

NINE SPEECHES MADE TO JURY IN CLOSING DAYS

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 when they had taken him from the jail. But here they left the party, went nearly to the river, turned around, passed the courthouse twice, but never stopped, and went directly back to Robersonville. Each explicitly stated that he was invited by Dennis Griffin to come down and help set Needleman out of jail, and admit that he came more out of curiosity than for any other reason.

Identify Mors of Automobile
 The last move made was to further identify the whistle of the Buick Six car with a Kinston license. This whistle has been with the State in all its efforts to identify the car in which the unlucky man was carried to the gruesome scene of his physical mutilation. James Gray said he heard the same kind of whistle when a Kinston car passed through Robersonville Sunday morning.

Court was adjourned after the evidence had been completed and Attorneys Lindsay Warren, for the State, and Sutton, for the defense, had made their arguments to the jury. At a caucus of the lawyers of State and defense it was decided to continue court into this week, because the facts as presented could not be gone over Saturday afternoon by the several attorneys appearing in the case.

The lead-off in the nine speeches made in the trial was taken by Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, who made a very strong but bitter attack on the perpetrators of the crime against the State and against the young Jew, Joseph Needleman. A very wonderful review of the evidence that had required 19 hours to come out was given by Mr. Warren in the hour and a half, opening immediately after the evidence was completed. His acute understanding of the case was transferred to his most attentive group of listeners, the jury.

Mr. Fred Sutton, of Kinston, counsel for F. W. Sparrow, sr., was the next and last speaker on Saturday. In view of the overwhelming amount of evidence that had been put on by the State to weaken his client's case, his appeal was strong and at times very convincing.

Monday Morning Session
 The second week of the most sensational trial of the whole State of post-war times began yesterday with the court room even more crowded than it had been on the Monday previous. Those who came once have returned daily, some strange attraction drawing them back to the scene of where one of the State's ablest judges conducts, and one of the most brilliant assemblages of lawyers work on the biggest case in Martin County's history.

G. V. Cowper was the first speaker to go before the jury. His speech lasted for one hour and 57 minutes. He spoke for Claro Heath. Calmly did he review the evidence, and there were no words spoken in defense of any one of the 28 men that carried weight to the court. Quietly he went over the testimony of the six men who had testified against his client, and his rebuttal to their evidence was very fine and very convincing.

H. M. Stubbs followed Mr. Cowper, and for an hour and a half he argued for his clients, Bullock and Griffin, the best charged with performing the outrage on the prisoner.

B. A. Critcher, for Heath, plead his case, which had been so successfully built, very convincingly. He was followed by Mr. A. D. McLean, who is a familiar figure in the local courts.

His power of analysis of the testimony and the facts presented in a case, and the ability to make the jury see them make his wonderfully suc-

cessful in his profession. He was at his best Monday afternoon, and his argument lasted an hour and 55 minutes.

H. W. Stubbs Makes Short Talk
 Senator H. W. Stubbs, who in recent months, and years has changed his idea of long speechmaking, followed the custom he has set up, and made a four-minute speech.

As he completed his remarks, few but choice, the clock struck six and court was adjourned.

Tuesday Morning Session
 The morning of the last day of the great trial was filled with two more speeches of counsel. John G. Dawson, arguing most effectively and in fact making a fine speech for his client, Claro Heath. Lastly, Solicitor Donald Gilliam spoke for the State.

Mr. Gilliam is making a reputation in his district not only as an able prosecuting attorney but as a broad-minded and unpartisan gentleman. His speech was indicative of the character of the man. He, who has studied and worked on this case more than any other, had the facts at his finger tips, and he gave an unbiased resume of the State's case. Perfectly fair, and not once a hint of bitterness appearing, his speech was a masterpiece for a prosecuting attorney.

This closed the argument and court suspended for lunch.
 Judge N. A. Sinclair, who has ruled fairly and firmly, and steered his ship of State most successfully through the past week, began his charge to the jury immediately after court reconvened.

Displaying his usual good judgment on this occasion, the judge did not review the evidence, but gave to the 12 men of the jury a clear understanding of the law in a fair and impartial charge, lasting 52 minutes.

An unsensational charge in a sensational trial requires the work of a master, and men who visit courts regularly say it was the best charge of its kind that they have ever heard.

