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E VARNER CASE IS REVEALED BEFORE JURY

owds Pack Court Room and ollows Testimony With Keen and Eager Interest.

RS. VARNER ON STAND

reenseboro, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Flor- e C. Varner, put on the witness nd in the federal court house here afternoon in connection with her against her husband, Henry B. ner, of Lexington, for subsistence the possession of a $50,000 buil- owned by him, asserted her in- nce of any criminal intimacy with egro, Baxter McRary, charged by husband, and disclaiming any ndship with the negro, said that Rary and Varner had been practi- bosom friends. A terrible ng has been done her, Mrs. Varner rted.

he case started this morning, was ventful until Mrs. Varner was on the stand. The complaint, the s of her suit, was read, and the wer to it, the jury selected, a part he more than a hundred witnes- sworn in, and one witness, G. W. tcastle, of Lexington, put on the d before Mrs. Varner testified, led by her attorney. An eager ng packed the room, and when stepped into the witness box the n semeed to hold its breath. She uqite calm and made a good wit- , answering readily aid distinctly.

Married Twenty Years.

t one time in her testimony her band captured the attention of e who could see him. In answer question, Mrs. Varner stated that had been married to Varner for nty years, and "I loved him dearly was devoted to him and his in- sts." Tears came to Varner's , and he had to wipe them away e than once. He seemed deeply cted.

answer to an interrogation of . Sapp, one of her lawyers, Mrs. ner stated that she had never had rcourse with the negro, or any il- relations with any other man. is what the whole case hinges t is admitted by both sides.

he lawyers attempted to fix the e at the beginning of the after- session of court, but Judge J. Boyd, presiding, stated that could done later. The attorneys for defense attempted to prove sever- ssues, but it was finally admitted the case hinged upon the truth alsity of the charge that Mrs. ner had immoral relations with negro. Mrs. Varner's suit is the lt of one brought by Mr. Varner nst the negro for $100,000, Var- charging criminal intimacy be- n the two, while he was absent home, the negro having been ged from under the Varner home after midnight on the morning st August 10, by a searching par- f Lexington men.

Charges Conspiracy

rs. Varner's testimony was main- o show that the charges she made er suit, that a conspiracy to her been formed, that she had been wn out of home by her husband, ected to indignities and her hon- raduced, were without cause; that had objected to alleged friend- between the negro and Varner, sought to have the negro's vis- the house to see Varner or the o servant, Anna Miller, stopped, that McRary was obnoxious to all the time, was the burden of testimony. She said that she had told by Fred Sink, of Lexington, employe of Varner's, that it had n talked" that the negro had been ing to see her, five years ago, and Anna Miller to tell him to stay y, but even then she did not know Sink was intimating that she and negro were intimate. She con- ed to leave Lexington on the ev- g of last August 12, only with the erstanding that she was going to sbury to see Varner, and present facts to him. She testified that k accompanied her to Salisbury, engineered the whole affair af- Varner returned from New York, refused to see her; that she was strated when her husband refused see her, and that she made every rt to see him, and establish her ocence. She stated that Sink and de H. Phillips, of Lexington, came ee her and told her that her husband would not see her, and that she was in bed weeping, and that Sink wept too, and Phillips told him he was "too chicken-hearted." She addressed several notes to her husband who was in a hotel in Lexington, and said he finally wrote her one, saying that he would come to see her, and that then she prepared to go, thinking he would meet her in Salisbury. She got to Salisbury, she said, and knew Varner would not see her, she went to her mother in Salt Lake, Utah, arriving there on August 17, leaving there on September 25, and arriving at Greensboro, where she has been ever since.

No Conversation.

Mrs. Varner said in court that she had never had a private conversation with McRary in her life; that she had answered the phone when he had called for Anna Miller or Mr. Varner, but that she had never been alone with him in her life.

On the morning of last Auust 10, when Fred Sink knocked at her door and told her that she was in trouble and told her that the house must be searched, she testified she told him it could not be searched. When he became insistent, she consented to Sink searching it alone, but when he insisted that he must have witnesses, the house was searched, Policeman Smith assisting. She was in her bed room all the time, she said, having just returned from her husband's moving picture show when the demand for the search was made. She told Sink, she said, that the nero was not there. The negro often came to the house, she said, to see Anna Miller, and to see Varner, and often gave Varner presents of game, vegetables and milk.

Court adjourned for the day after her attorneys had finished with her testimony. Varner's lawyer will cross-examine her tomorrow.

