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Pulley Gets Sentence of From 28 to 30 Years; Pleads Guilty

PRISONER TELLS HOW HE KILLED BETHEL OFFICER

Says Policeman Jones Fired at Him First, When He Tried to Escape

HIS STORY DOUBTED

State Accepts Plea of Guilty of Murder in Second Degree; Number Witnesses Testify

Pleading guilty of second degree murder here before Judge Small in the superior court Wednesday afternoon, Togo Pulley was sentenced to from 28 to 30 years at hard labor in the State's prison for killing Eugene Jones, Bethel policeman, on the night of January 19. The case was called at 4 o'clock, and an hour and ten minutes later the judge passed the sentence, one that apparently Pulley and his relatives willingly accepted.

While there was some talk as to the State asking for conviction of murder in the first degree, last-minute arrangements provided for the acceptance of the second degree charge entered by Pulley through his attorney, D. L. Ward, jr., New Bern attorney. Throughout the day numbers of spectators followed the court procedure, and when the case was called the auditorium was crowded with spectators anxious to glimpse the notorious murderer. Pulley's 19-year-old wife and her 10-months-old baby were seated by him, while Mrs. Jones, the widow of the murdered policeman, and her oldest daughter, both bearing the marks of sorrow and grief over the loss of husband and father, heard the case from their seats just back of Solicitor Gilliam.

The case had been called a very few minutes before the court's machinery was placed in operation. Coroner S. R. Biggs was placed on the stand as the State's first witness. Mr. Biggs stated that he was notified between 7 and 8 o'clock Sunday morning, January 20, that a dead man had been found on the Williamston-Hamilton road. He left immediately and reached the scene of the murder at the intersection of the road from Robersonville with the Williamston-Hamilton highway 30 minutes later. He saw the man who had been identified as Policeman Eugene Jones, of Bethel, lying on his face dead. The coroner continued, "There was a large crowd at the scene when I reached there, and an examination of the body was started. I discovered that it had been shot in the upper part of the chest, in the left side of the abdomen, through one finger on the left hand, through the left hand and left arm, in the left side of the back, in the left hip and a last one in the back. Several bullets fired from a 38-caliber pistol were removed from the body by Bethel doctors." Mr. Biggs offered a diagram of the spot where the murder was committed, stating that it appeared as if one or two people had been standing in the road and mentioned the signs where a man's hand had struck the ground, leaving a print of all the fingers and a hole made apparently by the stock of a pistol. The coroner stated that 14 feet from that spot the first sign of blood was seen, and that there were blood spots leading to the place where the body was found.

Chief of Police S. H. Martin, of Bethel, was the next to take the stand, and his evidence dealt more with the details just prior to the killing. Mr. Martin stated that he saw Jones in the Chevrolet car near a cafe in Bethel late Saturday night, and Pulley was at the wheel. Pulley had no coat on at that time, he having placed it on the back of the seat. "I went to the car at the request of Jones, who stated

PULLEY CARRIED TO STATE PRISON

14 Hacksaw Blades Taken From Him After Being Put in Jail Here

Togo Pulley, sentenced from 28 to 30 years in the State's prison for the murder of Eugene Jones, started his service there last night shortly after 10 o'clock, Sheriff Roebuck and Deputy Grimes leaving here with the prisoner about 8 o'clock. "We had no trouble whatever in carrying him there," Sheriff Roebuck stated this morning. "Pulley talked freely, stating that he was through," the sheriff continued. Pulley stated that he had no desire to attempt to escape, but the officers did not try him out when he stated that they could give him an opportunity to escape and he would not run. Prison officials stated that Pulley's record had been good in Raleigh, and that they would take care of him. Stripped of 14 hacksaw blades, the murderer enters the prison helpless. Before his capture in Henderson, the man had gathered the blades and had them while in the Greenville jail. Other prisoners in the jail saw the blades, but they were afraid to tell officers until Pulley had been removed to the jail here. He was searched here, Sheriff Roebuck stating that the 14 blades were wrapped in an neat package as any he had ever seen. The blades were placed next to one of his legs wrapped in a piece of blanket. Pulley stated he made no attempt to saw his way out while in the Greenville jail or the one here, for he knew the bars in the two jails were not to be sawed very easily.

that he had Pulley under arrest, that the arrested man wanted the policeman to go with him to Robersonville, where Pulley stated he could get bond from his uncle, Silas Jones being given as the name of the man. I told Jones not to go and stated that I would not go 10 feet with that man (Pulley) to get bond. I did offer to assist in placing the man in jail, but Jones said he hated to put him in jail as he had acted very clever. Pulley then said he would have Jones back in 30 minutes, Mr. Martin continued. Pulley with the policeman left shortly after midnight, and the police chief said that he began to look for Jones about 1:30. Mr. Martin was up all night and the next morning he and a Mr. Whitehurst, of Bethel, came to Williamston in an effort to find some trace of the missing officer. We were told by Mrs. A. L. Roebuck that a man had been found dead on the Hamilton-Williamston road. When we reached there we found a large number of people at the scene.

