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Wyatt Jury To Seek Clemency

Is Understood That 9 of 12 Jurors Favor Light Punishment.

PREPARE AN APPEAL

Raleigh, Nov. 26.—Nine members of the Durham county jail which tried Jesse Wyatt last week for the killing of Lawyer Stephen Holt of Smithfield, June 1, have signed an appeal to Judge Garland A. Midyette so Durham people today apprised Raleigh folks, and the burden of their supplication to Judge Midyette is the saving of Wyatt from a prison term.

The Durham jury convicted Wyatt because there was nothing else that it could do. There was testimony to the effect that he took his pistol, rested it on his left hand and fired at the automobile in which Mr. Holt and a party of Johnston men were riding. The jury did not believe that Mr. Wyatt declared that he shot into the pavement and the bullet ricocheted, striking the lawyer from behind and killed him instantly. The jury did not believe that it did not believe that in his great zeal to stop a car which had some of the evidence of a run runner, Wyatt shot accidentally and too quickly, merely happening to catch the attorney in the range of the ball. There was the whole world for Wyatt and the jury concluded that a man who could not hit everything except the lawyer, was careless. It gave him manslaughter and a recommendation for mercy.

Judge Midyette will follow the recommendation but mercy ranges all the way from 20 years down to four months in prison. The judge could give five years and still feel merciful. The jury will probably decide the issue for him if it agrees unanimously on a sentence in jail with leave to hire out. Judge Midyette leans always to mercy. But he has never intimated that he would save Wyatt from prison. Judge Midyette was prosecuting a similar case when called to the bench. He was solicitor and W. E. Woodfin, prohibition agent, had killed Grover Cleveland Bradley, Northampton blockader. There was considerable evidence that there was no excuse for killing Bradley. But the federal government defended its representative and District Attorney Tucker appeared for him. Judge Midyette had then become judge and he never appeared again in the case and federal jury quickly acquitted.

In that case Woodfin used his gun and there was no accident, but there was an element of self defense. Judge Midyette has no doubt that Wyatt went in good faith for a blockader and got an innocent man. But in 20-odd years it was the solitary break of Wyatt, who is the father of seven children, hardly any of whom are old enough to work.

The sentiment for punishment of prohibition officers who have been shooting rather wildly, found a climax in Wyatt's case and the Raleigh officer is the first real goat. Wherefore there is a lot of sympathy for him.—Greensboro Daily News.

There will be a box party at the Plainfield school Friday night, December 4, for the benefit of the school. Everybody is invited.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Mc
Ah sot down on a gentaman's hat a chuch on it sho' wuz mashed into hist'ry.

SIGNORA CHERENA



Charlotte Osgood of Los Angeles, Cal., who has just become the bride of Antonio Vittorio Chierena of Milan, Italy. She has been well known in New York and Palm Beach as a horsewoman. The groom is a wealthy leather merchant.

W. G. Wrenn Dies At Garner

Buried at His Old Home Near Mt. Zion Church Yesterday Afternoon.

Friends throughout the county will regret to learn of the death of Mr. W. G. Wrenn which occurred at his home in Garner Sunday afternoon about five o'clock. Mr. Wrenn was a Johnstonian, and had only recently moved to Garner. He lived for a number of years in the Mount Zion section where he was a prominent and successful farmer.

The deceased passed away after an illness of about two months having suffered a stroke of paralysis. He was in his 71st year. The funeral was held at the home in Garner yesterday afternoon at two o'clock after which the remains were taken to the family burying ground near Mount Zion church for interment. Rev. Mr. Cummings, pastor of the Christian church at Carthage, conducted the services.

Mr. Wrenn was twice married, the first time to Miss Nettie Holland and the second time to Miss Ella Stephenson. He is survived by his wife and eleven children as follows: John T. Wrenn, of McCullers; W. T. Wrenn, of Nashville, Tenn.; O. G. Wrenn, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. N. R. Broughton, of Garner; Mrs. T. C. Ogburn, of this city; Herbert Wrenn, of McCullers; Miss Cleo, L. M., Glenn, Worth and Nellie Wrenn, of Garner; one son, James, preceded his father in death.

