He tells his father that he and family escaped injury in the recent earthquake which destroyed millions of dollars worth of property and took a toll of a number of lives. He says the earthquake left the chimneys to his home ready to topple over at any time. It was just a little over two days from the time the letter was posted in the California city his father was reading it in Selma.

Interesting Items From Smithfield

There are now three full fledged candidates for mayor of Smithfield, and it is reported that others, including at least one of the gentler sex, are in receptive moods.

Those who have announced their candidacies are J. D. Underwood, the present incumbent; Everett S. Stevens and L. E. Watson, Jr.

Five of the town commissioners have announced that they desire to be re-nominated in the Democratic primary to be held on the 3rd of April.

It is not expected that the Republicans will put out a ticket for any of the town offices this year, either in the April primary or the regular election to be held in May. The Republicans will probably sit contentedly by on the fence and watch the fur fly.

It is reported that there will be no more free government flour after the first of April, as the wheat which was taken over by the Federal Farm Board under the Hoover administration is said to be about all gone, and it is not expected that any more will be made available for charitable purposes.

It is expected that Smithfield and Johnston county will be represented at the Raleigh auditorium when Miss Helen Keller makes her appearance there next Friday night. There will be no charge for admission, but it will be necessary to have a card, which may be obtained by applying to Mrs. Jack Broadhurst, President of the Woman's Club.

Hog shipments will start from Smithfield on March 20th, and it is expected that after that date there will be cars loaded here every few days during the spring and early summer. Those who desire information about shipments should communicate with J. B. Slack, county farm agent. Hog raising in Johnston county appears to be on the increase; and if prices were more satisfactory the farmers of the county would soon have almost a continual stream of shipments of live hogs going to the Richmond market.

These spring shipments bring in some ready cash at a time when it is helpful in meeting fertilizer bills and paying the other expenses of getting the crops started. They help the farmer to "pay as he goes", and the farmer who does this need not owe his crop to some one else when it is made.

Miss Virginia Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Sanders of Smithfield, was taken to the Johnston County hospital last Saturday where an operation was performed for appendicitis. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is getting along fine.

Mr. H. P. Jenkins, of Smithfield, who underwent an operation at the Johnston County hospital last Friday, is reported to be in a serious condition.

Nemars Not Coming To Selma Saturday

The blindfold drive which was scheduled to be performed by Prof. Nemar in Selma on Saturday, March 18th, will not be pulled off here at that time owing to the fact that financial conditions are such that it was thought best to postpone their coming until conditions in financial centers have time to adjust themselves to a more normal status. They appeared in Smithfield on last Saturday and were instrumental in bringing a large crowd of people to that town for the occasion, but financial instability kept the event from being what the business men of the town had hoped for because of so little money in circulation. Since these drivers are featured primarily for a special trade day for the town in which each one is put on, it is plain to see that it would have been difficult to make the event a great success at this time, therefore the promoters have decided to wait until a later date to make their appearance here.

Though he has a herd of 20 cows and produces grade-A milk for the town of Hickory, J. R. Wallace of Catawba County has never had a silo because of the cost. He recently dug a trench silo and will fill it next summer.

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Negroes Sentenced To Thirty Years

Leon Watson and Willis Gill, the two young negro men of Oneals township, who were in Johnston Superior Court this week for the murder of Zeke Hinnant, a white farmer of O'Neals Township on the night of December 20, 1932, were found guilty of murder in the second degree and were sentenced by Judge Grady to serve 30 years in the State penitentiary at hard labor.

The widow of the slain man testified that on the night in question she heard Willis Gill call her husband and state that he wanted to go into the store. Her husband went to the store, and shortly thereafter she heard a gun fire. Opening the door she saw two men retreating into the darkness of the night, neither of whom she could identify. She rushed to the store and met her husband on the steps with his double barrel shot gun in his hand and in a dazed condition. He recognized her and stated that he had been shot. He told her to take the keys, lock the store door, and come to the house. She started with him to the house and he fell before reaching the house. She, assisted by a colored man, Barney Watson, got him into the house and in bed where death resulted within a very short time after he had been shot.