A search of the policeman's clothes was made, and the officers found the warrant and the unsigned bond in the sum of \$100 which was to have been given for Pulley's appearance before Justice of the Peace C. M. Burton in Bethel the following Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The pistol carried by the policeman when he left Bethel was missing, though his watch, and 25 cents in change was still in his pockets. Mr. Martin concluded his evidence by stating that Jones was about 35 years of age, weighed about 170 pounds and was 5 feet and 9 inches tall.

C. M. Burton, justice of the peace in Bethel, taking the stand next, stated that he was called about midnight of January 20, to give Pulley, charged with stealing a small wire, a hearing. He also stated that bond was fixed at \$100 and that Pulley, alias Wilbur Jones, asked the policeman to go with him to get his uncle in Robersonville to sign the bond. The justice of the peace advised the officer not to go, but Pulley told Mr. Jones that he would pay him well if the favor was rendered.

The fourth witness, Miss Ruth Rouse, who lives near Butler's Bridge, testified that she heard 4 or 5 shots the night the officer was murdered. A few minutes later she heard a car leave, going toward Williamston or Robersonville.

Learning of the trouble early Sunday morning, Sheriff Whitehurst, of Greenville, the next witness to testify, stated that he left for Bethel, where he was joined by Mr. Staton, the two going to Robersonville. The first clue in the case was established through the State automobile license bureau, where it was learned that the license of the car had been issued to Mrs. Lillian Pulley, of Greenville. Continuing with the evidence, the sheriff stated, "Pulley was arrested in Henderson Saturday night, a week ago, by J. L. Cash and others. I had notified the officers there to be on the lookout for Pulley. I learned that morning that Pulley's wife was going to Henderson, and the arrival of Pulley was suspected. Immediately after the arrest, I was notified and went there

NOTED PLAYERS HERE TOMORROW

Carolina Playmakers Will Present Three Plays at City Hall

Appearing here tomorrow evening in the City Hall for the first time, the Playmakers of the University of North Carolina are expected to attract a capacity house for the one performance. The Playmakers, coming here under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the local Baptist church, will conclude a four-days tour with their performance tomorrow evening after presenting their three plays in Raleigh, Smithfield and Wilmington.

Since the organization of the Playmakers was perfected by Professor Frederick H. Koch at the University several years ago, the players have attracted State-wide and even national attention with their productions. Several programs have been given in New York and many productions have been staged in this part of the State, but the engagement tomorrow evening will be their first one here. The three plays that will be presented here include a country comedy of a quack doctor, "Quare Medicine," by Paul Green; "Job's Kinfolks," a tragedy of mill people, by Loretta Bailey and "The Man Who Died at Twelve o'clock," a negro comedy by Paul Green.

The performance is scheduled to start at 8:30.

VITAPHONE FOR WATTS THEATRE

"Talkies" Will Make Their Debut Here About April 20th

In keeping with the modern trend in the motion-picture field, Mr. J. W. Watts, jr., is announcing the installation of Vitaphone pictures in the handsome and modern Watts Theatre here next month. The machine was purchased by the theatre owner this week and will be shipped here for installation on or about the 20th of next month.

Wishing to offer the people of this section the very best in the line of entertainment, Mr. Watts made the purchase of the modern equipment, bringing to his patrons the Vitaphone pictures that heretofore they have been going to towns miles away to see.

Dispute Over Trimming of Trees Settled Out of Court

The injunctions filed by four property owners here when the Virginia Electric & Power Co. started to trim trees on certain streets here were settled this week, it was learned from the plaintiffs' attorney, Mr. B. A. Critcher. According to the agreements reached in the cases, the company will not trim the trees in front of the F. U. Barnes' home, but will cut one limb from the tree near the Staton home. One or two limbs will be cut from the trees in front of the Margolis and Critcher lots on Smithwick Street, it was stated.

