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Hickman Is Sentenced To Hang April 27

Slated To Face Trial For Another Murder But Continuance Is Predicted

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—A criminal career, starting with petty robberies after graduation from high school, brought William Edward Hickman into the shadow of the gallows today for the kidnapping and slaying of Marian Parker, Los Angeles school girl. Hickman was sentenced in Superior court by Judge J. J. Trabucco to be hanged Friday, April 27, for the heinous offense that culminated his search after "easy money."

Tomorrow the youth who graduated from Central High school in Kansas City in 1926 with a brilliant scholastic record, is scheduled to go to trial for another murder, the slaying of C. Ivy Thoms, druggist, in the state's effort to make doubly sure he will not escape the noose.

An appeal which counsel for Hickman have announced will be filed is expected to delay carrying out of the death sentence pronounced today. Attorneys said it might be six months before a decision is handed down by the State Supreme Court. The case may reach the United States Supreme court.

Meanwhile, the state will ask the death penalty in the trial for the Thoms killing, and District Attorney Asa Keyes said there was a possibility Hickman would be executed for that offense, before a final decision is rendered in the Parker slaying.

Welby Hunt, 16, formerly of Kansas City, will be called to trial tomorrow with Hickman, but his attorney announced a plea of guilty would be entered with a request for mercy. Under the law Hunt is too young to be hanged.

Both Hickman and Hunt have confessed to participation in an attempted robbery of Thoms' store at Rose Hill Christmas eve, 1926, during which the druggist was shot to death. The two youths were armed but disagreed as to which one fired the fatal shots.

Hickman came into court today anticipating the sentence to be meted out by Judge Trabucco, who sat in the recent trial in which the killer was found sane by a jury. The slayer nonchalantly stood erect as sentence was passed.

"You shall suffer the penalty of death . . . in the manner provided by the laws of the state of California, and may God have mercy on your soul," Judge Trabucco intoned.

Judge Trabucco ordered that the defendant be delivered to the warden of San Quentin State Prison "to be by him executed and put to death on Friday, April 27, 1928."

—Associated Press.

Flight Passenger



Miss Mabel Ball, of Paris, France, known as the Diamond Queen who is accompanying Charles A. Levine as a passenger on a non-stop flight to Havana, Cuba—in the famous monoplane "Columbia."

Miss Weil Talks To B. & P. Club

President N. C. League of Women Voters Present Objectives of Organization, at Dinner Meeting

Miss Gertrude Weil of Goldsboro, president of the N. C. League of Women Voters, delivered a very informing address at the regular dinner meeting of the Business and Professional Woman's club Tuesday evening. Perhaps not many of those present knew the objectives of the organization represented by Miss Weil and her talk was all the more appreciated. The speaker spoke briefly as to why the League of Women Voters was started, stating that many women, when they were given the right to vote, realized their ignorance of political matters, and the League was formed in an effort to become informed about this business of voting. It was somewhat surprising, said Miss Weil, to find that opposition was encountered and that men looked upon the League with suspicion.

However the League has gone ahead working along three main lines: efficiency in government, public welfare in government, and preservation of peace and elimination of war. The National organization is paying considerable attention to election systems, but so far this program has not claimed the attention of the North Carolina League except in the matter of the Australian ballot. Miss Weil called attention to the legislative program which a number of women's organizations in the state are backing, and she also spoke of the Survey of Women in Industry which a smaller group of women's organizations is still working for.

This meeting of the Business and Professional Woman's club was held in the basement of the Methodist church, the dinner being served by one of the circles of the missionary society. The program for the evening was in the hands of Miss Eva Johnson's group, which is to be congratulated upon the success of the occasion. The appointments of the table were in keeping with Valentine Day. Showers of hearts arranged bouquet fashion adorned the center of the table while red streamers led from each place card to red hearts underneath the bouquets. Favors were Cupids fastened in bags filled with mints and tiny candy hearts bearing Valentine wishes. At alternate plates were tiny envelopes in which were jumbled love verses and at the proper time on the program those present working in couples were asked to put these puzzles together after which the verses were read. At the close of the dinner each guest pulled the streamer at her plate and read the inscription found on the red heart. These rhymes furnished a bit of fun.

