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OTIS MOORE ACQUITTED

JERRY PATTERSON RAPE CASE CON- TINUED

**Fred Murman Gets 25 to 30
Years for Second Degree
Murder; Morris Higgs
Gets 2 to 3 Years for
Manslaughter; Leslie
Johnson Gets 5 Years on
Roads for Rape; Court
Recessed on Wednesday**

The Special term of Franklin Superior Court called for the trial of criminal cases recessed Wednesday morning after most of the big cases on the docket had been disposed of. About the only case of public interest not tried was that of Jerry Patterson for rape, which had been set for Thursday of this week. But for reasons satisfactory to the Court was continued to the next criminal term.

Our report last week closed while the Otis Moore case for the murder of Woodrow Sykes was in progress. The case was given to the jury Friday night and the jury decided Saturday morning, giving him an acquittal.

Other cases disposed of were as follows:

Otis Moore was found not guilty of the murder of Woodrow Sykes.

Joe Mayhoe plead guilty of larceny and was given 6 months on roads, to be suspended upon payment of costs and remaining a law abiding citizen.

Clarence Rainey plead guilty to larceny and was given 6 months on roads, suspended, upon payment of costs and remaining a law-abiding citizen.

John Henry Stallings was found not guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey.

Callie Nassiff and Jack Strother, a verdict of not guilty was ordered by the Court.

John Rayborn Medlin found guilty of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, and was given 7 to 10 years in State's prison.

Johnny Wynne plead guilty of operating automobile intoxicated and given 60 days in jail and drivers license revoked for 12 months.

Robert Etheridge was found guilty of operating an automobile intoxicated and was given 6 months on roads, to be suspended upon the defendant remaining a law-abiding citizen, refrain from using intoxicating liquors, that he engage in some gainful occupation and shall properly support his wife and children for a period of two years.

Morris Higgs tendered a plea of guilty of manslaughter and was given 2 to 3 years in State prison.

Fred Murman plead guilty of murder in the second degree and was given 25 to 30 years in State prison.

Leslie Johnson plead guilty to larceny from person, judgment suspended.

Leslie Johnson plead guilty of assault with intent to commit rape, and was given five years on the roads.

Elmore Perry plead guilty to larceny and was given 3 months on roads.

A nol pros was taken in the case of larceny from person against Earl Price.

A nol pros was taken in the case of larceny against Carrie May Richardson.

The case of rape against Jerry Patterson was continued to next term of Franklin Superior Court for criminal cases.

The case of seduction against Elmo Frazier, was ordered off the docket.

The case of non-support against Merman Kearney was ordered off the docket.

A writ of habeas corpus in the case of State vs. Charlie Williamson, growing out of an automobile wreck, was heard before Judge Sinclair for the purpose of fixing bond, which was set at \$1,000.

Madison County farmers, cooperating with the farm agent to conduct definite demonstrations this year, have used 477 tons of ground limestone.

Even in cold weather, the human body evaporates about one gallon of water a day.

To Enlarge Scout- ing Organization

In spite of the inclement weather on Monday evening, December 6th, an enthusiastic group of men and women interested in boy scouts met Mr. Gilbert Bush, representative of the National Scout Organization, in the office of the Board of Education. The following were present: Supt. G. B. Harris, George Gilliam, R. D. Collins, of Franklin; D. J. Dark, W. O. Reed, M. E. Watkins, and Mrs. M. E. Watkins, from Gold Sand; A. E. Mercer, from Pearce; C. P. Rogers from Epsom; K. S. Parrish and J. R. Inscow from Hickory Rock-White Level; Mrs. W. L. Beasley, Rev. L. F. Kent, W. B. Barrow, W. C. Strowd, J. A. Hodges, Sr., J. A. Hodges, Jr., L. M. Word, Rev. J. G. Phillips, Malcolm McKinne, and W. R. Mills, from Louisburg; John C. Chamblee, C. C. Brown and A. L. Arnold from Harris School.

Mr. Bush explained in detail the enlarged plans for scouting in the Oconeechee Council of which Franklin County is a part. He called our attention to the fact that we have more than one thousand white boys in Franklin County of scout age but at the present time we have not more than fifty boys enrolled in scout troupes. After this explanation by Mr. Bush and discussion by the ladies and gentlemen present, it was voted unanimously that Franklin County would unite with the other counties in the Oconeechee Council in promoting an expanded and adequate program of scouting for the coming year.

