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New Evidence In Snipes Case

New Witness To Testify In Case; Two Revolvers Are Found In Room Where the Killing Took Place

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 10.—"Oh, my God, I have killed poor Elsie—what must I do?"

When John Wesley Faison, former secretary-manager of the Hermitage Country club, goes on trial in Hastings, Court next Tuesday on the charge of slaying his affinity, Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, pretty and accomplished musician, formerly of Princeton, N. C., in her apartment in the West End, the prosecution will be prepared to establish by a witness occupying an adjacent flat that some one was heard repeating that exclamation over and over before Faison carried her out of the apartment and rushed her to Stuart Circle Hospital where she died early on the morning of November 16 of a pistol shot wound in the head which is alleged to have been inflicted by him. This was learned from an authoritative source today.

Meanwhile, the identity of the witness is being kept under cover. According to Faison he was alone with Mrs. Snipes in the apartment when she received the fatal wound. He contends that she shot herself in a moment of despondency with a large Spanish special revolver of 38 caliber which was found lying on the floor near a chair in which he says that she was seated at the time of the tragedy.

The prosecution also claims that it will be able to prove that nearly an hour intervened, between the time of the pistol shot and when Faison arrived at the hospital with her. Mrs. Snipes was pronounced dead when she reached the hospital and remained in that condition until she died. An autopsy performed disclosed that the pistol bullet pierced her forehead just above the right eye and taking a downward course made its exit through her neck just below the base of the brain.

Another revolver was found lying on a bed in the room. This was a small weapon of the automatic pocket type. Faison admitted that both weapons belonged to him. He said that he had loaned the smaller one to Mrs. Snipes to be kept in the apartment for protection. She had given a party in her apartment the earlier part of the night. Faison it has been established, called twice which the party was in progress but did not tarry to participate in the festivities, when he called the third time, he found her alone, the guests having taken their departure. Police succeeded in obtaining the names of two men and several women who attended the party. These have been cited as witnesses. At the time of the shooting, Coroner Whitfield ascertained, Mrs. Snipes was fully dressed with the exception, that she had her shoes off.

The theory of the prosecution is that Faison shot her in a fit of jealous rage. Investigation brought to light the fact that he had been giving her \$65 a month and his wife \$100 a month for the maintenance of herself and five children. Mrs. Faison is standing by her husband despite his alleged unfaithfulness, and is expected to be a witness for the defense at the trial. Faison first met Mrs. Snipes early in July of this year and it is said to have become greatly infatuated with her forthwith. Police claim that they have evidence indicating that she had grown tired of him and was preparing to throw him overboard, as it were.

Methodist Prayer Meeting.
The subject for prayer meeting discussion Wednesday night is the fourth chapter of Mark. This guarantees a good discussion for the following parts are contained in this chapter. 1. The Sower; 2. The Hidden Light; 3. The Measure You Mete; 4. The Tares Among the Wheat; 5. The Mustard Seed; 6. Stilling the Tempest.
The service begins at 7:30.

Few things are as expensive as those we try to get for nothing.

Name Fits Job



John Fields, vice-president of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita, serving the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico, who was elected president of the American Farm Congress at Kansas City.

New Ford Car Shown Here

New Tudor Sedan Receives the Admiration of Over 1600 People Here Yesterday; The Same Car As Exhibited in Raleigh, Wilson and Goldsboro

The new Ford car arrived in Smithfield yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock to pay an all day visit to Smithfield and people of the surrounding territory. The distinguished guest went immediately to the showroom of the Young Motor company and up to three o'clock yesterday 1610 people of Smithfield and nearby towns paid homage to this "miracle of the ages."

The new car, a tudor sedan, arrayed in Arabian sand color, was brought here from Goldsboro by E. B. Yates, a representative of the Charlotte branch of the Ford Motor company. The car was the same displayed in Raleigh, where approximately 30,000 people viewed it; in Wilson the first of last week, where nearly 20,000 saw it, and in Goldsboro, where approximately 17,000 saw it. The Young Motor company, local Ford dealer, estimates that 3,000 will have seen it here before the day was over. To the many thousands who have seen this car, it has fulfilled the highest hopes and expectations. The only complaint that has been heard is that it was not for sale.

