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WALL STREET WARNED BY WASHINGTON

Trial Asheboro Quartet Moving Snail-Pace Today

Progress in Securing Jury From Special Venue Slower Than Anticipated.

Only Four Jurymen

Solicitor McNeill Will Probably Ask First Degree Murder Charge For Cross.

When Cumberland county court ceased at noon today, only four jurymen had been selected in the trial of the four Asheboro men who are arraigned on a grave charge in that court. Working from 30 until 1:30 today, two jurymen were drawn which makes four on the jury to try Bill Cross, Jesse Crofts, Hal Rush and Walter Routh. According to this progress, it will be several days yet to draw the jury, although attorneys in the case are hopeful that things will move a bit more quickly so the case can come to trial. Beginning with the 150 men imposing the special venue at 30 Tuesday afternoon one man was drawn and was accepted immediately. The matter of drawing one went on through the afternoon and just as court closed at about 6:00 o'clock, another man was accepted. Charles T. Haig, real estate dealer of Fayetteville, was the first man drawn and Frank D. Watts, of Pearce's Mill township, a traveling salesman was the second man accepted. Judge Cowley placed them in charge of Charles N. McArthur, special officer.

According to the attorneys appearing in the case, the number of jurymen who have made up their minds as to the guilt of the accused parties is no larger than usual.

Trial of the men in connection with the killing of Sergeant J. S. Pitt, Fort Bragg forest ranger on October 16th, was attempted in the court last week, but it was not possible to get a jury in that court, so the case was moved from Asheboro to Cumberland, where it is now in the early stages of process. According to indications, it is quite possible that Solicitor P. McNeill will ask for a first degree murder charge against Crofts, Routh, Crofts and Rush and the fact, although there is no certainty as to what turn the case will take when it really comes to trial.

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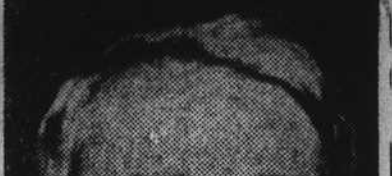
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Prexy Baptized but Not Enough



A Baptist minister should be immersed at least twice to be properly baptized, conservatives of the church told Mr. Henry Noble Sherwood, above, in threatening to dismiss him from presidency of Georgetown College, Ky. Although he baptized hundreds as pastor of three Baptist churches, Dr. Sherwood neglected to go through a second immersion himself, which the conservative element considers necessary to insure good faith in its ministers.

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Nanking Raided In Attempt To Smash Russian Aircraft

Jap Planes Attack Capitol As Soviet-made Planes Arrive In China.

160 Civilians Die

Forty Killed in Nanking And 100 in Canton: Ask U. S. Neutral Zone.

Shanghai, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Two Japanese bombing planes protected by pursuit crafts dropped a score of bombs along the main thoroughfare of Nanking today killing 40 civilians. It was the first time Japanese planes had struck within Nanking's wall since September 26. The National Art Gallery was damaged by bombs. While the pursuit planes engaged Chinese craft in a "dog-fight" the bombers passed through anti-aircraft fire to attack a Chinese emergency air field between Nanking and Wuhu farther up the Yangtze. The bombers came as foreign sources confidentially reported the long awaited Russian manufactured planes had arrived to bolster the Chinese air force. The raid was believed to have been an attempt to smash the news craft quickly. Earlier, the 34 American and 28 other foreigners, remaining in Nanking asked the Japanese to make their quarters a neutral zone. Previously, American Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson, sent a similar request to the Chinese government.

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Widow Tried For Killing Husband



Mrs. Sina Pope Godwin (right), comely 37-year-old widow, is shown in the court room at Lillington, N. C., during her trial for the killing of her third husband, Furman E. Godwin, farmer and world war veteran. "I shot to save my own life," she testified. Beside her is her daughter, Hortense Pope Jackson, 17.

Henry Ford Looks Upward; Business Slump "A Pause"

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Henry Ford, in an interview today said the present business recession "is temporary and unofficial." "No one," he said, "need look at next year with any uncertainty. The present slow-down is not a set-back, it's a pause before another climb." "Two things help to bring it about. Just now one of the uncertainties of business is regarding political interests, but Congress is taking care of that. The other is the stock market condition. Everyone knows the stock market has no permanent effect on business but it does have on the state of mind of the American business man who plays the market. The stock market has no effect on American business than the result of a dog race in California."

