

JURY RETURNS VERDICT OF GUILTY OF MURDER IN 2ND. DEGREE IN W. H. WATERS CASE

JUDGE BOND SENTENCES WATERS TO NOT OVER 15 YEARS AND NOT LESS THAN TEN YEARS IN STATE PRISON.

JURY RETURNS VERDICT IN 90 MINUTES

Deputy Sheriff Peel Takes Waters to Raleigh Today Where He Will Start to Serve His Sentence

The case of State versus W. H. Waters was called for trial Wednesday morning. The State was represented by Iam Gilliam, solicitor and Robert L. Coburn, private prosecution. The defendant was represented by Hon. H. S. Ward of Washington, Stubbs and Stubbs and Dunning, Moore and Horton of this city. Only a few minutes were consumed in picking a jury, as the state was not asking for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

The first witness examined was Reubin Speller, an aged colored man, at whose store the shooting occurred. Speller said that between 9 and 10 o'clock P. M. on the 17th day of May Henry Bowen was in his store with Dink Harrison. That both gentlemen were facing the counter with their backs to the front door. That after Bowen had been there a short while a gun fired. That Bowen turned and said, "Lord, somebody has shot me." Speller stated that he did not see the wound and that Bowen went out and walked off up town. That after the shooting he went to the door and saw Will Waters with a gun. That Waters went towards the river and that he did not see Waters again until Sunday morning, when he came to his place and asked what the sheriff said.

On cross-examination Speller stated that Waters did not appear natural, that he thought that Waters was drunk.

C. F. Speller stated that he thought that the shooting took place about 10:30 on the night of May 17th. That Bowen had been standing up facing the counter for some minutes with his hands in his pockets. That Bowen had turned aside when suddenly a gun fired. That Bowen's right shoulder dropped and that Bowen went out and went up town. That the witness went out and Waters was standing there with his gun. That witness asked Waters why he was shooting among a crowd of men and Waters said that Bowen had treated him like a damned scoundrel and that he had treated Bowen like a gentleman. On cross-examination witness stated that Waters did not look foolish, that he could not say that Waters was drunk and that he never knew that Waters was subject to fits.

Hilliard Williams testified that he lives near Speller's store and on the night of the homicide he was going to Speller's store to buy some cigars. That just as he was approaching the store he saw Waters pick up a gun and fire into the store. That he did not see Waters when he first approached the store. On cross-examination witness stated that he was scared, that he saw nothing especially strange about Waters. That witness immediately left without going into store and as witness was going up the street he saw Bowen going up town.

Dr. Dave Taylor, of Washington, testified that he had practiced medicine for many years. That early May 18th Henry Bowen was taken to his hospital. That upon examination he found that he had been shot with a gun through the right shoulder blade, cutting two ribs into and the shot had passed through the right lung tearing up a portion of that as large as his hand. He said that Bowen was in a dying condition when he reached the hospital caused from the loss of blood but he revived and lived until the following Sunday apparently improving until pneumonia set in which killed him. Bowen had no hopes of getting well at any time and he said that Will Waters shot him or had him shot, he being conscious up to the last. Dr. Taylor said that the shot were No. 2 buck shot.

After the testimony of Dr. Taylor was completed the State rested its case and the defense took charge.

The defendant, Waters, was called to the stand by his attorneys. He stated that he was forty-three years of age and that he lived in Williamston for thirty years, was not married, lives with his sister, Mrs. Roberson and works over the river in the time-lime business. He said that he came home on the 17th of May had been

drinking for two or three weeks and had been in the habit of drinking since the age of nine, and that he had epileptic fits and would not know what happening until afterward when every thing would come to him. He said that he had never had any trouble with Bowen before that day of the shooting. He said that he drove to Norfolk Sunday May the 18th, and took a few drinks on the way, taking the last one on the ferry from Portsmouth to Norfolk, and that he carried liquor with him.

He was then cross-examined by the Solicitor. He said to him that he knew Theodore Roberson and that what he did came to him three or four days later. "I went to Carstarphen's store and bought shell, had already gotten my gun. I was mad with Bowen because he had hit me side of the head and was out of my head as a result of the hit side of the head."

Mrs. L. C. Roberson, the next witness, stated that she was the sister of Waters and two years older than he, that he was subject to epileptic fits and did not have a normal mind.

