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They Fight
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Faison Expects To Be Free Man

Jury in Snipes Case Came to No Decision Saturday; Resume Deliberations Yesterday Morning

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 19.—The Hustings court jury in the case of John W. Faison, charged with murdering Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, in her apartment here, was sent back into its room at an early hour tonight for further information after Forman Parker reported "we are hopelessly deadlocked."

The jury, which grappled with the evidence and the court's instruction for 66 minutes late Saturday night and was locked in over Sunday, took up the case again today at 10 o'clock, continuing deliberation throughout the day. One juror, A. Percy Diggs, this afternoon asked Judge Kirk Mathews to shed additional light on what is meant by "reasonable doubt." This the court attempted to do.

Claiming that he had come into possession of "vital evidence" Commonwealth's Attorney Dave Satterfield was seeking permission of the court at an early hour tonight to call back the jury and place a girl witness on the stand who, he said, would testify that, as a telephone operator, she heard a conversation over a line on the night of Nov. 15 which she thought had to do with the fatal shooting that followed early the next morning when Mrs. Snipes and the former Sunday school superintendent were alone in the Snipes apartment.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—John W. Faison, former Hermitage Country Club secretary, charged with murdering Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes in her apartment here last November, expressed confidence in his cell tonight that the deadlocked jury which received his case late last night will return a verdict of acquittal.

"I will be the most disappointed man in the world if I am not back home tomorrow afternoon with my wife and five children," the former Sunday school superintendent said.

While Faison received as visitors this afternoon his wife and five children, his mother, father and friends, the 12 Hustings court jurors who were locked in near midnight upon reporting to Judge Kirk Mathews that they had not reached a verdict after deliberating 36 minutes, spent the afternoon at a local hotel with instructions from the court not to consider the case until they return to the jury room tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Members of the jury tonight attended the Second Baptist church, where they heard a sermon containing no reference to the case which they have in their hands.

The case went to the jury last night at 11:10 o'clock following six hours of argument by counsel and a brief charge by Judge Mathews. Three attorneys for the prosecution contended that Faison fired the pistol shot that killed the young music teacher because he was actuated by jealousy, while three lawyers for the defense told the jury Mrs. Snipes shot herself through the head when she realized that she had lost the love of Faison.

The defendant broke down for the first time during the five days of his trial last night while State Senator T. Gray Haddon was

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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.

Ezra Stevens recognized his name last issue.
Today's Tantalizer:
jeimpehnsustun

HOW ABOUT MONDAY AS A HOLIDAY HERE?

This year Christmas comes on Sunday. Christmas day is always observed as a holiday, but unless Monday is observed this year also, folks who have to work in stores, offices, etc., will get only one day, which they would have whether it were Christmas or not. Some of the towns are starting a movement to give Monday. At this season, folks want to visit relatives; it is a time of family reunions; it is an occasion when an extra day's relaxation after a strenuous business season would be exceedingly welcome. We do not see why Smithfield cannot declare a holiday on Monday. However, if the business firms decide to do this, there should be ample notice given so that folks will not come to town expecting to transact business and find things closed up.

Fire Destroys Ward Residence In Selma

Home Was Formerly Owned by M. C. Winston; Loss Partly Covered by Insurance

One of the prettiest residences in Selma was destroyed early Sunday morning when the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Ward on Anderson street caught fire and burned to the ground. The fire alarm was turned in about four o'clock, but the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building, and practically all of the furniture was also destroyed. According to report, only the piano, an Edison talking machine, some books and a chair or two were rescued.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward, who were alone in the house, were asleep on the first floor when Mrs. Ward was awakened by a noise. Again hearing the noise which she thought to be someone trying to enter the house, they made investigation and the kitchen was found to be in a full blaze. The alarm was given and the fire department did all possible to curb the flames, but without success. The Smithfield fire company was also rushed to the scene. Good work was done by both departments in saving nearby buildings. It is said that but for the work of the fire companies and for the slate roof, Dr. Mayerberg's house would in all probability have caught fire.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it originated in the rear of the house. The house was originally owned by M. C. Winston, a former citizen of Selma. The loss has been estimated at something like eighteen or twenty thousand dollars. However, the loss is partly covered by insurance, there being six thousand on the house and fifteen hundred on the furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward have gone to Wilson where they will spend some time with relatives. Their children were in Wilson at the time of the fire.

