

Hickman Avoids Eyes Of Slain Girl's Father

Slinks Behind His Attorney's Back When Confronted by Perry Parker; First Meeting Since He Delivered Marion's Body

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 8.—(AP)—A young man who killed a 2-year-old school girl and sold her mutilated body to her father for \$1,500 met that father again in court here today, and slunk behind his attorney's back to avoid the father's eyes.

As Perry M. Parker stepped to the witness stand, William Edward Hickman, confessed slayer of Marian Parker, slumped down in his chair behind his lawyer, Jerome K. Walsh, stubbornly fixed his gaze on the lawyer's back and the table in front of him and refused to cast even a single glance in Parker's direction.

From the stand the father of Marian threw one long, intense look at his daughter's killer and then turned to reply to queries of District Attorney Asa Keyes.

Parker and Hickman came together today for the first time since he paid the other \$1,500 for Marian's body in the gloom of South Manhattan Place the night of December 17 last.

As the last witness in Hickman's sanity trial, Parker identified letters and telegrams sent to him by Marian's kidnapper; also the Treasury notes recovered from Hickman which he had paid the youth for the body.

Asked to identify the defendant, he looked at Hickman as the latter's eyes remained averted from the witness stand, and said:

"He is the man who took the money."

Parker told of the meeting on South Manhattan Place, he said:

"I drove to the meeting place and parked. He (meaning Hickman) drove alongside. He was masked. At the point of a gun he asked me for the money. I gave it to him."

"Then he said he would drive a little farther down the street and let her (meaning Marian) out. He showed her to me in his car. I thought she was asleep. He drove down the street and put her out."

The state rested when Parker left the witness chair and after a brief recess, the defense also announced it had no further evidence to present.

Opening of final arguments by the prosecution this afternoon brought the sanity trial to its last phase.

With three hours allotted to each side, it was indicated that the case would be placed in the hands of the jury of eight men and four women late tomorrow.

Only Judge J. J. Trabucco's charge to the jury and the oratorical efforts of state and defense attorneys remained to wind up the trial, which may prove a test for the new California statutes covering insanity pleas in criminal cases.

Should Hickman be found sane by the jury, it is expected that Judge Trabucco will pronounce sentence immediately. The death penalty faces Hickman in this event.

If found insane, the defendant would be committed to a state asylum.

Defense attorneys indicated at the outset of the trial that an appeal (Turn to page four please)

Tantalizer

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

Wilbur Turner deciphered his name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: asemranaai

Buried Alive



Herbert Kahl, 19, carpenter's helper, of New Albany, Ind., recovering from the effects of being buried five hours in a grave of quicksand. He prayed for his life and God answered his prayer, Kahl said after he was rescued.

Princeton Now Has Needed Bus Station

Building Activities In Full Swing; Officers Capture Stills And Pour Out Quanity Of Beer.

PRINCETON, February 9.—The Raleigh and Goldsboro Bus company have opened an office for the sale of tickets and the convenience of ladies and gents who are waiting for the bus. The office is now in charge of Osborn Mason, who is also selling gas and oil at his filling station at the corner of Pine street and Central highway.

Messrs. Clifton and Nerus Holt have completed two new residences, bungalow style, located on East Second street. They are nicely finished and painted. Mrs. Lindsey is occupying the first one and Mr. Fred Lynch the second.

Mr. Isaac Dees has completed a new bungalow one block east of the high school and fronts on the highway. Mr. Jesse Bass has moved into this building.

Mr. A. F. Holt is building a new bungalow on his farm near town when completed Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Holt, Jr., will move into the new home. Indications are that the building will be completed in the next ten days.

Mr. Carl Williamson, contractor, has commenced work on a new brick veneer residence for Dr. Frank Aycock. It is located two blocks east of the high school and fronts on the highway. The building will contain about eight rooms besides a large basement where the heating system will be placed, according to the plans the building will be most conveniently arranged. It will not be necessary for the lady of the house to go outside the home at any time. In addition to the home the garage is located close enough that the car can be kept warm on cold nights by the heating system of the house, so the doctor will not be troubled in getting his car started to go out on night calls.

