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SENTENCED TWICE ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE, IS FREED

Ollie Bean Case Finally Settled
After Three Years in the
Courts

SHOT NEIGHBOR IN 1935

A verdict of not guilty of manslaughter, after his having been found guilty and given long prison sentences in each of two former trials of the case, brought joy to the heart of Ollie Bean when the jury brought in its decision at 9:00 o'clock last Friday night in Superior Court at Carthage.

Bean's case, arising from the fatal shooting of Andrew Comer, a neighbor, in the yard of Bean's home at 7:00 o'clock on the evening of December 31, 1935, was of widespread interest for a while, but it had appeared on the calendar so many times that readers passed it over, hardly recalling the circumstances.

The shooting was investigated by D. Carl Fry, county coroner at that time, and his findings were that Bean and Comer had had some trouble about six weeks prior to the tragedy, and that Bean had told Comer to stay away from his home; that on December 31 Comer returned to the home of Bean and told the latter that he could not run him off again; that Bean finally got him to leave, but around 7:00 o'clock he came back and slipped up to the well in front of the home and asked Bean to come out, leveling a double-barrel shot gun toward the door as Bean came out. Bean fired a .32 pistol bullet through Comer's head.

Just what the trouble between the two men was was not established, but it was rumored in their community that the two were partners in the liquor business and that Bean had made a sale and had not settled with Comer for his part.

Bean Called Sheriff

After the shooting, Bean phoned for the sheriff and the county doctor, but on account of a deep snow, they were unable at once to reach Bean's home just inside the Moore county line in Sheffield township. A doctor from Asheboro was called, but it was clearly evident that the unconscious man lying beneath the well shelter was past aid. He died a short time later, lying under quilts that had been brought out from his slayer's home to protect him from the cold.

Then followed summons after summons to appear in court. Charged with murder in the first degree, Bean in Recorder's Court on January 13, 1936 was bound to Superior Court under bond of \$6,000. At the January term which convened a few days later, the case was continued. In May of the same year, a verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned and Bean was sentenced to serve from 12 to 15 years in State's Prison. He appealed to the Supreme Court and was granted a new trial.

In January 1937 and again in May of the same year, the case was found continued, but at the August term, Bean was again found guilty of manslaughter and given from 10 to 20 years in State's Prison. The case was heard, and had been given to the jury at 7:30 Wednesday evening. The jury deliberated from then until 4:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon before reaching their verdict, which was doomed to be set aside.

In some way, it leaked out that the officer in charge of the jury had left the group to make arrangements for lunch. Some one from the courtroom went to the door to inquire if they had reached a verdict, and told some of the members, in substance, that they ought to agree on a verdict if possible; that not to agree would be expensive to the county.

This was brought to the attention of the Court by counsel for the defense and the verdict was set aside. However, the Court found

His Longest Ride

London, England Taxi Driver
Is Brought to America
by W. C. Fownes

The Associated Press carried the following story from London, England, under date of August 16:

A London taxi driver sailed on the Queen Mary today for a two weeks holiday in America, the guest of W. C. Fownes, Pittsburgh business man. Mr. Fownes is a Sandhills winter resident.

Fownes hired the taxi driver, E. Barnes, in London for a tour of Southern England.

"My family and I found that the taximan was a fine fellow and interested as I am in antiques," the American explained. "I asked him to come to America with me and we are delighted to have him."

ARAS J. WILLIAMS, PINEHURST, DIES IN BOSTON HOSPITAL

Prominent Manufacturer of
Utica, New York Succumbs
Following Brain Operation

TIN WHISTLES MEMBER

Aras J. Williams, 69, of Utica, N. Y., and Pinehurst, died on Wednesday afternoon, August 16, in a Boston hospital where he had been confined for two weeks, following an operation for a brain tumor.

Mr. Williams was born in Utica July 15, 1870, a son of the late Irvin A. Williams. The founder of the family in this country was Thomas Williams who came to the United States from England and located at Wethersfield, Conn., in 1648.

Mr. Williams was educated in the public schools and graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1888. He then went to the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, taking the course in mechanical engineering, and was graduated in 1891.

