

Scales Trial Reenactment Studies Implications Of Free Speech

What verdict will John Mifchener, III, Gordon West, Mrs. Bonnie Flynn, Anne Bissette, Dr. Charles D. Sopher, Joyce Marie Wrighton, Bruce McGraw, James Blount, William Coston, and William Culpepper III, all of Edenton, and Sara Parker, Dr. Robert Thorne, and Dr. Wade Jordan, Jr., of Elizabeth City, reach tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock at the Chowan County Courthouse?

The right to free speech — as promised by the First Amendment to our Constitution — do we have it in America? Are there ever extenuating circumstances which raise the need for internal security as opposed to the freedom of speech? These will be some of the issues brought before the local jurors who sit in judgement on the reenactment of the 1958 Greensboro Junius Scales trial — "Limits of Dissent," proudly sponsored by the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

The program, prepared from three weeks of trial transcripts, covers the period in the life of Julius Irving Scales, a graduate of UNC, a World War II

veteran, and grandnephew of A.M. Scales, former Governor of North Carolina. This native North Carolinian publicly declared himself a communist when he announced that he was chairman of the North and South Carolina Communist Party in Chapel Hill in October, 1947. He openly organized and continued to work for the party during the early fifties; then suddenly he disappeared "underground" and was not apprehended for nearly two years. In 1954 two FBI agents arrested him in Memphis, Tennessee, during the height of the McCarthy era.

In 1955 Scales was tried, and convicted with violation of the Smith Act, but while waiting for appeal of that conviction before the Supreme Court, the Justice Department decided that he was entitled to a new trial because his attorney had been denied access to certain FBI files. Before his second trial began, Sen. Joseph McCarthy had died and Khrushchev had revealed the horrors of life in Russia under Stalin. Dillusioned and no longer a member of the Communist Party, Scales was brought to trial in Greensboro in 1958.

The Smith Act, under which he was tried, held that it was illegal to be a member of any organization which advocated the forcible and violent overthrow of the government. Subsequent Supreme Court decisions had modified the

law to protect the rights of belief. Under the new rulings, the prosecution had to prove that Scales was a member of the Communist Party, and he knew well its aims and that his advocacy of those aims tended to incite others to action.

The trial lasted about three weeks with government witnesses on the stand all but the last two days. The prosecution spent about two weeks just in establishing the nature of communism through extensive testimony by former communists and paid informers. Only four government witnesses testified that they had known Scales.

From the tapes and transcripts of these testimonies, Dr. Lewis Lipsitz, professor of political science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has prepared the trial script and will serve as humanist during the reenactment. Dr. Lipsitz is a graduate of the University of Chicago, and has a Ph.D. in political science from Yale University. He published his first volume of poetry, "Cold Water," in 1967 by Wesleyan University Press, and has a second volume coming out this spring. In addition, he is the author and editor of various political texts and articles.

The "Limits of Dissent" is produced by the Carolina Theater Company, a professional touring group under the direction of William Dreyer. The presentation is made

possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Committee and is free to the public.

So — in the end — our local citizens — and you — the audience — will decide "Can a man be convicted for

what he believes — as opposed to what he does?"

What is your verdict? Be at the Chowan County Courthouse at 7:30 tonight as guests of Shepard-Pruden Library and the Chowan Arts Council and find out.

Most Community Colleges, Technical Schools Serve Locality

RALEIGH — Approximately three-fourths of the students enrolled in technical institutes and community colleges live in the counties in which the institutions they attend are located.

The 57 institutions in the community college system are designed primarily to serve the men and women who live in the counties in which the schools are located.

The remaining 25 per cent of the students either commute from a nearby county or secure temporary living accommodations locally.

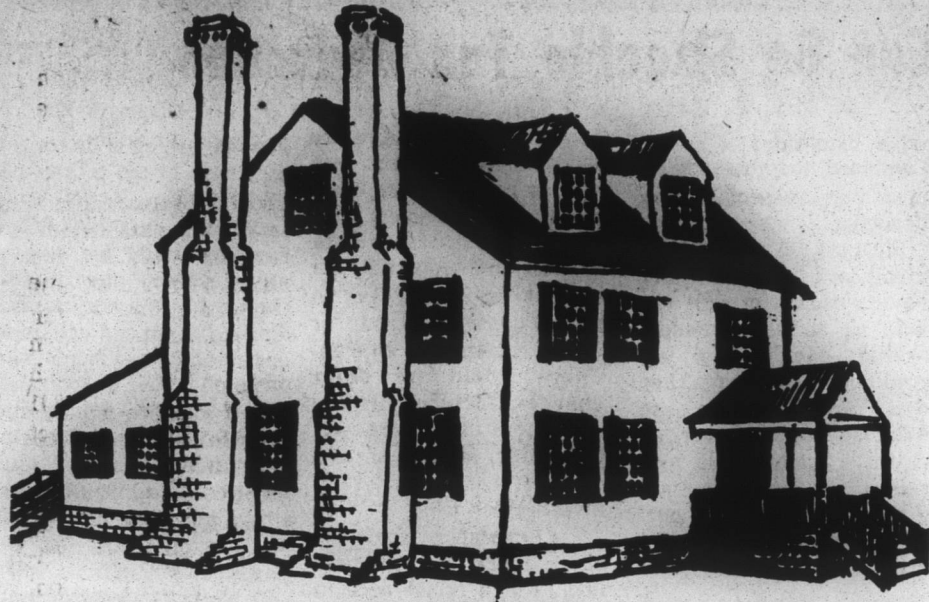
This information was obtained from a report, "Profile of Students in N.C. Community Colleges and Technical Institutes," made by the Department of Community Colleges and the Department of Adult and Community College Education of North Carolina State University.