NO FIREWORKS IN FIRE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that no fireworks of any kind will be allowed to be discharged within what is commonly called the "fire district" of Smithfield, which embraces the following blocks from First and Johnston streets to Fifth street thence with Fifth street to Bridge street, thence with Bridge street to First street, thence with First street to Johnston street. All those desiring to discharge fireworks will be permitted to do so from 6 a. m. Monday, the 26th, to 12 p. m. Monday night outside of the fire district aforementioned. Penalty for any violations

J. D. UNDERWOOD, Mayor

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MEET JANUARY 9

On account of the holiday season, the county commissioners will meet on January 9 instead of on January 2, according to a statement made yesterday by Neil Barnes, clerk to the board. The courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 2.

Defendants Fail; Court Recesses

Judge Grady Orders Capias Instantly For Each Defaulting Defendant; Will Resume Court Today

The second week of December criminal term of the Johnston Superior court opened on schedule time—10 a. m.—here Monday morning. A number of cases of minor importance had been set for trial, but when the solicitor called his docket, the defendants were not there to answer. Judge Grady promptly directed the sheriff to call the defendants and their suits and judgment nisi seia was entered against the bondsmen returnable to the March term, 1928, and a capias instantly was placed in the hands of the sheriff for the arrest of each defaulting defendant, who are to be held without bond until the complaints against them can be adjusted. Court then adjourned until Tuesday, December 20.

The grand jury returned here Monday and resumed their investigations of the large list of bills directed to them by the solicitor. They have under consideration the bill against Claude Barber and Golden Parker for the murder of J. M. Royal who was killed by some unknown party or parties during the late hours of October 21, 1927. A large number of witnesses were here to give evidence in this case.

The trial of Roby Wall for the murder of Richard O'Neal, late of O'Neal township, is scheduled to begin here at ten o'clock today and it is thought that the term will close at the conclusion of this case.

RECORDER'S COURT PROCEEDINGS

On account of the two weeks' term of criminal Superior court which is in session here Recorder's court was held on Monday of last week instead of Tuesday. The following cases were tried and disposed of:

In the case against Isham Lee, charged with larceny, probable cause was found and the defendant was bound over to Superior court under a \$400 bond.

I. M. Stokes and Victoria Stokes were in court charged with disposing of mortgaged property. Victoria Stokes was found not guilty but I. M. Stokes was convicted. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

For assault on his wife, Ed Jennette was sentenced to the roads for six months and taxed with the cost. The court continues jurisdiction in this case until December 27.

B. L. Franklin, B. F. Lancaster, John Jernigan and ... Faircloth were found guilty of attempting to break jail. Franklin received a 30-day jail sentence and the others six months each.

ARE COLLEGES ANY GOOD?

The frequent discussions as to whether colleges are worth what they cost, and if college education is all it is cracked up to be, will shortly come to an end. They have demonstrated their value in ways which will cause the average man to be strong for them. You ask "Why?" Here are two proofs:

1. The news comes that Chicago University has declared that French fried potatoes and pie are wholesome; and

2. Prof. Henry John Spencer has proposed that jazz be cut out when we have music with our meals, or, in other words, that we take the "din" out of dinner and put "rest" into restaurants.

When colleges and professors turn their attention to such high-brow stuff, who can doubt their value.—News and Observer.

What's the Difference?

Kenneth had been forbidden fresh fruit by medical injunction. "Mother," he pleaded, "please, mayn't I have an apple?" "No, darling; apples make you ill, and you don't want to be ill, do you?" "Well, I think I'd as soon be ill from eating one as from wanting one," he replied firmly.

Very Much In The Race



New and exclusive photo of Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, who appears to be gaining in popular Republican favor for the G.O.P. Presidential nomination which President Coolidge does not choose to accept.

Selma Kiwanians Master Farmers Of Entertain Guests State Receive Medals

Members of Smithfield and Raleigh Clubs Visitors at Delightful Banquet

Members of the local Kiwanis club and a delegation from the Raleigh club enjoyed a delightful meeting with the Selma Kiwanis club Thursday evening in Selma. N. E. Edgerton, president of the Raleigh Kiwanis, had charge of the program and he presented John McDonald who showed the motion picture, "Seeing Raleigh Through Kiwanis Eyes." His humorous remarks as he explained the picture kept those present convulsed with laughter. Another enjoyable feature of the program was the singing by the Raleigh Kiwanis quartet.

Plans were made at this meeting for the Selma community Christmas tree when the poor children will be served a sumptuous banquet in addition to the usual Christmas tree.

An election of officers by the Selma club resulted in the following selection: J. Dick Massey, president; John N. Wiggs, vice-president; C. A. Jacobs, district.

Those attending from here were H. B. Marrow, T. C. Young, B. J. Holleman, W. M. Gaskin and Dr. W. J. B. Orr.

