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JUDGE SENTENCES DR. SNOOK TO PAY PENALTY IN CHAIR

Former Ohio State Professor
Loses His Fight To Secure
A New Trial

WILL DIE NOVEMBER 29TH

Murderer Of Theora Hix, His Co-ed
Inamorata, Receives Sentence With-
out Emotion; Not Downcast As He
Is Taken To 'Death Row' Of Prison

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 20.—The
amazing Dr. James Howard Snook—
champion pistol shot, university
professor, clubman, veterinary and
finally convicted murderer—spent
tonight in Ohio State Penitentiary as
prisoner 60,636, and seemed to enjoy
the experience.

He chatted affably with others
doomed like himself to die in the
electric chair. Prison attaches said
they never had seen a man adapt
himself so readily to the penitentiary
routine.

To any but Snook the events of the
day must have moved so swiftly as
to daze and befuddle.

Had immaculately appeared be-
fore Judge Henry L. Scarlett and
hear his attorneys argue that the ju-
dicially convicted him of the murder
of his school girl innamorata, Theora
Hix, was "prejudiced."

He did not bat an eye when the
Judge overruled his lawyers' motion
for a new trial and ordered him to
stand up. He did not seem to notice
the court room crowd arise to gaze
at him.

"Have you anything to say as to
why sentence should not be passed
upon you," the judge asked.

Father There.
Snook looked about him calmly.
His wife and mother, who had stood
by him loyally during his trial, were
not there. But Melvin T. Hix, father
of the murdered girl, who had sworn
he would not rest till he saw vengeance
done, was present and glared at the
prisoner.

"No sir, Your Honor," Snook said
in low, distinct tones.

"It is then the duty of the court,"
said Judge Scarlett, "to impose the
following penalty: I sentence you to
die on the 29th day November (the
day after Thanksgiving) by means of
electric current passed through your
body of sufficient intensity and dura-
tion to cause death."

Deputies quickly surrounded Snook
and marched him back to his cell in
the county jail.

Twelve minutes after he faced Judge
Scarlett, the former professor reached
the gates of the prison, heavily man-
acled.

A crowd was there. A movie cam-
eraman industriously ground out pic-
tures, and newspaper cameramen
snapped their machines.

To "Ball Pen."
The handcuffs were unlocked when
Snook reached the "Ball Pen." The
convicted man turned to Sheriff
Harry T. Paul and said:

"Thank you for your kindness,
sheriff."

He was then led down a long grey
corridor to death row, where guards
searched him, found \$4.45 in his pocket
and told him: "We'll take this. You
can spend it later."

A cell door swung open and Snook
was led inside. Two prisoners, also
condemned to die, walked forward and
shook hands. They were Joseph B.
Locke, of Portsmouth, who killed his
mother-in-law, and Arthur Maul, Akron
youth who shot a policeman.

"Hello, Doc," said Maul. "Welcome."
Snook peered through wire mesh
into an adjoining cell to see two Ne-
groes, one a preacher, awaiting death.
The preacher had sworn to "teach Dr.
Snook to pray."

Locke and Maul pointed to the
cell bunks, two upper and two lower.
Got The Lowers.
"We've got the lowers," they told
Snook. "You'll take an upper," and
they showed him how to raise and
lower his bunk.

At noon Snook ate his first peni-
tentiary meal—beef stew with 1,000
other convicts. He was told that re-
porters wished to see him.

"For goodness sake!" he cried. "I
don't want to see them."

But the newspaper men were ad-
mitted to the cell block after lunch.
They found Snook glad in a sweater,
sitting in a chair tilted against the
bars, reading the sports page of his
favorite paper.

He was willing to chat, but he de-
clined to answer serious questions. He
declined an offer of magazines with
"No, thank you, I have plenty."