After engaging in the manufacturing business in Utica for many years Mr. Williams went abroad in 1918 as a volunteer worker for the American Red Cross. He was stationed at Le Mans, France, where at one time there were more than 200,000 troops. He was district manager and also acted as assistant seal director, of whom there were but five in France.

He had the rank of captain and his service, which ended in 1919, was outstanding. On returning to Utica he continued his work with Utica Chapter, American Red Cross. He organized and until 1924 was chairman of the committee on disaster preparedness.

During his long business career, Mr. Williams was active in many business enterprises from which he had withdrawn in recent years. He was among the organizers of the Avalon Knitting Company, of which he was an officer for a dozen years.

A lover of the out of doors, Mr. Williams for years had a summer home on Big Moose Lake in the Adirondacks and a winter home in Pinehurst. He was a member of the Tin Whistles here and numerous clubs in Utica and New York City. He had long been a member of Grace Church and was one of its vestrymen.

Mr. Williams married Miss Eugenie Bernard of Rochester, N. Y., who is living. They have a daughter, Mrs. Edward Norris, Jr.

BOOKS REMOVED TO NEW SOUTHERN PINES LIBRARY

Books were removed from the Municipal Building on East Broad street, Southern Pines to the new Southern Pines Library building on West Broad street on Tuesday, and Miss Katharine Martin, librarian, is hard at work arranging them in the new shelves preparatory to the formal opening of the recently completed building next month. Meanwhile, the library is temporarily closed for the circulation of books.

THIEVES ENTER POSTOFFICES AT CAMERON, VASS

Get \$25.00 in Cameron But
Find Only Small Change
in Vass Office

SMASHED REAR WINDOWS

Two postoffice robberies were staged within three nights last week in Moore county. On Thursday night, thieves gained entrance to the Cameron postoffice by way of a rear window and made away with from \$20 to \$25, \$16.25 of which belonged to Mrs. Padgett, a postoffice employee. Rolls of pennies amounting to several dollars were included in the amount taken.

At Vass Saturday night, the robbers first sought to enter through a basement window, but finding that they could not get in the postoffice that way, they placed a board from the ground to the rear door, which is several feet above the ground level, and climbed up. They broke a piece of glass sufficiently large to allow them to reach in and unlock the door.

Once inside, the safe presented no problem as the lock had been blown by former visitors. A tin money box and a paper-wrapped package within the safe looked promising, so the thieves carried them into the rear hall for examination. The parcel contained an international money order book and the tin box held one-fifty-cent piece and some pennies. The cash drawer yielded only a bit of change. The robbers took the silver, which amounted to around a dollar, but left the pennies.

Deputy Sheriff Grimm expressed the opinion that both robberies were committed by the same persons as the methods were almost identical. Screw-driver marks on the windows at both places tallied, he said.

Kiwanis Hospital Bed Fund Gets \$200 Gift

Judge William A. Way Sends
Club Proceeds of Admission
Fees to Orchid Greenhouses

The Sandhills Kiwanis Club, at its meeting on Wednesday adopted a resolution of thanks and appreciation to Judge William A. Way and the Carolina Orchid Growers, Inc., for the receipt of a check for \$200 toward the club's hospital bed fund. Judge Way has made it a practice for several years to charge admission to the orchid greenhouses during the winter season, and of turning the proceeds over to the Kiwanis organization, of which he was long a member.

The Kiwanians support a bed in the children's ward of the Moore County Hospital, toward which the annual check from Judge Way is applied.

The Carolina Orchid Growers, Inc. was recently awarded a gold medal for a second display of its orchids at the New York World's Fair. It had previously won a similar award.

CLAIMS SHE DIDN'T GET MUCH FOR LOT SHE GAVE

Florence M. Deacon, a citizen of Great Britain now residing in Southern Pines, has started suit in Moore county Superior Court seeking to have declared null and void a deed of gift conveying a tract of land, approximately 18 3-4 acres in Carthage, to a kinswoman, Ethel M. Rose.

The plaintiff resided alone in Southern Pines, having no kinspeople in America. In 1932, according to the complaint, Miss Rose came to England, visited her and the plaintiff decided that she would like for her to remain with her and care for her the rest of her life. Upon Miss Rose's promise to do this, the plaintiff had the deed to the land made.

