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## LOCAL ATTORNEY OBTAINS PARDON FOR YOUNG MAN

Governor Commutes Sentence of  
Macon County Man, After  
Long Legal Battle

On last Saturday, December 15th, Governor Cameron Morrison announced his decision to commute the sentence of Jerry Dalton, from death to the electric chair to an indeterminate sentence of from 2 to 30 years in the penitentiary, came to a definite conclusion, one of the longest drawn out and in many respects, one of the most dramatic cases in the courts of North Carolina for many years. Young Dalton had been tried three times and convicted of murder in the first degree three times, and three times had the Governor moved up the day set for his execution, when the final decision to commute the sentence was reached. The case has been in the courts a long time. For nearly a year Dalton has been incarcerated in the death cell at Raleigh awaiting execution and his attorneys and sympathizers have been able to stay the swift hand of the law and have his execution postponed on successive occasions. Last week the final effort was made. Attorney J. N. Moody of this place spent the week in Raleigh interceding with the Governor in behalf of his client, Dalton. Many prominent women of the state, especially club women of Raleigh, interested themselves in the case and also interested General Albert L. Cox, and between them the Governor was convinced that the boy was guilty of second degree murder instead of first degree murder and so his death sentence was commuted. Mr. Moody has long been Dalton's attorney throughout the long history of the case, which dates back to 1918 when the crime was committed. The fact that he was able to obtain two new trials and to have the date of the execution stayed three times shows that he has handled the case well, and the Governor told him as much Saturday after the order commuting the sentence was made.

## MARS HILL SCHOOL RAISING FUNDS FOR DORMITORY

Mars Hill, Dec. 18.—Twenty four years ago Mr. Treat, who has all along invested freely in men who were called to preach, "discovered" Mrs. Hill and wrote to know if we had any young men studying for the ministry. In 1905 he made a gift of \$2,000 to the institution on condition that the friends of the institution would raise another \$2,000 for a four thousand dollar dormitory. He also established a loan fund some years ago for the benefit of ministerial students.

Now he has made the best offer in the history of the institution. He writes, "If you will raise \$50,000 before April 1, 1924, at noon, I will furnish \$50,000 more for another dormitory, you to use the \$50,000 for a young Ladies' dormitory, I to get to money for a boys' dormitory."

Friends of the institution are busy organizing a plan of campaign to raise the \$50,000 so that they may claim the additional fifty thousand offered by Mr. Treat.

## W. H. WOODBURY IS VERY SICK

Mr. W. H. Woodbury, owner and manager of the Valley River Furniture Company is in Asheville in a very serious condition, suffering from attack of Pneumonia and Pleurisy. He took sick here the middle part of last week and was carried to Asheville where he makes his home. His many friends are anxious about his recovery.

## SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS

The Public School closes to-day at noon for the Christmas holidays. Mid term examinations were held the last two days of the week, being completed at noon Friday. The children then exchanged Christmas gifts and were dismissed for the day. Appropriate Christmas exercises were held in Chapel Thursday and Friday morning and every room had its decorations and Christmas tree.

## AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will no preaching services at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, December 23rd, on account of the pastor being away. There will be Sunday School at ten A. M. as usual and Christian Endeavor at 6 P. M.

The pastor will be back during the following week and both preaching services will be held on Sunday, December 30.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Methodist Church Monday evening and at the other two churches Tuesday evening.

## MERCHANTS ENJOY GOOD CUSTOM

Expect Saturday and Early Part of  
Week to be Big Trade  
Day

Local merchants are pleased with the holiday business they have been enjoying and are looking forward to Saturday and the early part of next week with anticipation as they expect these days to equal all previous sales records. Many people wait until the last to do their Christmas shopping, the merchants have learned, and are prepared to take care of the rush business. Many people from distant points are going their Christmas shopping in Murphy this year and they have invariably been pleased as they have had a wider choice of articles to select from than ever before. The stores here are progressive and have provided a wide range of articles of high class for their trade and the people of this territory have learned this and come here to do their Christmas shopping. This year has not been an exception as any of the merchants will confirm.

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I would like for you to bring me  
a wagon with a bell; so, some  
oranges, apples, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
Horace Reinhart

## Santa's Arrival



## LETTERS TO OLD SANTA

Dear Old Santa:  
The little children, whose letters  
appear below, sent them to us so we  
could tell you what you what they  
wanted last week, but because of  
things beyond our control, we were  
unable to do so. Please pardon the  
delay and bring the things they asked  
for. And we hope also that you  
will bring all the children in this  
whole community what they want,  
whether they have written you or not.  
May everybody in this community, large  
and small, have what they want for  
Christmas, is our sincerest wish.  
And above all, bring us all peace  
and contentment, and happiness, and  
a spirit of cooperation and a deep  
sense of loyalty to one another and  
to the community, and help us to  
realize our kinship one with another  
and may we better understand that  
our neighbor and our town also  
helps us. The Editor.

Murphy, Dec. 18, 1923.

