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J. Q. Adams Gets 10 Years For Assault on His Niece

Judge Promptly Passes Sentence on State Road Merchant—Other Court News

Following a conviction by the jury of an assault upon a woman with intent to commit rape Judge Godwin, in Surry Superior Court, Monday afternoon sentenced J. Quincy Adams, of State Road, to the penitentiary for ten years, specifying that he be assigned to hard labor during that period. The case against Adams originated last September when he is alleged to have committed an assault upon his niece who was then making her home with him. He was arrested and given a hearing before Recorder J. F. Henderson at Elkin and bound to Dobson court without bail. He was held in jail for several days until a Superior Court Judge granted him his liberty under a bond of \$10,000.00. And again he was ordered to jail last Thursday morning when the grand jury brought in a true bill against him, and he was kept in custody until the trial ended Monday evening when he was again given his liberty on an appeal bond of \$10,000.00. But during the progress of the trial His Honor had him in custody and he spent the nights in the county jail.

A special venire of fifty men was summoned to appear at Dobson Friday morning and by noon the jury was accepted which found him guilty of an assault with intent to commit rape. This offense is a felony and punishable by imprisonment in the state prison. In passing sentence the Judge is allowed wide latitude in the time he can send a man up—anywhere from two to thirty years. In Adams' case His Honor, without any extended remarks immediately sentenced the defendant to ten years in the state prison at hard labor.

Miss Mary Carter, the prosecuting witness, is a niece of Adams' wife and was reared in the State Road neighborhood, but has worked in Winston-Salem most of the past six years. She spent a half day Friday on the witness stand recounting the alleged attack and under the cross examination of Adams' attorneys she held strictly to her first account of the crime. She is about 28 years old, and appears to be in poor health and she said that she had been pronounced a tubercular suspect. She is very frail in appearance and would not weigh much more than 100 pounds.

In the trial of the case Adams elected not to go on the witness stand, but relied upon an effort to break down the character of the young woman, although she proved a good character by some of the best people of Winston-Salem and also her neighborhood. Adams is known to have been mixed up in some scandals at other times and these affairs perhaps made it inadvisable for him to go upon the witness stand and thus subject himself to a searching inquiry on the part of the prosecution of his past actions. He is a substantial merchant of State Road and at one time was thought to possess considerable property but his entanglements of the past few years are said to have drawn on his resources heavily. He is about 50 years old, a fine looking man, and all during the trial he maintained a confident and self-assuring attitude and when the verdict of the jury was announced and also when he was given his long sentence by the Judge he still maintained his sphinx-like countenance. All during his trial his wife sat quietly by his side and silently wept at times over the tragedy that she was passing through. She is a quiet, motherly and unassuming kind of woman and the sympathy of all went out to her. They have no children.

The case will be carried to the Supreme Court where a new trial will be asked for on the failure of the court to allow the defendant to introduce certain testimony and also on account of the court charging the jury that they could bring in a verdict of less degree than that charged in the bill of indictment. During the trial the jury was kept under guard. They went to church at Dobson both morning and evening services on Sunday and spent the day in a body walking about.

James Greenwood, of Mount Airy, plead guilty to the theft of about \$200 in clothing from the store of J.

F. Prather. Greenwood professed to be terribly hurt over his transgression of the law and stated that as he passed the store the day after the theft that he would have given all the world to have gotten the clothing back in the store without the owners finding out the theft. This was a plea for mercy at the hands of the court, but His Honor reminded him of the fact that when he was caught several days afterwards he was not so hurt but that he was wearing a complete outfit of the stolen goods. He has been in jail at Dobson for eight months waiting for trial, and the court added 10 more months to be served in the state prison at Raleigh.

The officers found too much whiskey, or evidence of it, around the premises of Ernest Golden at State Road and it began to look like the state would get a road sentence hung up against him. The young man went on the stand and testified that he did have the whiskey, but he also had in his pocket a letter from a reputable physician in which the physician stated that Golden's wife was insane and that he had advised the young husband to secure some whiskey and mix with a treatment of medicine. He had carried her to the asylum once and when she did not improve by consent of the doctors he brought her back where he could administer to her needs, and for six years the young man has done what he could in his feeble way to restore her to health and his plea that he was using the whiskey on advice of the doctors gained him his liberty. His Honor told him that he could not handle and use liquor in any way without violating the law, but he remarked after thinking of the condition of the young wife, "Well I guess any of us would have done like he did under the circumstances." And his case was allowed to go off the docket and we suppose he went back home to do what he could for his sick companion, and no doubt his love for her will again prompt him to violate the prohibition regulations when he is advised to secure a little whiskey for her needs.

