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THREE YOUTHS GO TO DEATH ROW FROM MADISON COUNTY

MARSHALL COURTHOUSE CROWDED FIVE FULL DAYS TO HEAR MURDER CASES.

Dramatic Scenes As Youths Are Sentenced To Die May 3

Judge Warlick Makes Fine Impression

One of the most dramatic courts ever held in Marshall was that last week which ended Friday evening about 6:30, when the death sentence was read out by Judge Wilson Warlick for three youths, Arthur Gosnell, 22, Oris Gunter, 19, and Robert Thomas, 22, of Madison County, to be electrocuted at the State Prison May 3, 1935. Though the three had made a complete confession which had been written out and sworn to, every effort possible was made by the State to give the three boys a fair and impartial trial. Three of Marshall's attorneys had been named by the court to defend them—Mr. John Hendricks for Gunter, Mr. Mack Ramsey for Gosnell, Mr. Carl Stuart for Thomas. Assisting Solicitor Nettles in the prosecution were Mr. John H. McElroy and Mr. Calvin R. Edney. The jury, drawn from a special venire of more than a hundred men of Madison County, was composed of the following:

Lawrence Kirkpatrick, Claude Willis, Alvin Robinson, W. R. Reese, Frank Randall, B. J. Ledford, M. B. Worley, H. H. Hamlin, C. H. Reeves, Lee Sams, A. J. Hensley, R. E. Edwards.

The prisoners were charged and convicted of murdering in cold blood William Thomas, 74-year-old merchant of the Gantertown section of Madison County on the morning of Feb. 15, 1935, the purpose being to rob him, which they did while the old man lay dying between his store where he slept and the home of his daughter, where he was accustomed to eat breakfast. Efforts to prove Gosnell, who struck the fatal blows, was insane, failed. All the week all available space including standing room was taken at the court house, so great was the interest in the two murder trials—that of J. W. Randall coming before the three boys. Judge Warlick complimented the six lawyers who appeared in this case. Especially did he mention the defense attorneys, as they had so little to work on in their defense. The charge to the jury was clear and explicit, ending soon after five o'clock Friday afternoon. It was said that the jury after retiring had prayer and then took one secret ballot which revealed a unanimous verdict. Mothers and other relatives of the boys screamed as the sentence was concluded, one mother fainting and taken out by Sheriff English.

Gets 8 To 10 Years For Stealing Automobile

George Wilson was convicted of the larceny of the automobile of Dr. W. A. Sams several months ago and was sentenced by Judge Warlick last week to a term of not less than eight nor more than ten years in State Prison at hard labor. The prisoner was guilty of other similar offenses, which explains why he was given so many years.

RANDALL TAKEN TO STATE PRISON

J. W. Randall was taken to the State Prison at Raleigh this week to begin his sentence of 16 to 18 years. If he lives the 16 years, he will be 92.

ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH BEN NAUGHTY MURDER

Elmer Cantrell and Ferman Franklin of the Laurel section are being held in Marshall jail charged with

the killing Jan. 25 of Ben Naughty of Little Laurel. The case will be heard by R. S. Ramsey, magistrate, next Monday.

To Speak Next Sunday In Asheville

E. E. Lee, our Southwide Baptist Training Union Field Worker, will speak at a mass meeting at the First Baptist church, Asheville, Sunday afternoon, March 10th, at 3:00 o'clock. Every Baptist in reach is invited to hear him. Everyone interested in B. Y. P. U. work is URGED to hear him.

MRS. PEARL T. AMMONS,
(Buncombe Asso. B. T. U. Pres.)

HOT SPRINGS

Misses Ollie Parris and Lucille Collins spent Saturday in Asheville. Mrs. Dock Summerall was shopping in Newport, Tenn., Saturday. Ranger Johnson and Mrs. Johnson of Greenville, Tenn., spent several days here with friends. Mrs. Baker, who has spent most of the winter in Knoxville, Tenn., and Georgia, returned to her home here Monday.

Miss Lois Church spent a few days here with home folks.

Mrs. Chas. Burgin is spending several days this week in Tennessee with her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Izlar, Jr., and family.

Miss Ernie Freeman spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Morris. Mr. Roy Poette has returned home after spending three weeks in Georgia. His mother died with pneumonia while he was there, and his father was seriously ill with pneumonia, but is now much improved.

Mrs. C. T. Parris and Mrs. Ira Plemons were joint hostesses Monday night at the Plemons hotel with a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Margaret Batts. About forty ladies were present and the bride received enough lovely and useful gifts to start housekeeping at once. However, they are now spending a week with their parents in the eastern part of the state. Mr. Batts will either be sent to Max Patch or the eastern part of the state after the 10th.

