

Judge Sinclair Takes Issue With Attorney General on Prison Floggings Question

County Officials Have No Right to Order Flogging of Convicts

Whose system? Whose vice? Greensboro Daily News.

It is true that Gulley and Tyler, as well as Joe Adams, were the victims of a "vicious system" but that does not lessen the guilt of Gulley and Tyler nor remove the stain from the good name of North Carolina.

The only answer that can be made to the question at the head of this article is that it is North Carolina's system, North Carolina's vice, and North Carolina's disgrace. The mere fact that the men in the Rocky Mount case were punished does not change the system nor remove the danger of further exposure and disgrace. The only solution of the problem is to absolutely abolish the system. We have reached the parting of the ways.

Flogging prisoners in county convict camps must be prohibited by law or the county convict camp must be abolished. The two things cannot exist at the same time consistently with the honor of the State. Flogging has never been and never can be regulated. As long as it exists under any regulation it will be brutally abused as it always has been. The difficulty is that in most of the camps there exists a system of intimidation and concealment, and it is generally impossible to obtain evidence of the barbarous brutalities practiced. The superintendent of the Rocky Mount camp had been in charge more than a half dozen years and yet until the recent exposure the county and road authorities were ignorant of his cruelties, so perfectly did he keep them concealed.

The Attorney General's office recently stated upon the authority of State Vs Nipper, 166 N. C. 272, that the question of flogging prisoners in county convict camps was left entirely to the discretion of the county authorities. I do not so construe the opinion in that case. That case went to the Supreme Court on appeal from the opinion of that great Judge C. M. Cooke, who held that "After full consideration of the subject, he had reached the conclusion that under the Constitution and laws of this State the authorities who have control over convicts have no right to administer whippings to them for causes of discipline and that this feature was eliminated from the further discussion of the case."

The opinion further holds that "The question whether flogging can be used as part of the discipline in our county prison camps depends not alone upon the constitutional provision but also upon the question whether it is reasonable and authorized." It goes on to say "We find no rule or regulation of the county commissioners authorizing the flogging of convicts and such regulation by the county commissioners would be void and no protection to the defendants, if it had been made."

There is no statute authorizing flogging of convicts in county camps, the only statutory authority being for discipline that is reasonable and necessary, and the Court holds that there could be no defense for flogging.

The only statute on the subject applying to county camps is C. S. 1861 unless the laws of 1925 which I have not seen has changed the law. That

THE ENTERPRISE WEEKLY SERMON

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Pastor

IF you can be pious, but not peculiar, And say and do the right and not be rough;

If you can pray and take "No" for an answer, And smiling, drink the cup of each rebuff;

If you can help while asking God to help you, And make your weights plus work to equal wings;

Or be as good as gold and not ungracious, Or man full grown put by all childish things;

If conversation's not a means of gossip, And talk with self is fit for printed page;

If life is more than dress parade and dinner, And work well done counts more with you than wage;

If you can judge of worth without its label, And pay the debt Love owes to those who fail

Friend, yours will be a "Peace" all men will covet, And in the Gourd you'll find the Holy Grail.

If you have faith that's based on truth not error, That works full time with no thought of return,

A faith that loves without respect of persons And blesses those fanatics used to burn;

If you place first things first in thought and motive, Enthroned the "King" and un-self all desire;

Join Golden Mean and Golden Rule in practice, Keep sane and sweet regardless of the fire;

If in the Secret Place you sit enraptured, And listening in, catch accents from above,

And feel a nearness to man's Soul-Companion, Talk face to face with Him whose name is Love;

If you can gird your loins and take your basin, And wash the feet of an ungrateful World

And serve "the least" with unconstrained devotion, Get no big headlines, have no flags unfurled—

If you can measure up to these high standards, Make these words flesh in conduct day by day;

Yours will be Heaven now with all its gladness, A many-mansioned Home beyond for Aye.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The plans for the Sunday School convention to be held at the local Methodist church are now complete and a good meeting is expected. The meeting will begin next week and last through the 26th.

The Martin County Sunday School association is one of the units of the North Carolina Sunday School association, in which Sunday School workers of all evangelical denominations participate.