GRIFFIN GETS HEAVY PENALTY

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 In the part of Martin County officials in connection with the mob that mutilated Needleman. This meant that there would be no further action asked in connection with the investigation ordered by Governor McLean, when he called the special term of court. Those who had their ears tuned in for hearing new sensations were disappointed.

Plead for Mercy
 Attorney Fred Sutton made a powerful appeal to the judge for mercy in behalf of his clients, F. W. Sparrow, sr., and F. W. Sparrow, jr. He drew the tears from the eyes of the audience as he pictured the Sparrow home filled with an incurable invalid and many little children dependent solely upon their grandfather for meat and bread.

Harry Murt Stubbs made an appeal for some hope in the lives of his clients, Julian Bullock and Dennis Griffin. The utter hopelessness of those two defendants was pathetic in the extreme. Attorneys Dawson and Cowper emphasized the youth and innocence of youth Claro Heath and very ably prayed and plead for mercy in his case. In a strong and sympathetic manner they made one of the most outstanding pleas for mercy ever heard in the Martin County courts, going back and giving mention to the fact that even the jury asked that mercy be shown their particular client.

Jury Deliberates Three Hours
 The court had adjourned Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock to convene again at 8 o'clock. The jury, after three hours and three minutes deliberation agreed on its verdict and at 6 p. m. asked that the courthouse bell be rung to summon the judge to receive the verdict. Before the judge could reach the bench, anxious spectators had filled the court room and it presented a picture seldom seen in years. The bar was filled with attorneys, newspaper men, prisoners and their families.

When the jury filed in and stood in line, the judge ordered the clerk to take the verdict. Asked as to their verdict as to F. W. Sparrow, sr., the answer came "Guilty—with malice aforethought." The same question was asked as to both Julian Bullock and H. Dennis Griffin and the same verdict rendered.

When asked as to Claro Heath, the answer was guilty without malice aforethought.

Profound Silence Prevails
 The court scene did not present any spirit of nervous tension or excitement, but rather of sympathy, sorrow and profound respect from all. Able lawyers sat in profound silence, nervous newspaper men looked on in pale quietness. The large audience apparently mingled their approval of law enforcement and sorrow for the unfortunates, and presented a vivid picture of real humanity.

The prisoners all appeared to carry their burdens with courage. The scene swept on to a climax when the faithful wives of Julian Bullock and Dennis Griffin broke down for the first time during the long and weary trial and wept bitterly.

The elder Sparrow cast his eyes upon his son, who is charged with the same offense, and his appearance of remorse and regret was stronger in his countenance.
 Young Claro Heath, whose case has so impressed most observers that they would have welcomed a verdict of acquittal, sat between his adopted father and sister, who have so nobly stood by him during the trial. He seemed cool and composed, but tears in his and Williford Sparrow's eyes, which they both tried so manfully to suppress, wrung the hearts of those present. Their youth reminded many a father of his own son.

The judge required the sheriff to hold the doors closed for some moments, after which he announced that sentences would not be pronounced until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

JAMESVILLE HAS FINE PROGRAM

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 were from the grammar grades. Another medal contest was held on Wednesday night, in which 10 high-school girls took part. The pieces were all so well given that much favorable comment from everybody was heard.

