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## MURDER TRIAL THIS WEEK; LIGHT DOCKET; JUDGE LONG PRESIDING

Light Docket, Except for Murder and Rape Cases—Crowds Attend

### JURY HAD NOT YET FOUND TRUE BILL IN MURDER CASE

Trial of Blacksburg Boys Will Probably Not Take Place Before Wednesday

Court convened yesterday morning with Judge Long presiding and Solicitor Newland prosecuting. The names of the jurors, although previously published, will appear again in Friday's Highlander.

The criminal docket is exceedingly light, the cases being summarized in the list (below) of those in jail, awaiting trial.

The chief cases are those against the Blacksburg boys for the King's Mountain murder and the alleged rape by Harrison Collins of Miss Novella Davis. Miss Davis is a daughter of Mr. J. Davis of the Ella Mill, South Shelby.

The grand jury had not yet returned a true bill when this paper went to press, although it is believed that that one of more of the boys will be tried and that the case will come up about Wednesday. Names of the lawyers in the case were published in Friday's Highlander.

## MARION ROSS WINS AT UNIVERSITY

University, Chapel Hill, N. C., Mch. 21.—In a sharp contest held here Monday night by the Dialectic Literary Society for the Fresh-Soph debate, Mr. Marion Ross, Jr., was unanimously chosen to represent his class. Mr. Ross is a splendid debater, this being the second debate he has made this year. The final debate will be held April 15.

The Good Roads Institute held under the auspices of the Department of Civil and Highway Engineering of the University and the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey began Tuesday morning and continued for three days. The Institute was under the supervision of Dr. Hyde Pratt, the State Geologist. There were forty-two county road engineers and superintendents who attended the meeting.

Wanderlust, is the title of a book written by Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds, of the Class of 1906 of the University, copy of which has been received by the University Library. It is dedicated to O. Max Gardner of Shelby and Bernard M. Conlon, and the book is a story of the experiences of its author as encountered in extensive travels to this and other countries.

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MAY 16. CONVENTION 25TH

At a meeting of the county executive committee of the Democratic party held in the Court House Monday it was decided to hold the county primary on the same date as the state and congressional primary, May 16, and the county convention on Saturday, May 23. The registration books for the primary will be opened on Saturday, April 25th and will remain open until May 16th at 12:30 o'clock p. m. The polls will open at 1:00 o'clock and remain open until sundown.

A full list of registrars for the various precincts will be given in the Highlander on Friday of this week.

## YOUNG "JUNK DEALERS" ACQUITTED BY RECORDER

The Shelby Recorder yesterday was the scene of an interesting hearing Saturday evening, when eight of the Shelby young Wauwanessee or Silverstons, which were brought before the bar to answer to the charge of illegal transactions in junk.

They ranged in age from ten to fourteen and came of a number of Shelby's best families.

It seems that junk, old brass, tin-type metal castings, and the like had mysteriously disappeared from their proper places. Boys ears had been alleged to have been filed, looted, and junk taken therefrom. A well-known machine had been stripped of its brass fixtures, the owner replaced these and had hoisted it on a box car to ship away, when he beheld the fixtures were swiped before the car got away.

Some people thought there was a gang of little "fags," which operated on the "junk."

However, when the case came to trial the recorder discharged them. There was no evidence against them. It seems that they had been doing much "trading" among one another and that much of the stuff which they had sold to the legitimate local dealer in junk had been "found" by the boys.

## WILL YET RECEIVE CALLS FROM JACK FROST

The Weather Man Says Spring Weather is Coming But So Is Jack

Washington, March 22.—A gradual return this week to normal spring temperatures, with generally fair skies, was predicted by the Weather Bureau tonight for all parts of the country East of the Rocky Mountains.

"There will be frost the first part of the week, however," said the bulletin, "in the East Gulf and South Atlantic States, except Southern Florida."