Mrs. Woodhouse, another sister of the defendant, stated that she was ten years older than he was and that he had been subject to epileptic fits from the time that he was six months old.

Mrs. Mattie Walker testified that she is Will's youngest sister, that she now lives in Norfolk and that she saw him Monday afternoon and that he was not normal.

Mr. Walker, brother-in-law of Waters stated that he first saw Waters Monday morning in jail, he did not then disclose his trouble and he did not show much sign of drinking.

L. T. Fowden stated that he had known Waters since he was a boy and that in his younger days he was considered a weakling and that when they were boys he would haul wood with Mr. Roberson's steers and that Will would come and take them away from him.

John L. Rogerson stated that Waters owes a note for a Ford car to the Peoples Bank and that he made unusually frequent inquiries about same, coming each day to find out the amount of it and when it was due.

The next witness called was W. T. Ward and he said that he had known Waters for thirty years and did not think him normal and he had never seen him take a drink but he had seen him when he thought that he was drinking.

J. W. Watts was then called and he said that he had known Waters all his life and always thought that he had a loose screw in his mind, and that he did not consider him normal.

Jonah Williams, colored, testified next and he stated that he knew Waters well, that he came to his house Sunday morning alone and he was drunk then and not in his right mind and that he stayed half an hour.

S. J. Parrisher stated that he had known Waters all his life and that he had never had any sense when drunk and had seen him bite steers.

The State then put on further testimony and Theodore Roberson was called to the stand.

Mr. Roberson stated that Waters bought shells from him around nine o'clock about one-half hour before the shooting took place. He said that he did not see anything wrong with him, and that Waters stayed in the store about a minute and a half. He said that sometimes Waters got under the influence of liquor, yet he never saw anything especially wrong with him.

James H. Walker, a Norfolk policeman, said that he arrested Waters Sunday May the 18th about 2:30 P. M. on Granby street in Norfolk. He received instructions at nine o'clock to be on the lookout for him and that when he saw Waters he stopped him and carried him to the police station where he questioned him and he said that he gave his name as Will Waters

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VISITORS RALLY TO DEFEAT LOCALS IN TENTH INNING

Williamston Boys Show Marked Improvement

Robersonville defeated the locals yesterday by a score of 7 to 4. The game was stubbornly fought throughout showing that the boys mean business. Britt, on the mound for Williamston, delivered in his usual way and would have pitched his team to victory had he had good support. The boys are playing exceptionally well considering the amount of practice they are able to give to the game. A few inconsistencies remedied and Williamston will have a good ball team.

The batteries for both teams did the outstanding honor work of the game. The line up for follows: Robersonville, S. Roberson, catcher; Johnson, pitcher; Parker, first base; James second base; McKin, short stop; V. Roberson, third base; Everett, right field; Smith, center field; Grimes, left field; Williamston—J. Harrell, catcher; Britt, pitcher; Charles James, first base; J. Purvis, second base; Julian Harrell, short stop; H. James, third base; Anderson, right field; Barnes, center field; Taylor, left field; Bill Harrell relieved Barnes in the seventh inning.

Umpire, Fowden.

CONTEST WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN NEXT ISSUE

The winners in the contest just held by The Enterprise will be announced in our next Tuesday's issue. The contest was over last Friday and all the answers were not in until Tuesday, so it was impossible to check them up in time to be announced in this issue. The contest manager states that the number of contestants were so many that he would be obliged to work over time in order that the names of the winners might be announced next Tuesday. This goes to show that the missing word page has been of great interest to our readers. Several of the contestants told us that they had greatly profited by the page even though they fail to receive a prize, for they get real pleasure out of reading the advertisements of the merchants who are bidding for the trade.

B. Y. P. U. MEETS IN EVERETTS

The Everetts B. Y. P. U. meets every Friday night at eight o'clock. Every member is urged to be present at these meetings and bring a friend.

The program for tonight, June 29th is a doctrinal lesson which will be of much benefit to all who attend.

ENTERTAIN FOR SOLICITOR AND MRS. DONALD GILLIAM

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stubbs entertained at bridge at their home in the rectory on Wednesday evening from eight-thirty until eleven o'clock, honoring Solicitor and Mrs. Donald Gilliam of Tarboro.