The pictures and specifications shown here on December 2nd by the Young Motor company, local dealers, delighted the mass of people who saw them, but the showing yesterday of the car itself has resulted in the booking of quite a number of orders. Mr. Young, of the Young Motor company, stated that he believed it would be several months before one could buy a car on the open floor; that it was just a matter of putting in your order and getting in line for your turn. He believes delivery per order will begin in early January.

GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that there were 48,356 bales of cotton/ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1927 prior to December 1, 1927, as compared with 63,370 bales ginned to December 1, 1926, crop of 1926.

E. G. HOLLAND, Reporter.

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.

Marvin Stephenson recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: etersponed

Superior Court Will Convene Here Today

Judge Grady Is Detained in Clinton; 133 Cases on Calendar, More Than 40 of Which Grand Jury Will On

The two weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases opened here this morning instead of yesterday morning as was first announced. Judge Henry A. Grady, the presiding judge, having been unavoidably detained in Clinton yesterday.

The docket for the two weeks' term is full, there being one hundred thirty-three cases down on the calendar. More than forty of these cases will come before the Grand Jury, and in all likelihood, this body will be kept busy all of this week. Five murder cases will be passed upon by the grand jury. The defendants in these cases are Otis Moore, Roby Wall, Joab Baker, Jethro, Howard, and Thenia Bell Baker, and Gurney Hinnaunt.

Recorder's court was held yesterday instead of Tuesday as is the usual custom, because of the fact that today Superior court will be in session.

Co. Road Engineer Receives Honor

American Road Builders Ass'n. Appoints J. B. Lodor As Contact Representative of This Section; Will Attend Cleveland Meeting

J. B. Lodor, Engineer and Superintendent of Highways of Johnston county, has been appointed by the American Road Builders' Association as contact representative in this section. Mr. Lodor will report the progress of road construction in this county at the annual convention and Road Show to be held in Cleveland, January 9th.

County officials from all sections of the United States will attend the road congress which will convene at Cleveland. More than 25,000 road builders are expected to be in attendance at this meeting which will be one of the most important in the history of highway construction.

Mr. Lodor has served as county highway official for the past year and is very much interested in the construction and maintenance of highways and bridges. He was the county engineer of Duplin county on highway construction and maintenance for two years and for three years was resident engineer of Carolina on street paving, waterworks and sewerage.

All road officials and engineers of Johnston county have been extended an open invitation to attend the meeting at Cleveland. A special session of county highway officials will be held on Thursday, January 12 for the purpose of discussing the best methods of building local highways efficiently and economically. A general meeting will be held on January 9. Both of these meetings are expected to give impetus to the construction of county highways throughout the nation.

Mr. Lodor may attend the Cleveland sessions accompanied by a number of road builders from Smithfield and surrounding territory. They will inspect a machinery exposition which will cost nearly \$5,000,000.

The national meeting of the county highway officials was called following the organization of the County Highway officials of the American Road Builders' Association last June. Thomas J. Wasser of Jersey City, N. J., was elected president of the new organization and will preside at the county sessions in Cleveland. This will be the first national meeting of the county highway officials ever held.

Harry returned from school with a deep frown on his face and said to his mother, "They don't do fair at school, cause they give salaries to the teachers when the children have to do all the work."

Dairy Chief



An especially posed portrait of Dr. C. W. Larson, chief of the bureau of dairy industries, department of agriculture, who has been named to become Director of the National Dairy Council, effective January 1, 1928.