Mr. J. J. Seigm and Mr. Neal Lewis are able to be out again after being on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby and family are moving to Erwin, Tenn., to make their future home. Mr. Kirby has been in the grocery business here for the past several years.

The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon at Dorland Bell school. A play was given, several readings and a duet by two senior girls, and the program was very much enjoyed by all. About thirty members and several visitors were present. After the business hour, most delicious refreshments were served.

C. W. CHURCH DEAD

Charles Wesley Church, 80, one of the oldest and best known citizens of the Antioch section of this county, died at the home of his son, Vernon, at Antioch, near Hot Springs, Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock, following an illness of two weeks. Death was due to influenza and heart trouble.

Mr. Church was born and reared in the Antioch section. He married Miss Susan Barrett, of Sandy Mush, Buncombe county, 52 years ago. Four children, all of whom survive, were born to this union. They are: Vernon, Ed, Dennis, and Mrs. Hoke Reeves.

Mr. Church was active in community affairs, and was a member of the Antioch Methodist church.

Funeral services were held at the Antioch Methodist church Friday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Moir W. Edwards, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Play At Marshall School Friday Evening

The Junior class of Marshall High School will present a three-act comedy, "The Arrival of Kitty", Friday evening, March 8, at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium. The play is full of laughs and will provide an evening of fun for all who attend. Admission charges are 10 and 25 cents, and the proceeds will be used for the school paper and for the Junior class.

Arthur Gosnell, you have been indicted, tried, and convicted by a jury of your county of the crime of murder in the first degree of one William M. Thomas. The law prescribed that the punishment for your crime is death. The judgment of the court, therefore, is that you be remanded to the common jail of Madison County, there to remain until the adjournment of this court, and upon the adjournment of this court, it is ordered that you be conveyed by the High Sheriff of said County of Madison to the Penitentiary of the State of North Carolina, and by him delivered to the Warden of said Penitentiary; and it is further ordered and adjudged that you remain in the custody of said Warden until Friday, 3d day of May, 1935, and that on said day, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and three o'clock in the afternoon that you be taken by the said warden to the place of execution in said penitentiary;

And it is adjudged that the said warden then and there cause a current of electricity of sufficient intensity and voltage to cause death to pass in and through your body until you are dead; and may God have mercy on your soul.

The same sentence was given each of the other two.

Minor class.

The cast is as follows:

Ting, a bell-boy, Edwin Mashburn; Sam, a porter, Linton Ramsey; William Winkler, from New York, C. L. Miller; Aunt Jane, his sister-in-law, Hope Holcombe; Jane, his niece, June Elaine Ramsey; Susette, a French maid, Wilma Ramsey; Bobbie Baxter, in love with Jane, Ray Frisby; Benjamin Moore, a bachelor, Charles Redmon; Kitty Benders, an actress, Louise Rector.

PAINFULLY HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Ganellé, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nix, was painfully injured Sunday morning when struck by a car near the Free Will Baptist church as she was leaving Sunday school. Mr. Fred Sprinkle, whose car unfortunately struck the child, was driving up the hill and another car was coming down at the same time, while quite a number of people were in the road leaving the church. It was said the child jumped unexpectedly in front of the car, making the accident unavoidable. It was at first feared the child had been killed. She was rushed to the office of Dr. J. L. McElroy where she was treated by Dr. McElroy and Dr. Sams and later taken home. Reports later were that the injury was not so serious as was at first feared.

TREADWAY—DAVIS

Of interest to many friends is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Ruby Davis and Grover Treadway.

The wedding took place Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24th, at 4:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. H. R. Ramsey. The wedding was quietly solemnized by a few close friends of the bride and groom.

Miss Davis, attractive and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Davis of near Marshall, received her education at Marshall high school.

Mr. Treadway is the son of Mrs. Lizzie Treadway Davis. Mr. Treadway is connected with the fiber mills at Salisbury, N. C. The couple are making their home temporarily at the home of the groom.

BIG BRANCH

Near Mars Hill

We were very glad to learn of Mr. Baird Burnett's buying the R. P. McCracken farm on the Branch.

Mr. Burnett was burning some boom sage on his farm Monday night and raised a big excitement. Most all the people came in to help him fight the fire.

Dr. W. Y. Hutchins and family of Kingsport, Tenn., were visiting relatives on the branch last Sunday; also Dr. J. H. Hutchins and son, Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Felch.

The farmers have been very busy burning tobacco beds for the past two weeks and doing other kinds of work also.