Old man Bart Cox, of Westfield, well known colored man and prosperous farmer of that section, was in court charged with an affray. He had a big row with some of his white neighbors over an account which brought on a fight and landed Bart in the clutches of the law. In the trial it was brought out what an insolent attitude the old colored man had assumed against the whites of his section. It was stated that when he became incensed at some of his neighbors he would write out signs with a drawing indicating who the drawing represented, and below he would serve notice on the public that such and such a person was a thief, a rogue or such other charges. And these would be posted in various parts of the neighborhood. Bart was fined \$25 and given positive assurance that any more sign posting by him would land him in jail.

The young wife of Burley Sawyers, with her two small children was in court showing that he was failing to carry out the terms of the court last spring when he was tried for non-support and agreed to contribute to his family's support if the Judge would not send him to the roads. His wife stated that he had given her one dress during the summer and a pair of shoes to the children, but had furnished her no money and no food, she having to board with her parents. It didn't take His Honor but a few seconds to send Sawyers to the roads for 12 month for non-support.

A. F. Taylor is another man who must be careful about how he mistreats his family in the future. He and his spouse have had their ups and downs and during the melee he became a little too violent and she had him arrested. But after the affair got into court and out of the hands of the wife, she repented and went back to live with her husband. The couple have been married 15 years and have five children. They both admitted to being high tempered. At one time they had a big fuss over the chickens when Taylor wanted to sell some off, and the wife wanted to keep them

and sell them later and buy her a new Sunday dress. His Honor said, "Taylor you must change and not abuse your wife, and say let her chickens alone. The woman always has to raise the chickens and a man hasn't any right to go claim them. They're her's and she can buy her a new dress with them if she wants too."

Paul Rogers, colored, of Mount Airy, had an attorney, but made his own plan and thereby perhaps saved himself a term on the roads. The negro admitted to the theft of some money from the Sunrise Bakery, but returned it to the owner when he was caught. When the Judge began to inquire something about the record of the negro his attorney began to speak for him, but it seems that the lawyer was not talking fast enough to suit Paul and so he arose and began to answer the Judge's questions that were being put to the lawyer, and the line of conversation gradually changed from between the lawyer and Judge to an appeal by the negro in his own negro dialect. "Please Yer Honor, Mister Judge," he was heaping honorary titles upon the Judge, "I've been married four years, we got us a fine home and we get along like too chills." Judge Godwin was always anxious to learn how a defendant treats his family and often made up his verdict from that part of the evidence. And in this case he inquired of Paul if he ever fussed with his wife, and listen white folks, here's a negro's definition of what constitutes peaceful conduct between man and wife: "No, sree, Please Yer Honor, Mister Judge, we don't never fuss, I aint never called her a lie and she aint never called me a lie, no sree we don't never fuss any more." And his definition of getting along together gained him his liberty on the payment of the cost.

Ed Chaney was allowed to pay the cost for making an assault on Millard Tilley in which Mr. Tilley was severely injured about the head by being struck several times with a stick. However Chaney must appear in court twice a year for five years and prove that he has been peaceful and law abiding.

C. B. Strange was mixed up in all kinds of false pretense charges and was required to pay the costs in several cases, pay \$100 fine and must show to the court for two years that he has not drank any liquor or played cards, for Strange proved to be a man who gambled much.

Will Burley, a young man, whose home is said to be at Danville, was working at the quarry when he was caught at a strange game of fraud. When the pay master went around over the quarry calling on the hands and handing out the pay envelopes Burley on two occasions when the men were not present to answer the call of their names would answer up and say he was the man, and this way he got the other fellows' money. He secured two pay envelopes in that way with about \$30 in the total. His malicious conduct cost him 12 months on the roads.

Baby Boy Burned To Death In His Crib.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 4.—The 9-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brown, Union Cross, Yadkin county, was burned to death in its crib about 11 o'clock Friday morning according to a special to the Sentinel today. The parents were out in the yard at the time killing hogs and had left the child in its crib sitting in front of the fireplace.

It appears that some coals from the fire rolled under the crib, igniting it. When discovered, the room was filled with smoke. Investigation showed one of the infants hands had been burned off, while its face was burned almost to a crisp.

Rockford Street Methodist Church.

Rev. J. O. Erwin, Pastor.
Sunday school.....9:45 A. M.
Morning worship.....11 A. M.
Evening worship.....7 P. M.
Wed. prayer service.....7:30 P. M.
Would you like a warm house, a hearty hand-shake and a welcome in a helpful hour of worship? You can find it all and more at Rockford Street next Sunday.
At 11:00 A. M. the pastor will discuss: "What my religion means to me" and at 7:00 P. M., "What my religion means" to the other fellow." Scriptures for these thoughts are found in first section of "The sermon on the Mt." St. Matthew's Gospel, 5th chapter.

