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RELEASE ALLEGED MOB MEMBERS UNDER BOND

Special Term Criminal Court Ordered by Governor to Convene In May

Total of Eighteen Arrests Made; All Released Except Five; Bonds Vary From Five to Twenty Thousand Each

Sparrows, Father and Son, Still Being Held in Tarboro Jail

CASE QUIETS DOWN

The Needleman case, which has claimed the entire attention of all our people for nearly two weeks, seems to have reached a quieter stage now than at any time since it happened.

Up to now 18 arrests have been made, as follows:

F. W. Sparrow, Jr., F. W. Sparrow, and Cairo Heath, of Kinston. Heath is now out under a \$5,000 bond; it is understood that F. W. Sparrow, Jr., will be let out when he furnishes a \$20,000 bond, and his father, F. W. Sparrow, sr., will have to furnish a \$10,000 bond.

E. C. Stone John A. Griffin, Jonn Gurkin, Albert Gurkin, Albert Griffin, and John Gray Corey have all furnished bond in the sum of \$5,000 each, and have been released.

A. Croom, Lester Edmondson, Edgar Johnson, and Sherwood Roberson also have each furnished bond in the sum of \$5,000, and have been released.

Tom Harrell was only required to furnish a \$2,000 bond, upon which he was also released.

H. D. Griffin was required to give bond in the sum of \$20,000, and Roy Gray and Julian Bullock each were required to furnish \$10,000 bonds, none of which have yet been given.

About two-thirds of those who were engaged in the affair have told in detail just what part they took in the affair.

It is apparent that the real leaders will have to face the matter squarely and may expect the law to bear heavily upon them. Some who were led to believe that only a whipping was to be administered and withdrew when they found this was not the intention of the leaders, and still others who followed the crowd for a while begging that they desist from carrying out such a program, may expect more mercy than the leaders.

It is understood that there are still a few who are implicated that have not been arrested, but will be in the next day or two. The confession of those who have been arrested and are in custody have given the names of all in any way connected with the unfortunate affair, and warrants for every one of them have been or will be made in a short time.

Special Services for Baptists of Everetts

Everetts, N. C., April 10.—Following is the church calendar for the Everetts Baptist Church on Easter Sunday:

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Preaching.
We will have with us some young ladies from Bethel, who will render special music in the services, which should be greatly enjoyed. Mr. F. A. Burns, our pastor, is an able preacher, and we are sure you will avail yourselves of the opportunity of the Easter services next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

THE STRAND THEATRE
Williamston, N. C.

SATURDAY
Zane Grey's
"HERITAGE OF THE DESERT"

If you like thrills, action, romance, see this program.

Also Episode No. 8—
"TEN SCARS"

25c and 40c

RESULTS OF GROUP CENTER CONTESTS

Held at Jamesville Last Saturday, April 4, in Preparation for County Commencement

At the group-center contests, which were held April 4 at Jamesville, the results for Group I were as follows: Spelling contest: In this contest Edwin Getsinger, of Jamesville, took first place, second place was won by Arthur Modlin, and third place by Coltraine Stallings, all of them being from the Jamesville school.

Story-telling contest: First place taken by Harriet Mae Brown; second place by Jim Walters, and third by William Mobley.

Mathematics contest: In this contest Jack Mitchell took first place. The only school contesting in Group I was Jamesville.

In Group II Sandy Ridge was the only school which made any points.

Mathematics contest: First prize was taken by Carrie L. Coltraine.

Story-telling contest: First prize was taken by Eula Green; second by Ethel Taylor, and third by Sallie Roberson.

Spelling contest: In this contest Earl Hall took first prize; Carrie Coltraine second prize, and Ruby Hopewell, third prize.

The schools representing Group II, were Dardens, Cooper, and Manning.

In the Choral contest, Dardens won first prize. Those participating were: Aubrey Hardison, Earl Hardison, Celeste Hardison, Claire Ange, Louise Waters, and Reba Simpson. Songs used were "Flowers that bloom in the Spring," and "Juanita."

