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BUNK MASKE PAID DEATH PENALTY AT 10:37 O'CLOCK

WENT TO HIS DEATH COMPOSED

He Was Practically Dead After Receiving One Shock, But Warden Busbee Took No Chances and Gave the Body a Second Application—Many Wingate People Were Witnesses.

(Special to The Journal.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 25 (12:04 p. m.)—Bunk Maske paid the extreme penalty by electrocution this morning at the State prison for the murder of Mr. Edgar Williams, the Wingate policeman, on March 17. He was given two shocks, and was pronounced dead by prison physicians at 10:37 o'clock.

The little octagon room in which the electric chair is situated was densely crowded with spectators, among whom was Mr. H. F. Williams, father of the policeman killed by Maske. Other spectators were: Messrs. Thomas Evans, Jonas Hill, W. A. Chaney, J. J. Perry, L. J. Watson, Lonnie Hinson, Jimmie Chaney, Rufus Williams, Craven Williams, Oscar Austin, Clyde Williams, and W. C. Baucom.

Maske's body offered but little resistance, and he was practically dead at the end of the first shock, but Warden Busbee took no chances and sent a second current through his body.

The negro, accompanied by two physicians, entered the death chamber with composure. He uttered no words and showed stupidity while seated in the chair. He was baptized Thursday morning and told his spiritual adviser that he was ready for death.

The death of Maske thus closes one of the most tragic occurrences in the history of Union county. The details of the tragedy are known to most everybody in this section. On Saturday afternoon, March 17, Mayor H. K. Helms handed Mr. Williams a warrant to serve on Maske, sworn out by his wife, charging assault. Unarmed, Mr. Williams approached the negro, who was standing near the depot, and requested him to go with him before the Mayor. With an oath, Maske whipped out an automatic pistol, pointing it straight at the officer's head. Mr. Williams leaped for the negro, and pinioned his arms around him before he had time to fire. The death grapple then commenced, the negro finally felling the policeman to the ground with a well-directed shot.

There was nothing dramatic about the trial. Very little time was consumed in hearing the evidence, and after being out only fifteen minutes, the jury returned a verdict of first degree murder. Judge W. H. Whedbee, the presiding judge, sentenced Maske to die today. There was no effort made to secure a new trial for the negro; neither was Gov. Bickett petitioned to commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

Maske received the verdict without flinching, and maintained an air of stupidity until the last. He was resigned to his fate from the day he received his sentence, having stated then, it is said, that "he wished he was to die tomorrow instead of a month off."

Governor Refused Gullege Pardon.

The appeal of Mr. John W. Gullege, former president of the Southern Savings Bank, for pardon was heard last Monday by Gov. Bickett. Present and making speeches were Hon. L. D. Robinson, who came down from Washington, Mr. H. H. McLendon, Mr. John T. Bennett, of Rockingham; Messrs. J. C. M. Vann and C. Ashcraft of Monroe. The opposition to the pardon was not represented at this hearing, it having had its innings some time before, when Messrs. J. A. Lockhart and F. E. Thomas, representing the prosecution, appeared before the Governor.

The chief ground on which the appeal was based was that Mr. Gullege had no criminal intent in committing the acts which caused his conviction for embezzlement; that he was the victim of bad judgment and a too optimistic temperament; that for a man of his temperament the conviction for embezzlement is a very severe punishment, and that under the circumstances to make him serve his sentence would not forward the ends of justice. It was also urged that if the pardon is granted the relatives and friends of Mr. Gullege stand ready to pay \$1,000 as a partial relief to the sufferers in the failure of the bank.

The speaking was done largely by Congressman Robinson. He declared that he did not believe John Gullege ever had a criminal intent. "All that I can say is that I think his optimism caused it. He had unlimited faith in the value of property, while he never doubted the capacity of his friends to pay." This weakness was employed by Mr. Robinson to account for the bad loans that the bank took. Governor Bickett refused the pardon on the ground that no new matter has been brought out and he did not feel like going behind the decision of the court.

A HUGE BUYING COMMISSION

Plans to Have One Purchaser in This Country For All the Nations at War Are Assuming Shape—Will Spend Ten Billion a Year.

A program under which the American government virtually would pool its purchasing with that of all the Allies, construct a buying machine into which hundreds of experts in many lines would fit as cog wheels, and place one man in charge of the whole gigantic enterprise, is fast assuming definite outline.

This man would be the world's super-buyer. Into his hands the nations at war with Germany would place approximately \$10,000,000,000 a year, a store of money exceeding the fabled fortunes of the ancient Incas and with no parallel in modern history.

So far has the program progressed that the officials entrusted with its execution already have a definite idea as to whom they will choose. While no final decision has been reached as to whether one man or a small commission shall be chosen, indications are that it will be one man, his selection to be announced shortly.

Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia, Japan, Belgium—virtually all the nations linked with America in the war—have agreed to the essentials of the scheme and will sign an agreement making it effective as soon as the tremendous amount of details involved can be adjusted. At present the program hinges on the extent to which the United States will participate in the pool arrangement.

Army and Navy Needs.

Plans are being formulated under which the needs of the American Army and navy would be placed in the hands of the commission. Heretofore the navy has been supplied by its own buyers and the army similarly has been furnished everything it requires, from brass buttons to heavy artillery, through contracts placed by the war department.

The army and navy experts estimate, will spend approximately \$3,500,000,000 during the first year of war. The Allies will spend approximately \$6,000,000,000 a year—more, if American credit and American producers can make it possible for them to spend more.

To do this, the war department and the navy department would have to surrender in theory—but not in fact—a part of their purchasing prerogatives. The theory advanced by officers favoring the change is that greater efficiency and larger purchasing power of the moneys thus expended would result in addition or elimination of any element of competition.

The mechanism of the organization would consist primarily of a directing head and sub-divisions of bureaus, each in charge of purchases of certain commodities. As advisers, the organization would probably consult financial and other experts familiar with every line of industrial and commercial activity.

Foodstuffs Purchases.

The bureau in charge of foodstuffs purchases would rank among the most important of the sub-divisions. Present plans call for placing responsibility for all such purchases in the hands of a man known the world over for his ability along this line. To him would be given the task of coordinating the requisitions of the world upon America's leader, of distributing American food equitably among the Allies and of keeping such close check upon production and output that there would be no shortage of necessities among the American people themselves.

Social.

The Van Dyke Club was entertained yesterday afternoon by Miss Pat Adams. Names of Southern authors were given at roll call and Mrs. E. W. Crow read a paper on "Fiction of Anti-bellum and Post-bellum Days." Mrs. N. M. Redfern's subject was "Our Greatest Southern Authors." Mrs. C. D. Meacham gave a reading, "Our Country and Our Flag." Invited guests were Mesdames W. J. Rudge, D. L. Middleton, Kirby Hough of Chester and Miss Maude Nixon. The club decided to join the Red Cross and donate the amount usually spent on refreshments and books to this organization. Picture post cards of "Old Glory" were given as souvenirs. Miss Adams served a salad course and mints.

Mrs. R. W. Allen was hostess to the Study Club Wednesday afternoon when an interesting program was carried out. Invited guests were: Mesdames V. C. Austin, J. J. Parker, W. C. Sanders and Misses Lena Green and Maria Moffit of Wilmington. Mrs. Lloyd Sutton was welcomed as a new member. After the program, the hostess, assisted by Mesdames E. C. Winchester and Roscoe Phifer, served ice cream and cake.

Notice.

Beginning on Monday, May 28th, Misses Annie Redwine and Pat Benton, two of the regular teachers of the city schools, will open a summer term, under the supervision of the superintendent, for the purpose of helping those who are backward on one of two subjects. For this work they will charge a fee of \$3.00 per month.

Of this plan commissioner of education of the United States says, that by an extensive investigation he has found that of those who are retarded in their promotion, at least three-fourths can in one month's extra work regain their standing in their grades.

Those who expect to attend are asked to begin on the first day, Monday the 28th.—R. W. Allen, Supt.

Whirlwind Campaign to Build Fitzgerald Hospital

Ten Thousand Dollars To Be Raised June Eighteenth

Meeting of Citizens Approved Plans to Raise Money to Erect Annex and Appointed Steering Committee to Push Work—Members Will Preach Sermons in All Churches Sunday Night, June 17, and On the Following Day All Business Houses Will Be Closed and the Town Will Go to the Work and Secure the Ten Thousand Dollars.

They are pouring tons of cement some fifteen feet below the surface as the foundation for Monroe's new hotel. They are folks yet living who stoutly declared that the hotel would not be built in ten years to come. They honestly thought so, but the men behind the project thought otherwise.

Machines and workmen and teams and steam rollers are putting down asphalt paving on the principal streets which will take Monroe out of the village class and up into the progressive city classes. Some of us said that it couldn't be done and that Monroe would have to go on eating dust indefinitely. And we believed it and thought a way would never be found. But it has been found.

Many of us said that a chamber of commerce could not be organized or maintained, but we were mistaken. Lots of us thought Monroe couldn't have cement pavement but we have a few miles already.

And there are many good, honest, sincere souls who fear that Monroe is not going to be able to have that much needed hospital which the late Mrs. Ellen Fitzgerald practically handed to us like a windfall, but some twenty odd representative citizens formally said last Tuesday night that Monroe not only could and must have that hospital, but that she will have it.

