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## Harmon Goes On Trial For Life For Assault

Judge Erwin Orders Venire of Seventy Men From Which To Select Jury—Trial Expected To Last Through Thursday—Pool And Rosser Defending Harmon.

Charged with criminal assault on his three-year-old step-daughter, N. C. Harmon of Selma went on trial Wednesday for his life.

Judge S. J. Erwin, who is holding court this week, Tuesday ordered a special venire of 70 men to be summoned from which to draw a jury to try Harmon.

The alleged crime was committed on Saturday night, April 5. Harmon was arrested the following day and placed in the county jail where he remained in solitary confinement without benefit of counsel until April 16, when Judge Erwin appointed W. O. Rosser, Jr., and J. R. Pool to defend him.

The case was set for trial that week, and a special venire summoned but the case was continued on motion of defendant through his attorneys, who had not had sufficient time to prepare their case.

It is understood that they are to base their defense chiefly on a plea of insanity.

The crime is reported to have taken place around 10 o'clock at night in Harmon's automobile on the road between Brown's filling station and Selma. In a confession, Harmon said that his sister and the little girl had accompanied him when he left home to take his wife to a picture show. After taking Mrs. Harmon to the theatre, he drove his sister to her home about four miles above Selma. On the way back, alone with the three-year-old, he is said to have stopped and committed the crime.

Sheriff Rose, the first witness, testified to the confession made by Harmon after he was brought to jail. Deputy D. S. Strickland's testimony was similar to the Sheriff's. Harmon first denied any knowledge of the crime, claiming that he had been struck over the head and rendered unconscious, but later admitted the attack, said Sheriff Rose.

Woodrow Shirley, who was next examined, testified that he went with Mrs. Harmon in search of Harmon and the child and found them about 3:30 a. m. in the car in front of the home of Harmon's mother. The child, he said, was lying on the seat in a puddle of blood. She was carried into the house and one of the women cried out, according to the witness, that the little girl had been attacked.

The doctor who was summoned ordered her taken to the hospital. The defendant, who came along with others, was taken into custody at the hospital.

The little girl, rather small and frail looking, sat in her mother's lap during the trial. Solicitor Canaday expects to put several physicians on the stand today (Thursday) and predicts that the trial will not be completed until Friday. The death penalty is being asked.

## Selma Boy Returns After 2-Year Absence

D. H. (Dannie) Wilson, after spending two years in a CCC camp in the southern part of Utah, arrived home here a few days ago. This is Dannie's first visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wilson, since he left for the West two years ago. He says he likes the West all right, but North Carolina better. He is a graduate of the Selma high school and popular with the younger set in Selma. "It took us four days and nights to make the trip," he stated, "but I enjoyed every minute of it."

## 4-H Club Leader Gets Trip To Washington

Braxton Coats, president of the Johnston County 4-H club council, went to Washington, D. C., last week to attend the National 4-H club convention. He was the guest of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway for the entire trip. Mr. Coats is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coats of near Smithfield.

M. B. Lane, Jr., and Erwin Godwin, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday with relatives here.

## Youth 18 Sentenced In Johnston Slaying

Negro Given Three to Five Years In Johnston County Court—Erwin Presides.

A one-week term of Superior Court opened in Smithfield Monday morning with Judge S. J. Erwin, Jr., of Morganton, presiding and Solicitor C. C. Canaday of Benson as prosecuting attorney.

Out of thirty jurymen summoned for the petit jury, ten were excused for one cause or another. In most of the cases tried, the defendants entered a plea, rendering a jury unnecessary.

Junius Pearce, eighteen-year-old Negro, charged with fatally shooting another Negro, James Davis, on June 1, in Kenly, entered a plea of second degree murder and was sentenced to the roads for a term of from three to five years.

Two abandonment cases were disposed of. Braxton Keen of Selma township, admitted the charge of abandoning his wife, and prayer for judgment was continued on condition that he support her.

Willie Ed Little, also of the Selma section, plead guilty to abandoning his three small children, ages 2, 3 and 5. Judge Erwin gave him a two-year sentence, to be suspended on condition that he not drink any intoxicating liquor and pay into court four dollars weekly for the support of the children. His wife said that she did not want him to support her.

Two forgery cases were also heard, both defendants, Ruthie Baker and Daniel Allen, admitting their guilt. Ruthie Baker plead guilty to an attempt at forgery, having passed a check for \$1.50 with the name of R. C. Moore signed to it; and Allen having passed two checks, one for \$10.00 and one for \$3.00 with the signature of Noah Blackman. He was given a four months sentence.