Annual Meeting Banks Of County

Go on Record Favoring Service Charge; W. E. Strowd, Goldsboro Banker Speaks at Meeting

On Wednesday, December 7, the annual meeting of the Johnston County Bankers' Association was held in Clayton at seven o'clock p. m. Representatives were there from the following banks: First National Bank, Benson; Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Benson; Bank of Four Oaks, Four Oaks; Bank of Pine Level; Clayton Banking Company; Farmers Bank & Trust Company, Smithfield, and First & Citizens National Bank, Smithfield.

After dinner which was served by the Clayton Woman's club, the principal address was made by W. E. Strowd, vice-president and cashier of the Wayne National Bank of Goldsboro. His subject was "The Service Charge." The association went on record as favoring the adoption of the service charge, the details to be worked out by a committee appointed for that purpose, and the whole plan ratified by the association at an early meeting.

Officers were re-elected as follows: president: R. P. Holding; vice-president: M. T. Britt; secretary-treasurer, F. C. Sweeney.

REPUBLICANS CERTAIN OF SENATE'S CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Continuation of Republican control of the senate was assured today with an announcement by the five western independents that they would assist the old guard in organizing that body.

Their declaration was made after Senator Curtis, of Kansas, the Republican leader had assured them that a majority of the "took the position that there should be no unnecessary delay in securing a vote" on the tree measures that the independents had proposed.

These are a farm relief bill along the lines of the McNary-Haugen measure; a bill to curb the issuance of labor injunctions by the federal courts and a resolution proposing an inquiry into the administration policy in Latin-America.

With their majority of one reduced to a minority of one by the temporary exclusion of Frank L. Smith, of Illinois, and William S. Vare, of Pennsylvania, the Republicans need every one of the votes if the five independents to organize the senate.

NEGRO CONVICT ESCAPES

News reached here yesterday of a negro convict, Walter Horton, who escaped from convict camp number 2, Peacock's Cross Roads, late Sunday afternoon. He escaped from the camp about supper time and the guards were unable to find a trace of him later.

The negro was convicted of violating the prohibition law in Recorder's court here several weeks ago, and was serving a 4-months road sentence. He had served only about a month of his time, according to J. L. Rackley, road superintendent.

Co. Commissioners Meet Here Again

Appoint Auditor and County Attorney to Receive and Investigate Tax Complaints; Permit Opening Driveway

The board of county commissioners met here Thursday in an adjourned session to transact business left over from the regular meeting on Monday.

A resolution was passed confirming the sale of \$385,000 worth of six months notes to Bray Bros. of Greensboro, to renew outstanding short term notes.

An order was also passed that H. A. Watson, county auditor, and Paul D. Grady, county attorney be appointed to receive and investigate all tax complaints and make recommendations to the board of their findings, and that they be furnished the proper printing for complaints and recommendations.

At this meeting, permission was granted to the town of Smithfield to open the old drive way at the rear of the courthouse from the alley by the Herald office to Second street.

Ordered that Albert Moore be released of license tax on cold drink and hot dog stand in the town of Four Oaks on account of being a paralytic.

Ordered that Dr. S. C. Ford, of Franklinton, be released of \$3,500 tax valuation in Selma township on account of over-valuation.

JOHNSTON STUDENTS FORM ORGANIZATION

WAKE FOREST, Dec. 8.—W. C. Whitley was elected president and C. N. Adams, secretary, of the Johnston County Club, which was organized here with 14 members, the largest representation from Johnston county in the history of Wake Forest College, according to Whitley.

While election of a sponsor for the new club was postponed until the next meeting, the following girls were nominated: Miss Gaynelle Hinton, of Clayton; Miss Ruby Crutch, of Kenly; Miss M. Zelle Lee, of Selma; and Miss Mary Parker, also of Selma.

Following are the members of the club: W. F. Woodall, H. L. Wall, William Clark, M. B. Parrish, and C. R. Duncan, of Clayton; A. D. Lassiter and C. N. Adams, of Wilson's Mills; W. B. Oliver, Jr., of Pine Level; Josephus Johnson, of Four Oaks; Jack Hooks and T. T. Godwin, of Kenly; A. L. Naron, of Middlesex; H. S. Grant, W. C. Whitley and J. W. Earp, of Selma.

