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CALL OUTSIDE JURY FOR STRIKE TRIAL

Special Venire Is Summoned From Rutherford to Pass Upon Strike Rioting Cases.

Judge John H. Harwood, in McDowell Superior court Wednesday morning refused to grant a change of venue for the trials of Alfred L. Hoffman, textile workers organizer, and five local union members charged with rioting and inciting to riot, and ordered a venire of 75 summoned from Rutherford county to report at 10 o'clock Thursday morning to start the trial.

After refusing a continuance sought by the defense, Judge Harwood Tuesday received affidavits in support of a defense motion for a change of venue.

Indictments have been returned against 60 persons on these charges arising from strike disorders here August 31. Nearly 100 persons were arrested, but only the cases against Hoffman, Lawrence Hogan, J. Hugh Ball, Wes Fowler, Will Russell and Del Lewis were called Wednesday.

The affidavits submitted by the defense late Tuesday said that because of intense feeling in this county the men could not receive a fair trial.

Late Tuesday D. F. Giles, attorney for the defendants, gave a witness list containing names of many persons out of the county to the sheriff. The subpoenas issued included one for N. A. Townsend, personal representative of Governor O. Max Gardner and leader of the arbitration negotiations for settlement of the strike. The defense also subpoenaed several newspaper reporters who were here during the disorders.

Judge Harwood also overruled two motions to quash the indictments against the six brought into court Tuesday. In asking for the continuance Giles said he had not had time enough to prepare his cases.

All the defense motions were vigorously opposed by Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr.

The strikes at the Clinchfield and Marion Manufacturing Company mills which precipitated the disorders were settled last week.

MRS. GREENE HONORED AT CHARMING BRIDGE

Charlotte, Sept. 12.—Mrs. R. Marion Ross, of 4 Briarcliff Place, Myers Park, entertained in honor of Mrs. Abner Greene, a recent bride, on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Greene was formerly Miss Fay Hunt, of Marion, N. C.

Bridge was played and high score prize was won by Mrs. Grady L. Ross and Mrs. R. N. York cut the consolation prize. Mrs. Greene received a guest prize.

The hostess was assisted in entertaining by her sister-in-law, Mrs. O. L. Ross.

The guests included Mrs. Abner Greene, Mrs. R. N. York, Mrs. R. J. Patterson, Mrs. C. C. Moore, Mrs. E. J. Webb, Mrs. F. A. Friddell, Mrs. J. D. McCall, Mrs. E. T. Garrison, Mrs. W. M. Lineberger, Mrs. Grady L. Ross, Mrs. S. L. Ray, Mrs. Fred A. Greene, Mrs. J. P. Dodd, Mrs. O. L. Ross, Mrs. J. L. Waldin, Mrs. George Avrett, Mrs. C. D. Goforth, Mrs. J. R. Hardin, Mrs. Ben Paschal, Mrs. H. B. Kiser, Mrs. J. A. McWhirter, Mrs. Robert Ellis, Mrs. Adie S. Long, Mrs. Z. E. Kale, Mrs. H. B. Belue, Mrs. N. E. Griffith, Mrs. Tiffy Myers, Mrs. Luther McGinty, Mrs. P. H. Wuillie, Miss Sarah Dodd, Miss Lola Ross, Miss Lucile Henderson, Miss Douglas Kendall, Miss Margaret Ross.

Mrs. Greene is a charming addition to the social life of Charlotte and has been "entered" many parties since arriving in the city.

RECEIVES CERTIFICATE

J. Y. Lonon has received a certificate from the Missouri State Life Insurance Company for completion of the correspondence courses offered by the company to its agents, stating that the company's courses in life insurance and accident and health insurance have been satisfactorily completed and that he is competent to give advice and counsel on matters pertaining to the insurance business.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM GETTING IN SHAPE

With a change in weather conditions the Marion high school football squad began seeing the tougher aspects of the pig skin game. The local coaches have been working the boys hard in order that they may be in good condition for the first game of the season which will be played on September 27th.

