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Johnston County Grand Jury Finds A True Bill

Charging Miss Evelyn Britt, Robert Separk, And R. H. Stephenson With Murder of L. G. "Mighty" Forsythe.

The grand jury of the Johnston County Superior court, after examining a score or more witnesses in an effort to get all needed information in what is termed the Forsythe case, returned yesterday a true bill charging murder against Miss Evelyn Britt, of Durham, Robert Separk, of Raleigh, and R. H. Stephenson, of Wake county. Another bill of indictment against these persons was also presented charging the transporting and possessing of whiskey.

It was about four-thirty yesterday afternoon when the grand jury filed into the court room ready to make a report to the court. Stephenson not as yet having been apprehended and Separk being confined in the Wake county jail, Miss Britt was the only one of the three against whom the charges were made, present. She was in the court room with her mother and her attorney, J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh. When the findings of the grand jury were announced, Miss Britt showed every sign of perfect self-possession, readily assenting to the \$10,000 bond under which she was placed for her appearance in court for trial. No time was set for the case to be tried.

Last night, Deputy Sheriff Ellington went to Raleigh with an ambulance and brought Separk to the Johnston county jail. Separk was reported disabled from wounds received in an automobile wreck which occurred on the night of November 24, after Forsythe met his death.

Interest has been considerable in the mysterious death of "Mighty" Forsythe which occurred on the night of November 24 somewhere near Clayton, in this county. The investigation of the mystery was begun in Wake county, but later Johnston county officers took a hand, and now the affair seems to have been transferred here.

Wake, however, sustains interest in some angles of the case, as evidenced in a news item carried in the News and Observer last Tuesday, which is as follows:

"Subpoenas have been issued for the members of the coroner's jury, who investigated the mysterious death of Louis G. 'Mighty' Forsythe, young runner, calling for their appearance today before the Wake county grand jury, it was learned last night from the clerk of the Superior court. The subpoenas were issued at the request of Solicitor W. F. Evans. No subpoena was issued for Coroner L. M. Waring.

"Since Forsythe admittedly died in Johnston county, the only known angle of the case which could concern the Wake county grand jury is the mysterious book, alleged to have contained names of customers of Forsythe, who was a liquor dealer. Coroner Waring stated at one time that the book contained names of 'prominent citizens.' 'Members of the coroner's jury for whom subpoenas were issued, are: Dr. S. E. Douglass, Roy M. Banks, P. H. Ray, E. D. Peebles, R. V. Holland, and Irving M. Cheek."

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—
By Me—



"Mennie a brite mind iz barried in laziness."

Champions



John S. Martin (upper photo) has won the poultry raising championship 21 years in succession at the recent Philadelphia show. He won 4 silver cups—10 firsts and seconds and 35 ribbons for 4 birds.

Herman Trolle (lower), an American by birth, now a home leader at Wembley, Peace River, Alberta, was crowned Wheat and Cattle King of North America. This is the first time both honors have been won by the same man.

U. N. C. Banquet Benson This Year

Speaker For Occasion Not Yet Arranged; Date Set Is December 29th.

Following the annual custom, the Johnston County Alumni Association of the State University will hold its annual banquet this year on December 29. Last year it was decided to have the meeting at a different town each year, and the officers this year thought Benson deserved the meeting. Dr. Adlai S. Oliver, of Benson, is the president, G. A. Martin, of Smithfield, vice-president, and George Ragsdale is the secretary and treasurer.

A speaker has not yet been selected, there being four favorites of the University faculty under consideration, any one of whom is available. The speaker will be announced later.

The hour for the banquet is 7:30 p. m. in the ball room of the North State Hotel. The price of admission will, as always, be \$1.50, same payable in advance to either the president or secretary. The members of the local associations are urged to bring their wives, or else some feminine acquaintance. The Johnston County Club at the University, composed of boys from this county, has assured the officers of the local association that they are solidly behind the movement and that they will be here en masse.

PRINCETON BAPTIST CHURCH
(Rev. Jas. W. Rose, Pastor.)

Regular services at the Princeton Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening, conducted by the pastor. It may be his last appointment as pastor of the church. A cordial welcome is extended to everybody.

Selma School To Present Program Christmas Cheer

Other Items Of News In Selma Including Personal; Dr. Vick Improving In Hospital.

