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Arguments Heard As Spivey Case Nears Jury Stage

Jurors Selected From Scotland County Venire

Defendant On Stand

The Spivey case terminated late Thursday afternoon with a verdict of murder in the second degree. The prisoner was sentenced to a term of 15 to 20 years. Notice of appeal to the supreme court was filed, the appeal bond set at \$100 and the appearance bond at \$15,000.

Earlier story follows:

The case against R. F. Spivey, of Robbins, charged with first degree murder in the death of his wife, went to the jury Thursday afternoon after arguments were opened in a special session Wednesday night.

The trial, which began Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. in the courtroom at Carthage, in a special term of criminal court, reached heights of drama almost at once with the testimony of Police Chief John J. Lanier, of Robbins, who was called out of church to be the first to view the body of Mrs. Spivey, who lay battered and dead on her bedroom floor. The gory scene was described in detail. Mrs. Dorothy Cheek, sister of Mrs. Spivey, was also heard as a witness on the opening day. Witnesses heard Wednesday, before the state rested its case in late afternoon, included Mrs. Alma Upchurch, Frank Upchurch, Don Murray, brother of the deceased woman, Funeral Director Wayland Kennedy, Dr. W. N. McDuffie and Officer Garner Maness, of Robbins.

Defendant On Stand

Spivey, taking the stand in his own defense, described copious drinking which preceded the death, and declared he remembered no details of the brawl or beating which ensued. He was followed on the stand by his daughter (by a first wife—the deceased was his second) and numerous character witnesses from Robbins and Lexington, where he was formerly a policeman.

Attorneys for the defense are H. F. Seawell, Jr., and W. D. Sabiston, both of Carthage. Solicitor M. G. Boyette is being assisted in the prosecution by Attorneys Thomas D. Cooper of Burlington and D. B. Teague of Sanford.

Jury

Judge Wilson Warlick is on the bench. Jurors, selected from a special venire chosen from the body of Scotland county, are W. R. Baxley, Wallie Nelson, Ed Creech, J. D. Bullard, Sr., Edgar Currie, Leo Wilkes, Clyde Evans, J. T. Lipscomb, J. B. Lee, Hal McMillan (alternate), Laurinburg; Edward Duncan, Laurel Hill, and Edgar Quick, Gibson. Frank Badgett of Carthage is jury guard.

The Spivey Murder Case, Second Day; Horror Fades Before A Girl's Voice

by Katharine Boyd

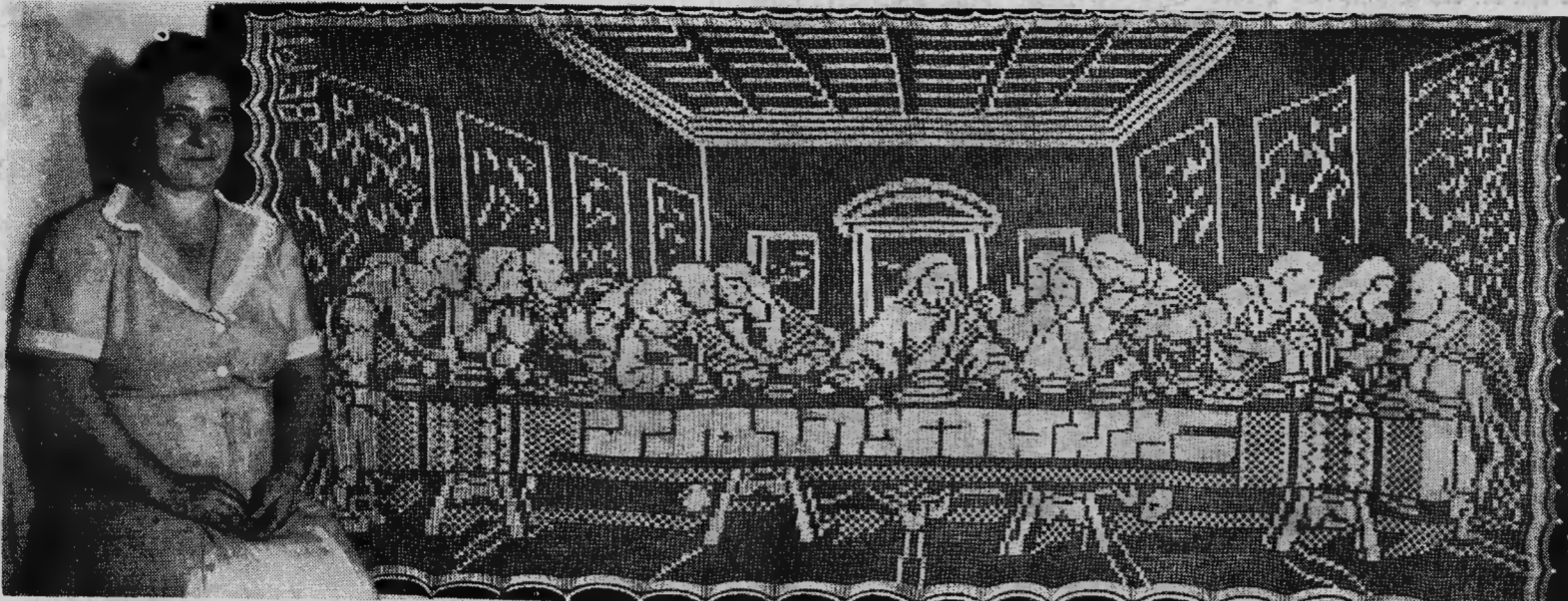
"I don't know. I don't think so. I don't know."