Mr. I. W. Skinner and son of Greenville were here yesterday.

section provides only that county convicts "shall be under the control of the county authorities, and that county authorities shall have power to enact all needful rules and regulations for the successful working of convicts on the public roads". It will be noted that this statute confers authority to do only that which is "needful", and the Nipper case holds that in the absence of any statute expressly authorizing flogging, "Whether any given measure of discipline can be authorized by those in charge of county prisoners depends upon whether the measure of discipline is reasonably necessary. In view of the enlightenment of this age, and the progress which has been made in prison discipline, we have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that corporal

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SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNED WEDNESDAY

Four Divorce Cases Before the Court; Four Years for Etheridge

The June term of Martin Superior court adjourned Wednesday. While the term was noted for doing only a few things, yet the net result turned out fines amounting to \$525.00 and several long prison terms and four divorce cases.

State prison terms amounted to not less than 12 years nor more than 16 years; two open judgments, one against Azariah Williams who was to pay \$25.00 and costs or go to the roads for a period of six months. A second judgment was against Jno. McKeel who was required to pay \$300 or go to the State's prison for two years.

The old divorce mill turned rapidly, severing the tie of love that bound four couples, three white and one negro couples. They were Lillie Bell Walker vs Roland F. Walker, Fannie Banks vs Robert Banks, Allie Bell Crofton vs Geo. Lester Crofton and Annie Reddick vs Henry Reddick. John Etheridge who was convicted of slaying another negro while engaged in a "craps" party about two years ago, was sentenced to not less than four years nor more than six years.

The sentence against Charles Scott was reduced from ten to eight years.

Auto Licenses to Be On Cars June 30th

Automobile licenses have heretofore been issued through the office of the Secretary of State, but by act of the last Legislature the issuing of licenses was put under the supervision of the State Tax Commissioner. Now Mr. R. A. Doughton, Commissioner of Revenue, is facing the greatest job he ever had. Issuing 325,000 auto license plates is no small job and if done as the law directs it means that every automobile in North Carolina should have a tag on it July 1. There are only eleven days left and to complete the task by the 1st, 30,000 tags each day will have to be issued. This will necessitate the issuance of 3,750 for every working hour.

Church of the Advent

Second Sunday after Trinity, June 21, 1925.

Rev. Clarence O. Pardo, Rector, 8:00 Holy Communion, 9:45—Church School, 10:00—Advent Bible Class, 11:00—Morning Prayer and Sermon, young people's choir assisting, 11:15—Young People's Sermon, 3:30—Holy Trinity Mission, 6:30—Young People's Service League. Meeting in charge of Frederick Hoyt, leader; John Booker, devotionals; Susie James, paper; Sarah Harrell, discussion; Biddie Haswell, music; Sunset lunch will be served at meeting of Y. P. S. L. All young people of the town cordially invited. The Fathers-Mothers and communicants of the Church are expected to be present.

Boll Weevils Found in Halifax County

Reports from Halifax county state that boll weevils have been found in many places in that county and especially between Scotland Neck and Palmyra.

So far no reports have come from this county stating the presence of the insect. However, it may be safe to say that the weevil is present and that much damage may be expected. One of the cheapest and most effective fights against the weevil on small farms is to pick up and burn the early squares as they fall, this destroys the eggs and puts the weevil behind the first crop.

Cotton growing where boll weevils exist, depends on which gets the first start. Small farmers will not poison for they cannot use airplanes, but they can pick up the early forms.

READY TO FIGHT BOLL WEEVIL

Mr. J. Alphonso Everett, of Palmyra, paid The Enterprise a visit to-day. Mr. Everett says he has a good stand of cotton and peanuts and dusting machines enough to fight the boll weevil as soon as the insect appears. Mr. Everett poisoned the weevil last year and made 95 bales on 120 acres in spite of the weevil and the rainy season.

Stores Will Close Monday, July 6th

The stores this year will not close on July the 4th but will take Monday as a holiday on which day all the stores and the Farmers and Merchants Bank will close.