Mrs. Louise J. Buckner Of Asheville Passes

Mother Of Mrs. Cauley Ebbs To Be Buried Friday At Jupiter

Mrs. Louise J. Buckner, former resident of Marshall and mother of Mrs. Cauley Ebbs, died about eight o'clock Wednesday morning, March 6, 1935, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. White in Asheville. Mrs. Buckner had been ill for quite a long time. She is survived by the following sons and daughters: James Buckner of Granger, Wash., Emmett Buckner of Leaksville, N. C., S. Garfield Buckner of Jupiter, Mrs. H. Martin and Mrs. M. Montrose of Atlanta, Mrs. C. J. Ebbs, Mrs. Pollie Fore and Mrs. White of Asheville. She also leaves two brothers, Marion and James Kuykendall of West Asheville; 31 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be at two o'clock Friday afternoon at Jupiter Baptist church.

DOINGS OF THE CIVITAN CLUB

Judge Wilson Warlick, Solicitor Nettles, Court Stenographer Emerson Eve and Mrs. Calvin R. Edney were guests of the Marshall Civitan club at the regular meeting Friday at the French Broad hotel here.

Judge Warlick told the Civitans that, because some of his neighbors in Catawba county had moved to this county and prospered, he believed Madison is a good county in which to make a permanent home. Solicitor Nettles and Mr. Eve made short talks. Mr. Eve said he traces his ancestry to the first woman, as can be seen by the name. Mr. Nettles was glad to be a guest, to sit at the table with and enjoy the fellowship of some of Marshall's leading citizens. And Mrs. Edney, recently a bride, was fittingly recognized and gracefully responded.

At the business meeting of the club, Guy V. Roberts, S. B. Roberts, A. W. Whitehurst, the Rev. James Hyde, and Craig L. Rudisill were elected directors. Ernest Teague, treasurer of the club, was appointed to solicit money to defray expenses for a 14-year-old girl of the Walnut community who has been sent to the State tuberculosis sanatorium.

S. S. CONVENTION

The monthly meeting of the French Broad Sunday School Association was held with Locust Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon, March 3rd. The meeting was attended by a large number of people, which represented several of the churches of this section of the association. A hearty welcome was extended to all by the local church.

An interesting program and splendid cooperation prevailed throughout the meeting. The program was rendered by a group of young people from the Forks of Ivy church, with their pastor, Bro. Eugene Cooker, in charge of the devotional message. Others on program were Mr. William Worley, Mr. Jeff Roberts, Bro. Wade White and Bro. Brockett, new pastor of Laurel Branch church. The main speaker was E. J. Buckner of Calvary Baptist church, West Asheville. Mr. Buckner brought a fine message. His subject was, "Man's

WAKE FOREST - MER EDITH SUMMER SCHOOL UNIT TO BE HELD AT MARS HILL NEXT SUMMER

Bills Introduced By Representative Herschel Sprinkle

On February 27th House Bill 498, "To Authorize and Empower the Board of Commissioners of Madison County To Appoint the Tax Listers and Assessors" was introduced and sent to Committee on Judiciary 2.

On the same date House Bill 499, "To Provide for the Election of a Tax Collector for Madison County, and To Fix His Salary" was introduced and sent to Committee on Judiciary 2. The bill would provide for election in 1936 and biennially thereafter. The salary would be \$1200.

WALNUT CREEK DEFEATS MARSHALL 7TH GRADE

The Walnut Creek grammar grades defeated the Marshall 7th grade Wednesday afternoon, 23-17. W. Ramsey starred for the winners while Joe Nix was the outstanding scorer for the losers.

MARS HILL

Woman's Club To Have Program On Homes

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club is to be held on Friday evening of this week in the home of Mrs. E. R. Elmore. Mrs. Jno. McLeod is program leader. Miss Gladys Johnson, Mrs. Bryson Tilson and Mrs. P. C. Stringfield are to take part on the program. Associate hostesses with Mrs. Elmore are Mrs. H. C. Edwards and Miss Beulah Bowden.

Personals

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Trencham Friday, March 1, a baby daughter.

Miss Myrtle Elmore is attending the conference in Asheville this week for the county chairman of the adult educational work.

Misses Bobby Gray and Kathleen Elmore will both be home over the week-end because of spring holidays at Carson-Newman college, where the former is a student and in the Wilmington high school where the latter is teacher.

Mr. Roy Wall has been in bed this week with influenza.

Leonard Carter has been confined to his bed for two weeks on account of illness.

Mrs. R. L. Moore, Mrs. Eugene Coker, Mrs. B. M. Canup, Mrs. L. B. Olive, and Mrs. Floyd Holcombe are planning to attend the State W.M.U. Convention to be held in Durham next week.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, who for several weeks, has been in the Aston Park hospital suffering from a broken bone, is improving and the family expects to have her home again in a few weeks.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Esther Runyon On Monday

Mrs. Esther Anderson Runyon, 65, widow of W. L. Runyon, and a life time resident of Mars Hill, died suddenly here Sunday morning.