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Paul Turner, Prison Singer, Has His Identity Disclosed

UNUSUAL ACCI- DENT RESULTS IN BOY'S DEATH

Was Son Of Mr. And Mrs. W.
H. Morris Of Buffalo
Springs

An eleven-year-old boy, son of
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morris of
Buffalo Springs, died in an Ox-
ford hospital Monday as the re-
sult of a wound inflicted by a
nail. The young boy had fastened
one end of an automobile inner
tube to a tree with a nail and
was testing the power of the tube
when the nail released its hold on
the tree and was driven into the
boy's abdomen. He was carried
to an Oxford hospital but the
wound was too severe and death
followed. Funeral services were
conducted at Mill Creek and in-
terment was made in the church
cemetery Tuesday.

MANGUM RESIGNS AS CITY MANAGER

Had Rendered Faithful Service;
Accepts Position With Col-
lins-Aikman Corp.

Mr. B. B. Mangum, who has so suc-
cessfully handled the affairs of the
town as City Manager for the past
two or three years, tendered his re-
signation to the Board at a meeting
held last week. The resignation will
take effect Sept. 1st, when he will
accept a position with the Collins-
Aikman Corporation. The Board re-
luctantly accepted the resignation, as
they realize it is going to be some job
to get a man to fill his place with
the same degree of satisfaction. A
manager will probably be elected at
the next meeting of the Board.

Fords Continue To Lead In Auto Sales In State

Fords continued to set the pace in
North Carolina during July, 3,064 of
the machines being sold in the State
in July as compared with 1,302 in
July, 1928, according to Sprague Silver,
director of the State Automobile Li-
cense Department.

In popular favor, Chevrolets ran
second, 1,630 of this make of cars be-
ing bought in North Carolina last
month, compared with 1,993 in July,
1928. Pontiacs came third with 262;
Whippets fourth with 231; Essex, 201;
De Sots, 84; Chryslers, 169; Dodge,
171. Total sales of all makes of cars
in the State last month was 6,898 as
compared with 6,167 in July, 1928.

Total sales of all makes for the first
seven months of this year in this
State totaled 41,321 as compared with
33,995 during the same period last
year. These figures do not include
the trucks bought.

Services At Oak Grove And Wooddale

Mr. K. L. Street and his fine class
of young men will hold services at
Oak Grove next Sunday at eleven
o'clock a. m., and at Wooddale at
four in the afternoon. You will en-
joy these services. The public is cor-
dially invited to attend.

M. L. Maness, Pastor.

Heavy Rainfall

The heaviest rainfall of the season
fell here last Wednesday night when
two and three-sixteenths of an inch
fell. Mr. I. O. Abbott, who has charge
of the pumping station, keeps a re-
cord of the weather and furnished us
with the report.

Drs. A. F. Nichols and G. C. Vickers
are spending a few days in Norfolk,
Va., this week.

Emeralds range in value from \$5 a
carat to \$300 a carat.

The reporters left, and Snook turned
again to his sports page. If he
looked up from his reading he could
see two signs, painted on the wall by
John Habo, a Hungarian of Akron,
whose death sentence had been com-
muted to life.

One sign read: "Believe in the Lord
Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."
The other read: "Please do not swear
in this place."

Marriage In West Virginia Calls For Pictures, Finger Prints And Other Records

HAD SERVED OTHER TERMS

Raleigh, Aug. 20.—Charleston, W.
Va., officials calling today for pictures,
finger prints and the record of Paul
Turner, late of the state's prison, an-
nounced also that the singer has
married Miss Florence Burgess, of
that city, though she has been his-
torical at Rex hospital, and the news
from the West Virginia capitol has
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GEORGIA SETS NEW TOBACCO RECORDS

