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MORROW FOUND GUILTY; SENT TO PENITENTIARY

Judge Godwin Wants Law More Clearly Defined On Concealed Weapons

FORMER CONGRESSMAN DENOUNCES POLICE CHIEF

Characterized The Chief Of Police As A Brutal And Inhuman Being And Calls Page King Who Resented Criticism Of Conduct Of His Department.

Marsh Morrow, motion picture theatre owner, was found guilty of disorderly conduct and carrying a concealed weapon in connection with his affair with Chief of Police U. S. Page and Patrolman W. N. Nipper in the Dunn Cafe at 11 o'clock Christmas Eve night when held before Recorder Robert L. Godwin yesterday. Appeal from the decision in each case was taken, however, and the matter will be threshed out in Superior Court at Lillington next week.

Judge Godwin's decision came on the heels of one of the most scathing denunciations of the local police department, its chief and his methods by former Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin ever heard in a local courtroom. Mr. Morrow was pictured by the retired legislator as an innocent man whose only crime was that he had dared to criticize the "king, the sovereign who ruled the city of Dunn, while he was majestically feasting on oysters." His criticism of the chief who is about to retire was as eloquent as it was bitter and he said that no man had ever been more brutally and inhumanly treated than had Mr. Morrow.

Judge Godwin's decision as to carrying the weapon concealed was reached through his belief that the law was designed to protect the carrier's adversary, it is proven that the weapon was exposed to view of everybody behind Mr. Morrow, but that it was improbable that Mr. Page—a possible adversary—could see it. The judge was careful to point this out and stated that he found Morrow guilty as a matter of law, desiring that it be carried to higher courts for an opinion that will throw light on future similar cases.

The law, as it now stands, is not specific on this point, the judge contends, and should be changed up. The case ended at 9 o'clock last night, after it had consumed two hours of an afternoon session and an hour and a half at night. Throughout the examination of witnesses and the argument of counsel the little courtroom was packed to overflowing by interested spectators who followed the evidence and argument attentively. Only once did the judge have to rap for order. That was when Hannibal Godwin reached the pinnacle of his eloquence in denouncing Page and the crowd wanted to applaud.

Although counsel for the defense asked that the case be continued to a night session of the court because of the absence of Ernest F. Young, senior counsel from the city, Judge Godwin would allow a continuance only to 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon when Solicitor N. A. Townsend insisted on immediate trial. Mr. Townsend pointed out that the case had once before been continued at the request of counsel for the defense and that, even with the absence of Mr. Young Mr. Morrow had sufficient representation in the persons of Hannibal L. Godwin, Jernigan and James Best.

When the case was called at 1:30 the defense still wanted a continuance, this time for the added reason of the absence from court of W. Blackman Lee, an important witness. However, the case proceeded.

Page Testifies
U. S. Page, chief of police, one of the arresting policemen, was the first witness called. He stated that he was seated in the cafe with Policeman Nipper, the other arresting officer, when Mr. Morrow came to their table and asked him "why in hell had he not seen 'old Hann' to arrest him this Christmas?" that he had asked Mr. Morrow if he wanted to be arrested; that Mr. Morrow stated that no "damn man" could arrest him, and that Mr. Morrow then seemed to reach toward his hip pocket.

At this juncture, Mr. Page testified, Mr. Nipper snatched a gun from Mr. Morrow's pocket and attempted to place him under arrest. Then, Mr. Page continued, Mr. Morrow "poked me in the eye and we went together." On cross examination Mr. Page stated that Mr. Morrow's gun was concealed, that Mr. Morrow had come into the cafe to kill him, that he was drunk and disorderly and resisted arrest. He would not state whether or not he had beaten Mr. Morrow over the head with a club or black-

New Bank Is Organized By Smithfield Citizens

Smithfield, Jan. 4.—When the First National Bank and the Citizens National Bank consolidated not long ago it was predicted by many that there would soon be another bank to organize and open up here. This is being done. A canvass has been made and stock has been taken for the new bank. An organization was effected. Mr. R. C. Gillette was elected president with Mr. R. L. Fitzgerald as vice-president. The directors are: A. M. Johnson, J. E. Woodall, John W. Blackman, James D. Parker and W. H. Flowers.

