

HARRIS EXPECTED A LIFE SENTENCE

Son of Ridgcrest Merchant Told Monroe Man He Believed Governor Would Act

AUSTIN KNEW HIM WELL

He Describes Harris as a Peuliaz, Yet Honest Man Who Got Start by Pegging Shoes For a Living

Paul Harris, son of J. T. Harris, the man who was electrocuted for the murder of F. W. Monnish at the state prison Thursday, confidently expected the sentence of his father to be commuted to life imprisonment, according to Mr. V. C. Austin, a Monroe railroad man who has spent his vacation for the past four years at Ridgcrest, the scene of the killing. He knew both Harris and Monnish.

"The first time I saw Paul last summer," Mr. Austin said Saturday, "I expressed regret that his father, for whom I had conceived quite a liking, had got in trouble. 'Yes, it's too bad,' Paul replied. 'My father,' he apologized, 'is possessed with an uncontrollable temper. He was beside himself when he killed Mr. Monnish. His sentence, I believe, will be commuted to life imprisonment. The circumstances surrounding the killing will impel the Governor to save his life.'"

In another conversation with Mr. Austin, young Harris, who is described by the Monroe man as being a fine, manly fellow, about 26 years of age, and the proud possessor of a magnificent war record that he won in the late conflict with Germany, declared that his father's ill feeling towards the man he slew began when he heard Mrs. Haarris eulogize Mr. Monnish as a model husband. This happened when Mr. Monnish, bubbling with enthusiasm and joy, rushed into Mr. Harris' store, and said: "My wife and children," Paul quoted his as saying, "states Mr. Austin, 'are coming tonight and I want to have everything spick and span and a good supper on the stove when they reach the cottage. Give me some cleansing powders, and fill this order for groceries, please,' at the same time handing the merchant a list of edibles for his table. While the order was being made up, he told Mr. Harris how delighted he was to have his family come up, and what a great time he expected to give his children. After his departure, Mrs. Harris, who overheard the conversation, made the remark that 'Mr. Monnish was certainly a model husband.' Harris' face is said to have turned blood red, so jealous was his disposition.

"This incident," continued Mr. Austin, "was but one of several similar ones that caused a hatred of Monnish to seeth in the breast of Mr. Harris, so his son maintains. The real motive, however, will never be known, as Harris refused to make any statement concerning the crime. He carried his secret to the electric chair, thence to the grave."

Harris was a big merchant. His store was the largest in the Ridgcrest community, and he did an annual business that ran up into the thousands of dollars. Personally, said Mr. Austin, he was regarded as a peculiar, quick-tempered man, but to those who managed to get into his good graces he was congeniality and liberality personified. "The first year I was at Ridgcrest," he went on, "I took a dislike to him. The next year I began to like him a little better, and on the third year we became very chummy. He often insisted that I come to his home for a game of 'set-back,' and on one occasion I went to his home only to find that he had gone to Asheville. Summer before last, as I was preparing to leave for home, he came to tell me good-bye. 'I want you to come back next summer,' he said, shaking my hand. Two days later, after I had reached Monroe, I learned that he had shot Mr. Monnish down in the street."

"He was the soul of honesty, so Ridgcrest people told me, paying his debts to the penny and exacting from everyone else his due. He often boasted that he owed no man. I understand that he got his start in life by pegging shoes. He must have been worth between \$30,000 and \$40,000."

"Among the Ridgcrest people Harris was very unpopular, though most of the people did their trading at his store. His insistence that \$1,000, due him by Dr. Mays, the chief witness for the prosecution at the trial, and other Baptists for the land on which the Ridgcrest assembly is located is assigned by Paul for this dislike. Paul also told me that his father's refusal to contribute more liberally towards the maintenance of the Ridgcrest assembly property intensified this feeling."

"Mr. Monnish, the victim of Harris, was just the opposite in character. He was a bright, cheerful personality. He always had a pleasant smile and a hearty handshake for the Ridgcrest visitors, and he was universally liked and admired. Mr. Monnish's home was in Alabama, where he owned much property."

"When I first learned of the murder," concluded Mr. Austin, "my blood boiled with rage. I thought then that Harris deserved to die, but after more calmer deliberation I decided, taking into consideration the peculiarities of the man, which certainly showed mental abnormality, that his sentence ought to have been commuted to life imprisonment."

Improved Grammar

T. L. S. wants to know how to keep the rising generation from saying "I seen" so extensively. Get them to say "I vamped."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Don't become discouraged because the world fails to accept you at your own valuation. The Lord knows you as you are, and the rest of us don't count.

MONROE MAN IN WRECK

Denton's Car Dashed Into Ditch, Pinning the Driver Against It

(From the Lapester Citizen.)

Sunday afternoon there came near being a serious automobile accident on Six Mile road near Van Wyck. Mr. Hugh Denton of Monroe was coming down the steep grade just north of Twelve Mile creek and lost control of his car. The brakes would not work and the car dashed across the ditch at almost right angles on the west side of the road and down grade into a gully about six feet deep. The car stood on its head, leaning against the bank of the gully and had Mr. Denton pinned against the bank, the seat resting on his chest. He could not move. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yoder were passing from church and were flagged by a small colored boy who told them of the wreck. Mr. Yoder went to the scene and with the assistance of the colored boy with a pole prized the car up sufficient for Mr. Denton to crawl out. He was not hurt much and said he was very thankful for his good luck. The car was pulled out by hitching a pair of mules to it and was not very much damaged. The wind shields were broken and the top somewhat damaged. It moved away with its own force on its homeward journey to Monroe. It was a Ford—the kind that is hard to put out of commission.

