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## Trial Of Faison Is In Progress

### Love Letters Introduced In Court; Witness Testifies That She Overheard Words in Apartment

Taking of testimony in the case of John Wesley Faison, former secretary-manager of the Hermitage Country club on trial in Richmond for the alleged murder of his affinity, Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, formerly of Princeton, began Wednesday.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 14.—Miss Bessie Wright, occupying an apartment just above that of Mrs. Snipes, testified late Wednesday afternoon, that after being awakened by a pistol shot in the latter's apartment she heard someone uttering a prayer thus: "I've killed Elsie. I've killed poor Elsie. Lord, have mercy on my soul. What am I going to do?"

L. O. Wendenburg, of defense counsel, declared that he would show that Faison, when Miss Wright heard him, was talking to a wife telling her that Elsie had killed herself. He also promised to prove that Mrs. Snipes not only had told Mrs. Faison over the phone just before the shooting that she was going to kill herself, but had been heard to remark in a downtown restaurant, "It looks like Mrs. Faison is going to get her husband back, if she does, I am going to kill myself."

This testimony, he said, will be given by H. C. Robinson, photographer for the State Commission on Conservation and Development, who is now en route to Richmond from the bedside of an ill mother at Baton Rouge, La.

Faison, who carried Mrs. Snipes to a hospital, has maintained she shot herself.

The Commonwealth's attorney said that the witness will testify that Faison was heard to leave the apartment and later return. He said that State evidence will be presented to show that Faison killed the woman, a young divorcee, through jealousy and that evidence of threats establishing jealousy as the motive will be presented in detail.

The statement made by the Commonwealth was brief, outlining generally the history of Faison's alleged association with the woman with whose murder he is charged. That the couple lived together as man and wife will be shown by the prosecution, it was stated.

L. O. Wendenburg, chief counsel for the defense, stated that the defense would "lay its cards right on the table at the start."

He declared the defense would be suicide and started his address by delving back into the life of Mrs. Snipes, who, he said had lived in Montgomery, Ala., Richmond and other cities. He spoke of the life of Faison, which, he said, was exemplary until he met Mrs. Snipes.

Selection of the jury was completed at noon today, and the actual trial began immediately thereafter.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 14.—J. J. Hatch, attorney of Goldsboro, assisting in the prosecution of John Wesley Faison on the charge of slaying his affinity, Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, by shooting her through the head, read before the jury this afternoon a batch of love letters.

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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 depends 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.

Ed Peterson recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: tvanssezer

## In Ban's Shoes



E. S. Barnard, Cleveland, newly elected President of the American Baseball League, to succeed Ban Johnson, once great power in diamond affairs. Barnard has been active in the American League for 25 years.

## Pou-Parrish Post Elects Officers

### D. Carlton Stephenson Again Chosen As Commander and Lehman Barnes Is Elected Vice-Commander

The Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion held the December meeting in the court room in Smithfield at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. No meeting of the year has been of more importance than this one.

The play, "Cupid Up-to-Date," which is being sponsored by the Legionnaires, had all the finishing touches put to its plans. The play bids fair to be one of the choicest bits of entertainment that has visited Smithfield during the season. It will be produced solely by local talent and is being directed by Miss Nelta Murry, of the Wayne P. Seawell Company of Atlanta, Ga. The play will be given tonight in the auditorium of the graded school building.

The election of officers for 1928 was held with the following results: D. Carlton Stephenson was elected commander by acclamation, and Lehman Barnes was elected as vice-commander in the same way. Sam Hogwood was elected adjutant.

Charles H. Grady made a forceful speech in recounting the achievements of the year now closing in which he said that the Pou-Parrish Post was about the liveliest and most active post in the state and that not only in the state does it enjoy this distinction but outside the state, Smithfield and Johnston county are receiving enviable publicity by the good work of this post.

Commander Stephenson in expressing his appreciation of the confidence of the post, stated that it was his desire to see the post continue to grow. He wants the post to begin to be felt as a living organization as well as one that has the interest of the former service men and their dependents at heart.

## ARRESTS MAN AT STILL

Deputy R. D. Mahler, of Bentonville township, assisted by Chief Strickland, of Four Oaks, captured an 80-gallon whiskey still in Ingrams township Wednesday afternoon and arrested a white man, Bud Lee. Three men were at the still when the officers arrived but two made their escape. The still was running at full blast. Seven barrels of beer and fourteen gallons of whiskey were found and destroyed. Lee was brought here and placed in jail to await trial in Recorder's court.