Dr. Peebles Loses Case Against His Wife's Sons

Dr. Peebles, veterinarian, was taxed with the costs and adjudged guilty of malicious and frivolous prosecution when two cases started against Lemon and Carson Lee, sons of his wife, were tried before Judge Robert L. Godwin in Recorder's Court yesterday. He appealed from the decision of the court, however, and will take the matter to Superior Court in Lillington next week.

The Lee boys were charged with trespassing on the land which, until Dr. Peebles married their mother—the widow Kate Lee—in November, was owned by their mother and tended by them. Dr. Peebles in the meantime has acquired title to the property. He leased it to a new tenant and forbade the boys to enter thereon. They paid little attention to his instructions. Judge Godwin ruled that they had been in possession all the while.

The boys were charged also with threatening the life of their mother. She refused to testify against her sons and stated that she felt that she had nothing to fear from them.

Morrow Takes Stand

As Mr. Page left the stand the State rested and the defense called Mr. Morrow. Although still weak from his experience with the policemen and nervous from the ailment which has given him trouble for years, Mr. Morrow told his story quietly and without hesitation.

He said he had been searching for Page and Nipper for several hours because of the disorderly conduct of a negro in his theatre, and when he saw Page and Nipper in the restaurant he went in to tell them about the trouble and remonstrate with them for their apparent inattention to duty. He admitted that he was armed with the gun Mr. Nipper is alleged to have taken from him, but stated that he had been in the habit of carrying it about with him, not concealed, ever since he had been in Dunn. Of this fact, he said, all policemen were cognizant. When he approached Mr. Page, he said, he asked him where he had been all day. The policeman, he declared, asked him who he thought was running the police department, and he replied that it looked like nobody was running it.

Shirt Blood Soaked

Then, Mr. Morrow testified, Nipper snatched his revolver and Page lunged for him. The next thing he knew he was on the floor and the policemen were beating him. He did not remember much more until he regained consciousness in the city jail. Then, he said, he was bloody and sore. He offered his shirt in evidence to show that he had bled profusely. The collar and a large part of the back of the shirt was soaked with blood.

Mr. Morrow denied that he was either drunk or disorderly or that he had attempted to start any trouble with the policemen.

Mann Norris, next witness called by the defense, stated that he was in the back yard of the cafe when Page and Nipper dragged Morrow through the back door. He testified that he heard several kicks struck and that they sounded as if they were kicks of a weapon. He said, too, that he heard Page say: "shoot him Nip, shoot him!"

Dr. Warren Testifies

Dr. E. L. Warren was called by the State to testify as to Mr. Morrow's condition. He stated that Mr. Morrow was in a dazed condition when he saw him after midnight. He had gone to the prison twice before at the instance of Mr. Morrow's friends, but could not get to him because there was no one there to let him in. Mr. Page had been found about midnight and had admitted him to the cell. Mr. Morrow, he said, was lying on the concrete floor without cover and was bloody, though not bleeding at that time. He would not say that his condition was due to liquor when the prosecution asked the question.

While Dr. Warren was testifying Deputy Sheriff Jernigan succeeded in finding Black Lee, who had been summoned by the State but was wanted by the defense. He was the next witness for the defense. He stated that he was in the cafe when Mr. Morrow

COLORED SLICKER GETS ED'S MONEY

Convinces Gus Smith He Is Old Acquaintance And Absconds With Cash

It looks as if the "city slicker" had moved to the rural sections and that the "confidence" man finds it more profitable to operate in the lair of the "come on" than he did when he waited for the easy marks to come to town. Listen to what happened to Ed Warren because Gus Smith, his Man Friday, believed a slick young negro when he told Gus that he was an old acquaintance.

