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Capital Punishment On Way Out

It would seem to the average North Carolinian that capital punishment is in its death throes in this state. Perhaps this view is even more commonly shared by Tar Heel lawyers, who daily see the taking of a human life by the state more of a threat than an actuality.

At any rate, this view was expressed by a prominent attorney following a criminal term of Superior Court here this week. "Capital punishment in North Carolina is really a thing of the past," he contended.

There seems to be merit in his contention. Only in isolated cases, in which a horrendous crime has been committed or where victim and assailant stood on opposite sides of the color line, does capital punishment now enter the punishment picture in this state.

Capital punishment has long been held as the ultimate weapon possessed by society as a means of safeguarding the rights of man against man. The "eye for an eye" philosophy which goes back three thousand or more years produced an assortment of devices man made by which to legally execute another man. The swords, nooses, guillotines, crosses, firing squads, electric chairs, gas chambers and a host of other devices designed for retaliatory death seem now to have become piled high enough to cast a shadow on the conscience of man.

Slowly, as justice becomes increasingly tempered with mercy, the question of whether man had a moral, if not a legal right, to kill another human being began praying on the minds of a few.

These, for the most part, seemed to wear the label of "radicals" in the eyes of their contemporaries. Their public views that legal executions should cease were cast off by an unsympathetic public which felt that capital punishment was the only sure deterrent for crime.

But slowly these "radical" views grew stronger, they picked up support among people who wondered if the cure was worth the medicine. In some areas man abandoned capital punishment in actuality; now it seems North

Carolina is following a similar course in reality.

There are still those voices raising loud protests when the capital punishment plan is discredited. There are those who say that execution is not so much a means of punishment as a means of dissuasion.

But their arguments are seemingly somewhat invalidated when one recalls the transition from public to private executions. Time was when a felon was hanged publicly—when men, women and children often watched as the trap was sprung, the victim writhed and the state collected its supreme debt.

Now, executions, though much fewer in number, take place within the confines of prisons, shielded from public view, seen by a few who seemingly need no such deterrent. The avowed purpose of capital punishment seems to have been lost in its privacy.

This week three persons were sentenced to life in prison here in a first degree murder case. Time was when their fate would easily have been execution. Certainly there are those who will say the state lost an opportunity to make an example of these unfortunate persons insofar as the prevention of a recurrence of crime is concerned.

In serving life sentences, surely a great deal of the spirit of these persons will be taken. They will, in the words of the presiding judge, "cease to be a human being and become a statistic."

The public will be protected by the action of its court. And those who were in the crowded courtroom and watched and listened as the three sentences were handed down must have little doubt that a measure of deterrence was served.

The death knells of capital punishment in this state are sounding, and the sound does not come as unwelcome to those who feel that justice will not suffer with its demise.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN AND 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

September 6, 1957

Warrenton water customers were this week asked by Water Supt. Harold R. Skillman to use water sparingly because of a threatened shortage.

Charles Mayfield White, III, 25, of Drewry, Collins Shaw, Jr., 29, of Henderson, and James Harry Limer, 25, of Afton were admitted to the Bar in brief ceremonies during court here Thursday afternoon.

Norlina High School will open its football season tonight with a non-conference game with Spring Hope at Norlina.

Miss Ann Elizabeth Davis and the Rev. Malcolm M. Hutton were married in the Norlina Baptist Church on August 30.

September 5, 1952

Judge J. Paul Frizelle of Snow Hill will open a one-week criminal term of Superior Court here Monday morning.

Lakes are forming along creeks as giant Kerr reservoir begins to fill following recent closing of the sluice gates of the dam.

Mayor W. R. Strickland on Tuesday asked that the county help rid Warrenton of stray dogs.

Miss Sarah Miles of Warrenton has accepted a position as assistant case worker with the Warren County Welfare Department.

September 3, 1937

Endy Brothers will play the midway of the Warren County Agricultural Fair which will open on October 4, it was announced yesterday.

Approximately 2500 boys and girls are expected to enroll for the 1937-38 session of school which will open on Tuesday morning.

A thief entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Price on Saturday night while dinner was being served and walked out with a pocketbook containing \$12.50 after cutting telephone wires.

Farmers should carry out the conservation program in all its phases, County Agent Bob Bright said this week.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CORNER

EMILY BALLINGER, County Home Economics Agent
ANN KILIAN, Asst. Home Economics Agent

The home agents announce the following schedule:

Monday, Sept. 10: The Agricultural Workers Council will meet at 3:45 p. m. at the county agricultural building.

The home demonstration county council will not meet. Notices will be sent to members announcing the meeting at a later date.

Tuesday, Sept. 11: Inez Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the Inez Clubhouse.

Wednesday, Sept. 12: Vaughan Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. Ridgeway Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Leonard M. Bender.

Thursday, Sept. 13: Shaw Springs Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. C. Salmon.

Enterprise Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. E. Stansbury. Mrs. B. F. Stansbury will be co-hostess.