Upon recommendation of the nominating committee, the following officers were elected for 1938:

W. R. Mills, District Chairman; Malcolm McKinne, Vice Chairman; W. B. Barrow, Scout Commissioner; George Gilliam, Chairman Finance Committee; J. A. Hodges, Sr., Chairman of Court of Honor; G. B. Harris, Chairman of Committee on Troup Organization; W. O. Reed, Chairman of Training Committee; M. T. Lamm, Chairman of Camping Committee; Dr. H. G. Perry, Chairman of Committee on Health and Safety; D. T. Dickie, Chairman of Civic Service Com.; M. W. Warren, Chairman of the Publicity Committee; K. S. Parrish, Neighborhood Commissioner; C. P. Rogers, Neighborhood Commissioner.

It is the purpose of the re-organized scout program to make scouting available to all white boys in Franklin County of scout age. To that end we are asking the active cooperation and support of all men and women in Franklin County who are vitally interested in the development of our boys into good citizens. We will appreciate any suggestions that any one may be willing to make to us.

RE-ELECTED



MR. W. N. FULLER
County Accountant

Killed in Auto Wreck

Johnny James, 24, colored, was killed, Alfonso Levister cut and bruised about the face and neck. Douchy Egerton received a black eye, his wife a broken leg and his son head injuries as a result of a head-on collision between a Ford sedan driven by Alfonso Levister and a Chrysler driver by Douchy Egerton on North Main Street just above the Methodist Church on Saturday night.

A preliminary hearing given Levister and Egerton before Mayor W. C. Webb on Monday morning failed to place the responsibility, the evidence indicating both were at fault, and as a result they were both held under \$500 bond each for their appearance before the next meeting of the Grand Jury to answer to a charge of manslaughter.

James was riding in the car with Levister and the others in the car with Egerton.

FULLER RE-ELECTED AUDITOR

A. B. C. BOARD REPORTS GOOD RECEIPTS

R. M. Minor Re-elected Jan- itor and Jailor — Many Reports Made — To Put New Trees On Court Square

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present, who disposed of business as follows:

Reports of the following officers were received and filed: Miss Louise Weaver, Home Agent; Supt. E. R. Richardson, County Home; Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Health Officer; Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Welfare Officer; W. C. Boyce, Assistant Farm Agent.

A delegation of women of the Town and County was before the Board requesting that some trees be planted on the Court House Square. After a lengthy discussion as to the kind of trees to be set out, the Board requested that a committee be appointed from the Women's group to act with Mr. Fuller in having the trees selected and planted.

The Commissioners ordered that a letter of thanks be written Dr. Cooper, extending to him the thanks for allowing the Public Health Nurse to work in this county with the County Nurse recently.

C. C. Hudson was before the Board with a petition that George Hale be allowed to enter the County Home. This petition was granted with certain reservations.

The report of the A. B. C. Board was received and filed. They report receipts for November from Store No. 1, \$9,253.00, Store No. 2, \$5,515.95, making a total of \$14,768.95, with miscellaneous income of \$55.00 and a balance brought forward of \$15,962.72, making a grand total of \$30,786.66. Expenditures were as follows: Liquor purchases \$15,587.55, Sales tax \$1,192.83, law enforcement \$287.70, expense \$1,530.52, insurance \$112.20, making a total of \$18,710.80. Deducting \$177.03 discounts, leaving a total expense of \$18,533.77, and leaves a total balance on hand of \$12,252.89.

Upon motion R. M. Minor was re-elected Jailor and Janitor.

Upon motion W. N. Fuller was re-elected County Accountant for a term beginning Jan. 1st, 1938 and lasting to the end as provided in the new bill putting this office to a vote of the people.

Com. Terrell reported visiting the Welfare Department and finding it in good shape.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

Franklin County Selected for Loans To Farm Tenants

Is One of 17 Counties in This State Where Tenant Land Purchase Loans Will Be Made This Year By Farm Security Administration—Franklin County Recommended by State Committee

Franklin County has been designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as one of the seventeen counties in this state in which the Farm Security Administration will make tenant land-purchase loans before June 30, 1938, to help farm tenants become owners, as authorized by the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.