HONOR ROLL GLENDALE SCHOOL, 2ND. MONTH

First grade: Pauline Davis, Mamie Lee Hinton, Dorothy Mumford, Marie Radford, Virginia Stancil, Edell Watson, Norman Brown, Rudolph Woodard, William Holland, Agnes Renfrow, Ruth Davis.

Second grade: Gladys Pope, Huel Boykin, Elva Godwin, Mavis Johnson, Doris Woodard, Hester Collier, Hazel Riley, A. W. Boyette, A. W. Boyett, A. V. Boykin, Ray Boyett, George Pope.

Third grade: Thurman Woodard, Mavis Hill, Harvey Pope, Garlon Stancil, Sallie Gooch, W. R. Hodge, Jr., Lolar Whitley, Rudolph Pittman.

Fourth grade: Vernon Hales, Malissa Godwin, Marvin Godwin, Pauline Pittman, James Woodard.

Fifth grade: Estelle Price, Mary Woodard, Grace Gooch, Venona Atkinson.

Sixth grade: Beulah Pittman, Eloise Holland, Dessie Johnson, Person Woodard, Jesse Woodard.

Seventh grade: Otho Batten, Essie Hales, Erna Watson, Hazel Woodard, Manning Naron, Ethel Batten.

UNSIGNED COMMUNICATIONS CANNOT BE PUBLISHED

We are again forced to remind the public that communications received in this office cannot be printed unless we know who sent them in. The name of the writer need not be printed but we must know who sends in the communication.

Slayer Of Wayne County Girl Must Die In Electric Chair

JOHNSTON COUNTY 'POSSUM AND STILL IN WHICH HE WAS CAUGHT



JOEL B. LEE IS CONVICTED AND GETS ROAD SENTENCES

Recorder's Court Finds Him Guilty of Receiving Stolen Property and Buying Cotton After Dark

Recorder's court was in session several days here last week and a number of criminal cases came up for trial.

In the case against Joel B. Lee, who was arrested some time ago when it was found that he had bought stolen cotton from William and Percy Boylan, negroes who live in Cleveland township, Lee was found guilty of receiving stolen property and buying cotton after dark. On the charge of receiving, he was sentenced to the roads for a period of eight months and taxed with the cost. On the charge of buying cotton after dark, he received a four-months road sentence and was required to pay the cost, this sentence to begin at the expiration of the eight months sentence above. Both of the above sentences, or the eight months sentence, is to begin at the termination of the sentence the defendant is now serving from the Federal court at Raleigh.

For being publicly drunk, Henry Crossing was sentenced to the county roads for 30 days, the road sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and the cost.

In the case against Prentice McLeod, charged with housebreaking and larceny, probable cause was found and the defendant was bound over to Superior court.

The State took a nol-pros with leave in the following cases: Eugene Thornton, charged with violation of the prohibition law; Hubert Smith, assault with deadly weapon; Joel B. Lee, larceny; Wright Harrington, larceny.

Ed Warren was found guilty of possessing intoxicating liquors. A 30-day road sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$10 fine and the cost.

James Holloman was convicted of possession of beer. He received a 60-day road sentence which was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost, and on condition that the defendant does not violate the prohibition law again in two years.

Eliza Worley was charged with giving a worthless check. A 30-day sentence was suspended upon the payment of the cost.

Bud Muns was in court charged with larceny. Probable cause was found and the defendant was bound over to Superior court.

J. H. Lee entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging violation of the prohibition law. He was sentenced to the roads for 30 days, but the sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost.

For violating the prohibition law, Joe E. McLamb was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. Willie Hudson received a 10-day sentence.

'Possum Beds In Old Liquor Stills

Johnston County Specimen Caught by D. A. Pennel of Wilders Township Attracts Attention in Capital City

Whatever deductions and conclusions may be made from it, the fact remains that down in Johnston county the 'possums have taken to making their beds in liquor stills, and in proof of it there is the specimen of the phenomenon brought to Raleigh Friday morning by D. A. Pennel, of Wilders township, and exhibited in various places to the vast astonishment of a lot of doubting people.