Authors of the report are Ronald W. Shearon, project director and associate professor, Adult and Community College Education, NCSU; Robert G. Templin, Jr., research

associate and assistant professor of Education and Continuing Education, University of Virginia; and David E. Daniel, research associate and dean of instruction, Isothermal Community College.

The report reveals that for the most practical purposes, community colleges and technical institutes have their greatest attendance among credit students who live 20 miles or less from the campus and among non-credit students who live 10 or fewer miles from where classes are offered. Once educational activities are removed farther than those distances from where people live or work, the attendance rate drops substantially.

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PILGRIMAGE FEATURE—Haughton Point, presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. H. Wood, will be one of the sites featured during the Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, slated April 15-17. It is being sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club. At present time, records of the farm where this 19th century house was built have been clarified only as far back as 1871. However, in order to date the house, research into ownerships earlier than 1871 is still in process. In 1974, the present owners moved the three-story side hall structure several miles to the Yeopim River. It has now been restored and enlarged. The woodwork, probably best called "country federal", is intact throughout the older portion of the house.

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March 8, 1977
J. Everette Fauber, Jr.
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By Nellie M. Sanders
Director, Pettigrew Regional Library

HOOTS

MINI-STAFF MEETINGS — According to current theories of management, keeping the lines of communication open between employees and employer is good business. In the Pettigrew Regional Library system, with libraries in four county seats (Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton, for Chowan County; Perquimans County Library in Hertford; Tyrrell County Public Library in Columbia; and Washington County Library in Plymouth) it is a vital part of my function as executive officer to ensure that there is real communication between the members of the system.

Many methods have been used to accomplish this purpose. My regular visits to each of the libraries give me an opportunity to talk with the staff in their usual work stations, to observe the activities in each community, to relay suggestions gleaned in other places and to receive ideas from the local librarians. My office door is almost never closed and the telephone is useful despite the inconvenience of belonging to three different telephone exchanges.

It has been the custom in this library region, since its inception in 1955, to hold quarterly staff meetings to bring all the employees together for all-day workshops. One of these is coming up on March 16th. In-service training is the major goal of these meetings and the justification for closing the libraries four days a year. But another goal is to

strengthen the lines of communication between librarians in the different county libraries, to foster the necessary team spirit which makes us a region rather than a federation of individual, independent systems.

The latest effort to improve participation in the Pettigrew Region was the scheduling of regular "mini-staff" meetings on a monthly basis. Getting the Children's Services Coordinator Mary Eileen Bieler and the Bookmobile Librarian Pearl Furlough to sit down with me and the four county librarians to go over mutual concerns has proved very beneficial. Cooperation is quickly assured when everyone has a hand in the planning.

Thanks to the re-opening of the bridge across the Albemarle Sound, the most nearly central meeting place in the four counties is the Soundview Restaurant. Our mini-staff meeting, held there last week, found Perquimans Librarian Wayne Henritze full of enthusiastic plans for the forthcoming Staff Meeting. His request for assistance from the other librarians was greeted with stunned expressions but he quickly persuaded them to cooperate fully.

SCREECHES

DIRECTORS MEETINGS — Finding a centrally-located spot for a meeting of the fifteen Regional Library Directors in the state is a difficult chore. And, since visiting the other regions is beneficial to all of us, we sometimes find ourselves traveling from one end of the state to the other. Last spring we went to the mountains and last fall everyone came to the coast. The Sandhills Regional Library, with headquarters in Rockingham (in Richmond County) is almost in the center of the state, so they play host oftener than the rest of us. Since that region includes the golfing capitol of the world, I have no objections to the location. Our meeting this week is being held in Pinehurst and I just hope the weather will smile on us.

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Mr. Hutchison Died Suddenly

William Douglas Hutchison, a brother of Robert D. Hutchinson of Edenton, died at his home suddenly Tuesday at Route 2, South Boston, Va.

Mr. Hutchison, 65, was a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., and was retired from the Westinghouse Electric Corp.

In addition to his brother here, surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Baker L. Talbot, Jr., and Miss Hollie Hutchison, both of Fayetteville; a sister, Mrs. Kathryn H. Cantrell of Spencer and a grandson.

He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church. Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Wednesday in the chapel of Powell Funeral Home in South Boston. Burial was in Halifax Memorial Gardens.

Baptist Notes

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from God and He will be OUR bridge over troubled waters.

The pastor, officers and members of Providence invite you to attend the church where everybody is somebody and Christ is Lord of All. Won't you join us as we try our faith?

Providence will be guest of Union Baptist Church, Suffolk, Va. Sunday. Dr. Fenner will be guest speaker. Busses will leave from Providence at 1:30 P.M.

Church School at Providence begins at 9:30 A.M. Morning worship service begins at 11:00 A.M. with the Young Adult and Sunbeam Choirs serving. Dr. Fenner will be in charge of morning worship service. Calendar for ensuing week:

Monday — 7:15 P.M. — Young Men's Brotherhood meeting - Charlton Building.
Wednesday — 7 P.M. — Mid-week Prayer service - Charlton Building.

Thursday (tonight) 7:30 P.M. — Young Women in Action will meet in the home of Miss Jo Ann Halsey - Coke Avenue. All members are asked to be present and on time.

Saturday — 3 P.M. — Sunbeam Choir Rehearsal - Charlton Building.
Future Happenings:
Young Women in Action will observe their second Anniversary March 27 at 4 P.M. Guest speaker for said occasion will be Rev. Jessie Smith, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. Mr. Smith will be accompanied by his Young Adult Choir. Also, The Black Movement of Elizabeth City will be on the program. The Young Women in Action solicit your prayers and support.

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