WOULD PLACE HARNETT HEAD OF THE TABLE
"Harnett sits at the head of the table in the number of bales of cotton ginned this season, if the territorial size is considered," declared Assistant Attorney General Charles Ross yesterday.

"While Johnston and Robeson counties report a larger number of bales ginned, it must be remembered that they are empire counties. Harnett, with 44,188 bales, is even ahead of Wake county, which reports only 43,328 bales. Johnston heads the list with 62,516 and Robeson is second with 55,245 bales.

"If the size of the counties are taken into consideration, Harnett is at the head of the list."—News and Observer.

PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE AN ORIENTAL BAZAAR
Circle No. 2 of the Woman's Auxiliary of Smithfield Presbyterian church will have an "Oriental Bazaar" on Friday, December 4, beginning at one o'clock in the building formerly occupied by the May-San tea room. Many pretty and attractive gifts are to be had there from your very own mission fields.

Gin Report
There were 62,516 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1925 prior to November 14, 1925 as compared with 34,817 bales ginned to November 14, 1924.

WOUNDED BOY IS NOW IMPROVING

James Woodard, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. Robert Woodard of Incar Pine Level, who was shot and seriously wounded by a neighbor boy, Gaston Oliver, last Thursday, is getting along nicely, according to a report given out by the hospital here yesterday. Hope is now entertained for his recovery unless complications set in.

NEGROES OBSERVE HOSPITAL TAG DAY

Report \$152.12 At Close of First "Tag Day"; Next Drive Dec. 12

Mrs. Laura J. A. King, rural supervisor of negro schools of Johnston county, has instituted plans for the raising of funds to furnish a ward for the colored people in the new hospital which is now under construction. She has set \$1000 as the goal for which to work, and "tag day" will be observed in the negro schools at intervals until the amount is in hand. Last Saturday \$152.12 was turned over to the supervisor, Saturday being the first "tag day" of the drive. December 12 has been set for the next tag day, at which time it is hoped the drive will be completed. Below is a list of the schools contributing and the amount contributed:

- Hodges Chapel, Gaynell Harris, teacher, \$4.00.
- Wilson's Mills, Sallie Richardson, teacher, \$2.00.
- Wilson's Mills, Lottie Holt, \$1.75.
- St. Amanda, Virginia Cooper, teacher, \$3.00.
- Cedar Grove, Launada Clark, \$2.00.
- Ransom's Academy, Julia Heartley, teacher, \$46.00.
- Stewart, Ethel Harrison, \$2.25.
- Hickory Grove, Vascelia Spencer, \$1.00.
- Four Oaks, Evangeline Spencer, \$3.00.
- Micro, Frances Grissom, \$1.00.
- Long Branch, Annette Barbour, \$1.50.
- New Bethel, C. C. Lewis, \$3.75.
- Greene, Lula D. Campbell, \$3.00.
- Pine Level, Rosa Vinson, \$19.00.
- Simms, Lucretia Williams, \$2.50.
- Tea's Cross Roads, Beulah Murchison, \$6.00.
- New Bethel, Pattie Grimes, \$4.00.
- Piney Grove, L. A. Ford, \$2.00.
- Previous amount reported \$28.87.

PRAYER MEETING AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At the prayer service Wednesday evening at seven o'clock the home mission book, "Out of the Wilderness," will be taken up for study. This is one of the best home mission books published in recent years and every member of the church is urged to be present at the beginning of this study.

Solicitor Prepares Docket

Mr. W. H. Massey, of Princeton, solicitor of the Recorder's Court, was in the city yesterday preparing the criminal docket for Recorder's court which convenes this morning after a lapse of two weeks on account of the special term of civil court which has just closed.

Notice of Appointment

Elder G. W. Shepard, pastor of Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian church, will preach at Mr. W. M. Blackman's home, Four Oaks, Route 2, on the 1st Sunday evening in December at 3:30 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited to hear him.

HECTOR STRICKLAND, Four Oaks, N. C., Route 2.

HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Selma, Nov. 27.—Tuesday night an accident occurred on the highway near Smithfield which is much deplored. Mr. Jack Wilkins, of Selma, was mending his automobile tire by the side of the road when Mr. Waylon Daughtry of Smithfield, ran into him injuring his side and bruising him badly. He was rushed to the Smithfield hospital where he received medical attention. He has hosts of friends in Selma who wish for him a very speedy recovery.

Citizens Decide Community Chest

The Way To Raise Funds To Take Care of the Needy In and Around Smithfield.

A community chest movement was launched Sunday night at the courthouse when a mass meeting was held to consider ways and means of taking care of the needy in and around Smithfield. A budget was fixed at \$1200 and the plans for raising this amount were left to the Smithfield United Welfare Association, which organization will make public announcement at an early date.

Quite a good congregation assembled in the courthouse Sunday evening, this being the fifth Sunday since the meeting was held. Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preached the sermon of the occasion and his remarks led up fittingly to the special topic to be considered.

"There are three classes of folks in the world," stated Mr. Alexander, "those who live for self and self alone, and those who do the works of Jesus." A child likes to be amused. He likes to be noticed. There are folks who live only to flit from one pleasure to another in an effort to be amused, or who live just to attract attention to themselves. The second class, those who put themselves first, last and always, takes in about 60 per cent of our population, Mr. Alexander believes. But there are those who like Jesus can say, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." (John 9:4) And it is this latter class that clothe the naked, feed the hungry, cheer the fallen, and comfort those in distress.

Following the sermon, Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church, made an impressive talk concerning the charity work in this vicinity, and particularly of the importance of doing this work in a business-like way that will be efficient but not overlapping.

Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church, told of how the community chest plan has worked in other towns and cities and put his approval upon such a plan for Smithfield. Mr. H. V. Rose, former county welfare superintendent, who has handled the funds of the United Welfare Association, for the past year, was called upon for a statement, and it is his opinion that the community chest is the way to handle this work. Last year the association spent around \$600, which does not include amounts spent by other agencies. It would be the purpose next year to let the association which has a representation of every organization doing charity work, handle all the charity funds which would be dispensed by Mr. Rose who offers his services gratis in this work.

When the matter had been fully discussed, a motion was carried to use the community chest plan for caring for the needing in this community, details to be worked out by and through the United Welfare Association.

WHEN WINTER COMES FLEAS ARE CLOSE BEHIND

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—When the bad weather of winter comes, the pets are allowed in the house and then come fleas. In a few days the house is overrun with the pests and a discomfort results.

Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, Professor of Entomology at State College, outlines the life history of the flea by pointing out that the pests lay eggs on the animal; these eggs drop to the floor where they hatch into tiny grubs within the week; the grubs feed on the dust particles and form cocoons in about another week and then the adults emerge from the cocoon within two weeks. Thus there is a complete generation fleas every five or six weeks. As each female lays several hundred eggs, it is no wonder that the house is quickly overrun with the pests.

But Dr. Metcalf says there is hope. The same chemical, P-benzene, that is used successfully in killing peach tree borers can be used on the fleas. Treat the pets by placing them in a rather tight container, put a newspaper on the floor of the box, place the crystals of P-benzene on this paper and close the box tightly for about an hour. Then gather up the paper and burn it. If some of the fleas are left on the animal in a stupefied condition, brush them off and give them the warm treatment given the others. This treatment is deadly to the fleas but does not injure the animals. One ounce of the P-benzene is used for each cubic foot of box.

UNCLE SAM'S GIANT OF THE AIR



THIS BARRING Bomber is world's biggest airplane. Required two and one-half years to build, costing \$400,000. As soon as Lieutenant John A. MacReady finishes experimental flight tests it will be stored at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio.

PULL GREAT STUNT ON HOOD BUILDING

Dare Devil Roland Will Perform Very Difficult Feat Tonight

With the aid of big flood lights, Dare Devil Roland, known the world over as the man with the iron nerve, will thrill the people of Smithfield when he gambles with death on the very edge of the Hood building. Roland will perform on four tables and five chairs which will be balanced by him. He will do fifteen different hair-raising stunts, such as rocking back and forth over the edge while balancing one and two legs of a chair that will be balanced on the three tables using necks of bottles for a base. His feature stunt will be swinging over the pavement from the top while he does hair-raising stunts on a trapeze.