Due to the fact that the Fourth was the first Saturday in the month and that there would be many people here that day, the merchants decided to remain open on Saturday and take Monday off. Other Eastern Carolina towns are planning to do the same; so in reality the clerk's fourth will come on the sixth. Raleigh and other large towns will close their stores on Saturday.

WORK NOW IN PROGRESS ON DRYING PLANT

Coming of Plant Will Add Strength to Local Market

Exactly four car loads of machinery to be installed and when that is done along with a few other needs, Williamston will have an up-to-date re-drying plant ready for operation. All of the machinery has been unloaded and placed in order for construction. Mr. Collins of Wilson, a man of 30 years experience agreed with the reporter when the large amount and number of pieces of machinery were mentioned, but where the reporter mentioned months to install it, Mr. Collins mentioned weeks, stating that every thing would be in readiness for the proper time. The dryer is a one stick machine and will be capable of caring for tobacco of many warehouses.

An interview with Mr. I. W. Skinner of Greenville and owner of the plant, proved very interesting in that he told us a great deal about the tobacco business as a whole, and, in fact, more than we thought was to be found from the tobacco bed to the cigarette. Mr. Skinner is an outstanding man in the tobacco business, having been in that business for a long number of years. Since the organization of the tobacco growers was introduced Mr. Skinner has served that organization as grader, leaving that position to open a re-drying plant here. He bought for a number of years for large British tobacco companies and at that time he learned all there was to know about the care and handling of good if not the best tobacco. It is along this particular line that our market will be much benefited. His plant will care for two foreign companies on this and surrounding markets.

Both Mr. Skinner and Mr. Collins are attached to the tobacco business and their work is gone into with much interest and zeal on their part.

MR. LA FOLLETTE DIES AT CAPITAL

Washington, June 18.—Hon. Robert M. La Follette, who stood in the foremost ranks of American politicians, died here today. He had shown signs of ill health for several months, but the end was caused by heart failure brought on by an attack of asthma.

Senator La Follette was a candidate for the presidency in the last campaign, running with Senator Wheeler. The body will be taken to his home in Madison, Wisconsin tomorrow.

Mr. La Follette was considered one of the most brilliant members of the upper House, and was always on the firing line when big questions were before that body. He was considered socialistic in his views, but his honesty demanded universal respect.

GREEN TAG FESTIVAL TO BE EXTENDED ONE WEEK

Margolis Brothers and Brooks's green tag festival has been extended for another week. The firm extends the festival at the request of customer friends who were unable to take part in its beginning.

This is the first festival of its kind to be held here and it has met with much success.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to sincerely thank each and every kind friend and neighbor for their kindness and help in the brief illness and death of our beloved husband and father, T. A. Peed. May God bless them. Wife and children.

Mr. Dennis Griffin, of Robersonville was in town today.

Messrs. T. B. Brandon, Joe and Salem Nassif were in Wilson yesterday.

FEDERAL AGENTS MAKE SEVERAL RAIDS IN COUNTY

Three Stills Captured, One Case Goes To Federal Courts

Federal agents, T. W. Snell, C. W. Baker and A. S. Harris were in the county yesterday and raided a number of places in Griffins and Bear Grass townships. They caught two stills near Smithwick's creek. One of them was a gas steam tank contraption with about 150 gallons of beer; the other was a copper cap and work but the boiler was missing and could not be found. There were about 200 gallons of beer at this stand. Both the stills were located near no residences and no one was seen near either of them.

Another still was found near the homes of Mr. Crisp and Mr. Ayers, two miles from Corey's store. This was a big plant and was made of copper. Five hundred gallons of beer and two and a half gallons of liquor were destroyed. The still had been in operation only a few hours before the officers found it and was still warm.

The agents also found liquor in the garage of Mr. Claudius Hardison. Mr. Hardison appeared before W. C. Manning, U. S. Commissioner and gave bond for his appearance in the Federal court in October.

Mr. Hardison claims that he was unaware that there was liquor in the garage, that a number of other people had full access to the garage and it was easy for them to carry such things in his place of business.