The reception hall and living room were open to the guests and hydrangeas in profusion were used for decorating the rooms.

For making high score Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Jr. was presented a leather score pad and Mrs. Gilliam as honoree was given two cases of cards.

Delicious punch and lemonade were served by the hostess while the guests played and at the conclusion of the game she served a tempting fruit salad.

Those attending beside the guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. F. U. Barnes, Mrs. Jesse Whitley, Miss Gladys Benjamin, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Jr., Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. C. H. Godwin, Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Mrs. P. R. Cone and Mr. John L. Hassell.

FRANK G. CARPENTER, DEAD

FRANK G. CARPENTER, perhaps the world's greatest traveler, died Wednesday morning in Nankin, China. He is known in every corner of the earth where people are able to read. He traveled in every known country and wrote of the conditions, character and opportunities of every land.

His books and letters have done more to bring to the mind a greater conception of the truth as the proper base for governments to stand upon than those of any other person in the world.

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LOCAL TAX FOR SCHOOLS

The qualified voters of Farm Life School District are soon to vote a local tax to supplement funds apportioned by the County Board of Education for the maintenance of a six months school in the District. Not any more reason would there be in voting against this levy of twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property then there would be in a husband's purchase of a hat at the ten cent store for a wife who desired a Sunday hat. All types of schools are or have been good for their purpose and day. The six months school is good, it was satisfactory in its day for most people; it is the most expensive luxury on the educational market today. The next least expensive luxury is a six months school with a local tax to secure select teachers, more equipment of the necessary sort, and to operate without burdening a few benevolent patrons to furnish all the things necessary but not furnished by the flat six months apportionments of the county. Two-thirds of the children of Martin county enjoy the privileges of an eight months school with the added benefit derived from having a special tax with which to purchase same. Of course this type is to be preferred.

Under the present system the first and second types cannot be classified for high school work; at any rate six months of high school work in such schools is not recognized as a grade of work when teachers apply to the certification department for certificates on basis of same. Nor do the products of such schools fare better in applying for entrance to colleges. It is hoped that with additional tax Farm Life School may take one step nearer to having its high school work recognized. Likewise by means of this special tax it is expected to secure a Principal who can in a measure solve some of the problems of classification and grading in a way that five school years of six months each may be recognized as the equivalent of four school years of eight months each. The product of a six months school over a period of eleven years has eight-eight months of preparation. All other things being equal the Division of Teacher Certification and the admission committee of our best colleges say the student with eighty-eight months of preparation will be certificated or admitted and the student of sixty-six months preparation must stand an examination for a certificate or admission.

Before a High School can be accredited these are some of the conditions to be met:

1. The school term must be eight months.
2. The teachers must hold high school certification of A and B class.
3. A set of maps adequate and prescribed to meet the needs of high school students must be purchased.
4. A library of three hundred volumes with card index and check scheme by means of which use and preservation of books are insured.
5. The average daily attendance must be enough to justify three teachers in the high school department.

Now if the patrons of Farm Life School cannot see their way clear at this time to purchase the best type of school possible there are some facts about the election and type of school that will be available by means of it which have been requested.

Will the committee be obliged to run a school for more than six months of the special tax carries? No, they have promised to consult the patrons about the length of term.

Who will determine the rate of special tax to be levied annually? The committee on advice from the people can request the County Commissioners to levy a rate less than twenty-five cents but not to exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property within the district.

We do not know the committee will be unresponsive, but in case they were, how could a majority of the people make a school committee responsive to the will of the patrons of the school? When a district votes a special tax, the Board of Education acting on a mandate from an election or a majority petition, may appoint the number of committeemen desired not to exceed five members. By his provision of the law the will of the majority is heeded.

When is transportation of school children provided in Martin County? And for how long? When number of children, not less than twenty, justifies a per capita per day haulage cost in the local school nearest where they reside, transportation is provided.

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SNAKE BITE KILLS HORSE

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Benjamin Mc. Manning was riding his horse in the woods driving cattle, when suddenly he heard a rattlesnake "sing" apparently about the horse's feet. The horse jumped back immediately, showing signs of pain and rapidly grew worse until he died in about ten or twelve minutes afterward.