SURRY COUNTY FARM AND POULTRY NEWS

By H. E. White,
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Agent

Last Sunday Aldie Love, one of Dobson Vocational Agricultural students and the County Agent took dinner with Ed Benner at his place in Mulberry School district. We were served to a delicious country dinner and the feature of this occasion was a big nice capon which was served in a very excellent manner. The capon was a this summer bird and weighed nine pounds before it was dressed. I may say that this bird tasted neither like a chicken or a turkey or a guinea fowl yet the meat was of the highest quality and we should have more produced in this county. The capon market is pretty good after the first of the year and commands as high a price as turkey. The demand is growing for the production of capons and we could produce thousands in this county if we would try. Another feature of this dinner was a five pound baked sweet potato. I wonder if there has ever been produced in this county a potato larger than this.

C. C. Arrington, a progressive farmer living in the Cook school district near Pilot Mountain has a rather interesting brown leghorn hen. She was hatched in 1911 and has been a continuous producer since then. Mr. Arrington estimates that she has averaged about 200 eggs per year since then. He kept a rather close tab on her last December and she laid 25 eggs altho his son claims that she produced 26 eggs in 31 days. Can anyone furnish a record better than this one?

As a rule we never advise the keeping of a hen longer than two years for the egg production rapidly falls off after that time. If you have exceptional hens for breeding then keep them. For high production most hens have passed their period of usefulness at that time. Remember that you are keeping hens for the products produced and not from sentimental reasons. Yesterday I visited one of the most progressive farmers in the county where they are making an effort to get a good strain of first class birds of a well known breed. On examination you would be surprised to see the amount of poor stuff that will be offered to the beginner next spring in his efforts to get good stock. This brings up the warnings which has often been brought up before in this column to be sure and get good stock. Good stock is difficult to get in this county for we do not have an abundance to select from. Often a farmer buys what he thinks to be good stuff but when he has matured stock he realizes it is often inferior to what he has on the farm. Consequently he thinks it is of no use to try and get better birds. Keep in mind that good pure bred stuff always pay to keep. I am having difficulty to supply calls at this time of the year for good pure bred stuff. Not long ago I was asked to get ten pure bred roosters for one breeder and I thought that I could do this without much trouble for I knew where they could be found for I placed some good eggs with him last spring. To my surprise he had killed off practically all of the roosters for table use and had none for sale. Here is a man who bought good stuff but made no effort to place good birds on the market for breeding stock but sacrificed them as he would a scrub. The roosters which he served on his table would be worth from \$3.00 up. Some of the best ones would have been worth as much as \$10.00. He would not have had any trouble in placing all of his birds.

"Some idea of the seriousness of the corn borer situation can be gained from the report from the annual field survey made by the corn borer laboratory of the Bureau of Entomology at Sandusky, Ohio, in 179 corn fields representing the older portion of the infested area of Ohio. These fields showed an average increase of infestation slightly exceeding 400 per cent, as compared with a similar survey in the same or near-by fields in 1925. Similar results are anticipated for the annual comparative surveys in western New York and southeastern Michigan, when those surveys are completed. Let us hope that this dreaded scourge of corn will be gotten under control before it invades the south for it will do us

Otto Wood Offers to Come Back on Certain Conditions

Offer of Largest Reward in History of Prison Follows Offer To Return.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—Following publication yesterday of a letter from Otto Wood, the State's best known convict in which he offered to return to the State prison from which he has escaped three times if Governor McLean would put him under the custody of any one except Superintendent George Rosa Fox, the State's Prison with the approval of Governor A. W. McLean increased the reward offered for Wood's capture from \$250 to \$500. The usual reward offered by the State Prison is \$25 and the \$500 reward is the largest in the history of the institution.

There was some discussion of a proclamation by the Governor automatically outlawing Wood, who in addition to his 40-year sentence for murder, has escaped three times from the North Carolina State Prison and eight times from other prisons.

However, Superintendent Fox obtained a formal opinion from the Attorney General, holding that Wood was automatically outlawed by the 1925 statute and may be shot by any citizen, upon refusal to surrender himself.

Wood's Offer To Return.

