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TOWN OFFICES HAVE NUMBER CANDIDATES

Plans Go Forward for Special Court Here in May; Draw Jury List Today

F. W. Sparrow, Jr., Still in Tarboro Jail; Father Released Under Bond of \$10,000; Only Three Remain in Jail

Expect Large Crowd to be Here for the Trial

While there is little information to be had of a public nature concerning the Needleman trial, plans are fast being formulated for the trial to be held here May 4.

Concessions of 22 of the participants of the crime are being put into writing at Washington today. The board of County Commissioners are drawing the jury men today.

All parties implicated in the Needleman case have given bonds, except two, F. W. Sparrow, Jr., of Winston, and H. D. Griffin. The bonds of Sparrow and Griffin have been fixed at \$20,000. F. W. Sparrow, Sr., and Julian Bullock were required to furnish bonds of \$10,000 each. All the others were required to furnish bonds in the amount of \$5,000 each except Tom Barrett, who was released upon a \$2,000 bond.

About 22 of the participants, and those who were present at any time during the proceeding of the crime have acknowledged their positions in the crime, and it is understood they have given the solicitor full details of the whole affair.

Most of those who have confessed were summoned to appear in Washington today for the purpose of having their testimony reduced to writing.

While the facts have not been given out to the public by Solicitor Gulam, it is claimed that less than half of those charged, actually participated in the maltreatment of Needleman.

It is stated that some of those who followed the crowd begged the leaders to go back. It is further stated that several others left when they saw the determination of the leaders was to commit some violence.

The board of County Commissioners are in session today and are drawing a jury for the purpose of the trial which will be held May 4.

From all indications the biggest crowd ever assembled in and at a court house in Eastern Carolina will be present to hear the case.

Press reporters from many of the large papers of the country, will be present, according to information received here.

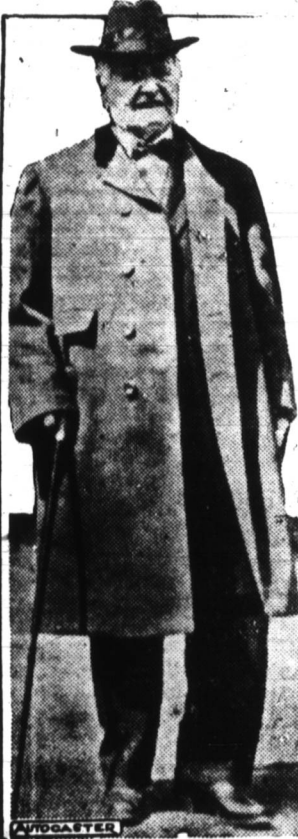
The attitude of the people, generally, is to let justice be done with firmness tempered with such mercy as each individual case merits.

The list of those implicated so far as to be learned stands today at 28. Out of this number 22 have confessed their part in the affair while the other six have remained silent.

Special Meeting of Commissioners

At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners held at 2 o'clock this afternoon a jury was drawn to serve at the special term of criminal court of the Martin County Superior Court for the trial of the cases

Oldest M. E. Pastor



Rev. E. Stuart, age 101 years, of Malden, Mass., is the oldest Methodist minister in the U. S. This picture was taken as he entered the M. E. Conference at Boston.

EDEN HOUSE GETS CHOWAN BRIDGE

The Location of the Bridge Produced Controversy Between Eden House and Coleraine

The location of the proposed bridge across the Chowan river precipitated into a eager controversy between Coleraine and Eden House for the location of the bridge.

The State Highway commission appointed a sub-committee, composed of Frank Page, J. Elwood Cox and John Sprunt Hill, to hear advocates of both routes at Raleigh. About 50 citizens of Bertie, Chowan and Hertford counties met the committee. The Eden House route was championed by Moses Gilliam, Windsor; Pa. Williams, Elizabeth City; Mr. Davenport, Windsor; Clayton Moore, Williamston. The Coleraine route was advocated by Stanley Winborne, Murfreesboro; Fanning, Craig, Windsor; Judge Horton and H. M. Stubbs of Williamston.

The questions of advantages and disadvantages were presented fully by each side. After hearing the case the committee decided in favor of the Eden House route.

It is said that the Coleraine route advocates offered the sum of \$350,000 to supplement the building of approaches to the bridge.

The location of the bridge at either place will be of some effect to people, generally, but it means much to the local sections particularly, which are entirely cut off by the broad Chowan river.

Coleraine, which is located about half way between Winton and the lower Chowan, knew that with a bridge at Eden House it would be ages before she would have a bridge and she fought hard to divert the location to her section.

The State will soon let the contract to build the bridge which will cost, according to estimates, about \$600,000.

To Hold Clinic for Crippled Children

The North Carolina State Board of Charities and Public Welfare has announced that there will be a clinic for Crippled Children at the Roanoke Rapids High School on May 21st. Dr. O. L. Miller of the State Ophthalmic Hospital and Dr. Hugh Thompson of Raleigh will be there to examine the children--of sound mind--who are brought in.