The testimony of G. W. Moncastle was brief. He testified that up until the trouble last August Mrs. Varner's reputation, so far as he knew, was good. He admitted that he had heard it mentioned one time before the trouble in Auust that she and the negro were intimate.

LEADER OF GOLDSBORO MOB IS FOUND GUILTY

Jury In Its Verdict Against H. B. Futrelle Recommends Mercy To The Court.

TO BE SENTENCED FRIDAY

Wilson, Feb. 16.—The trial of H. B. Futrelle, alleged leader of the mob which stormed the court house at Goldsboro on the night of December 3, went to the jury at 3 o'clock this afternoon and in two hours to the minute a verdict of "guilty with prayer for mercy." was returned.

The first poll of the jury was 10 to 2 for conviction and it was generally believed a mistrial would be the result.

Judge Calvert will not pronounce sentence until next Friday, at the request of Attorney W. W. Pearce, leading counsel for the defense, in order that character witnesses from Wayne county may have an opportunity to say something in behalf of the prisoner.

In the meantime Futrelle's bond was increased from $2,000 to $5,000, and he will remain in the custody of the sheriff of Wilson county until it is given.

When sentence is pronounced counsel for Futrelle will give notice of appeal. There was no mistake about the guilt of the defendant, which was admitted by his counsel, and their only hope was to enter a plea of temporary insanity, and this was worked to the limit, and X-ray experts featured the trial to the end, with the result that, like other mortals, their opinions differed.

Futrelle was on trial for leading the mob that stormed the court house at Goldsboro in an endeavor to wrest from the law five negroes who were to be tried for murder. The three others who are under indictment for a similar offense, C. H. (Red) Langston, C. S. Thompson and Davis Wiggins, will not be tried until the May term of Wilson Superior court.

The Woman's Club succeeded in raising for the starving children of Europe by the Hoover banquet last week the sum of $350, according to a statement made by Miss Pattie McCain, the club president.

REGISTRARS OF EIGHTH TESTIFY IN CONTEST CASE

Little More Zealous on Off Days in Hunting Voters of Democratic Leaning.

A FULL REGISTRATION

Statesville, Feb. 16.—The third day of the Campbell-Doughton contest was largely consumed the examination of registrars.

These were put on the stand by Dr. Campbell, and testified that on oll the days required by law they were at the places of registration and treated all comers alike, regardless of their politics, that on other days when they were not required to be at the place of registration they registered Democrats and Republicans alike when requested to do so. The evidence tended to show that on these off days the registrars sometimes went from place to place for the purpose of registering voters, that as a rule they did not seek out Republicans for the purpose of registering them, but went to the polls of Republicans when specially requested to do so.

The net result of the evidence is that the registrars were more zealous in hunting up Democrats to register them than they were republicans.

Full Registration.

All the evidence, however, shows that there was a full Republican registration and that every republican who wanted to register had a full opportunity to do so.

The surprise of the day came when Dr. Campbell offered evidence tending to show that a soldier had voted without payment of poll tax.

Former Governor Bickett called the attention of J. J. Britt, cheif counsel for Dr. Campbell, to the fact that the board of commissioners of Iredell county had made an order exempting all soldiers and sailors of the world war from the payment of poll taxes for the year 1919, and desired to know whether or not in the face of such an order Mr. Britt aid his client would insist upon the disfranchisement of these soldiers.

Mr. Britt replied that the constitution of North Carolina and the laws required the payment of poll tax as a condition to voting, that the county commissioners had no right to make any such order, and that he and his client proposed to stand by the law and the constitution.

Fodmer Governor Bickett replied that neither the law nor the constitution required Mr. Britt or his client to challenge the vote of any soldier for non-payment of poll tax, and that if they did so it would be because they were not compelled to do so by law, but of their own free will and choice.

To the amazement of the bystanders. Mr. Britt and his client still insisted that the soldiers who did not pay their poll tax should be disfranchised and would be challened thruout the district.

Another surprise came when Dr. Campbell introduced in evidence a printed circular purporting to give the full family tree of Warren G. Harding. The witness who produced this paper stated that he bought it for five dollars, and that it was on exhibition at a store in Mooresville; that it was brought there by some obscure person, that it was a Democrat.

Mr. Doughton through his counsel strenuously objected to the introduction of this paper upon the ground that it was a base slander on the blood and lineage of the President-elect; that neither he nor his manager, nor any responsible democrat nor any newspaper in North Carolina, Democratic or Republican, had anything to do with the origin or distribution of said paper; that it had never been published in this State, and that to bring it forth in this public investigation where it would be given to the press and made a record in the Congress of the United States would be a grave injustice and a gross indignity to the President-elect. In spite of the strenuous protest on the part of Dr. Campbell and his counsel insisted on introducing the paper.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 16.—Colonel Henry Watterson, veteran newspaper editor, wintering here, celebrated his 81st birthday today. Among friends who are enjoying the day with him are Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Flexner, of Louisville, Ky.

