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PENNEL CASE IS IN COURT AGAIN

Was Tried A Year Ago When A Member of The Jury Became Insane

STATE VS. POPE TODAY

The greater part of this week in the Johnston County Criminal term of Superior Court now in session here has been taken up with the trial of Allen Pennel. The trial of Allen Pennel, charged with the murder of Irvin Pennel during the early part of 1923, came to trial for a second time in the Johnston Superior Court on Tuesday afternoon of this week. This matter was before the court for the first time a year ago. At that time the evidence had been completed and the judge was making ready his charge to the jury when it was discovered that one of the jurors had developed insanity. This, of course, necessitated a new trial, which is now under way. Owing to a great number of witnesses connected with this case some two or three days will be taken in completing the trial. The defendant Pennel is represented by Attorneys Douglass and Douglass, of Raleigh, and S. S. Holt, of Smithfield. The solicitor is assisted by W. H. Lyon.

The trial of W. F. Pope, charged with the murder of Elbert Strickland, which occurred on May 6, 1924, has been set for today, December 12. This case comes up from near Four Oaks. A special venire of sixty-five men has been ordered for the trial of this case.

On Tuesday a youth of fifteen years was in court charged with larceny. He entered a plea of guilty and the court sentenced him to three years at the Stonewall Jackson Training School. Several other cases of minor importance were disposed of on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

In Memory of George W. Lee

In a weak way I will try to write a few words of the life and death of George W. Lee. On Thursday morning just as the sun was rising to brighten another day he ended his life by shooting himself with a shotgun. The reason for his untimely end we cannot understand. It seemed for two months that life was a burden to him. He came to have a hope in Christ and on the fourth Saturday in October he united with the church at Oak Forest, where he remained a member until his death. Oh, it was so hard to give up one we loved so dearly, but God's will must be done, not ours. We can only hope he is at rest. He is gone from this world of sorrow but his going has left grief and sorrow in our home. May God in his tender mercy help and comfort this bereaved family in this dark hour of sorrow.

He was the only son of the late W. F. and Melia E. Lee. He was born February 3, 1887, and died November 20, 1924, making his stay on earth thirty-seven years, nine months and seventeen days.

He leaves to mourn his loss a heart-broken wife and four small children, Melton J., Fulton B., George V., and Myrtle I. Lee, and a host of relatives and friends. He was a prominent farmer of Meadow township. In his boyhood days he was a bright scholar in school and when he grew to manhood he made an excellent school teacher. He served as magistrate for four years and he did all he could to help the township. He was a loving husband and father, a kind neighbor to all, ever ready and willing to lend a helping hand to every one in time of need.

He was tenderly laid to rest in the family cemetery on Thursday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. A simple burial service was held at the grave. Two songs, "Amazing Grace," and "When Shall We Meet Again?" were sung and Mr. Ernie Blackman led in prayer.

Oh, that home! that lonely home! The voice we love is stilled; A chair is vacant in our home

Two Stills Captured By Local Officers

Two complete outfits for distilling whiskey were brought in yesterday by officers but no arrests were made. Mr. J. H. Stancil, of Wilders township, deputy sheriff, bought in a 30-gallon capacity copper outfit which he, together with others, captured early yesterday morning about 12:30 o'clock near Pineville on Buffalo Creek. The still had not been in operation for a day or two and no one was at the still. Several barrels of beer and other unfinished liquor were destroyed.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Stancil and Mr. C. Q. Stephenson went to Boon Hill township and captured a still in full blast about two miles from Brogden school. They happened on the still about 1:30 o'clock and saw at least two men working at the still. The men saw the officers and ran, jumped into the creek and got away. The still taken was a 40-gallon copper outfit. A half-gallon of beer was poured out, and a four-gallon jug of "something" was burst.

Mr. W. E. Massengill Dies At Age 69 Years

On Friday, December 5, Mr. Willis E. Massengill died at the ripe age of sixty-nine years.

Mr. Massengill was the son of Robert E. and Martha Massengill and was born in 1855. His father having died prior to his birth, he faced the disadvantages of being reared by a widowed mother. The many hardships and trials of his boyhood left their marks upon his life, resulting in a strong and firm character.

