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DENNIS GRIFFIN GETS 30 YEARS

Needleman's Case Dismissed for Lack of Evidence

23 Participants in Mob That Mutilated Needleman Get Fines and Sentences Today

WILLIFORD SPARROW SUBMITS AND PLEADS GUILTY WEDNESDAY

Grand Jury Makes No Charges Against Officials

At 12 o'clock court reconvened for the morning (Wednesday), and Judge N. A. Sinclair passed sentence on the 23 defendants, as follows: Dennis Griffin received the maximum punishment for second degree murder, 30 years in the State Penitentiary.

F. W. Sparrow, sr., F. W. Sparrow, jr., and Julian Bullock, not more than 10 years, not less than 6 years in the State Penitentiary at hard labor.

Clago Heath and E. C. Stone, not more than three and not less than two years in the State Penitentiary at hard labor.

Johnny Gurkin, not more than three years and not less than 18 months imprisonment.

Alfred Griffin, Albert Gurkin, and Roy Gray, not more than 2 years and not less than 1 year in the State Penitentiary.

Albert Gurkin was also fined \$500 and costs of his case. Lester Edmondson, Tom Harrell, L. H. Croom, John Gray Corey, Jim Horton Coltrain, Clarence Gurkin, Allen Griffin, A. W. Griffin, and Hubert Griffin, \$500 fine and costs of their cases, the fines to be applied to the costs of this case. Prayer for judgment was allowed.

John T. Smithwick and A. T. Lilley: prayer for judgment was continued on account of the illness of these two defendants.

Ben Lilley and John A. Griffin were released upon bonds of \$200 each for their appearance at each term of the Superior Court of Martin County for two years to show their good behavior.

Solicitor Gilliam announced in open court Wednesday morning that the State was without sufficient evidence to ask the conviction of Joseph Needleman on the charge of criminal assault, and that with the consent of attorneys for the prosecution associated with him he would move for a plea of not guilty. The motion was ordered accordingly by Judge Sinclair.

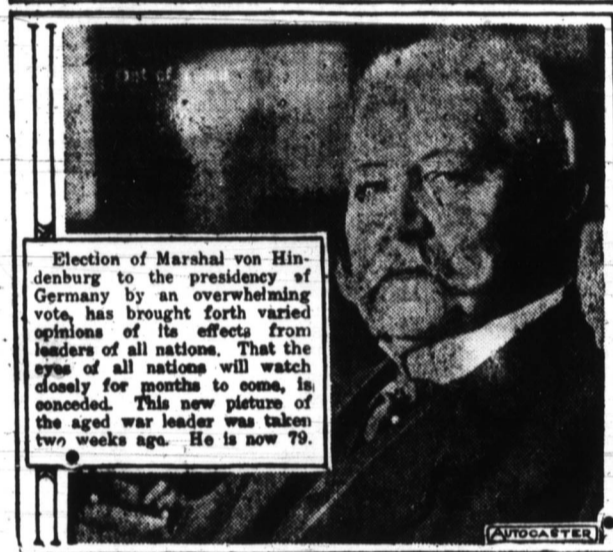
F. W. Sparrow, jr., who was ill and could not be tried last week, through his attorney, Fred Sutton, pleaded guilty Wednesday morning. These cases off, the docket was cleared of the cases which have brought such undesired notoriety to our grand old county. Judge Sinclair said he was going to get them off the county before he left and to carry out his plan he has had to have court called and adjourned in Wilson each morning this week, awaiting his arrival to a scheduled term there.

This was the last case on the docket of the Martin County court that was in any way connected with the mob violence of March 20th, and the alleged assault upon Miss Effie Griffin March 16th.

Wilson and Hubert Griffin, of Goldsboro, who were in the crowd at the church and the sheriff's home pleaded nolo contendere, through their attorneys, and the solicitor accepted.

Grand Jury's Report In its final report, rendered late yesterday afternoon, the grand jury reported that it had "investigated carefully all matters before it," including whether or not there was any negli-

World's Eyes Now On Hindenburg



Election of Marahal von Hindenburg to the presidency of Germany by an overwhelming vote, has brought forth varied opinions of its effects from leaders of all nations. That the eyes of all nations will watch closely for months to come, is conceded. This new picture of the aged war leader was taken two weeks ago. He is now 79.

