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KU KLUX VICTOR IN COURT BATTLE AT COUNTY SEAT

State Unable To Prove Case
Against Alleged Members
Of Mob

JUDGE LECTURES Venerable Jurist Gives Anderson Creek Community Bibli- cal Advice

By W. T. Boat
(In Greensboro News)
Lillington, Nov. 21. — Common-
wealth and invisible empire fought it
out here today and the powers of
darkness won.

The state could not persuade
Judge Oliver Allen that there was
even probable cause for holding
Leonard D. J. and Walter West,
whom N. K. Thornton identified as
two of the men who flogged him Mon-
day night preceding the election. The
feeble alibi of the youngsters was
almost as strong as the evidence of
the sardonic tenant, who admitted
absenting himself from church some-
times and drinking a little liquor oc-
casional. Either decision of the ju-
rist, that to discharge or that to hold,
would have been understandable. The
state was shy of unimpeachable testi-
mony.

Nevertheless, the state showed that
in Anderson's Creek township, near
the Harnett-Cumberland line, there
is a rampant band of sanctified regu-
lationists led by a preacher who eas-
ily harmonizes the terrorizing of wo-
men and children and discipleship of
his Lord, Parson W. C. Dowd hasn't
been accused in court of leading the
the Ku Klux raids on Anderson's un-
dermines; but he has been fixed as a
forerunner of the holy ghosts whose
nocturnal apparitions make country
life hideous for the residents of that
shirt-ridden territory.

Parson Dowd's Habits
In a word, parson Dowd has had a
habit, so witnesses testified, of turn-
ing up a few minutes ahead of the
masked mob, warning folks here and
folks there, that there is trouble a-
head or there is not. When Mrs.
Thornton's home was visited the par-
son was present. The woman was
frightened half to death, the children
were worse terrified. But no word
came from the preacher to the three
following his unexpected pastoral visit.
Judge Allen in a long homily on
righteousness as he dismissed the con-
gregation, said it would have been a
fine time to lead a prayer service
and told how the Rev. John N. Cole
melted the heart of a country har-
vester by helping the liquor fellow
to roll a barrel of booze on a wagon
from which it had fallen. The Rev.
Mr. Dowd bowed broadly as Judge
Allen preached. But the parson, if
he forgot his religion too much to
pray did not remember to take up
collection, so the lapses balance.

The evidence offered by the state
showed that Monday night Thornton's
home was visited, he was enticed out
by a story that the men needed help
on their automobile. He came out
with lantern, they seized him, covered
his head with a coat, handcuffed him,
drove off with him, stripped him of
his trousers and beat him. They then
set him back in the road, told him to
run, shot at him and drove off. The
little farmer said he recognized Leon-
ard Wood, eighteen-year old son of
Rev. Mr. Wood, and Walter West.
The only excuse offered for this
boasting was that Thornton didn't go
to church and fooled with liquor. He
said he had not been attending Rev.
Mr. Wood's church but his daughter
taught Sunday school there. He also
testified that he drove some of the
Dowd contingent off one night at 11
o'clock after he discovered that they
were at his home spying on him and
setting a trap for him.

B. G. Gaiety Beaten Twice
B. G. Gaiety was sworn. He was
beaten twice Sunday night. The first
flogging was preceded by church talk,
by demand that he tell where a cer-
tain still was. He denied any knowl-
edge of it and was whipped. He
stood out that he knew nothing and
was whipped again. There were about
nine automobiles which visited him,
he said, perhaps 80 people in them.
All were masked in the regulation
Ku Klux robe. Dr. J. W. Halford who
examined the witness said he was very
brutally beaten. The fellow could
hardly walk today. This occurred
Sunday night last.

This beating seems to have grown
out of an organized effort to break
up the hearing today.

Various persons were visited by
the robed regulators and told that
unless the indictments which Thor-
nton swore out against Dowd and West
were withdrawn others would be vis-
ited. Mrs. Thornton testified that the

klanmen had been preceded by P.
A. Canady and W. C. Dowd who
apprised her and others that the
younger Dowd and West did not beat
Thornton but others of the clan did
and the warrants must be withdrawn.
The state had indicted Canady along
with West and Dowd, but withdrew
its charge before the investigation
had gone very far. It was seeking to
show conspiracy on Canady's part.