The squad is small, being composed of only twenty-five youngsters. Although there have been two or three new additions to the squad, several old members have dropped out, so the condition remains about the same. A large portion of the squad is made up of the smaller boys of the high school and of the larger boys from the grades. A number of these small boys show grit and fight and with several years growth should be stars of the beloved game.

Captain Gilkey has solved the question of a center for the coaches, while Jesse Mashburn is showing up well as one guard, but his running mate has failed to step into the limelight; however, Holcombe, Glenn, E. Williams, and Brown are having a try at that position. Bob Smith and Karcher Clay, with their usual development, should be able to handle their old tackle positions; if not, Bud Hennessee will be able to help the situation. L. Williams, Neal, Ledbetter, and Goldsmith are making a bid for the end positions. The backs will be: Martin, Ouzts, Rabb, Roper, Finley, Bell and Poe. Rabb and Martin will take care of the punting, with Rabb and Ouzts handling the air route.

From 3:30 until 6:00 o'clock every afternoon the boys may be found on the field dressed in football togs. Coach Hawn is exhausting himself with the backs, while Beam is working just as hard with the line. Tackling, blocking, interference, charging, and sprinting have formed the bulk of the practice period for the past several days. The squad has been engaged in several ten minute scrimmages in order that the coaches might see the development of their system. More scrimmage will be the menu for the remaining portion of this week.

17 CHURCHES FOR NEW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The northern end of the Green River Baptist Association has decided to form a new Association including those churches in McDowell county that are disposed to join same. Up to the present time there have been 17 letters granted to the churches desiring to join, Rev. A. A. Walker, clerk of the Green River Association, announces. They are Bethel, Bethlehem, Chapel Hill, Cherry Springs, Clear Creek, Clinchfield, Cross Mill, Dysartville, Greenlee, Hall Town, Harmony Grove, First Church of Marion, Nebo, North Cove, Old Fort, Sunny Vale, and Woodlawn, besides the newly organized churches, Garden Creek and Brookside, who are asking for admittance. There are a few churches yet that have not expressed themselves in this matter, but it is hoped that the entire group of churches in the county will work together in this new association.

The day set for the formal organization and naming of the association is Tuesday, October 1. The meeting will be held in the First Church in Marion, beginning at 10 a. m. There will be at least one worker from the state present, most likely Charles Maddrey, State Secretary of the Baptist Convention. Nearby moderators have been invited to attend and assist in this organization. There will also be a program given treating in a general way the topics of general interest in the convention work. This session will last through the afternoon, dinner being served by the ladies of the First Church.

NOTICE TO ALL BAPTIST CHURCHES OF McDOWELL

All Baptist Churches in McDowell county joining the new association are requested to appoint delegates to attend the meeting of the association in Marion on Oct. 1st. The churches that have joined the new association have no further connection with the Green River Association.

SON BORN

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blanton, at Kinston, N. C., on Sept. 15th, a son, Albert Blanton III.

MARION FIRM BUYS P. W. CHAIN STORES

Blanton Grocery Company Secures Control of Chain Stores in West End of The State.

A. Blanton Grocery Company of Marion yesterday secured control of all the Piggly Wiggly stores in the territory west of Charlotte through the consummation of a deal for the purchase of the franchises for Buncombe and Henderson counties, officials of the company announced last night.

At the same time officials announced plans for expansion in the territory, and stated that Asheville will be made the distributing center for this part of the state.

The purchase of the franchise was made from the Milner Stores company of Charlotte, who hereafter will control the territory from Charlotte east.

The purchase added to the control of the A. Blanton company seven Piggly Wiggly stores in Asheville and one in Hendersonville, giving them a total in their territory of 16 stores. Plans are made for the opening of at least 10 additional stores before the first of the year, officials stated.

No change in management or personnel is at the present contemplated, it was stated, but extensive improvements will be made immediately.

The A. Blanton Grocery Company owns four large wholesale grocery companies in the state. They are located at Marion, Spruce Pine, Morganton, and Shelby.