Story telling, "I'll With Mumps," won by Corrine Gurkin.

Recitation, "The Railroad Crossing," won by Aubrey Hardison.

Mathematics contest: First prize in this contest was awarded to Jane Manning, of Manning School. Second prize to Myrtle Sexton, of Cooper school.

Spelling contest: First prize to Lucy Moore.

The next group-center contest will be held at Farm Life School Saturday, April 11, 1925.

Program of Services At Baptist Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. meeting, 6:45 p. m.
Evening service, 7:45 p. m.

Our Sunday school attendance last Sunday was 137, with an offering of nearly \$15. A fine congregation was present at the morning hour.

In the evening our church worshipped with the Episcopal church in their closing evangelistic service.

Let's make Sunday a great day. The choir has arranged special music for both hours. Services appropriate to the day will be held.

A special installation service of the new officers of the Baraca class will be held at the evening hour. A program has been prepared and invitations extended for this service.

Come and worship with us. A cordial welcome awaits you. Come and see.

Epworth League Social at Rays Camp Monday

The Epworth League will hold its regular monthly social at Ray's Camp Monday afternoon.

All members are asked to meet at Miss Josephine Sykes at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, and from there will go to the camp, where supper will be served.

Mission Band Has Meeting Monday

The Mission Band of the Christian church met at the home of George Harrison, jr., Monday afternoon. There were four new members added to the roll, and one of the best meetings the band has ever had was enjoyed that day.

"George Junior" was a charming host and his hospitality added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR FARM LIFE

Called to Pass Upon Question of Tax Levy for Lengthening Term of Farm Life School

The Farm Life School District has petitioned for an election authorizing a special school tax for the purpose of lengthening the school term.

The Board of County commissioners has ordered the election to be held on May 25 at the school building, at the request of the county board of education.

This district voted upon a special tax last year, but lost by a small majority on account of having to vote against the registration.

COMMENCEMENT AT JAMESVILLE

Exercises of Jamesville School Will Begin May 1 and Continue Into Following Week

The closing exercises of the Jamesville High School will begin May 1 and continue into the week following. The school is planning the biggest commencement ever held. There will be exercises by the intermediate and grammar grades, medal contests by boys and girls of the higher grades, graduation exercises and a high-school play.

Doctor Spillman, of Kinston, will preach the annual sermon on May 3. President Robert H. Wright, of the Eastern Carolina Training School, will deliver the literary address on Tuesday, May 5th.

It is likely that there will be a big picnic at the school on Tuesday of Commencement week. This matter has not been fully decided yet.

In Spring Hope and Nashville Misses Mary C. Lergott and Frances Gurganus and Mr. Simon Lilley spent Wednesday in Spring Hope and Nashville.

BLOW ON HEAD PROVES FATAL

Negro Dies Tuesday As Result of Blow Received at Night at Construction Camp Sunday

Tuesday night, about 3 o'clock, Fred Jeter, a colored man, died in the Nello-Teer Construction Co. camp, which is now located about four miles on the other side of Jamesville on the Plymouth road. Death was a result of an injury received in a fight that occurred between Jeter and another negro, Willie Holloway, on Sunday.

All during the day the men had been having words, and late in the afternoon Holloway, after insisting that Jeter let him alone, which he would not do, seized a stick lying nearby, knocked Jeter down and hit him once more after he was down.

Jeter was able to get up Monday and stayed up all that day and Tuesday, dying suddenly Tuesday night.

Doctor Warren was called by the coroner to examine the body, and he found that immediate death came as a result of a blood-clot on the brain. The blow of the stick had caused a slight fracture of the skull, where the blood gathered.

Coroner Edwards, thinking an inquest unnecessary and a needless expense to the county, did not hold one.