"There is nothing to indicate marked storm activity over the country. A disturbance of moderate intensity will appear in the Northwest Wednesday or Thursday across the Middle West about Friday and the Eastern States near the end of the week; this disturbance will be attended by local areas of precipitation and be followed by a change to cooler weather in the Northern States."

## RAILROAD MASS MEETING AT ST. PETERS SCHOOLHOUSE

A Citizen's Mass Meeting for mutual information on the proposed Railroad Bond Issue is called for the coming Saturday night at St. Peter's School House in Upper Cleveland.

The meeting is for INFORMATION only and not with the intention of influencing anybody.

The intelligent citizens of Upper Cleveland are chiefly desirous of finding out the FACTS at issue. They can be depended upon to do the right thing, once they know the facts.

Both sides of the question are requested to come out.

## NEGRO ATTACKS YOUNG GASTON COUNTY WOMAN

Screams Scared Negro Away—Drove Followed Negro to Outskirts of Gastonia But Lost Trail

Gastonia, March 21.—The city authorities were startled tonight over the attempted assault made on Miss Emma Dixon, who lives about three miles from Gastonia.

The attack occurred this afternoon at 4 p. m. Miss Dixon had gone to the spring near her home for water when the negro attacked her. He choked her and tore her clothes, but when she began screaming for help he fled before he had accomplished his purpose.

Others were immediately notified and bloodhounds were rushed to the scene. They followed the trail to the outskirts of Gastonia but there lost it.

Miss Dixon says she could not identify the negro. Eight officers endeavored to apprehend the criminal but at the time of going to bed had found no clue.

Miss Dixon is about 40 years old and lives with her mother. The attack left her unconscious for a time but when she came to herself the negro had gone. Her brother lives about a mile distant. He was immediately notified and officers in Gastonia were then sought.

Talking to the chief of police of Gastonia Saturday night the Highlander learned that he was notified of the occurrence about an hour after it had occurred. He immediately rushed to the scene, and with dogs followed the trail close into Gastonia, but there the dogs lost the trail.

## RAILROAD CLUB IS ORGANIZED AT BELWOOD

Forty Members Join the First Night—Seeking Information

People of the Belwood section of the Fallston-Belwood Railroad district of last Friday night organized a railroad club for information. Forty members joined.

Mr. P. L. Peeler was elected president and Mr. Thad C. Ford, secretary.

Speeches were made by Esq. J. G. Hoyle, Mr. A. G. Higgins and Mr. P. L. Peeler.

The club was organized for the purpose of obtaining information—to get the facts.

The people of that section are desirous of doing the right thing for their community and for the whole county. They do not want to be misinformed or misled in this important issue, hence their eagerness to join clubs, organized for the purpose of finding out the full text, meat and matter of the election to be held on Saturday the 11th of April.

The club is desirous of embracing in its membership all of the fair-minded and public-spirited citizens of the district.

THE FRANK CASE

Williams Burns, the world-famous detective, who has conducted successfully some of the greatest cases in the criminal annals of the country, has personally taken charge of the investigation into the murder of Mary Phagan, for which Leo Frank, factory superintendent, was convicted.

## THREE MILES OF FINE ROAD BUILT IN "NUMBER 8"

Splendid Example of Co-operative Road Building—30 Miles were Last Week's Work

The splendid example of co-operative road building in the "Number 8" township, which was completed last week, was the work of the "Number 8" township.

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## ENGLAND HEREAFTER WILL DEAL WITH MEXICO DIRECT

King Geo. Fears A Civil Conflict

His Majesty Expressly Requests His Officers Not To Resign Their Posts

MAY START MILITARY

Ulster Army is Busy Marching About The Hills Around Belfast

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War-factory Arrangements Are Made With the State Department

WILL NOT CAUSE CHANGE OF POLICY

Not Regarded as Recognizing the Constitutionalist Government

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## BURSTED BLOOD VESSEL PURSUING HER BOY

Rutherford Woman's Runaway Boy the Cause of Her Demise in Charlotte

Mrs. Ralph Shotwell died in the Presbyterian Hospital at Charlotte and her body was brought to Rutherfordton and buried in the cemetery Tuesday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. G. G. O'Neal, of the Southern Baptist church, his pastor assisted by Rev. F. B. Rankin, of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Maggie Coral Wallace Shotwell was born December 5th, 1890. Her parents died in her infancy and she was raised by her maternal grandfather, Mr. George Washington Goode. She was married to Mr. Ralph H. Shotwell Thanksgiving Day, 1909, and died March 16th, 1914. She joined Mount Vernon Baptist church in her girlhood and lived a sweet Christian life.

