

Mars Hill Teams Sweep Mars Hill Co.

Henry Gets Life Sentence In Mars Hill College Arson Case

Enters Plea Of Guilty To First Degree Arson In Dormitory Fire

Robert Lee Henry Jr., 29, of Atlanta Monday was sentenced to life imprisonment in State Prison in Raleigh after he entered a plea of guilty to first degree arson before Superior Court Judge W. K. McLean.

Henry had previously admitted that on the night of Feb. 5 he set fire to three buildings on the campus of Mars Hill College, of which he was a former student.

The old dormitory and a dormitory hall damaged by lightning during the night were the buildings that were burned. The state will proceed with charges in connection with the auditorium and the Owen Building after Henry's lawyers entered the plea of guilty to first degree arson in the dormitory fire.

Before handing down the sentence, Judge McLean heard evidence by Sheriff E. Y. Pender, SSI Agent Claude Davis, Mars Hill College President Dr. Hoyt McLean, and Dr. William Lynch. The defense presented a statement from a psychiatrist.

In reviewing the case, Sheriff Pender told the judge that Henry was arrested while dormitories were still burning in the blaze. The youth was asked to go with an investigator to the scene of the fire.

He stated that he would accept the police for questioning. Judge McLean advised the parents that Henry would have a complete medical and psychiatric examination at State Prison and would be given any treatment recommended by the doctors.

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HEALTH DEPT. CLINIC CALENDAR FOR MARCH, 1961

Wed., March 1 — 12 noon — Child Health Clinic—Health Center. (Admission by appointment only.)

Thurs., March 2 — 1:00 p. m.—1:45 p. m. — General Immunization Clinic — Mars Hill Town Hall.

Fri., March 3 — 1:00 p. m.—1:45 p. m. — General Immunization Clinic — Health Center.

Tues., March 7 — 9:00 a. m.—11:00 p. m.—1:45 p. m. — General Immunization Clinic — Health Center.

Fri., March 10 — 9:00 a. m. (Continued To Last Page)

Sanford Sees Trend Away From Capital Punishment

Not Disposed "To Go All Out" For Its Abolition In North Carolina

Gov. Sanford said Monday that generally speaking he does not favor capital punishment.

However, the governor told his news conference he is not disposed "to go all out" and favor its abolition in North Carolina at the present time.

"I'm convinced capital punishment has not done much to deter capital crimes," Sanford said. "I think the trend is away from it and it ought to be away from it."

The governor's comments were in answer to a question. The reporter asking the question noted that the General Assembly is expected to receive a bill calling for the abolition of capital punishment in the state.

In answer to other questions at his news conference, the governor also:

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2. Said he is committed to support reappointment of the General Assembly and that he expects no committee specifically on this issue.

3. Said the state needs more education about Negroes. Gov. Sanford said in answer to the work of the General Assembly: "But they have failed to maintain the state of growth that we have seen in the Central and Piedmont areas of the state."

4. Said he would like to see the General Assembly pass a civil rights resolution, but that would probably not be done before the end of the session.

As far as social issues, he said there is nothing new because most Negroes are now better educated than ever before.

GOV. SANFORD PROMISES HELP TO WESTERN N. C.

Work To Attract Industry And Highway Building Would Be Pushed

Gov. Sanford said Monday he expects to push for greater economic development of the state's undeveloped areas.

Sanford's comments came at his news conference when a reporter recalled that he had described the western section of the state as a "stepchild" in his campaign last year.

"I don't think the West has been neglected any more than the East or the Northeast," said Sanford. "But they have failed to maintain the state of growth that we have seen in the Central and Piedmont areas of the state."

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A FORESTRY DEMONSTRATION FRIDAY, MARCH 3

AMBERGRIS CEDAR AVAILABLE AT HOT SPRINGS

According to James M. Stewart, assistant agricultural agent, forest trees can be made to pay a good income to their owners. The amount of income will depend on the degree of the management the forest trees received. To point out some of the things which must be considered in good management of timber trees, a demonstration will be held through the State Police on Friday March 3, at 1:30 p. m. This demonstration will be on a tract of land owned by Clive White, which borders on Highway 19-23, one mile East of Mars Hill, opposite Gwin White's residence.

To conduct the demonstration, Extension Forestry Specialist, Leonard Thompson, and Al Clegg, TWA Forester, will be present. Some of the items which will be covered in the demonstration are how a tree grows, establishment, care of a plantation, and tree selection and pruning.

This demonstration will be conducted in a 30-year-old white pine plantation and the cost and return, per acre, will be made available. The type of information that will be presented at this demonstration will be practical and will be information you can use in managing your own forest.

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COUNTY CIRLEY PRODUCTION

Mr. W. K. Ramsey, County Production summary for Madison County indicates that the crop was off some \$45,042 pounds from that of 1959.

ASO Office Manager, Ralph W. Ramsey, said that the 1960 production data report which was completed this past week reveals that 2,894 of the 2,970 allotment farms marketed 5,023,188 pounds of tobacco from their 1960 crop whereas the records reveal that 5,368,180 pounds were marketed from the 1959 crop. Ramsey further pointed out that County's yield per acre on the 1960 crop was 2,039 pounds compared to 31-26 pounds for 1959 which indicates a drop of 117 pounds per acre. Seventy-six allotment farms failed to produce any part of their allotted acreage due to lack of plants or labor or some other reason. The County underplanted or failed to plant 108.6 acres of its allotted acreage which if converted to dollars indicates that Madison County lost approximately \$160,000.00 of its potential income from tobacco in 1960. For 1960, only three farmers chose to not voluntary dispose of their excess tobacco acreage and pay the penalty of 4¢ per pound on the excess acreage. The amount of excess acreage on these three farms was 0.22 acres and the penalty paid amounted to

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FIRST AID CLASS BEGINS MONDAY

A class in first aid will begin Monday in the office of the Community Health Red Cross Chapter in Asheville.

Miss Margaret Park, director of Junior Red Cross for the Carolinas, will conduct the course.

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CONFIRMATION

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The U.S. Forest Service announced that a lumber auction will be held Saturday morning at the Hot Springs State Forest near Madison, Tenn.

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