## Liquor Raids Reported By Johnston Officers

Deputy Sheriff D. S. Strickland reported two raids Monday morning. He seized about a gallon of non-tax-paid liquor in the home of Paul Surlis in Four Oaks and put Surlis under bond for his appearance in Recorder's Court.

Together with Deputies N. M. Narron, M. J. Whitley and Corporal V. R. Mallard, Strickland raided a still in Banner township Monday morning and arrested two white men, Wilbur and Howard Lee, who were at work at a still in the barn of Wilbur Lee. The still was of approximately thirty-five gallon capacity. Four gallons of whiskey and three barrels of mash were confiscated. The men were cited to appear in Recorder's court next week. Wilbur Lee assumed responsibility, admitting that the still was his and that Howard was just there to assist him.

## Johnston NYA Projects To Hold Open House

The sixth anniversary of the establishment of the National Youth Administration will be marked by the holding of open house on all NYA projects in Johnston county as a part of a state and national observance, on Thursday, June 26, State NYA Administrator John A. Lang announced yesterday.

The National Youth Administration is now operating four projects in Johnston county, including construction of a community building in Selma, and home-making projects for girls in Smithfield and Clayton which teach sewing, cooking, nutrition and preparation of food and household articles for the need.

## Submarine Victim Has Uncle In Smithfield

W. T. Dance, of Smithfield, is an uncle of William T. Crute, 19, who was known to have been stationed on the ill-fated submarine O-9 which went down with its 33 officers and men off New Hampshire coast last Saturday. Young Crute's parents live at Princeton, Va., who anxiously await some official announcement from Naval authorities.

## A DRIVE TO HELP OUR BOYS IN CAMP

Johnston County Unit of the United Service Organization Is Set Up With R. P. Holding As President—Contributions Are Being Asked For

At a meeting held at the Johnston County Club at Holt Lake on last Friday evening a county unit of the United Service Organization was set up with R. P. Holding, Smithfield banker, as President. At the meeting Friday evening the following publicity committee was named: Mrs. G. W. Grier of Smithfield; W. J. Barefoot and Ed Johnson, of Benson, and Rev. D. M. Clemmons of Selma. This committee will use the newspapers, the radio and the churches as a means of getting the information before the public and help put the drive across.

The U. S. O. is a nation-wide organization working in conjunction with the Salvation Army, the Y. W. C. A., the Jewish Welfare Board and National Travelers Aid Association, to raise funds to be used in providing recreational centers near our army camps for the benefit of the young men in camp where they may have clean and attractive entertainment during their leisure hours in order that they may not be attracted to those places where religious and moral standards are lacking, and where only the reverse influences prevail.

Every man and every woman in Johnston county should feel proud to have a part in helping to finance this undertaking, and certainly there should not be a single parent who is not willing to help. If you have a boy in camp or if your neighbor has a boy in camp, you should be only too willing to make a contribution to this cause in order that our boys may be provided with the right kind of entertainment during their leisure hours. You will probably be solicited for a contribution within the next few days and if and when you are, don't fail or refuse to do your part. If no one calls on you for a donation, you will please carry or send your donation to Mr. R. P. Holding, Smithfield, N. C.

Have you made your contribution to the U. S. O. Drive yet? Very little need to be said about this service—it explains itself. All the money goes to North Carolina camps, and will be used for Religious, Recreational Education work with our boys. If you have not been solicited yet, see some of the following people and make a nice contribution:

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**  
Selma—Rev. D. M. Clemmons  
Smithfield—Mrs. G. W. Grier  
Clayton—Mrs. Hugh Page  
Benson—Prof. W. J. Barefoot and Mayor Ed Johnson.

**CHAIRMEN BY TOWNS**  
Kenly—Mrs. R. S. Atkinson.  
Wilson's Mills—Howard Mitchiner.  
Pine Level—B. Oliver.  
Princeton—Luby Mitchell.  
Clayton—G. T. Page.  
Benson—Ed Johnson.  
Four Oaks—Tryon George.  
Selma—R. A. Jones.  
Micro—Charlie Fitzgerald.  
Smithfield—Braxton Wilson.

## Important Notice To Draft Registrants

All draft registrants should read their Questionnaires very carefully before filling them out, and if they have any complaint to make they should remember that they have the right to bring same to the attention of the local draft board. There seem to be many draftees who fail to understand what it is all about. The local draft board is always ready to furnish any information they can to make the young draftees understand their questionnaires, and those who may have claims for exemption should make same known to their local board if they do not understand how to make claim for this exemption in their questionnaire.

## MRS. W. A. PEEDIN FINDS FREAKISH EGG

Mrs. W. A. Peedin of Selma, exhibited a hen egg at the office of The Johnstonian-Sun last Saturday which is quite a freak of nature. The egg is of medium to rather small in size but rather flat on one side which presents the appearance of a sunflower.