The Piggly Wiggly chain of grocery stores is now one of the largest in America, operating from coast to coast. The Piggly Wiggly company last year did the largest unit volume of business of any chain store in the country.—Asheville Citizen, 13th.

EAST MARION SCHOOL OPENS WITH OVER 300

The East Marion School opened on Monday, Sept. 16, with an enrollment of over 300 pupils. Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was present and conducted the devotional exercises and also made a very interesting talk. Miss Mamie Stacy, principal, gave some important facts as to the organization of the school and emphasized the necessity of regular attendance on the part of the children.

This promises to be the most successful school year that East Marion has ever had. The teachers for the coming year are: Miss Mamie Stacy, principal; Miss Elsie Stacy, Miss Lucile Conley, Mrs. Wm. Noah, Miss Blanche Turner, Miss Wilma Snoddy, Miss Margaret Holland, Mrs. Tate McCurry, Miss Frances Hicks, Mrs. W. A. McCall, Miss Genevieve Flack, Miss Annie Little, and Mrs. Chas. Harris, music.

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. W. D. WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Mrs. Walter D. Williams, who died Sunday night, Sept. 8, were conducted from the residence at East Marion Tuesday at 11 o'clock by Rev. A. A. Walker and interment made at Pinnacle Methodist Church. Mrs. Williams united with the Mount Home Baptist Church when 16 years of age.

Mrs. Williams was 51 years of age and is survived by her husband, four daughters, Mrs. Lonnie Edwards, Mrs. Ned Long, Annie and Ruth Williams; four sons, Monyon, Grover, Jack and Frank Williams of East Marion; also three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Susan Earwood of Asheville, Mrs. J. C. Berry of Valdese, Mrs. Olo Dale of Morganton, John and Ed. Snipes of Asheville.

HOW THE DUKE FOUNDATION BENEFITS PEOPLE

Charlotte Observer. The Albemarle Press prints photostatic reproductions of a check for \$34,000 from the Duke Endowment to the Yadkin Hospital at that place, which enables that institution to go on a non-profit basis. The Yadkin had been owned almost entirely by a group of Stanley county physicians, but it now goes under management of a group of trustees with its field of usefulness largely extended. Just another instance of how the Duke Foundation is working to the benefit of the people.

HEAVY DOCKET IN SUPERIOR COURT

Biddix, Convicted of Second Degree Murder, Gets 25 Years in Prison; Other Cases

The outstanding case in Superior Court last week was that of Walter Biddix, aged 32, charged with the murder of George Ollis at Linville Falls last July. Biddix was convicted of second degree murder and was sentenced by Judge Webb late Saturday afternoon to serve 25 years in the state prison at Raleigh.

The case was given to the jury after court convened on Saturday morning and required a little more than three hours to reach a verdict of 2nd degree murder. The case had attracted wide interest and drew a large crowd to the court room throughout the proceedings.

Biddix, according to testimony, entered the Ollis home near Linville Falls at noon one Sunday several months ago and shot Ollis, a man about 55 years old, to death. Ollis had objected to the attentions Biddix was paying the former's daughter, it was said.

Other cases disposed of during the week are as follows: W. A. Gurley and Walter Harris, operating a slot machine, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Rallo Godfrey and Shirley Flowers, affray; Godfrey fined five dollars and cost. The case against Flowers not passed.

Groce Banks, transporting and possessing whiskey, fined fifty dollars and cost and sentenced to roads for six months.

E. C. Lydia, transporting and possessing whiskey, fined twenty-five dollars and cost.

Marion Wyatt, transporting, fined ten dollars and cost.

G. A. Clampet transporting, fined thirty dollars and cost.

Sam Arrington, plead guilty to a charge of forgery, but the court learning that he was an escaped convict from Haywood county, ordered that he be delivered to the authorities of that county.

Rans Allison, manufacturing whiskey, two cases, sentenced to six months on roads in each case.