Slayer of Cermak To Die In Chair March 20

Raiford, Fla., March 13.—Heavily guarded by a squad of national guard machine gunners, Giuseppe Zangara, the assassin who shot five persons in an attempt to kill President Roosevelt February 15, awaits the electric chair here for the murder of Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago.

Governor Dave Sholtz today signed the death warrant after Zangara had secretly been removed from the Dade county jail in Miami where he was convicted last Friday. The warrant sets the execution for the week of March 20, the actual day of and hour to be determined by Supt. L. F. Chapman of the state prison farm. It was held likely Tuesday March 21 will be the date.

Under rigid orders from the governor, interviews were forbidden with the swarthy Italian who shot down Mayor Cermak. Mrs. Joe H. Gill, prominent Miami society woman, Russel Caldwell, Coconut Grove, Fla. William Sinnot, New York policeman, and Miss Margaret Krus, Newark, N. J.

The latter three were not seriously wounded but Zangara was given an 80 years sentence two weeks ago for attempting to kill the three and Mr. Roosevelt. He was never tried for the shooting of Mrs. Gill, who now lies in a hospital in a serious condition as a result of a bullet wound in the abdomen.

Cermak died last Monday after a long battle with a weak heart, pneumonia, and gangrene which set into the lung injured by the bullet.

Within a few hours after Cermak's death Zangara had been indicted. In two more days, he had pleaded guilty and was sentenced to death.

Zangara gave as his reason for his mad act "hatred of capitalists," stomach trouble and the desire to cause Mr. Roosevelt to "suffer fifty-fifty" with him. "He capitalist and I figure make him fifty-fifty with me," said the slayer.

Zangara was brought to the state prison by Sheriff Dan Hardie, of Miami and within 10 minutes was photographed, fingerprinted and no signs of nervousness or curiosity at the prison surroundings.

"Are you sorry you shot Mayor Cermak?" Sheriff Hardie asked the assassin, as he was being led to the death cell.

"No," replied Zangara. "I'm not sorry. I wasn't shooting at him, but I'm not sorry I hit him."

Over 300 Pitt County farmers received checks for produce handled by the local Mutual Exchange last week. Included were those for a car of poultry, four cars of sweet potatoes and produce sold at the market house.

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John Q. A. Jeffreys Addresses Kiwanis

Mr. John Q. A. Jeffreys, president of the local Building & Loan Association, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Selma Kiwanis Club on last Thursday evening.

"What is the meaning of the word 'Deficit'?" said the speaker. "It's what you've got when you haven't as much as you had when you had nothing," he continued. "The Kiwanis motto is 'We Build', not homes, but character, manhood, etc. This is all right, but I am also interested in building homes. The local Building & Loan Association offers you a safe place to put your surplus money at 6 per cent non-taxable (the B. & L. pays the tax), thereby making funds available for your neighbor to own his home which makes him a better citizen and your town a better place in which to live. I don't want to remind you of your investments made in the past in which you have suffered a loss, in some cases as much as 50 per cent. Give our association consideration for an investment and take some stock which will help you and your town.

"If you have a boy or girl who will finish high school in the next 7 to 10 years, start now to save through the B. & L. stock so you will have the necessary funds to send them to college."

Mr. J. C. Avery, secretary-treasurer of the local B. & L., was also a guest of the club.

Johnston County Co-ops Elect Delegates

Smithfield, March 14.—Seven delegates were elected to the fifth district convention by Johnston county members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association at their annual primary convention in the court house here Friday at which M. C. Mann, of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer, was the principal speaker.

Mr. Mann termed "momentous" the conference of some 50 leaders of organized agriculture with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and aid he expected much good to come of it. He also urged farmers on to renew active activity in the interest of legislation for the relief of agriculture.

Discussing improved seeds, Mr. Mann quoted figures to show that farmers cannot afford to plant inferior seed this year when by planting improved varieties they can produce a staple cotton that will command a premium. He bided the increase in the quality of North Carolina Cotton in the last five years, which has been from around 20 percent to 65 percent better than seven-eighths, and said that had all of North Carolina's crop last year been sold in such a manner as to get the premium the cooperative gets for its members this premium alone would have amounted to more than \$1,000,000.

J. W. Stephenson, of Smithfield, present director of the district which is composed of Johnston and Wilson counties, pointed out the need of collective action on the part of farmers. He presided over the meeting.

