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Dock Hill Murder Trial Opened Here Yesterday

Early Part of the Day Is Spent In Selecting Jury — Begin Prosecution For Second Degree Murder.

OUTSTANDING CASE

The second week of the Johnston County Superior Court was opened here yesterday. The case of late vs. Dock Hill for the murder of Sam Barbour, which took place at the defendant's home early last spring, was staged today. Most of the forenoon of the day was required to secure a jury, and the rest of the day in the examination of state's witnesses. At the outset of the trial, the solicitor began the prosecutions for the verdict of second degree murder. Just before the close of the day the state rested, and the examination of the defendant got started. Both Hill and his wife were examined. There are several more witnesses in this case and a good part of Tuesday will be required in the taking of evidence for the defense.

Solicitor Williams was aided in the prosecution by Judge Brooks and James Raynor. The defendant is represented by Col. Ed S. Abell and Mr. E. F. Ward, of Smithfield, and Mr. James H. Pou, of Raleigh.

No other case was attempted on Monday and with the Hill case now on trial, it is thought that only a few more cases will be disposed of during the present term of court. An unusually large crowd of people from the various parts of the county have been in town this week and many are showing considerable interest in this murder trial.

White Gift Service Pleases Congregation

The White Gift service presented at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon by the Sunday school, was enjoyed by a large congregation. Decorations of green and white were quite effective. The musical program included several special numbers, and the story, Van Dyke's "Lost Word," by Miss Mary E. Wells was particularly appropriate. Instead of the Christmas tree at which the Sunday school scholars formerly were wont to receive gifts, this White Gift service offers opportunity for the scholars themselves to give. The offering taken in white envelopes, will be used for the needy in the community.

METHODIST CHILDREN TO HAVE PARTY

A Christmas party for the Junior and Primary children of the Methodist Sunday school will be held in the basement of the church Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock. It will be given by the teachers and officers of these departments.

Mr. Moore Kills Large Pigs

Mr. H. B. Moore, of the Johnston school section, killed three Duroc Jersey pigs Thursday, December 17, whose total weight was 919 pounds. One weighed 300, another 309, and the other 310.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

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If enniebody has a sneakin' notion o' makin' me a Chris'mus presunt of a dress, dey ort ter be able ter git redosed price on dat quantity.

J. D's Grandson



EACH YEAR Yale University gives a scholarship to the student needing financial assistance. John R. Prentice won it. He is the grandson of John D. Rockefeller and is working as a telephone operator to pay his way through college.

Nearly \$1000 For Community Chest

The United Welfare Association has received approximately \$1000 for local charity work.

Select Tobacco Beds With Care

Plant Bed Is Most Important Factor to Begin Tobacco Crop.

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—"The plant bed is the most important factor to begin with in a tobacco crop. If you fail to plant, the chances are that you will fail on a crop, that is, so far as the best quality of tobacco is concerned," says E. Y. Floyd, Tobacco extension specialist for State College. "So every precaution should be taken to get the best quality of tobacco rather than quantity for the year 1926. Good tobacco will bring a good price any year."

"The selection of a suitable soil should be given first consideration. In the heavier soils especially, we should select a soil that will not get too hard or bake before the plants get a start. A well drained soil with a southern or southeastern exposure should be selected, with the cold winds of the North and West broken off by trees or hills where this is possible. Moisture is very essential in selecting the bed. You will find it a good plan to select some of your beds near a running stream, if possible, then if we should have a dry season as we did this year you could conveniently water the beds, which will mean success in some cases."

"The preparation is next in importance. Leaves, sticks or stumps if they are present, should be removed from the surface of the soil. Brush should then be piled on and made to lie as close together as possible so that it will burn easily. After the burning is completed all the coals should be raked from the bed. A colter, disc harrow or a light plow should be used to break the top layer of soil, being careful not to turn up any clay. Any commercial fertilizer recommended for plant bed use should be applied at the rate of two pounds per square yard with the addition of one pound of cotton seed meal. This application of fertilizer should be sown broadcast and thoroughly mixed with the soil to prevent the top of the soil from becoming crusty and killing the plants. After the fertilizer is mixed well with the soil, the soil may be raked with a very small tooth rake before sowing the seed."

We take it to be a matter of much importance that all persons applying for aid at your door or on the street shall be sent to Mr. Rose. We think the wisdom of this will be apparent to all. It will of

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The Christmas Story

(LUKE II)

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

State Commander To Be At Benson

Will Address Ex-Soldiers In Town Hall Tonight — Other Benson News.