Mr. T. B. Brown, of the firm of Pittman's Hatchery, is back on the job after an illness of several days.

## SPEAKER



DR. W. H. CARTER

## DR. CARTER COMING TO COUNTY SUNDAY

Principal Speaker at Meeting of Federation of Churches of Johnston County—Holly Springs F. W. B. Church

KENLY—Dr. William Howard Carter, minister of the First Full Gospel Tabernacle Church of Goldsboro will deliver the principal address at the Federation of Churches of Johnston County at a special meeting Sunday night, June 29th at 7:30 p. m. At the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church 3 miles North West of Kenly it was announced by the Rev. E. K. Holland today.

The Bob Pittman Vocal Union under the direction of Clarence Capps will meet in the afternoon for the regular "fifth Sunday sing." Some 20 or more groups are expected to participate. Officials of the Church are expected one of the largest crowds in the history of the church for the "SING" and Dr. Carter's sermon.

## Johnston's Red Cross Plan Intensive Drive

Kenneth Gurley of Pine Level, and Smithfield, president of the Johnston County chapter of the Red Cross, is calling a meeting of all volunteer Red Cross workers. The gathering is to be held at the Legion Hut Friday afternoon in Smithfield.

Mrs. Thel Hooks, chairman of the production committee of the chapter, announces that part of the material for Red Cross garments ordered several weeks ago has come, and this general meeting is being called preliminary to the opening of the sewing room at the Legion Hut in the near future.

All the chapter officials and leaders in the various branches of the organization in Selma, Benson, Pine Level, Kenly and Smithfield, as well as every man and woman who will volunteer to do Red Cross work, are invited.

Making garments for refugees and others in the war-torn countries of Europe is the major part of the production committee, but there are other services to be rendered which will be explained at this meeting. Besides volunteers for knitting and sewing, volunteers are needed to use their cars, to help check, pack, tag and ship the garments, and furnish patterns, scissors, needles, thread and buttons.

Members of the sewing committee, headed by Mrs. Hooks, are Mrs. Edmund Aycock, Mrs. Lena Grantham, Mrs. B. M. Brannan and Miss Emily Young. They are cutting out garments and checking materials to be given out Friday. Mrs. Hooks announced that three sewing machines had been loaned for the sewing room. These are being furnished by Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Mrs. B. G. Mattox and Mrs. Hooks and will be placed in the hut where the cutting tables will be set up.

## Selma Man's Brother Loses Home In Fire

Mrs. Connelly, mother of Mrs. Everett Gordy, of Quantico, Md., was burned to death when the large nine-room residence of Mr. Gordy was destroyed by fire on last Sunday night. The other inmates of the home had a narrow escape from being burned to death, according to a message received here by Mr. E. M. Gordy, proprietor of the Brick Hotel, and brother of Mr. Everett Gordy. All the household and kitchen furniture were destroyed.

## Selma Textile Worker Meets Death On Rails

### New Packing Plant Is Now Open For Business

Johnston County's New Enterprise To Be Known As "Carolina Packers"—Is One of Most Complete Packing Units To Be Found In South.

This week marks the opening of Johnston county's new packing plant, located on Highway 301 two miles south of Smithfield, which is to be known as Carolina Packers. This plant was erected at a cost of approximately \$65,000.00, and is said to be one of the most complete packing units in the South.

J. A. Jones, general manager of the company, has announced that the new packing plant is now ready to buy cattle, hogs, lambs, etc. Current market prices will be paid each day for the offerings, and when the volume reaches the necessary proportions to keep the plant operating full time, it will mean thousands of dollars will flow from this live-stock marketing center each week to be distributed among farmers and cattlemen, not only in Johnston, but in adjoining counties. The more hogs and cattle the farmers of Johnston county have to offer the greater will be their share of the cash paid out each week. The plant will operate six days each week, and a farmer may carry his livestock to the plant any day he chooses, have it weighed and receive payment in full before leaving the plant.

The plant will carry a complete line of packing house products, such as beef carcasses and cuts, pork and pork cuts, smoked ham and bacon, boiled ham, sausage, etc. They will sell wholesale and retail.

The company also plans to operate a truck service to make contact with meat markets and grocery stores over an area of some 75 miles throughout Eastern North Carolina.

A sales staff of six men will be employed, including the following:

Alfred Brandon of Durham, who comes to Carolina Packers from Schenk Packing Company of Greensboro. Mr. Brandon, who will still reside in Durham, has had 18 years of meat selling experience.

L. H. Teachey of Raleigh, who has been with Wilson and Company of Wilson for about 14 years.

F. M. Dunbar of Newton Grove, who for several years has been connected with the Lindsay packing company at Newton Grove. Mr. Dunbar will reside in Fayetteville.