When the supreme court of the United States once handed down a decision which displeased Old Hickory that irate gentleman shouted, "John Marshall has issued his decree, now let him enforce it."

But the hundreds of other men and women in Monroe who always stand for the best things, will not say to the twenty-odd who have decreed that the hospital must be built, "Now you have decided to build it, go ahead and do it." If we know the people of Monroe after twenty-five years of newspaper work among them, they will rather say to the movers in this matter, "Good, show us what to do and we will all do it together."

Well, that is what last Tuesday night's meeting was for. And while the thunder storm was so bad that many were kept away enough were there to fully represent those who were at home, and they laid out the plan whereby the work will be done. Twenty Rooms, Ten Thousand Dollars.

Mr. James H. Lee, president of the hospital board, presented the plans prepared by an architect. The drawings show an imposing structure suitable for a modern hospital in every way. It would cost above thirty thousand dollars. The present plan is to erect first the rear or annex to the main building, to stand in the rear of the Fitzgerald residence. The latter would be used for the present as administrative building and for rooms for nurses. The new brick annex will have basement, and first and second floors, heating plant, water and light attachments.

and about twenty rooms for patients. This is to cost ten thousand dollars. After while the old residence will be moved back and the main part of the building erected when the needs require it.

The task is now to secure the ten thousand necessary by voluntary donations. All the members of the board of aldermen were present at the meeting and agreed that what the town as a corporation could do must be done later in the matter of maintenance. But that is the part of the story that is to come later when Monroe gets used to doing big things and taking them as a matter of course. The one thing now to do is to secure the subscriptions and have the building completed by fall.

Committee Appointed.

A steering committee consisting of Mayor Sikes, chairman, and F. G. Henderson and J. W. Lane, was appointed to take charge of the plans for raising the money and put them in shape. The meeting discussed the plans in a broad way but left the details to be worked out by the committee and any aids they chose to call in to assist. Many talks were made and every man present declared that the people of Monroe should and would do this thing and that each was ready to do his part. Among those who made talks were Dr. J. M. Belk, S. O. Blair, R. A. Morrow, T. P. Dillon, Rev. Thos. L. Trott, T. C. Collins, W. A. Henderson, W. E. Funderburk, G. B. Caldwell, J. C. Sikes, J. D. McRae, James H. Lee, D. B. Sluder, F. G. Henderson, J. W. Lane, A. M. Secrett, H. D. Stewart, and R. H. Cunningham.

The Plan.

Each white minister in the town will be asked to preach a sermon on Sunday morning, June 17, in his own pulpit on the need and the work of a hospital. On the evening of the same day in Central Methodist church, a union meeting will be held, to be addressed by laymen of the town, both men and women. At that meeting it is expected to have representatives from every church, every fraternal order, every woman's club, every business organization, and every other distinctive group in the town, to make a talk and pledge, if possible, the co-operation of those behind him. Then, at a given hour on Monday, the eighteenth, every business house in town is to be closed, every whistle sounded, every bell rung, and every other thing done that can be thought of to centre interest on the work in hand. Then the canvassing committee will cover the town in sections and by teams. A bulletin board will be erected on the English Drug store corner and the subscriptions marked up as they are received. There will be no halt in the work till every one in town has been given an opportunity to do his bit and till the amount is raised.

There is to be no let up till the thing is done. It is to be done that day. It is to be the biggest thing ever done in Monroe. It is to be the one enterprise upon which every class, every person, every man and every woman can co-operate. Some one may not be in favor of putting down cement or doing one thing and another, and they have the right to disagree. But every one is in favor of having a hospital to help God's suffering ones when they need it. A good woman has made it not only possible but easy for Monroe to have what other towns are having without any help. Monroe people cannot suf-

HAIL BEAT HIS HANDS BLACK WHILE SHELTERING AGED WIFE

Mr. J. Q. Griffin Had Nerve-Racking Experience in Tuesday's Storm—Death of a Seven-Months-Old Baby Uncle Albert Newsum Critically Ill—Wants Wingate Girls to Organize Tomato Club.

Correspondence of The Journal. Wingate, May 24.—Mr. J. Q. Griffin had quite an odd experience Tuesday evening. He and his wife made a visit to his sister in the upper part of the county and on their way back they were caught in a severe hail storm. Mr. Griffin felt duty bound to protect his aged wife, and in doing so he was terribly bruised by the hail stones. We had never seen anything like it before. The back of his hands were beaten black. His sister is eighty-nine and he and his wife are past eighty.

Mr. J. Wilson Ross did not go back on his job as we thought, but is visiting in Wingate at the present.

Miss Kate Redfern is home from the Greensboro Normal. We are proud of our college boys and girls. We have more of them than any town we know of.