Soon thereafter, the plaintiff alleges, the defendant went back to England to visit for a short time and has since refused to return.

Baby Deer Flies From Mexico To Make Home in Pinebluff

Dr. and Mrs. Kemp Return
With Pet After Wading Thru
International Red Tape

Score up a First for Moore county. In fact it may be two firsts. Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm B. Kemp of Pinebluff arrived by airplane from Mexico City, Mexico last week-end with—guess what? A deer.

As far as The Pilot has been able to ascertain, this is the first airplane flight ever made by a deer. It may also be the first time a live deer has been transported from Mexico into the United States.

The animal is no bigger than a pint of cider. Dr. and Mrs. Kemp saw it in Mexico, and fell immediately in love with it. They decided to bring it back to Pinebluff where Dr. Kemp is head of the Sanatorium, as a pet.

Little did they realize at the time the amount of governmental red tape involved in their plan. They had to cope with health authorities and customs officials and go through diplomatic channels which led almost to the desks of Presidents Cardenas and Roosevelt before getting their prize across the border.

But its safe in the Kemp home in Pinebluff, and follows the family around the house like a puppy.

Dr. and Mrs. Kemp spent several weeks in Mexico where they visited historic scenes and spent many days sailfishing, catching several weighing in excess of 100 pounds.

Grand Jury Calls For Safe Transportation

Recommends Careful Inspection
and Maintenance of School
Buses in County

Careful inspection of all school buses and special emphasis on proper maintenance throughout the coming year were recommended by the Grand Jury in its report last week.

"Public schools will open in the near future. In view of the fact that such a large number of school children are transported, and realizing the damage to the public at large and particularly to the children riding on school buses, we recommend the proper authorities be requested to see that all school buses are carefully inspected as to their safety and further that all school buses are in good and safe running condition before they are put into service and that special emphasis be placed on the proper maintenance throughout the coming year," the body reported.

Loafing on county property was also brought up, the report stating: "Considerable complaint has been made to this jury about loafing on Courthouse grounds and property after the building is closed in the evening and on Sundays and holidays. This situation is resulting in the abuse of the grounds and shrubbery and affects the appearance of the property in general. We recommend that the Sheriff's Office and Town Officers cooperate in an attempt to stop this seemingly unnecessary abuse of town property."

The prison camp was reported to be in good condition, clean and orderly. Buildings and equipment at the county home and jail were found in good repair, except for a few minor things. It was recommended that a feed storage shed at the county home barn be rebuilt and that outside window frames at the jail be painted.

All justices of the peace had filed reports, the grand jury found, except one, A. D. McLean of Aberdeen. Twenty-one administrators, executors and guardians had not filed their annual reports as required by law.

I. C. Sledge of Pinehurst was foreman of the Grand Jury.

MISS BAILEY SINGS FOR KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS

Miss Ernestine Bailey sang a number of pleasing selections at regular meeting of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club held Wednesday noon in the Southern Pines Baptist Church. Her mother accompanied her on the piano.

School Days

They Start Again in Southern
Pines on Wednesday,
September 6

Southern Pines School, grade and high school, will open for the fall term on Wednesday, September 6th, Superintendent Philip J. Weaver announced this week. The entire faculty will report the day before and everything will be in readiness for the opening.

ABERDEEN PLANS FOR OPENING OF TOBACCO MARKET

Will Formulate Program at
Meeting of Citizens and Tobacco
Men Tonight

NEW BRIGHT BELT OPENS

Aberdeen is busily engaged in preparations for the opening of the tobacco market here week after next. A meeting of citizens and tobacco men will be held tonight to launch a campaign to get millions of pounds to the floors of the two local warehouses during the season. Aberdeen anticipates a record season, with this section having not only more leaf than in many years but also the highest quality tobacco seen here in some time.

The New Bright Belt tobacco markets opened on Tuesday of this week with a price level somewhat disappointing to growers throughout eastern North Carolina. The general average lacked from \$1 to \$2 of meeting the \$18 a hundredweight level anticipated. A record breaking volume of the bright leaf flowed to the 14 markets comprising the belt.