Between the first and second courses, the president, Miss Mary E. Wells, conducted the business session of the club. After the final

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Clayton Farmer Home From Trip

Mr. Ellis Tells of Tour in Florida and Cuba; Finds Sugar Plantations and Manufacturing Plants Especially Interesting

RALEIGH, Feb. 16.—"Cuba is fine, but the 'old Tar Heel State' is good enough for me," said C. P. Ellis, leading farmer of Clayton, yesterday. Mr. Ellis has just returned from a tour of Florida and Cuba.

"If I was a young man, I would be tempted to go to Florida, for I believe an energetic young man has a wonderful opportunity to succeed in farming in that state. It is a beautiful country and we saw some wonderful citrus and truck farms."

The members of the tour consisted of a party of forty champion growers of cotton and corn, and their farm agents and vocational agricultural teachers, from the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina. Mr. Ellis was awarded the trip because of the fact that he produced 4,330 pounds of lint cotton on five acres, or 866 pounds of lint cotton per acre.

"To see an egg hatch out an alligator is an unusual sight, but that is what I saw on an alligator farm in Florida. Of course they were alligator eggs, but I never knew before that alligators laid eggs," said Mr. Ellis. He stated further in telling of his trip, "the most interesting thing I saw in Cuba was the sugar plantation and the sugar manufacturing plant owned by Hershey, the candy manufacturing king. We saw tons of sugar cane go into the plant at one end and at the other end saw tons of refined sugar come out. Farmers sell their cane by the ton and in some cases they swap a ton of cane for one hundred pounds of sugar."

"They have chicken fights down there every day and what is more, everybody, even young boys and women, bet on the fights," said Mr. Ellis.

"The President of Cuba entertained us at a dinner party, after which we visited and inspected the large plantation owned by him. We were entertained and treated royally by everyone along our entire route," he said.

'Fault Finding' Is Minister's Topic

Miss Mattie Pierce Weds Mr. Bud Holland; Young Lady Celebrates 15th Birthday

KENLY, Feb. 15.—Rev. F. B. Joyner, pastor of the Methodist church, preached on "Fault Finding" Sunday. Mr. Joyner stated that it is easy to find fault in another but difficult to see our own shortcomings. "Our own faults are so natural," he said, "so in harmony with our disposition and character and we are so used to them that we cannot recognize them—while the unaccustomed faults of others grate upon our nerves."

He continued by saying that we are often guilty of the faults we criticize in another. "Finding fault in another is sometimes like looking into a mirror—we see ourselves."

Mr. Joyner pointed out that those who attend church with no purpose usually receive no benefit, but those who go with the intention of being helped receive help. We always get what we look for. He emphasized the fact that the power to see what we look for is a dangerous power unless it is watched carefully and continually checked upon. He stated that nothing is lost by recognizing and acknowledging that there are real imperfections in the lives of each of us. One is not to be judged by his faults alone, but by his virtues as well. He concluded by saying that one should not take his

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Two Benson Men Hurt In Accident

Howard Denning and R. A. Powell of Benson sustained severe injuries Monday when the Ford coupe in which they were riding was struck by an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train at Orrum and Mr. Powell were on their way to Lumberton to take back an automobile when the accident occurred between eleven and twelve o'clock. They were rushed to a Lumberton hospital, eighteen miles away and they are still not able to go home. Mr. Denning had both bones of his right leg broken above the ankle and was considerably bruised. Mr. Powell was bruised in the chest, and one of his hips was crushed though no bones were broken.

Clubs Of County Plan Art Exhibit

Committee Meeting Held In Selma and Miss Margaret Etheridge Is Made Chairman; Other Selma Items

SELMA, Feb. 15.—A very important committee meeting of the Woman's club was held with Miss Margaret Etheridge at her home on Anderson street Thursday afternoon. Delegates were present from every club in Johnston county except one. Mrs. B. A. Hocutt who is district chairman was present and outlined plans for the various clubs. She hopes to put on an "Art Exhibit" some time during the month of March. Miss Margaret Etheridge was made chairman of this committee. The hostess served tea and sandwiches.