At the age of twenty-two he was married to Martha E. Lassiter. To this happy union were born five children. The oldest, Arthellus, died when a boy. His wife's death preceded his only five months.

The deceased is survived by three sons, Messrs. W. A., P. M., and W. C. Massengill, and one daughter, Mrs. W. A. Allen. Two sons, Messrs. W. A. and I. M., are in the mercantile business at Four Oaks, and one son, Mr. W. C. Massengill, is a farmer near Four Oaks. Mrs. Allen is the wife of a farmer near Four Oaks.

Mr. Massengill made a profession of faith in Christ when just a young man and lived a conscientious Christian life until the end. He united with the Four Oaks Primitive Baptist church several years ago and was a faithful member until his health failed three years ago. He was noted in the community for his moral uprightness, never yielding to the popular evils of the drink, dance and curse habits. Early in his married life he erected a family altar, thus creating a Christian atmosphere in which his children were reared, an act of his for which they are very grateful today.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. W. C. Massengill. The services were conducted by his pastor, Elder A. D. Johnson, of Coats, assisted by Elder Macon Brantley, of Spring Hope, and Rev. J. A. Ivey, of Four Oaks. The funeral was attended by a host of relatives and friends. The body was interred in the family cemetery near by.

JAS. A. IVEY.

Yelvington's Grove Free Will Baptist Church

We have our same preacher for next year and he is one of the best of this section. Let's all come out and help build up the OLD CHURCH as it once was.

We have church on the second Saturday night and have changed the day service from second Sunday afternoon to the second Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

A MEMBER.

Baptist Church Sunday

Sunday school 9:30. Be on time Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. He invites all to be present and hear also echoes from the great State Convention in Raleigh.

Which never can be filled. Tho' sad it is to give him up, We know the Lord maketh, We must not murmur at his will. For we know the Lord taketh. Written by a heartbroken wife.

Community Christmas Tree Plans Are Fast Taking Shape

BAPTISTS OF STATE MEET IN RALEIGH

Seventy-fourth Annual Convention Is Presided Over by Dr. Spillman; Busy Session

LARGE ATTENDANCE

The State Baptist convention is in session in Raleigh this week, this being the seventy-fourth annual convention. Dr. B. W. Spillman, president, is presiding, and the enrollment Tuesday was reported to be 355 delegates. The sessions are being held in the auditorium of the Tabernacle Baptist church.

The organization, with the election of all officers except the president, was brought about promptly with the election of three vice presidents: Rev. J. W. Suttle, Shelby; Rev. H. L. Weeks, Durham; E. F. Aydlete, Elizabeth City; W. L. Gilmore was unanimously re-elected Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions; Walters Durham was re-elected treasurer; and the election of auditor was postponed pending a report to be presented later affecting the office of auditor.

A pastors' conference was held Tuesday morning. The Convention opened formally on Tuesday afternoon, the devotional service being conducted by the Rev. W. H. Horton, of New Bern. Rev. A. Paul Bagley, of Wake Forest, preached the convention sermon at the evening session, using as his subject, "The Power We Need."

One of the features of the session Wednesday morning was the address by Dr. Pegues, head of the department of Theology of Shaw University. Addresses by Mr. J. W. Bailey and Mrs. W. N. Jones also featured the morning session. The only ripple of excitement of the day was called forth by the discussion of Greek Letter Fraternities at Wake Forest College for another year. Fraternities were recognized at the college two years ago but there seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether they have a place in Baptist Colleges or not. The fraternities will be recognized for another year at least.

Other work of the convention on Wednesday included the passing of a resolution to ask the legislature to repeal the boxing law, the passing of the recommendations of the State Mission Board which included the principal one, that the convention cooperate with the Negro State Baptist Convention in the employment of a teaching evangelist to help build up negro work in the state.

The report of the orphanage was presented and Mr. J. M. Kesler, the superintendent, commended the effective work of Mother's Aid. A splendid tribute was paid to the work of the Woman's Missionary Union, Rev. J. A. Ellis, who gave the report, declaring that its achievement was one of the most romantic stories in Baptist history.

Before the session adjourned Dr. Chas. E. Maddrey was presented with a watch and chain and knife in recognition of his service during the Seventy-Five Million Campaign.