Ed, who needs lots of tenants for his big farm southeast of town, is shy \$97.50 and considerable of his self esteem, and Gus is determined that the next young negro who claims his friendship shall be turned over to the police.

The trouble came about through Gus' gullibility. Last week he was walking down the road when a likely young negro called: "Hey dere, unk Gus, whar you goin'?"

Gus didn't seem to recollect that he had ever seen the man before, and he told him so. "Yes, you does, unk Gus," the fellow replied; "you knows me—ah've been to yo' place lots o' times; you knows me, James Smith—don't yo' member?"

So ingratiating was the smile and manner and so confident did the negro seem that Gus did as many a wiser man has done. He remembered well. So well that he carried his friend to see Marce Ed and recommended him very highly as a boy he had known for more than ten year, "vey smart, a hard wukker and one o' do best farmers in de country," and all of that.

Mr. Warren wanted to hire the stranger and he was willing to be hired. But there was a little matter of an account due his former landlord who lived near Clayton. So Mr. Warren gave him \$97.75. Accompanied by Gus the young negro was sent to get his stuff from the Clayton farm. At Selma, however, he deserted Gus and has not been seen since. Through the kindness of some negro friends he was given enough money to get back home. Yesterday Mr. Warren went to Clayton in search of the negro slicker, but could find no trace of him, his landlord or a large quantity of stuff he had mortgaged to him for the money advanced.

Smith-the-slicker is black, bumpy-faced, has a gold tooth, a moustache and a pleasing manner, weighs about 170 pounds and wears brown clothes. If anybody wants to make \$25 they can get it by telling Ed Warren where he is.

The Explosion Of A Still Is The Cause Of Two Deaths

Cairo, Ill., Jan. 4.—Merle Hogan, 17 years old and Gladys Hogan 9, sisters, were burned to death today in a fire which police attributed to the explosion of a still. The home of Dennis E. Hogan, father of the girls, a grocer, was destroyed. A still and several jugs of moonshine were found in the ruins. Hogan and his wife and three small children escaped.

entered. The gun was about the first thing he saw. Mr. Morrow, he said, went immediately to Page's table, leaped both his hands on its surface and began to talk in undertone to Page. He did not hear any part of the conversation between them until something was said about Hunt. Then he saw Mr. Nipper snatch the Morrow gun and say "consider yourself under arrest." Then there was a general mix up, with Mr. Morrow and the policeman on the floor. When Mr. Morrow would rise, according to Mr. Lee, he would call to him; "Black, see how they are treating me," and Page would hit him again with a club. He said that he had attempted to stop the trouble when it started but was ordered away by Nipper. He did not think Mr. Morrow drunk and was certain that he was in no way disorderly.

Nipper Corroborates Page

Theodore Vlahos, one of the owners of the Cafe, corroborated a large part of Mr. Lee's testimony, but was of the opinion that there was "something the matter with Mr. Morrow." Teddy admitted that he was frightened and did not see as much as Mr. Lee saw. J. B. Langley, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway office, stated that he had seen Mr. Morrow earlier in the evening and that he was drunk at that time. Policeman Nipper testified about the same as did Mr. Page. Messrs. Vlahos, Langley and Nipper were witnesses for the State.

Charles Lee Guy aided Solicitor Townsend in the prosecution. A recess was taken at 3:30 o'clock to permit counsel to appear in another case before a magistrate in another part of town. Argument was made in the night session.

LIQUOR BOAT CAPTAIN HAS HARD LUCK YARN FOR EAR OF KOHLOSS

If Wind Story Stands \$150,000 Worth of Liquor Will Not Be Confiscated

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—Federal Prohibition Agent R. A. Kohloss, of Salisbury, on his way home from Ocracoke, where he went Friday to cast his respects over a cargo of \$150,000 worth of liquor, dropped off today in Raleigh to tell the story which bests them all for liquor treasure.