The words came again and again. They ran through the testimony like a monotonous deadly refrain: "I don't know. I don't know. Sir, I don't know."

The court room of the Carthage court house Wednesday afternoon was crowded with people; they crammed into the narrow rows of seats; they stood along the walls and blotted out the light from the windows, until Judge Warlick said they blotted out the air, too, and made them move. Reluctantly the spectators gave up the positions of vantage from which they had gotten a good view of the prisoner.

That's what most of them had come for: to see the prisoner and to hear him talk, and then to wonder and wonder: "What happened? Did he do it? Did he 'brutally strike his wife on the back of the head, slaying her with a blow from a blunt instrument?'" Is that what happened on the

"Jesus Took Bread, and Blessed, and Broke, and Gave To His Disciples"



Three and a half years of devoted labor went into the crocheting of "The Last Supper" by Mrs. Angelo Montesanti, of East Pennsylvania avenue. So far as is known, there is only one other like it in the United States. Reading of the other one, Mrs. Montesanti wrote to its maker in New York City and received from her a tiny diagram from which she fashioned the superb piece of handiwork shown above, its dimensions 10 feet by three and a half.

Mrs. Montesanti, seated at left, plans to use a linen sheet brought from Italy years ago as part of her trousseau to make a tablecloth with the crocheted piece as center, to use for devotional occasions such as weddings, christenings and First Holy Communion celebrations. As such it will be a treasured heirloom in her family.

(Photo by Humphrey)

Flower Colors Sing Of Spring

The flowers that bloom in the spring are filling the air of the Sandhills with their fragrance. Actually putting up some competition with the pines.

Out under the big pines themselves, arbutus is blooming under the dry leaves of the scrub-oaks; little boys are holding up tightly-bound tiny bunches of it to folks as they drive by the street corners. Violets, too, are beginning to glow in the shady spots, with that deep burning richness that is theirs alone.

In the yards, the forsythia, spirea, flowering fruit trees and flowering oriental cherries are a mass of frothy blossoms. Wild plum bursts out over night in the hollows, while the narcissus and yellow daffodils are "dancing in the breeze."

Some of the prettiest shrubs are to be found in West Southern Pines. Colored people have a magic touch with growing things. They can take a poor piece of ground and some dry roots and before you know it the place is a fairland of bloom. Around some of the older places in West Southern Pines, the shrubs are high and gnarled under the shade trees, and grass is thick with the little old-fashioned yellow narcissus and, now, the wide green leaves of lilies are beginning to show, a promise of what beauty is to come.

A drive around town shows many dogwoods starting to open their thin pale-green petals, petals that will turn suddenly to gleaming white. They are the glory of our woods. The quince bushes, with their salmon red glow along the hedgerows, the bridal-wreath and first breath of spring stretched silvery tentacles. The pussy willows are turning to

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Church Services And Song Salute Joyous Eastertide

EASTER MONDAY

Easter Monday will be observed as a general holiday here, with practically all businesses, the Citizens Bank and Trust company and city offices closed for the day.