Crop Exceeds Last Year's In
Both Volume Of Sales And
Money Value

Atlanta, Aug. 19.—Southern Geor-
gia's 1929 bright leaf tobacco crop has
exceeded all records both for produc-
tion and gross returns. It was shown
today in the weekly report of the State
Department of Agriculture for the
fourth week of the sales season, show-
ing a total poundage sold of \$6,740,003
for \$16,271,301.19. The average for
the season is \$18.76 per hundred lbs.
Sales for the fourth week totalled
16,117,349 pounds, bringing \$2,145,646-
72, or an average of \$13.13. The drop
in price was due to the heavy volume
of inferior grades, mostly graded as
"tips," that flowed to the markets in
22 towns and cities during the week.
The season's sales exceed by more
than 1,000,000 pounds the best previ-
ous year, which was 1928, when the
crop totalled 85,727,172 pounds, but
brought only \$10,953,573.18, or an av-
erage of \$12.78 per hundred pounds,
and the money return exceeded by \$5-
600,000 the highest mark which was
set in 1927.

TOMORROW, EVENTFUL DAY FOR BALL FANS

Field Will Be Brightly Illumi-
nated By Electric Plant
For Night Game

Everything is lining up and getting
in readiness for the baseball contest
to be staged here Thursday afternoon
at 3:30 and at 8:00 o'clock between
the Southern Beauties boys' and
girl's club, and the Roxboro team.
Very few people in this community
have ever witnessed a night game of
baseball. Come out and help swell
the crowd which promises to be a
record breaker. The diamond will be
illuminated for the night game with
a strong electric plant and will be so
brilliant that you will almost think
you are witnessing a daytime game.

Painful Nail Wound

Mr. W. T. Hawkins of Hurdle Mills
suffered a very painful accident one
day last week when he stepped on a
rusty cut nail, penetrating his foot.
He was brought to Roxboro and given
medical aid. And is able to be out, al-
though the wound has given him
much pain.

Jalong Defeats Bakers

A very interesting game was played
between Jalong and Bakers Mill on
the latter's diamond last Saturday
afternoon. The final score showed
that Jalong outnumbered the Baker
boys in a tally of eight and four. This
was the second game lost by Bakers
Mill and was the closing game of
the season for them. Wilburn pitched
good ball for Jalong.

Preaching Services At First Baptist Sunday

Rev. W. F. West, Pastor, will fill his
regular appointments at the First Bap-
tist Church Sunday morning and
night. The public is cordially invited
to all of these services.

Is any price too big to pay for
a career? You must see Billie Dove's
latest, "CAREERS," with Antonio
Moreno, playing Palace Theatre Mon-
day & Tuesday, Aug. 26-27th. Matinee
Monday 3:00 p. m.

Gets G. O. P. Post



Claudius H. Huston, Tennessee
manufacturer, has been selected by
President Hoover to be the Chairman
of the Republican National Commit-
tee succeeding Dr. Hubert Work.

BETHEL HILL SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 5

Advance Opening Made Possible
By Early Harvest Of The
Tobacco Crop

Due to the fact that crops are more
advanced this year than usual school
will open one week earlier than last
year. This will enable the students
to get out of school earlier next
spring when the larger boys especially
are needed at home more.

It is hoped that every parent will
make a special effort to start every
child the first day and keep all of
them in school regularly. The records
for the whole State and for Bethel Hill
school show that there is a very close
connection between failures in work
and in poor attendance.

The janitor has been on duty a good
portion of the summer and much work
has been done on the inside of the
building. The wood work on the inside
of the elementary building has been
cleaned and varnished, while the walls
in the high school building have been
calculated.

Further announcement about the
exercises for opening day will be made
later.

COMMISSIONERS FIX TAX RATE

Rate Lowered 15 Cents, Making
Rate \$1.35; School Deficit
Prevents Lower Rate

The Board of County Commissioners
met Monday and fixed the County
tax rate at \$1.35. They had hoped to
be able to make a larger cut in
the rate but owing to some deficits,
and the increased cost of schools,
found it impossible to make it lower.
Still, the tax payers will rejoice that
the rate was lowered, for, with the
cut which will be made in the spe-
cial tax districts the amount will help
materially. Allensville and Bethel
Hill have a special tax rate of 40
cents, and the amount received from
the State will enable, in fact requires,
that the rate be cut in keeping with
the amounts received, which will
mean a reduction of approximately
25 cents, while the other districts
will be cut approximately half.

