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## Convict Three In Murder Case

### Jury Returns Verdicts After Midnight Friday and Ausley and Paul Pilkington and James Narron Get 8 to 12 Years in State Prison

The trial of State vs. Ausley, Pilkington, Paul Pilkington, and James Narron, charged with murder, was the most important case disposed of in Superior court here last week. The jurors were selected and the State began offering evidence on Thursday morning, and the trial continued throughout the afternoon and during a night session until eleven o'clock. It continued all through Friday and until one o'clock Saturday morning. The defendants in this case were charged with the murder of Everett Eason which occurred on the night of May 26, 1928, near the Ivanhoe Cotton Mill near this city. The solicitor went to trial asking for second degree murder or manslaughter as the evidence might justify.

Several witnesses both for the State and the defendants were examined, and both the solicitor and counsel for the defendants vigorously pursued their contentions. Judge Sinclair throughout the trial, maintained strict order in the courthouse and his charge to the jury was considered very fair both to the State and to the defendants at the bar. The jury took the case a little after midnight, and after deliberations lasting for forty minutes, returned a verdict against each defendant of second degree murder.

The court then heard argument of counsel mitigating circumstances and then proceeded to sentence each defendant alike to the State penitentiary for a term of not less than eight years nor more than twelve.

The development of evidence threw strong suspicion around two other members of the party that was implicated in killing Everett Eason, but so far no other arrests have been made.

James Narron was represented in the trial by W. H. Lyon, of this city; Ausley Pilkington, by James Raynor of Benson; Paul Pilkington, by E. J. Wellons of this city.

### GEORGE POU TO BE RETAINED

It has been announced that George Ross Pou is to be retained as superintendent of the State Prison to serve with a full time chairman of the board of directors who will be active head of the institution. Practically an entirely new board of directors will be named by the governor, it is said.

### In Interest of the Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Breckman, of Washington, D. C., have been spending a few days in Johnston county. Mr. Breckman is a representative of the Grange, a nationwide fraternity of the rural people of America, and he was at Cleveland school Saturday night in the interest of an organization in that community. Mr. A. M. Johnson, of Cleveland, who is interested in the organization, expected to accompany Mr. Breckman to other sections of the county yesterday.

## CELEBRATION WINDS UP IN GUN AFFAIR



Lupe Velez, beautiful Mexican film star, will, it is reported, become the bride of Gary Cooper.

### "Lawyer" Radford and Deadeye Kenny Wayne County Negroes, Liven Things Up in Edge Johnston

J. W. Stafford, game warden and assistant revenue officer, who lives in Bentonville township, made an early trip to the county seat Sunday morning, and with him he brought a Ford load of colored gentlemen who had been rollicking and frolicking all through the night before at one Whitley's house who lives near the dividing line between the highlands and Neuse Islands.

Only one of Mr. Stafford's load, however, was implicated with any over acts at Whitley's party, the others being along at the request of Mr. Stafford and to assist him in making safe delivery of the one who had been evorting beyond the form of the statute and against the peace and dignity of the state. The one against whom charges were preferred gave his name as Lawyer Radford.

Lawyer made a statement. He said that one of his neighbors, one Atkinson by name, "had been sent to Atlanta for a year and a day, and he got home one day during the week. We boys all wanted to give him a little sitting over to Brother Whitley's, and they sent for me to go over and pick the guitar for them. I got one drink before I got to the party but after I got there I picked my guitar till I most wore my fingers out, but I never did get another drink. There was no real dancing by sets going on—some of the gentlemen and a few of the ladies out the Charleston a little, but outside of that there was no other dancing."

Lawyer was charged with shooting and holding up another member of the party but he stoutly denied that he even got out of the corner. There was another man who warmed up things to a pretty lively degree with his pistol, but he eluded Mr. Stafford and all the rest. All they knew about him was that he was called "Deadeye Kenny, and that he was "mighty reckless with his gun."

The boys accompanying Mr. Stafford stated that there must have been at least twenty rounds of shots fired by some of the more dissolute members of the party and there was plenty of drinking and cursing and a general neighborhood alarm but all of the mischief-makers got away before they could be caught except Lawyer. He was lodged in jail but later in the day some one came to his rescue and he was bonded out pending a hearing Tuesday in the Recorder's court.