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE FORTUNE, SUBSCRIBE

Here is Your Opportunity to Buy Stock in Unique Money-Making Enterprise.

IS NO CHANCE TO LOSE

Speaking of "ble sky" stock selling companies, and as "Sassafrac Jimmie" says, men who would sell Brown's Mule tobacco seed that would produce a plant that refuses to "plug up," a prominent Albemarle citizen handed us the following letter which he said he had just received from a man who was proposing the establishment of a "Cattery" out in a Western State:

CALIFORNIA RANCHING CO.

Greatest Proposition on Earth.

My dear Sir:

Knowing that you are always interested and open for an investment in a good, live business proposition, I take the liberty of presenting you with what seems to be the most wonderful proposition on earth, and which no doubt, you will take a lively interest in, and perhaps wire us the amount of stock that you wish to subscribe towards the formation of this Company.

The object of this Company is to operate a large cat ranch in or near Oakland, California, where land can be purchased cheaply for this purpose.

To start with, we collect about say one hundred thousand cats (100,000). Each cat will average twelve (12) kittens per year. The skins run from ten cents each and up for the white ones, and seventy-five cents for the pure black. This will give us twelve million skins for a year to sell on an average of thirty cents a piece, making our revenue about ten thousand dollars a day.

A man can skin about fifty cats per day for two dollars. It will take about one hundred men to operate the ranch and, therefore, the net profits will thus be about nine thousand and eight hundred dollars per day.

We will feed the cats on rats, and will start a rat ranch next door; The rats will multiply four times as fast as the cats, therefore if we start with one million rats, we will have four rats a day for each cat, which would be a plenty, don't you think?

Now then, we will feed the rats on the carcasses of the cats from which the skins have been taken, giving to each rat one fourth of a cat. It will thus be seen that the business will be self-sustaining, and automatic all of the way through. The cats will eat the rats and the rats will eat the cats and we will get the skins.

Awaiting your prompt reply, and hoping that you will appreciate the opportunity that I have given you and that you will grasp same at an early moment and get rich quick, I remain,

Yours very truly,
California Ranching Company.

P. S.—Eventually we will cross the cats with the snakes. Then they will skin themselves once each year, thus you see we will save the cost of men's wages for skinning. There is no waste, we cannot fail.

MR. BLALOCK OUT AGAIN.

D. W. Blalock, generally known as "Dock," who was bady injured in a railroad wreck several months ago, between Albemarle and Salisbury, has been released from the hospital in Salisbury, and is now at his home in Norwood. The editor of the News-Herald received a letter from Mr. Blalock a few days ago, which of course was not intended for publication, but which we believe will make interesting reading to our subscribers, and we are sure that Mr. Blalock will not object to the publication of the letter. After making a number of suggestions, among them being the request that we change his paper from Salisbury to Norwood, Mr. Blalock writes:

"I assure you that the News-Herald was appreciated during my stay in the hospital. The only objection I had was that there wasn't more of it. I have read every issue from A to Z, during my stay at Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium, four months and 9 days trying to pass the long hours. If any one ever was glad to get the view of Stanly Hills again, I was. There is no place like home. The oldest patient now in the hospital is my friend, Mr. Bats, he having been there since July 12th. He will be able to return home the coming Sunday. He was a brakeman on the yards at Spencer. He suffered a broken hip and leg, and finally had to be operated upon. I hope that this will be my last wreck. Boys, you may read about broken legs, sliding down straw stacks, falling off wagons, etc., but just try one good wreck. You need not look in the almanac to see when you will get well. I hope to be able to visit the city soon. I certainly feel thankful to be able to return as I am. We should not rush through life too fast. On September 28th, I kissed my five-year-old boy good bye in a hurry to catch my train. It liked to have been my last. He said: "Daddy, come back again sometimes."

It is only through goodness and mercy that I am here today. Indeed we live in a grand old world if we only had time to stop and think as we go along."

Your friend,
D. W. BLALOCK.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF STATE-WIDE INTEREST

Digest of Happens of Week Gleaned From the Files of Our Exchanges.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Guns of Chinese tong men ushered in a new war of tongs coincident with the Chinese new year today, leaving three dead and five wounded in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Stockton.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Loaded down with more than a score of amendments, the Fordney emergency tariff bill tonight passed the senate. The vote was 43 to 30 and the measure was immediately sent to conference.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Bascom Slemp, national committeeman from Virginia and recently director of the southern headquarters of the Republican party, today put at rest reports that he would be consulting socialists in the distribution of federal patronage in the southern states durig the Harding administration.