LOOKED LIKE A LIE TO HIM

Several years ago, Firestone, Ford, Edison and Burroughs were touring through West Virginia. A light on their car went bad and they stopped at a little crossroads store in the Buckingham section. Henry Ford went into the store to make the purchase.

"What kind of automobile globes do you have?" "Edison," replied the merchant. "I'll take one," said Ford, "and you may be interested to know, 'hat Mr. Edison is out in my car."

When the light was put in it was found that a new tire was needed so Ford went back to the store, and asked what kind of tires the merchant had.

"Firestone," was the reply. "By the way, you may be interested to know that Mr. Firestone is out in my car, and that I am Mr. Ford—Henry Ford."

"So?" said the merchant, and let drive a long squirt of tobacco against the wall.

"While the merchant was putting on the tire, Burroughs, who had white whiskers, leaned out of the car and said, "Good morning, sir."

The merchant looked up at him with a grin of sarcasm and said, "If you try to tell me that you are Santa Claus, I'll be ... if I don't crown you with this wrench."—Exchange.

Tailoring Shop Here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Smith, of Raleigh, have moved here and live in the home of Miss Sallie Muns. Mr. Smith has a tailoring shop over Miss Ora Poole's millinery store. Mr. Smith had a similar shop here before moving to Raleigh about two years ago, and the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Smith welcome them back to Smithfield.

Mrs. A. T. Beddingfield Dies At Clayton Home

Funeral Yesterday Afternoon at Clayton Baptist Church; Five Sons Survive

Mrs. A. T. Beddingfield, a member of one of Clayton's most prominent families, died at her home in Clayton Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Beddingfield had influenza last March and since that time she has been in feeble health. About two weeks ago she was confined to her bed and grew worse until her death Sunday afternoon. The deceased was sixty-six years of age.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Clayton Baptist church of which the deceased was a faithful member. The service was conducted by Dr. Ira E. D. Andrews, pastor of the deceased. The floral offering was large and beautiful, showing the esteem in which Mrs. Beddingfield is held. The pall bearers were Dr. B. A. Hocutt, Dr. H. E. Brooks, Swade Barbour, John M. Hinton, Garland Wall and J. Rufus Hinton.

Mrs. Beddingfield is survived by five sons: E. T., C. H., and R. W. Beddingfield, of Clayton; H. R. Beddingfield, of Raleigh; and W. L. Beddingfield, of Henderson. There is one sister, Mrs. Henry B. Ferrell, of Stanhope. Mr. Beddingfield died about six years ago.

GLENDALE WALLEPS KENLY TEAM 28-11

KENLY, Dec. 17.—The Glendale high school basketball team put a crimp into the winning streak that the Kenly high school quint has been enjoying by defeating them the decisive score of 28 and 11 last Wednesday evening.

Glendale gained an early lead which was held throughout the game. Kenly made a desperate effort to gain the lead in the second half, but the Glendale team maintained its pace and by clever passing and accurate shooting were able to keep Kenly on the defense.

This was the fifth game played by Glendale this season and up to the present three games have been won and two lost.

SHORT COTTON CROP MEANS MORE DOLLARS

Cotton ranks next to King Tobacco in North Carolina with its 857,000 bales, worth \$82,000,000. It is worth 12 per cent more than the 1,213,000 bales crop of last year. Thus a 13 per cent shortage in acreage and a 24 per cent damage by boll weevils, bring a \$10,000,000 increase in value this year.

It is generally admitted that North Carolina is a big tobacco state, but \$82,000,000 worth of cotton bales is not to be frowned on. Priced at an average of 20 cents per pound and 237 pounds, we have a value of \$47.00 for the lint per acre, with the seed to be added. In contrast to this was the 292 pounds per acre, averaging 12.5 cents per pound last year, which gave a lint value of less than \$37 per acre. In spite of the serious boll weevil damage and a smaller acreage, it appears that the farmers will make more money on their cotton crop than they did last year. By applying proven business methods and studying the spring intentions reports, farmers might again avoid crops like last year's record one and those that will come in the future.

Both the National and State crop estimates have been consistent since August, so much so that the trade was expecting the final forecast to be about as it is. Thus there is little disturbance in the speculative market prices.

Maybe They Were Joking

A farmer took his wife to a concert, and after listening with apparent joy the pair suddenly became interested in one of the choruses: "All we, like sheep, have gone astray."

First a sharp soprano voice exclaimed: "All we, like sheep"; next a deep voice uttered in a most earnest tone: "All we, like sheep." Then all the singers at once asserted: "All we, like sheep." "Well, I don't!" exclaimed the farmer to his wife. "I like beef and bacon, but I can't bear nut-ton."