AIRPLANE DUSTING IN HALIFAX WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY

Scotland Neck Prepares to Care for 10,000 Visitors at Kitchin Farm in Halifax County

(Special to The Enterprise) Scotland Neck, May 12.—A meeting of committees from the chamber of commerce, merchants' association, and Kiwanis Club was held yesterday morning to lay plans for the handling of the big crowd which is expected to attend the demonstration of calcium-arsenate dusting of cotton by airplane, which will be held on the J. A. Kitchin farm Friday, May 15. County Agent C. E. Littlejohn, in charge of the demonstration, is expecting two airplanes to take part in the demonstration, to which every cotton grower in eastern Carolina is urged to attend.

Mr. B. F. Bracey was elected chairman of the committee from the civic bodies, and the following subcommittees were appointed:

Sheriff G. H. Johnson, chairman of traffic and parking committee, with authority to name the members of his committee. He is expected to have a number of mounted guides to handle traffic and parking.

Lewis B. Suiter was named chairman of the refreshment committee. At least 10,000 people are expected, and every care is being taken to handle and feed the great crowd.

148 Commodities Made From Corn

About 148 commodities may be made from corn, including such items as axle grease and face powder, shoe heels and chair cushions, cigarette holders, and gun powder, shaving soap, varnish, and other things. The value of the corn crop is greater than the value of any other crop grown in this county.

An Explanation

In order to carry the sentences pronounced on members of the mob, which were not made until Wednesday morning, this issue of The Enterprise is appearing a day late, and we are carrying Wednesday's court proceedings in Tuesday's paper. Holding our forms until Wednesday morning appeared to be the best plan for serving our readers with the first news of the completion of the case, and in this instance we feel we are justified in appearing late, because we are giving "tomorrow's news today."

THE PUBLISHERS.

WILL HOLD CLASS DAY EXERCISES ON WEDNESDAY

Exercises Began Tonight With Music Recital by Pupils of Mrs. Martin; Graduation Program Thursday

Following the music recital of the pupils of Mrs. Wheeler Martin, jr., at the graded school auditorium tonight when the graduates of the grammar school will receive certificates, the commencement exercises will continue brightly through Thursday night.

The class day exercises will be held at 8:30 Wednesday night, and they will be in the form of a court. Benjamin Courtney will be the judge and all the 14 members of the class will participate. The program is particularly entertaining and original.

Miss Laura Orleans, who made the highest scholarship average during the four-year high school course is valedictorian of her class. This is quite an honor to Miss Orleans. Miss Margaret Manning, who made an average very nearly as high, will make the salutatory address for the class.

Thursday evening the graduating exercises will be held. Dr. Hubert M. Poter, who was recently elected president of the classical societies of the South and West, will make the address.

Diplomas to the fourteen graduates will be given, and a medal given annually by the chamber of commerce to the best all-round student in the high school will be presented.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DISTRICT MEETING HERE FRIDAY, 15th

Representatives of League Chapters From All Over District Are Expected; The Program

An all-day group meeting of the Epworth League, Weldon District, will be held in the Methodist Church here Friday morning, May 15, at 10 o'clock. The young people of all churches are invited to the meeting, which will last from 10 a. m. until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Representatives from all over the Weldon District will be in attendance, and a great meeting is expected.

The program for the day follows: Address of welcome, by Rev. E. D. Dodd.

A league song by all leaguers. Conference-wide League Work, by Rev. T. M. Grant.

Greetings from Raleigh district, by Miss Eunice Blair.

Special music by one of the leaguers. The League Working with the Church, by Rev. Daniel Lane.

Song by all the leaguers. The League and Evangelism, by Rev. E. L. Hillman.

The League Assembly, by Miss Blanche Barringer.

Picnic dinner at 1 o'clock.

Reports from each of the leaguers in the afternoon.

Plan to attend this program. "Weldon district Works."

Nine Speeches Made to Jury in Closing Days of Trial; 52-Minute Charge

May-Day Kiss



Mrs. Coolidge is never happier than when tiny tots call on her at the White House—this one getting a real love kiss during his May Day call.

State Concludes With Its Rebuttal Testimony Saturday

The State attorneys began their rebuttal testimony Saturday morning, concluding their cases against Julian Bullock, Dennis Griffin, of Robertsonville, and F. W. Sparrow, sr., and Clago Heath, of Kingston.

The State began by calling Allen Griffin, of Griffins Township, to the witness chair. Griffin had already pleaded guilty to the charge of being an accessory to the jail breaking, and his testimony was used as a means of identification. He said that he saw Clago Heath, the Sparrows, H. Dennis Griffin, and Julian Bullock in the mob on the night of March 28th.

