

# CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY— IS SENTENCED TO DIE

Winton — Harvey Lawrence, 19-year old negro, was sentenced here by Judge Garland E. Midyette, presiding over a special term of Superior court in Hertford County, to die in the electric chair on July 15th.

He has been on trial here since Wednesday morning and the trial of the case has consumed all of the week, the negro being arraigned Monday and court recessing until Wednesday morning to allow time in which to summon a special venire of 300.

**Out Only Twenty Minutes**

The verdict was reached after the jury had been out only twenty minutes. Only one ballot was required for conviction on the capital charge of burglary in the first degree. Attorneys had been arguing the case since yesterday afternoon. Judge Midyette charged the jury for an hour and fifteen minutes, giving what attorneys for both sides stated to be a fair and impartial charge.

**Widespread Interest**

The crowd that has set throughout the trial never moved out of the courtroom until sentence was passed and the negro was led back to his cell in the county jail by Sheriff Bismark Scull. Not in years has any trial in this county been of such widespread interest and through all the speech making and every formality of the capital trial the crowd has never given up interest.

There has been little or no doubt in the minds of many persons attending the trial that the negro would be con-

victed of the offense with which he was charged, that of entering the home of F. T. Railey, prominent white man of Maney Neck Township, and attempting to outrage his wife and murder both Mr. and Mrs. Railey. Defense attorneys made plea for conviction on a lesser charge, depending entirely upon the plea that the negro was so crazed with drink on the night he committed the crime that he did not know what he was doing. The plea made by A. T. Castelleo of Aulander, former State Senator, was one of the strongest ever heard in the courts of Hertford County.

After the conclusion of the trial and before adjournment Judge Midyette paid high compliments to the attorneys appointed by the court and also States attorneys for the manner in which they conducted the trial. Judge Midyette also complimented the citizenship of the county and section for the restraint they had shown during the trial, and called attention to the power of the law to handle all situations. He took upon himself all responsibility for the presence of soldiers during the trial and informed the crowd the Hertford County would not bear the costs incident to their stay here.

No vehicle with metal tires are permitted on the streets of Mexico City.

Robert Akers of Batesville, Ark., complained to police that somebody stole his wooden leg while he slept.

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The firemen are very obliging. They will crank your Ford, mind your baby, but refuse to cash checks.

The fireman is a wonderful man. He is supposed to know every street in the city, every prominent building, every railroad, garage, department store, rooming house, prominent family, everybody: The Joneses, the Smiths, uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, grandmothers, sons in law, daughters in law. The fireman is supposed to know everything and if he fails to give you information you wonder what he's here for.

The fireman, being a public servant of the city, is here to serve you in every reasonable manner. If there is anything a fireman can do for you, please ask.

You go to bed at night and can remain until morning, while the fireman may have to get out several times a night in cold, rain sleet and any kind of weather and little he knows when he leaves his station whether he will see it again or his family either. He is never thought of until there is a big fire and somebody is saved. Then he is a hero, while yesterday he was only a fireman.

Lets give more thought to the Firemen, with their ups and downs and troubles and we shall find them a loyal class of fellows and good citizens.

A Contributor.

One of our readers sent us the following clipping from The Progressive Farmer.

**SHE FOUND A CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING**

His wife and children as well as the farmer had worked hard all year. The boll weevil had got most of the cotton, and the tobacco sold very low. As the farmer raised almost nothing except cotton and tobacco, his store account was naturally very large—for time prices run up mighty fast when selling fertilizer for cash is charged at \$35, and 17c meat goes on the books at 27 cents.

The farmer had never owned a cow. His children hardly knew what milk was. There were five or six hens on the farm. The farmer had seven children. They did not eat on

an average of an egg a week. They were often sick and the doctor's bill was enormous.

The farmer's land became poorer and poorer each year. He had never learned to raise soil-enriching crops. He gave all his energy to cotton and tobacco. On the day before Thanksgiving the credit merchant sent and got the farmers' horses, mules and machinery. With the land already under mortgage, the outlook seemed dismal enough.

A Thanksgiving service was held at the little country church. The farmer and his wife were walking to church, for their old buggy horse was gone along with the rest.

On their way they met a fine car driven at high speed by a notorious bootlegger. By moving quickly the farmer avoided being run over as the mighty machine roared past.

"It looks like the bootleggers ain't got no respect for working folks no more!" exclaimed the farmer, a little disquieted by the peril he had escaped.

"John," said the wife, "what on earth have we to give thanks for this year?"