Says Jones Bill Hasn't Broken Up Bootlegging

Washington, Mar. 15.—Assistant Secretary of Treasury Lowman does not believe the Jones prohibition penalty law has put as many bootleggers out of business as have been reported. "We have not heard of any wholesale closing up of bootleggers," he said. "Many may have stopped vending because they fear the \$10,000 fine and five year prison sentence, but it looks like they are using the Jones law figures to raise prices and gyp customers."

Everetts Woodmen Will Meet Monday

Important business is to come before the member of the Everetts Modern Woodmen Camp at their regular meeting in the hall here next Monday night it was announced yesterday by one of the organization's officers. A large attendance is urged.

Rev. A. J. Crane To Preach Here Sunday

The Rev. A. J. Crane, Presbyterian minister, of Tarboro, will conduct services here in the Woman's club hall Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at Bear Grass that evening, at 7:30 in the school auditorium, it was announced this morning. and made a search of the room where Pulley was captured. We found a .38 automatic rifle, two .22-caliber au-

PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Criminal Docket Is Completed Late Thursday Afternoon

RECESSES TO MONDAY

Many Cases Are Disposed of, Including Two for Murder; Begin Trial of Civil Cases Monday

Disposing of two murder cases, a rape case and number of other minor ones since last Tuesday noon, the criminal docket prepared for this term of Martin County Superior court was completed late yesterday and Judge Small ordered a recess until Monday when the trial of civil cases will be started. While a large number of cases were disposed of by trial or submission, there were many not pressed and several continued. The school fund was not enlarged, the defendants being required, as a whole to pay costs and settle damages.

The procedure: Walter Keel and Loomis Whitehurst charged with larceny were each sentenced to the Edgecombe County roads for 6 months, the sentence being suspended for two years and the good behavior of the defendants and their paying the costs and \$75 for the use of J. R. Rawls.

Pleading guilty of forgery on two different counts, Bill Bolton, white of Durham county, was given four months on the Edgecombe roads in each case. Bolton forged checks on one of his fellow highway workers here several weeks ago.

Tom Roberson, negro, charged with rape, was found not guilty. The jury was out on this case for a good while, and on the first count, it is understood a count of 7 to 5 for conviction, was recorded.

Roosevelt Butler, pleading guilty of seduction, entered prayer for judgment which was continued for two years upon payment of cost and \$5.00 per month to Mozie Dempsey.

Ray Beacham, charged with driving an automobile while he was intoxicated, was given a twelve months suspended road sentence upon payment of cost and \$200. to E. G. Taylor. His license to drive a car was revoked for one year.

Jesse Whitley, charged with the murder of Louis Rogers was found not guilty by the court. This action followed the evidence offered by the State, when it was shown that Whitley had been chased to his home by Rogers, and that the killing was not premeditated or intentional.

The case charging John Jasper Black and Ralph Dugger with assault was continued with the defendants under bond.

Tom Simmons, found guilty of assault with intent to kill, was given 18 months on the Edgecombe County roads.

William Ellis and Henry Page, charged with house breaking and larceny were each given four months on the Edgecombe County roads.

Four months each was the sentence handed Thomas Hyman and Chas. Smith, charged with larceny.

Raymond and B. C. Council also were sentenced to four months on the Edgecombe roads when they were found guilty of larceny.

No true bill was returned in the case charging Walter Godard and Willie Hardison with house-breaking and larceny.

A nol pro resulted in the case charging Connie Williams with an assault upon a female.

No true bill was returned by the grand jury in the case charging J. H. James with rape.

25 Pairs of Mexican Quail To Be Released in County

Twenty-five Mexican quail were released in the county yesterday at the direction of County Game Warden J. W. Hines. Two pairs of the birds were released in Goose Nest, 3 pairs in Hamilton Township, 2 pairs in Robersonville Township, 2 in Williamston Township, 1 in Jamesville, 1 in Cross Roads, and 1 pair in Bear Grass Township. This is the second release of Mexican quail in the county, 24 of the birds having been distributed over the county last year by the Department of Conservation and Development. The birds were imported from Mexico and shipped to County Warden Hines direct from Laredo, Texas.

