

2nd DEGREE MURDER

DEFENSE WINS HARD FOUGHT MURDER CASE WITH LESSER VERDICT

Ollie Richardson, Negro, who killed Lewis Jeffries several weeks ago in an argument over the payment of 15 cents worth of barbecue, unable to employ counsel, was found guilty of second degree murder after an all day and night trial in Halifax Superior Court yesterday.

Judge Calyton Moore appointed Julian R. Allsbrook of Roanoke Rapids, to defend Richardson. Scott Benton, associated with Mr. Allsbrook, assisted the defense, while Attorney Liverman, of Scotland Neck, assisted Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn.

The defense was willing to submit to a second degree murder charge but the State held out for a trial for first degree murder and the electric chair, terming the killing as cold-blooded murder.

Masterful handling of the case by the defense attorneys, with an hour's address to the jury by Mr. Allsbrook, even in the face of a mass of convicting evidence by the State, is said to have saved Richardson from the chair. The trial was as hard fought as any of recent record, attracted large crowds thruout the day and night.

The jury returned a verdict of second degree murder and Judge Moore fixed the punishment at the limit, 30 years in the penitentiary.

The shooting took place at a sawmill about ten miles from Scotland Neck. Jeffries was cooking and selling barbecue to those working at the sawmill. The argument started when Richardson, after buying 15 cents worth of barbecue, asked for an extra piece and was refused by Jeffries.

The two began to curse and abuse each other and State witnesses relate that Richardson left after saying he would pay Jeffries in a way which would not suit him. He returned a half hour later with a shotgun and three shells, told the rest of the crowd to stay where they were and then shot Jeffries who was pleading for his life. The State witnesses then told that Richardson reloaded his gun, came closer and fired again into Jeffries body, the load making a hole the size of an egg. Then he walked up to the body and kicked it, they said, and then threatening the crowd, walked away whistling.

Richardson, who took the stand, told a different story. He says when he returned, Jeffries started around the table at him with a hatchet. He said he was much smaller than Jeffries, crippled in the arms, and fired in defense. He also said he fired the second shot when he thought Jeffries was reaching to get a pistol which Jeffries had near a tree, and that instead of kicking the body, he walked over and turned it over to find out about the gun. He said he then walked toward Scotland Neck to give up to the Sheriff. He was arrested about a mile from Scotland Neck.

When the administration moves to extend credit facilities to the small tradesman it is doing what the small tradesman will probably call "something."

One reason that some things are radically wrong is that too many persons are doing things they know to be far from right.

TEST OF FORD V-8 IS MADE

In a thrilling 3-day-and-night endurance test of a driver's skill against the stamina of a Ford V-8 stock-model car, "Daredevil Jack" Jones, veteran endurance driver, piloted the two-door demonstrator sedan over 1264 miles in city traffic last week to bring out a record of 18.32 miles-to-the-gallon of gasoline. A total of one pint of oil was used. The motor did not stop during the run.

The gasoline record is considered particularly significant since practically all of the driving was done through city traffic, heavier than usual because of the Fair crowds. Altho' the motor of the car did not stop once, Jones necessarily had to slow down and come to an almost complete stop many times because of pedestrians and traffic.

It was pointed out by V. F. Harrison, manager of the Roanoke Motor Co., local Ford dealers sponsoring the run, that had the car been driven on the highway, the gasoline consumption would have shown a much better miles-per-hour record.

Jones started his gruelling 3-day-and-night test a week ago last Monday. He was handcuffed to the wheels of the automobile by a city officer, and drove night and day for 72-hours, until he brought the car to a stop in front of the local Ford dealers Thursday noon. The car used no water at all, and the crankcase was drained of 4 1/2 quarts of

LOCAL CLUB AT SPRINGS

RANGE IS GIVEN TO SCHOOL

Kiwanis Minstrel Coming In December; Members At Convention

A range for the Home Economic Department of Aurelian Springs School will be presented to that school by the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Rapids, it was decided at the meeting of the board of directors Tuesday night.

The local club met at Aurelian Springs last Thursday night in the new log building built by the Young Tar Heel Farmers. A splendid meal was served by the Woman's Home Demonstration Club of Aurelian Springs.

