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POLICEMAN BARBER HELD FOR ASSAULT

Goldston Policeman Charged with Assault upon Jim Wicker Christmas Eve—Preliminary Trial Held Here Friday

Just about the hour when Christmas arrived Wednesday night of last week, hell broke loose in Goldston and Christmas day saw the community aligned in two factions, for and against the town's policeman, Mr. Henry L. Barber, who for twenty years has been policeman in that little town.

Jim Wicker, a young man who has a police record for occasional drinking sprees and once was charged with interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty, was the sufferer from whatever happened, and the testimony as to what did happen is absolutely contradictory. In short, somebody has lied and sworn to it.

Young Wicker brought a face half-covered with patches, and the undisputed testimony was that he had a cut on the side of his nose near one of his eyes, another on his forehead and liberal scratches elsewhere. He swore that policeman Barber made the wounds, and Jim Wilson swore that he saw Mr. Barber hit Wicker three times with his pistol. On the other hand, the policeman swore that he did not hit Wicker at all, but that Wicker hit him and then stumbled and fell face forward on the rocky highway.

At the preliminary trial a large part of the adult citizenry of Goldston was present as witnesses pro or con. Those for the policeman were principally as character witnesses. Unfortunately for him, he had no one who saw the occurrence to testify in his behalf as to what actually took place when Jim Wicker got hurt.

The story up to the time of the injury is, in a measure, clear. It was near midnight on Christmas eve. Young Wicker admitted having had one drink, but no one except the policeman would swear that he was drunk. He went into the Barber cafe, and a little later came out of the rear, passing behind the counter, singing "Pass around the bottle and we'll all take a drink." Policeman Barber came in and took him by the arm and said, "You come with me." Wicker went peacefully. They passed the Stout garage, walking south on highway 60, presumably toward the mayor's house, to whom the policeman swore he was going to show Wicker that the mayor might have ocular evidence of Wicker's drunk condition. Just between two town lights, in the gloom, the trouble occurred. The policeman testified that Wicker said he would go no further and the officer said he would. The officer stated that Wicker then hit him on the temple, almost knocking him down, and that at this time, or a moment later, Wicker fell.

Tommie Rives had followed at a distance and was overtaken, or joined, by Jim Wilson. Rives swore that he stopped at a point twenty or thirty yards of the officer and Wicker, but that he saw one of them fall and the other get over him and appear to be hitting him. It was too dark to distinguish them, but he could clearly see what was happening in the shadow as he described it.

Jim Wilson swore that he approached nearer and saw the policeman pull his gun and hit Wicker, knocking him down. Wicker arose and Barber knocked him down with the gun again, and hit him, while down with the gun.

Mr. Wilbert Moses came up and joined Wilson and they took up the injured man and helped him to the barber shop, where, on the failure to secure a doctor, the wounds were dressed. Mr. Johnnie W. Goldston said he saw the wounds and that they were "made with something that cut." Mr. Moses made a similar statement. He did not see what happened.

A number of witnesses were emphatic in stating that Wicker was not doing anything out of the way when arrested, that while he was singing it was not unduly boisterous. Policeman Barber swore that Wicker had been cursing in the hardware store a short while before, and indicated that it was because of his intoxicated condition as evidenced by former behavior, as much as upon his behavior in the cafe, that the arrest was made.

The evidence seemed to indicate that the policeman had undertaken to handcuff Wicker on his refusal to go further, and that whatever occurred grew out of this attempt. Wicker was represented by W. P. Horton, and Barber by Ray and Upchurch. The character of the witness Wilson was attacked, as was that of the defendant. In the case of Wilson, charged with stealing, he had been cleared of the charge with the opposing counsel Mr. Ray as his attorney at the time. The policeman was charged with adultery, and admitted that he had confessed to the same on a former occasion, but at this trial denied that he was guilty of the act which he had formerly confessed. The justice took the case under advisement till Tuesday morning, when he rendered a decision holding Barber for the county court, and while that case is not listed on the docket published in this issue of the Record, it will probably come up next week.

Docket for County Court Next Week

The following cases are set for trial in the Recorder's Court on the days indicated:

Monday, January 6th, 1930
State vs. Jason Freeman.
State vs. Carl Matthews and Tucker Scurlock.
State vs. Simon Scurlock and Herbert Farrar.
State vs. June Alston.
State vs. Hob Lea.
State vs. L. E. Campbell.
State vs. Edward Harris and Annie Harris.