To Serve Dinner and Supper. The ladies of Circle number 2 of the Methodist Missionary Society will serve dinner and supper in the old 5 and 10 cent store on Friday, February 24. The menu will consist of chicken salad, coffee, rolls, pickles, sandwiches, pies, cakes and homemade candies. Your patronage will be appreciated.

Mr. Geo. F. Brietz Host

Mr. Geo. F. Brietz was host to the teachers and officers of the Selma mill Sunday school at dinner Saturday evening. The guests assembled at the chapel at 1:30 p. m., where cars were waiting to take them to Raleigh. On arriving in the city, each took his way, shopping, sight-seeing, etc., with instructions to meet at the Raleigh hotel at six o'clock. All were on time. Covers were laid for twenty, but on account of sickness and other unavoidable causes, only seventeen came. The tables were made attractive by lace paper Valentines, and tiny crepe paper baskets containing heart-shaped candies. A three course dinner was served, and was duly enjoyed by all. The guests returned to their homes feeling that

Death Rev. D. M. Sharpe's Father

Our entire town and community are in deep sympathy with Rev. D. M. Sharpe on account of the death (Turn to page eight, please)

BIG BARN BURNS

Monday night about 8:30 o'clock, Smithfield citizens were attracted by a big light in the northwest, and it became known that one of the big barns on the farm of Mr. F. K. Broadhurst, between Smithfield and Wilson's Mills had burned to the ground. The barn which was an enormous structure was filled with feedstuff, lumber and farm machinery. The building and contents were insured.

Mr. Broadhurst was not in the city when the fire occurred. He was in Greenville where a message reached him and brought him home that night. Through a misunderstanding of the message, Mr. Broadhurst thought it was his residence which had burned until he headed home.

Kirkman Improves Painting Machine

Adds Blade That Will Mow Weeds and Grass on Shoulders Of Highway

Mr. J. H. Kirkman, whose road marking and painting machine has created considerable interest in recent weeks, continues to improve this valuable piece of road machinery. Only recently has he increased the efficiency of the machine by adding to it a five-foot mowing machine blade which operates on the right hand side for cutting grass, weeds, etc., that might be on the shoulders of the highway. This addition doubles the usefulness of the machine without any extra expense whatever for operating it since it derives its

Mrs. James Myatt Passes Away Here

Succumbs After Lingering Illness; Funeral Held at the Residence Wednesday Afternoon

In the early morning hours Tuesday, the spirit of Mrs. James Myatt of this city winged its flight from earth to the Great Beyond. For weeks and even months, Mrs. Myatt had endured intense suffering and for days her life had hung by a thread, as anxious relatives and friends kept patient vigil at her bedside.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence after which interment was made in Oakland cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle assisted by Rev. L. Morgan. Rev. Mr. Tuttle read, instead of the usual scripture for the burial service, 2 Cor. 4:8-18 and 2 Cor. 5:1-10, making appropriate remarks. A very large crowd was present to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased.

Six young nephews of Mrs. Myatt bore the white casket to its last resting place. These young men were: Messrs. Elmer Lassiter, of Tarboro; Meredith Eldridge, of Benson; Gardner Lee, of Elmer Lee, Talmadge Lee and Eric Lee, of Ingrams township. A profusion of lovely flowers covered the new-made grave.

The deceased, who was before her marriage Miss Annie Lee, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lee, was in her forty-fifth year. She was a lifelong resident of this city, having spent her girlhood days here and having, in later life, married and settled here. She was a member of the Methodist church. Surviving Mrs. Myatt, are her husband, a little three-year-old daughter, Margaret, her mother, six sisters and three brothers, the latter being Misses Jessie, Bettie and Della Lee, Mrs. T. Eldridge, of Benson; Mrs. Kate Lassiter, of Tarboro; Mrs. Frances Moxing, of Selma, Messrs. Doan, Lida, and Victor Lee, of Ingrams township.

Among those from a distance besides the immediate family here to attend the funeral were: Mrs. Norfolk Bell and son and Mr. Noah Lee, of Dunn; Messrs. R. F. Smith, Milton Smith and T. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan and sons, Mrs. John Whittenton, and Mrs. Archie Ryals, of Benson; Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Godwin, of Kenly; Mrs. Satterfield, of Louisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cotter and J. A. Stallings, of Raleigh.