Officers have been very successful in this section in the last few weeks, having taken eleven whiskey stills a few men and several gallons of whiskey. They have also poured out several hundred gallons of beer. The home supply has been rather short for the past week, while new copper is being secured, but the boys are hauling loads of the stuff from Craven and other eastern counties. These sport model Chryslers and two or three others of the same appearance leave here after dark and come back before day, bring 10 to 20 gallons each trip, two or three times each week.

TAX PROBLEM DISCUSSED. The problem which is being discussed and discussed most by the farmers at this time is the tax burden. Those in position to bring relief to the overtaxed farmer, and who shall fail to do so are invited (Turn to page eight, please)

53 Papers Will Sponsor Contest

News and Observer Offers Attractive Cash Prizes To Winners In State Oratorical Finals; Open to Johnston County High Schools

The white High Schools of Johnston County have been invited to participate in the Fifth National and Third International Oratorical Contest made possible by the cooperation of fifty three newspapers in the United States. The North Carolina phase of the contest, sponsored by The News and Observer of Raleigh, contemplates wide elimination contests, district contests in twelve districts which, largely, will follow the lines of Congressional Districts, and finally a State contest in Raleigh.

The subject for the contest is the constitution and contestants are limited to ten minute original orations which must be confined in subject matter to one of two subjects:

The Development of the Constitution.

The Present significance of the Constitution.

County superintendents and principals of high schools all over the State have been asked to cooperate in making the contest a success.

Although this is the first time that North Carolina High Schools have been permitted to enter the national and international contest, a signal recognition has been given the State in that the headquarters of the Southern Zone, in the National Contest, has been established at Raleigh and here the State winners from North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, Florida and Alabama will meet in a Zone contest to select a zone contestant for the National Contest to be held in Washington.

The dates for the various contests are:

High School elimination contests, March 16.

County elimination contests, March 30.

District elimination contests, April 20.

State Contest, Raleigh, April 27.

Zone Contest, Raleigh, May 11.

National Contests, Washington, D. C. May 25.

International Contest, Washington, D. C. October 13.

There will be no prizes in the individual school or county-wide contests. Each district winner will receive a year's subscription to The News and Observer.

The following prizes are offered by The News and Observer for the State finals to be held in Raleigh April 27:

First, \$100.00. Second, \$50.00. Third, \$25.00. Each of the eight participants in the national finals will be given a free ten week's trip of six European countries with a trip to the 1928 Olympic games at Amsterdam.

The national and international prizes are loving cups which will remain the property of the winners.

FERTILIZER PRICES TO BE DISCUSSED

A farmers meeting will be held in the First National Bank in Benson on Thursday afternoon, February 16, at two o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to devise some plan to reduce the present prices of fertilizers. We are expecting representatives from the different fertilizer companies to be with us.

Every farmer who is interested in helping bringing about a reduction in the present prices is urgently requested to be on hand.

S. P. HONEYCUTT.

Baptist Church.

Sunday school 9:45. Morning worship at 11, with sermon by the pastor, "If America Should Fail God." Evening worship and sermon 7:30. Intermediate B. Y. P. U. 6:45. Senior B. Y. P. U. Monday, 7:30. Prayer service Wednesday, 7:30, with the first of a series of studies in the Gospels, The Gospel according to Matthew.

Cars Run Together; One Slightly Injured

Yesterday morning two cars ran together at the intersection of Market and Second streets slightly hurting the little grandson of Mr. E. L. Breedlove. Mr. Breedlove was coming into town from across the river and Mr. C. A. Fitzgerald was coming down Second street. The cars were only slightly damaged. The windshield of Mr. Breedlove's car was broken, and the little boy was cut on the face with bits of broken glass. It required three stitches to dress the wound, and the little fellow stood the treatment like a man.

W. N. Everett Passes Away In Raleigh

The entire state mourns the death of the secretary of state, W. N. Everett, who passed away at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh Tuesday evening at 9:30 o'clock. For several hours Wednesday the body of this loved member of North Carolina's official family lay in state, and hundreds of his devoted friends passed by and paid a tribute of respect. At one o'clock a hearse took the body from its guard of honor over the last ride home to Rockingham, the home of Mr. Everett. This afternoon at 3 o'clock the mortal remains will be buried in the Everett family graveyard. Mr. Everett has had several heart attacks during the last four years of his life, and two weeks ago he was stricken never to recover.