Friday, Sept. 14: Family Life Leaders Training School will be at 2:30 p. m. Johnston Home Demonstration Club will not meet on this date. Meeting date will be announced later.

Announcement By Negro Agent

PEGGIE P. DREW
County Negro Home Ec. Agent
DOROTHY RUTH EDGE
Assistant County Negro Home Ec. Agent
Phone 204-1

Monday, Sept. 10: 7:30 p. m., Warrenton Home Demonstration Club will meet for the regular monthly meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 11: 1 p. m., Snow Hill Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Joanna Carroll.

Wednesday, Sept. 12: 1 p. m., Burchette Chapel Home Demonstration Club will hold its regular monthly meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 13: 1:30 p. m., Cool Spring Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary Sommerville.

Friday, Sept. 14: 1:30 p. m., Embro Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Clementine Robinson.

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE PAYING YOUR BILLS?

"No Moneyitis" is a dreadful disease we get when we have trouble paying bills. Are you having trouble trying to pay your bills, and to get the things your family needs? It is true that every member of the family likes to have his own money, but everyone should do his part to help pay some of the bills. As you know managing your money is serious business, and it may be necessary to get together with your family to discuss why you are having trouble paying your bills. Since it is so easy to get credit, you may be buying too many things on credit. Many families get overloaded with credit by trying to keep up with their neighbors and friends. Try to encourage the members of your family to save a little in the bank each month, and plan how to manage the family money to a better advantage.

Sit down with your family and discuss what is important, what are you paying for on

installment, and what can the family do to add to the income. List extra jobs that certain family members can do to bring in extra money. Write out a plan of how to make and spend your money; if you like it, why don't you try it for one year.

What is important to the family counts a great deal in having enough money to pay your bills. For example, one family may feel that money should be spent for a home and furnishings because that is important to them. Another family may feel that church or money to educate their children should come first, and maybe another family may feel that a car is most important. We call these values because they are things that we feel are important.

Every family may be compared to a small business, because they earn money, and they spend money. Big business concerns meet regularly to elect officers, set up rules and regulations, make reports to show progress, failure, and to clear up all misunderstandings. They know how much money they have and how much money they owe. If big business corporations operate in this manner, why can't your family set up a similar type of organization in the home with family officers? The family can set up objectives, goals, and report success or failure in handling the family money. Family business meetings may be held around the kitchen table weekly or monthly or at other times.

Families who run through their money and are having trouble paying bills are families who spend without planning and they usually end up with a dreadful disease known as money sickness or "no moneyitis." Money sickness can make you look old, wrinkled; you get discouraged or depressed; sometimes it makes you do things that are disgraceful. Don't let anyone in your family catch this dreadful disease. It pays to plan to form the habit of saving a little in a bank each month, because fam-

ily planning is a "Little Business" that pays "Big Dividends."

Marriage Licenses

Vernill Wheelers, colored, of Spring Hope to William Oliver Williams of Spring Hope.

Regina Theresa Camp, white, of Richmond, Va., to Gordon Edward McKay of Richmond, Va.

Patsy Josephine Faulkner, white of Norlina to John Randolph Thompson, Jr., of South Hill, Va.

Patricia Lynn Donnelly, white, of Arlington, Va., to Ronald George Frodella of Arlington, Va.

Ethelyn Stegall, colored, of Henderson to George Eaton of Henderson.

Ruby Ellen Adcock, white, of Baskerville, Va., to Sterling Montgomery Allgood of Boyd-

ton, Va. Barbara Fenton Blaine, white, of Silver Spring, Md., to David Humphries Wright of Silver Spring, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hawks and daughter, Priscilla, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bullock and Mrs. Leonard Hawks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Hamblin and daughters of Norfolk, Va., spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Aycock and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Niles Serls and family have returned to their home in Salisbury, Md., after being guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serls, Miss Gayle Serls, who had been here for sometime, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Seaman, Jr., and family of Chapel Hill spent the weekend here with relatives.

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Good Idea To Grow Vitamins

Henry Belk in Goldsboro News-Argus

This column has told you of Tom Williams, who has moved from the misty North Carolina mountains to Goldsboro's flat coastal plains.

He reminds one and all that it is time to get in your greens for the fall garden. That is what Mr. Tom is planting. It says the time to get them planted is the first week of September.

If you prefer tender greens or some other green stuff, the time for the fall planting is the same as for turnips.

When you plant you get the therapy of working the garden, the fresh unmatched flavor of greens just cut, and you get one of the most bountiful supplies of vitamins and minerals. The lowly collard, probably, has a higher vitamin and mineral content than most vegetables.

Another thing, if you make your own greens patch, you control its fertilization and insect repellent and sprays. You know the greens have no chemical which will or could cause trouble in the digestive tract.

Obvious Reason

Sacramento Bee

They say old fools are the biggest fools. The reason is obvious: They have had more practice.

Parking Problem Solved

Manning (La.) Monitor

If you want something done well, let your wife do it herself.

Little minds are trained and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above it.—Washington Irving

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