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Separk and Stephenson Enter Plea Guilty Of Manslaughter

Judge Imposes Sentence of From Four to Eight Years in the State Peni- tentiary; Evelyn Britt Pleads Not Guilty and Will Be Tried in Aug- ust Term of Court

In the stillness of a crowded court room made still by intense interest, Judge W. C. Harris yesterday afternoon about five o'clock imposed a penitentiary sentence of not less than four years nor more than eight years upon Robert Separk and Stephenson, charged in the Superior court with the murder of "Mighty" Forsythe in Clayton on Thanksgiving eve of last year. Separk and Stephenson were also charged with violation of the prohibition laws and with breaking jail. Through their attorney, E. S. Abell, these defendants shortly after noon yesterday, when the cases were called, entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter, and also a plea of guilty in the other two charges. The penitentiary sentence was imposed for manslaughter, and prayer for judgment was continued in the other counts.

Indicted with Stephenson and Separk for the murder of Forsythe and for violation of the prohibition laws, Miss Evelyn Britt, of Durham, through her counsel, J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, Miss Britt entered a plea of not guilty to these charges, and her cases were continued until the August term of court. Miss Britt has been under a \$10,000 bond which was changed to \$2,500, and after the completion of the Separk-Stephenson trial was still further reduced to \$1,000. Miss Britt was present in court throughout the day and watched the proceedings with the utmost composure.

Sizzling hot weather prevailed in the courthouse, relieved only by the waiving of pastboard fans, but no one thought much of the temperature as they strained their ears to hear the evidence of the witnesses put upon the stand which was to determine the degree of punishment to be meted out to these defendants. Robert Stephenson was brought into the court room in a rolling chair, not yet having recovered from gun-shot wounds sustained when officers attempted to apprehend him after his escape from the Johnston county jail a few weeks ago. He remained in an Erwin hospital until Tuesday when he was brought back here for trial.

Nine witnesses were placed upon the stand, the first being Paul King, who lives near Raleigh, and who was engaged by Separk to carry Forsythe to Rex hospital on the night when the tragic accident occurred. Jackson Buffalo, who accompanied King to Raleigh, was also put on the stand. W. E. Buffalo, father of Jackson Buffalo, was also examined, and all their testimony occurred in that Stephenson, Separk and Miss Britt stopped at King's filling station to get gas. King not having any, Separk engaged him to take Forsythe on to Raleigh. Young Buffalo who lives nearby was aroused to accompany him. Later the testimony of Separk himself stated that his car contained only a

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Tantalizer

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

Walter Lassiter recognized his name last issue.

Today's tantalizer:
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CAPTURE WHISKEY STILL

Officers captured a forty-gallon copper whiskey still Wednesday morning, about seven-thirty o'clock two miles of Brogden school house in Boon Hill township.

The still was in full operation, and there were four persons at the still, two of whom, Johnnie Capps, and his eleven-year-old son, Jerry, were arrested. The other two made their escape. The eleven-year-old boy is said to have taken his father his breakfast, and was helping around the still by carrying wood.

About two gallons of whiskey and around 160 gallons of beer were found at the still. Various utensils used in the manufacture of whiskey were confiscated by the officers.

Those who made the raid included Deputies Dan Mahler, G. E. Weeks and A. M. Rose.

Welfare Officer Is Commended

Grand Jury Recommend Religious Services In Jail Each Sunday; Other Recommendations

When the court organized Monday morning, the following grand jury was impaneled: J. N. Wiggins, of Selma, foreman; H. M. Grizzard, Redden Creech, Robert D. Ballance, Barney Lane, R. R. Holt, J. B. Parker, J. W. Bunn, J. H. Brady, H. A. Pollard, D. J. Langdon, D. T. Creech, Lee Pope, H. R. Renfrow, J. B. Allen, Willie Atkinson, L. B. Boyett, and L. G. Westbrook.

Judge Harris delivered a brief charge to the grand jury in which he urged them to visit the various county institutions and offices. He asked that special attention be given the office of the county superintendent of Public Welfare, because of the importance of this office in its dealing with crime.

Thursday afternoon the grand jury gave its report showing that they had carried out the injunction of the judge. These jurors complimented especially the welfare work being done by Mrs. Thurston. Their recommendation shows a careful study of conditions in Johnston county, and they have called attention to certain laws which are being broken that should find immediate remedy. Their report is as follows:

"Report of the Grand Jury to His Honor C. W. Harris, Judge presiding:

"We, the grand jury, beg to submit the following report:

"1st. We wish to return our thanks to the court for the courteous treatment we have received at the hands of the court, and to the solicitor for his willingness at all times to assist us in the performance of our duties.