Mrs. Everett was at her husband's bedside and when the end came she too suffered a heart attack and is not well enough to attend the funeral in Rockingham. Governor McLean and members of the state official family will be honorary pallbearers. The funeral services will be held in the Methodist church.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET AGAIN TUESDAY

The county commissioners were in session here Tuesday to complete business unfinished on Monday. A number of tax payers appeared before the board and asked for tax releases, and the following releases were granted: C. L. Hill, Smithfield, \$1000; R. C. Gillett, Cleveland, \$500; Mary Richardson, O'Neals, \$250; Millie A. Rose, O'Neals, \$950; Ernest Price, Wilders, \$300; John Carroll Wilders, \$900; E. E. Godwin, Meadow, \$873; Francis Watson, Wilders, \$2000; J. R. Wallace, Smithfield, \$100; Mrs. Lula Thompson, Ingrams, \$500; T. A. McLamb, Meadow, \$400; Lumas B. Lee, Ingrams, \$350; J. N. Massengill, Ingrams, \$500; J. G. Parrish, Elefield, \$500; J. G. Barbour & Sons, vation, \$500; J. L. Dupree, Smithfield, \$71.519; Clayton Ins. Co., Clayton, \$495.54; E. D. Allen, Ingrams, \$30.

The board was also in session yesterday.

COMPETITION PROGRAM TO BE PUT ON TONIGHT

FOUR OAKS, Feb. 9.—The public and patrons of Four Oaks high school and community are invited to the program Friday night, February 10. This is a competition program put on by the two literary societies in the high school. There will be stunts and debates after which Superintendent Marrow will award the loving cup to the winning side. This event is the biggest of this kind ever held in this school. No charges. It is free. Come.

PLAY TO BE GIVEN AT ARCHER LODGE

A play entitled "The End of the Lane" will be presented in the Archer Lodge school auditorium on next Wednesday evening by members of the Archer Lodge faculty. The young ladies will be assisted by Messrs. Raymond Wood, all, Thel Hooks, James Davis and Mr. Martin of this city.

Indict Three In Shooting Affair

One Negro Is Bound Over To Superior Court; Other Cases Disposed of In Tuesday's Recorder's Court

Three cases in Tuesday Recorder's court grew out of the shooting affair in O'Neals township last week in which some negroes fired bird-shot at officers who had been summoned to put a colored woman and her family out of a house. Maddison Whitley, colored, was charged with aiding and abetting in the affair, and was found guilty. He was fined \$10 and cost. Joseph Wright, a negro boy about fifteen years old, was charged with assault in the same case but the defendant being under sixteen years of age, the case was remanded to the Juvenile court. Willie Wright, also indicted in connection with the affair was charged with intent to kill. Probable cause was found and the defendant was bound over to Superior court.

Other cases disposed of Tuesday include the following:

State vs. Sony Sanders charged with disposing of mortgaged property. The defendant was found guilty, but prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

State vs. Garland Horton charged with giving worthless check. The defendant entered a plea of guilty and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

State vs. Isaac Ray charged with reckless driving and assault. The defendant was found guilty and he was sentenced to jail for the term of four months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost. Notice of appeal was given.

State vs. C. B. Lowdermilk charged with violating the prohibition law. The defendant was found guilty of possession and of transportation. He was fined \$50 and cost.

State vs. C. B. Lowdermilk charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The defendant was found guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost. The jail sentence is to be suspended upon condition that the defendant pays a fine of \$100 and upon further condition that the defendant does not operate a motor vehicle again in 90 days and pay cost.

State vs. Blake Guy charged with resisting officer. The defendant was found guilty. He was sent to jail for a term of 60 days to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost. Jail sentence is to be suspended upon condition that the defendant does not violate the prohibition law again during the next two years, and on further condition that the defendant pays a \$10 fine and costs.