Roland performed in Kingston on Saturday night on the new Farmers and Merchants Bank while a crowd of about 7,000 people looked on. Roland is booked in Raleigh on Wednesday and as he has Tuesday open, the people of Smithfield will have a chance of seeing Roland work. His act will last about thirty minutes.

Faint hearts, this is a warning to keep away if you cannot stand to be excited. There will be more thrills than any circus ever presented. Roland has been before the public nine years. His home is in Cleveland, Ohio. He has had only one fall in all that time which laid him up for seven months. While on the Hood building, he will throw out a number of Smithfield Herald's, a few of which will contain tickets to the Victory theatre. Don't fail to see this thriller tonight, December 1, at 7:30 o'clock.

"In feeding beef cattle, we must take advantage of certain facts, then give attention to the details," says Prof. R. S. Curtis, of the animal husbandry department at State College. "One of these facts is that our staple fattening food for beef cattle is a nitrogenous one which normally produces a growth rather than fat. But this cottonseed meal is a good fat producer if fed properly and from 75 to 85 per cent of its fertilizing value is incorporated in the manure. The other fact is that to sell beef cattle profitably, they must be fat."

Prof. Curtis states that people do not like fat beef and sometimes compel the butcher to trim off part of the fat; yet, the fact remains that to properly condition a beef animal, he must be fat, and naturally there is some surplus deposited in certain places, as over the back, the loins, ribs and intestines. This is Nature's way.

A steer may be put in condition by using cottonseed meal as the concentrate. The steer must never be allowed to get off feed but should be started off on one pound of cottonseed meal per day, supplemented by all the roughage he will consume. Prof. Curtis points out that cattle have four stomachs and if they are to get everything out of their feed, there must be a sufficient amount of roughage to fill the paunch reasonably full each day.

Former Operators May Not Get Mill

Negotiations Appear To Have Failed; About \$300,000 Tied Up In Failure.

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—Failure of negotiations in the Ivanhoe cotton mills failure by which the stockholders creditors who had drawn such fancy salaries as officers and were due so much money, would have forfeited their claims and taken over the mill, is about to be written.

The referee in bankruptcy was to have all the claimants with him tomorrow for what appeared to be final action, certainly final as indicating what would be the course of the mill officials. Referee Joe Cheshire had the interested parties together sundry times. The last time they met it seemed reasonably certain that the innocent stockholders would get their money out and the old operators of the corporation would get the mill. But that does not appear even half way certain now.

Failure to get together tomorrow will postpone the meeting several days, but the negotiations appear to have failed. There is about \$300,000 tied up in the failure.—Greensboro Daily News.

FATTEN BEEF CATTLE TO SELL PROFITABLY

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—Cottonseed meal, native feed of Carolina, may used profitably in the fattening of beef cattle for market, and only fat cattle will pay returns to the feeder.

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USES MANY WORDS IN WRITING WILL

Woman Is Author of Longest Will Ever Filed In England

London, Nov. 28.—The longest will ever filed in this country has just been lodged at Somerset House, the official repository and record office for such documents. It comprises 95,940 words and is assembled in four large, leather-bound books, with outer covers and gilt edges.

The amount of the property it deals with is just under 21,000 pounds, but it will be an expensive matter for anybody to obtain a copy to see whether they have been left anything. Somerset House has issued a warning to possible seekers of copies that such copies will cost 79 pounds each—owing to the vast wordage and the official rate per folio of 90 words for copying.

The testator who was responsible for the eccentric accumulation of words was Mrs. Frederica Cook, widow of a well-known dry goods merchant. Most of it is in her own handwriting, and the verbiage due to the fact that she made a most minute inventory of her possessions, jewelry, furs, embroideries, laces, etc., with descriptive notes about each and the original and presumed present value of each item alongside.

The Pessimist
Nothing to do but work,
Nothing to eat but food,
Nothing to wear but clothes,
To keep one from going nude.