Selma, Dec. 15.—The Bird's Christmas Carol will be given in the Selma school auditorium on Tuesday evening December 21 at seven o'clock. Children from the fourth grade assisted by boys and girls from the high school will entertain for about an hour with this interesting story by Kate Douglas Wiggin. The number of times that this story has been translated into foreign languages is sufficient proof of its human appeal. Christmas Carols will also be sung. No admission fee will be charged but a silver offering will be taken at the door, proceeds to go toward buying books for the Junior library. The entertainment will be in charge of Mrs. Mamie T. Candler, teacher of the fourth grade. Those who have been fortunate enough to attend one of Mrs. Candler's Christmas entertainments, will be sure to avail themselves of this opportunity.

"A White Christmas" will be observed at the Edgerton Memorial Church on Thursday evening December 23. Instead of the usual Christmas tree the children are asked to bring gifts wrapped in white to be sent to the Methodist Orphanage. A beautiful program will be given teaching that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Special music will be rendered.

Miss Anne Noble was hostess at a dinner party on Friday evening at the home of Dr. R. J. Noble on Railroad street, the occasion being the celebration of the 17th birthday of Robert P. Noble, Jr. Those present to enjoy this delightful affair were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Noble and children, of Smithfield; Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Noble and son, R. P. Jr., of Raleigh, and Dr. R. J. Noble, of Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Brietz, Miss Margaret Etheridge, Miss Miriam Brietz, and Miss Tabor shopped in Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. Russel Long, of Rocky Mount, is visiting her parents here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Avery, of the Thanksgiving section, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Avery.

Misses Ruby and Myrtle McMillan and Mr. Lacy Prevatte, of Red Springs, were the guests of Mrs. Hattie McMillan Sunday.

We regret to chronicle the illness of Mrs. W. A. Nordan at her home on Green street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Eason shopped in Goldsboro Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah Edgerton returned from Goldsboro Monday where she had been at the bedside of her sister for a week. Mrs. Sasser has been critically ill but is much improved.

Mrs. T. R. Fulghum, Sr., spent last week end with her daughter near Garner.

Mrs. Geo. D. Vick spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week with Dr. Vick who is in a sanatorium in Richmond. His many friends are gratified to learn that he is much improved and expects to be at home soon.

Rev. D. M. Sharpe spent Saturday in Durham.

Mr. John A. Mitchner, Jr., of Edenton, spent Sunday here with his father.

Miss Bertha Woodard spent last week end in Raleigh with relatives.

Mrs. Maggie Hood is spending some time with her daughter in Dunn.

Mrs. I. W. Mayerberg shopped in Raleigh Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Scales and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Diehl shopped in Goldsboro Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Oliver and children, of Benson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey and family, of Kenly, were guests of Mrs. Peatie Oliver Sunday.

Mr. John McGill, of Atlanta, arrived in the city Tuesday to accept a position with the A. T. T. company.

Meardames J. W. Short, J. D.

Plan County-Wide Christmas Cheer

Clubs and Societies To Cooperate With Welfare Officer In Dispensing Gifts.

By MRS. D. J. THURSTON
Clubs and societies from all parts of the county are contributing cheer to unfortunates. The following organizations are providing the Christmas gifts for the County Home: Dinner by the W. M. S. of the Smithfield Methodist church. Fruit and confections by the Woman's Club of Clayton, Woman's Club of Kenly, Merchants of Micro, Kiwanis Club of Benson, W. M. Society of Four Oaks, Community Club of Meadow, Community Club of Sanders Chapel, and W. M. S. of Wilson's Mills. Candy and handkerchiefs for the colored inmates from the colored Welfare Organization of Selma.

Stockings for the poor children of Smithfield are to be provided for by the Kiwanis Club. The Epworth League of Smithfield Methodist church is going to play Santa Claus to the three little tots in the county home, and to the three little fellows at Mrs. E. F. Crump's Detention Home. A beautiful, large New Testament has already come from the Selma Baptist Missionary Society to be given where most needed. It is needless to say that the woman prisoner who had deserted home and five little ones to live the life of a prostitute, was given that. She really seemed to appreciate it.

The Social Service Committee of the W. M. S. of the Smithfield Methodist church is remembering the five Johnston county girls at Samarcand. The Woman's Club of Smithfield, and Rose's Five and Ten cent store have contributed toys for some of the poor families. The Woman's Missionary Society of Princeton is giving a Christmas donation of clothes for other needy families. The Kiwanis Club of Smithfield has been asked to play big brother to a blind young man, Miss Margaret Etheridge of Selma and her welfare committee will remember the Mother Aid Cases. Books collected from other organizations for Samarcand Library will be sent by Christmas.