Guy Fisher, forgery, sentenced to two months on roads.

Guy Fisher and Clarence Harris, larceny, sentenced to four months on roads.

Loman Cannon, burglary and larceny, sentenced to the State Prison at Raleigh for a period of not less than 12 nor more than 15 years.

George F. Coffey, transporting, fined \$25.00 and cost.

Claude Couch, c. c. w., fined \$50.00 and cost.

Charley Huffman, possessing whiskey, sentenced to four months on roads.

Floyd Willis, possessing and transporting whiskey, sentenced to four months on roads; attempting to break jail, sentenced to two months on roads.

Wesley Presley, driving car intoxicated, fined \$50.00 and cost.

James Michaux, a. d. w., sentenced to two months on roads; c. c. w., sentenced to two months on roads; breaking jail, sentenced to one month on roads.

Vesta Wright, aiding and abetting in jail delivery, sentenced to two months in jail.

Ed. Luckey, a. d. w., judgment continued on payment of cost.

Jess Francis, a. d. w., fined \$150 and cost.

Robert Lanning, a. d. w., sentenced to two years at hard labor in State Prison; larceny and breaking in house, sentenced to three to four years in State Prison.

Frank Allison, manufacturing whiskey, sentenced to four months on roads.

Roy Buchanan, transporting, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Briscoe Connor, driving car drunk fined \$75.00 and cost; damaging jail, fined \$35.00 and cost.

REVIVAL AT OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 17.—Rev. H. Grogan, evangelist, of Canton, has pitched his tent at Old Fort for a two weeks revival meeting. Services are being held every evening at 7:30 with a large attendance. Mr. Grogan is giving some inspiring messages.

SENDING TROOPS TO MARION IN STRIKES COST STATE \$15,000

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—It has cost the State of North Carolina between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to send and maintain national guard troops at Gastonia and Marion, according to estimates made Saturday by General J. Van B. Metts, adjutant of North Carolina. This cost is only the actual cost to the state, and does not represent the tremendous sacrifice made by the men and officers in giving up their regular work for military duty, General Metts pointed out.

The cost of maintaining the troops at Gastonia for 19 days amounted to approximately \$12,000. The cost of keeping troops at Marion will probably exceed this figure, since the Asheville and Morganton companies were on duty at Marion for 23 days and the Lincolnton and Statesville for 14 days. The last two companies were withdrawn from Marion on Friday.

The expense involved at Marion has not yet been calculated, but probably will amount to about \$15,000 or perhaps a little more.

All of this expense is borne by the state, from the \$100,000 emergency fund provided to meet unforeseen situations such as those caused by the Gastonia and Marion strikes. There has been a prevalent impression that some of this expense is charged back to the counties where the troops have been on duty, but this is not the case.

Few people realize that there has been no martial law either in Gastonia or Marion, according to General Metts, and that in both cases the troops have been nothing more than peace officers in military uniform and under military discipline, and that none of the troops have any more authority than a deputy sheriff.

"Some people seem to have gotten the idea that the troops took over the entire task of law enforcement in both Gastonia and Marion, or that they should have," said General Metts. "But when they are called upon by the governor to merely help the civil authorities enforce the law, as in those two cases, they have no authority outside the civil law, and are in reality only civil officers, acting under the sheriff."

REPORTS ON EVENTS, STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

The following clipping from Thursday's issue of the Greensboro Daily News will be of interest to friends here:

Miss Kathryn McCall, of Greensboro College, president of the State Student Volunteer Union, represented the union at the National Council of the Student Volunteer movement for foreign missions which assembled in New York on August 30. The national unit is one of 15 or more similar organizations in various lands of the world.

As one of 50 delegates attending from the various state units and those in China, Miss McCall visited the national headquarters. On August 31 the council sessions started at Hightstown, N. J., in the Peddie school. The national councils of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. were in session at the same time, but in separate groups. Several joint meetings were held, however, and reports were heard from the joint committee of the three organizations.