Benson, Dec. 21.—Mr. Stevens, state commander of the American Legion will deliver an address to the ex-service men of Johnston county Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at eight o'clock, in Benson in the town hall. All visiting ex-service men are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

A beautiful operetta, "The Gifts We Bring," was given Tuesday evening in the school auditorium. The cast consisted of seventy-five pupils from all the grades in the school. The musical accompaniments ranged from the most classical sonatas to lullabies and Christmas carols. Special numbers were given by the Glee club and orchestra.

The Parent-Teacher Association held its regular meeting this week in the school auditorium with Mrs. J. W. Whittenton, president, presiding. Mrs. A. S. Oliver had charge of the program. Miss Hattie Bager, of the high school faculty, Mesdames A. S. Oliver, W. T. Martin, and Supt. H. C. Renegar gave a very interesting program. Christmas carols were sung by the audience. The president plans to put on a splendid program during the spring months.

Mrs. A. S. Oliver was hostess to the John Charles McNeill Book Club Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The house was elaborately decorated in holly and other Christmas suggestions. Mrs. O. A. Barbour gave an interesting Christmas story. Mr. J. B. Faircloth read two of Edgar Guest's poems, "Christmas," and "At Christmas." Mrs. J. T. Morgan was soloist. At the close of the program, Mrs. J. W. Whittenton presented the president, Mrs. M. T. Britt, a lovely hammered silver vase as a gift of the season from the club. The hostess served chicken salad, sand-

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Boom For N. C. Next On Program

Florida Developers Prophecy This State Scheduled For Era of Prosperity.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 21.—Many Florida developers are prophesying that North Carolina will be the next state to experience a nation-wide boom with an attendant era of prosperity and growth unprecedented in the history of the commonwealth, according to Robert S. Clary, of Greensboro and Miami.

Numerous large subdividers and real estate developers now operating in Florida have signified their intentions of establishing offices in North Carolina at an early date, says Mr. Clary, in order to be prepared for the tremendous development certain to be attained by the Old North State.

Because of the state's superb economic location, wonderful agricultural and manufacturing potentialities, and unexcelled year-round climate, North Carolina's mountains, beaches, and Piedmont hills will soon be in almost as great demand as the palms and sunshine of Florida. This prediction is made by a native North Carolinian who has made an intensive study of the two states respectively resources; for Mr. Clary is president of the Robinson-Clary Advertising Agency, with headquarters in Miami.

"All that North Carolina needs," says he, "is advertising. Every city in the state should follow Miami's lead and provide funds for this purpose, by imposing a publicity tax of two mills per dollar on the assessable valuation of all property within the corporate limits. Every property owner is glad to spend a fifth of a cent per dollar for advertising, as soon as he realizes that by so doing the value of his property will be doubled."

Florida is booming because Floridians know that it pays to advertise. Single real estate companies are spending as much as \$2,000,000 per year for publicity; and practically every town and village in the state, as well as all of the large cities, are making appropriations with which to tell the world about Florida.

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Stolen Car Is Quickly Recovered

Friday evening about dark, the Ford car of Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson was stolen from the street in front of her residence where it was parked. Officers were notified and by midnight the thief, a negro by the name of Cooper, who had recently come to this city, was apprehended in Fayetteville. The negro was brought back here for trial, and Miss Stephenson has her car again in her possession.

Carolers Asked To Meet At Courthouse

Those who will help in the Christmas caroling on Christmas eve night are asked to meet at the courthouse at nine o'clock that evening. The plan is to sing carols to a number of shut-ins in this city, and a large chorus is desired. The music department of the Woman's Club under the direction of Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson is sponsoring the caroling.

Presbyterian Services

Oakland church Sunday morning 11 a. m. Smithfield Sunday night 7 p. m. New Year message. Good music. Public cordially invited.

Board, it was understood that there would be no meeting of the Executive Committee on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, unless something should develop that would necessitate the calling of this meeting.

Can You Beat It?



TO WIN the World's speed typist's championship, Albert Tangora clicked the keys at the rate of 130 and a quarter words per minute. George Hossfeld, former champion, was but a fraction of a word slower than Tangora's lightning fingers.

Industrial Tour Piedmont Section

Smithfield One of "Pick Up Points On Tour That Starts Jan. 12th."

Kinston, Dec. 21.—One of the important matters decided upon at the meeting of the Directors and Officers of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce in Kinston Friday night, was the determining of the itinerary for the Industrial Tour to be made through the Piedmont section of North Carolina in January. The dates are January 12-13-14-15.

The first group, consisting of all those representatives nearest to Kinston, will assemble at Kinston on the morning of the 12th at 9 o'clock. The next "pick up" will be at LaGrange, then Goldsboro, Smithfield, and the final concentration point will be in Raleigh. The party will reach Raleigh about 11:45 and will proceed on the tour.