State vs. Marvin Williams.
State vs. A. Carl Burkhead.
State vs. Fred Badders.
State vs. Lonnie Farrish.
State vs. Arthur McSwain.
State vs. J. A. Jones.
State vs. Jim Lee.
State vs. Bus Clegg.
State vs. Jim Nettles.
State vs. Robt. Headen.
State vs. Garrett Badders.
State vs. Jim Cotton.
State vs. Oren Campbell.
State vs. A. M. Riddle.
State vs. Jesse Rogers.
State vs. M. R. Gunter.
State vs. Nellie Thomas.
State vs. Goley Williams.
State vs. Starlin Alston.
State vs. J. C. Lanius.

Tuesday, January 7th.
State vs. Leonard Burns.
State vs. Elom Watson.
State vs. Coble Lane.
State vs. B. H. Brown.
State vs. Colon Moore.
State vs. Wade McPherson.
State vs. Robt. Palmer.
State vs. Wilma Harris and Flora Ann Harris.
State vs. Charley Williams.
State vs. Charley Johnson.
State vs. Jack Gates.
State vs. J. E. Brafford.
State vs. Sam Hunt.

Wednesday, January 8th.
State vs. Phil Alston.
State vs. Bud Gunter.
State vs. John R. Hammock.
State vs. J. B. McGariety.
State vs. June Brewer.
State vs. Borroughs Hicks.
State vs. C. P. Alston.
State vs. James Horton.
State vs. Fred (W. L.) Ivey.
State vs. Dolphus Page.
State vs. Lee Jacobs and Will Shelton.
State vs. Clinton Ivey, Wm. Ivey and Felix Riggsbee.
State vs. Charlie Johnson.
State vs. Myrtle Pegram.
State vs. Cline Hubbard.
State vs. Jim Mason.
State vs. F. W. Miller.

Marriage Licenses

License for the marriage of the following couples was issued in December:
White—Jesse A. Caviness and Grace Lee Lindley; George Herndon and Harriett C. Burkett; Eli Thomas Murray and Mary Ava Andrews; Charles Thomas Gains and Clara Lee Andrews; Wm. Jennings Phillips and Lessie Brewer; Simon White and Ina Jones; John Albert Clark and Ella Mae Lemons.
Colored—Henry Woodfall and Mary J. Thompson; Jesse Lasater and Alma Atwater; Ned Alston and Nita Horton; John Alston and Mary Alice Taylor; Roscoe Alston and Maude Burnett; Lee Bailey and Beulah Stephenson; John Henry Brooks and Carrie Womble; James Alston and Sallie Belle Peoples; John Taylor and Carrie Brown.

S. S. EXPERTS HERE

Mr. Morgan and Miss Beck of the Sunday school department of the Baptist State Convention are in Pittsboro this week, directing a Sunday school revival. The work started off Sunday by the taking of a census of the town that the experts might learn how many and who are not in the Baptist Sunday school who should be in it. Such will be assigned to the several classes and it becomes the business of the class to get their quota in as actual attendants. Teacher-training and S. S. administration are other features of the week's program. Everybody not belonging to some other Sunday school is urgently invited to attend next Sunday.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and help shown us during the illness and death of our dear husband and father, and for the beautiful floral designs. May God's richest blessings abide with you all.
Mrs. W. N. Burns and Children

Barber for the county court, and while that case is not listed on the docket published in this issue of the Record, it will probably come up next week. It was an unfortunate episode, and doubtless did much to spoil the Christmas spirit in the good town of Goldston. And here it may be stated that a number of the witnesses against the policeman were non-residents of the town of Goldston, but residents of the immediate community.

Brown's Chapel News

Some worth-while Christmas gifts were received around here. Messrs. C. H. and W. W. Lutterloh received, each, a nice suit of clothes from their brother Dr. P. W. Lutterloh of Jonesboro, Ark. Mrs. E. J. Dark thought enough of her husband (or made out so) to give him a heavy overcoat. Mr. F. R. Henderson and family have moved to Alamance county. We regret to lose them, it was one of our best families.

Mr. Floyd Lewis and family have now taken possession of the home prepared for them by the club owners of Greensboro.

We sympathize with Mrs. Lizze Lark in the death of her brother Mr. W. A. Headen.

Mr. G. C. Terry lost a fine milk cow by death. Others in the community have been sick.