The bushes were thick up to knee high and Mr. Manning did not see the snake, but says it must have been a large one judging from the "singing" of his rattles.

When a search was made for the reptile he was gone. The horse was bitten on the leg near the ankle. The horse was a very fine one and was only about ten years old.

Rattlesnakes are very numerous in that section of the county, which is near the upper part of Sweeten water creek.

MRS. J. D. WARD DIES IN ROCKY MOUNT Body Buried at the Davis Gurganus Cemetery Wednesday

At her home in Rocky Mount, where she with her family had moved from Williamston only two months ago, Mrs. John D. Ward died Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock from heart failure following an attack of acute indigestion which she had suffered that morning.

In early maidenhood she was married to John D. Ward and since their marriage until a short while ago she has made her residence in Williamston. Mr. Ward died at the home here about two years ago, and they are survived by eight children, some of them of very tender years and they have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss. The children are: J. D. Jr., Norman, Wheeler, Evan, and Misses Stella, Ruby, Lucille and Mary. Mrs. Ward is also survived by three sisters and one brother, Mrs. Amanda Cannady, Mrs. Fannie Page, and Miss Maggie Gurganus and Mr. James Gurganus.

She was a member of the Memorial Baptist church, having joined the church in early life. Before leaving Rocky Mount a short and simple funeral service was held in the home by the Presbyterian minister who with his wife had kindly ministered to the family in times of sickness. They left Rocky Mount on the morning train Wednesday reaching Williamston at noon and the body was then taken to the family cemetery at the Davis Gurganus home where the interment took place. Rev. R. L. Shirley of the Baptist Church conducted the services at the grave where a large crowd was in attendance for the last sad rites.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School 9:45. Morning worship 11:00. Evening service 8:00. Services will be held at 3:00 p. m. at Biggs school house.

Reports of the recent Baraca-Philanthrop convention will be made during the class sessions of these two splendid organizations, Sunday morning. The pastor is very anxious to have a good representation of the church and Sunday school at the Baptist Summer Assembly which convenes next week at Morehead City. A splendid program, good hotel accommodations at a very reasonable rate, surf bathing and other recreations promise to make it a delightful trip.

R. L. SHIRLEY, Pastor.

MRS. CARRIE BIGGS WILLIAMS, HOSTESS

Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams entertained at two tables of bridge at the lovely old Biggs home in New Town on Tuesday evening from nine until eleven-thirty. Shaded lights and summer flowers made the home even prettier than usual.

Those who were invited to enjoy her hospitality were, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Peel Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Godard, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Manning and Mr. Julius S. Peel.

A salad course with sandwiches and tea and homemade cream was served at the conclusion of the pleasant evening.

Misses Pattie Harris, Carrie Lee Peel, Emily Wood-Ridham and Messrs Gaylord Harrison and John Booker motored to Windsor Thursday night.

RURAL ROUTE NO. 2 IS EXTENDED

Mr. Price Secures Extension of Route While in Washington

Postmaster Jesse T. Price visited the Republican convention last week where he took a good look at all the big bosses.

We must say, however, that he did not forget his Martin county friends, for he rushed from the convention to Washington where he procured mail service for twenty-five families in Bear Grass and Cross Roads townships. These people heretofore have not had the convenience of rural mail service.

The present route, number two, will be extended from near the J. S. Level plantation to the homes of Turner Peel, J. H. D. Peel, M. D. Ayers, G. B. Hullock and others.

This increases the route 4.70 miles, which is now 33.20 miles long and increases in proportion the salary of the carrier from \$1,950.00 to \$2,070.00 per year.

The government is paying \$120.00 to carry the mail to the gates of twenty-five Martin county families.

The only requirement the government makes is that the patrons put up mail boxes on the right side of the road, paint them white and put their names on them.

Mr. Price is always on the job when it comes to serving the people with better mail facilities.

U. B. BLALOCK RE-ELECTED AS MANAGER CO-OPS.

Raleigh, June 19.—Expressing commendation of the management of the Association the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association at their annual session re-elected U. B. Blalock, General Manager and A. E. Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Dean of Agriculture of the State College was elected President to succeed W. M. Sanders of Smithfield. Mr. Sanders declined, on account of ill health, to serve longer as President of the Association.