CARL C. TAYLOR TO SPEAK HERE TOMORROW

The taxpayers of Johnston county, men and women, are invited to finish up their week's work by noon Saturday, February 18, and be at the courthouse by two o'clock to hear Mr. Carl C. Taylor, of North Carolina State College. According to Mr. A. M. Johnson, Mr. Taylor will give out some facts about our high taxes and how to overcome them by organization. Those promoting the meeting are desirous of having a large crowd to hear Mr. Taylor.

District Meeting Physicians Here

Dr. J. L. Spruill, Supt. Guilford Sanatorium, Speaks to Society; Johnston Doctors Host at Banquet

The quarterly meeting of the Fourth District Medical Society comprising the counties of Northampton, Halifax, Edgecombe, Nash, Greene, Wilson, Wayne and Johnston met in this city Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock in the commissioner's room of the courthouse.

The meeting was featured by a number of papers read by members of the society and by an address by Dr. J. L. Spruill, Superintendent of the Guilford County Sanatorium at Greensboro. Dr. Spruill used as the subject of his address, "Some Medical Follies." Dr. C. T. Smith of Rocky Mount read a paper on "The Laboratory Findings of Acute Intestinal Obstructions." Dr. T. B. Henderson of Goldsboro read a paper on "The Etiology of Focal Infection." Dr. J. A. Winstead of Nashville discussed "Ear Conditions in Children as Seen by the General Practitioner." A discussion followed these talks. Present also at this meeting, were Dr. Chas. O'H. Laughinghouse, Secretary and the State health officer of Raleigh, and Dr. H. H. Bass, State chairman on Cancer Research, of Durham.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. G. A. Woodard, of Goldsboro, president of the Fourth District.

After the business session, the Johnston county physicians were hosts at a banquet at the local hotel.

Before the physicians dispersed, the Johnston County Medical Society elected officers as follows: president, Dr. W. G. Wilson, of this city; vice-president, Dr. H. E. Brooks, of Clayton; secretary and treasurer, Dr. C. C. Massey, of this city. Dr. Massey has been serving in this capacity.

Zone Governor Of Kiwanis Here

Adds Local Club at Luncheon Meeting on "Kiwanis, Its Aims and Power"

June Gunter, of Sanford, Zone Governor of Kiwanis, addressed the local club at its regular weekly meeting. The distinguished Kiwanian made a very inspiring address on "Kiwanis, Its Aim and Power." "The aim of Kiwanis," said Mr. Gunter, "is to promote fellowship, to follow the ideal of true service, and to put the power of ideals into everyday affairs. No man who has all of his interests inside the four walls of his own house can be a good Kiwanian. He must have interests in the community and not live for self alone, and when he has taken the proper interest in the life of the community he has (metaphorically) added another room to his house; when he has added to these other interests an interest in the church he has added the 'upper room' to his abode."

Mr. Gunter defended Kiwanis from those critics who said that "Kiwanis was an unnecessary organization." The speaker declared that the powerful ideals behind the international organization, were being transmitted into business relationships by individual Kiwanians who were characterized as "transmission lines of idealism." "The Kiwanis is necessary because of the ideals that it stands for and the opportunity that it offers a man to air out his soul in an atmosphere of good fellowship," Mr. Gunter said.

Immediately after adjournment, Mr. Gunter met with the directors of the club for a short while. He will address the Selma Kiwanis club Thursday night. Adam Whitely, W. N. Holt and R. C. Gillett were appointed a special committee to work with Mr. W. D. Hood in the interest of a county fair.

To Head Farm Loan



As a step toward new relief measures for farmers, President Coolidge completed a reorganization of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau. Mr. Eugene Meyer, Jr. of the War Finance Corporation will be named Farm Loan Commissioner and will be entrusted with developing the Administration farm plan.