Cotton Coops To Hold Meetings

The Cooperative Cotton association is holding preparatory meetings for membership campaigns in North East North Carolina. Mr. Homer H. B. Mask, field director and a very able speaker will address the meetings. The first of the series will be held in Washington county at Creswell, June 23. From Creswell Messrs. Milton Norrman and Mr. Mask will go to Chowan county where meetings will be held at Edenton and at Tynes. The last of the series will be held in Bertie county. The last meeting which will be held at Kelford is expected to result in the signing up of a large number of growers.

Two Bridges Are Completed on No. 90

The two big bridges between Williamston and Jameville across Gardner's and Sweeten Water creeks have been completed and traffic was turned on them yesterday.

It required a great deal of time to construct the two bridges, work being carried on for the past six months but with the completion comes relief from trouble caused by high water at certain periods of the year when passing was impossible.

News on High Spots on The World Horizon

Washington, June 18.—Two hundred thousand members of the Ku Klux Klan expect to march through Pennsylvania avenue August 8, with faces uncovered to the world.

Peking China, June 17.—Civil government is giving place to military rule in some sections of China. Strikes, murders and uprisings make it unsafe for foreigners.

TOWN AUTO LICENSE PLATES MUST BE ON CARS BY JULY 1

Two hundred and fifty town auto license plates have arrived and can be obtained by applying at the Mayor's office. The tags this year is in close harmony with the State tag, being black on a yellow background.

The tag is longer than those of the present and the name of the town stands out more.

ATLANTIC COAST INVENTORS

The following patents were issued last week to Atlantic Coast inventors. Virginia—Odesa Garrett, Clinehoe, porch swing; Bertron G. Harley, Wide water, propeller for boats; (sold); Atkin Sykes, Portsmouth, rust preventing composition; B. S. Ward, Cape Charles, Headlight.

North Carolina—Douglas Collins, Salisbury, stoneworking machine. South Carolina—Wm. E. Beasley, Greenville, Take-up mechanism for looms; (sold); Marcellus C. Hall, West Marion, Rotary Flue Cleaner.

Chamber of Commerce To Meet Today; Tobacco Market To Be Discussed

A. T. LILLEY DIES AT HIS HOME

A. T. Lilley died Tuesday night from a bullet wound made 54 days before his death.

He shot himself April 24, with a 22 caliber rifle, the ball entering the lower forehead and passed almost straight back through the brain, but did not come out. For the first few days after being shot, he was expected to die at any time, but instead he gained strength and at times was able to talk with some intelligence. He could answer questions and was able to sit up in bed. At times he seemed to have no mind and would attempt to get up. The bullet affected him so after a few weeks he had frequent convulsions. About 10 days before his death he became fully unconscious and unable to take any nourishment. In this condition he remained until relieved by death last Tuesday.

He was 30 years old and leaves a widow and two small children. His body was laid to rest Wednesday afternoon at the Gurkin family plot near his home, A. J. Manning conducting the funeral rites.

Martin County Cattle Found to be Healthy

Dr. J. V. Duckworth, who is in charge of the anti-tuberculosis campaign in Martin county says that out of eleven hundred cattle tested in the county only two have been found to contain tuberculosis germs. This is an unusual record, according to Dr. Duckworth.

About half of the cattle in the county have been tested. Dr. Duckworth stated further that he has received most courteous treatment from every cattle owner who he has met so far. All of them have rendered all the assistance which could be asked.

BUSINESS INCREASES WITH ROANOKE SUPPLY COMPANY

Since opening here April 1, the Roanoke Supply company owned and operated by Messrs. Freddy and Fatty Knox, has enjoyed a steady increase in business and this has made possible the contracting for the erection of buildings of large size as well as small ones.

This increase in building is a fair index to the progress of our section in that it shows that where there was once very little or no building there is a decided increase now.

The management of the Roanoke Supply company has been careful in its selection of building material, selecting only the best quality. An order from this firm proves their knowledge of filling the needs of both the large and small builder. A short visit to their plant will also prove it.

At present the company has contracts for three large school buildings near here, and orders are coming in daily.

