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## JURY ACQUITS PAIR OF MURDER

J. M. Langston and James Aldridge, Tried For Murder Of Percy L. Flinchum, Found Not Guilty.

Goldsboro, Aug. 23.—J. M. Langston and Jas. Aldridge, La Grange men, charged with first degree murder of Percy L. Flinchum, Federal Prohibition Officer, were acquitted by a jury in Wayne county Superior court tonight.

The verdict was returned after an hour's deliberation by the jury. Members of that body said an agreement was reached on the first ballot.

Mr. Flinchum was shot June 17th while chasing an automobile which he and fellow officers believed to be carrying whisky. The fatal shot was fired from the fleeing car by unknown person.

B. A. Dail, dry agent who was riding with Flinchum at the time he was shot, testified in the trial that he recognized Langston as the man who fired the shot.

Although the State presented an array of witnesses, the defense did not call any of the large number of witnesses it had summoned for the case.

The defense, by waiving introduction of witnesses, was allowed to deliver the opening as well as the final argument.

## FOREST FIRE ON FLAT SHOAL

Almost Entire Mountain Burned Over and Much Timber Destroyed—Farmer Burning Off Turnip Patch Allows Fire To Get Started.

Forest fire which destroyed a vast amount of young timber burned over almost the entire area of Flat Shoal Mountain this week. The mountain is located about four miles South of Danbury and is covered with a heavy growth of timber. The heavy growth of underbrush and vines made it almost impossible to get into the territory to fight the fire and it has raged since Monday afternoon. At this time the fire has about subsided.

The origin of the fire was said to have been from a farm just west of Meadows where a farmer was burning off a turnip patch and allowed it to get into the forest.

## Youthful Suicide

Clarence Northcott, 19-year-old youth, employed by the State highway commission, committed suicide at Mount Airy, Tuesday, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. He left a farewell note to his father who resides at Lenoir but gave no reason for doing away with himself.

Try an ad in the Reporter.

## REV. J. J. EADS PASSES AWAY

Former Pastor of M. E. Church Here and Other Churches In County—Was Ill Only Short Time—Resided In Mt. Airy.

Mt. Airy, Aug. 26.—Rev. J. Eads, retired Methodist minister, died at his home here at 2 o'clock this morning. He attended Sunday school and the morning worship Sunday and was taken sick about noon but his passing was unexpected. He was superannuated in 1926 and was 71 years old. His wife and three children survive, Joe Eads, of Richmond, Va.; Miss Ruth Eads, of this city, and Mrs. Harold Click, of Elkin.

The funeral will be conducted from Central Methodist church Tuesday at 2 o'clock by Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, assisted by other ministers, and interment will be at Midway Methodist Cemetery, between Winston-Salem and Lexington.

Mr. Eads was for several years pastor of the Methodist church in Danbury as well as several other churches of this circuit in the county. He had many warm friends in the county who will be pained to learn of his death.

## Citizens Carry Water Eight Miles In Jugs

Washington, Aug. 25.—Drinking water is being carried eight miles in jugs from Washington to Fall's Church, Va., by the residents of that Virginia community, which is facing the worst drought in its history.

## More For a Dollar

Various surveys, conducted in different parts of the nation, show that the purchasing power of the dollar is steadily increasing.

Last year commodity prices ranged from 15 per cent higher than today's level. As a consequence, the average income, from the standpoint of what it will buy, is appreciably greater than it was a year ago, but if the trend toward rising taxes of all kinds continues, the tax collector, not the public, will be the principal beneficiary of declining price levels.

## Held For Court On Whiskey Charge

Will Nance, of the Lawsonville community, was arraigned before Justice N. A. Martin here yesterday in two liquor cases and one assault case being charged with simple assault. In the charges of having liquor he was put under \$350.00 bond in each case which he gave. He was fined \$15.00 and cost for assault.

When his party began to drag Wilbur Schoett of Chicago turned in a fire alarm to revive the waning spirit of his guests by letting them "hear the bells ring." The judge gave him six months.

## STUART-STOKES ROAD COMPLETE

Work Finished 40 Days Ahead Of Schedule Time—Is Hard Surface Thoroughfare And Opens Up Fine Country.