At Carthage it was learned that county offices will be closed and recorders court will be held Tuesday instead of Monday.

Federal offices, alas, do not recognize this holiday, one of pleasant tradition rather than of any historic significance. Post office workers and other employees of Uncle Sam will be on the job as usual.

Southern Pines schools will have a holiday Monday, though the usual closing on Good Friday will be skipped this year in the interest of making up time lost in last winter's bad weather. Most county schools will observe no holiday—it will all go to make up time.

Four Home Games Are On Schedule For This Week

Dawson Announces Complete Schedule For Spring Season

The Southern Pines High School baseball team will really swing into the season this week, providing also plenty of entertainment for the home folks, with four games on the local field as follows: Friday, vs. Hamlet; Easter Monday, vs. Elise High, Robbins; Tuesday, vs. Laurinburg; Wednesday, vs. West End.

All games will be at 3 p. m. and will continue so until toward the end of the season, when lengthening days will cause an adjustment to 3:30.

Season tickets being sold by a number of citizens at a considerable saving provide admission to all home games, totaling 10. The first, with Pinehurst, was played Wednesday of this week. A close game, it ended in defeat for Southern Pines, 15-12.

The rest of the schedule as announced this week by A. C. Dawson, coach, is as follows:

In April—Tuesday 6, Deep River, there; Wednesday 7, West End, there; Friday 9, Aberdeen, here; Tuesday 13, Deep River, here; Wednesday 14, Aberdeen, there; Friday 16, Greenwood, here; Monday 19, Cameron, there; Tuesday 20, Jonesboro, there; Tuesday 27, Pinehurst, there; Wednesday 28, Laurinburg, there; Friday 30, Greenwood, there.

In May—Tuesday 4, Jonesboro, here; Wednesday 5, Cameron, here; Friday 7, Robbins, there.

Another game with Hamlet is to be arranged, with later announcement of the date of play.

Good Friday And Holy Saturday Observances Noted

The joyous Eastertide will be ushered in at local churches with psalms of praise and glory, as before altars banked with the loveliest of spring flowers Christian congregations reaffirm their faith in the Resurrection.

At Emmanuel Episcopal church Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8, 9:30 and 11 o'clock Sunday morning. At the 11 o'clock service the Rev. F. Craighill Brown, rector, will deliver a sermon on the Easter theme, and the choir, directed by Mrs. Manly Wellman, will present special music with Mrs. Arthur Eakins at the organ.

At St. Anthony's Catholic church, Easter Sunday masses, with Holy Communion, will be at 7, 8 and 10:30 a. m., with sacred music appropriate to the season. The choir of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian church has been practicing for several weeks in preparation for the Easter service, to be held at 11 a. m. The message of the minister, the Rev. T. E. Davis, will have the theme "Wanted: Enthusiasm." The Easter offering will be for the church building fund.

At the Church of Wide Fellowship, Mrs. L. D. McDonald, organist, will be in charge of the choir's Easter program. The sermon, by the Rev. T. G. Humphries, pastor, will have as theme "This Thing Is For Me." The service will be preceded by a special program of the season at the Sunday School hour of 9:45, by the beginners' and primary departments, to be attended by all Sunday School members and others of

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"Straw Vote" Will Indicate Opinions On City Expansion

Return cards for a "straw vote" on the proposed extension of the Southern Pines city limits will be sent to residents of the Southern Pines mailing area, through regular post office channels, by the Chamber of Commerce early next week.

Recipients will be asked to fill them out and mail them back within the ensuing week, to give an accurate picture of proportionate public sentiment "for" and "against" this important issue.

Maps of the town are also to be placed at strategic points, one of them in the post office, showing the proposed extension as planned some years ago and not carried out. While the lines, if they are to be drawn again by the present town board, may vary somewhat from them, those to be presented will show the approximate area which it is believed by the Chamber will be involved.

Areas centering the discussion are the Pinedene section south of town and portions of the Country Club area. The inclusion of a part of Weymouth Heights has also been discussed, it is understood.