L. D. Grantham of Mt. Olive, an experienced salesman, whose headquarters will be at Kenly.

M. D. Dunn, another veteran salesman, who will continue to reside at his Wilson home.

William H. Britt of Bentonville township and Smithfield, whose territory will embrace Johnston county.

## New Bridge Being Built Across Neuse River

According to an announcement by WPA officials, made a few days ago, a new bridge is being constructed across Neuse River between Wilson's Mills and Little Devine. While this project is under the sponsorship of the State Highway Commission, it is manned by WPA laborers and supervisors. The new bridge is 361 feet long.

The announcement further indicated that the road leading from Selma to Wilson's Mills will be completely resurfaced within the next 30 days.

## Special Services At Great Swamp Primitive Baptist Church

Primitive Baptist Correspondent of Eastern North Carolina will hold a two days Union Meeting with Great Swamp Church, Greenville, N. C., on Saturday and Sunday, June 28th-29th.

Elder A. L. Harrison, of Front Royal, Va., former mediator of the Keetocton Association; Elder T. R. Crawford, Cairo, Ga., Associate Editor of the Zion's Landmark; Elder Ben H. Seekford of Washington, D. C., and others are expected to attend this meeting.

Misses Marie and Ethleen Brown, Daisy Adams, and Bernard Lee spent Sunday at Carolina Beach.

## George Williams Shirley Meets Instant Death When Hit By Southern Railway Train Sunday Morning Near Neuse River.

George Williams Shirley, 45, an employee of the Selma Mills, was killed instantly early Sunday morning by an east-bound passenger train on the Southern Railway, two miles west of Selma, near the Neuse River bridge.

Shirley and son, Junior Shirley, left home about dark and went to the river fishing. The son returned a few hours later, leaving his father at the river.

The accident occurred on a sharp curve. The body was horribly mangled, and thrown down an embankment.

Surviving are his wife, nine sons, Edward, Wilbert, Junior, Herbert, Marvin, Harry, Horace Shirley, all of Selma; Woodrow Shirley of Smithfield, and Roland Shirley of Lucama; two daughters, Misses Ellen and Patricia Shirley of Selma; three brothers, Joe, Tom and Frank Shirley.

Funeral services were held from the home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, pastor of the Selma Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, pastor of the local Methodist church. Interment took place in the Crocker cemetery, two miles east of Selma.

## Floyd C. Price, Sr., Attends Convention

Mr. Floyd C. Price, Sr., of the firm of Floyd C. Price & Son, attended the annual Merchants Convention held in High Point, Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Price reports a big attendance and a good time. Governor Broughton and Congressman Harold D. Cooley were among the speakers. Mr. Price served on the credentials committee.

## Solicitor W. I. Godwin Has Tonsils Removed

Solicitor William I. Godwin, of Johnston County Recorder's court, underwent a tonsil operation in Johnston County Hospital this (Thursday) morning. He is getting along fine and will be back in his office in a few days.

## Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

Salesmen! Salesmen! Salesmen!—a decade ago they were called "drummers"—"began arriving at my store as soon as the doors opened yesterday morning," said MR. W. R. SMITH of SMITH & CAMERON, "and they kept coming until 6:30—I was as tired when I went home last night as I would have been if I had ploughed all day," continued MR. SMITH—the name selected for WALT GODWIN'S new station just below Selma is "WALTZ COURT"—very appropriate—plenty of good music and you can "waltz" all you want—watch this paper next week for full announcement of the grand opening of this handsome station—EDITOR STANCLON and this writer were shown through this up-to-the-minute station and cafe Monday morning—"I'm tired of wearing this corset," said HOWARD CAPPES—the upper part of his anatomy has been in a plaster cast for the past few days as the result of injuries received in a truck wreck—"the thing itches and I can't get to my hide to scratch," said HOWARD—GOVERNOR O. A. TUTTLE will tell the members of the Selma Kiwanis club tonight all about his trip to the annual convention of Kiwanis International, held in Atlanta, Ga., last week—don't miss this meeting, Kiwanis—GOV. TUTTLE will have an interesting message for you—we enjoyed the talk of MRS. J. B. SPILMAN, of Raleigh, on last Thursday evening—she was introduced to the K. club by MISS ANNE NOBLE, a former citizen of Selma—come again, ladies—!@\*\*@!\* said RALEIGH GRIFFIN this morning when a match flared in attempting to light a cigarette, sticking to one of his fingers—this popular and efficient cashier of the local bank, belongs to the official family of the First Baptist church, sings in the choir, etc., and of course didn't say anything bad?