But all the cases are not yet taken as three Johnston county boys in Jackson Training School are unprovided for. They are motherless boys, and one is an orphan. The colored boys at Hoffmann, also the boys at Eastern Carolina Training School will be provided for.

There is a colored family near Kenly—mother and eleven living children, father on the roads, family destitute. Will not some colored organization send a substantial basket? A white family recently having moved to Smithfield with seven children is in need. A well-filled basket would be greatly appreciated in this case. Another family in another part of the county with seven children, father sick with pellagra—needs a basket. Another white family with father paralyzed and mother sick—needs a basket also—here there are several small children.

A little tubercular colored girl is in jail until arrangements can be made for her at the county home—no people—all but one uncle dead with T. B. and he fears to keep her. She is a patient worthy 16 years old girl, and surely some colored organization of Smithfield will remember her.

If the organization or individual desiring to take cases will communicate with Welfare Officer correct addresses will be given and duplicity avoided. There are yet many others in isolated sections, "for the poor ye have always with you."

There is to be a Community Christmas tree in Clayton by the Woman's Club and Rotarians, and possibly there will be trees in other places. There is a great deal of charity locally as well as the county-wide benevolence.

Massey, W. W. Hare and S. W. Armitage shopped in Raleigh on Monday.

Four Oaks Bows To Smithfield

Local Quintet Takes Opener By 32-16 Score; Bane Brothers Star.

Smithfield high last night threw the 1927 basketball season and won from the "Flying Five" of Four Oaks 32 to 16.

The game began with a rush, Smithfield getting the tip-off and displaying beautiful pass work but the goal failed. The two teams battled fiercely in the first half and at the end of the half they seemed to be evenly matched.

In the second, the Purple and Gold quint ran wild and with the Bane brothers leading the way piled up a score too large for the visitors to reach. In the final minutes the entire second string was sent in but Four Oaks then added but one other point.

The work of Sylva Bane, center, for the locals, was outstanding while Milton Bane showed skill in making long shots. Both teams exhibited good pass work at times. The game was marred by many fouls on both teams.

Give Christmas School Program

Public School Music And Expression Department Make Fine Showing In Entertainment.

A Christmas program bearing out the local school's reputation for presenting good entertainments, was given last night in the school auditorium, by the public school music and expression departments of the school. Miss Frances White, public school music teacher, and Mrs. A. R. Wilson, expression teacher, had charge of the program, which reflected credit upon them as well as the pupils whom they had trained.

The evening's entertainment was in two parts, the first consisting of songs, readings and a pantomime, while the second part was a play entitled "The Christmas Story." Four scenes were enacted showing the shepherds in a field, the court of Herod, the market place in Bethlehem, and the adoration at the manger.

The closing number, a carol, "Silent Night," sung antiphonally was quite effective.

OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL IN INGRAMS TOWNSHIP

Deputy Sheriff W. W. Stewart, of Ingram township, assisted by T. O. Massengill, captured a whiskey still in Ingram and brought it to the county seat yesterday. It was a thirty-five gallon capacity still. Sixty gallons of beer were destroyed, but no arrests were made there being no one at the still when the officers appeared on the scene.

These are the days when Santa Claus is thinking up children's toys that father can play with.

Husband and Wife



My wife gets library books and keeps them so long I have to pay more than the books would cost.—A. C. M.

WHAT DOES YOUR WIFE DO?

Chaplin's Love Bark Again On Rocks



"Charlie" Chaplin (in insert, famous screen comedian, is again in marital hot water. His youthful wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, pictured here with their two sons, Charles Jr., and Sidney Earl, has left the luxurious Beverly Hills home and returned to her relatives. Now divorce separation and alimony rumors are rampant in Los Angeles.

Commissioners Superior Court In Session Again Draws Crowds

Dispose Of Routine Business Including Payment Of Numerous Bills; To Meet Again Today.