The move has been under consideration by the town board for some time, and when last brought up was tabled pending some concrete expression of the public will.

Emphasizing at their regular meeting Tuesday night that they are neither sponsoring nor pushing the proposal, Chamber of Commerce directors went on with their plans for the "straw vote" as their contribution toward giving the public an opportunity for expression.

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Second Annual Sandhills Horse Show On Town Showgrounds April 2, 3, 4

Railroad Station To Be Remodeled

It is reliably reported that the Southern Pines station is at long last to be remodelled.

Several months ago, and at intervals during the past year, engineers and architects of the Seaboard Railroad staff have been measuring and figuring on the present building, and, now, according to D. E. Bailey, operator, at the station, something really definite appears to be under way.

Bailey's report was confirmed by a call to J. R. Thorne, assistant general manager of the Seaboard, at the main office in Norfolk, who promised that complete details would be forthcoming by next week.

As we go to press, therefore, the Pilot can report this week only that Bailey stated he has talked to an official who has seen the blueprints of the proposed station. While details are lacking it can be said that there will be an entire remodelling job done, to bring the local building in line with other up-to-date stations of the road. A central heating plant will be installed, the ceiling of the waiting room lowered and various inner improvements effected, as well as changes in the present elevation, it is said.

No date has yet been announced for the start of the work.

Helen Ferguson Injured In Show

Bad luck seems to be stalking the Cardy Stables, this year, but bad luck among its riders, not its horses. At the Camden Horse Show Wednesday, Miss Helen Ferguson, riding the open jumper Flying Colors, came a bad cropper as this usually clockwork jumper failed to rise at the timber fence and levelled all before him.

Flying Colors, who is one of the most sure-fire of all the Cardy jumpers, changed his lead at the last moment. And it was really the last moment, for he was unable to readjust to the big fence before him. His rider, who has an unusually tight seat, stayed with him to the ground and was knocked out by the severity of the fall. Carried to the Camden Hospital, it was found that she had fractured her skull, besides suffering severe lacerations of the face. She will be at Camden for a few days, when it is hoped to bring her up here for her convalescence.

As to the horses that day; the Cardy string played second fiddle, for once, as Mrs. Audrey Kennedy took blue after blue. The Seven Stars have had an addition in Faugh A Ballagh, champion of the Chamber of Commerce Show here when owned by Cappy Smith, who rode him to win

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Many Classes In Three-Day Event

\$3,500 In Prizes

Climax of the spring season will be the annual Sandhills Horse show, to be held on the town showgrounds next weekend, with classes showing Friday beginning at 1:30 p. m.; Saturday at 9 a. m. (mostly children's classes); Saturday at 1:30 p. m. and Sunday at 2 p. m.

Prizes totaling \$3,500 are being offered by the sponsoring Sandhills Horse Show and Racing association, whose directors are Vernon G. Cardy, W. J. Brewster, Harold Collins and Dwight Winkelman. Ralph K. Trix is president, Dwight Winkelman treasurer, Mrs. John C. Goodwin secretary and Nick Crotty show manager.

Judges

Judges will be Alfred Allen, of Pleasantville, N. Y., who hunts with the Rumbout and Millbrook Hounds; Mrs. Frederick Van Lennep of Newtown Square, Pa., and Forest Ward, of Charlottesville, Va.

Clarence (Honey) Craven, Madison Square Garden ringmaster, will serve in this capacity for the Sandhills show, as he did so successfully in the Chamber of Commerce horse show held March 6-7. J. T. Overton will be assistant ringmaster, Theodore E. Buell will be announcer, and Dr. J. I. Neal and Dr. C. C. McLean of Southern Pines will serve as

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Legion Sponsors Fiddlers' Frolic Monday Evening

Easter Monday night will see another old-fashioned gathering in Southern Pines as the fiddlers and square dance bands of the section meet at the Civic Club for a high old time.

There will be contests between famous fiddlers, guitarists and banjo pickers as well as between the rival bands, where the competition is growing fast and furious.

Last week the Caddell-Rosser-Brown band of Carthage carried off the first honors that had been won the previous week by the Sandhill fiddlers. The Stewart-Baker band from Inverness won second in the same contest. In the county-wide contest Easter Monday these bands will meet for the final honors and probably compete against other bands from the upper end and from near the Hoke line.