Both Jeter and Holloway are South Carolina darkies, and both were quiet and industrious men. Jeter's body will be sent to the State anatomical laboratory unless it is claimed shortly. Futile attempts have been made to locate relatives.

Early Wednesday morning Holloway was seen running across a field near the camp, bent upon making his escape. The sheriff was notified and the man was caught in a short while. He is now being held in the county jail for the June term of court.

Sunday Services at the Church of the Advent

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector
Easter Sunday
9:00 a. m., Children's Eucharist.
9:45 a. m., Church school.
10:00 a. m., Advent Bible Class.
11:00 a. m., Holy Communion and sermon.
4:30 p. m., Children's Easter festival.

PARENT-TEACHERS ELECT OFFICIALS

Hold Regular Meeting at Schoolhouse Last Night; All Officers Re-elected

At the regular monthly meeting of the Williamston Parent-Teachers Association held in the school auditorium Thursday night the regular routine business was transacted, after which a minuet was given by the 4B grade, under the tutelage of Miss Mary Jo Stewart, their teacher. It was much enjoyed by all those present and showed the power and influence of training children.

Professor Seymour talked on the line of study that the association is to take up for the purpose of the better organizing and handling of the children of the community.

The eighth grade won the prize for having the largest attendance of parents present.

The following officers were re-elected for the year: Mrs. A. R. Dunning, president; Mrs. Era Cobb, vice president; Miss Eva Peel, secretary. Mrs. W. H. Harrell, treasurer.

The same committees were reappointed.

There will be only one more meeting before the school closes.

TO RID COUNTY OF TUBERCULOSIS

Dr. H. M. Bonifield, Veterinary Inspector, Begins Work to Rid Cattle of Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis eradication in Martin County has been started by Dr. H. M. Bonifield, veterinary inspector.

This work consists of an intradermal test on all cattle of this county. The test is in no way harmful to the animal, and therefore milk and beef may be used during or immediately after the test.

The animals found to be infected with tuberculosis are, with the owner's consent, immediately disposed of, and he receives an indemnity of two-thirds the appraised value of the cow, the value being determined by three men.

This measure is taken in order to protect the health of our community, and cooperation in promoting this work will be greatly appreciated.

Judge Sinclair to Preside Over Special Term Called to Try Needleman and Mob Members

DENIES TRYING TO POISON SONS

Former Martin County Woman is Deprived of Two Boys by Prevention Society

Worcester, Mass., April 18.—Deprived of her two children as the result of action taken by the Worcester branch of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Mrs. James R. Leavitt, formerly Mrs. Joseph Johnson, of Martin County, N. C., today stoutly denied the stories told by her two boys, Lee Oliver Johnson, 12, and Harold Hughes Johnson, 14, which made it appear to the officials of the society that the mother had attempted to poison the lads.

Pending the outcome of the sensational stories told by the boys, probate court placed both of the lads in the custody of the society under a temporary guardianship.

A hearing is scheduled for Thursday in probate court. The stories which the Massachusetts society says the boys have related charged abuse by the mother and forcing upon them of white powders which when analyzed proved to be quinine sulphate, which is believed by the officials to be responsible for the weakened condition in which the children are said to be.

"I see nothing to it but a mess of lies," declared the mother this morning. "The stories are the products of unbalanced minds, for their father—my first husband—was not mentally perfect and was considered the biggest story teller in Martin County, N. C., where we lived after our marriage."

Following a complaint to the officials of the society an investigation was made by the North Carolina Board of Charity and Public Welfare, which brought the information that the mother had married when nineteen, in 1914, when Lee Oliver four months and Harold still unborn, she killed her husband, it is stated. She and her brother-in-law, Archie Johnson, were both sentenced to 10 years in the State prison.

Mrs. Johnson was released after seven years for good behavior, Archie Johnson being discharged only a few months ago.

Both boys had been in the care of the Falcon Orphanage at Falcon, N. C., until last fall, when Mrs. Johnson brought them to Worcester to be adopted by her second husband, whom she married in 1923.