The county board of commissioners met in an adjourned session Tuesday, spending a large portion of the time going over bills that have been presented for payment. Some of these bills date from last February. It naturally takes longer for a new board to pass on bills that they did not make, but as fast as the accounts can be investigated they will be paid. Those approved Tuesday include the following:

A. B. Groery, \$10, supplies for county home; R. E. Holt, cost of juvenile court, \$2.60; H. A. Watson, help in auditor's office, \$21.15; A. V. Hinton, registrar Wilders, \$21.60; W. B. Lee, transferring registration E. Banner, \$16.80; R. A. Keen, transferring registration W. Banner, \$36.08; R. A. Keen, shells and nails, Ingram, \$1.40; L. V. Barbour, registrar, poll holder, etc., \$26.68; Hugh Young, judge of election, Meadow, \$6.00; C. F. Broadwell, judge election, \$3.00; Sinclair Refining Co., gas and oil, Ingram, \$18.75; Mrs. W. L. Stallings, auditor's office, \$12.00; J. A. Peele, registrar, Micro, \$21.75; Chas. Davis, clothes for paupers, \$28.14; F. L. Pittman, serving civil papers, \$15.00; Johnston County Hospital for paupers, five cases, \$264.50; R. H. Richardson, gas and oil, \$1.75.

It was ordered that in the future, the health officer and the county welfare officer be instructed to approve all hospital bills.

Ordered that Carlton Stephenson be paid \$74.38, registrar, judges of election, poll holder, boxes and other expense of election Smithfield township.

Ordered that George Taylor be paid \$10.00, auctioneer fees county land sale.

Ordered that Miss Lucile Johnson be paid \$2.00 for helping accountants.

Ordered that J. P. Hales be paid \$22.70 for serving civil papers.

Ordered that bill of F. H. Brooks, chairman of Armistice Day celebration, for \$185.50 be held until attorney instructs as to legality.

Ordered that bill of N. A. Massengill for \$13.00 be paid for upkeep of county home line.

The board will be in session again here today.

OLD VETERANS GET PENSION CHECKS

Old Confederate veterans and widows of Confederate veterans are now receiving their pension checks. They may be had by calling at the office of the clerk of the court.

To Crochet On Goods.

Place a coarse needle in sewing machine, remove the thread, and strengthen the stitch. Stitch edge on which you wish to crochet. Use these holes as a guide for crocheting into the goods. The work will go much faster and be more even.

Kiwanians Talk Christmas Plans

Voted Yesterday To Give Christmas Bags To All Needy Children Of The Community.

Following the precedent set several years ago, the Kiwanis club yesterday voted to give Christmas bags to needy children in and around Smithfield, and the rules and by-laws forbidding the taking of a collection on the floor were for the first time this year suspended long enough for every Kiwanian present to make a contribution. These averaged over two dollars each, and by the time all members have been seen it is expected that the fund will reach about \$75. Kiwanians here have always taken a genuine pleasure in this division of its work, always sponsored by the committee on the under-privileged child, of which Dr. W. J. B. Orr is chairman. The committee will select the names of the children to whom the presents will go, and several Smithfield ladies will do the shopping and fill the bags. The entire membership of the club will meet and distribute the gifts next Saturday week.

It was also decided at this meeting to entertain at an early meeting next year the entire cast of characters in the recent Kiwanis minstrel. Several people who took part in the minstrel received praise from the membership. It was stated at the meeting that the club would clear around \$90 on this production.

Several names were proposed for membership, and at a meeting of the board of directors held immediately afterwards these men were passed upon and assignments made to various members for the issuance of the invitations.

Mrs. Y. T. Weaver Dead.

Mrs. J. R. Kinsey passed away on Friday, December 10, at her home near Peacock's Cross Roads after a lingering illness of cancer. She had been a patient sufferer for about fifteen months and grew steadily worse until the end. She was forty-eight years old.

Mrs. Kinsey was twice married, the first time to Mr. J. R. Kinsey, of near Dunn. The second time, she married Mr. Y. T. Weaver, of near Peacock's Cross Roads, who survives her. She had been a faithful member of Hickory Grove Primitive Baptist church for about fifteen years.

The funeral was held at the home Saturday afternoon at three o'clock conducted by Elder Xere Lee, of Dunn, and interment was made in the family cemetery near the home. The deceased is survived by five children: Mrs. M. F. Matthews, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Mrs. O. M. Parker, Mrs. J. G. Allen and Mr. Aaron Kinsey.

SCHOOL TRUCK DRIVERS SHOULD NOT CHARGE

At a meeting of the county board of education held here Tuesday, complaints were made that some of the patrons of school trucks were being charged by the drivers a small sum per month for each child going on the trucks. The school truck drivers are paid by the county and this sum was collected in addition to regular salary. The board requested that anyone being thus charged to report it to the board. It is not the intention that patrons pay the truck drivers anything, since they receive wages from the county.

A Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one be ciphered his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Ticket must be called for before the following issue.

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(Miss) Mamie Phillips recognized her name last issue.

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