Rev. and Mrs. H. G. Dossett visited the latter's brother, Mr. W. C. Henderson the week before Christmas, and left their son Ralph to spend Christmas week, as he was much interested in rabbit hunting. John Durham of Burlington and Emory Dark of Pittsboro spent Christmas with their home folk. We regret to learn that Mrs. Moody Marshall of Swepsonville had another stroke. We sympathize with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Whitaker.

COTTON GINNINGS

The number of bales of cotton ginned in Chatham county up to December 13 was 3756, as compared with 6,108 the same date last year, and the crop was a third short in 1928. However, the report is better than it looked a month ago it might be. The ginnings for the whole season should now go over 4,000 bales considerably. Nearly all the other counties of the state are making a much better showing than at the last report before December 13. The state as a whole reports 658,098 bales this year, against 800,102 last year, or nearly seven-eighths of last year's ginnings, while Chatham's is less than five-eighths of last year's ginnings. Harnett has nearly caught up, but Wake and Lee are like Chatham.

MISS ETHEL JOHNSON BRIDE OF MR. BURTIS BENTON

Announcement over the names of Mr. and Mrs. Victor R. Johnson were sent out last week announcing the marriage of the former's sister, Miss Ethel Johnson, to Mr. Burtis Benton, of Apex. The marriage was news even to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. The bride is one of Pittsboro's most cultured young ladies. She has been a teacher for a number of years, and a most successful one. She is a daughter of the late Professor R. P. Johnson, so well and long known in Chatham county.

The groom is an employee of the Bank of Apex and is a brother of Principal Benton of the Apex school. The young couple will make their home in Apex, and they have the very best wishes of a host of friends of the bride in her native county.

A DELIGHTFUL PARTY GIVEN U. D. C. OFFICERS

On Thursday afternoon December 26, at 3:30 o'clock, Mrs. Julian M. Gregory, president of the Winnie Davis Chapter of the U. D. C., gave a delightful party honoring her executive board. The house was decorated with flags and red flowers carrying out the Confederate color scheme.

The entertainment of the afternoon was an original Confederate contest. Mrs. Victor R. Johnson, President of the eight district, being the winner, received a silk Confederate flag.

The guests were invited into the dining room where covers were laid for twelve. The table with its lovely lace cloth had as the centerpiece an exquisite red potted plant around which were red and white candles. At each place was a sleigh bearing the place card, Santa and a dainty roll containing a lovely linen handkerchief. Two elaborate courses were served.

Mrs. V. R. Johnson an appropriate toast to Mrs. Gregory, capable and efficient President of the Chapter.

MISS GILMORE MARRIED

The Greensboro News of Sunday carried a picture of Mrs. M. W. Gibson, formerly Miss Ina Marie Gilmore. Miss Gilmore, who is a daughter of Mr. C. O. Gilmore of Bonlee, was married Christmas eve, in Greensboro, at the home of her brother Dr. C. M. Gilmore, with whom she had been living for the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore are living in High Point.

Bear Creek News

Messrs. C. W. Holt, of Kernersville and Mr. Atkins, of near Winston-Salem, were recent visitors in the home of T. B. Beal.

Miss Elizabeth Woody, who is teaching near Raleigh, has come home for Christmas holidays.

J. T. Coggins has accepted a position with the Union News Co., and works out of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Beal and daughter, Frances, were shopping in Sanford last week.

Mr. John W. Phillips, who has been on the sick list, is improving, we are glad to state.

W. W. Burke has moved from his place, near Sandy Branch, to the W. W. Fields place, on route 2.

T. P. Beaver was a visitor in Greensboro last week.

Mr. Fred Foust Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Watson, of route 2, and Miss Selma Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Moore, of Rt. 2, were married last week. This couple is well known on the this route and community and their many friends will be interested to learn of their marriage and wish for them a long happy life together.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Straughan, of Burlington, were recent visitors in the home of F. C. Straughan.

J. D. (Buck) Norwood, 3 year old son of M. F. Norwood, has pneumonia. We wish for the little fellow a speedy recovery.

Miss Elizabeth Crane, of Fayetteville, is visiting in the home of G. B. Emerson.

W. B. Emerson has had a radio installed in his home.

P. H. Coggins, of Nashville, Tenn., visited his father, I. P. Coggins, during the holidays.

Mrs. A. B. Andrews of Fayetteville and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Moore and family of Siler City, were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. G. G. Emerson of near here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Poe and family of town were visitors last week in Durham and Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Gilmore and Miss Elizabeth, of Pittsboro, Rt. 3, were visitors in the home of T. B. Beal Monday of this week.