This announcement was made early this week by Mr. Paul B. Cone, County Rehabilitation Supervisor, in charge of Farm Security Administration activities in Franklin and Nash counties. Mr. Cone issued the announcement from his office in Louisburg, upon receipt of official notice from State Director, Mr. Vance E. Swift, Raleigh.

A County Advisory Committee will examine applications for loans, appraise farms applicants propose to purchase and recommend applicants who have the character, ability and experience deemed necessary for successful farm ownership. Money will be lent to aid tenant families to buy and improve family-sized farms and to make a better living by the use of good farming methods. Borrowers will have the help of Rehabilitation Supervisors in building or repairing their houses, barns and other out-houses, and in making their plans to do better farming. Land purchase loans may be equal to the full value of the farms and borrowers may have up to 40 years in which to repay. Interest charged is 3 per cent. Other things being equal, preference will be given to tenants owning their own livestock and equipment or to those able to make a small down payment. However, no loan will be made to a tenant who is able to secure adequate credit from the Federal Land Bank or other sources. All applications for land purchase loans will be filed with the County Supervisor at his office in Louisburg, where further information will be given.

Mr. Cone emphasizes the fact that only a limited number of loans for the purchase and improvement of farms can be made during the present fiscal year ending June 30, 1938. Not more than 10 nor fewer than 5 of these loans can be made this year in any one county selected. The tenant land purchase program is being administered in connection with the rehabilitation program and, although these land purchase loans are limited, regular rehabilitation loans for crop production, and the purchase of livestock and equipment needs, are available in every county to eligible farmers and tenants who cannot obtain suitable credit elsewhere, the supervisor said.

Counties designated in the state of North Carolina in which tenant land purchase loans will be made prior to June 30, 1938 are as follows: Caswell, Chatham, Cleveland, Edgecombe, Franklin, Guilford, Henderson, Hertford, Iredell, Madison, Onslow, Orange, Richmond, Robeson, Union, Washington and Wilkes.

TOY MATINEE AT LOUISBURG THEATRE

Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock, December 11, 1937. Every child under 14 years of age will be admitted free that brings a toy. We do not have a shop to mend toys this year, so please bring a good one. These toys will be given to indigent children throughout the County.

Junior Woman's League,
Louisburg, N. C.

F. L. WHITE DIES AS TRAIN HITS CAR AT MEBANE

Mebane, Dec. 2.—F. L. White, 65, proprietor of the Mebane Drug Company and a resident here for the past 34 years, was almost instantly killed this evening at 6:10 o'clock when his automobile, in which he was riding alone, was struck by a through freight of the Southern railway at one of the principal grade crossings here.

The impact threw Mr. White a distance of 30 feet from his automobile, it was reported. Both of his legs and several ribs were broken, and he also suffered head lacerations and a fracture of the skull. The motor vehicle was carried along the tracks for about 250 feet from the place of the accident, it was said.

Surviving Mr. White in addition to his wife, the former Miss Mabel Chamblee, of Zebulon, are three sons, Delmar F. White, of Mebane, Geitner White, of Yanceyville, and William White, of Louisburg, and one daughter, Miss Helen Reid White, of Mebane. A sister, Mrs. T. D. Tyson, also lives at Mebane.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced tonight.—Greensboro News.

Mr. White was a brother of our townsman, Mr. W. E. White, Sr., and was a visitor to Louisburg on Friday before his accident.

TOWN COMMIS- SIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session, Dec. 7, 1937, with all members present except Mr. W. E. White. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Chief of Police, and Tax Collector were read and approved by the Board.

After examining samples of fire hose offered by B. F. Goodrich Co., James McGraw, Inc., and the Eureka Fire Hose Co., the Board purchased 500 feet of "Paragon" brand fire hose from the Eureka Fire Hose Co.

Mr. Harkins was instructed to return the manifolds recently purchased from Fairbanks, Morse & Co.

The Board instructed the Chairman of the Light & Water Committee to request Louisburg College to employ a person of their choice to test their meters with Mr. Harkins.

The Clerk informed the Board that a lot listed by James I. Cooke, known as the Sophia Johnson lot is located outside of the Town limits. The Board ordered that all town taxes charged against this lot be written off the tax books, and any refund of paid taxes be made.