## Returns From Baltimore

J. P. Royall has returned to his home near Four Oaks after spending last week in Baltimore. He accompanied his son, William Golden, to Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment. They returned home on Saturday.

## Ministrel At Princeton

A "Carolina Ministrel" will be given in the Princeton auditorium on Tuesday night, December 20. Snappy songs, lively jokes and peppy music will be presented by twenty wide awake black faced comedians. The public is invited to attend.

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## Criminal Term Superior Court

### Judge Grady Asks Grand Jury To Investigate Justice of the Peace; Numbers of Cases Disposed of.

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened here Tuesday morning with Judge Henry A. Grady presiding. Little Ava May Hudson of Meadow township drew from a hat the names of the grand jury who filed into the box, and after C. L. Sanders was chosen as foreman, took the oath. Others besides Mr. Sanders, serving as grand jurors were: J. K. Barnes, John L. Johnson, Berry Starling, W. E. Barbour, Hugh A. Page, W. C. Fitzgerald, Walter Tippet, C. F. Godwin, D. G. Gower, E. T. Godwin, A. L. Coats, J. K. Sanders, J. W. Flowers, J. D. Powell, Nelson Lee, Burrell Whitley, and J. C. Lancaster. After the first day, C. F. Godwin was excused, J. M. Adams of Four Oaks, route 3, was appointed officer in charge of the grand jury.

After the jury had been sworn in, Judge Grady delivered his charge, his opening statement being that the success of the court largely depends upon the work of this body. The judge relieved the jury of investigating the county offices and the public institutions of the county during this court. It has not been long since such a report was made and will not be long until another term of court will give opportunity again. He proceeded to tell them in detail how to conduct their investigations of cases which come before them. And after all bills of indictment are disposed of, Judge Grady would have these jurors to take up the matter of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace. "The office of justice of the peace," said Judge Grady, "is as old as the hills, and is an honorable office," but he regrets that a few men have slipped into office who cause it to be held up to scorn and ridicule. He explained the jurisdiction of a justice and called upon the grand jury to make sure that no magistrate in Johnston county is guilty of over-stepping his authority.

With this solemn charge ringing in their ears, the grand jury filed out of the court room to begin their work of passing upon forty or more cases scheduled to come before them.

The petty jury was then empaneled and the following cases were disposed of Tuesday and Wednesday:

State vs. B. F. Frankley and J. F. Lancaster, charged with house-breaking. B. F. Frankley was found not guilty, but Lancaster was found to be guilty.

State vs. Lewis Holden, charged with violating the prohibition law. This was an appeal from the Recorder's court where he was given four months on the roads. He pleaded guilty in Superior court, and the sentence given in Recorder's court stands. Judgment suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and cost. Capias to issue any time during two years at request of solicitor.

State vs. Preston Thompson. Not pros with leave to be redecked after final termination of a certain civil action entitled T. N. Green vs. Preston Thompson.

State vs. T. C. Johnson, charged with transporting. Judgment nisi se i and capias returnable to March 1928 term.

State vs. David Lee. Judgment absolute on bond returnable March 1928.

State vs. A. D. Radford charged with abandonment. Radford appeared in court and showed that he is supporting his family. Not pros with leave. He is not to reappear in court unless notified.

State vs. C. R. Adams, charged with passing worthless checks. Enters plea. Judgment: pay checks and one half cost to save county from paying any part of the cost.

State vs. John B. Barbour, charged with violation of the prohibition law. Reaffirmation of the judgment of the Recorder's court from which appeal had been taken.

State vs. Arthur Graves charged with driving while intoxicated. Appeal from Recorder's court. The defendant submits in Superior

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## Sustains Fatal Injury In Fall

### Jack Guthrie Falls From A Tree While Hunting; Dies in Local Hospital

Jack Guthrie, a young man who was living with Jim Rose near Smithfield, fell from a tree late Saturday afternoon and sustained injuries which caused his death Sunday.

The young man in company with Dempsey Daughtry, Ira Thompson and a son of Mr. Rose, had gone hunting and had reason to think that a squirrel was hiding in the tree which he climbed. He lost his hold in some way and fell to the ground on some rotos that were quite prominent above the ground. He fell on his face and was knocked senseless. He was placed in a truck and rushed to the Johnston County Hospital at Smithfield, but he never regained consciousness before his death.

## Farm Aid To Be A Fighting Issue

### Supporters of McNary-Haugen Bill and Opposing Forces Prepare For Struggle When Relief Legislation Comes Up

Farm relief is expected to be the fighting issue of this session of Congress.