Dr. Thigpen testifies. Dr. Thigpen, a special deputy commissioned after the jailbreaking on Saturday night, March 28, and who was with the sheriff when they arrested Clago Heath was used to help break down the strong defense of Heath. When he was arrested Heath did not seem surprised, but remarked that he was not surprised, as he sometimes went with F. W. Sparrow, jr., and he did not know that he could show that he was not there.

Dr. Thigpen said he heard Allen Griffin, Johnny and Albert Gurkin, without a threat or promise, make the statement that both Sparrows and Clago Heath were at Skewarkee with the mob.

Before cross-examination, in which nothing new was developed, Dr. Thigpen said that Jesse Ben Robertson said to him and Barnhill, "If I could have, I would have helped fix him."

Little 15-year-old John A. Griffin, brother of Effie Griffin Sparrow, did not implicate Heath, but he recognized Bullock, Griffin, and the Sparrows, senior and junior. He said he spoke to Williford Sparrow, who introduced him to his father. This was the weight of his testimony.

F. W. Sparrow, Jr., Recovers At this time Dr. W. E. Warren announced to the court that F. W. Sparrow, jr., who had been ill for several days, was entirely well and himself again. While Sparrow was ill he was nursed by his wife in the women's quarters of the jail.

Another procession of character witnesses to pass on the character of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barnhill took the stage. Among them were Mayor J. W. Rook, S. H. Martin, nephew of the man whose character he was impugning, W. M. Pruitt, S. C. Ives, J. E. Carson, E. L. Mayo, Vance Bunting, W. C. Whitehurst, T. R. Andrews, Mrs. F. L. Andrews, all of Bethel. Not a one had a good word to say for either Mr. or Mrs. Barnhill.

Mr. S. H. Martin, of Bethel, brought a new idea to court. He said that he saw two cars with Kingston licenses pass through Bethel together, both going at a high rate of speed. In none of the proceedings has this other car been accounted for, but it is thought by some who were present that there was one more car present that night than has come out.

Rev. E. D. Dodd on the Stand Rev. E. D. Dodd, of the local Methodist Church, was next brought to the stand. According to his testimony he visited Julian Bullock at the Tarboro jail upon the solicitation of his brothers, J. O. Bullock, and that during the visit Julian Bullock told him that he was in the mob, and told him others. A number of those who have submitted were named over, but the names of some who have not been implicated were debarred on account of incompetence.

Edgar Johnson, Sherwood Robertson, James Henry Gray, Grady Smith, and Louis Johnson, all of Robertsonville, and the last witnesses to score a point in this historic case, admitted coming to Skewarkee Church, being present when the last plans were made in regard to the disposition of Needleman

sit back and say that the world owed them a living. He admitted it was true that the world did owe every man a living, but first of all every man owed the world an honest, upright life. The sermon was well received by the congregation, and everyone seemed to have heartily enjoyed being present.

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No Charges Made Against Officers by Grand Jury

Following is the text of the grand jury's report, as handed to Judge Sinclair today: To the Judge of the Superior Court:

This is to certify that we, the grand jury, have passed on all bills pertaining to the mob case, the rape case, etc., that have been handed to us by the solicitor.

We have also examined all witnesses that have been before us in regard to the negligence of the county officers and have left no work undone. We have also had before us Mr. H. C. Green, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and explained to him his duty in regard to making a new jury list the first Monday in June.

(Signed) G. H. HARRISON, Foreman. Williamston, N. C., May 12, 1925

COMMENCEMENT AT EVERETTS SCHOOL WILL BEGIN TODAY

Judge Winston, Rev. I. L. Yearby, and Dr. Perry Case to Talk; Picnic Dinner and Baseball Game

The commencement exercises of the Everetts High School will get underway today, when the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. I. L. Yearby, pastor of the Baptist Church of Tarboro, N. C.

On Wednesday evening, May 13, there will be an operetta given by the grammar grades and the high school. The primary department will present its program on Thursday evening, May 14.

On Friday morning, at 11 o'clock, there will be an educational address by Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor. Following the address of Judge Winston a picnic will be given on the ground. There will also be a baseball game at 3:30 p. m., at which time Grimesland will play Everetts.

On Friday evening, May 15, the graduating exercises will be held, and the commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Perry Case, of Wilson, N. C.