State vs. W. E. Hocutt charged with disposing of mortgaged crops. The defendant entered a plea of guilty and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

MUSICAL COMEDY SUCCESS MEADOW HIGH SCHOOL

"The Flapper Grandmother," the musical comedy given at Meadow high school on February 3 was well attended. Every one seemed well pleased with the play, and pronounced it a success. It was the first time the school had undertaken to put on a musical comedy and all concerned with the management feel that the results were very satisfactory. The high spots of the play with its quick action and ready wit, were the parts taken by Andrew Spriggins, the Flapper Grandmother, and that wild child Lena. The choruses made up of students were also very good, and gave a pleasing effect. The management feels grateful for the work of each person who helped to make the play a success.

Local Kiwanis Club Take Step For Fair

W. D. Hood Is Chairman of Committee Appointed to Study the Situation; Elmer Wellons Wins Attendance Prize

At the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club yesterday, the members voted unanimously in favor of sponsoring a County Fair for next Fall. After an interesting and instructive address by W. D. Hood who was secretary of the Lenoir County Fair at Kinston, a special committee was appointed to study the situation and report back to the Club in a few weeks. Mr. W. D. Hood is to act as Chairman of this committee.

The enthusiastic discussion which followed Mr. Hood's address and the unanimous vote of the club, mean that it will only be a matter of a few weeks before some definite plan will be submitted to the agricultural and business leaders of the county.

Elmer Wellons won the attendance prize today. The trick was to guess the number of grains of corn on a large ear that was passed around. Elmer guessed 750 grains and came within two dozen of the correct number. He was given the ear of corn, and a handsome patented pencil by Adam Whitley. The chief topics of table talk were, the good sweet potatoes, whipping bank cashiers, moving large safes, and Geo. Ragsdale's appetite.

Permanent Landing Field For Selma

Piano Is Presented To Edgerton Memorial Church; Mrs. Brietz Entertains Book Club.

SELMA, February 9.—The Nash Motor company of Rocky Mount, is making a permanent landing field in West Selma near the Methodist parsonage. On Tuesday afternoon great crowds were present and numbers went up in the plane.

GIFT FOR CHURCH

Mrs. N. E. Edgerton and son, N. E. Jr., from Raleigh were down last Thursday to look over the new Sunday school rooms which are nearing completion. When they found that a piano was needed for one of the large rooms upstairs they telephoned to Raleigh and within an hour and a half the truck was here with a handsome piano.

BOOK CLUB ENTERTAINED

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Geo. F. Brietz was hostess to the members of the Friday afternoon book club at her home on Railroad street.

After the business session a very interesting literary program was given: The subject of study for the afternoon was "Humorous Writers." Mrs. J. N. Wiggs read a splendid paper on "Josh Billings." Mrs. Geo. D. Vick in her charming manner gave a summary of the very interesting life of "Mark Twain." She also read, "Speech on Babies" by Mark Twain.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Selma Woman's club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Poole at her home on Green street, on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 15 at three o'clock. Mrs. Poole will be assisted in entertaining by Mrs. B. L. Talton and Mrs. W. W. Hare. Mrs. C. A. Jacobs will be in charge of the program. A full attendance is desired.

CALLED BEDSIDE FATHER.

Rev. D. M. Sharpe received a message late Sunday afternoon to that effect that his aged father was seriously ill at his home near Burlington. He left immediately after the evening service to be with his father.

SCOUTS INCREASING.

The Boy Scouts under the leadership of Rev. D. M. Sharpe are holding very enthusiastic meetings every Friday evening in the basement of the school building and adding new members at practically every meeting. At these meetings reports are heard from the boys on current topics and world news. (Turn to page eight, please)

Princeton Ties Local Basketeers

Local Cagers Stage Second Half Rally To Save Themselves From Defeat At Hands Of Princeton: Score Is 18-18.

The second meeting of the two strongest fives in Johnston county is now a thing of the past. The Smithfield cagers, who last week defeated the Princeton, five, and thereby gained the right to claim the Johnston county championship, successfully defended its claim to the title as a result of an 18-18 tie with the Princeton basketeers on the armory court here Wednesday night.