"2nd. We have carefully examined all bills of indictment presented to us by the court, and have made true returns on the same in accordance with the evidence in the case.

"3rd. We have visited the county jail and find same in excellent condition, the best of sanitary conditions prevailing.

"4th. We have visited the various offices in the courthouse and find them in excellent condition so far as we are able to ascertain. The respective officers were cordial and accommodating.

"5th. We wish to make special mention of the welfare work being done by Mrs. Thurston. We think she is rendering efficient service and would recommend to the county commissioners to give

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Other Cotton Blooms

Other early cotton blooms have been reported to this office, Mr. B. J. Benson, of Elevation township, found a bloom in his cotton field on Saturday, June 25. Mr. A. P. Eric, of Four Oaks, route 2, found a red bloom on June 27. Mr. Grice planted the Parrish variety of cotton.

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Smithfield Man Heads Committee

W. N. Holt, Vice-President, Is Chairman of "Code of Ethics" Committee.

The North Carolina Independent Oil Jobbers association held its first annual convention here yesterday in the ball room of the O. Henry hotel. The program, presided over by J. P. Flannigan, of Statesville, president of the association, consisted of a morning and an afternoon session, with a banquet there last night. About 60 jobbers were present for the meetings.

The principal business carried on was the appointment of a "Code of Ethics" committee, with W. N. Holt, of Smithfield, chairman. This committee will meet with the major companies at Wrightsville Beach on July 16.

Following registration at 10 o'clock, the convention was called to order by the president to hear the address of welcome by E. B. Jeffress, mayor of Greensboro, C. S. Wallace, of Morehead, responded, following which the association went into the discussion of a new code of ethics, resulting in the selection of the special committee.

W. J. Keenan, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., and J. E. Marshall, of Rock Hill, S. C., then addressed the association on pertinent matters.

The afternoon session was taken over by addresses by J. H. Foster, of Fayetteville, on "The Future of the Independent Jobber" and by Mr. Ezzelle, speaking for W. L. Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., "Why a State Association."

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The other officers of the association besides Mr. Flannigan, president, are W. N. Holt, of Smithfield, vice president, and E. M. Brown, of Lincolnton, secretary-treasurer, L. H. Martin, of Greensboro, had charge of the program.

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MR. H. C. WADE DEAD

Last Friday Mr. Thomas Jordan was called to Waycross, Ga., on account of the serious illness of his brother-in-law, Mr. H. C. Wade. Mr. Wade passed away on Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock, soon after the arrival of Mr. Jordan. He had been ill for about three weeks with typhoid when pneumonia developed, causing death in a short time.

The body was carried to the old home in Floyd County, Virginia, for interment, Mr. Jordan accompanying the body to Virginia. The two children of Mr. Wade who had been with the family of Mr. Jordan, joined him here and attended the funeral.

Death of Mr. W. H. Capps, Jr.

Princeton, N. C., June 29.—After suffering a few days with a complication of diseases and all was done for him that kind friends and physician could do, Mr. W. H. Capps passed away at his home in Boon Hill township, May 31st 1927, at the age of 73 years. He was the only son of Elijah and Rebecca Capps. Mr. Capps was a kind, peaceful and obliging neighbor. He pressed forward for the progress and the betterment of his community. He was industrious and a successful farmer.

Mr. Capps was twice married, the first time to Miss Bettie Pool. She deceased a few months after their marriage. The second marriage was to Miss Sarah Lynch, who survives him. He leaves to mourn their loss a kind wife, two sisters, Miss Sallie Capps and Mrs. Annie Howell, a host of relatives and friends. We do not mourn as those that have no hope, for our loss is his eternal gain.

Interment was made in the family cemetery by the Masonic Order of which the deceased had been a member for the past few years.

Written by request.
ELLJAH F. PEARCE

COST HALF MILLION TO CAPTURE THREE BROTHERS

SPOKANE, June 28.—It cost half a million to put the de Autremont brothers behind the bars. Their pictures girdled the globe on more than 3,000,000 posters and there were other expenses. The United States, the American Express and the Southern Pacific paid for the man hunt.—Associated Press.

Give Program At Kiwani Luncheon

Boy Scouts And Scout- master Special Guests At Weekly Meeting of Local Club.

The Boy Scouts of Smithfield and their scoutmasters were special invited guests at the Kiwanis luncheon held yesterday at noon in the Woman's club room. Mr. Marvin Woodall, scoutmaster of Troop 2 could not attend, but Mr. L. E. Watson, scoutmaster of Troop 1, and thirteen scouts were present.