Supporters of the McNary-Haugen bill have expressed dissatisfaction over the recommendations made by President Coolidge in his message to Congress, and have served notice that the attitude of the farm group wishing to go ahead with the vetoed measure has not changed.

Chief among the recommendations on the farm relief problem in the presidential message is the creation of a Federal Farm Board, to administer a revolving fund to help cooperative organizations.

Commenting on the message, Senator McNary, chairman of the agricultural committee says it throws no new light on the situation and offers no sympathy for the supporters of the vetoed farm bill. He also points out that President Coolidge's attitude toward farm relief has not changed.

Senator McNary says President Coolidge, "advocates the principles of cooperation and thinks this would be a cure for the ills of the farmer. He is against the debenture plan, such as was proposed by the National Grange, or against any plan suggesting price-fixing."

"The only course left now seems to be to conform the vetoed bill with the President's recommendation as far as possible and make the equalization fee Article 10 of the covenant. The message has not changed conditions and has not modified the attitude of the farm group who wish to go ahead with the vetoed measure. And there seems to be a good chance of passing it over the veto."

Representative Haugen, of Iowa, co-author of the McNary-Haugen bill, takes much of the same attitude, as do other leaders of the farm group, who are planning to go on with the fight.

But leaders of the farm group will not have smooth sailing by any means, for President Coolidge's stand on the farm question was warmly praised by the leaders of the group that has opposed the McNary-Haugen bill and similar proposals.

So the farm relief question, which from almost every point of attack, is a problem of business as much as of agriculture, appears to be coming back to Congress with a louder bellow, more fury and more force than ever.

On one side stand those who feel that the farmer must continue, in the main, to work out his own salvation with some help from the outside, the exact amount of such help to be determined during the fight which now looms.

On the other hand stands the farm group, grimmer and sorer

## Father Murdered Girl Here Tuesday

### Gives Bloodhounds That Trailed Negro a \$4:00 Beefsteak; Has Moved From Scene of Tragedy

E. R. L. Tedder, father of Beulah Tedder who was so brutally murdered near her home in Wayne county last week, was in Smithfield Tuesday, and one of his main objects in being in the city was to have another look at the bloodhounds that trailed the perpetrator of that horrible crime. Mr. Tedder feels peculiarly indebted to these dogs, and while here he purchased four dollars worth of beefsteak and gave them out of pure appreciation of what they had done for him in helping to bring to justice Larry Newsome, the negro who cut the throat of his daughter.

Mr. Tedder is all broken up over the awful tragedy that has befallen his home, and he states that the mother of the girl has not eaten an egg-shell full of food since the sad occurrence. The girl, who would have been fifteen years old the 24th of next March, was the oldest of eight children. Mr. Tedder says they have lost a child through sickness but the sorrow was nothing to compare with the terrible shock he and his wife have just gone through with. "Beulah was a good girl," he said, "always mindful and industrious."

Mr. Tedder, who lived in Wayne county, was only three miles from the Johnston county line, his post-office being Kenly, R.F.D. Since the tragic happening last week, he has moved his family back to Wilson county to his father's place near Lucama. He moved because Mrs. Tedder could not bear to live near the scene of the tragedy.

T. C. Epps, of Lucama, route 2, was in Smithfield with Mr. Tedder Tuesday to see the dogs which had been instrumental in the apprehension of Newsome. The dogs belong to W. H. Stevens of this city.

## "FLAPPER GRANDMOTHER" TO BE AT PINE LEVEL

The "Flapper Grandmother" will be given Tuesday night, December 20, at the Pine Level high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Miss Susie Hubbard, of Gaffrey, S. C., with Wayne P. Sewell Lycoming Company of Atlanta, Ga., is coaching the play. Rehearsals began upon her arrival Monday.

The cast and choruses consist of 55 of Pine Level's most talented people. The play is wholesome, full of fun, a laugh from start to finish. One of the best musical comedies of the season. Admission 35 and 50 cents.