Wood's offer to return was made in the following letter to the Greensboro Daily News, which was dated at Ashland, Ky. and postmarked at Cincinnati, Ohio:

"I guess there are a good many people throughout the State that are very much interested in my whereabouts since my third escape. I haven't went to Australia yet and don't think I will go any ways soon. The reason why I left the State Prison is because there is so much difference made between me and other prisoners. I am the only prisoner that has been locked up in solitary confinement. I stayed in solitary one time 10 months, another time seven months and another time five weeks, all told 18 months and one week and it is a living hell. There have been other prisoners that escaped as many as six times; the only punishment that they got is C grade. I was even denied the privilege of writing my little children. Other prisoners are allowed to write one and two letters a week.

"I won't try and explain the great injustice that I received at the State Prison. I have no desire to remain a fugitive from justice. God knows my heart. I have no desire to break the law and won't until I am forced to. I realize that when a man breaks the law that he should be punished. I have been sentenced by the courts of justice to serve 30 years in the State Prison and I don't believe any man or woman that were in the court room but what won't say that I got too much time. But I am willing to try and serve the time if I get the chance that other prisoners get.

"If the Governor would change my sentence to a chain-gang or under some superintendent and would assume me that I would be treated human I would give up to Chief Thomas at Winston-Salem within 48 hours after I have been assured that I would not get the torturing that I have got before and that I would be

untold damage before the people will realize the seriousness of the situation. Remember the Mexican Bean Beetle of the past summer also the cotton boll weevil which at one time wrecked the cotton farmers for many years. We should be ever watchful for these new pests and be prepared for them. Last week one of the best known bankers of the county made a remark to the writer that he did not take seriously the campaign put on last spring to awaken the people about the Mexican Bean Beetle. He attended one of the meetings but did not give this Beetle another thought until his beans were nearly destroyed, then it was too late to fight the beetle successfully. In planning your plantings of beans next spring plant early varieties which do not make much vine and then start your sprays when the first true leaves develop on the young plant and then keep up your sprays until your vines have finished producing. We should be ever watchful of new and old pests.

placed on the equal bearings of other prisoners. Personally I hold no dislike for Captain Fox and I will not try and criticize him through the newspapers. I wish him well, but I will try awful hard that he will never get me in his charge anymore. In case the good people wants to take this matter up they can get in touch with me through the newspapers."

Attorney General's Ruling.

The ruling of the Attorney General follows:
The State Prison law was rewritten and re-enacted in 1925. There was brought forward in it a provision which was also in the law before its re-enactment to the following effect:

"The board of directors may provide for the recapture of convicts that may escape from such prison and may pay such reward and expense of recapture to any person making the same. Any citizen of North Carolina shall have authority without warrant to apprehend any convict who may escape before the expiration of the term of his imprisonment and to retain him in custody and deliver him to the State Prison Department."

Section 2 (p. 378), Chapter 163, P. I. 1925.

This is practical and legal effect makes such escaped convict an outlaw. Therefore, if such convict does not immediately surrender himself after being called on to surrender, any citizen of the State may capture and arrest him, and in face of flight or resistance by the convict after being called on and warned to surrender, may kill him if it is necessary to do so that he may be arrested and returned to the State's Prison.

Warns Against Too Much Wood For Next Year.

It is none too early to warn farmers in the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia of the danger of an over-production of tobacco next year. Among farmers with whom we have been in contact in recent weeks, the tendency to increase tobacco acreage is very marked. "We are sick of cotton and will make tobacco our sole money crop next year," is a common report.

Director of Extension, John E. Hutcheson, of Virginia, writes us: "I am firmly convinced that unless some very active steps are taken at once to prevent it, our tobacco farmers in the south will be facing the same situation in 1927 that is now being faced by our cotton farmers." He reports that not only are there prospects of increased acreage in Virginia sections already growing tobacco, but inquiries are reaching him from bankers and farmers in new areas, asking the extension forces to help him get started in tobacco production. Director W. W. Long, of South Carolina, in reply to an inquiry from Director Hutcheson writes:

"This state is going wild on the growing of tobacco. It is being agitated from the mountains to the seashore. The acreage is going to be greatly increased in the tobacco area. From what I have heard this is also true of Georgia and North Carolina."

Our own observation of the situation in North Carolina fully corroborates what Dr. Long says in his last sentence. We believe that nothing can prevent a greatly increased tobacco acreage next year in every state in the bright belt—Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. And if that is done, tobacco prices next year may be relatively as low as cotton is this year. —Progressive Farmer.

Mother Rescues Three Pairs of Twins in Fire.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 1.—Three pairs of twins and a seventh child were rescued by their mother, Mrs. M. J. Banley, when fire destroyed their home here today.

The twins are three months, three years and six years old.

The other child is four. The mother rescued one little girl a second time, when she tumbled back into the house to save her doll.