LARGE PEANUTS WILL PAY MORE

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Urges Planting Selected Seed

The Bureau of Agriculture Economics, in its weekly report March 13, 1928, says as follows:

"In order that peanut growers may obtain as much benefit as possible from the increased tariff rates on peanuts, which are now effective, it is essential for growers to plant seed that will produce as large a proportion as possible of extra large Virginia shelled. This is because of the fact that most of the imports have been of the extra large size, and it is these that must be replaced, so far as possible, in Virginia and North Carolina, by increased plantings, but primarily by planting more carefully selected seed. Not only should plantings be restricted to Virginia Bunch and Jumbo varieties, but the seed peanuts should come from fields or sections of fields that ran heavily last year to vigorous high-producing plants. The method of screening out large size kernels regardless of the productiveness of the strain is not sufficient. The use of lime will also tend to increase the yield of large peanuts on most farms in this area. The Department of Agriculture is joining with commercial interests in Virginia and North Carolina to point these facts out, believing that much increase in acreage this year without a corresponding increase in the proportion of extra large in the crop may prove unfortunate to the industry."

Mission Rally at Local Baptist Church Sunday

Sunday morning at the Baptist church it is planned to present the cause of missions to the entire Sunday school, and then to the congregation at the 11 o'clock hour. Every class in the Sunday school, and every child and adult present, will spend the hour in mission study. Then, following close upon this, Dr. Wm. L. Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, will address the congregation upon some aspect of the missionary enterprise.

Dr. Poteat will speak again at the evening hour, upon some theme of his own choosing. The public is invited to hear him.

There will be no mid-week service next Wednesday evening, as the pastor will be out of town at that time.

The doors of the church will be opened for the reception of any members at the Easter service.

Program of Services At Christian Church

Services will be held at the Christian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30. Sunday school, 9:45.

ersonville a few days ago, was continued at the request of Knight's attorneys. The alleged murderer was jailed here last Monday, the attorneys stating that they had not had time to gather all the evidence.

A nol pro resulted in the case charging Richard Butler with abandonment.

The case charging Roy Roberson with operating an automobile while he was intoxicated was continued.

A nol pro resulted in the case of Sam Simmons, charged with reckless driving.

Charging embezzlement, the case of Robert A. Taylor was continued.

C. C. Lilley, charged with larceny, had his case continued.

When asked how the birds released last year were thriving in this section, Mr. Hines stated that the introduction of the quail is proving highly satisfactory, that coveys ranging from 6 to 12 birds in each have been spotted. Several hunters state that the birds do not flush as easily as the native quail, that many in each covey run along on the ground after others have taken wing. This, Mr. Hines believes, is a benefit, for not as many birds can be killed at a time.

HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOL

85 Pupils on List for Past; Constitutes a New High Record

The number of honor students in the local school reached a new high record during the six month when 85 pupils met all requirements, according to an announcement made today by the principal. Forty-eight pupils made the roll during the month preceding.

The roll by grades: First grade—Sallie Gray Gurkin, Louise Melson, Virgil Ward, Reid White, Jerry Clark, Jack Edmondson, Irvin Gurganus, Elbert S. Peel, jr., Doris Moore, Rachel Keel, Bernice Cowen, Gordon Manning, Margaret Jones, Dick Dunn, Eleanor Taylor and James William Ward.

Second grade—Grace Barnhill, Mary Hassell Barnhill, Eva Gurganus, Thelma Griffin, Addie Lee Lewis, Marion Pender, Evelyn Riddick, Billy Biggs, Reg Manning, Bill Roberson, Alfred Strawbridge, John Ward, jr., George Bunch, jr., Roy Long, Howard Simpson.

Third grade—A. C. Bailey, Beulah Bennett, Janie Gurganus, Marie Hardison, Nellie Grey Hopkins, Mary Robertson, Rachel Wynne, Lois Taylor, Velma Bennett, Julia Everett, Mildred Lewis, Addie Lee Meador, Nellie Rogers, Hazel Price, Dell Thomas, Pete Egan, Charles Dickey, Edgar Gurganus, Carlyle Hall, Whit Purvis, R. A. Pope, jr., E. G. Wynne.

Fourth grade—Lorene Weaver, Fern Fitzgerald, Mary E. Peel, Marie Griffin, Robert Gurganus, Carrie Williams, Ella Wynne Critcher, Bolton Cowen, Ben Manning, Densel Simpson.

Fifth grade—Alta Critcher, Alice Harrison, Grace Manning, Marjorie Taylor.

Sixth grade—Josephine Anderson, Katherine Harrison, Mattie Gurganus, Louise Green, Herbert Whitley.