Washington, Feb. 16.—A plea for "absolute equality" for women in the application of all state and federal laws was voiced by speakers at the opening session here today of the national women's party convention. The plea was enthusiastically applauded by the assembled delegates.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 16.—With seven of his ten cabinet appointments virtually announced, President-elect Harding and his chief political advisers are sifting over finally the available material for the portfolios of navy, commerce and labor.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Secretary Houston agreed today with the senate judiciary committee not to make any additional loans to foreign governments, no matter how pressing the demand might be, until he had consulted the committee and given it full time for deliberation.

New York, Feb. 16.—Oxygen today was being administered to Enrico Caruso, world famous tenor, who is waging a fight against death after last night having been stricken with a heart attack that caused his physician to fear he would succumb before dawn.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The body of Mrs. Nancy M. Chamberlain, 91 years old, whose mysterious disappearance from the home of her daughter, and granddaughter in an artists colony has been under investigation by the police, was found early today ,b uried in the backyard of the apartment on 57th street, where the family lived.

Hartford, Feb. 15.—The lower house of the State Legislature pondered for a long time today over skunks and pianos. Representative Welton, Secretary of State Grange, offered a bill declaring for a closed seasonaganist the skunk. Fellow members said they would favor the closed season against the skunk provided the skunk was reciprocal. Mr. Welton declared the animal was much malinged, and said he aided the farmer in catching rats and mice. No action was taken.

W. D. REED ON CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS

In Plain Terms He Tells of Conditions in Different Schools of the County.

STANFIELD AN INSTANCE

The very object of creation was progressiveness.Out of chaos came order, out of order came harmony, out of harmony came progress, out of progress will come perfection. And you can't resist progress until perfection has taken its place.

This leads us to consider that there are some things that we cannot do. "If these hold their peace," said the Master of the children who cried unto Him, "the Stones will cry out." So with progress, its mighty wheel is rolling on untrammeled, and we are forced to move on or be crushed beneath its awful grinding. It is so with our progressive men in school work. It is not a question as to whether we want educational centers or not; the question is, can we hinder it? And the answer comes back, NO! The best evidence of a fact is the fact itself.

Surrounding Fairview school are four one-teacher schools, three of which have had to employ two teachers each, and one of them, after trying two teachers is without a teacher, and some of the leading citizens from all four of the districts are sending their children right from the doors of these schools to Fairview, which has become in a measure an educational center, with three splendid teachers.

This is not said to reflect on the teachers of these schools, or the patrons—they are some of our best people—but it is simply stating facts and that is what the people want. The children are crying out for better educational advantages, the multitudes of non-progressive are saying "hush them," the old way is good enough—but if they should hush them the very stones would cry out, tho in silent tones, can you stop this thing? I was talking with a prominent citizen of Western Stanly the other day and I said to him: "How do you stand on the question of establishing educational centers?" He replied: "It is all right; the best people are favorable to it, and I claim that I belong to that class, and all else are opposed to it." Don't forget; this is not my saying; it is only a quotation. I was down in Wilkes County a short while ago—that place where Professor Reap has been telling you about—and it was an inspiration to see the trucks marked with large letters, "WILKES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICE," and to see them loaded with the freight of human childhood with their little feet lifted above the mud and mire and their little bodies shut in from the wind and storms. I need not tell you that I did not hear a single word of disapproval. Don't you wish that you had it? Well, you will.

W. D. REED.

INGOLD SCHOOL.

The health of this community is very good, we are glad to noite.

School is progressing nicely, with good attendance.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Holt on February 5th, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Kimrey and children visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morton Sunday.

Mr. Delmor Morton paid a visit to our school last Friday afternoon.

Mr. J. E. Kimrey is on the sick list at this writing, we are sorry to note.

Miss Caroline Mann is visiting Mrs. Wilbert Kimrey this week.

Mr. Jason Ingold is working at Albemarle this week.

Mrs. J. D. Turner spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Russell visited their daughter in Albemarle Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Zora and Foda Kimrey visited Misses Ethel and Freda Poplin on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Efird spent Sunday with Mr. Efird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Efird.

Misses Maggie Hartsell and Ada Harrington spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Hester Miller.

Mr. M. F. Maulden has got his saw mill down ready to go to wkork.

Wheat is looking fine through this section.