M. W. A. PICTURE AT EVERETT'S HIGH SCHOOL

The M. W. A. camps in and around Everetts, on Monday night June 22, at 8:00 o'clock will present the "Hour Glass." This picture is a very good one and deals somewhat with a love story. There are seven reels in all and requires about one hour and a half to run it. Five of these reels have to deal with the love story. It shows a girl and boy who fall in love and get married after a few years the boy is taken with tuberculosis and is removed to the sanitarium in Colorado and cured. The other two reels show the orphanage. This show will be free to all and there are no restrictions on who attend. If you are not a Modern Woodmen nor ever hope to be, come out and see this picture.

HURT WHEN KNOCKED DOWN BY AUTOMOBILE

The son of Mr. William Harrison, of near Bear Grass was slightly injured yesterday when run down by an automobile. It was first thought that the boy was very badly hurt, but upon bringing him to doctors here it was found that his injuries were of no serious nature, just his arm was scratched.

Messrs. R. A. Pope and K. B. Crawford were in Wilson yesterday

Everybody Invited to Attend Meeting at 5 O'Clock

The Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock as was announced in Tuesday's paper, at the Roanoke warehouse. Several topics are underway and they are of vital importance to every citizen. Your presence is needed.

Upon this meeting will depend the future workings of the Chamber of Commerce, the merchants and the warehousemen. It is not too early to start advertising and cooperating in every way possible to make Williamston a busy center. The meeting will not be limited to the tobacco market alone, but will be open for any suggestions that will upbuild the community in anyway.

Unusual Service at Episcopal Church

On Sunday night at eight o'clock the service in the Episcopal church will be entirely different from any heretofore held in the church in Williamston. The service will be entirely in charge of the Young People's Service League. All young people and older people of the town and community are cordially invited to attend. A sunset supper will be served on the church grounds at seven o'clock, after which the service will take place as follows:

Hymn. Devotional, led by John Booker. Address, Frederick Hoyt. Discussion, led by Sarah Harrell. Worship, Thelma Brown. Prayer and service, Lon Hassell. Fellowship, Frederick Hoyt. Giving, Frances Williams. Offering. Prayer, led by Paul Godwin. Benediction, Rev. Clarence Pardo. Hymn.

Many Girls and Boys Attend Meeting

From all over Eastern Carolina, the young people of the Episcopal church gathered in Fayetteville to attend the third annual conference on Young People's Work. Between three hundred and fifty to four hundred boys and girls of fourteen to twenty years of age were present. A permanent organization was formed, and steps taken to secure a young peoples worker by September 1925.

The Church of the Advent, Williamston, was well represented by sixteen young delegates attending the conference.

Work and play each had their place. During the day the sessions were held under capable leadership and picnics, swims, visits to Camp Bragg and entertainment at the Country Club were much enjoyed. A local young people's service league was organized with Frederick Hoyt as president. The first meeting will be held Sunday night in the church.

VISIT WASHINGTON SUNDAY

Rev. R. L. Shirley and family will be guests of Rev. C. T. Plybon and family of Washington Sunday. Rev. Mr. Shirley will preach at 11:00 a. m. for the First Baptist church of which Rev. Mr. Plybon is the pastor. By a strange coincidence it so happens that Sunday is the eighteenth anniversary of the ordination of Mr. Shirley to the Baptist ministry and the fourteenth anniversary of their wedding. During these years Mr. Shirley has preached fifty Sundays out of fifty owo for the entire period of his ministry. During the past month he has preached at Greenville, Ahoskie, Tarboro and Siloam in addition to his regular appointments at Riddicks Grove the second and fourth Sunday afternoons in each month.

Baptist Church

Mr. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of public instruction of Edgecombe county will preach at the Memorial Baptist church Sunday, June 21. Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School, 9:45. Public cordially invited.

FOUND: ONE CAP AND ONE HAT at warehouse where revival was held. Owners can get them by calling at Enterprise office and paying for this ad.

Strand Theatre TONIGHT Buck Jones in "The Trail Rider" TOMORROW Pinto Pete in "The Diamond Bandit" Episode No. 9 of "The Riddle Rider"

Don't Forget the Chamber of Commerce Meeting This Afternoon at 5 O'clock