Mrs. Runyon had been critically ill for the past month. Before her health began to fail a year or two ago she was active in the social and religious life of the community. Even in recent years her interest in the church and the life of the community did not lag.

She is survived by two sons, N. J. Runyon of Mars Hill and W. L. Runyon of Asheville, and three brothers, J. W. Anderson, J. P. Anderson, and O. J. Anderson, all of Mars Hill.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at Mars Hill Baptist church with the Rev. L. B. Olive, officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. R. Owen, pastor of the French Broad Baptist church of Asheville, and Dr. O. E. Sams, vice-president of Mars Hill college. Interment was in the family plot in the Mars Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers were the following nephews of Mrs. Runyon: Ralph Anderson, Rome Anderson, Harry Anderson, George Anderson, John Robert Anderson and Ramon Anderson. Honorary pallbearers: R. L. Moore, L. Z. Elber, Paul Bruce, N. S. Whitaker, K. B. Murray, J. F. Holcombe, Dr. W. L. Robinson, Calvin R. Edney, J. P. Sams, E. Z. Stines, Roy Wall, J. P. Smith, and J. F. Ammons.

Mrs. Tommie Tweed Dies At Her Home Near Here

Mrs. Tommie Tweed, who for only a few months had lived on the Asheville "Greatest Privileges".

The next meeting will be held with the California Baptist church, April 7th, 2:00 P. M. All the churches are expected to send representatives to this meeting. The neighboring churches of this territory should attend in large numbers.

Many Will Attend Mountain Division From June 10 To August 10

Wake Forest, Feb. 27.—During the summer of 1935 a division of the Wake Forest-Meredith summer school will be operated at Mars Hill College at Mars Hill, as a result of action just taken by the respective boards of trustees.

Dr. Daniel B. Bryan, who for the past 15 years has been dean of Wake Forest College and general director of its summer school, stated that the establishment of the unit in the Blue Ridge would make possible the advantages of a four-year liberal arts college curriculum to a wide area that is now without such facilities.

Professor Bunyan Y. Tyner, head of the Education Department of Meredith College, has been elected director of the Mars Hill division, and Prof. I. N. Carr, dean of Mars Hill College, will be associate director.

The new division will be an integral part of the Wake Forest-Meredith summer session which will continue to operate at Wake Forest.

Having the approval of the State Department of Public Instruction, the new unit will offer courses of instruction which will be identical with those given at Wake Forest, and credit may be obtained on the North Carolina teachers' certificates and on all four years of Bachelor's degree work at any of the three institutions concerned.

The faculty will consist of professors from Meredith, Mars Hill, and Wake Forest. Fees at both units will be identical, and dates of operation will coincide, June 10 to August 10.

The present summer school at Wake Forest has assumed full responsibility for the offering and administration of the Mars Hill division and maintains authority for approving faculty selections, the character of courses, and policies.

Wake Forest College News Bureau
By J. L. Memory, Jr., director.

ville road just beyond the John Ammons place, died Tuesday. She is survived by her husband and six children, the youngest only an infant of a few days. She is to be buried at White Rock Wednesday at two o'clock.

DEATH OF MRS. MARGARET HANAY OF MARS HILL, ROUTE 2

Mrs. Margaret Haney, age 52, died at her home near Mars Hill Monday night, Feb. 25, at 10 o'clock, heart trouble being the cause of her death. Funeral services were held at the Foster Creek Baptist church, where she had been a member for 36 years, and were conducted by the Rev. Tom Eatmon. Afterwards the body was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery. Pallbearers were: Messrs. Frank Ramsey, James Wilson, John C. Anderson, Gathar Ray, Horace Walldroupe, Andy Fender, and Charley Fender. Mrs. Haney is survived by her husband, Milton Haney, and 7 children: Messrs. Andrew, Harry, Silas, Floyd and Paul Haney; two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Riddle of Leicester, and Miss Mae Haney of Mars Hill, and three brothers and three sisters.

John F. White Admitted To County Home

At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Monday, all being present, John F. White, well known resident of the Mars Hill section, was admitted to the county home.

Miller Ward was appointed registrar of vital statistics of the Foster Creek section. Other recorded items of the meeting were adjustments as to taxes in several cases.

KENO PARTY MARCH 14

A keno party will be given by the Marshall P. T. A. at the Marshall school auditorium at about 7:30 P. M. March 14. Practically all the business concerns of Marshall are contributing prizes. A small admission will be charged. The game is very simple and enjoyable, but requires no experience to be able to play.