The clinics which the State is holding throughout its scope offers a fine opportunity for parents to get needed relief for their afflicted children. There are some in Martin county who should be examined, and the at Roanoke Rapids furnishes a good opportunity for such. The number of children is appalling, and so many are entirely unfitted for any kind of work. There are many cases that can be helped and these children should be placed in the clinics and receive any benefit to be derived, free of charge.

The State owes this help to its children, and the parents are responsible for any neglect to get aid when offered.

Remember that the date for this clinic is May 21st, and the place Roanoke Rapids High School.

ATTENDED DANCE IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT

Messrs. Lyman Britt, Charles A. Knight, Boyd Hight, Jim Cooke, Gaylord Harrison, and Misses Elizabeth Hassell, Thelma Brown attend the dance in Washington last evening.

To Spend Week End in Richlands Mrs. G. H. Harrison and Miss Evelyn Harrison spent the week end in Richlands.

Beach, C. D. Perkins, L. F. Stokes, and J. L. Pritchard.

Goose Nest Township J. S. Johnson, T. T. Harrell, J. M. Johnson, W. A. Casper, J. T. Bennett, L. H. Hux, J. F. Crisp, and T. W. Davenport.

MR. C. A. MIZELL BADLY INJURED

Entire Charge of Dynamite With Fragments From Stump Explodes in Face

Mr. C. W. Mizell, of near Jonesville, was seriously injured last Saturday when a charge of dynamite exploded in his face.

There was a cut in the fuse which was nearer the charge than Mr. Mizell thought, and upon lighting the fuse the explosion occurred before he could rise to his feet. The entire charge of dynamite with fragments from the stump which he was blowing up went into his face. He suffered several painful cuts about the face and the loss of one eye. His attending physician, Dr. J. E. Smithwick thinks he will recover the sight of one eye, but that the other one was injured to such a extent that recovery is very doubtful.

The latest reports are that his condition is fair, and that he will be able to be up in a few days.

Williamston Has Attractive Visitors

As the fourth truck, carrying scouts of the Tar Heel council which is composed of the local organizations of Tarboro, Sharpshur, Pincops and Rocky Mount, reached the fill at the Sweeten Water creek en route from Lake Phelps to Rocky Mount, it broke down last night and twelve boys with their leader were forced to spend the night 'truck de luxe.'

We were visited by three of the youngsters this morning, and to look in their bright faces was a joy. No one would have suspected that they had not had eight hours of restful sleep in most comfortable quarters from their bearing.

They accounted for their luck and took it as a matter of course. One little fellow said, "It's no wonder we broke down, there were 13 of us on a car with a gear number of 13, and on the 13th day of the month."

They had spent the week end camping at Lake Phelps, going down Friday afternoon. Mr. J. S. Gurwood, Executive Head of the Council carried the boys.

Those visiting us this morning were Henry Ri-cks, John Hughes, Arthur Barber, Stuart McGee, Henry Hengeoeld, James Harrison, Elie Peck, Kenneth Knight, James Shine, James Womble and Almon Barnes.

Miss Jackson of Ayden spent the week end here with Miss Lucy Turner.

Mrs. W. T. Hunter is spending a few days in Greenville.

Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen and C. D. Carstarphen, Jr. accompanied Mr. Bryant Carstarphen to Washington where he took the train en route to Durham, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mizell of Roper were in the city yesterday.

Messrs. Lindsay and Leggett of Rocky Mount and Tarboro, respectively were business visitors here yesterday.

Misses Janet Wedmore and Minnie Riggs returned to Greenville yesterday afternoon after visiting Miss Robertson's mother during the holidays. They were accompanied to Greenville by Messrs. Bill Harrison and Jesse Harrell.

All citizens remember the call for the town convention tonight at 8 o'clock.

Now is the time to choose your town officers. Be at the convention to-night at 8:00 o'clock.

BLOND BESS OPINES "I've found the stinkiest fellow in the world. He drives his car around all corners on two wheels to cut down tire costs."

Mr. Baggett of the Windsor Ledger was in town Saturday.

In Rocky Mount Yesterday Mesdames B. S. Courtney, J. S. Seymour, and W. J. Hodges, and Miss Evelyn Harrison motored to Rocky Mount yesterday.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD

Petition Presented by Citizens for the Abolishment of Poplar Point Township

The Board of County Commissioners met at the court house yesterday in special session for the purpose of hearing a petition from citizens of Poplar Point township, asking that the township be abolished and the territory be annexed to Cross Roads township.

There was a fairly large delegation present.

The original petition which had previously been filed, asking for the dismemberment of the township contained 81 names. The opponents of the proposition alleged, however, that at least two of the number were minors and as many as four were citizens of Cross Roads which would make the number only 74. They also presented a petition signed by 42 of that number who had recanted after due and mature consideration, asking that they be counted against the movement to abolish their township. This, according to those opposing the abolition would leave only a net petition of 32 asking for the measure.

A petition against the proposal was presented which bore the names of 96 citizens, who claimed a majority of 64 upon which showing they asked through their attorneys, Luke Lamb and A. R. Dunning, that the petition be denied.

After much discussion, it seemed to be the sense of the Board that the 42 who changed their position, should be disfranchised and denied any voice in the matter and that the petition should properly stand, 32 for removal and 64 against it.