Miss Massengill Wins In Contest

In the advertising matter used in connection with the sale of Mr. Chas. Davis, which is now going on, a misspelled word contest was conducted. Words in the advertisement appearing on November 28 were misspelled and the readers were given until December 5th to find them and send them in with the proper corrections. Miss Daisy Massengill, of Four Oaks Route 1, proved to be the successful contestant and will be awarded a pair of shoes. In the advertisement the following nine words were misspelled: triumphantly, Hanes, worsteds, blankets, misspelled, sheeting, before, bargain, Clark's O. N. T.

Committees Appointed To Provide Community Christmas Tree; Good Program.

ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON

At a meeting of a representative group of all the organized social forces of Smithfield held in the Methodist church on Monday night, December 10th, it was finally decided that Smithfield will have for the third time a Community Christmas Tree. It is believed that something like seventy-five children will receive gifts this year. The tree will be displayed in the court house. A program committee composed of the Reverend George Manley, Mr. George Ragsdale, and Misses Irene Myatt and Virginia Puckett was appointed. Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst and Mrs. H. L. Skinner will have charge of purchasing the gifts and the Kiwanis Club will assume the financial responsibility. Mr. E. L. Woodall will have charge of erecting and decorating the tree. It was decided that the program would be held on Christmas afternoon between five and six o'clock. The program committee has decided to render an entertainment which will last about thirty minutes in which they hope to display as accurately as possible the true Christmas spirit. The event for this year now bids fair to be the best yet attempted, and it will probably attract a larger attendance than any of the similar events which have been held here. The public will be welcomed.

J. A. King Dies At Smithfield Hospital

Mr. J. A. King, originally of Ohio, but who has spent the past two years in Smithfield, died at the Smithfield Memorial Hospital early Wednesday morning following an attack of a la grippe. Mr. King was about sixty-two years of age. He was manager of the sales stables of H. G. Stubbs. The deceased is survived by one daughter who lives in Brookville, Indiana. She was unable to reach his bedside before his death and the body was prepared for burial by the local undertaker and shipped to Brookville yesterday morning.

Parent-Teacher Meeting at Smith's

The patrons and the teachers of Smith school district had their first meeting Friday night, December 5. There were a number of parents present and a few visitors.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. John A. Smith. The first number on the program was a song, "Old Black Joe." It was followed by Scripture reading and prayer. The principal of the school discussed business and the importance of regular attendance.

Among the visitors present was the president of the Parent-Teacher Association of Knightdale, Mr. Dan Flowers. He made a very interesting talk giving an explanation of this meeting, its purpose and its benefit to the school. After all business and school problems were discussed delicious banana sandwiches and hot coffee were served.

We feel that these meetings will prove beneficial to our community for we see results of our first meeting already. The school interest and spirit has been aroused among the patrons.

REPORTER.

Smithfield, Route 1, Dec. 11.

Smithfield To Play Clayton Here Tonight

The first basket-ball game of the season will be played here tonight in the Banner Warehouse between Smithfield and Clayton. The game will be called at eight o'clock. It is hoped a good crowd will be out to see the game.

Clover helps to restore poor soils, find many Tarheel farmers.

Indian Leads Senate



Sen. Charles Curtis of Kansas is the new Republican leader in the Senate, elected after senior Senator Warren of Wyoming declined. Senator Curtis is more than half American Indian.

Would Give Land For Duke University

Charlotte, Dec. 11.—A fifty acre tract of land nine miles from Charlotte is waiting as a gift for the site of Duke University if Trinity College does not accept the terms of the Duke Trust fund of \$40,000,000 which will be formally created by Jas. B. Duke in a few days, it became known today. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Moore, owners of large estates in North Carolina and Florida, let it be known that they will present this tract as a site for the University should it be decided to establish an entirely new institution.

Dispatches from Greensboro last night said the board of trustees of Trinity College would hold a special meeting on December 19. It is regarded as more than likely the trustees will accept the terms of the trust that Trinity change its name to Duke University and thus get the benefits of the \$6,000,000 building fund and thirty-two per cent of the income of the trust.

In Memory of Little Christine Creech

Life is a fast flowing stream that moves onward at a rapid pace toward the ocean of eternity, but death is only a shining stream to transport the soul to the arms of Jesus.