Nothing to breathe but air,
Quick as a flash it's gone,
Nowhere to fall but off,
Nowhere to stand but on.

Nothing to comb but hair,
Nowhere to sleep but in bed,
Nothing to weep but tears,
Nothing to bury but dead.

Nothing to sing but songs,
Ah, well, alas, aloud,
Nowhere to go but out,
Nowhere to come but back.

Nothing to see but sights,
Nothing to quench but thirst,
Nothing to have but what we've got,
Thus through life we are cursed.

Nothing to strike but a gait;
Everything moves that goes;
Nothing at all but common sense
Can ever withstand these woes.
—Ben King.

Tom Tarheel says he is going to feed an egg producing ration to his hens this winter and get

Prof. Curtis suggests that one pound of cottonseed meal be used with five pounds of hulls or more to start with. Gradually increase this amount of cottonseed meal during a thirty-day period until each animal is getting one pound of the meal to each 100 pounds of live weight. This can easily be figured out and the increase made gradually about two or three times each week until the full amount is being fed. Steers should be fed twice each day and the troughs kept clean and sweet.

Distribution Has Effect On Cotton

Cotton Expert Presents Facts and Figures Concerning The Cotton Situation.

By U. B. BLAOCK, General Manager N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association

Placing the responsibility for the present low price of cotton is a very serious proposition. No right thinking man desires to place the blame for any error or condition where it does not rightly belong. No one can resent being blamed for something they are not responsible for any quicker than I can.

Therefore let us proceed cautiously. Let facts and figures speak for themselves.

Go back no farther than 1920, when we cotton producers planted 27,043,000 acres and produced 13,270,770 bales. What happened in the fall of 1920? No one connected with cotton production or in any business dependent upon the cotton industry wants to recall what really did happen.

With a carry-over, or visible supply, of over 4,000,000 bales of American cotton—the greatest ever—at the end of the 1920 season, we in 1921 diversified our crops, reduced our cotton acreage to 31,678,000 acres, produced a crop of 7,977,778 bales and reduced the visible supply at the end of the season to 1,911,000 bales.

We had learned our lesson. But did we stay put? No, indeed! In 1922, we stepped up to 34,016,000 acres and produced 9,729,306 bales. In 1923 we stepped up again with an acreage of 38,701,000 and got a yield of 10,170,694 bales. Satisfied? Not yet!

In 1924, we added practically 4,000,000 more acres, and planted 42,641,000 acres, with a production of 13,639,399 bales. With renewed energy and with ambitions to beat the bumper crops of 1911 and 1914, but with very little foresight, we planted in 1925 by far the biggest acreage ever planted—46,448,000 acres—and did our darndest to make a crop of 23,244,000 bales—or one half bale per acre. A yield of 200 pounds of lint per acre would have given us 18,575,000 bales.

A merciful Providence, through the aid of drought and boll weevil, has cut us down to an estimated crop of 15,298,000 bales, according to the last Government report.

We made it . . . How did we undertake to market it? Realizing that we had made a tremendous crop, just as soon as it began to open, every producer (except the Cooperatives) began to rush it to the market pell-mell—"me first and the devil take the hindmost," and in this case "hindmost" includes about 90 per cent. No market could stand such a terrible onslaught. Notwithstanding that the export demand was unusually heavy, and domestic mills were buying freely, prices began to crumble.

Regardless of how eager the manufacturers are for cotton, they cannot always head off the deluge. They have their limits in capital and in a storage space. The much despised "middlemen" and the Cooperatives were the shock absorbers that prevented prices from being pushed back to the "channel ports" and reaching much lower levels. God bless the "middlemen"! Without them there is no telling how low our producers would hammer down prices.

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RADIO CONCERT BY MISS McCULLERS

A telegram announces that Miss Mary McCullers, who holds a position at Chicago University and who studies music at that institution, will broadcast over the radio from station WBBM 226 Tuesday night between ten and twelve o'clock, and WHY 400 Wednesday night between seven and nine. Miss McCullers is a Smithfield girl and her friends will be glad of this opportunity to tune in on her concerts.