Mr. Stafford stated that all the boys so implicated were from Wayne county and that the negro Whitley, at whose house the disturbance began, is a dispenser of liquor on a large and bold scale. Mr. Stafford, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff J. O. Hinton, went back to Whitley's house to try to round up more of those who took part in the shooting, but it was learned later that further arrests were not made.

### An Unusual Gold Coin.

Mr. John A. Grimes of Raleigh, was in the city Friday and showed us a rare gold coin which he had picked up in a pawn shop. The coin, which has been converted into a watch chain was a five-dollar gold piece, though there was nothing on the piece of money to denote the denomination. A Raleigh jeweler, Mr. H. Mahler, who had worked years ago in the Treasury Department knew the issue when he saw it, and made a test which proved its worth. The piece of money was made in 1807. In size, it is larger than a silver quarter but not so large as a fifty-cent piece. It bears the head of Columbus on one side, with the date 1492. On the other side, is an ancient ship and two globes. The coin commemorates the World's Exposition at Chicago in 1893.

## JOE MAHLER IN FLOODED TOWN IN ALABAMA

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mahler have received a telegram from their son, Mr. Joe Mahler, sent from Brewton, Ala., where he is with a traveling theatrical troupe, stating that the town is under water and that the show was a complete loss. He stated that he could not leave Brewton for weeks, though telegraph communication with the outside world has been resumed.

## Legislature May Adjourn Today

### Boughton Named Chairman State Highway Commission — A. J. Maxwell As Revenue Commissioner; I. M. Bailey Succeeds Maxwell

RALEIGH, March 18.—After working for 60 days ineffectively, for the most part, at \$10 a day, the legislature was preparing to adjourn today after working the past week for nothing—and effectively. Little remains to be done except to reach agreements on certain phases of important bills and to pass the revenue legislation on third reading, and it is expected that adjournment will be made possible by Tuesday afternoon. The closing of the session and two important changes in state officials were the chief items of interest as the week came to an end. Governor Gardner appointed Rufe Boughton as chairman of the state highway commission, named A. J. Maxwell as revenue commissioner and said after the senate confirms these appointments he will name I. M. Bailey to succeed Mr. Maxwell in the corporation commission. Mr. Maxwell succeeds Mr. Boughton as revenue commissioner and Mr. Boughton succeeds Frank "Age" as chairman of the highway commission.

The session of the legislature coming to a close has been marked by lack of leadership in the opinion of most political observers. There have been a lot of them with definite ideas about what they wanted, and many of these ideas were good, but they had no program for putting these ideas into effect, there was no one to make a cohesive statewide sensible program of the whole scheme, changing here where it was for the good of the people and changing there when it appeared that their interests might be sacrificed. Even Governor Gardner has experienced some difficulty in dealing with the General assembly and one or two of his plans were defeated, while for some others, notably the secret ballot bill, he had to wage the fight of his life and then only got partial satisfaction.

Looking back on the session it is possible to pick out some measures of great importance which were approved. The gasoline tax increase of one cent was approved with certain funds to be set aside to aid counties in road work. The Australian secret ballot bill got by but only after being amended so as to make it less of a secret ballot system. However, friends of the bill were satisfied with the forward step they have been fighting for years. The workmen's compensation act was passed and will stand as a model for most states as it makes liberal allowances for working men while at the same time protecting the interests of business. A highway patrol act probably will get its final approval ere the session ends but the measure is little more than a gesture and falls far short of setting up a real highway patrol. The bill providing for sterilization of mental defectives and that providing for five years involuntary separation as a grounds for divorce were approved and also marriage bans notice bill.

Matters of State moved rapidly over the week end and brought to a conclusion a number of controversies between contending factions of the Senate and House of Representatives. The Senate won its fight over the school measure, the House finally acceding to the TURN TO PAGE 4, PLEASE

## Asks For Visit Of Radio Expert

### Mr. H. N. Morgan, City Light Superintendent, Enlists Aid of Congressman Pou To Investigate Radio Troubles

Radio fans will welcome the announcement that an effort is being made to have radio experts visit Smithfield and vicinity with the view of improving radio reception. Mr. H. N. Morgan, superintendent of the city water and light department, has taken the initiative in this matter and has written to Congressman E. W. Pou at Washington to enlist his aid in having radio conditions here investigated.