J. A. Smith, of Smithfield, discussed the advantages of lespedeza as a hay and as a soil-building crop.

The following delegates were elected: Norman Jones, Clayton; W. H. Flowers, Four Oaks; G. W. Murphy, Clayton; F. Pittman, Smithfield; W. M. Woodall, Benson; W. V. Blackman, Hen-on; and A. B. Atkinson, Kenly. They will attend the district convention here in April at which time candidates will be nominated for director of the district.

NEWS STAND AT UNION STATION IS NOW OPEN

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Richardson have opened a news stand in the Union Station in Selma, where you will find at all times all the leading magazines and newspapers, books, etc. The Union News company has been operating a stand in the depot for a number of years with Mr. W. D. Goodson as manager, but recently moved their stock of goods to another point. Mr. Goodson returned to his home in East Tennessee. During his stay in Selma he made many friends who regret to see him leave. Read the advertisement of the Richardsons in this issue of The Johnstorian-Sun.

Thousands Injured In Earthquake

Violent earthquakes spread death, injury and destruction over a path some 200 miles long and 30 miles wide in Southern California last night.

Eighty were known dead and more than 2,500 injured on incomplete reports the stricken cities and countryside.

Long Beach reported 22 dead, Los Angeles 12, Compton, 13, Huntington Park 12, Santa Ana 3, Watts 4, San Pedro 2, Hermosa 1 and Garden Grove 1, Wilmington, Bellflower 3, Artesia 4, Walnut Park 1, Norwalk 1. Los Angeles reported 1,500 injured and the Long Beach injured role was put at 1,000.

From State and city police authorities in the stricken cities came reports others were feared buried beneath wreckage. Hospitals were filled. Fires raged by the dozens.

Governor James Rolph, of California, was considered declaring a state of emergency. In Washington, President Franklin Roosevelt extended the facilities of the government to Governor Rolph to relieve distress.

The Red Cross in Washington awaited word from its regional headquarters in San Francisco before swinging its huge resources of relief into action.

As the stricken area, famed for its playgrounds and film studios, worked feverishly to dig out its dead, minister to its injured, and restore order out of chaotic, crowds, the earthquakes continued their devastation.

The seventh, at 7:55 p. m. (Pacific Coast Time), showed a diminishing in force. But it was false prophecy. The eighth, an hour later rocked up with greater strength, adding to the wreckage and casualty list.

Then two more—at 9:10 and 9:19 (Pacific Coast time)—after which buildings swayed at intervals, another shaking Los Angeles at 10:12 p. m.

Los Angeles, March 10.—Violent earthquakes continuing three hours after the first shock of death and destruction added confusion to the scene of increasing damage and terror to all of southern California tonight.

At 9:55 o'clock the toll as reported from most authentic sources available reached 80 dead and more than 2,500 injured.

The isolation of Long Beach continued almost complete at this hour, but reports from persons arriving from that beach area indicated that radio flashes and terror-inspired rumors of hundreds or even scores being dead in that city were without foundation.

The path of death stretched from Santa Ana to Long Beach and Los Angeles.

As these lines were being written the building of the Los Angeles office of The Associated Press was swaying, with accentuated jolts from time to time and, at intervals of 10 to 20 minutes, extremely violent shocks that caused all hands to reach to some support as in a swaying small craft at sea.

Hospitals were crowded to overflowing at emergency centers of the city and urgent calls were sent out for all emergency hospitals.

Surgeons found extreme difficulty in handling cases of the injured as the great shocks shook the operating tables upon which were stretched the patients.

Recurrent shocks added new damage as attempts were made to check.

Two North Carolinians Made Ambassadors

Josephus Daniels Is Named As Ambassador To Mexico and Robt. W. Bingham Ambassador To Go To Great Britain.

Washington, March 13.—President Roosevelt announced his first diplomatic appointments today in preparation for early resumption of the discussions on world economics, armaments and war debts.

To the prize London post he nominated Robert W. Bingham, Louisville publisher and prominent Democratic leader. He selected Jesse Isidor Straus, New York merchant, to go to Paris. He appointed Josephus Daniels, North Carolina publisher, to hold the important Mexico City ambassadorship.