Annual Thanksgiving Union Service Tomorrow Morning

The annual community Thanksgiving service will be held in the Presbyterian church at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. Gerald K. Ford, director of religious education in the First Methodist church will preach the Thanksgiving sermon. The choir of the Presbyterian church will furnish special music. The offering will be taken for the orphanages supported by the various denominations represented. The ministers of the community will be in charge of the period of worship. A cordial invitation is extended to every one who feels inclined at this season to acknowledge with thanksgiving the benefits of the Heavenly Father. This annual union service has been a custom in Asheboro for many years and is looked forward to by many who enjoy worshipping with friends from other denominations. It has usually been the custom to have the new minister in the town preach the sermon on this occasion. This year, for the first time in many, many years, there is no new minister. Dr. Smith, minister-host for the Thanksgiving service, came to Asheboro a little more than fourteen years ago and preached the sermon in the Baptist church. Long before that time, a new minister had been on hand for the sermon. So, this year will be unique in that there will be no newcomer among the ministry of the town, but the invitation to attend the union event goes out to newcomers as well as to church membership of the town. The Asheboro postoffice, according to an announcement this morning, will handle all mail, insofar as distribution to boxes are concerned all day tomorrow. The windows, including general delivery, stamps, parcel post and money order departments will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The entrance to the building will be open to allow boxholders entry to their mailboxes. City offices will close this afternoon and remain closed all day tomorrow as will all county offices in the Randolph county court house. Business generally will be stalled. All merchants with the exception of the druggists, who will conduct regular business hours, will be closed all day. Both local banks will likewise be closed. Public schools throughout the county and city will close for the holiday. Virtually every class in the primary grades concluded the week's session with a special Thanksgiving program this afternoon. The students will not re-assemble until Monday morning.

Self-Defense Plea Attacked By State

Lillington, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The state sought on cross-examination today to tear down the self-defense story of Mrs. Sina Pope Godwin, 37-year-old widow, on trial a second time in the slaying of her third husband, Furman E. Godwin. Mrs. Godwin, who told the jury yesterday she shot her husband, a farmer and a former world war veteran, "to save my life" after he had fired on her in a drug-craze condition, was cross-examined by Solicitor Claude Canady. Canady questioned Mrs. Godwin at length regarding a will which the state contends Godwin left his property to Mary E. Jones, with a proviso that should she die also, it would go to Mrs. Godwin's daughter, Hortense.

Great Britain To Seek France Pact

London, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Great Britain has invited the French premier and foreign minister to London to form a joint policy in Germany's ambition in Europe. Despatches said the French minister undoubtedly would accept the invitation and will study, with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and foreign secretary Anthony Eden, the future of the well-established French-British policy for collective security. This policy was said to have been challenged as a result of recent demands by Adolf Hitler during his conversations with Viscount Halifax, Britain's good will ambassador during the latter's visit to Germany.

ALABAMIAN TO SPEAK IN LOCAL CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. B. K. Wachtel of the church of the Nazarine, Solms, Alabama, is visiting Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Fulp of 550 Hoover street. Rev. Mr. Wachtel will speak at the Asheboro Pilgrimage Holiness church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Senate Seeking To Aid Farmers' Hope Of Higher Cotton

Bankhead Will Insist That Subsidy Be Included in New Farm Measure.

Want Three Cent Loan

Cost of Program Rated As High as Billions; Soil Funds May Be Used.

Washington, Nov. 24.—(AP)—A determined effort to help farmers who want to hold their cotton for higher prices developed in the senate today. Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama, said he and other southern senators would insist on the adoption of a committee provision in the farm bill, guaranteeing subsidy payments and marketing season. The committee amendment would provide payment on the 1937 cotton on which the Credit corporation has made loans using the July 1, 1938 price as a basis of adjustment. The payments were designated to supplement the government's 9 cent loan plan and placed the maximum at 3 cents a pound, the amount in each case to bring the return to not more than 12 cents a pound. The problem of unsold cotton arose when prices fell considerably below the 9 cent provision. Senators debating the embogged over control bill disagreed today over the program's cost. Estimates were from half a billion dollars to billions of dollars. Chairman Smith, (D-S. C.) of the agriculture committee said he did not know how much the expense would run. Senator McNary of Oregon, Republican floor leader, predicted it would total one billion dollars or higher. Some committee members on the other hand declared it could be held to \$500,000,000, the amount appropriated for the soil conservation program. Agriculture department officials have split the difference in their estimate of \$750,000,000 while Senator Copeland (D-N. Y.) forecast the cost might run into billions.

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