Granville Man Is Found Dead In Store

A tragedy occurred at a Bera Mon-
day evening when the dead body of
J. N. Hicks, farmer of the Bera sec-
tion was found in one of the stores
of the village. Death resulted from
asphyxiation from the fumes of a
gasoline lamp, by his own hands.
He left his home late Sunday evening
and his lifeless body was discovered
Monday morning about five o'clock.
He was a married man and leaves a
wife and several children.

Roxboro Defeated Golden Belt Friday

One of the best games played here
this season was that between the Golden
Belt and Roxboro last Friday
afternoon. It was anybody's game
until the "lucky" seventh, that is,
lucky for Roxboro. In that inning
Roxboro put across five runs, winning
the game 7-4.

Palace Theatre Friday, August 23rd.
Opening Episode "VANISHING MIL-
LIONS" with William Fairbanks and
Vivian Rich, in 13 Episodes on Fri-
days in the future.

Roxboro Visited By Hail Storm

Miss Bertha Paylor Painfully Injured In Automobile Wreck

Miss Bertha Paylor, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. J. A. Paylor, of Roxboro,
suffered a broken jaw and a number
of other bruises in an automobile wreck
in Richmond, Va., several days ago.
She was carried to a Richmond hos-
pital, where she was given treatment
and where she remained several days.
Mrs. J. A. Paylor has just returned
from Richmond, and states that she
is able to leave the hospital, but will
remain in Richmond some time for
treatment.

How much is a career worth? See
Billie Dove in "CAREERS" with An-
tonio Moreno and Noah Berry at
Palace Theatre Monday & Tuesday,
August 26-27th. Matinee Monday 3:00
p. m.

PERSON COUNTY BOYS IN PLANE ACCIDENT

One Passenger Injured While
Pilot And Other Boy
Not Hurt

Automobile wrecks have become so
commonplace as to attract very little
attention from the average person or
excite very much comment from them,
but when it comes to a wreck in the
air or when a plane crashes to the
ground it is something different and
something that none of us care to
experience. Such an experience came
to Emery Satterfield and Erwin Fox,
two young Person county boys, when
the plane in which they were riding
near Durham last Sunday afternoon
became unruly, something about the
gas line became wrong and failed to
function properly, causing a forced
landing. However, a nice field of
green peavines offered a friendly land-
ing place which was immediately used.
Young Fox suffered a fractured arm
while his companion passenger and
the pilot were only shaken up. The
plane was slightly damaged and the
pilot stated that this was the first
mishap of any kind he has had dur-
ing his more than a year and half
experience as an aviator.

\$50,000 Damage To Vance Crops By Monday Hail

Henderson, Aug. 20.—Damage esti-
mated as high as \$50,000 was done to
crops in this county by the severe
wind and hail storm which Monday
afternoon cut a path from one to
three miles wide across Vance county
from west to east, according to re-
ports received in Henderson today.
The hail, worst here in many years,
did most of the damage, catching to-
bacco farmers at a time when most
of their tobacco was ready for the
barns, and with the cream of the
crop still in the field. Stalks were
stripped of the leaves in such quan-
tities as to make it impossible to sal-
vage them and even if it were, there
would not be sufficient barn facilities
to cure the weed in the short length
of time that would be necessary.
Some individual farmers are said
to have suffered losses of more than
\$3,000. Some hail insurance was car-
ried, but nothing like enough to com-
pensate for the losses.
Corn was also stripped in many in-
stances and much damage likewise
done to cotton, the reports stated.

\$40,205,715 Cigaret Tax Jump In Year

Washington, Aug. 19.—The girls
seem to be responsible. Federal taxes
on cigarettes have jumped \$40,205,715
in a year.

Ice Cream Party

There was a party at Mr. and Mrs.
L. Mangum's home Thursday night,
Aug. 18th. Ice cream and cake was
served and it was enjoyed by every
one present.—Cor.