Mr. Morgan has received the following reply from Congressman Pou: "My dear Mr. Morgan: "Replying to yours of the 12th instant, I wish to assure you that I shall gladly do all in my power to have the Radio Commission's experts visit Smithfield and our county while investigating radio conditions in North Carolina. The Assistant Chief of the Radio Commission informs me that no itineraries have yet been made for the representative of the Commission who are to visit our state, and he has made a notation of my desire to have Smithfield and Johnston county included in their inspection tour. "With kind personal regards, I beg to remain, "Yours very truly, "EDW. W. POUL"

## JOHNSTON COUNTY MAN MAKES UNIQUE PUZZLE

Mr. A. J. Henderson, who has been living on Smithfield, route 1 for some time, has worked out some educational puzzles that are decidedly unique. They rather baffle description, but they are more nearly like a palindrom, which is a word, sentence or verse, that reads the same backward and forward. In March 1919, Mr. Henderson had his puzzle, which at that time worked out in the form of a square, patented, but since that time he has made a number of variations of the original in the form of circular words, triangle blocks, and even globes.

Mr. Henderson is a native of Chapel Hill, and was a college mate of the late Ira T. Turlington. He was a railroad man for thirty-one years and was then injured. After that, he was in charge of a watch tower in Dallas Texas, and it was while doing this work that he began experimenting with his puzzle which he had patented in 1919. The puzzle has never been commercialized, but Mr. Henderson is now contemplating disposing of it to some novelty or education agency.

Mr. Henderson presented the puzzle with one of the original puzzles which may be seen at the Herald office.

## MAGNOLIA GAME TO BE PLAYED OVER

After much dispute the game which was played here Friday night will be played over in Goldsboro or else the games go to Smithfield. This is the ruling of the chairman of group two of the Eastern Carolina Conference. At the end of the game there was some dispute as to the time. After reviewing the facts the chairman found that there was an error and notified Magnolia to meet Smithfield in Goldsboro. No date has been set as yet.

This game was very fast from start to finish and the lead saw-sawed from one team to the other. Many fouls were made by both teams and Referee Culbreth was hard put to keep up with them. Miss Deans Holland led the scoring for both teams with 25 points, while Miss Coates was best on the defense for the locals. Miss Wilson led the visitors with 18 points and Miss Brown was best on the defense.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Greer at the Johnston County Hospital Friday, March 15, a daughter.

## Part of Car Lot Shipment



G. R. Johnson, farmer from Benson section, and J. B. Slack, tri-county agent, pose with swine herd shipped from this county last Tuesday.

## GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT TO JUDGE

### NO STORY TODAY DUE TO DELAY IN MAILS

Our readers will take note that the next installment of the story, "The Desperate Lover," does not appear in today's issue of the Herald due to a delay in the mails. This installment reached this office too late for today's publication. However, it will appear in Friday's issue.

## Another Poultry Car March 23rd

### This Will Make The Third Car This Month To Be Loaded at Selma; Prices Higher

SELMA, March 18.—The next poultry car will be loaded in Selma at the Southern Railway freight station next Saturday, March 23. This will make the third car that has been loaded at Selma this month. In the two cars that have already been shipped this month approximately forty-six hundred dollars has been paid to the farmers of this county and adjoining counties for poultry. Prices that will be paid for poultry next Saturday are higher than they have been this season. Heavy hens and chicks have gone up from 25 cents per pound to 26 cents per pound, and broilers have jumped from 28 cents per pound to 32 cents per pound. A plan is also on foot now to ship a car of hogs from Selma, if enough farmers can be interested to load a car. Anyone who is interested and has hogs to ship is requested to notify C. L. Richardson, care The Hardware Store, Inc., Selma; J. B. Slack, tri-county agent, is doing much to help the farmers to market what they raise on the farm and get a fair price and this means of disposing of their surplus poultry and hogs is to a great extent made possible through his efforts.

The following cash prices will be paid for poultry next Saturday: colored hens and chicks, 26 cents per pound; Leghorn hens and chicks, 23 cents per pound; broilers, 32 cents per pound; roosters, 14 cents per pound; capons and young turkeys, 28 cents per pound; ducks, 18 cents per pound; old toms, 20 cents per pound; geese, 13 cents per pound; guineas, 35 cents each.

## CAROLINA PLAYMAKERS TO BE GUESTS IN HOMES

The Carolina Playmakers, who will present a program consisting of three Carolina folk-plays at the Sanders theatre Thursday evening, will be entertained while here the guests of the following: Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Creech, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Beasley, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Dr. C. C. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Boney, Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale, Sr., and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter.