Seventh grade—Mary Burroughs, Louise Perry, Jennie Green Taylor, Irvin Griffin.

Eighth grade—Mildred Gurganus, Pearl Griffin, Lucille Long, Ruth Ward.

Ninth grade—Mary Clyde Williams, Edith Peel.

Tenth grade—Marjorie Taylor, and Clyde Griffin.

Eleventh grade—Mary Carstarphen.

County Representatives Attend News School

Representing three demonstration clubs in this county, the several women including the county's agent, attending the news reporting school in Washington last Tuesday were very much pleased with the instruction offered by F. H. Jeter, editor of State agricultural bulletins, Raleigh.

The school, the first of its kind to be held in the State, was arranged by District Agent Miss Violet Alexander in an effort to train the club women in reporting their demonstration meetings, and to extend the scope of home demonstration work.

Distributing Forestry Literature in County

Although there is no organized movement for the protection of forests in this county, Mr. J. W. Hines, the county game warden, has been distributing literature throughout the section this week stressing the importance of protection of forests against fires. In practically all the counties of the State a forest conservation program has been observed this week.

BOYS TEAM HAS FINE RECORD IN BASKETBALL

Score Total of 728 Points Against 286 for Their Opponents

LOSE BUT TWO GAMES

Team Was Runner-Up in State Basketball Tourney; Is Best Season Record Ever Made Here

Scoring 728 points to their opponents' 286, the local high school basketball five closed the most successful season in that sport ever recorded here. During the season, the locals played 23 games, winning all but 2, losing one of them by a lone point and the other by a margin of only 3 points. To add to their splendid record for the season, the locals were runners-up in the State College Basketball Tournament, losing to Mebane, 23 to 20, in the last game of the tournament series.

With the record made in basketball goes hand in hand the record made in football by Coach Hood's boys. In that game, the locals won 11 of the 13 games played, making 444 points to 44 made by their opponents. These two records alone have made for the locals the best season yet recorded in the history of Williamston High School.

The summary of the basketball season follows:

Williamston	Opponents
20	Plymouth 6
33	Bethelven 5
45	Windsor 6
39	Winterville 18
29	Windsor 7
32	Nashville 11
32	Farm Life 18
30	Vanceboro 10
43	Bethelven 17
26	Winterville 7
25	Nashville 7
27	Robersonville 5
26	Middleburg 27
46	Vanceboro 9
40	Beaufort 22
31	New Bern (T.T.) 12
20	Wash'ton all stars 8
66	Trenton all stars 22
22	*Clayton 14
36	*Roxboro 8
18	*Roanoke Rapids 13
20	*Mebane 23
22	*New Bern (T.T.) 11
728	Totals 286

*Games played in State College Tournament.

"King of Kings" To Be Shown Here Next Week

Cecile B. DeMille's "King of Kings" a picture that has attracted more comment from press and pulpit than any other in the country, has been booked for a two-day run at the Watts Theatre here next Monday and Tuesday. While a few people in the community have seen the picture, large crowds will be attracted at the showings here next week.

This mighty epic was one year in the making. It required the services of a veritable army of writers, technicians and craftsmen, and it is declared by those who have seen the picture that no production has ever been made that compares with it. There are 5,000 people in the east with 16 stars, of first brilliance. It provides gripping entertainment for all ages, all creeds, and all classes.

Rumors of Killing Cause Crowds to Leave Court

Receiving news here from Bethel yesterday afternoon that the alleged murderer of J. C. Kelly, Southern Pines policeman, was expected to pass through here about 4 o'clock, half the crowd seeking excitement at the session of criminal court left the courthouse and came up town in search of more excitement. It had been reported in the courthouse that a man had been killed up town, and many of the spectators rushed up here to see for themselves what had happened. Upon learning that the killer of the Southern Pines man was expected to come through here and that nothing had happened here, the crowds returned to the courthouse to hear the criminal proceedings there.

The report coming from Bethel was apparently unfounded as the killer of Kelly was reported seen near Charlotte yesterday where he abandoned a Buick car to take to the swamps.

Program of Services at First Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Minister Preaching services, 11 a. m. Subject, "Saving the Outcasts." Sunday evening, 7:30, subject, "The Christian Sabbath."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Hi-League Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Senior League Monday evening, 7:30. Junior League Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

Prayer service Wednesday evening, 7:30. Visitors and strangers find a most friendly welcome here.

WATTS THEATRE

Saturday March 23

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