Stuart, Va., Aug. 26.—State Highway Route 23 from Stuart to the North Carolina line is now completed and open to traffic. This road is hardsurfaced with 8 inch bituminous macadam, has splendid grade and alignment and a smooth riding surface.

This route is one of the most important of the North and South Highways in the State of Virginia, running from Bluefield, West Virginia, 129 miles across Virginia through rich farming, fruit and grazing sections and through the rich bright tobacco section of Patrick county, connecting with North Carolina State Highway Route 891 on to Winston-Salem.

We hope to see in the near future the North Carolina Highway Commission re-locate, grade and hard-surface 891 from the Virginia State line to Danbury, the county seat of Stokes, and construct a road that will compare favorably with Route 23.

This road was hardsurfaced, using local field stone, by the Robert Martin Company, Salem, Virginia, and completed forty days ahead of schedule time.

## Meeting of Ladies Missionary Society

Walnut Cove, Aug. 20.—Miss Lillie Wheeler delightfully entertained the Nancy Jones Missionary Society of the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at her home in Stokesburg.

Mrs. A. G. Jones presided and conducted the devotionals. "Reality in Worship," was the subject, and readings were Matt. 6:1-18, Luke 11:1-4; 12:30. Mrs. Frank Marshall gave an interesting reading on "The Kingdom of God" movement in Japan.

The members decided to give one dollar each to finish paying the budget for the year.

The hostess, assisted by her sister, Mrs. McPherson, served a delicious ice course and fruit. The society will meet with Mrs. A. G. Jones in September.

## \$15.16 Average Paid Paid at Lumberton

Lumberton, Aug. 26.—The highest average price of the season on the local tobacco market was reached yesterday when 411,578 pounds of the leaf was sold for an average of \$15.16 a hundred. Total receipts of the farmers of the day were \$62,475.

Some grades were reported selling as high as \$57 a hundred.

Try an ad in the Reporter.

## HARRY MABE DIED TUESDAY

Had Been Ill For About One Year—Funeral Services In Charge of Junior Order.

Harry Mabe, young farmer of the Hartman community, just South of Danbury, passed away at his home early Monday morning following an illness of about one year.

The deceased, who was a good citizen and neighbor, was 30 years of age, and is survived by his wife and four children. Five brothers and three sisters also survive.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the home, Elders J. A. Fagg, J. W. Tuttle and W. J. Brown taking part. At the grave at Hartman cemetery the services were in charge of the Danbury Lodge of the Junior Order of which the deceased had been a member since its organization.

## Walnut Cove Route 3 Items

Walnut Cove, Aug. 25.—Miss Irene Carter gave a delightful tap-rabbit party Saturday night. All seemed to have a jolly time.

Mrs. Luther Wright and family and Mrs. Lena Moody of Asheboro, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stultz, of this place.

Miss Margaret Duncan, who has been visiting relatives in High Point the past two weeks, has returned home.

Miss Mildred Morton spent the week end with Miss Ola Hutchens, of near Ball Hill. She reports a delightful time. She was accompanied home by Miss Hutchens, Messrs. Jim Paul Hutchens, also Mr. Chester Collins.

Miss Shirley Martin, who works at High Point, spent the week end with her father, Mr. Bob Martin, of this place.

Mr. Nat Mabe called on on Miss Margaret Duncan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Woods and family, of near Hartman, visited Mrs. Woods' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Roberts, of this place.

Mrs. Wright Flynn, who has been ill for some time, passed away Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Ward.

## Play At King Saturday, Aug. 30

The young people of Quaker Gap Baptist Sunday School will present the play, "An Old Fashioned Mother," at the King Auditorium on Saturday night, Aug. 30, under the direction of J. Irving Bolt, of Bradenton, Florida, for the benefit of the Quaker Gap Baptist church. There will be entertaining specialties and catchy songs between the acts, making two hours of solid fun. Come and enjoy yourself, and at the same time help a good cause.

## TOBACCO IN EAST AVERAGES \$11.91

Fairmont Market Has Sold 5,152,000 Pounds Since Opening—Season's Average Only \$10.78 Per Hundred Pounds. Not Guilty By Jury.