The following route will be followed: Raleigh out route 50, making Sanford and Rockingham first day. The first night out will be in Rockingham where there are more than a dozen cotton mills. Route 20 will be taken from Rockingham to Charlotte, stops being made at Wadesboro and Monroe. The second night out will be spent in Charlotte, where the party will be the guests of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce at a banquet. The proceedings of this meeting will be broadcasted by radio. From Charlotte Route 15 will be followed to Salisbury and Route 10 through High Point, Greensboro, Burlington, Durham and on into Raleigh. The third night out will probably be spent at Burlington. The total mileage will be about 550 miles. Each car will bear its own expenses. All cars will have a uniform sign to show that the tour is being conducted by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and will carry the names of the town represented in this tour. "We are not making this trip to advertise Eastern North Carolina, but to get acquainted with our Piedmont Neighbors," John W. Holmes said recently. This will be the first tour of its kind to be made from Eastern North Carolina into the Piedmont section.

Special Music In The Churches Sunday

The church services at the various churches Sunday were characterized by special Christmas music. Mrs. W. J. B. Orr and Miss Ruth Brooks sang a duet at the Presbyterian church; a quartette, Messrs. A. J. Parker, Marvin Woodall, Paul Eason, and I. W. Medlin, sang a special selection at the Methodist church; a trio, by Miss Lucy Talton, Mrs. Carlton Stephenson and Mr. A. M. Calais, and a duet by Mrs. Stephenson and Mr. Calais were much enjoyed at the Baptist church.

Pou Makes Plea

Mr. Pou then appealed to the court in the name of the defendant's unborn son, the pre-natal right of children. He urged the judge not to let this baby first see its father in prison stripes. A man who had 51 years conducted himself so finely ought to be allowed to participate in governmental affairs since so much of his service has been for the government, Mr. Pou suggested. Besides, humiliation of the defendant and his family cannot hold the prosecution's side, Mr. Pou said that everywhere he goes people tell him how much they hope for mercy for Wyatt. "Let him work for somebody like Mr. Briggs and he can pay into the county treasury much of the cost of this case, a cost not made large by anything that he did in the trial of this cause," Mr. Pou said.

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WYATT DRAWS EIGHT MONTHS

Is the Minimum Sentence For Manslaughter; Will Not Take An Appeal.

FREE UNTIL JAN. 2

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Jesse Wyatt goes Saturday, January 2, to the State's Prison to serve a minimum of eight months for killing Attorney Stephen S. Holt.

Judge Garland A. Midyette, ending his six month's stay in the seventh district, imposed the sentence this afternoon following an hour and a half of argument in which the defense, through James H. Pou, sought to save the former police officer from a prison judgment. The prosecution was in no great mood for mercy and Colonel Ed S. Abell, of the private interests in this trial, urged Judge Midyette not to forget the Holt family, widowed and orphaned by a "murderer's bullet."

Judge Midyette, however, did not regard Jesse Wyatt a murderer. His honor said that the offense of the prisoner was manslaughter and manslaughter is the "lowest form of killing." This homicide, the judge declared, is involuntary and that form was the lowest in manslaughter. "Tomorrow when I leave for my home in Jackson, I am liable to commit involuntary manslaughter if I get on the wrong side of the road," he said. There was an inference that Jesse Wyatt was on the wrong side of the highway. He was there with a pistol. He handled it carelessly, but not with criminal intent. The jury did not believe him guilty of voluntary homicide, Judge Midyette said, for near midnight when it brought in its verdict its last act was a recommendation for mercy.

Mangum Stands With Wyatt While the court was struggling with a case which had made a remarkable appeal to the corporate emotions, Officer Will Mangum, almost slain by Slim Anderson on the day the defense rested its testimony in the case, came in and stood while the lawyers pleaded for "mercy" and "justice." There never was any doubt that Will Mangum was the second victim of Wyatt. The officer in accidentally killing the Smithfield lawyer had shot considerable fear into his brother policemen. They were taking unusual chances with criminals because there had been so much agitation against policemen and other officers who used their guns. Mr. Mangum listened all through the entire appeals. He stood with Wyatt to the last.

Mr. Pou in presenting the cause for his client declared that which ever the court's judgment, Jesse Wyatt would not appeal. "We who have defended him have been willing to go to the limit for him and to see him through," Mr. Pou said. "But Mr. Wyatt knows that he had a fair trial and that he is before a merciful judge. He has exhausted his resources and he can go no further," Mr. Pou said, declaring the willingness of all Wyatt attorneys to see him to the end.

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