Legion Head On Job



New photo of National Commander Edward Spafford of the American Legion in Washington with advanced Legion legislative program for the new Congress.

Pageant Delights Large Audience

Eighty Characters Take Part in Christmas and Missionary Program at Baptist Church

The Christmas and missionary pageant entitled "The Light of the World" given Sunday evening at the Baptist church was one of the most impressive services to be held here in some time. The large church was filled to overflowing long before the program began and perhaps a third of those who went to the church could not get inside. The general cast of characters included about eighty persons varying in age from small children to older members of the church.

The pageant opened with three prophets as watchmen on the mountain top, peering into the future 700 years distant to see the coming Messiah. "Watchmen, tell us of the night" was answered by "Lo, the Son of God is Come."

In the next scene, their vision was realized, when wise men came to find in Bethlehem the Saviour of the world, followed by adoration of angels, shepherds, wise men and the Madonna's lullaby.

At the manger, the Wise Men presented actual gifts—the collection of several weeks past of women and children—for the return of 40 missionaries to their field.

Then the prophet Isaiah, typifying all penitent souls, with a vision of God, consecrated himself to preaching repentance to his nation. This was followed by the appearance of Christianity, born at the manger, calling on all the lost world to repent and consecrate itself to the Messiah's kingdom. Education and the Church meanwhile took their stand with Christianity.

Seven Ambassadors answered the call of Christianity: Bible teacher, Patriot, Evangelist, Collegian, Business Man, Teacher of Childhood, and Missionary. The music, most of which was rendered by a choir behind the scenes, was suited to each event and added a great deal to the carrying out of the program. "We Three Kings of the Orient Are" rendered by S. L. Morgan, James Davis, and John A. Wallace was particularly effected. The lighting effects were important factors in the arrangement of the different scenes.

Credit is due Mrs. S. L. Morgan who directed the pageant.

NEW FORD CAR IS SHOWN AT KENLY TUESDAY

KENLY, Dec. 17.—The new Ford car just put on the market by the Ford Motor company was on exhibition here last Tuesday in the showroom of the Bailey Auto company. T. C. Bailey, the local dealer here, states that around 800 people visited the showroom to see the new Ford. It was a coach, very beautiful in color and style, a substantial piece of machinery. T. C. Bailey drove it to Wilson Tuesday afternoon where it was taken to Fremont for exhibition that afternoon and night.

Sound Farmers On Organization

Think State Wide Organization Would Be Beneficial But Doubt Financial Support

RALEIGH, Dec. 19.—While farmers of North Carolina admit that a state-wide farm organization built by the consolidation of community and county organizations will be greatly beneficial, they doubt that as to the financial support that will be accorded such organization.

This is the general opinion of the 125 extension workers gathered at State College last week for their annual conference at school. The county agents especially appeared reluctant to commend the farmers with whom they work to this organization. Some of the agents had the specter of the lamented tobacco association before them when they reported that they would not want to be personally responsible for the success of the organization in their counties.

This view of the agents was upheld by the results of a survey made of leading farmers. Replies were received from 823 men who had been questioned by the extension service. Most of these replies indicated a need of the proposed organization and stated that the signers would join the organization and stated that it would be supported in their home communities; but, there was a rather sharp division when the question of dues and financial support was answered.

In discussing the matter before the agents, Dean I. O. Schaub, in charge of agricultural extension work, stated that the agents could not be permitted, under the law, to go out and perfect such a proposed organization of farmers. The agents can assist the farmer to do their own organizing and may help to get the movement started but the actual organization must be done by the farmer themselves.

This question of farm organization was one of the principal matters coming before the county agents in their joint conference. Much time was devoted to a study of all existing national organizations.

WELCOME VISITORS TO THE HERALD OFFICE

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Edwards and little son, William Carroll, Banner township, were in the city Friday and gave the Herald office a call. Mr. Edwards brought some fine sweet potatoes, four of which would easily make a peck. These yams weighed each from four and a half to five and a half pounds. Mr. Edwards has his own potato storage house, and his crop is keeping fine. Along with it, potatoes, he brought some fine seed corn of the yellow dent variety. Such friends as Mr. Edwards are always welcome.

With Mr. and Mrs. Edwards was Mr. Edwards' father, Jesse Edwards of Bentonville township, a old Confederate veteran who was here to receive his pension check from the clerk of the court. The old man is 88 years old but quite spry for his age. He talked a little about the war recalls times when they had to forage for something to eat.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



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