He visited District Attorney Irvin U. Tucker's office and laid a few fragments before him. The head of the prohibition forces in the state has spent four nights getting to that liquor and away from it. He found on the "Messenger of Peace" 1,636 cases of whiskey. This means 4,144 gallons, or 16,573 quarts. This booze sells at \$12.50 a quart retail. The grand total goes well above \$150,000. The booze was captured in the Ocracoke inlet Friday when the Messenger of Peace, on its cruise to San Pierre, Nova Scotia, blew into the inlet and got stuck in the mud. The fact that the navigators were running 500 or so miles out of course was not the least embarrassing to the captain of the vessel, who explained that a storm blew him and his mates out of the ocean. The Messenger of Peace is rigged up with three masts and is very sensitive to the wind. It has an engine and can drive wherever it wishes to go. The sailors had little naphthalene which belongs to outfits which go to sea. But for all that, the men stood by the story that the anking winds blew them into North Carolina, the first state to dry by popular vote.

High Pounding Licker
When the Messenger of Peace became stuck in the mud the static began to administer on the cargo and found quite a tonnage of booze. The boat is good for about 50 tons and half its capacity was in bottled joy. There were four standard brands. Two-thirds of the whiskey was Maryland Rye by label, but there is nothing in a name. There was a goodly percentage of Irish whiskey and a limited amount of two well-known brands. Mr. Kohloss took samples of all and sent them to Washington. Observation has taught him that not all old fiddlers are Stodivariuses and not all tumble-down furniture is antique. All that smells is not pure rye made in 1918.

The Ballabury leader had his tribulations reaching the Messenger of Peace. The wind blows down there and little boats cut all sorts of didoes. The trip was made Friday night after the rail journey ended at New Bern. It is 85 miles from there to the Messenger of Peace and Mr. Kohloss finished his journey, which he continued from New Bern in a government boat without getting to the Messenger of Peace that night. A boat from Portsmouth, N. C., took him to the liquor vessel and he went aboard her. Two whites and seven blacks manned the schooner. She was a scowby ship. The whiskey on her was made in sundry parts of America. It had been consigned to San Pierre with the Bahamas Islands as a setting out point. But that awful wind came on and sent her into North Carolina.

Mr. Kohloss on investigation, found that the winds have had a habit of blowing Captain Coleman and his associates into that part of North Carolina. Hitherto the gales have been a little more considerate and have not sent the shipsmen aground. But the Messenger of Peace was not in an uncharted sea. It made itself very much at home.

Johnson Goes To Jail From Hospital Today

James Johnson, alleged slayer of Frank Stone in upper Harnett county several weeks ago, will be released from Harnett General Hospital at Lillington today and sent to Harnett jail to await trial. It is impossible that his case will be called in the criminal term of Superior Court to open in Lillington Monday.

Johnson was badly wounded at the time Stone was killed. He has been in the hospital ever since. A coroner's jury held him responsible for Stone's death. Liquor is supposed to have been at the bottom of the tragedy.

Miss Holland Recovers Suit Case Lost From Auto

A suit case lost from an automobile which was taking Miss Kathleen Holland to school at Salemburg was recovered yesterday by Detective Langley and Mrs. W. D. Holland, Miss Holland's mother, when they demanded it of a negro girl who was known to have picked it up. The girl had locked the suit case in her trunk and left home. When found by the policeman she readily agreed to give the property up, although it was evident she had attempted to evade the law.

COMMISSIONERS ASKED FOR HELP

Citizens of County Want Forests Protected Against Fire

"At a meeting of citizens representing the various districts of Harnett County, which was held in the County Court House at Lillington, Monday afternoon, January 2nd, 1922, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the cut-over forest lands of Harnett County constitute one of the important potential assets of the county;

"Whereas, periodic forest fires are converting this potential asset into a liability by destroying the young forest growth as rapidly as it establishes itself, by reducing the productive power of the soil, and by perpetuating a dangerous fire hazard;

"Whereas, the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey offer to cooperate with the Harnett County Board of Commissioners in employing and directing Forest Wardens whose duty shall be to enlist the support of the people in their respective districts in the general control preventing and extinguishing of forest and field fires and in enforcing the state forest laws;

"Whereas the said survey agrees to pay one half of the cost of employment of said Wardens providing the county will agree to pay the other half

Therefore, Be It Resolved—
That the citizens of Harnett County in meeting assembled in Harnett County Court House this second day of January, 1922, do hereby and herein respectfully petition and urge the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Harnett county to appropriate from the public funds of the county a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars to be expended in cooperation with the State Geological and Economic Survey in accordance with Chapter 28 of the Public Laws of N. C., of 1921.