Doubting spectators had their doubts dissolved when the varmint, shivering in the unaccustomed cold, clawed his way back into the still, and dug down deep into the leaves he had put there for a bed during the winter. He just wouldn't stay out of the still. He apparently felt more at home in the place than anywhere else in the world and he wanted to stay there.

Nobody could have professed greater surprise than Mr. Pennel expressed when he related the astonishing tale of the varmint's capture. He had just gone 'possum hunting Thursday night. His trusty hounds picked up a trail and pursued it through the forests of upper Johnston county. After a while there was a deep baying, such as hounds make when they have treed something. Mr. Pennel went to them.

At first he was not entirely able to believe what he saw by the flickering light of his lantern. The dogs insisted that the thing had taken refuge in an abandoned still. It was with some difficulty that the varmint was extricated from the den, and when he did come, he came clawing and spitting. He was about as big a 'possum as Mr. Pennel has ever caught, and he has caught a good many. He weighed nine pounds.

And as for the deductions and conclusions to be drawn from the still, Mr. Pennel didn't draw any. He was content with the 'possum. It was suggested that Johnston county had abandoned the making of its famous apple brandy, and that its stills were given over to the roosting places of wild animals. On the other hand, it was suggested that they have so many that they can't operate them all, and the disused ones are appropriated by the various varmints.

As to these things Mr. Pennel had no opinion, but he is very definitely of the notion that such things don't happen often, even in Wilders township, Johnston county.

News and Observer.

Swift Justice Dealt To Larry Newsome

Guns Flash and Panic Reigns When Angry Citizens Seize Negro Slayer of White Girl; National Guards Aid in Keeping Order While Jury Convicts and Armed Judge Sentences Larry Newsome to Die in Chair for Slaying Beulah Tedder

The brutal murder of Beulah Tedder, a fifteen-year-old girl of Wayne county by Larry Newsome, negro, roused to fury Wayne county citizens and it was only at the point of a pistol in the hands of Judge Grady who was conducting the trial of the negro that perhaps a lynching was averted.

The crime was committed in Great Swamp township about 18 miles north of Goldsboro. Thursday night and Sunday afternoon, barely 60 hours later, Newsome was sentenced to die in the electric chair on January 13. The girl had been sent by her parents to a negro home, not far away, for a jar of syrup. When she failed to return, members of the family went in search of her and found the body not far from the house. She had been dead less than an hour.

In a clump of woods about four hundred yards from the house, there was evidence of a terrific struggle.

It was about two hundred yards from the place to the spot where the body was found and officers believe that the girl broke and ran from her assailant but was overtaken and slain.

A post mortem investigation revealed that she had been criminally assaulted before being slain.

Bloodhounds were secured from Smithfield and in a short time Newsome was arrested. He was taken to the State Prison for safekeeping until the trial. The trial began Sunday morning about nine o'clock, and this is believed to be the only Sunday session ever held in North Carolina.

Ben Dixon MacNeil, staff correspondent of the News and Observer, describes the dramatic scene in the court room as follows: GOLDSBORO, Dec. 11.—Leaning forward from the bench with a heavy automatic pistol warning the audience that he would shoot dead the next man who laid hands upon the prisoner, Judge Henry A. Grady this morning saved Larry Newsome, 23-year-old black, from attempted lynching. Three hours later, when the jury's verdict of guilty was in, Judge Grady sentenced Newsome to die on Friday, January 13, 1928.

Only a moment before Judge Grady rose up from the bench, pistol in hand, the court room, packed to suffocation, had been thrown into pandemonium when William Tedder, an uncle of Beulah Tedder, the negro's victim, precipitated what was evidently a well-planned attempt to take the

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Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



"Ah wonders of de han' dat rocks de wor' by rockin' de cradle iz gwinter rock de ship av state by not votin'."