Represented in the attendance on the student volunteer council were students from all over the nation, young returned mission workers, board secretaries and others. Miss McCall says the conference was on a very high plane and was intensely interesting and inspiring.

Miss McCall is enthusiastic about the volunteer work in the state this year. One of its features will be the visiting of every college by student and official workers. Miss McCall was made a member of the advisory committee of 14 members, five of them students, the others missionaries and board secretaries.

One of the big events of the year for students interested in foreign mission work will be the state student volunteer meeting here in March at one of the city churches.

GIVE THEM HOME NEWS

Parents, see that The Progress is sent to all students from McDowell county who are away at school. It will be like a letter from home to them. Special offer of nine months for one dollar.

MARION TO HAVE NEW MAIL ROUTE

Fourth Route Will Be Established October 1—Changes in Routes Two and Three.

Effective October 1st there will be a new rural route established from Marion postoffice which will be known as Route No. 4. With the establishment of the new route important changes will be made in routes two and three. Following is a description of the course and territory to be covered by routes two, three and four as they will exist after October 1st:

Route 2: Starting at Marion postoffice carriers will go westerly to the Cross Mill church, southwesterly to Erwin corner, southeasterly to E. J. Dobbin corner and retrace, southeasterly to Bynum's Cross Roads, northwesterly to Caldwell corner and retrace, southwesterly to Curfew school corner, southwesterly to Morgan corner, southeasterly to Montford corner; northeasterly, northwesterly and northeasterly via J. D. Wilson and Cannon corners to Providence Church corner, northwesterly to T. L. Morgan corner and retrace, northeasterly by J. C. Pool to Stroud town forks, and northeasterly to Marion postoffice. Total length, 25.95 miles.

Route 3: From Marion postoffice northerly, northwesterly and northeasterly to Halltown bridge corner, Northeasterly to Craig corner, northwesterly, westerly and southwesterly to Corpening corner, northwesterly to Toms Creek corner on Woodlawn road, northerly and northeasterly to Woodlawn, northerly to road junction of highway 194 and 19, easterly and northerly to Sevier postoffice, northerly to North Cove postoffice, northerly to North Cove school house, westerly to McCall corner, southerly to road junction of highways 194 and 19, northerly and westerly to Hollifield postoffice and retrace, southerly and southwesterly to Toms Creek corner on Woodlawn road, southerly to Corpening corner, southeasterly to Dixon's store, southeasterly and easterly to Gibbs' corner, southeasterly to Trinks' corner, then southerly to Marion. Distance 44.30 miles.

Route 4: Starting at Marion north westerly and southwesterly to Jimeron's store, northwesterly and northerly to Chapel Church bridge, northeasterly to J. L. Martin's corner and retrace, northwesterly to Tom Gowen's corner and retrace, southerly and southeasterly to Patton's store, westerly to Byrd's corner, westerly to C. G. Byrd's corner and retrace, southeasterly to Cranford's corner, easterly to Garden City school house and retrace, southeasterly, easterly and northeasterly by Greenlee church to Greenlee, southerly to McCall's corner and retrace, easterly and northeasterly to Cross Mill corner, then easterly to Marion.

Postmaster J. M. Tyler advises that all new patrons on the routes are required by postal regulations to secure the new large regulation mail boxes and states that service cannot be extended to those who fail to meet this requirement. Mr. Tyler also states that as many as five families may use the same box provided they file notice of agreement to that effect with the Marion postoffice officials.

All persons are requested to have their mail properly addressed as to route and to notify publishers of newspapers and magazines as to change of address. The co-operation of patrons is urged for the best of service.

CONCERT AT PLEASANT GARDENS FRIDAY NIGHT

The ladies of Pleasant Gardens community will give Susie's Kitchen Cabinet Band Concert in the school auditorium at Pleasant Gardens on Friday evening, Sept. 20, at 8 o'clock. Proceeds for benefit of school.

A Calf club show will be held by members of the Iredell Jersey Calf Club at the Piedmont Branch station near Statesville on September 21.