American Legion Membership Drive

Strong Endorsement By F. H. Brooks; Capt. Skinner To Direct the Campaign

Plans are taking definite shape for the membership drive which is scheduled for next week by the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion. This Legion post which includes ex-soldiers from all over Johnston county has set as the goal five hundred members. The quota assigned the Johnston county organization by the State Department Headquarters is 250, and it is the desire of those promoting the drive to double the quota. Last year the quota was 101, and the membership reached 227. Capt. H. L. Skinner, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, will head the membership campaign.

An effort is being made to create new interest in the Legion Auxiliary, and yesterday, Mrs. Harry F. Vass, state president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Miss Nannie Dodson, chairman of the trophies and awards committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, were here in the interest of the reorganization of the local unit of the Legion Auxiliary.

Judge F. H. Brooks endorses in terms of praise which he expresses in a letter to the commander of the Pou-Parrish post. The letter is as follows:

"I have just listened to an appeal over the radio to the World War veterans to join the Legion and help carry out the great program for the benefit of the veterans, for the peace and protection of our native land, and for 100 per cent. Americanism; and I was reminded that this is American Legion Week all over America. Therefore, I am writing to say that I think every World War veteran in Johnston county who is not a member of the Legion should join this week. There are many noble, worthy fraternal orders functioning in our county and all are good, but there is no organization capable of rendering such assistance to veterans, their widows and families as the American Legion; therefore every World War veteran in Johnston county should line up with the Legion and give his support and encouragement to his 'buddies' who, in time of peace, are still 'carrying on' in the interest of the veterans. The Pou-Parrish Post has rendered valuable assistance to a great many veterans in the matter of filing claims for adjusted compensation, for pensions, for loans on adjusted compensation certificates, and in numerous other ways. This service of the Legion merits the support of every citizen and World War veteran in Johnston county.

"If I can be of service during the week in promoting interest in the campaign of enlistment, please command me."

Spend Week End in City. Messrs. John and David Avera, of Winston-Salem, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Avera for the week end.

Proceedings Of Recorder's Court

Violators of Prohibition Laws Draw Jail Sentences; In Session Two Days

Recorder's court was in session Tuesday and Wednesday, and the following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Johnnie Scott charged with assault with deadly weapon. The defendant was found guilty and was sentenced to jail for a term of six months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost.

State vs. Roxie Wilkins, colored, charged with the violation of the prohibition laws. The defendant was found guilty of possession and was sent to jail for the term of six months to be worked as the sheriff sees fit and pay cost.

State vs. J. D. Simpkins and Bessie Smith, colored, charged with violation of the prohibition law. Both defendants were found guilty of possession for purpose of sale. Simpkins was sent to jail for a term of six months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay one-half the cost. Bessie Smith was sent to jail for a term of four months to be worked as the sheriff sees fit and pay one-half the cost.

State vs. George Robinson charged with assault with deadly weapon. The defendant was found guilty and was sent to jail for six months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost. Notice of appeal was given.

State vs. George Robinson, who was charged with carrying concealed weapon and with assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty on charge of carrying concealed weapon. Guilty on charge of assault with deadly weapon. This case and the case above were consolidated and tried together as one case, and the six months sentence above is to cover both charges. Notice of appeal.

State vs. George Robinson charged with violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession and transportation. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

State vs. Bessie Smith, colored, charged with vagrancy. Guilty. Sent to jail for term of 30 days to be worked in jail as sheriff sees fit. This sentence to begin at the expiration of the sentence imposed in another case.

State vs. Dr. M. L. Barefoot, charged with violation of Health law. Guilty. \$5.00 fine and cost.

State vs. Cal Holt charged with trespass. Guilty. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Mrs. Rufe Allen, alias Bertie Strickland, charged with fraud. Probable cause found, and the defendant was bound over to Superior court under a \$200 bond.

TO SPEAK AT JOHNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Miss Bettie Brown, who has been representing the Freewill Baptists as a missionary in India for the past seven years, has returned and will be at Johnson Memorial Freewill Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night to tell the people something of the far-away lands. Everybody is invited.

J. RUFFIN JOHNSON, Pastor.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Me—



The baby carriage isn't as popular as it used to be, but then a baby isn't either.

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 deciphers 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.

Clarence Johnson recognized his name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: oarlenehrel