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KIDNAPERS MUST DIE

Joe Hamm, Dunn Dope King, Gets 10 Years In Pen



BIG TURNOUT — Here is a scene made earlier at the Lillington Town Hall as 128 women registered the first hour in the labor survey being conducted there by the Chamber of Commerce. By noon the 260th woman had registered. Mrs. Willie Glover of Erwin is seen as she registered with H. E. Griffin, interviewer for the State Employment Service, and W. T. Foster, vet-

Hamm Pleads Guilty In Surprise Move

Joe Hamm, 40-year-old Dunn Negro described by authorities as a big operator in a powerful, nation-wide dope syndicate, was sentenced to serve 10 years in Federal prison yesterday by Judge Don Gilliam in U. S. District Court at Wilmington.

In a surprise move, the Negro "Dope King" who once narrowly escaped the electric chair in a sensational murder case here, appeared in court without an attorney, pleaded guilty and begged for mercy.

Judge Gilliam gave him ten years on one count and two years on a second count, the two sentences to run concurrently.

DRAMATIC APPEARANCE

The flashily-dressed Dunn Negro, who formerly operated a Negro night club in Dunn and told the court his present occupation is that of a sort of traveling musician, took the witness stand in a dramatic appearance which Assistant U. S. Attorney Clere Yow said "smacked of showmanship."

Hamm told the court he was trapped into the dope ring and denied that he was one of the biggest suppliers in this part of the country, as charged by Federal Narcotics Agent W. T. Atkinson.

Atkinson said the government had been seeking Hamm for at least three years and that he was the go-between for a New York dope syndicate and addicts in the Fort Bragg area.

Hamm insisted that he was a poor boy and claimed his family had to go on relief after he was arrested in the apartment of a New York woman on September 6th. He maintained apartments in Dunn and New York, drove a big Cadillac and, agents said, was accustomed to high living.

BEGS FOR MERCY

He pleaded with the court and begged for mercy, but Judge Don Gilliam turned a deaf ear to his pleas and observed: "I'm convinced you are no ordinary dope addict or peddler, but that you've been in the big-time."

The assistant district attorney had read out Hamm's long criminal record, which included the Dunn murder charge, an armed robbery (Continued on Page Six)



GREGORY AND HIS PRIZED BOAR — Harnett Representative Carson Gregory is shown here with his champion bear at the big Spotted Poland China Hog Show and Sale held Saturday at the Big-A Warehouse in Dunn. Auctioneer Al Howard is shown on the platform right behind Gregory. This bear won first prize at the State Fair. Rep. Gregory reports that Saturday's show and sale was a big success. (Daily Record Photo.)

Mrs. Heady Smiles At Hall As Death Sentence Is Given

By CHARLES NETHAWAY
United Press Staff Correspondent

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UP) — A federal jury decided in an hour and seven minutes today that kidnap-murderers Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady should be executed and they were sentenced to die in the prison gas chamber on Dec. 18.

Hall and Mrs. Heady, who confessed to kidnaping and murdering six-year-old Bobby Greenlease for a \$600,000 ransom Sept. 28, took the verdict with the same stoical calm they had displayed through the trial. She Smiles

Mrs. Heady looked up and smiled in Hall's direction but he did not see her. He was resting his chin on his palm with his elbow on a table and looking at the floor.

Robert C. Greenlease, Bobby's wealthy, 71-year-old father, stared intently at Hall, but his face remained impassive, except for a brief cording of muscles in his jaw.

The prisoners were called before the bar, Hall standing on the right of U. S. District Judge Albert L. Reeves and Mrs. Heady standing on his left. Their sleeves almost touched, but they looked up and straight at the judge, never at each other.

Judge Reeves, a somber, 78-year-old man in black robes, asked Hall whether he had anything to say.

Hall said, "No, sir," the first audible words he has uttered since his trial started.

He asked Mrs. Heady the same thing and she formed the words, "No sir," with her lips, but the words themselves could not be heard, except possibly by Hall.

Part of the hour and seven minutes the jury was out was consumed in selecting a jury foreman. A deathly hush fell over the court. (Continued on Page Eight)



LILA LEEDS

Lila Leeds Caught Again

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Showgirl Lila Leeds, a central figure in a Hollywood dope scandal, was arrested during a visit to state prison here yesterday with narcotics and a hypodermic needle in her brassiere.

After questioning, the blonde entertainer was released. She came here with her two small sons to visit her convict husband, pianist Irvin Roachlin, 27, who is serving a one-to-two year sentence for armed robbery.

Miss Leeds was once convicted with movie actor Robert Mitchell of possessing marijuana and was jailed in Los Angeles.

A prison matron found the needle and narcotics in Miss Leeds' undergarment while searching her person. She had stuffed a bottle of morphine pills and a bottle of liquid codeine into the brassiere.