Misses Mary and Ellen Gaddy are home from Meredith. These are deserving girls and we feel sure they will make good in life.

Little Tom Perry's 7-months-old baby died Wednesday morning and was buried at the Williams grave yard this evening. It was one of the twins. We are sorry that they had to give it up. It was a fine little boy, just large enough to be interesting. But the "grim reaper Death" takes them from the youngest to the oldest, and no home is exempt. The only thing to do is to live so that when we have to pass through such a trial we may be able to realize joy out of sorrow.

Uncle Albert Newsum is critically ill at this time. He has been struggling with death for several days. His friends thought he could not last this long, but he was such a strong man before he was stricken that he has an extraordinary amount of resisting force. He said he never had taken a dose of medicine from a doctor up to this time. He chewed no tobacco, did not smoke, and of course, he was temperate along other lines. His case shows what temperance will do. He is a good man. His life tells what he is, and since he has been sick, his main theme has been religion. He may pass away before this is in print, but we hope that he may be spared to us. His life means something to a church and community.

Mrs. B. Brooks, daughter of our townsman, Mr. T. A. J. Price, is arranging to join her husband at City Point, Va. Her husband has been at work there for sometime, and she has been with her parents at Wingate.

Messrs. Dewey Price and Joe Griffin from Monroe visited in Wingate Wednesday evening.

Our plant grower, C. C. Lamb, cannot supply the demand for potato plants this spring. He is about seventy-five thousand behind now. He is not advertised very much, but being in touch with the railroad folks as he is enables him to get his stuff before the public. His business has steadily grown from the beginning. Any man can make a business pay now if he will push it.

The hail storm Tuesday evening did not do much harm to crops and gardens around here, but we understand that it did much harm in and around Rock Rest.

We would be exceedingly glad to see our girls organize a tomato club at Wingate. They have a splendid one at Rock Rest, and why can we not have one here? Girls, it is getting late for it, but why not do what you can this year. You can raise a late crop. Mrs. Griffin will do all she can to make it go. Girls, get busy about this. Build up an honorable business and get ready to keep house for some one in the proper way.

Well, it seems that the word ECONOMY has been left out of our dictionaries for the past decade. We have forgotten what it means. We are allowing our children to grow up without knowing that there ever was such a word. Are we doing right about this? From present conditions, it seems to us that it is time to call a halt and teach the present generation this wonderful lesson. If our children do not learn what economy means, we may expect even worse things than we have experienced yet. It is wastefulness on every hand. Money, talent, time, provisions, and anything we can throw away. The poor fool who lighted his cigar with a ten dollar bill has plenty of company.—Glenalpine.

Mr. and Mrs. Spittle Lose Second Child.

Correspondence of The Journal. Monroe Route 4, May 23.—I have just been watching it hail, and it sure did do some of that here.

Mr. W. F. Alexander has been sick this week.

Wild Rose was a welcome visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Richardson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Melton and children were also visitors here last Sunday.

The little 14-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spittle was buried here Thursday, the 17th. This is the second child that Mr. and Mrs. Spittle have lost recently. They have the sympathy of friends and relatives in the hour of bereavement. Our pastor, Rev. R. M. Hagler, conducted the funeral.

Esq. D. C. Montgomery will make an address here next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend.—Farm Boy.

Headed This Way.

Correspondence of The Journal. John Volos Power, known to Union county people as Henry M. Faulk, for over 13 years a resident of the "Lone Star State", left Dallas, Texas, on the 22nd instant for Monroe, to be present at the bedside of his father, Hosea Faulk, of the Brief section, who is reported sick. Having spent many years in the "University of Hard Knocks", acquiring knowledge by practical experience—the kind that does not fade away—the Honorable John Power announces that he will, before returning to his Texas home, deliver one of his graduating speeches or lectures to Union county people.

He boldly proclaims the philosophy of power. His speeches carry the voltage. They are "cosmic thunderbolts" to the morally "defunct" and cogibus classes. He stands for the "White Life" of HONOR.

He does not, like the Salvation Army, dispense "Soup, Soap and Salvation" to moral cowards and weaklings. His message is not to those who can "run and read," but to those who can "stop and think."

"The Transforming Power of an Ideal" as a lecture, is not as dry as the proverbial Idaho fauna that raised frogs nine years old that had never seen a drop of water. You don't have to take along any of Wrigley's Spearment chewing gum to start a little moisture.

Watch The Monroe Journal for further announcements. The Owl Roost, R. R. 2, Eustace, Tex.

Presbyterian Church Notes

Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Worship and sermon, 11 a. m.; 7:30 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E.; 8 p. m., praise service, and sermon—A description of the Armageddon.

Children's day June 3rd. This church extends a cordial welcome to all.—Reporter.



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