Mr. James D. Cassell Found Dead in Bed

James D. Cassell was found dead in bed at his home near here Saturday morning. Mr. Cassell had plowed all day Friday, and went to bed in his usual health.

He was born in Martin County in 1846, making him 78 years old. Mr. Cassell was married 56 years ago to Miss Mary Midgutte, of Morehead City. They had eight children, only three of which are now living, as follows: Ed and John A. Cassell, and Mrs. Lula Lilley.

He was buried Sunday afternoon in the Short Cemetery in Williams Township. Rev. A. J. Manning conducted the funeral.

Select Seed Areas of Small Grains Now

Now is a good time to be looking over the small grain field to select those areas that will be saved for seed. Seed of abuzzi rye, Fulghum, and Appier oats and pure-bred wheat are especially in demand, says Dr. R. Y. Winters, of State College.

Announce Birth of a Son Solicitor and Mrs. Don Gilliam, of Tarboro, announce the birth of a son at the Edgecombe General Hospital Monday, May 11.

JAMESVILLE HAS FINE PROGRAM

Sermon by Dr. Spillman and Excellent Exercises by Children at Commencement Exercises

(Special to The Enterprise) Jamesville, May 10.—Commencement exercises of the high school began last Friday night and came to an end last night. On Friday night the primary grades gave a very fine program. Dr. B. W. Spillman, of Kingston, preached the annual sermon.

Monday night was given over to the grammar grade pupils, and they gave a most attractive and entertaining program. A high school play, "Pattie Makes Things Hum," was given by the high school students on Tuesday night. The large auditorium was packed to its limit.

On Wednesday morning the senior class exercises were held. President Wright, of Greenville College, delivered the literary address immediately after the close of the class exercises. Picnic dinner was served in the grove just across the street.

At 2 o'clock eleven boys and girls came on the platform for a recitation and declamation contest. The reciters

ANNUAL SERMON IS HEARD BY MANY

Rev. Morrison Bethea, Archbishop of North Carolina, Preaches School Baccalaureate Sermon

Rev. Morrison Bethea, Archbishop of North Carolina, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Williamston High School at the Episcopal Church Sunday night. The church was filled, extra chairs being required to seat the large congregation.

Mr. Bethea said that 14 years ago he preached his first sermon in North Carolina, which was to a Williamston congregation. He reminded the class that many changes had taken place in that brief space of time. Many people had departed to return no more, and that the next 14 years would bring many more changes.

His text was taken from Matthew 7:24, describing the wise and the foolish builder. He declared that no man could build a true life, except upon a solid foundation, describing man as a threefold being, body, mind, and soul, and that every person should develop all three faculties if he would be great. A strong body is necessary to house a strong mind, and a cultivated mind is essential for a broad soul.

In the matter of work he said there were many people who were willing to

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TOBACCO CO-OPS OFF TO RALEIGH ANNUAL MEET

To Hear Members From All Belts in Three States At Meeting May 19

Headquarters of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association at Raleigh promises to be the mecca for members of the association from three States next Tuesday, May 19, when the annual meeting of the association will be held in Pullen Hall at the North Carolina State College.

Lively interest has developed among the tobacco farmers of Virginia and South Carolina in this annual meeting of the tobacco cooperative, owing to the fact that the directors have urged attendance from every State, and if possible from every county of the three States in which it operates.

The policy of wide-open publicity which the tobacco association has adopted since inviting and publishing the report of public officials from the three States on its affairs and policies will be the feature of the annual meeting next week, at which time a full report by Richard R. Patterson, manager of the association, is to be followed by a frank discussion from members representing every tobacco belt in the Carolinas and Virginia, as to the plans and policies for the season of 1925-26.

It is expected that next week's meeting will be the largest gathering of tobacco planters who have ever met together as representatives of the tobacco belts of the three States. It will unquestionably have much influence in shaping the policies of the new board, whose election will be confirmed at this meeting by the members.

This will be the first time in the history of tobacco growing when farmers from the swamps of the Pee Dee in South Carolina and mountaineers from the dark fired tobacco district of Virginia meet face to face with North Carolina growers in large numbers to draw up plans for their mutual benefit.

It is known that numbers of delegations from Virginia and South Carolina are already being formed to attend Tuesday's meeting at State College, and as a majority of the tobacco co-ops live within less than a hundred miles of Raleigh there is every reason to expect a record-breaking annual

meeting.