The dance sets from the various communities are to come with their bands, it is stated, and compete for the dance set prize to familiar music from their own band.

Duncan McCrimmon is to call for the Lakeview-Vass Community; one of the McNeill boys from Bethesda; Ray McDonald for Aberdeen; and Fred Rosser of the Caddell-Rosser-Brown band have each promised to bring callers and dancers that they think will take home the prize.

This entertainment is sponsored by the Sandhills Post of the American Legion.

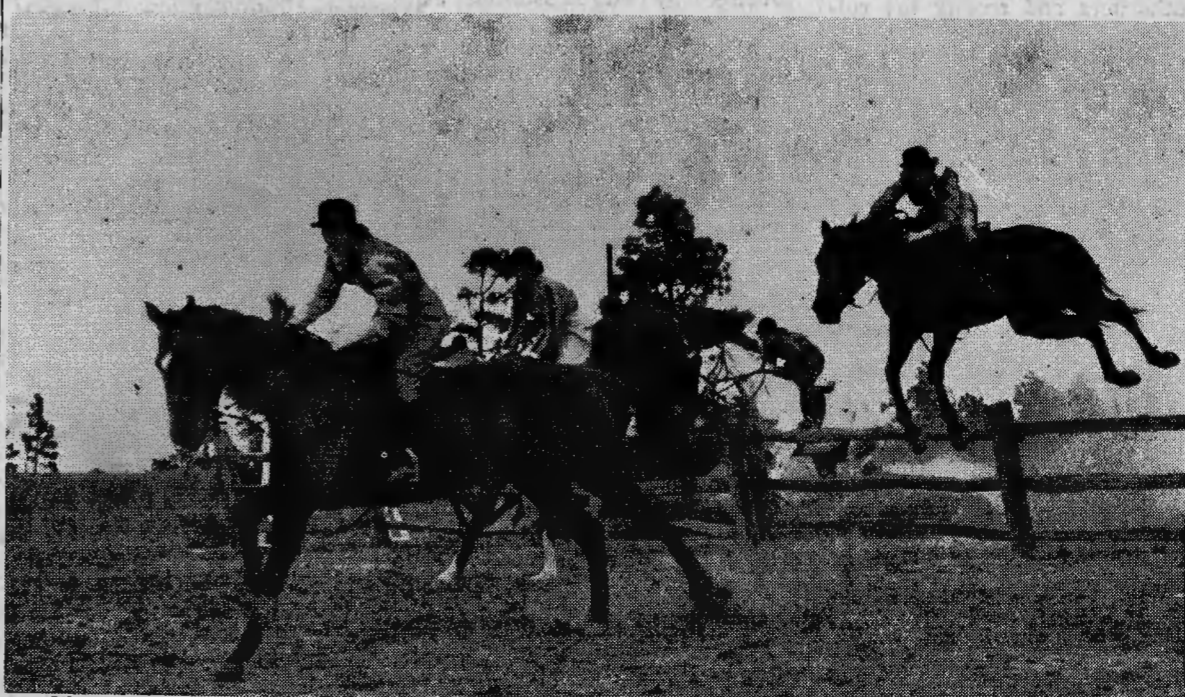
APRIL GAME

April 1 is the day but it's no April foolin'—the long anticipated game between baseball teams of Wake Forest and the University of Pennsylvania will take place next Thursday afternoon, beginning at 2:30, on the town athletic field.

Tickets are being sold by high school students and may be placed on sale downtown next week. However, it is expected that most admissions will be sold at the gate on the day of the game—and that means a lot of them, as the event is attracting interest all over the section.

Proceeds will benefit the athletic field fund.

Timber Races Add Drama To Hunter Trials



That's Kathleen Walsh on Powerful Son ahead, but a split second later Seceder, second above, with Cynthia Cannon up, took the lead and held it to win the timber race at last Sunday's hunter trials. Coming over the jump is Joan Walsh on Hopscotch, followed by her sister Sheila on Me Can Do. The ladies' and gentlemen's timber races were an exciting climax to the day. Story on Page 13.

(Photo by Humphrey)