The game was more on the character of a football contest than a basketball game. It was the hardest fought game seen here this season and was marked by its roughness and numerous fouls. Incidentally, Princeton made all of its free shots good except the last one which, if it had been good, would have clinched the game for the visitors. Smithfield, on the other hand, frequently missed their free chances.

The game began with a rush, and Smithfield by quick passwork got a shot from under the goal but missed. A moment later, though, the purple and gold tossers rang the basket for two successive shots. Here Princeton stopped the locals and scored eleven points before Smithfield could score again. At the half, Princeton held a 13 to 9 lead.

The second half opened and Princeton soon boosted its lead to eight points. With the score 17 to 9, Smithfield staged a great comeback and carried the count to 18-17 in her favor in a short time. From then to the end of the game both teams put up a great fight for victory, Princeton to come from behind and the locals to hold its lead. With only a minute of play left, Smithfield fouled and Princeton tied the score at 18 all.

The floorwork and goal shooting of Ed Parrish of the local five was outstanding. For Princeton Gurley was the main cog. He made several shots from the floor that were sensational.

Tuesday night Smithfield high, accompanied by the high school band, invaded the Clayton high school gymnasium and completely outclassed the Clayton highs to the tune of 33 to 6. The game was one minus of stars, although Ragsdale, local guard, played a good game. The scoring for Smithfield was well divided among the players, but Ed Parrish took honors with ten shots. The Smithfield band and the Clayton high school musicians helped to make the game a peppy one in spite of the one-sided score.

Birth Announcement

Four Oaks, Feb. 8.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Upchurch on February 1, a daughter.

H. B. Moore Raises Hog and Hominy

Makes Money On A 35 Acre Farm With Only 18 Acres in Cultivation; Kills Two Hogs Weighing 837 Pounds

If a man raises plenty of meat on his farm, nine times out of ten he raises plenty of everything else. At any rate that is what H. B. Moore, who lives on Smithfield, route 1, does. Mr. Moore was in town Tuesday and told us of having recently killed two hogs that tipped the scales at 837 pounds after they were dressed. They were Duroc Jerseys. The eighteen-month-old hog weighed 500 pounds, while one that was nearly two years old weighed 337 pounds.

Arthur Powell, who has been killing with Mr. Moore, has killed two hogs that weighed a total of 611 pounds, and Mr. Moore and Mr. Powell together have eight more hogs that will weigh around 800 pounds.

Mr. Moore's farm contains only 35 acres, eighteen of which are in cultivation, but he keeps his crops rotating and farms so intensively that he gets a fine yield from his acreage. Last year he made fifty barrels of corn besides raising cotton and tobacco that brought him in \$1200.

Mr. Moore believes in the cash plan and pays as he goes. He favors farmers living at home as far as possible and he practices what he preaches. He likes to have modern conveniences around his place, and he has recently given an order for a lighting plant for his house. The modern "live at home" program means hog and hominy plus things besides actual necessities.

KENLY CAGERS TO MEET LA GRANGE FRIDAY NIGHT

KENLY, Feb. 9.—The Blue and White Kenly high school basketball cagers are busy at work preparing for the opening of the 1928 state championship elimination series which will get under way here Friday night at 7:30 on the cooperative warehouse court. They meet the strong La Grange five in the first elimination game for the locals who are in group number 4. The local tossers are in top form and are ready for the gong that will start the 1928 clash. Coach S. R. Cotton is almost confident of victory on the eve of the trying battle as his charges have already chalked up two victories over the strong La Grange loopsters. All of the regular five have passed the physical examination required by the state, including F. Kannon, star left forward; L. Watson, right forward; T. Kannon, center; C. Alford, right guard; and B. Watson, left guard. The substitutes ready for action are G. Edgerton, L. Ballance, Edgerton, Jones, Hales and several others. Both teams are in great shape and a battle royal is expected.

AGED MAN IMPROVES FROM AUTO ACCIDENT

KENLY, Feb. 8.—Mr. Gray Pittman, near 65 years old, who lives near town, was knocked down by a car Saturday night as he was walking down the highway from Kenly to his home in the country. He is improving and is expected to recover. No bones were broken. The driver of the car did not stop and has not been located yet.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—

"De game law ez a failure because fokes hain't even quit shootin' hot air."