## Convict Camp.

We have inspected the convict camps, two in number, one for white prisoners, the other for colored and we find them in good condition in every respect.

## Health Department.

We find this being well looked after by our very efficient county physician, Dr. C. C. Massey, with the cooperation of a most excellent welfare worker, Mrs. D. J. Thurston. We have not TURN TO PAGE 4

## Happenings In Town Of Benson

### "Vocational Education" Subject at Kiwanis Meeting—Honor Roll Benson School; Social Events

BENSON, Mar. 18.—Mr. Herman Strickland, a young attorney who has recently located here, was the chief speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon recently. He spoke on "Vocational Education." Mr. W. B. Woodall was in charge of the program. Special guests of the club were members of the basketball team.

Several Benson boys under sixteen years of age have been stealing chickens recently. They have taken about 200 in all. This "chicken ring" was uncovered by the policemen last week. This gang has been robbing gasoline tanks also.

## GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT TO JUDGE

The following made the honor roll for February: first grade, Catherine Benton, Daisy Surles, Billy Farmer, Julia Rose Johnson, Ernestine Johnson, Dwight Dixon, Sarah Royals, Lorraine Johnson, John Stephenson, Nellie Parker; second grade, Lena Boyett, Ruby McLamb, Myrtle Lee, Laurita Houston, Dorothy Creech, Lois Benson, Ralph Whittenton, Jr., Josephine Barefoot, W. R. Norris, Jr., Virginia Hudson; third grade, Oliver Creech Rose, Margaret Parker, Louise Jernigan, W. T. Martin, Jr., Herbert Capps, Ola Whittenton; fourth grade, Doris Benson, Lois Massengill, Marie Raynor, Geneva Creech, Sarah Oliver; fifth grade, Mary Lou Holland, Will Woodall, Joe Levinson, Mildred Benton, Elizabeth Ruckley, Elizabeth Gilbert; sixth grade, Tera Johnson, Minnie Feral Parker, Boyce Hudson, Alta Johnson; seventh grade, Bertha Parker; eighth, L. Gilbert, Jr.; tenth, Sarah Farmer, Hattie Mae Johnson; eleventh, Margaret Benton and Estelle Stephenson.

The agricultural class of Benson school will put on a variety test for corn and cotton on the farm of Mr. S. P. Honeycutt just outside the city limits.

The faculty of Benson school recently gave a shower to Mrs. A. P. Roberson, a member of the faculty and a recent bride. Miss Gladys Harrell gave the guest of honor a ball of twine and she was instructed to follow the twine, winding it back on the ball. It was scattered through the house and out into the yard where many lovely gifts were found. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The Ladies Bible class of the Methodist church held a business and social meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Paul Johnson. The business meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. W. B. Woodall. Donations for the orphan's clothes for spring and summer were secured. This class has been clothing an orphan for a good many years and it is always very easy to secure donations. This was the annual election of officers with the following chosen: president, Mrs. Mather Dorman; vice president, Mrs. W. R. Strickland; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. N. G. Woodlief. After the business a lovely program pertaining to St. Patrick's day was enjoyed. Mrs. B. H. Houston and Mrs. W. M. Smith were in charge of the evening's entertainment. The lovely new home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson was decorated in green and white. St. Patrick emblems being used in profusion. There were about thirty present. Cream puffs, hot chocolate, and mints were served. Each plate held a St. Patrick favor.

### County Home.

We have thoroughly inspected the county home and found it to be well kept. There is an atmosphere of happiness and content among the inmates. Sanitary conditions are exceptionally good. They are being supplied with plenty of nourishing food, and the sick, feeble and helpless are receiving special attention. We have no criticism or recommendations to make except as to some minor repairs which are needed on the porch to the cottage for colored inmates. We also note the telephone line to the home is out of order and we recommend that this be repaired as soon as possible.

### Mrs. L. D. Stewart Dies.

The funeral of Mrs. L. D. Stewart of Four Oaks, route 1, was held yesterday afternoon at one o'clock at Hodges Chapel, the service being conducted by Rev. Charlie Johnson. Mrs. Stewart died at Rex Hospital Saturday night about ten o'clock. She was before her marriage Miss Mackie Barefoot. She leaves a husband and eight children. The deceased was thirty-six years of age.