Fairmont, N. C., Aug. 23.—The Fairmont tobacco market sold 723,000 pounds of tobacco on its warehouse floors Thursday and with official figures not available for Friday, R. W. McFarland, sales supervisor, today estimated the week's sales to have been 2,842,490 pounds. The week this week brought \$11.91 per hundred pounds average.

The season's sales total approximated 5,152,000 pounds here at an average of \$10.78 per hundred pounds.

Tobaccoists, Mr. McFarland said, say this year's crop of tobacco is the lightest weight per acre probably ever grown in Robeson, Columbus and Bladen counties. Warehousemen said that leaf in the 723,000 pounds sold Thursday would easily have weighed 900,000 pounds last year.

## King News Items

King, Aug. 26.—Owen Hendrix was taxed with \$5 fine and the cost in Magistrate Garner's court here Wednesday on a charge of speeding.

The Newsom reunion was held at the home of Ernest Newsom Thursday. This was also Mr. Newsom's birthday, and about 75 were present.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rierson, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Speas, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Newsom, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Royal Butner, a son.

The King Tigers defeated Oak Ridge at Stokesdale when they played off the tie Saturday. The score was 13 and 5.

Mrs. G. R. New has returned to her home in Durham, after spending a week here with her son, T. G. New.

Silas L. Hendrix, aged 72, died at his home near Tobaccoville Saturday morning following a lingering illness of several months. The deceased is survived by the widow, 3 sons, Ernest Hendrix, of High Point; Shober and Dallas Hendrix, of Tobaccoville; also 2 daughters, Mrs. Ernest Long, and Mrs. T. J. Furches, of Tobaccoville. Seventeen grandchildren also survive.

Miss Eunice Lawson, trained nurse at the Martin Memorial Hospital at Mt. Airy, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Lawson, on East Main street.

Robt. Rumley and Raymond Kiser of the U. S. army have returned to their post at Fort Bragg after spending their furlough here.

Dr. E. M. Griffin and family spent Thursday in Lexington, where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson, of Winston-Salem, spent Friday here as guests of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Helsabeck.

Ernest Gordon and sister, Miss Louisa Gordon, of Washington, D. C., are spending their vacation with relatives near here.

Mrs. J. H. Nail and Mrs. Frank Wedin of Brewster county, Texas, will probably cover more territory than any other census enumerators in the country. Their county is about the size of Rhode Island.

## STOKES OCCUPIES LAST PLACE

Per Cent of Church Members According To Population Smallest of Any County In State, According to Census Of Religious Bodies.

According to a census taken by the religious bodies of the State the county of Stokes shows a smaller per cent of church members based on population than any county in the State. Our figures are only 28.5, while Hertford county, standing at the top of the list, shows 74.9 per cent. The total church membership in Stokes is 6,155 according to the census.

Commenting on the census the University News Letter says:

North Carolina ranks high among the states in per cent of the total population belonging to churches. Yet in this state slightly less than half the people belong to any one of the sixty-seven religious denominations, or so in 1926.

It is surprising how widely the counties differ in the ratio of the population belonging to churches. The range is from 74.9 per cent in Hertford county to 28.5 per cent in Stokes county. In other words, in Stokes county four fifths of the population belong to churches.

In another county only a little more than one-fourth of the people are church members, where 60 per cent or more of where sixty per cent or more of the people are church members. There are twenty-two counties where less than forty per cent of the people belong to churches. How does one account for the wide differences?

## News Items Of Lawsonville Route 1

Lawsonville Route 1, Aug. 19.—Mrs. Jim Hutcherson and children, of Winston-Salem, are spending this week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rhodes.

Misses Grace and Frances Priddy and Eanna Corns spent Sunday night and Sunday with Miss Delia Priddy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Spencer and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Poore.

Miss Henrietta Knight and Messrs. Raymond Ferguson, Harry Hawkins, Jesse and Clyde Corns, visited Misses Blanche and Gladys Wood Sunday afternoon.

Misses Rona Rhodes and Nina Smith spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Otis Dillon.

Mrs. Russell Wilson and little daughter, Dixie Gray, spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. R. O. Wood.

Messrs. Reid Steele and Lindsay Hawkins called to see Misses Lola and Quincy Rhodes Sunday.