Dear Santa Clause:  
I will write you a little note to  
tell you what I want you to bring  
me. I want you to bring me a box of  
candy. You can leave it at the Post-  
office, please.

Marga Moore

Murphy, N. C. Dec. 13th, 1923

Dear Santa Clause:  
I want you to please bring me  
four books, the names of which are  
these:

1. Bunny Brown and his Sister  
Sue and their Shetland Pony.
2. The Bobbsey Twins at School.
3. Dick and Doll.
4. Jole, Tommie, and Kittie Kat.

If you can, I want you to bring  
me those books and a little Bible; but  
please bring other little children many  
things. Then I want a little telephone  
and a little bracelet. Please bring it.  
I want a little swing that you can  
swing your dolls in and sing, and  
I want a paint book and some paints  
and a little sewing machine. If you  
cannot bring all of these things, don't  
do it. I want you to bring a basket-  
ball. You know what else to bring.  
Good luck to you.

Your friend,  
Edna Patton.

Dear Old Santa:  
I guess you think I'm getting my  
letter in real early. Mother says  
she hasn't seen any in the paper  
yet but I want to be sure and get it.  
I am a little boy five years old,  
live out in the country on P. T. Road.  
Now I will tell you what I want you  
to bring me. I want a wagon and  
a gun. I am not particular about  
the gun just so it will shoot. I  
also want some candy, oranges and  
fire crackers. I would like a harp  
too but I don't want to ask for too  
much, because you might think I am  
a selfish little fellow.

Now I want to tell you my two  
little sisters. I think they would like  
a doll, one that can cry and go to  
sleep. We have all been very good  
children, so please do not forget us.  
Good Bye Santa

Hal Leatherwood

Dear Santa Clause:  
I am writing you this letter to  
tell you what I want for Christmas.  
I wish very much that you would  
bring me a duck. My name is Britt  
Moore. And I have a little brother  
four years old and he wants a train.  
His name is Lakes. I also have a  
little sister. She is two years old.  
She wants you to bring her a sleep-  
ing doll. Her name is Lona. I hope  
you will bring our toys. You may  
please leave them at the Postoffice  
for us.

Your friend,  
Britt Moore.

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Dear Santa Clause:  
I am writing you this letter to  
tell you what I want for Christmas.  
I want a doll that can say Mama. My  
name is Ona Moore. I have three  
little brothers.

Leonard wants you to bring a little  
wagon. Glenn wants you to bring  
him a toy duck; and Blain wants  
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## SPECIAL TERM SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE

Power Company Cases Will Con-  
sume Entire Week  
It is thought

The special term of Superior Court in session here this week has brought together an array of prominent attorneys and water power experts from various parts of the country to engage in the fight over the right to develop the hydro-electric energy on the Hiwassee River. The principal contenders are the Carolina-Tenn Power Company and the Hiwassee River Power Company headed respectively by W. V. N. Powellson of New York and H. F. Vandevanter of Knoxville, Tenn. One case between these companies is now before the Supreme Court of the United States. It is probable that this one will go there also.

The greater part of the week has been spent in taking evidence in this case. Arguments began Thursday morning and it is expected that the jury will get the case late Friday or early Saturday morning. Little, if any other business, will be dispatched by this special term of court.

Not only local people, but interests all over the state and in various parts of the country are following these cases with interest as they involve the rights to one of the largest undeveloped rivers in the state and in fact, in the East.

## IS IT WORTH WHILE TO GO TO SCHOOL

There is a book called "Who's in America". This book contains the names of those persons who are well known for their good works and achievements. To get your name in this book you do not have an education but facts and statistics show that the uneducated person has one chance in 150,000 to get his name into the book; the grammar school graduate has one chance in 4,250; the high school graduate one in 1,600; college has one chance in three.

Does an Education Pay? It Does. It Pays to Graduate.

When you hear a boy or girl who is about to quit school and go to work, when you hear of parents who are indifferent about requiring their children to attend school, just call their attention to these facts:  
Every day spent in school pays the child \$9.00.

Here is how it is figured. An uneducated person earns on an average of \$500 a year. The average working life is forty years. \$500 a year for forty years gives the person a total of \$20,000 earned. An average of \$1,000 for forty years of \$40,000.

To get the education required 2160 days. Thus the time spent in school paid \$9.25 per day, or adds that much to the earning capacity of the child.

If a child stays out of school to work for less than \$9.00 per day he or she is losing money—not making it.

## SAW FILER LOSES LIF AT MILL OF CHEROKEE CO

Late Tuesday afternoon, Mr. O. W. Anderson was caught in some machinery at the mill of the Cherokee Company and was found in an unconscious and half dead condition a little after the accident. He was carried to the local hospital but was so badly mangled that he soon died. No one knows just how the accident occurred.

Mr. Anderson was an elderly man and was employed by the company as saw filer. His home was in Chattanooga.

## VESTS NEWS

There will be a Christmas tree and a box supper at Reid's Chapel Church on December 24th. Monday at one o'clock P. M. Every body are cordially invited and good behavior is expected.