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RUSSELL NELSON TIME EXTENDED

CONDEMNED SLAYER OF WATT SMITH GETS STAY OF EXECUTION TO SEPTEMBER—ATTORNEYS PREPARING DATA TO SUBMIT TO GOVERNOR—NO NEW TRIAL LIKELY, BUT COMMUTATION POSSIBLE.

Russell Nelson, who was convicted of the first-degree murder of Watt Smith at the recent term of Stokes criminal court and sentenced to die by gas May 5, will not be executed by the State before September, if then.

Immediately after Nelson was convicted his attorneys P. W. Glidewell and Dallas Kirby appealed the case to the Supreme Court. This procedure automatically stayed the execution of Judge Alley's sentence until the Supreme Court acted. The Supreme Court will not hear appeals from this district until August, and from three to six weeks is usually required for the court to render its decisions.

As no exceptions were made to the charge of Judge Alley in the Nelson case, no new trial is expected. In this situation the decision of Judge Alley will probably be affirmed. Then it will be up to the attorneys of Nelson to furnish the Governor with such mitigating circumstances relating to the evidence in Nelson's case as might influence Mr. Hoey to change the death sentence to one of life imprisonment.

In any event, Nelson will live, as far as the State is concerned, until up in September, as the Attorney General of the State has already notified the warden of the State prison the status of the case.

March 30th Meeting Of Fine Arts Club

(Reported)

Mrs. J. Fred Gerner and Mrs. R. R. King were joint hostesses to the Fine Arts Club Thursday night, March 30th.

Mrs. R. L. Smith, president, called the meeting to order with the reading of the Club Collect, after which the usual reports were read and approved. There were 12 members present.

Following the short business session, Mrs. W. E. Joyce read a paper on "The Rolling Years" by Agnes Sligh Turnbull, which was prepared by Mrs. N. E. Pepper. Mrs. J. J. Taylor gave a very interesting report on Lotte Lehmann's autobiography "Midway in My Song."

During the social hour Mrs. Wm. McCannless won high score award in a true and false contest, and Mrs. Charlie Martin was awarded consolation prize. Miss Ellen Prather Hall assisted the hostesses in serving a salad course, nuts and mints.

State Highway Patrolmen Ivey and Lennen were in town Tuesday.

THE NEW ELECTION LAW

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS WILL ORDER MARKERS TO PRESERVE LIST OF ALL VOTERS THEY ASSIST.

Quite a change was made by the late legislature in the election law, and the news comes from Greensboro that the State Board of elections is intending to order primary and election precinct officials who aid voters in marking their ballots to make a strictly correct list of all voters so aided and submit said lists to the county boards of election and the state board, it was revealed here by Joseph T. Carruthers, Jr., who in the last assembly was chairman of the house sub-committee on elections.

Carruthers declared that the intention of the state board's intention by Chairman W. A. Lucas, of Winston. He was greatly pleased by the decision, for it was Carruthers' sub-committee which reported out the strict house bill on control of markers, a bill which was weakened by the Folger amendment in the senate and was finally adopted under a compromise plan approved by Governor Hoey. The Carruthers sub-group approved the house bill by vote of four to three, the chairman breaking the tie.

Carruthers declared today that the procedure as outlined by State Chairman Lucas will remove the last chance of any undue activity on the part of registrars and judges in marking ballots since the entire list of those aided by the officials, will be available for an immediate check on the part of county and state election boards.

"This procedure, put into effect by the state board, will make marker control practically as effective as we designed it in the house bill", said Mr. Carruthers.

He recalled that the three members of his sub-committee who voted for the house bill were M. Mull, of Cleveland, Lacy MacBride, of Cumberland, and J. B. Volger, of Mecklenburg. The three sub-committee members opposing the marker bill were John Kerr, of Warren, William Marshall, of Stokes, and Frank Taylor, of Wayne, said Carruthers.

Young John Christian Of Pinnacle Hurt In Car Crash

John Christian, young son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Christian of Pinnacle, was taken to a Winston-Salem hospital Monday night unconscious from a car smash which occurred on the highway leading into Winston-Salem.

As learned today young Christian is not seriously hurt.

The report of the accident stated that he ran into a parked truck on the side of the highway. He was hurled against the dash and windshield and badly bruised.

Mrs. Julia Hairston of Walnut Cove was here Tuesday.