Awakened by Dog to Discover Death of Wife

News of Passing of Mrs. D. B.
Smith, West End, Spread
by Family Pet

Early last Wednesday morning the pet dog in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith in West End sensed that something had happened to Mrs. Smith. He dashed into her husband's room and tried to awaken him, eventually succeeding. He led Mr. Smith into his wife's room where he found that she had passed away during the night. All day Wednesday the dog would not leave the bedside, nor would he let anyone approach.

Mrs. Smith was 58 years of age and with her husband had made her home in West End for the past 18 years, coming from Kentucky. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church at West End on Thursday afternoon, after which the body was taken by train to Grayson, Kentucky for interment.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Smith is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Molly Messer of Hitchens, Ky., Mrs. Lillie Bowling of San Diego, Cal., and Miss Jennie Everman of West End.

MOORE 28TH IN STATE IN MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS

Moore county, with 28 industrial plants, ranked 28th in the state in value of manufactured products in 1937, a survey made by S. H. Hobbs, Jr. of the North Carolina News Letter, reveals. This county had 1,339 wage earners in industry, paid out \$904,992 in wages, handled \$5,047,377 of raw materials which when put through the processes of manufacture had an added value of \$2,139,027.

Guilford led the state as a manufacturing county. Lee county, with 28 industrial plants, ranked 42d in the state, and Hoke, with but six plants, ranked 58th.

MISS C. PIERSON ACQUIRES JACK'S GRILL BUILDING

Will Lease Ground Floor for
Business Purposes, Turn Second
Floor into Apartments

REMODELING OWN SHOP

Sale of the building which for many years has housed Jack's Grill, on West Broad street, Southern Pines, to Miss Catherine Pierson, interior decorator, was announced this week. Miss Pierson will take possession upon completion of the new Stevens Building, into which O. R. Conrad, proprietor, will move Jack's Grill.

It is understood that Miss Pierson plans to lease the ground floor of her newly acquired property for business purposes, and that she will remodel the second floor into apartments.

Announcement of the sale to Miss Pierson puts the quietus on rumors current in town for several weeks that the property had been acquired by outside interests which might prove objectionable. The sale was made through the offices of F. T. Barnum, Inc., realtors, with the law firm of Johnson and McCluer, Aberdeen, representing the former owners of the building.

Miss Pierson is remodeling her interior decorating shop in the Barnum Building, adjoining the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, adding a bay window on the arcade side to provide light which will be lost by the erection of the new Stevens block.

Contractor J. D. Arey completed the excavation work for the Stevens Building this week and will start at once on its construction, plans of which were announced in last week's Pilot. It is expected to have the building completed for October occupancy by Mr. Stevens and Jack's Grill.

Tots' Toggery Moves Into Welch Arcade

Building Remodeled into Attractive
Shop for Display of
Clothing for Youth

Work of remodeling the south store of the Welch Arcade Building on West Broad street, Southern Pines for occupancy by Tot's Toggery was completed during the past week, with the result one of the most attractive shops in the Sandhills. The Misses Katherine Wiley and Erma Fisher, proprietors of Tot's Toggery, plan their opening in the new home next Friday, September 1st. They will move their stock from the former location on West Pennsylvania avenue the forepart of next week.

The new showroom is finished in sepia and maroon, a combination of colors providing both light and beauty. The showroom is well provided with shelving for the display of toggery for youngsters of school age and young ladies through their teens. The shop has a large display window on Broad street. Shelves, with lattice work above, separate the showroom from the workshop and dressing rooms in the rear of the building.

Other construction work here during the past week included the remodeling of the former Simonds grocery building on West Broad street for Miss Allie McIntosh, whose antique shop was previously located in the Carolina Theatre building. The Patch Department store has been torn up during the past week while a new floor was being laid. When completed Mr. Patch plans the rearrangement of his showrooms, with a change of location of the offices. Cecil Robinson has practically completed his new showroom for the display of Nash cars, located beside his filling station on the south edge of Southern Pines.

The Marenne Beauty Shop, which occupied a store in the Balvedere Hotel building last year, is remodeling the shop preparatory to opening soon after Labor Day. This shop will be under the management of Miss Blake Clontz, who is installing all new equipment.