Entertainment during the meal hour was furnished by pupils and teachers of Aurelian Springs. The new Home Economics Department was explained to the Kiwanis Club and the need for equipment stressed. The most important need was for a cooking range. Billy Norwood was appointed chairman of the club committee to report on the range.

In order to provide funds for this and other calls made on the Kiwanis Club and to carry on the Boy Scout work and other activities in the city, the local club has decided to stage its Fourth Annual Minstrel sometime in December. Tentative dates have been set between the first and fifteenth of December.

There will be no meeting here this week, all local club members attending the District Convention

REYNOLDS IN EAST THIS WEEK MAKING FIGHT FOR REPEAL

Page-Miller

A wedding of interest to many took place in Emporia, Va., Saturday afternoon when Miss Bertha Miller, of Roanoke Rapids, was given in marriage by her sister, Mrs. C. F. Page, to Mr. W. E. Page, also of Roanoke Rapids.

The bride was attractively attired in a creation of dark blue crepe with matching accessories. The couple will make their home

MRS. LAMPLEY HOSTESS

Mrs. George Lampley entertained her bridge club on Tuesday evening. At the three tables where progressive contract was played places were found by attractive tallies.

When the scores were collected Mrs. Zollie Powell was given a tea pot for winning high score, and Mrs. Eugene Wilson ash trays as consolation. A salad course was served at ten thirty. Those making up the tables were: Miss Edna Wafford, Mesdames Zollie Powell, Eugene Wilson, Alvis George, Bill Alligood, Clyde Liske, Ivey Mohorn, Lester Edmondson, Sam Bunn, Wilmer Collier, R. L. Martin and Carrie Hamlet.

at Elizabeth City. Regular delegates will leave Thursday afternoon and the balance of the club will leave here Friday morning, most of them planning to spend Friday night there to attend the closing sessions Saturday morning.

Raleigh, Oct. 26.—Senator Robert R. Reynolds, instead of "running out on" the repeal forces, as has been charged, is to make a whirlwind campaign for repeal of the 18th amendment, in North Carolina, making 21 speeches in as many places in the 12 days immediately preceding the election November 7, Walter Murphy, secretary of the repeal forces, announces.

Senator Reynolds' speaking schedule follows: October 24, Sparta at 2:30; Mt. Airy at 8 p. m.; October 25, Warrenton at 8 p. m.; October 26, Jackson at 2:30, Ahoskie at 8 p. m.; October 27, Currituck at 2:30 and Hertford at 8 p. m.; October 28, Windsor at 2:30 and Swan Quarter at 8 p. m.; October 30, Beaufort at 8 p. m.; October 31, Bayboro at 2:30 and Kinston at 8 p. m.; November 1, Swansboro at 2:30 and Burgaw at 8 p. m.; November 2, Whiteville at 2:30 and Troy at 8 p. m.; November 3, Mooresville at 2 p. m., and Shelby at 8 p. m.; November 4, Robbinsville at 2:30 and Franklin at 8 p. m.; and Monday, November 6, Asheville, his home town at 8 p. m.

"We are counting more upon the patriotism and alertness of the national recovery program on the part of the people of North Carolina for our success than upon anything else," said Mr. Murphy, who said the repeal leaders have advised against a campaign of balloohoo and sensationalism.

"The manner in which Democrats and Republicans alike, rich and poor, high and low, throughout the whole of the nation have responded to President Roosevelt's magnificent labors to restore the American people to an order of prosperity and contented citizenship, has left us firm in the belief that North Carolina will not fail to demand its fair share of responsibility in helping to make national recovery a reality." Success of the program depends upon wholehearted cooperation and assistance of the American people, he states.

