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Murder Cases In Court Here

Two Defendants Plead Guilty of Manslaughter — One Found Guilty of Manslaughter; Other Cases

Three murder cases featured Superior court in session here Tuesday, in two instances the defendants pleading guilty to manslaughter, and the other case the defendant was found guilty of manslaughter.

The first of these cases came up Tuesday, the defendant being Wade Hampton, a negro who killed Willie Cox, another negro, on the night of February 18, near Tilghman's logging camp in Bentonville township. The two men had been to a dance and in an altercation that followed, Cox was stabbed to death. Hampton made his getaway at the time but a short time afterwards was apprehended at Whiteville. In court Tuesday, Hampton entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Another case in which the defendant pleaded guilty of manslaughter was that of the State vs. Joab Baker. The case as docketed charged Jethro Baker, Joab Baker, Howard Baker and Thelma Baker with the killing of Malcolm Denning in Meadow township. The case in regard to all the defendants except Joab Baker was nolo-prosequi. Joab Baker entered a plea of guilty to manslaughter and was given a sentence of one year's hard labor in the penitentiary, with sentence to begin May 1. Witnesses were heard on both sides in this case. The prosecution was assisted by Abell & Shepard, while James Raynor and C. L. Guy appeared for the defendant.

Charlie Merritt, a negro, charged with the killing of a negro boy on highway No. 10 near Graytown, was found guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to four months on the roads.

Willie Wright, a 17-year-old negro boy, charged with assault with intent to kill, was sentenced to twelve months in jail to be hired out on account of his age. This was the boy who fired at the officers who attempted to move Sarah Wright from a log cabin in which she was living in O'Neal's township some time in February, and from which she had been notified by the owner to move.

John Dave Phillips and Nathan Allen were in court under violation of a suspended sentence. These men had been previously convicted in Superior court for violation of the prohibition law, but had been given a suspended sentence upon condition that they not violate the prohibition law for a given length of time. Since that time, they had been arrested and a case was pending in Recorder's court. These men were ordered to serve the sentence that was formerly imposed, two years on the roads of Johnston county.

American Legion Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Poughon Post No. 132 of the American Legion will be held in the commissioner's room of the courthouse tonight at eight o'clock.

Every member is requested to be present.

S. E. HOGWOOD, Adjutant.

"Your tailor hired me to collect this bill from you."

"You are to be congratulated on obtaining a permanent position."

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.

Mack Ennis recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: m.radsmanacos

In Death's Shadow



JULIA PALMER McDONALD, formerly Mount Vernon, N. Y., debutante, is under sentence of death together with her husband, George McDonald, for the murder of a Montreal taxi driver. They are awaiting the gallows in the Canadian city.

Negro Boy Is Killed

Hubert Williams Is Pinned Under Bale of Cotton When It Falls From Truck

FOUR OAKS, March 15.—A tragic accident happened about two miles south of this city Wednesday afternoon when Hubert Williams, a colored boy about fifteen years of age, was killed instantly when a bale of cotton fell on him from a truck. The boy together with another negro was loading cotton at the home of John D. Stanley. These men were employed by Austin & Strickland, and had been sent to Mr. Stanley's to get some cotton which that firm had purchased. The boy's neck was broken, death occurring instantaneously. The body was carried to the undertaking shop in Four Oaks. Missionary Society Meets.

The missionary society of the Methodist church held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at the church with Mrs. B. B. Adams as hostess. The president, Mrs. Albert Keen, presided and had charge of the program. During the business session, a committee of three, Mesdames B. I. Tart, R. B. Strickland and C. W. Bandy were appointed to work with the Baptist committee in beautifying the plots at the A. C. L. station.

The topic for study was China. Mrs. J. T. Hatcher, Mrs. B. B. Adams and Mrs. Albert Keen made very interesting talks on this subject. During the social hour, the hostess served delicious refreshments consisting of congealed grapefruit, chicken patties, cheese balls, beaten biscuits and hot tea.

Birthday Party.
Mrs. Shade Lassiter gave a delightful birthday party Saturday afternoon in honor of her little daughter, Marjorie. About thirty guests were there to enjoy the games and stories furnished by the hostess. The children were amused by popping corn and roasting marshmallows until they were invited into the dining room where cake and cream were served. The cake was cut from the birthday cake which held three candles. The little hostess received many gifts.

Personal Mention.
Miss Belle Southerland, a trained nurse, has located here and has rooms at Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Upchurch's. Miss Southerland will be glad for anyone who needs a nurse to call her at phone number 2303.

Mrs. Floyd Allen and Miss Florence Stanly have rented the store next to the postoffice and opened a sewing shop. They do all kinds of sewing. Miss Stanly has taken a special course in dressmaking and invites the public to call on her.