After the luncheon Mr. Watson made an interesting talk on what the scouting movement stands for and what is required of a Boy Scout. The scouts then fell into troop formation and each one of twelve repeated one of the scout laws. Three scouts repeated the scout oath. The scouts and Kiwanians then went down to the lawn in front of the building where a demonstration program was put on. First aid and knot-tying demonstrations were first given. Scout and by Mr. Ezzelle, speaking for W. L. Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., "Why a State Association."

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On Monday evening at seven o'clock.

'Tis the hobo gang that's a-meetin' here,
So 'ride the rail' that'll bring you near.
Jes' wear some Weary Willy duds—
Leave off yer powder, paint, an' studs . . .
Come on, every hobo an' Laggin' Lu,
'Cause we'll be a-waitin' here for you."

When the guests arrived they were gingerly asked to "come to the back door for a hand-out." This was a picnic supper which the hostess had prepared and packed in small boxes. On each package was a card bearing one line of a rhyme which told the "Weary Willy" who he was and another line attached to the box of the "Laggin' Lu." Thus the partners were matched and off to "The Pines" on the Raleigh highway they went to enjoy their picnic supper and have games and stunts for entertainment.

Among the guests were: Misses Lucinda and Anne Dixon Hood, of Kinston, who had arrived that afternoon from Rowland where they had visited Mrs. Jas. M. Johnson for a week.

It is said that the secret of good health is onion eating. But how in heck, we wonder, can onion eating be kept a secret?

Union Service At Methodist Church

To Be Held Sunday Night In Interest of Fort Bragg Memorial Chapel

Mr. F. H. Brooks, county chairman of the Fort Bragg Memorial Chapel Association, issues the following statement for the public: "Chaplain Walter B. Zimmerman, U. S. Army Chaplain at Fort Bragg, Dr. J. M. Lilly, President of Fort Bragg Memorial Chapel Association, of Fayetteville, and possibly others, will speak in the Methodist church Sunday night, July 3, at 8 o'clock, in the interest of the Fort Bragg memorial chapel to be erected by public subscription at Fort Bragg. This is to be a memorial to those gallant young men from North Carolina who made the supreme sacrifice in the late World War; and a place of worship for the thousands of young men of the United States Army, and the civilian training camp, who are congregated at Fort Bragg year after year for training and service.

"This is Missionary work of a real and definite sort, to build a house of worship for our God in the midst of a great army training camp where 'our boys' may have the opportunity of being trained for God's service while serving 'Uncle Sam.' Let's rally to the cause of our Lord and the service of our 'soldier comrades' and build a suitable house of worship for the living, and a fitting memorial to our hero dead.

"I trust the local workers in every community and as many others as possible will come to this service and learn something of the great need and the wonderful opportunity that will be presented.

"F. H. BROOKS."

Presbyterian Services.

Dr. B. R. Laey of Union Theological Seminary will preach at Providence at 11 a. m.

Rev. L. Smith of Fayetteville will preach at Four Oaks at 11 a. m.; Wildwood at 3:30 in the afternoon. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Assurance of our Salvation."

Services at Angier at 8 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

F. W. B. L. Party.

Misses Flossie and Zora Woodall of Pine Level, route 1, delightfully entertained the members of the Freewill Baptist League of Tees Chapel church at their home last Saturday evening from eight until eleven o'clock.

Shortly after the guests arrived the members of the league assembled to hold its quarterly business meeting. The meeting was presided over by J. N. Royall, Jr., president, and John R. Davis, secretary.

Various business matters in regard to the work of the league were discussed and other matters of importance were settled.

After the business meeting the leaguers and other visitors amused themselves in many games and various other amusements. Forty-one of the members, besides other visitors were present to enjoy this pleasant occasion. The visitors present from out of this immediate section were Misses Hazel Harper and Hazel Proctor of Rocky Mount, Miss Mattie Gains of Georgia, Miss Inez Braswell of Smithfield, and Mr. Maxie Wheeler of Benson.

Before all the guests departed ice cream and cakes were served.

WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY

Monday being the Fourth of July and a legal holiday, the First & Citizens National Bank and the Farmers Bank and Trust Company will be closed on that day. This is in accordance with a custom established several years ago, and it will be observed again this year.

Circle No. 2 To Meet.

Circle No. 2 of the Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary will meet on Monday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. P. Lore. Mrs. W. J. Woodard is the program leader for the afternoon. All the members are urged to be present.

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Steel From Sand



Hilary Eldridge of Oakland, Calif., has perfected an electrical furnace where steel is melted from Monterey black sand, an invention which may revolutionize the industry.

Young People At Holt Lake Camp

More Than Eighty From Granville Presbytery En- joy Courses of Study And Camp Activities.

Rev. P. C. Adams, of Roxboro, director of the Young Peoples Religious Camp of Granville Presbytery, reports that all phases of the camp life are in full operation and that the young people are enjoying their stay at Holt Lake.