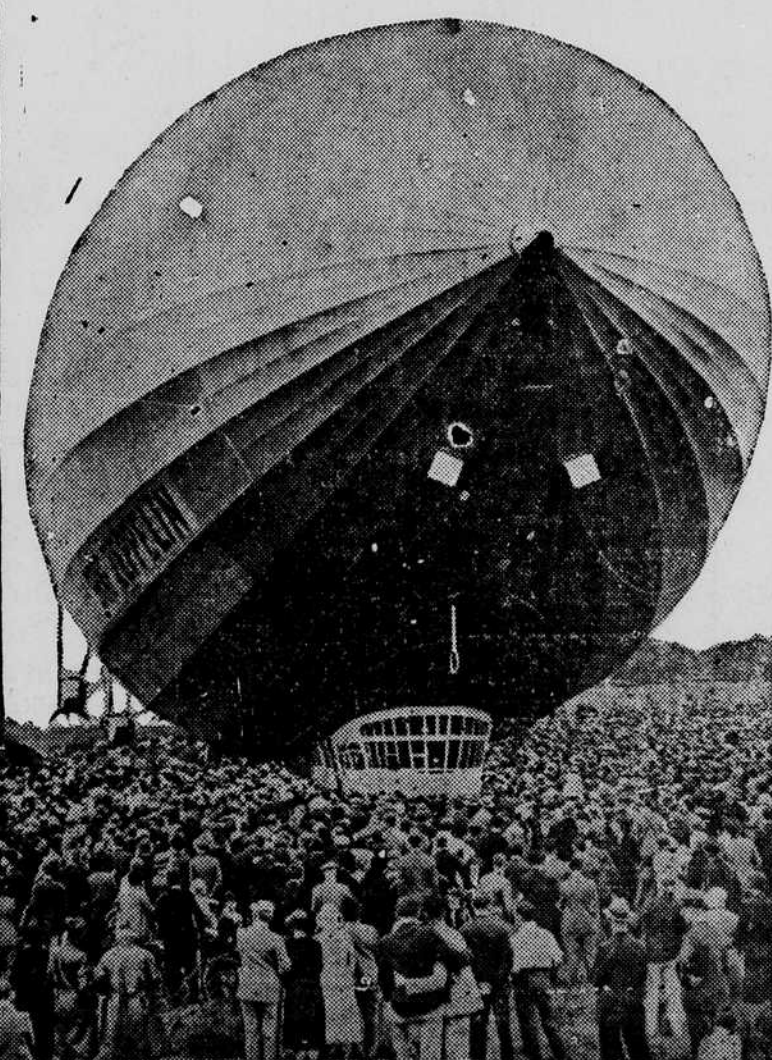
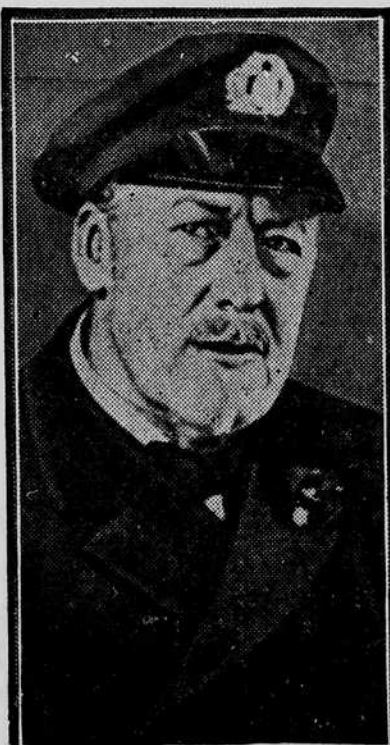
In the popular votes registered, the people have responded in 33 states for repeal of the 18th amendment to the President's announcement that such action is a necessary part of the recovery program, Mr. Murphy said.

"It is unthinkable that the people of this State would permit North Carolina to secede from the union of that program at this critical point in the nation's recovery when its great leader is begging for 100 per cent support of his efforts," Mr. Murphy said.

Just exactly how close to war the European nations are at this time we cannot say, but they are much closer than most of us think.

Farm prices have gone up some but not fast enough to keep up with other advances. Hence, the farmer is not much better off than he was in March.

World's Fair Awaits Arrival of Graf Zeppelin



The Graf Zeppelin, famous German airship, pictured here with a throng that gathered to see it moored, will visit the Chicago World's Fair,

probably October 25. Inset: Dr. Hugo Eckener, who will be in command of the dirigible when it arrives at the Exposition.