There's Much Excitement In Daily Record Campaign

T B Seals Mailed To County Citizens

Mrs. John Dalrymple, Christmas Seal sales worker for Harnett County, said today that 3,100 letters containing 200 or more seals each have been mailed throughout the County. Harnett County's goal for seal sales this year has been set at \$5,000. Last year the collections amounted to \$4,250. Proceeds from the sales go to TB victims, Mrs. Dalrymple stated. J. K. Buntion, Erwin, is serving as president of the Harnett Sales organization. He succeeds Dr. C. W. Eyril who had served for two years. L. A. Tart has been named its

With but two more days remaining in the first period of the Daily Record's big "Everybody Wins" subscription campaign, every participant is putting forth every effort to earn the maximum votes allowed on new and renewal subscriptions. Saturday, November 21st, just two short days away, marks the end of this all-important first period when votes for each subscription count the most, and, after that date, the vote schedule through the second period will diminish.

These two days could well be termed the most important for the entire contest. It is possible for any contestant to roll up a vote total which might carry them through to ultimate victory on the closing day of this great drive, Saturday, December 19th.

Many contestants in this contest have their sights set on that new 1954 Dodge Royal V-8 four-door sedan which is first grand prize. But, to be certain, "Everybody Wins" strictly in accordance with the amount of effort put into the race and every participant will be rewarded from the top down to the last and final contestant in the race. (Continued on page six)

La Boheme Slated At Campbell Soon

When the Campbell College Concert Association presents the Grass Roots Opera production of LA BOHEME at Campbell College Auditorium, William Allen, lyric tenor of Raleigh will be heard in the role of Rodolfo. Mr. Allen is a singer of wide experience having appeared in leading roles with the Piedmont Opera Festival Group, Piedmont Music Festival Association, Cape Fear Festival Association and the Colony Opera Guild. With these various groups he has appeared in THE STUDENT PRINCE, CARMEN, MARTHA, THE MAGIC FLUTE, HMS PINAFORE, THE MIKADO, THE GONDOLIERS, LA TRAVIATA, THE BARBER OF SEVILLE and THE TALES OF HOFFMANN.



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These Little Things

By HOOVER ADAMS

FATE SAVED DUNN WOMAN'S HUSBAND

Mrs. Yvonne Cappe Johnson, pretty little black-haired waitress out at Johnson's Restaurant, thinks she's probably the luckiest girl in the world.

Except for a stroke of fate, her husband, Pfc. William Charles Johnson, might have been among the group of paratroopers killed Tuesday afternoon when C-47's

Blizzards Forecast For Western States

By UNITED PRESS

The first blizzards of the season were forecast today for the western prairie states, but balmy Indian summer weather made a last stand east of the Mississippi.

A heavy storm last night and early today had already blanketed the Rocky Mountain states with up to 11 inches of snow, almost paralyzing traffic and posing a threat to big game hunters camped in wilderness areas.

At El Reno, Okla., several hundred persons were evacuated from their homes early today when a cloudburst dropped nearly eight inches of rain in about four hours. No one was injured in the sudden storm although a 4-year-old girl was swept away from her father and was in the water for several hours. Firemen, national guardsmen. (Continued on Page Eight)

BULLETINS

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (UP) — The fourth victim of a two-car collision which killed four persons and injured four near here Tuesday has been identified as Mrs. Carrie Jane Shelton, 34, of Marshall, N. C.

TOKYO (UP) — The United States made plain today it intended to push its drive to have Japanese troops take over their own defenses in the Far East fight against communism. In a major policy statement which strongly reiterated the program for which America has been working quietly, Vice President Richard M. Nixon told the Japanese they would have to rearm whether they like it or not.

WASHINGTON (UP) — Rep. John W. McCormack D-Mass said today he is informed a workable defense against

+ Record Roundup +

FOR PLANT BEDS — A tobacco plant bed demonstration using M. C. 2 gas to kill nematodes and other destructive insects and weeds in the soil, will be given on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 1 p. m. at Buck Curran's farm between Angler and Curran's Crossroads, Dorsey Mangum is the tenant on whose farm the demonstration will take place. All interested farmers are invited to attend, reports County Agent C. R. Ammons.

UNION SERVICE — Lillington's three churches, following a custom of many years standing, will hold



NEW DEALER — Furdie, Incorporated, has been named as a Maytag dealer for Dunn. This makes the second dealer for Maytag here. Featured above at the announcement of the new dealership are Arthur Northwest, also a dealer for Maytag; W. A. Oden, district representative for Maytag; and Johnny Parks, owner of Furdie, Inc., here. The announcement of the dealership was announced at a dinner meeting held at Johnson's Restaurant last night. (Daily Record Photo)