"Above resolutions adopted by unanimous vote of all citizens present at meeting."

There was a general discussion of the forest fire problem as it exists throughout the State. Plans for co-operation between the Forest Protective Organizations of Camp Bragg, Eastern Moore county, Southern and Western Harnett county and the Overhills land company were agreed upon. Senator W. P. Byrd of the 14th District, Captain M. W. Tupper of Camp Bragg, H. H. Blagdon, manager of the Overhills Land Company, Bion Butler of South Carolina, J. S. Johnson of Spout Springs and H. Moller of Lillington all made interesting addresses pertinent to the forest fire problem. The necessity for taking immediate steps looking towards a control of the very destructive forest fires was emphasized by all the speakers. It was also generally agreed that the universal support and co-operation of all citizens will be necessary for success of any plan, and that the State Forest Laws should be strictly applied to people who are indifferent and careless about letting fire escape.

W. Darrow Clark, chief fire warden for the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey presided at the meeting.

"It Is To Laugh"

Preliminary arrangements have been made looking to a big spectacular home talent production, called the "Rocobud Operatic Minstrel Revue under the auspices and for the benefit of the Dunn Concert Band.

Mr. Albert J. Baker, of the Wills Music Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, will have charge of the rehearsals and a selected company of home talent singers and performers will be enlisted in the production. Mr. Baker it will be remembered, trained the "America First" production for the Daughters of the Confederacy, also "Pewhatan" Indian show.

A splendid and meritorious offering is promised, in the forthcoming production along the chosen lines of the operatic minstrelsy in which plenty of laughs will be injected along with the singing. Also a special orchestra is being organized to add to the general ensemble effect.

The date for the Operatic Minstrel Revue will be announced in a later issue.

Moonskinners Would Face A Charge Of Murder

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 4.—Attorney General Harwell G. Davis is advising all salicitors to prosecute for murder persons arrested for manufacturing liquors which caused the death of any human being. This advice is being issued on the strength of recent developments in Blount county, where a man is under arrest for the alleged manufacture and sale of liquor which is said to have caused the death of Clyde Smith.

INITIAL SURVEYS FOR LINES MADE

Carolina Company Engineers Here To Arrange For Electrical Construction

Transmission lines of the Carolina Power and Light Company will be extended to Dunn within the next month or so and the company will be ready to supply current to users here within ninety days, according to Engineer Davis, who was here this week completing a preliminary survey preparatory to beginning actual construction on the lines between Dunn and Benson.

The company will take over the operation of the local system as soon as its lines are completed and will begin the complete reconstruction of that part of the system it recently purchased from the town. Rollers and generators now in use by the town will be turned over to the company and kept in running order for a period of 5 years or until the company completes further construction of transmission lines that will assure continuous and uninterrupted service to the community. These machines will continue in the town's building until the company has no further use for them or until the expiration of the five year period.

Enter Fayetteville Avenue
The company's lines will come into town through North Fayetteville Avenue and eventually will have their terminus in a converting and distributing station some where in the northwestern quarter of town. Temporarily, however, they will be constructed to the present distributing point used by the municipality.

The company has as yet purchased no site for its big transformers, but it is understood to be negotiating with John C. Clifford for one of his lots in North Fayetteville Avenue.