A B. Y. P. U. study course is being held at the Baptist church this week. The several classes are taught by capable teachers and a light supper is served each night by the ladies of the church.

Fills Regular Appointments.

Kenly, Mar. 15.—Rev. C. L. Ransom, of Richmond, Va., spent the week end in town with friends, and filled his regular appointments in the country on Sunday.

Faison Trial In Richmond Starts

H. C. Robinson Strongly Depended On By Defense Shows Up In Time To Testify; Work of Getting Jury Tenuous

RICHMOND, Va., March 14.—H. C. Robinson, of Front Royal, Va., known as the key witness for the defense in the case of John Wesley Faison, charged with the murder of his affinity, Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, formerly of Princeton, N. C., turned up unexpectedly in Hustings Court today as the tenuous work of procuring a jury for the second trial of Faison was under way and announced that he was ready to testify again for the defense when he was needed.

It turns out that he had gone to Florida on a business trip and did not show up sooner because he was several days to get a jury and that confident that it would take he would not be needed right away. He testified at the first trial that while lunching at the Hermitage club on November 4 last, eleven days before Mrs. Snipes was fatally shot in her apartment here, he heard Mrs. Snipes remark to a young woman friend seated with her at a nearby table that she intended to kill herself if Mrs. Faison got her husband back. According to other testimony, Faison at the time was planning to give up Mrs. Snipes and return to his family. His defense is that she shot herself while despondent at the thought of losing him. The prosecution contends that he shot her in a fit of jealous rage.

Robinson said tonight that two negro porters who recall seeing him at the club on the day in question had been subpoenaed by the defense and will testify that he was there.

It was reported tonight that the Commonwealth has abandoned hope of locating the telephone operator who was counted on to corroborate the testimony of another operator who claimed to have heard Faison taking Mrs. Snipes to task over the phone the night of the tragedy for inviting him to a "roughhouse party" in her apartment that evening. The testimony of the latter operator was ruled out as "too indefinite" at the first trial.

RICHMOND, Va., March 13.—From a special venire of 125 Richmond men summoned yesterday to appear in Hustings Court this morning for examination as to their qualifications for service as jurors in the case of John Wesley Faison, ex-manager of the Hermitage Country Club, charged with the murder of his affinity, Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, winsome and attractive young music teacher and divorcée from Princeton, N. C., only six jurors were obtained today.

When the venire was exhausted this afternoon, Judge Wells directed that another venire of 150 men were summoned to report in court tomorrow morning. A large majority of those examined today had fixed opinions from reading newspaper accounts of the former trial of Faison in December which resulted in a hung jury.

Some were opposed to capital punishment. Others were excused because they belonged to the military. It developed that one man included in the venire had been killed in a railroad accident several years ago. It will be necessary to obtain twenty qualified jurors to complete the panel. From this number, the Commonwealth will strike four names and the defense four, leaving a jury of 12 to try the case.

Before the court got down to work this morning, Faison busied himself for a time reading a northern newspaper containing a profusely illustrated write-up of the case. He was described in the story as a wealthy club man. Throughout the day he followed attentively the questioning of the many veniremen named for service. A short distance behind him sat Mr. and Mrs. Calvin A. Holt, of Princeton, parents of Mrs. Snipes.

They, too, evinced deep interest in the proceedings, remaining in the courtroom until the final adjournment. They, too, evinced deep interest in the proceedings, remaining in the courtroom until the final adjournment. **TURN TO PAGE 8, COLUMN 1**

Clubs Sponsor Art Exhibition

Women's Clubs of the County Will Assemble Art Exhibit Here April 18-22; First To Be Held

Representatives from the various Women's clubs of Johnston county met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Lyon in Smithfield Thursday at 3:30 o'clock to discuss an art exhibit for Johnston county. The meeting was presided over by the county chairman, Miss Margaret Etheridge of Selma. It was unanimously decided to put on this exhibit April 18 and continue it through Sunday, Friday afternoon and Saturday will be designated children's day. It will be held in Smithfield, the place to be announced later. Smithfield was selected as the place on account of it being more centrally located.

The object of this exhibit will be to inspire the young people. Four prizes of five dollars each will be given as follows: to the boy or girl in high school that has the best free hand drawing; to the boy or girl in high school that has the best original free hand drawing; to the junior boy or girl, that is, between the ages of 16 and 25, that has the best original drawing, and \$5.00 for the best exhibit in manual training.

The five towns in the county having federated clubs will donate \$5.00 each to be used for the prizes and expenses of putting on the exhibit. There will also be an exhibit of Johnston county pottery. The committee will be glad to have any old paintings that are worthy of being put in, but there will be no prize given for it.