Easter Sunday at Methodist Church

Sunday being Easter, also second Sunday, I have arranged with Brother Critcher to go to Hamilton and hold the morning service there. I will preach in Williamston Sunday morning and christen the babies and small children whose parents will bring them during the first part of the service. At the close of the service we will receive the class that desires to join the church on profession of faith. I will ask all those who have expressed a desire to unite with us to make a special effort to be present for this service. Brother B. D. Critcher will return and preach Sunday night, and I will go to Hamilton.

I am also asking that every subscriber to the North Carolina Christian Advocate please bring your \$2.00 renewal to the morning service. This will renew your church paper for a year and save me the trouble of looking you up and getting it. Special music at both services.

E. D. DODD.

Federation Meeting at The Methodist Church

There will be a federation meeting at the Methodist church tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.—B. Duke Critcher.

Robersonville Forfeits Game to Jamesville, 9-0

Jamesville, April 8.—The nonappearance of the Robersonville boys caused the Jamesville boys to win officially over them when they failed to play the game that was scheduled to be played on the local grounds Tuesday afternoon.

Assault Case, Against Needleman, Will be Tried First

OTHERS TO FOLLOW

Governor A. W. McLean yesterday called a special term of the Superior court for our county, beginning May 4th.

At this time the assault case will be tried first, and the jail-breaking and mutilation cases heard immediately after that is finished.

The assault case against Needleman, for attacking Effie Griffin Sparrow, on March 16th, will be heard first, if the plan of Solicitor Don Gilliam is carried out. It is understood that he had the assurance of attending physicians of Needleman that unless unexpected complications set in, Needleman would be able to come to trial by May 4, which is three weeks from next Monday.

His testimony will be needed in the prosecution of the 15, and possibly more, men who broke the jail and mutilated him on March the 29th.

It was at first suggested that the trials should be held in another county; then it was predicted that the jury would be drawn from another county and the trial held here; but after due consideration by both State and defense it was decided that justice still rules in Martin County as a whole and that we have at home a proper tribunal in which to try our cases, and the case will be tried in Martin County before a Martin County jury.

Judge N. A. Sinclair will be presiding officer at the special term. He has become widely known for his vigorous stand against law violations and for his fairness in carrying out the law, and our people have great confidence in him.

There will be a call meeting of the board of county commissioners next Tuesday, April 14, to draw a jury for this court.

Easter Program at Christian Church

A. J. Manning, Pastor

The beautiful custom of sunrise prayer service will be observed again this Easter morn. Prayer for missions at sunrise, the time his loved ones went to His tomb.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 7:45 p. m.

Special music at both church services. Our people are urged, each and every one that can, to come to all these services.

Attention Baptist Church Baracas

Be sure to be in the class Sunday morning to hear the announcement. Also read the Baptist Church notes in this paper.

Regular Meeting of Masons Tuesday Night

There will be a regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday evening, April 14th at 8 p. m. Business of the most importance will come before the lodge. It is earnestly requested that all Master Masons in good standing attend.

C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Jr., Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Siscoff are spending today in Tarboro.

SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

BEANS WREST
E. AUTORS R
RM TLAWS R
REP LIDA BET
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BIRDS ARCE
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HAPPY FOLKS

Isn't it true that you are reading this ad because that line "Happy Folks" caught your eye—and you, too, are searching for HAPPINESS? Happiness comes from within—from right thinking and right living. Your duty at Easter—the day of all days throughout the year—is to give a few minutes to right thinking. Go to church—YOUR CHURCH—this Easter Sunday. Good thoughts are freely given there—yours for the taking. Just the thing that will be said to inspire you—no doubt encourage you. Perhaps this little effort on your part will be the turning point in your life for a bigger and a better life. Resolve now to go to Church Easter Sunday.

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Rev. R. L. Shirley, Pastor

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