More than 80 young people, representing twenty churches, are registered at the camp where they are receiving instruction in young people leadership, Bible courses and history of the church. From six-thirty in the morning until ten at night the young people are engaged in the activities of the camp.

Mr. Adams and the counsellors have praised the fine cooperation which the officials of the camp are receiving from the auxiliary of Presbyterian church and the many favors of Smithfield folks. The boys and girls will return to their homes on next Monday.

Delegates are in attendance from Roxboro, Townsville, Durham, Raleigh, Kenly, Roanoke Rapids, Enfield, Norlina, Weldon, Smithfield and many rural churches.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Selma, June 29.—There was a very interesting missionary program given during the Sunday school hour last Sunday at Edgerton Memorial church. Mrs. Geo. F. Brietz read a letter from Mrs. Erickson, a school friend of hers, who has been a missionary to Japan for a number of years. The customs of the people, their dress and the eagerness with which they received the gospel were clearly set forth. Mrs. Erickson is very much gratified over the interest the natives are taking in the mission work that she and her consecrated husband are doing. The closing number on the missionary program was a solo, "Something for Jesus," by Miss Flora Binder of Mount Airy, a guest of Miss Miriam Brietz.

The Knights of Wesley Sunday school class enjoyed a very delightful picnic at Holt Lake Tuesday evening. Boating, bathing and a delicious picnic supper were on the program. They were chaperoned by Rev. D. M. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Eason, Ralph Woodard and Frances Sharpe.

Rev. D. M. Sharpe and family have returned from Durham where Rev. Mr. Sharpe took a course in Duke University. While in Durham little Dan Sharpe, Jr., had his tonsils removed at Watto's hospital and is convalescing satisfactorily.

The members of the Junior Boys class of the Edgerton Memorial Sunday school held their annual picnic at Holt Lake Thursday of last week. The usual diversions were engaged in followed by a bountiful picnic supper. They were chaperoned by their teacher, Mr. W. T. Woodard, Mr. J. C. Avery and Mrs. W. T. Woodard.

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Pou Prominent In N. C. Politics

Geo. R. Pou Mentioned As Running Mate For Max Gardner In 1928 Elec- tion.

The following article reprinted from the Asheville Citizen of last Monday will be of interest to many of our readers because of the fact that a prominent Johnstonian, Geo. R. Pou, is suggested as a running mate for O. Max Gardner in the 1928 election. It claims that the lieutenant governorship should go to eastern North Carolina.

"Former Mayor of Asheville, and former State Senator William J. Coker, upon returning from a business trip to many counties in eastern North Carolina, was interviewed yesterday by a Citizen reporter as to the political outlook in the State.

"Mr. Coker has long been a close observer of political signs and conditions, and his judgment on party affairs is often sought and heeded by those Democratic leaders who are potent in naming candidates and in moulding the policies of the party. Mr. Coker was asked if he observed a crystallization of sentiment for any one of the candidates mentioned for President of the United States, and if he thought the two-thirds rule of the national party would be adhered to in the next convention.

"So far as I could observe, sentiment is considerably divided between the candidates spoken of as the party's nominee for President," Mr. Coker said. "I do not think any one candidate can possibly secure the entire 24 votes allotted to North Carolina in the convention. The two-thirds majority rule, in my opinion, should be abrogated. With this rule in force it is hardly possible to nominate a candidate in a convention without many days of struggle, and without the attendant party estrangements which have proved to be costly in the general election to follow."

NO INSTRUCTION.

"Do you think the North Carolina delegation should go to the Democratic national convention instructed to vote first, last, and all the time for any one particular candidate for President?" he was asked.

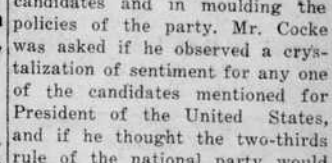
"No," was the prompt reply, "I think our delegation to the national convention should go uninstructed and privileged to vote for the man who is most available and who can win in the November election."

"When asked who would be the next nominee for Governor of North Carolina, Mr. Coker at once replied: 'Why, O. Max Gardner, of course. And this too,' he added, without the slightest opposition. 'Mr. Gardner will be the third gubernatorial nominee in my memory chosen without opposition. Aycock in 1900, and Craig in 1912. And Mr. Gardner deserves it, too. He arose above his defeat by Governor Morrison in 1920, and fearlessly and unselfishly helped to make Governor Morrison's majority in the election the largest recorded up to that time. And since this time, too, he has worked and labored unceasingly for the party's success and the State's wealth. The great people of North Carolina are not unmindful and will

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

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"Sum fokes no ez much about what ter do wid munnie ez a baby do a stick uv dinniemite."