The rupture of a blood vessel in pursuit of her baby, Nathan Shotwell, two years old, who had wandered from her Charlotte home toward the deadly street car track. This occurred Thursday, March 12th. Physicians were summoned and she was removed to the hospital all in vain. She had given her life for the child. The boy, with a five-year-old sister, Leona, is left to the bereaved father and husband.—The Sun.

## STATE NEWS

In Moore county the commissioners have decided to name a bank as county treasurer and save the county the expense of maintaining that office. A law passed by the last Legislature at the instance of Mr. Henry A. Page, the member from Moore county, and which applies to about 17 counties in the States, provides that county commissioners may select a bank to keep the county funds and abolish the office of county treasurer.

Mr. John E. Leeper, chairman of the Gaston county board of commissioners, died Friday morning at his home in Gastonia, in his 63rd year. For years Mr. Leeper had been prominent in Gaston county affairs. He had been register of deeds, had served in the Legislature and as deputy collector of internal revenue under the last Cleveland administration and for 12 or more years had been chairman of the board of commissioners.

Three negro children, aged three, six years and thirteen months, were burned to death in Union county Friday. They were left alone in a two-room cabin while their parents were away at work and the house caught fire and was burned before they could be rescued. The bodies of the children were found in the rear of the dwelling, after the walls had fallen in. The older child was holding the baby in her arms and the three-year-old was holding to its older sister.

On the ill-fated steamer "Monroe" which went down in Chesapeake Bay, was a big shipment of goods from the Henrietta and Florence Mills. The mill company has filed claim for damages.

Big Singing at Sandy Plains.—People of the county are requested not to forget the Old Time Singing, scheduled for March 29th—next Sunday the fifth in the month. Cant. O. D. Price will preside, assisted by other capable leaders.

## FINAL EXTENSION OF SPECIAL OFFER IN HIGHLANDER'S GREAT CONTEST

The attention of every contestant in The Highlander's big, booming contest, is called to the EXTENSION of the club bonus offers for ONE MORE week—positively the last week in which the scale of clubs now in force will be allowed.

Next week we will either have no club offers on, or they will be considerably lower.

The club offers now on afford a grand opportunity for anyone in the contest to work hard in the few remaining weeks of the contest and land a big prize.

Clubs must be mailed before midnight next Saturday, the 28th. Here are the OFFERS now on: This week ending March 21, a \$100-club wins 900,000 EXTRA votes. This week a \$75 club wins 600,000 EXTRA votes. This week a \$50 club wins 350,000 EXTRA votes. This week a \$25 club wins 100,000 EXTRA votes. This week a \$10 club wins 30,000 EXTRA votes.

## REVISED SCHEDULE OF VOTES IN CONTEST

PERIOD "C"	
March 14 to March 29	
1 yr.	3,000
2 yrs.	8,000
3 yrs.	15,000
5 yrs.	30,000
10 yrs.	100,000
25 yrs.	300,000

PERIOD "D"	
March 29th to End of Contest	
1 yr.	2,000
2 yrs.	5,000
3 yrs.	10,000
5 yrs.	25,000
10 yrs.	75,000

Opportunity at some time KNOCKS upon every man's door. It is knocking upon a thousand doors today. Few can hear the knock—until it is too late. It is NOT too late for any contestant in The Highlander's great contest to GET BUSY NOW—and win that fine Ford auto.

Nothing Venture, Nothing Gain. It is the old case of "Nothing Venture, Nothing Gain," over again.