Miss Isabelle McDonald, of Rex, was a visitor in the homes of G. W. Burke, W. A. and I. P. Coggins last week.

Rev. and Mrs. L. V. Coggins, of Semora, and Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Coggins, of Sanford, were Christmas visitors in the home of I. P. Coggins.

Messrs T. H. and V. G. Loyd, of Burlington, were holiday visitors in the home of their father, J. W. Loyd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fowler, of Burlington, were week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. Fowler's mother, Mrs. G. A. Loyd.

N. G. Vaudie, and Ruby Norwood, of Greensboro, were Christmas visitors in the home of Mrs. W. F. Norwood; also W. J. Norwood, of Tennessee.

Miss Elizabeth Crane, of Fayetteville, has been spending the Christmas holidays in the home of G. B. Emerson.

Miss Selma Moore, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Moore, of Rt. 2, and Fred Foust Watson, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Watson, also of Rt. 2, were married recently in Sanford. We wish for this splendid couple a long and happy life.

Miss Myrtle Wilkie, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilkie, of Rt. 2, and Roy G. Andrews, son of Mrs. J. E. Andrews, of Goldston, Rt. 1, were married at the home of the brides sister, Mrs. B. E. Watson, of High Point, last Saturday. Mrs. Andrews has held a responsible position in Gastonia for some time, while the groom is a traveling salesman and is stationed in the state of Arkansas, where they left Sunday to make their new home. We join their many friends in wishing them happiness and a long life together.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Beaver and family, of Durham, spent the Christmas holidays in their country home, near town (where G. C. Phillips formerly lived).

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Moody and family, of Durham, were Christmas visitors in and around town.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Trantham and family, of Benaja; Mr. and Mrs. Graham Moore, and Miss Mozelle Holler, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thomas and family, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Snipes and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thomas and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Snipes, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Snipes, of Durham, were Christmas visitors in the home of J. H. Snipes.

East Carolina Gins Much Less Cotton

Eastern Carolina's cotton crop this year is far below that of last year, which was itself a short crop, according to the ginner's report issued December 20. The state as a whole showed 658,098 bales ginned this year as compared with 800,102 bales last year to same date. Several western counties, including Cleveland, Catawba, Cabarrus and Lincoln, show substantial gains over last year, but all of the eastern counties are short. Edgecombe and Halifax are about 10,000 bales each below last year, while a number of other big cotton counties such as Harnett, Johnson, Nash and Northampton are from five to eight thousand bales short.

Richmond county ginned 13,379 bales last year and only 8,122 this year—just about two thirds of last year's crop, and about one-third of a ten year average crop. Scotland ginned 7,000 bales less than last year and Anson about six thousand less. The only eastern counties that rank as big cotton producers that show any gain over last year are Robeson and Sampson. Robeson ginned 40,174 bales compared with 38,050 last year, while the figures for Sampson are 25,151 and 22,782, respectively. Chatham county ginned only 3,756 bales this year against 6,108 last year, and an average crop of around twelve thousand bales.

North Carolina Death Rate is Increasing

Report just issued by the department of commerce shows that the death rate in North Carolina for 1928 was greater than in 1927, the increase being nearly one in a thousand. Increases were noted in almost every disease, but the figures on suicide and homicide deaths are most striking. Suicides increased from 4.6 to 6.4 per 100,000 population, while homicides increased from 9.7 to 10.4 per 100,000. Tuberculosis, however, was less deadly, the number of deaths decreasing from 89.0 to 83.6 per 100,000, and typhoid fever also showed decrease from 8.1 to 6.5. These figures would indicate that public health work in the state is justifying itself by lessening the deaths attributable to contagious and infectious diseases, while from the standpoint of law enforcement the situation is getting worse.

Senator Brookhart at Southern Pines

Senator Brookhart of Iowa will deliver the lecture at the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, at the platform hour Sunday night, January 5, at 7:30. The distinguished Iowan has been in the public eye lately due to his activity for prohibition enforcement and the attacks made upon him by the wet press of the country. He is a fluent and entertaining speaker on any subject, and Sunday night he will discuss the question "Can Prohibition be Enforced?"

The Church of Wide Fellowship is bringing to this section of the state some of the greatest talent in the country for these platform hours. Last Sunday night Maude Willis, nationally known interpreter of plays gave the program. Senator Brookhart will be followed by others of like calibre during the winter and early spring. The public is invited and no admission is charged, although an offering is taken.