The present board consists of V. A. Pierce, Weldon; O. K. Taylor, Whitakers; John T. Thorne, Farmville; E. A. Stevens, Goldsboro; J. P. Parker, Smithfield; Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Raleigh; R. W. Christian, Manchester; Dr. C. M. Fife, Rowland; A. McEachern, Raeford; and L. D. Robinson, Wadesboro. The only new members of the board are Dr. Kilgore, Messrs. Taylor, Thorne and Parker.

The Executive Committee consists of L. D. Robinson, Wadesboro; R. W. Christian, Manchester; and W. A. Pierce, Weldon, together with the president and vice-president.

Woman Attorney General Blames Political Pulls

Washington, June 17.—Politics and politicians are responsible for most prohibition enforcement troubles, Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general of the United States, told the Senate Daugherty investigating committee in three hours of bitters testimony today.

Senators and congressmen themselves make enforcement hard by unreasonable requests for issuance of whiskey permits to persons who should not have them and for appointment of men as dry agents who are "crooks or useless," Mrs. Willebrandt said.

SMOKERS INSTALLED ON RAILROAD FOR WOMEN

Chicago, June 18.—Equal rights for women took another step forward here today when the Illinois Central Railway attached to its St. Louis-Chicago daylight special a lounge and smoking car for women. They may smoke there to their hearts content without fear of intrusion from men, railway officials stated. The car will be a regular part of the train in the future.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS AFTER 4 DAY SESSION

Bunk Owen's Case Continued to December Term

The June term of the Martin county Superior court came to a close yesterday afternoon. Nothing but criminal cases came before the court for trial with the exception of one divorce case. Dr. Charles T. Eiseback versus Mary Roebuck, in which a divorce was granted on statutory grounds.

The case against Bunk Owen was continued to the next term of court to await the development of the wound of the necks Teel who Owen is alleged to have shot and who is still unable to attend court.

The next regular term of the Superior court will be held on the second Monday in December. The September term was eliminated by a recent act of the legislature.

WINDSOR HAS WINDSTORM

Windsor was visited by a heavy wind storm late Wednesday afternoon.

The storm made its approach from the west and centered over the town, blowing the roof off the post office and uprooting several trees in town. Many of the streets were blocked by the trees and several windows were broken by limbs and flying missiles driven by the wind.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES HOLD CONVENTION AT HAMILTON TODAY

The Annual County Convention of the Baptist Women's Missionary Societies was held with the Baptist church at Hamilton today. Mrs. J. D. Biggs, county president, helped to plan for the meeting. Mr. R. L. Shirley and others took part in the program.

Those attending the convention from the local church were Mesdames J. D. Biggs, A. T. Crawford, R. S. Courtney, E. L. Shirley, Lawrence Peel, G. W. Harrison, Wheeler Martin, Sr., H. I. Meador, C. A. Harrison, W. L. Taylor, W. J. Hodges, Arthur Anderson and Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MARTIN COUNTY

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the people of Martin County for the splendid support accorded me in the recent primary. My defeat was by a small majority and in view of the fact that I was not favored with the personal acquaintance of so many of the people of the County and that I had only a few days in which to work before the primary, I feel that the number of votes I received was something I should highly appreciate. It will be a great pleasure to me to express my appreciation by seeing my people in every way I possibly can.

Very sincerely yours,
ROBERT L. COBBEN.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LITTLE MISS HARRISON

At their home on Haight a street, Mrs. C. A. Harrison entertained about fifty little friends of her youngest daughter, Miss Blanche Harrison, in honor of the little girl's sixth birthday.

Outdoor games were played for an hour and then refreshments consisting of ice cream, cakes, fruit and candies were served.

The guest of honor was the recipient of many pretty gifts from her host of friends.

CARRIES PRISONER TO RALEIGH

Mr. Luther Peel left this morning through the country to carry W. H. Waters to Raleigh, where Waters will serve a term in the penitentiary of not less than ten years and not more than fifteen years. They were accompanied by Messrs. J. O. Manning and John L. Rogerson.

AUTO ACCESSORS

The boss and the clerk had gone out to lunch (says Good Fordham) leaving the pretty little bookkeeper in charge of the store.

Enters a handsome young man. "Do you keep auto accessories here?" he asked. The little bookkeeper smiled at her sweetest. "Only me," she replied.