Messrs. Webb, Howell and Harkins were appointed by the Board to attend the Convention of Municipal Electric Plant Officials, to be held in Raleigh, N. C., on Dec. 10, 1937.

The Board approved the purchase of a heater for the Town Street Truck.

Mr. J. S. Howell was authorized to have the Opera House roof repaired at a price of \$125.00 for a turn key job guaranteed for five years.

After considering several applications for a position on the police force, the Board elected Mr. German Catlett to serve as night policeman on the South side of Louisburg at a salary of \$75.00 per month, upon the condition that his services prove to be satisfactory.

A number of invoices were approved for payment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Franklin County Council of Social Agencies

The Franklin County Council of Social Agencies wish to ask all the Parent-Teacher Association Presidents in the county to place baskets in central places over the county to collect food, clothing and anything for the needy in that community. In this way each community will be responsible for their own needy people.

There are twenty seven inmates in the County Home for whom the Welfare Department is anxious to furnish Christmas Cheer.

In the past the Welfare Department has been furnishing stockings for each of the inmates, these stockings to be filled by any persons wishing to help contribute happiness to the inmates. Any person wishing to receive a stocking to be filled may get same by calling the Welfare Department. This also applies to any interested organization.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

There will be the regular service of the Holy Communion at 8:09 A. M. this Sunday morning. Church School will be held at 10:00 o'clock with Mr. Kemp Yarborough in charge of the Adult Bible Class. Special notice should be taken that there will be the service of morning prayer at 11 o'clock. This service will be read by a lay reader and Miss Maude Cutler, Diocesan Secretary for Young People's work will deliver the address. The Junior Choir will have charge of the music.

The confirmation class will begin its work on Holy Innocence Day, December 28th. The hour for meeting will be announced later. All those desiring to be confirmed are requested to notify the rector as soon as possible.

The Young People's Service League will meet this Sunday evening at 6:45. There will be no evening service as there is to be a Christmas Cantata in the Methodist Church to which our people are invited. The regular evening services will be resumed on Sunday the 19th.

Please do not forget the mid-night Christmas Eve Service. This service will begin at 11:30 Christmas eve and every one is invited to attend.

Ran Over by Car

Mr. Jessie Williard Smith, son of Mr. Noel Smith, was painfully hurt Saturday night when he was knocked down and ran over by an automobile driven by Robert Williams, colored. Officers and others considered this an unavoidable accident as Smith attempted to cross the street in front of the Seaboard Store Co., in front of the moving car. In the accident Smith received several broken ribs and a few bruises.

P. T. A. STUDY GROUP

The P. T. A. Study Group met in the Home Economics Department Thursday, P. M. at 3:30 o'clock. In spite of inclement weather the meeting was well attended. Miss Katherine Rogers opened the meeting. Mrs. R. F. Yarborough read the minutes.

Mrs. Robert W. Smithwick read an article of vital interest on parental training.

Mrs. Hugh H. Perry read a convincing paper on maladjustments in the home.

An open discussion followed with Miss Rogers, Mesdames J. D. Simons, Alice Uzzell, and J. E. Fulghum taking the leading parts.

The discussion concerned needed corrections in the home, in child-play and training for independence and self reliance in both child and adolescent. The next program will be discussion of Adolescent Age.

After an experienced "pin hooker" told him that he often made as high as 19 cents a pound buying tobacco and regrading it, Max Higgins of Yancey County decided to do some grading himself.

Program At The Louisburg Theatre

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Dec. 11th:

Saturday Double Feature—Zane Grey's "Forlorn River" with Larry Crabbe, and Weldon Heyburn in "Sea Racketeers."

Saturday Night Owl Show—All Star Cast in "Smashing The Vice Trust."

Sunday—Marlene Dietrich and Herbert Marshall in "Angel."

Monday—"Life of The Party" with Joe Pinner, Parkyakarkus, Harriet Hilliard and Victor Moore.

Tuesday—Will Rogers in "Judge Priest."

Wednesday—Jack Holt in "Trapped By G-Men."

Thursday—Friday—Fred Astaire and George Burns & Gracie Allen in "Damsel In Distress."

Christmas Music

The Choral Club of Louisburg College will present a program of Christmas music next Sunday night, Dec. 12, at the Louisburg Methodist Church. The hour is 7:30.