All the representatives at this meeting were asked to act on the committee to bring the exhibit to Smithfield on Monday, April 16, at ten o'clock. If the representative cannot go, she is asked to send a representative. Each club in the county will have charge of the exhibit one day. Selma will have charge Wednesday; Clayton, Thursday; Kenly, Friday; Benson, Saturday; Smithfield, Sunday. As many from the clubs as can go are asked to be there Sunday.

The following committees were appointed: publicity, Mrs. A. J. Broughton, Kenly; Mrs. W. T. Martin, Benson; Mrs. W. T. Woodard, Selma; Mrs. H. B. Marrow, Smithfield; Mrs. Paul West, Clayton. The arrangement committee is composed of Mesdames W. H. Lyon, W. D. Hood and J. J. Broadhurst of Smithfield. The chairman for getting together this exhibit are: Mrs. Paul West, Clayton; Miss Neta Turley, Benson; Mrs. Paul Grady, Kenly; Miss Margaret Etheridge, Selma, and Mrs. W. H. Lyon, Smithfield. Each club will appoint a committee to assist the town chairman in getting the exhibit together. Space will be allotted each club.

This is the first art exhibit Johnston county has put on and it is hoped that every one will cooperate in every way possible to make it the very best possible, one that will be a credit to the county.

Those present at this meeting were: Mrs. L. D. Debnam, Mrs. E. V. Woodard and Miss Margaret Etheridge, of Selma; Mrs. Paul Wallace, John I. Barnes, and John Turley, of Clayton; Mrs. E. L. Etheridge, and Mrs. A. J. Broughton, of Kenly; Mrs. W. H. Lyon and Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst, of Smithfield; Mrs. A. S. Oliver, Mrs. W. T. Martin, Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mrs. C. C. Canaday, Mrs. J. H. Rose and Mrs. W. B. Woodall, of Benson.

AUTOMOBILE WRECK OCCURS NEAR MICRO

MICRO, March 15.—An accident occurred near here last week when a bus ran into a wagon on highway 22 and killed two fine mules belonging to Mr. H. J. Corbett. The wagon was badly damaged. Another accident occurred on the main road leading out of Micro when Mr. Sanford Aycock's horse became frightened at a calf near the road and ran into a car driven by Mr. Jesse Batten. The windshield of the car was broken out and Mr. Aycock was painfully hurt. The horse was badly cut by the glass from the windshield. **TURN TO PAGE 8, COLUMN 3**

Surviving Miners and Children Get Loaves of Bread



Pennsylvania miners and their children receiving loaves of bread at Cecil where the New Era society of Pittsburgh brought in the first relief shipment. Deputy constable E. Phillips is in charge of the relief distribution in the Cecil district.

Judge Lectures; Gets Lectured

Old Couple Makes Effort to Defend Violation Prohibition Law in Recorder's Court

ARBOR DAY IN LOCAL SCHOOL
Today is Arbor Day in the local school. The civics department of the Woman's club headed by its new chairman, Mrs. J. A. Wellons, is cooperating with the school in the planting of trees and shrubs on the school grounds. The town is also aiding in the putting out of trees. At three-thirty this afternoon, the Boy Scouts will be at the school ready to help plant any shrubs that may be donated by persons interested in beautifying the grounds. The planting will not interfere with the playgrounds but will add to the attractiveness of the surroundings. Mrs. Wellons requests the announcement that if shrubs are not ready to be donated today, they will be accepted and planted later by a committee.

The school will plant trees this morning, each class putting out a tree with appropriate exercises. This program will start at 10:45.

If a prison is not too old to break the law, he is not too old to be punished, thinks Judge W. P. Aycock, who issued a warning to Nathan Lee, age 78, and his sister, Martha Lee, age 89, of Ingrams township who were in Recorder's court Tuesday on citation rather than under a warrant for violation of the prohibition law. Nathan Lee had been in court before, but this was the first time that his sister had come in contact with a judge and she made use of the opportunity to express her opinion concerning the Eighteenth Amendment.

Deputy R. D. Marler had Mr. Lee cited to appear in court, charging him with the manufacture of whiskey, and it is supposed that Martha Lee came along to see what was going to happen. These two old folks live by themselves. Whether Mr. Lee had nothing to say for himself in the matter, or whether he could not get in a word edgewise is not certain, but at any rate the woman was the self-appointed spokesman for the two and she did not quit until she had had her say. She did not hesitate to defend the making of liquor on the ground that it is consistent with the Bible. She said she had read her Bible on this subject, and no where did it say not to make whiskey. It admonishes one not to drink strong drink, but even at that she argued that folks ought to have whiskey for its medicinal qualities. She wound up by declaring that God put it here and man has no right to put it away.