"I am sure thankful," answered the husband with emphasis, "that I am done cursing the prohibition law, and bootleggers will never get another cent of my money."

The farmer's wife thanked God and took courage.

The marriage of Miss Annie Mary Smith, daughter of Mr. W. J. Smith of Gatesville, N. C., to Wesley Fulghum, son of the late Mrs. George Fulghum, of Rosemary, took place in Richmond, Va., April 23, at 5:30 o'clock with Rev. James C. Faw officiating. The bride was attractively dressed in a delf blue chiffon with blond accessories. An impressive ring ceremony was used. They had as their only attendants, Miss Edith Farrington of Fayetteville, N. C. and J. A. Wood, Rosemary. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Fulghum left for a brief trip to Washington, D. C., and other places of special interest. On their return they will make their home in Weldon.

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**Attacks New Ballot**

Editor, The Herald:

In my own opinion, the Australian Ballot Law is pernicious legislation. The integrity of our elections rests more in the character of the election officials than in any technical manner of depositing votes. As the office is purely a public service, the \$3.00 per diem being insufficient to attract the type of man required for the position, the additional officers required by the intricate machinery of this act will be difficult to obtain. We have trouble now in manning the 15 precincts with proper officials. I believe this law will ultimately require at least 25 precincts, each with four or five officials instead of the three which operate the present now. The Act has already cost this county alone about \$900 in the purchase of voting booths (75 in number). The requirements for polling places are to be complied with only substantially but they will necessitate several changes. I estimate that the total cost of this law to Halifax County in the coming primary and general election will be about \$2000 which in my opinion is too large a price to protect the secret of those few who are ashamed to have others know how they vote.

A Voter.

**Proper Feeding Makes Better Flowers**

There are flowers of every hue, size and use. It requires no great amount of skill to choose plants that suit any location. Regardless of their great variety, flowers have on characteristic in common. They desire a soil that is well prepared and one that contains plenty of plantfood.

Before flowering plants can produce flowers they must first build the necessary structure. A plant that is starved for any one of the 14 essential elements of plantfood is slow in reaching the stage where flowers are produced. Moreover, the flowers that are eventually produced are small in size and few in number.

Most of our soils have been depleted of much of their fertility, due to long periods of use and often of abuse. We cannot expect to grow large, beautiful flowers unless we feed the plants. In order to be sure to meet the deficiencies of your soil, it is advisable to use a complete scientifically balanced plantfood, that contains all of the plantfood elements necessary in their right proportions for maximum growth and beauty.

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at the rate of four pounds per 100 square feet. For annuals, an additional application of two pounds per 100 square feet should be made when flower buds appear. Heavy feeding perennials should have two or three such feedings following the initial application.

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During a two hour ride on a train G. L. Porter of Milwaukee was swindled out of \$2,000 by three men.

Frederich Hoizman, a Dresden jeweler fought off 3 bandits and saved \$35,000 worth of gems, but his finger was shot away.

Miss Catherine Payne of Beaufort confessed that she forged her father's name to a will giving her his farm.

In his divorce hearing F. M. Koles of Chicago described his wife's language as tinted. "She talked a blue streak and swore black oaths."

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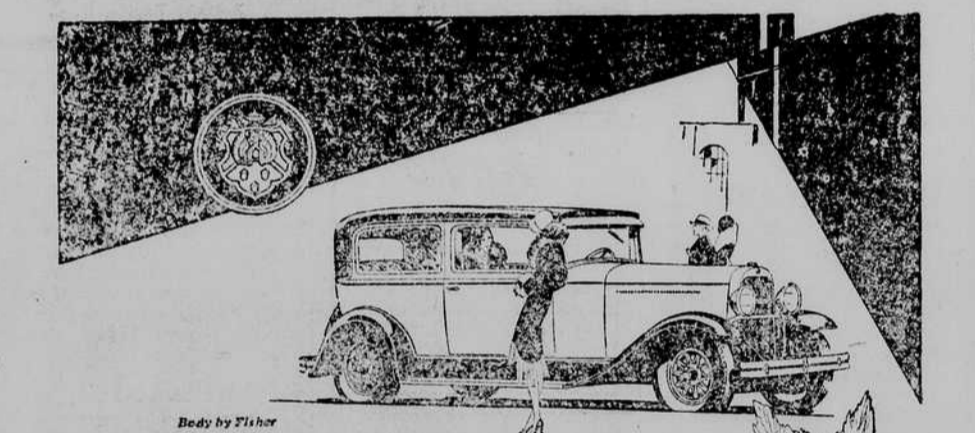
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