## PENSION CHECKS ARE NOW READY

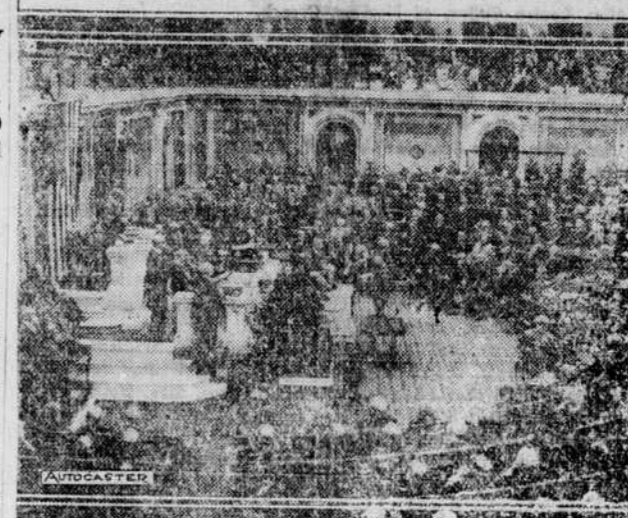
Pension checks for Confederate veterans and for widows of Confederate veterans which total \$10,000, are now being handed out by the clerk of the court. These checks are not permitted to be mailed out now as formerly, and in every instance where the payee can call for the check in person this course is desired. The old soldiers this year will receive a greater amount than ever before their checks for the first half of 1928 being \$182.50. The widows of veterans will receive \$50. The clerk urges that these checks be called for at once.

## Baptist Church

Sunday school 9:30. The eleven o'clock hour will be given to installing the officers and teachers and leaders in all departments of the church, with a brief charge to Sunday school officers and teachers by Superintendent F. H. Brooks, and an appropriate message by the pastor. Every officer and teacher and leader in every department of the church is urged to be present. At night, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, the pageant, "The Light of the World," will be given, about 80 persons taking part. A cordial invitation to the public.

Thus, every indication points to the farm relief question being one of the chief fighting issues up before the Seventieth Congress.

## Seventieth Congress Opens



A general view showing Speaker Nicholas Longworth making the opening address as the Seventieth Congress took up its work. This view was made in the House. Photographs are not allowed in the Senate Chamber.

## Princeton Bank Affair Is Settled

### Local Banking Institution As Receiver Pays Fifty Cents on the Dollar; Makes Settlement in Two Year Eight Months

The final report of the Farmers Bank and Trust company of this city, receiver of the defunct Merchants and Farmers Bank of Princeton, has been exhibited to His Honor, E. H. Cramer, judge of the Superior court of Johnston county, and duly approved, and a final dividend of fifty per cent ordered paid by the receiver.

The Farmers Bank and Trust company was appointed permanent receiver of the defunct bank on April 2, 1925 by Judge N. A. Sinclair, in chambers in the city of Sanford. The defunct banking institution was in what appeared to be a hopelessly insolvent condition when taken over by this local institution, but the Farmers Bank and Trust company has, with diligent effort and painstaking care, with the exercise of sagacity and seasoned judgment, handled the fragment of assets left on hand in such a manner that the depositors and creditors will receive fifty cents on the dollar. This is a record perhaps unsurpassed in this part of North Carolina.

The receiver has paid in actual dividends to creditors of the defunct bank over thirty-one thousand dollars in the fact of an actual cash shortage of over twenty-five thousand dollars. Creditors will soon receive final dividend checks of another five per cent dividend, which will make the total dividends paid six in number and fifty per cent in amount on the claims filed and proved regular.

The actual total receipts of the defunct bank were \$40,512.24 and the actual disbursements were \$35,806.75, which includes the five dividends paid and the payment of priority claims filed with receiver and allowed and ordered paid by the court, together with the majority of costs of liquidation of said defunct bank, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,705.49 with which to pay the final dividend of five per cent.

The Farmers Bank and Trust company liquidated this defunct bank in two years and eight months from its appointment as permanent receiver which establishes another record in banking circles in North Carolina. This receiver bank is Johnston county's youngest banking institution but it has had a splendid growth, and its officers are counted among the best business men of the county. The officers are as follows: R. C. Gillett, president; W. T. Holland, vice-president; W. J. Huntley, vice-president; F. C. Sweeney, cashier; J. E. Peterson, assistant cashier; John A. Narron, attorney. The directors are R. C. Gillett, D. W. Peterson, W. T. Holland, W. N. Holt, Geo. T. Scott, J. E. Woodall, Jas. D. Parker, W. H. Flowers, Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, C. L. Sanders, H. W. Rose and W. J. Huntley.

## Report Of County Road Operations

### Work of the Five Districts Given In Detail; 12 Bridges Repaired and Built

J. B. Lodor, county road engineer, made the following report of road operations in Johnston county for the month of November to the County Highway Commission at its meeting held here last week:

District No. 1.  
W. N. Holt, Commissioner.  
Clayed and graveled, 9640 yards; culvert boxes placed, 60 feet; bridges repaired, 2; roads rebuilt, 26 miles; roads dragged, 997 miles; machine ditched, 198 miles; shoulders pulled, 106 miles; fill in place, 60 yards.

