

# Sinclair Imposes Death And Long Jail Sentences

Ernest Fowler, fifty year old white tenant farmer, was sentenced to die in the gas chamber after being convicted in Wake superior court this week of criminally attacking his 12-year-old step daughter. The child, Helen Lowery, whose mother died some months ago, made a good witness and told a straightforward but sordid story of repeated offenses on the part of her step father.

The case occupied two full days of court, but the jury was out only a short time. This is the second death sentence in Wake county within a year, the other being a negro man convicted of raping a negro woman last fall.

Two negro men who pleaded guilty to serious crimes were given ten year prison terms by Judge Sinclair. James Bostick admitted breaking into the home of B. C. Scarborough, prominent eastern Wake farmer, with intent to attack a young woman, but was frustrated in his purpose and soon captured.

Lacy Elam, Raleigh negro, pleaded guilty to the shooting of James Vann, another negro, who later died from blood poisoning resulting from the wound. Both Bostick and Elam were given ten year terms in state prison.

The court is engaged as this paper goes to press in the trial of Eugene Jones, of Chatham county, charged with manslaughter for the death of Dempsey Hinton, colored, in a motor car accident some months ago.

Judge Sinclair had his wrath aroused by reports that slot machines were operating freely in the county, and he ordered them all confiscated. Deputies, however, reported that they could not locate any of the machines when they went on the hunt.

## Wake-Harnett Fair At Fuquay

The Wake-Harnett fair is in full swing at Fuquay Springs, with a lot of agricultural, domestic arts and livestock exhibits that would do credit to any fair in the state. Midway attractions of high order afford entertainment for the visitors and attendance has exceeded expectations.

The fair is under management of J. A. Winters, of Dunn, who has his own large tent to house the exhibits. With the active support of President Tom Proctor and Secretary C. A. Ballentine, and the full cooperation of the entire community, this is the best fair ever held at Fuquay Springs and plans are being made to assure its annual repetition.

## J. O. U. A. M. Are Sponsoring Contest For Seniors

Victor Johnson, Pittsboro, State Councilor, announces an original oratorical and essay contest, subject "Americanism," sponsored by the Junior Order United American Mechanics of N. C. The oratorical contest is open to every Senior High School boy in the state; the essay contest to every Senior High School girl.

Medals go to the girl and boy winners in each of the 28 districts. Scholarships for 1938-1939, donated by the University of N. C. and Meredith College will be given to the two statewide winners. Entries will be judged on composition, memory and delivery.

High school preliminaries must

be held Nov. 11; winners to compete publicly Nov. 23 at a central city of the 28 state districts. On Feb. 22 winners of the 14 eastern and 14 western districts will have a public contest in central points of each district. The four winners from this will compete for the final award at the State Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. to be held in Charlotte Aug. 23, 1938.

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**BIRTHDAY PARTY** er, Mildred Doris Fowler, Thelma On Wednesday, September and Louise Denton. twenty-second James Barbee Chamblee, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. German of Boomer, Wilkes County, recently purchased one of his second birthday at the home of the best young Jersey bulls on the Morrison farm in Mecklenburg his parents. After games were played James County. Barbee's presents were opened, and then ice cream and cake were J. T. Horne, route 3, Wadesboro, served. Present were Jackie Wells, Anson County, recently planted Charles Wells, Ann Temple, Brooks some of the best land on his farm Pearce, Patsy Brantley, Ray Bak-to pasture for his herd of 30 Jer-



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