Judge Aycock listened to her argument for a while and then gave them both to understand that regardless of their advanced age if **TURN TO PAGE 8, COLUMN 1**

Chevrolet Breaks Former Records

Expect to Celebrate On March 19 With A Radio Program Broadcast Over 32 Stations

"Surpassing all its former manufacturing achievements, the Chevrolet Motor company in the first three months of the year will build more than 380,000 cars and trucks, exceeding by many thousands the best previous quarterly performance in the long history of the organization."

This is the statement of B. J. Holleman, local Chevrolet dealer, who recently returned from Charlotte where he attended the huge North Carolina Chevrolet dealer meeting at the Carolina theatre.

More than 600 Chevrolet dealers heard M. D. Douglas, assistant general sales manager, and other executives from the Detroit office outline the sales program for the year, calling for the sale of another million in 1928.

Mr. Holleman states that all past sales records for any new model of any car have been broken by Chevrolet with the sale and delivery of 250,000 cars since January 1. According to word received from the company's headquarters in Detroit the event is to be celebrated on Monday evening, March 19, with a big radio party, broadcast over 32 stations extending from Boston to San Antonio and including the territory as far south as Jacksonville, Fla., and as far west as Omaha, Neb. The Chevrolet division will thus be host, not only to the General Motors "family" but to several million listeners.

A radio program of unusual distinction is announced for the "party." It will be a "Romberg Hour," similar to the "Friml Hour" which was presented by the same sponsors a month ago and enthusiastically received by the radio audience. Sigmund Romberg, composer of the "Student Prince," "Desert Song," "Blossom Time" and other popular light operas, will be heard on the air for the first **TURN TO PAGE 8, COLUMN 3**

Bones, Bones, Bones Subject Of Sermon

Kenly Pastor Divides Mankind Into Three Classes: Wishers, Talkers and Doers

KENLY, Mar. 14.—Last Sunday morning Mr. Joyner, pastor of the Methodist church used as the subject of his sermon, "Bones, Bones, Bones." The three bones to which he referred were wish-bones, jaw-bones and back-bones.

"The people of the earth can almost be divided into three classes," he said, "the wishing crowd, the talking crowd, and the doing crowd."

Mr. Joyner brought out the fact that though the members of the wishing crowd have high ideals and wish for great things, they are satisfied to just wish and do nothing to bring their wishes to pass. Too many people are satisfied to be wish-bones. Too many people stop at wishing. Good wishes do not always bring good fortune.

There is great truth in the old Chinese proverb, "Better go home and make a net than sit by the river wishing for fish."

Mr. Joyner urged his hearers to strive to make their wishes come true.

The members of the jaw-bone crowd do little but talk about what they are going to do," he continued. "If this group spent half the time doing something that they spend in talking about what they had to do, more things would be accomplished, and if they spent half the time doing something that they spent in talking about what they were going to do, the world could see the difference, and too, if this jaw-bone crowd did half the things they say they were going to do, earth would be more like heaven. He further emphasized the fact that the "jaw-bone" if wrongly used, contains much destructive power.

"The tongue can injure what powder and gun cannot touch—reputation. The tongue can destroy the noblest of possessions—character. The tongue can tear down in a moment's time that pure, innocent, virtuous life which was years in the making. If there is anything to be dreamed it is a long, loose, sharp pointed tongue, one quick to talk, one easy to talk, and one which adds to what is repeated."

The back-bone folks, Mr. Joyner said, are dependable. They have courage. Defeat is not in their vocabulary. They are found where the work is hardest, the battle hottest.

In conclusion Mr. Joyner stated, "there is nothing wrong in wishing; there is nothing wrong in talking; but the wish-bone crowd stops with wishing, and the jaw-bone group stops with talking, while the back-bone crowd alone wishes, talks and works. To which group do you belong?"

ATTEND TRAINING SCHOOL SMITHFIELD THIS WEEK

KENLY, Mar. 15.—Attending the Johnston County Standard Training school at the Methodist church in Smithfield this week are: Rev. F. B. Joyner, Mrs. C. F. Darden, Mrs. H. F. Edgerton, Prof. G. T. Whitley, Mrs. J. W. Darden, Mrs. A. J. Broughton, Addie Flowers, Mrs. F. A. Pike, Mrs. L. Z. Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holland, Mrs. H. M. Grizzard, Mrs. R. T. Fulghum, and Misses Nettie Harris, Frances Hunter, Kate Frisbie and Pattie Hunter.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—

Judge: "Auto going fast?"
Officer: "Going so fast that the bull dog on the seat beside him looked like a dashund."
"You kin put big ideas in little heads."