OLLIE MOSER DIES NEAR KING

JIM JONES, FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF, IS ROBBED BY NEGRO WHO LATER IS CAUGHT—PASSENGER AND MAIL SERVICE DISCONTINUED ON A. & Y.—OTHER KING NEWS.

King, N. C., April 27.—"Where the mountains begin. A good place to be at or from."

Ollie Moser, 72, died at his conductor evangelist of Roanoke, Tuesday, following a lingering illness of several months. The deceased is survived by the widow and several children and a number of grandchildren. Funeral and interment was at Poplar Springs Church Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

Oliver Hauser, prominent planter of the Siloam section, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Work on the new home of Debs Holder on north Depot street is nearing completion.

Jim Jones, a former deputy sheriff, who resides two miles east of King, recently employed a negro, Leo Jones, of South Carolina to work on his farm. Last Thursday afternoon Mr. Jones left the negro to weed a plant bed while he and his family attended a funeral. During the absence of the family the negro went to the home procuring Mr. Jones' revolver and handcuffs, when Jones returned to the plantbed the negro drew the gun and ordered Mr. Jones to put up his hands. At first he tried to reason with the colored man but saw that he really meant business, so there was nothing to do but obey his orders. He tossed the handcuffs to Mr. Jones and ordered him to put them on himself and lock them which he did. Then the negro searched him taking what money he had and his watch and automobile and left. The negro and car were captured in Anderson, S. C., Friday and is in jail there. Deputies Everett Wagoner and R. W. Stewart have gone to bring him back to Stokes county for trial. Jasper N. Newsum, railroad home two miles east of town Wednesday, visited relatives here Saturday.

Leo Ingram, who resides one mile south of town, cut an ugly gash in his foot while chopping wood at his home last week. Several stitches were required to sew up the wound.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyles of Roanoke, Va., are spending a few days here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Kiser.

The following births were recorded here last week: to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Butner, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hall, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. John Ayers, a daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Motto Benson, a son.

O. L. Rains, station agent for the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway here, has been notified that passenger and express service between Mount Airy and Greensboro will be discontinued effective

SALES TAX HITS MULE TRADERS

STATE MAN CHECKING UP ON STOKES STOCK DEALERS—AUDIT GOES BACK SEVERAL YEARS FOR REVENUE—THREE PER CENT. ON \$100 SALES IS APPLIED.

Jim Tom Lawson of Lawsonville was here Saturday and said the State sales tax man had charged him up with about \$110.00 for sales tax on mule sales.

Mr. Lawson is quite a considerable trader in mules and horses at Lawsonville.

Mr. Lawson said the Raleigh auditor had checked up C. W. Ray of Francisco for about \$135.00 and T. W. Tilley of Lawsonville for around \$800.00.

It is reported that the tax man dug up s account for several years back. The rate is \$3.00 for every \$100.00 sales.

Jim Tom Lawson, Walter Ray and Tom Tilley are among the county's best and most reliable stock dealers. They do a straight and honorable business, and exact but small profit on their contracts. The sales tax levied on these good citizens is quite burdensome.

Death of Chas. A. Mickey

C. A. Mickey, 65, well-known Stokes county man, died last week at his home near Vade Mecum after a long illness.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Stony Ridge Baptist Church. Rev. J. F. Manuel, of Germanton conducting the services. Burial was in the church graveyard.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lizzie Wall Mickey; two sons, Sam W. and James E. Mickey, of Rural Hall; two daughters, Mrs. Lespie Joyce, of Rural Hall, and Mrs. Sam Shelton, of Vade Mecum; and three sisters, Mrs. Robert Bennett, of Pinnacle; Mrs. Jim Fisk, of King; and Mrs. Tommy Thore, of Amelia Court-house, Va.

Solicitor R. J. Scott is prosecuting in the criminal term of court in Dobson this week. He was accompanied to Dobson the first of the week by S. P. Christian.

Mesdames J. W. Hall, S. P. Christian, N. E. Wall, N. E. Pepper, H. M. Joyce and Beverly Christian spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sanders in Monroe.

The express company will put on a motor express which will handle express between the two points. It is rumored that the Post Office Department will also put on a motor mail line which will be operated approximately on the same schedule as the train.

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard Alley of Hillsville, Va., spent Sunday here the guests of relatives.