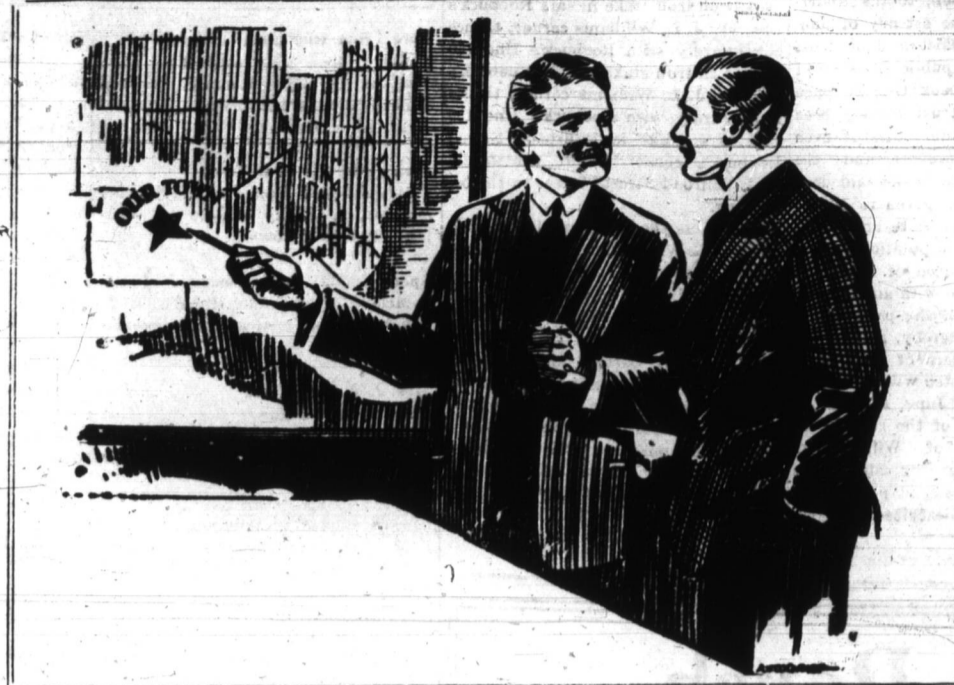
The school has made a splendid reputation for itself the past year. It now has a splendid equipment for teaching the sciences and is well fitted with modern furniture and a well-selected library.

Following are the names of the winners of medals: Hubert Gurkin, Wallace Fleming, Ella Moore Davenport, Ruby Gurkin, Strela Manning, and Dorothy Carson.

Thin Gray Line Is Very Near Vanishing Point

Confederate Memorial Day, May 30, finds so few of those faithful men who wore the gray that the designation "memorial" is true of the children and grandchildren who cherish the memory of their faithful fathers and grandfathers, who so gloriously inscribed the word "bravery" on the Southern flag.

Of the 135,000 brave men who entered the service from North Carolina there are left less than 1,000, all told. It is fitting that these memorials be held, and that flowers be placed on the graves of those brave fellows who have gone to their reward.



MAKE NO MISTAKE

Getting on the map in a big way is the rightful ambition of every town, but getting there is a job not finished in a day, week, month, or year. It is achieved only by the consistent effort of a town's citizens. In proportion to such collective effort does the town establish for itself a reputation of progressiveness. Its stores are better stores; its civic life is more entertaining and happier.

Make no mistake that it is someone else's job to accomplish those things right here in Williamston. It is your job, as it is every loyal citizen's job, day in and day out, in every thought and act. Read this message now—then resolve to add your mite to the program which will make Williamston a bigger and better town. If we all do this Williamston will grow; jobs will be more plentiful; wages will be higher; we will all be more prosperous; we will have better homes, and we will be happier.

Boost Williamston at every opportunity. Call attention to the good things in Williamston. Beat down subtle propaganda which in anyway would hold up to ridicule or belittle our town. Even amongst our own townfolks we should not let the habit grow of failing to appreciate the present development and growth of our town. If you live in Williamston and make your living in Williamston, then Williamston is entitled to your whole-hearted support.

Trade in Williamston. The quickest way to a bigger and better Williamston is through the growth and development of its commercial organizations. To be able to offer you bigger stocks of merchandise, merchants must have your trade. They can not hire more help nor can they put more money into circulation with new improvements and new buildings if their stores are to be used only as emergency shops. Think this over.

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ROBT. L. COBURN, Secretary

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RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts \$276,485.54	Capital stock paid in \$ 41,600.00
United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds 14,550.00	Surplus fund 13,182.75
Banking house, \$11,000.00; furniture and fixtures, \$4,000.00 15,000.00	Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 6,170.57
All other real estate owned 15,527.23	Dividends unpaid 60.00
Cash in vault and net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies 50,885.49	Deposits subject to check, individual 184,351.67
Checks for clearing 3,181.66	Demand certificates of deposit 104,227.39
	Cashier's checks outstanding 279.41
	Savings deposits 5,953.11
	Bonds deposited 14,550.00
	Deposits for posting 5,055.02
Total \$375,429.92	Total \$375,429.92

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF MARTIN, April 16, 1925.
 I, D. R. EVERETT, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 D. R. EVERETT, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of April, 1925.
 N. H. GLASGOW, Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest:
 W. J. LITTLE,
 J. H. ROBERSON, JR.,
 R. L. SMITH, Directors.

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