Speaking of Optical Delusions

Speaking of the above, there is a judge of a criminal court in a certain New England state so cross-eyed that rumor has it he has to look over his left shoulder when buttoning his suspenders in front.

No so very long ago three nervous youth were brought before him for arraignment on the charge of stealing an automobile. The clerk read the names of the accused, the prosecutor briefly outlined the nature of part of the evidence, and the judge, sternly fixing his gaze upon the supposed ring-leader who stood at the bar between his two accomplices, said:

"Young man, how do you plead—guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty, sir," instantly said the youth on the right of the central figure.

"I want speaking to you," snapped the judge. "What do you mean by answering out of your turn?"

"Why, Your Honor," whined the lad on the left, "I ain't said a word."

A big city judge declares that he will not have any members of the Ku Klux Klan serving on his jury. But that, however, may be only a case of judicial "safety first."

When we hear a fellow boasting that he never changes his mind we quite agree with him. It is difficult to change something that does not exist.

When a silly girl attempts to be serious it borders on the serio-comic.

BACK 15 YEARS AGO

Interesting Events Culled From Journal of This Date, 1906

Rev. D. A. Snyder has been preaching the gospel in Union county going on forty years. After finishing services at Philadelphia, in Lane Creek township, he went to get in his buggy to go off. The congregation, who had come out loaded for the purpose, took charge of his buggy and filled it so full of good things that he hardly had room enough left for himself. This was his first experience with a "pounding," and no one has yet heard him say that he doesn't like it. On the contrary he feels very grateful to the congregation for this expression of their love.

The Republicans felt mighty cheerful over the small crowd that turned out to hear Senator Simmons when he was here sometime ago, and said: "Wait till our man Seawell comes and we'll show you a crowd." Mr. Seawell couldn't come and District Attorney Holton came in his place. Sixty people of all degrees of political persuasion, curiosity and idleness heard him.

A disastrous fire at the cotton platform was narrowly averted Sunday afternoon. As it was 99 bales of cotton were burned and damaged to an average of \$20 per bale. The fire originated from the carelessness of some little negroes who were playing with matches.

While coming to town last Thursday, Mr. Sanford Smith came near having a serious accident on the iron bridge at Lee's mill. One of his mules stepped in a hole on the bridge and fell, causing the other to become frightened and getting bruised, though not seriously.

Mr. R. B. Redwine, nominee for the state senate, spoke at Morven yesterday with the Anson county candidates.

Mr. Archie Helms, Jr., of Carmel has a horse apple tree that has borne the record crop of apples this year.

Best cotton today on this market is 10.25.

Writing from Wolfsville Cross Roads, a correspondent in this issue says: "Mr. John W. McCall now has his saw mill and gin in full blast. Cotton pickers are scarce outside the plantation supply. If Mr. Mason does not soon perfect his cotton picker the farmer will have to plant less. All lines of agriculture are advancing except the harvesting of the cotton crop. It stands today where it was fifty years ago—the cotton poke and hamper basket in 1884 I saw only one basket in Texas. Prairie lands don't produce white oak. They use ducking snaks that hold 100 pounds each, and fifteen bags make a bale. The cotton was left in the field until it was ready for the gin. It did not rain from May until Christmas. They did not have to sing the song, 'I would not buy cotton from a darkey,' in Ellis county, for the negro was not found there, and lock and keys were in no demand."

The Unionville correspondent, among other things, said: "A history of Theophilus Ransom Gates, a native of Connecticut, who served as itinerant during the first of the 19th century, has been republished and can be had at the publishers east from R. D. Huntley, Charlotte, N. C., R. F. D. Number 11. He ascribes to himself the distinction of being the angel mentioned in Rev. 14:8 and in Rev. 18:1. He is represented as having great power and that the earth would be lightened with his glory."

CIRCUS IS LOSING MONEY

Howe's and Van Amburg's Show Made Profit in But Few Tar Heel Towns

The Yorkville Enquirer prints the following interview with Charlie Mugivan, manager of Howe's circus, who is known to a number of Monroe people, his show having played here a few weeks ago:

"Despite the fact that he was well over military age, Charlie Mugivan was one of the first to enlist in the 106th Engineers when Uncle Sam got into the world war and he was overseas in France and Germany for many months. After getting overseas he figured that he could best do his bit by organizing a circus for the soldier lads and this he did. The big show traveled all over the war area showing day after day to crowds of from 10,000 to 20,000 soldiers. Name and fame of Mugivan's circus was far and wide and there are no doubt many soldiers in this section who will recall it."

"This has been a hard year on circuses according to Mugivan. Short crops and low prices for agricultural products are responsible. 'When farmers north, south, east or west don't get good prices for their products they can't come to see the circus,' said Charlie."

"We haven't made in money in weeks and in fact, we have broken even in mighty few towns. Out of twenty-seven towns in North Carolina that we have played recently we made a little money in five. In the others we suffered a big loss. We were agreeable surprised at the attendance in Yorkville and while we didn't make any money here we will break about even. Our daily expense is about \$4,000 and of course you see that lots of people have to pay the price of admission to get that much money every day."

"But it has been a bad year and if the railroad's strike comes it may be a good thing for us."

know, just as well as the more fiery professionals, what to do and how to do it and then go and do it.

SPECIAL NOTICE OF PAVING ASSESSMENTS

Paving assessments and installments have been mailed to each individual and you are earnestly requested to give this your prompt attention by coming in and paying your installments. We have another bond issue coming due November 1st, which must be met. This is important. Do not lay it aside but bring your statement to the office at one and settle, otherwise you will force us to advertise your property for

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