GET BEHIND MOIR HAWKINS

GO TO COUNTY AGENT BROWN'S OFFICE AND CAST A VOTE FOR A GOOD STOKES CITIZEN FOR SUPERVISOR ON SOIL CONSERVATION—ROCKINGHAM, CASWELL AND PERSON WILL HAVE THEIR CANDIDATES.

Plans are underway for setting up the Dan River Soil Conservation District which embraces all of Stokes, Rockingham, Caswell and Person counties at an early date, according to information received from W. D. Lee, Extension Soil Conservationist of State College. The law under which the Soil Conservation District is organized provides for a five-man Board of Supervisors composed of leading farmers from the four counties. This board, along with the technicians with the Soil Conservation Service, county agents and others will map out the program to be carried on in the district. The law provides that two members of the Board of Supervisors shall be appointed by a state committee with three to be elected by the legal voters in the four counties. From April 24-29 Stokes county citizens will have an opportunity to cast a vote for one of the following men: J. Moir Hawkins, Sandy Ridge, N. C.; Henry E. McCollum, Reidsville, N. C. Route 4, and David W. Wright, Ruffin, N. C. Route 1.

J. Moir Hawkins of Sandy Ridge was nominated for this position from Stokes county with Mr. Wright and Mr. McCollum nominated from Caswell and Rockingham counties respectively. A ballot box with ballots, will be placed in the county agent's office in Danbury from April 24 to 29 inclusive and any person who is a legally registered voter in the county, regardless of whether or not he or she is a landowner, may cast a ballot for one of the above supervisors. It is hoped that a large number of voters will get behind the Stokes county nominee, Mr. Hawkins, and give him as large a vote as possible. Stokes county farmers will recall that an opportunity was given them in January to express their desire concerning the inclusion of this county in the proposed district. A large majority voting in the referendum favored the establishment of the district and it has already been set up with a charter.

As soon as election of the five supervisors is held the organization of the district should be completed at an early date. The other two men who have already been appointed by the State Soil Conservation Committee as supervisors are Guy W. Phelps of Hurdle Mills and W. Herbert White of Ruffin.

J. F. BROWN,
County Agent.
W. S. Hart was in town from Lawsonville Tuesday.

TERRACING IN EASTERN STOKES

FARMERS OF BEAVER ISLAND AND SNOW CREEK TOWNSHIPS IMPROVING THEIR LANDS—TERRACING MACHINE TO MOVE INTO SAURATOWN NEXT.

The farmers in Beaver Island and the southern part of Snow Creek townships are very much interested in terracing. Within this territory another 100 acres have been protected from erosion by properly constructed terraces. To give some idea as to the progress of the work, the following farmers have had work done this spring. Terracing: J. M. Vernon, J. A. Wall, E. C. Carter, S. R. Ward, J. H. Dodsor, E. F. Rhodes, H. C. Dodson, R. C. Gann, Manley Dunlap, Phil Dunlap, L. F. Bowlin, Yancey Yates, Rector Tilley, G. T. Eggleston, W. J. Flynn, J. J. Moore, T. M. Hawkins, J. C. Brown, and the machine is at present working on the farm of Mrs. J. L. Hanes.

The following have had road work done with the terracing machine: J. M. Vernon, J. A. Wall, E. F. Rhodes, H. C. Vernon and Rector Tilley. In addition to the terracing and road work a number of other small jobs, such as working on yards, cutting diversion ditches and building meadow strips have been done. Through Saturday, April 22, 102 acres have been terraced at an average cost of \$1.79 per acre which is unusually low for this section of the State. Forty-two thousand, five hundred and seventy-five feet of terraces were constructed on 102 acres which gives an average of 417 feet per acre. The average cost for 100 feet of terrace is 43c. Under the Soil Conservation Program one unit is allowed for each 200 feet of terraces and many farmers are using terracing to meet their soil building requirements. By using terracing, they are able to earn more than their terracing would cost them because each unit carries a payment of \$1.50 for each 100 feet of terrace.

From the number of requests for terracing with the terracing equipment, it is evident that the farmers of Stokes county are becoming more convinced each year that terracing is not only practicable, but profitable and that it does not ruin their tobacco land as they once claimed it would do.

We have a number of requests for work in Sauratown township and we hope to be able to get into that township within a few days.

T. H. SEARS,
Asst. Co. Agent.

Mrs. Charlie Martin and Mrs. J. Frank Martin visited Albermarle last week at the home of Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Charlie Martin's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor and daughter of Winston-Salem visited Mrs. J. Spot Taylor Sunday.