On Thursday afternoon, December 4, just as the clock tolled the hour of two the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Creech and took from them their darling little girl, Christine. She had suffered two weeks with that awful disease, diphtheria. All was done for her that could be done but nothing could stay the icy hands of death. She lived only five years and ten months, then her spirit took its flight to realms above there to begin that beautiful life with our Heavenly Father, where earthly pains and sorrows are forgotten, banished by the light of God's countenance.

Oh, how sweet to think how pure her little life was, nothing to stain her soul. To know her was to love her. God saw she was prepared to live with him so he reached down and gathered the little jewel in His arms and now she is safely resting on the golden shore.

The funeral was preached on Friday afternoon by Rev. W. D. Stancil after which her little body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Bethany Baptist church in the presence of an unusually large gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends. The floral offerings were many and beautiful, all tokens of love and sympathy. May the bereaved ones find balm for their wounded spirits and come forth from this dark hour of trial with a new vision of Him who doth all things well.

Oh, how sad to now behold The lone and vacant chair That here we ne'er shall see The one that once sat there; But list a voice we hear, 'Tis sounding sweet and clear— Our loved one's in that heavenly choir With angels bright and fair. And list he calls to us From heaven's happy home: "My precious ones, O dear one and all, Oh, come to meet me—come!"

C. L. C.

DUKE ESTABLISHES TRUST FUND IN N. C.

Six Million Dollars Goes To Trinity College If Changed to Duke University.

OTHERS SHARE IN FUND

DUKE GIVES \$40,000,000 TRUST FUND

What's in a name? There seems to be six million dollars in one if Trinity College should see fit to change its name to "Duke University." J. B. Duke, multi-millionaire of North Carolina has established a trust fund for charitable and educational purposes in North and South Carolina, one of his ambitions being the creating of a "Duke University." Duke tend Trinity College and if this funds have already been used to extinction sees fit to change its name, the amount named will be available for further expansion. Otherwise, the sum will be used to create a new "Duke University."

The trust embraces properties valued at at least \$40,000,000.

Among the securities thus set aside are about three-fourths of Mr. Duke's holdings in the Southern Power Company, the income of which during the next few years will aggregate approximately \$2,000,000 a year.

Other benefits besides Duke University given by Mr. J. B. Duke in his trust fund include funds for maintaining and securing hospitals primarily in the states of North and South Carolina on the plan of paying to the hospitals a sum not exceeding one dollar per day for each free bed occupied and in assisting in building and equipping hospitals.

Ten percent for the benefit of white and colored orphans in North and South Carolina.

Six percent for assisting in building Methodist Episcopal churches in the sparsely settled rural districts of North Carolina.

Four percent for assisting in maintaining Methodist Episcopal churches in the sparsely settled rural districts in North Carolina.

Two percent for pensioning superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of deceased preachers who have served in North Carolina conferences.

Five percent to Davidson College Davidson, N. C. Davidson is a Presbyterian institution.

Five percent to Furman University Greenville, S. C. Furman is a Baptist University.

Four percent to Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte. Johnson C. Smith University formerly was known as Biddle University and is a negro school.

Music Department Meets

Monday evening the music department of the Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. F. H. Brooks and quite an enjoyable program was given. At this meeting the opera "Martha" by von Flotow, was the subject of study. The story of this opera was interesting told by Mrs. A. S. Johnston and Mrs. L. T. Royall, and a number of airs from it were played by Miss Rachel Creech. A sketch of the life of the composer was given by Miss Fannie Bett Brown. During the evening several solos, duets and choruses were rendered. Those taking part in the program were: Misses Frances White, Irene Myatt, Lucile Johnson, Helene Ives, Lallah Rookh Stephenson, Helen Jones, Mary Pruden, Mrs. C. V. Johnson and Mr. Paul Eason.

Miss Thelma Peedin, chairman of the music department, had charge of the program, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Before the close of the evening a delicious iced drink with wafers was served.

Tobacco Co-op Warehouse to Close For Holidays

The Tobacco Growers Co-operative Warehouse will close Friday, December 19, for the Christmas holidays. It will re-open Monday, January 5, 1925.

A. G. JOHNSON, Warehouse, Manager.