Birth Announcement

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oledith Oak-
ley, of Smithfield, N. C., a daughter,
Anne Carver, Thursday, August 15th.

Many Thousand Dollars Worth Of Tobacco And Corn Destroyed

BURCH'S CROP TOTAL LOSS

Monday afternoon at 1:30 Roxboro
and vicinity was visited by the most
destructive hail storm ever witnessed
in this section. The clouds formed
over the northwestern outskirts and
passed in a southeastern direction,
seemingly centering in the town, and
every living thing in the way of crops
was almost ruined. For about fifteen
minutes hail fell fast and furious,
covering the ground in a few minutes.
We have seen much larger hail stones,
but never have we seen it fall so
thick, and continue quite so long.
Hardly had the storm abated before
many citizens of the town who own
farms in the nearby sections were on
their way to see what the hail had
done to their crops. Fortunately the
area covered was not very large, the
first crop to receive material damage
was that of Mr. Roger Wilkerson, who
lives just on the western outskirts
of the town; Messrs. Joe H. Carver,
J. G. Moore and Joe R. Blanks also
suffered somewhat, but not to the
extent of many others.

The heaviest loser was Mr. R. A.
Burch, who had about 70,000 hills,
with only a small amount cut, who
states that his loss, of both corn and
tobacco, is complete, both crops be-
ing absolutely worthless. He esti-
mates his loss at \$3,000. Mr. Buck
Garrett, who lives just East of town
had the largest crop, and will prob-
ably lose more money than any other,
but he carried insurance to the amount
of \$3500, and had cut approximately
half of his crop, still he places his
loss at around \$10,000.—Mr. Geo. W.

Thomas, a Roxboro citizen, whose
farm adjoins that of Mr. Garrett, was
also a heavy loser, estimating his loss
at \$2500, while Messrs. J. L. Garrett,
Hugh Woods and Ed Gentry are heavy
losers, though we have not heard an
estimate as to the amounts.

While it is impossible to make an
estimate as to the total loss, it will
surely run well into the thousands.

The storm centered, as stated above,
in Roxboro, reaching only to Jalong
on the north, and going no further
south than Brookside. After pass-
ing the farm of Mr. Hugh Woods, on
the east, it seemed to ease up, and
then a few miles further dipped
again and struck in the vicinity of
Mr. Joe E. Montague's farm, doing
considerable damage in that section.

About 6 o'clock the clouds seemed
to gather again in the west, and the
report here today is that half fell
along the route from Semora to Pros-
pect Hill, including the Leasburg sec-
tion, doing considerable damage. We
have not been able to verify these
statements, however, and can only
hope it was not such as visited Rox-
boro.

Whooping Cough On Increase In State

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—Whooping cough
led the State in contagious diseases
last week, when 294 new cases were
reported, with diphtheria second with
51 cases. Forty-four cases of typhoid
fever was reported, 37 cases of scarlet
fever, seven cases of smallpox and one
case of measles. A year ago this last
week only 47 new cases of whooping
cough were reported.

Well Known Man Passes

Mr. Henry Yarboro, aged 60, well
known and respected farmer, died at
his home near Milton, Sunday morn-
ing at one o'clock. Surviving him are
his wife and several sons and daugh-
ters. The funeral was conducted from
the home Monday afternoon at one
o'clock by Elder, E. C. Oakes, of Se-
mora, interment following in the
family cemetery near his home.

Helena vs. East Roxboro

Helena was an easy winner in the
game between East Roxboro on their
home ground last Saturday afternoon.
Although Fletcher Blalock pitched
Friday he was too much for East
Roxboro Saturday, winning his game
10-8. Lunsford led the hitting for
Helena with four out of five, while
G. Pearce got two timely blows, driv-
ing in the first two runs. Blalock
let East Roxboro down with four
hits. Batteries Helena, Blalock and
Hall. East Roxboro, Hicks and Hob-
good.