Professor I. Deane Moon directs the Choral Club of twenty-five voices. The program will be one made up of choral selections, solo numbers, and quartet numbers. This annual service always draws a large crowd of Louisburg people who enjoy the Christmas program rendered by the college students on the last Sunday before they depart for the holiday season.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"God's Word, Quick, Sharp, and Powerful," is the topic for the Sunday morning sermon by Rev. J. G. Phillips. The service will begin at 11:00 o'clock.

The evening service will be a program of Christmas music.

The Official Board met on Dec. 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hodges and made plans to carry out an every-member canvass. The date for this effort was set at Sunday, Dec. 12, which is next Sunday. The members of the Official Board will undertake to see every member of the church between 2:00 P. M. and 6:00 P. M. on next Sunday. It is the hope of the Board that all members will cooperate in successfully underwriting the entire annual budget of the church for this year. This is an effort to put the best business methods into use in the business side of the Lord's work.

HOEY ASKS SUPPORT FOR SEAL SALES

Governor Clyde R. Hoey Saturday called on North Carolina to give "enthusiastic assistance" to the sale of Christmas Seals for the benefit of the campaign against tuberculosis.

The State, he said, is confronted with a "serious health problem" because of tuberculosis.

He praised the work of agencies combatting the disease but noted a "slight increase" in the tuberculosis death rate. "This means," he said, "that we must continue our vigilance and give increased support to the agencies fighting this dread disease."

Sales of the seals will be sponsored by the State Association for the Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis.

The children in Louisburg will sell Seals until Dec. 24.

Buy from them!

Elects Officers

Dr. H. H. Johnson entertained the annual meeting of the Franklin County Medical Association at his cabin near Jackson's Pond on Monday night. Quite a number of interesting talks were made and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. J. E. Fulghum. Vice-President, Dr. W. G. Cheaves. Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. W. C. Perry.

Delegate to the State Convention, Dr. H. H. Johnson, Alternate, Dr. J. B. Wheelers.

Following the meeting the members of the Association and a number of visitors enjoyed a delightful venison supper.

Escapes Injury

Mr. George Ragland experienced a miraculous escape from injury Sunday night while returning from Chapel Hill, where he had been to take his brother to school after a week-end at home, when his car skidded on the wet pavement and turned over near the home of Dr. C. H. Banks on the Franklin highway. Quite a bit of damage was done to the car.

Mrs. Joyner Wins Grand Prize

Mrs. K. E. Joyner, Route 2, Box 110, Louisburg, N. C., was named winner of the first weekly grand prize to be given in the Raleigh Times \$2,000 Amateur "Right Ad" Contest. Mrs. Joyner's ad, written on the Gulf Oil Corporation, was selected by the board of judges.

At the same time Mrs. Joyner's ad was selected, the impartial judges also selected 92 other ads to win valuable prizes for the first week.

The judges who gave their time to a full study and selection of ads were: John P. Swain, Secretary, Merchant's Association; Carl L. Williamson, Postmaster; W. G. Enloe, State Theatre; Roland Mumford, Manager, Hotel Sir Walter; and Albert L. Hill, Manager, Eastman-Scott Advertising Agency.

MILLS P. T. A.

The fourth monthly meeting of the P. T. A. will be held in Mills School auditorium Thursday P. M., 3:30 o'clock, December 16th.

Mrs. Ben T. Holden and Miss Evelyn Jenkins will present Social Security, in brief discussion. This subject is one of great interest and much inquiry. Folks want to understand it more fully.

Probably now, especially at this season of the year, there is larger concern for the dependent poor, for the old-age dependent, and for the delinquent child, than any other time throughout the year. Winter presents occasion of hardships for many and Welfare aid is more urgent.

For the December meeting of the P. T. A. there has also been arranged a lovely Christmas program of song and recitation with Mrs. Mac Stamps, Jr., Miss Sarah Davis and Mrs. O. Y. Yarboro's Glee Club taking part.

The public is invited to attend. An hour's entertainment may be anticipated.

Christmas Decorations

The City officials have been generous in distributing Christmas decorations about the streets, including the Star of the east on the Opera House and a cross on the Court House. All of these are lighted with colored bulbs making a pretty scene.

The many stores are displaying pretty Christmas decorations, in addition to the many pretty displays of Christmas goods.

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