Those opposing the abolishment of their township plead with the Board to give them the privilege of local self-government. The Board, however, thought it wise to further consider the request and the hearing was continued by a vote of the Board.

The date for the next hearing was not fixed by the Board, and it is not known whether a special session will be called for this purpose again or not.

Regular Meeting of Masons Tuesday Night

There will be a regular communication of Skewarke 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. J. W. Watts, Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Mrs. W. E. Watts and Gwendolyn Watts will visit Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heydenreich in Ahsoka tomorrow.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Biggs, Monday April 13th, a daughter, Mildred Smallwood Biggs. Mrs. Biggs was before her marriage Miss Lettie Critcher.

Mrs. Little of Oak City was a visitor here this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Adler of Plymouth were in town this morning.

Mrs. Bell and daughter of Windsor, were shoppers here yesterday.

Misses Louise Harrison and Esther Harrison returned to Wilson yesterday.

Miss Marjorie England and Mr. Marvin Everett of Oak City were visitors here Sunday.

Misses Smith, and Sitters of Windsor were visitors here yesterday.

Mrs. Little of Pactolus visited Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Warren Sunday.

Messrs. Joe Nasseff and Salemn Nasseff spent the week end in New Bern.

Mr. Samuel Willie and Mr. Williams of Enfield spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hardy.

Mayor and Five Commissioners Will be Nominated at Meeting Tonight; Election to be in May

Coolidge Clants



John G. Sargent (left) Attorney-General, and Curtis D. Wilbur, (right) Sec'y of Navy are the Clants in the Coolidge Cabinet. Atty. Gen. Sargent stands 6 ft. 6 in. and is a trifle taller than Sec'y Wilbur.

Interesting Session Is In Prospect at Court House Tonight

The town convention, which will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the court house, will be one of the most interesting sessions ever held in this county. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of citizens, and that the session will be a very profitable one. The convention will be held at the court house, and will be presided over by the board of county commissioners. The session will be held at 8 o'clock, and will continue until a late hour. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of citizens, and that the session will be a very profitable one. The convention will be held at the court house, and will be presided over by the board of county commissioners. The session will be held at 8 o'clock, and will continue until a late hour. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of citizens, and that the session will be a very profitable one.

SOUTH ATLANTIC HIGHWAY MEET

Local Chamber of Commerce Will Be Represented by Mr. J. T. Stokes of Windsor

The South Atlantic Highway Association will meet at Jacksonville, Florida, Thursday, April 16. Martin county will not be represented directly, but the Williamson Chamber of Commerce will be represented by Mr. J. T. Stokes of Windsor.

The question of the adoption of the Central highway will again come up, the contest being between routes 30 and 40. It is important that every citizen along the line 40's route, and we are pleased to know that we have Mr. Stokes as our representative.

Taylor-Taylor

A wedding of much prominence, and one that will be of much interest to many people throughout the eastern part of the State was solemnized this morning at ten o'clock when Miss Mary L. Taylor became the bride of Mr. Leroy Taylor, both of this county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Manning, pastor of the Christian church at the home of Mr. W. J. Taylor, near here. The wedding was performed in the presence of only a few relatives and will be a great surprise to the friends of the bride and groom.

Immediately after the ceremony, the bridal couple left for Rocky Mount where they caught a Coca Cola Line train to Norfolk. From Norfolk they will go to Baltimore and Washington, returning home next Saturday.

Mrs. Taylor is a young woman of much charm. She is the daughter of Mrs. Dancy Taylor and the late Dancy Taylor. She taught school in the Spring Green schools, and made many friends in that section of the county while teaching there. Mr. Taylor is the son of the late Moy Taylor and Mrs. Taylor and is one of Martin county's most progressive farmers. Upon their return next Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will make their home near Spring Green.

Kills Large Bear in Jamesville Section

Mr. Vance Price of the Jamesville section killed a large bear Tuesday while at work on his farm. He heard a hog squeal and rushed toward the place from where the sound came and found the distance to be about two miles. It required Mr. Price about an hour to reach the scene. When he drew near he saw the hog coming toward him and Mr. Price, knowing the bear would follow on soon, hid himself and when the bear drew near he shot him dead. The bears had badly gnawed the hog, and it appeared that the hog had only gotten away from the bear just to be caught again and devoured. The bear weighed 277 pounds.

Latham-Roberson

Last Thursday Miss Clyde Roberson the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roberson of this county, was quietly married to Mr. Almon Latham of Plymouth at the Christian paragonage in Robersonville. Sheriff Reid, of Plymouth, accompanied them to Robersonville. Rev. O. E. Fox of the Christian church officiated.

Mrs. Latham is a very fine young woman and has a large number of friends in Plymouth; her former home, who will welcome her return. Mr. Latham is a prosperous young planter and truck grower of Washington county. They will make their home in Plymouth.

THE STRAND THEATRE Williamston, N. C. Do Not Forget Friday's Program "The Cyclone Rider" Nothing But Thrills 20c and 40c THURSDAY "Through the Dark" One of the best crook pictures ever screened. 20c and 40c