District No. 2.  
L. Gilbert, Commissioner.  
Bridges repaired, 2; roads rebuilt, 10 miles; roads dragged, 206 miles; hand ditched, 150 yards; machine ditched, 28 miles; clearing right of way, 16 miles; fill in place, 95 yards.

District No. 3.  
Swade Barbour, Commissioner.  
Clayed and graveled, 4200 yards; roads built, 5 miles; roads rebuilt, 3 miles; machine ditched, 75 miles; roads dragged, 720 miles; shoulders pulled, 75 miles; clearing right of way, 8 miles.

District No. 4.  
C. P. Harper, Commissioner.  
Clayed and graveled, 1100 yards; culverts placed, 140 feet; bridges repaired, 4; roads rebuilt, 2 miles; roads dragged, 1207 miles; machine ditched, 21 miles; shoulders pulled, 68 miles; fill in place, 75 yards.

District No. 5.  
Dr. J. C. Grady, Commissioner.  
Clayed and graveled, 3412 yards; culverts placed, 140 feet; bridges repaired, 3; roads rebuilt, 4 1/2 miles; roads built, 3 miles; roads dragged, 757 miles; machine ditched, 46 miles; clearing grass, 8 miles.

Construction Done By Convicts.  
Camp No. 3 located in Meadow township, working an average of 12 prisoners, hand ditched 1260 yards, cleared and grubbed 7 1/2 miles of right of way, put in 36 feet of culvert and placed 1987 cubic yards of fill.

Camp No. 2, located in Pleasant Grove township working an average of 12 prisoners, cleared and grubbed 3 miles of right of way, placed 550 cubic yards of fill and built 2 miles of road.

Camp No. 4 located in O'Neals township working an average of 12 prisoners, cleared and grubbed 4 1/2 miles of right of way, dug 624 yards hand ditch, put in 250 feet culvert, clayed and graveled 345 yards, built 4 1/2 miles of road and maintained 10 miles of road.

The bridge force working county-wide, repaired and built 12 bridges.

## To Preach At Little Creek

Elder Holloway, of Durham, will preach at Little Creek Primitive Baptist church Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18. Elder Holloway is a very able minister. All Baptists and friends are respectfully invited to come out and hear him.

## Kenly Suda School Class Elect Officers

### Ladies of M. E. Church Raise \$385 During Year; Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson Succeeds Mrs. J. W. Hollowell as President

KENLY, Dec. 13.—At the December meeting of the Annie Benson Wesley Sunday school class of the Methodist church which was held at the home of Mrs. C. S. Pulley, the officers for 1928 were elected. There was a record attendance for the occasion and much interest was manifested because this class plays no mean part in financial contributions to Sunday school causes and to the church building fund.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. W. Darden. Following these the class went into a business session and elected the following officers to direct the class in 1928: president, Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson; vice-president, Mrs. C. S. Pulley; secretary, Mrs. F. A. White; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Hollowell. Mrs. R. T. Fulghum, who has served so faithfully and efficiently as teacher during the past two years, was re-elected to this position, with Mrs. H. J. Simmons as her assistant.

Mrs. J. W. Hollowell, the retiring president, is to be congratulated upon the record the class has made during the year under her direction, \$385.00 having been raised. Practically all of this has been applied to the church debt. The new president, Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson, has frequently demonstrated her ability to do things successfully and under her leadership and with the continued co-operation of the class members a banner year is in sight.

After the business session was dispensed with a social hour was enjoyed during which the hostess served a most delicious menu of chicken salad with all the accessories and peaches with whipped cream and cake.

## WILSON OVERWHELMED BY LOCAL BASKETEERS

Smithfield high copped the second game on the local schedule here Wednesday night from the Wilson high five by a 33-14 score. The game was marked by its roughness which resulted in numerous fouls. Wilson took an early lead but the locals soon tied the count and the two teams staged a battle for the remainder of the half. True to its style of play last season the Purple and Gold quint staged a second half rally which carried them to an overwhelming victory. Ed Parrish and Uzzle featured Smithfield's play, while Futrell starred for Wilson.

## MORAL: DRIVE A HORSE

If one will travel under the influence of liquor, by all means use a horse and buggy. In the first place, there are not so many killings and maimings. In the second place, it is cheaper. The Mecklenburg recorder fined a man driving an automobile while drunk \$50 fine and costs and revoked his license for six months (how can that be enforced?), whereas the drunken man driving a horse was fined \$10 with no penalty against further driving.

Moral: It is cheaper and less dangerous for drunken drivers to tick to old Dobbin.—News and Observer.

### Aunt Roxie Opines

By Mc—

"Ah hopes woman suffer age will never foller de jingle uv de ginnie."