Industrial Current Coming
It is expected that the company soon will be in position to supply current in any quantities for industrial purposes and many of the mill and ginners are preparing to take advantage of the economy and convenience to be offered by the service. It is not probable, however, that the

OPIE READ WILL LECTURE HERE

Coming January 18 Under Auspices Of The Woman's Club

Opie Read, novelist, traveler, lecturer, is coming to town. He will lecture here under the auspices of the Woman's Club in Metropolitan Theater on the evening of Wednesday, January 18.

It is said of him:
Opie Read is like no one else in the world. His very presence lends a strange enchantment to his stories. You may have enjoyed his books in the solitude of your library; purchased you have been stirred by his plays, or spent delightful half-hours in the reading of his clever character sketches; but unless you have sat within the sound of his voice, and heard from his own lips the quaint tales that originate in his brain, you do not fully appreciate the splendid genius of the man.

On the platform Mr. Read shines with a brilliance all his own. Everywhere he is received with enthusiasm. The indescribable witchery of his words, the charm of his voice and manner, the influence of his personality, combine to weave the magic spell that holds his hearers enthralled. One minute roaring with laughter at some humorous bit, the next staring at the speaker through hot, blinding tears, with a feeling that you will never smile again—only to break into fresh screams of laughter immediately after—you realize that this remarkable man has the power to sway his audience at will. Mr. Read is always entertaining. Mr. Read has a new lecture, "Human Nature and Police," composed for the most part of experience stories that have never been printed and never told before on the platform. He gave his lecture on a Chautauque tour last summer and the audience were all wonderfully enthusiastic.

Freacher Founded

The members of the Christian Church, out of their generous good hearts, gave their pastor a very acceptable poultice Tuesday night. Their abundant offering in the form of groceries was very gratefully received. The recipient will doubtless be happy for a while.

POLICE CHIEF NOT YET CHOSEN BY COMMISSIONERS

Two "Furriers" And A Local Applicant Cause Deadlock In Meeting

CITIZENS PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ALBERT

Commissioner Warren Believes No Man Known To Dunn Should Be Given Job—Special Meeting Called For Today—Page's Resignation Is Accepted Tuesday.

With the commissioners deadlocked over the problem of choosing a policeman to succeed U. S. Page, chief of police whose resignation was accepted Tuesday afternoon Mayor J. Lloyd Wade's suggestion that they defer the matter until Thursday afternoon was accepted by the board. Later developments have caused a further postponement until Friday night, at which time it is believed the four commissioners will be able to agree on a choice.

Three names were before the commissioners Tuesday. C. E. Stewart, of Bishopville, S. C., J. F. Strother, of Raleigh, and D. C. Albert, of Dunn, were the applicants. Commissioner Goldstein and F. A. Lee were in favor of giving the local applicant a chance. Commissioner Warren, however, was of the opinion that the position should be given to an outsider for the reason that he did not believe a local man could enforce the law with the impartiality that an outsider, who had no friends here, could. Commissioner Newberry was silent in all the languages while the discussion was going on, but when the board went into executive session he stuck to Mr. Warren's point of view.

Mr. Page, it is understood, is opposed to the appointment of Mr. Albert and is championing the candidacy of Mr. Stewart.

A petition signed by many of Dunn's leading citizens advocating the appointment of Mr. Stewart, is being circulated in sufficient quantities to operate their plans until the company builds its contemplated trunk lines to its hydro plants farther south. This, it is understood, will be done as soon as it is practicable.

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Kirkpatrick To Speak For Chamber of Commerce

Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, will deliver an address before members of the Chamber of Commerce and citizens of Dunn generally in the annual meeting of the chamber next Wednesday night. Colonel Kirkpatrick is president of the Charlotte chamber of commerce and was mayor of Charlotte several years ago. He is one of the State's most active workers for good roads and for the general progress of the State.

Virginia Counties Richest In The United States

Newport News, Va., Jan. 4.—Accomac and Northampton counties of Virginia are the richest counties for their size in the United States, according to figures which have been compiled by Henry M. Taylor, of the United States Bureau of Crop Estimates. The value of crops in Northampton county per acre is \$122.72 and in Accomac \$121.24.