DEATH OF MRS. MARSHALL

Mrs. Bessie Marshall of Swepsonville, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Whitaker of the Brown's Chapel community, died Sunday morning. She had a stroke of paralysis a year ago, but had seemingly recovered. A second stroke occurred December 24. She lingered till the 29th, when the death angel came for her.

She had been a Christian since childhood. She was formerly a member of Brown's Chapel M. E. church, but since her removal to Alamance county had been a member of the Swepsonville church.

The burial was at Brown's Chapel, after funeral services at 2 o'clock Monday. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Long, her pastor. The grave was a mound of lovely floral offerings.

Much sympathy is felt for her aged father and the husband.—H. F. D.

home for a few days visit.

Mrs. F. F. Watson (formerly Miss Selma Moore) was carried to St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, last Saturday. She was desperately ill with some form of kidney trouble. We wish for her early recovery.

J. D. ("Buck") Norwood, three-year old son of M. F. Norwood, who has had pneumonia, is well on road to recovery we are glad to state.

Antioch News

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Oldham of High Point spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Oldham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pilkington of Durham spent the holidays at home.

Miss Edna Dowdy, a student of Greensboro College, is spending the holidays with her father Mr. J. R. Dowdy.

Miss Fannie Lizzie Dowdy is confined to her room with mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Wheeley of Durham spent Christmas day with Mrs. Wheeley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dowdy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Oldham of Pittsboro visited home folks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson of Laurinburg spent a few days last week with their parents.

Mrs. Polly Hart spent awhile last week with relatives at Durham.

Miss Belle Tysor of Pleasant Hill community spent last Thursday night with Miss Myrna Lee Oldham.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Richardson and children of Cumcock spent awhile Christmas day with home folks.

Mrs. Agnus Lloyd of near Goldston has returned home after spending awhile with her mother, Mrs. W. B. Oldham.

Mr. Johnny Pilkington, who has been very sick for the past few days, is much improved, we are glad to state.

Mr. William Dorsett of Pleasant Hill community was a visitor in this community last week.

Three More in Limbo for Stealing Sugar

Recent developments have caused the arrest of four other colored men for stealing sugar from Poe and Moore. Several were already in jail on the charge of the theft of sugar by the wholesale a few weeks ago.

Talk among the accused and the knowing discovered the fact that sugar had been taken from the store on occasions previous to the wholesale theft. It is estimated now that 35 hundred-pound sacks have been stolen altogether, and maybe more. The wholesale theft seems to have been 22 sacks.

Four negroes were give preliminary hearing Tuesday before Squire Lysander Johnson, and three of them, Sandy Rogers, Lloyd Moore and Dan Williams, were held for court, and as bond was not forthcoming were jailed. That makes six in jail on the charges of robbing the Poe and Moore store.

Previous robberies had been through the same window, but at the time of the wholesale theft the window had been fixed so that it required breaking to enter and the robbery was readily discovered.

Three Are Killed in Rum Runners Chase

Three liquor runners were killed, a fourth was seriously wounded, and \$600,000 worth of liquor was confiscated when a coast guard patrol fired on a rum boat off the Connecticut coast Saturday. Several small boats were seized in one of the most intensive drives ever staged by the coast guard. The three deaths have served to renew discussion of enforcement methods, and certain Senators are bitterly criticizing the administration policy.

PASTOR DAILEY BEREAVED

Pastor J. A. Dailey was bereaved last week by the death of his oldest brother Mr. E. L. Dailey of Alamance county, who died Saturday morning, and was buried at Cross Roads Presbyterian church, five miles north of Mebane. He had been in declining health for two years. Mr. Dailey had long been prominent in the affairs of Alamance county, being commissioner for a number of years. He was a leader in his church, Prospect Methodist church, since young manhood. Pastor Dailey, Mrs. Dailey, and Miss Alma attended the funeral Sunday. The deceased leaves a wife and five children.

Ed Phillips Suggests A Good New Year Start

Mr. Ed S. Phillips, of Bennett, an enthusiastic Sunday school worker of his town, writes suggesting that every family in Chatham be represented at Sunday school next Sunday morning. He feels that the first Sunday of the year spent in spiritual services will help not only to cement community feelings for the better but that a return to hearty participation in Christian worship will do its part in restoring good times.

NOTICE
There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Pittsboro in their office at 12 o'clock, January 7th, 1930, being Tuesday after first Monday in January, 1930.
BANK OF PITTSBORO.