Calls Lawyer Liar
Mrs. Thornton gave the court a
little excitement when Attorney
James Best appearing for the defend-
ants examined her as to her habits.
She denied that her husband was un-
kind to her and paid tribute to his in-
dustry. He has made 22 bales of cot-
ton this year. "You and your husband
have the reputation of selling liquor,"
Mr. Best asked.

"You are a liar," the woman snap-
ped. Judge Allen made her take it
back and she made thereafter a treat-
able and intelligent witness. She said
the masked crowd speaking through
one of its members said the boys in-
dicted had nothing to do with the
beating. She quoted Preacher Wood
as another of the statement that the
mob had said there would be trouble
if the warrants were not withdrawn.

For the defense the boys offered
their own families and Canady's tes-
timony to prove that they worked
Monday before election and retired
early that evening. Thornton was
beaten about 10 o'clock at night, but
Gaiety was visited Sunday afternoon
two hours before sunset and whipped
by the robed clan.

The boys denied belonging to any
klan and said that they had heard
nothing of the flogging given Thor-
nton until Thursday following the
Monday night visit. Rev. Wood tes-
tified to the same facts.
The state did not develop the fact
that the law and order league was
engineered by the Dowds, Canadys
and Wests. But the preacher has had
a sort of raiding permit. He isn't
a deputy sheriff but he participates
in raids and has something of the
prerogatives of a deputy. The theory
of the state has been that the thugs
who have been beating suspects out
there are not real klanmen but im-
porters, but Judge Allen leans to the
opinion that these are imported
klanmen as there is no organization
in Harnett.

Newer Lane Road
There is a strange thing about
them. They never fail to visit the
right place. The road to these ten-
ants' houses are devious and no or-
dinary traveler could reach the ob-
jectives without great trouble. That
convinces the state of the local lead-
ership furnished. The state was con-
fident that Thornton had named the
right men and more convinced when
it developed the organized conspiracy
to free the accused fellows.

The klanmen ran in uncommon
luck twice. They went to the home
of John Hudson, parked numerous
automobiles in his yard, called him
out but found him sick. That hap-
pened the night that Thornton was
beaten. They came back again Sun-
day night, last, and he was gone.
They notified Mrs. Hudson that her
husband was helping to prosecute
Dowd and West, and that these war-
rants must be withdrawn. They would
not stop when she informed them that
her husband was away; they ransack-
ed the house and made a complete
examination of it. Hudson is a man
who would use a gun. Had he been
there, somebody would have been
marked and the state would have had
indisputable evidence.

When Judge Allen began lecturing,
he said he had allowed great latitude,
because he wanted the community to
get a picture of itself. It was a ter-
rible place.
He was sorry that it is so terrible
as to call for masked regulators. He
thought these men very wrong to
take Sunday afternoon for these de-
monstrations. They ought to be hold-
ing prayer meetings, ought to be
thinking of Christ. Brother Dowd was
nodding assent; he certainly must
have thought the judge was on his
side.

Wants Crime Made Felony
The judge thinks running a still
should be a felony. If made such a
violation would not run when a re-
venger spots him because the spotter
must be more stringent laws govern-
ing the liquor business. Sheriffs such
as Harnett's J. W. McArthur could
break up booze with the right sort
of laws, he said. He was against any
leniency for first offenders in liquor
crime.

But beating up men is awful, he
declared. "I wish the preacher in
that crowd had said, take off your
masks and let us pray," the judge
sorrowfully mused. "We have got to
get something of Christ in this busi-
ness," he continued, and Parson
Wood bowed a bunch of uncouth
amen.

WOMAN'S CLUB PLANS MEMORIAL TO DEAD OF WAR

Will Honor Those Who Fell in
Service Of The
Nation

TO BUILD FOUNTAIN Proceeds From Home Talent Musical Production To Go Toward Fund

Some little time after April, 1917,
eight young men of Dunn and its
environs, along with some hundreds
of others, marched away to make the
world safe for those things that the
German armies threatened. The some
hundreds of others came back, but
the eight never did. They were Wal-
ter K. Barefoot, Jesse Avery, Julius
A. Wade, Radford Smith, John P.
Draughon, Charles Johnson, Billy Wa-
ters and William Jones.

Some of these rest in Flanders
Fields; some died in hospitals; the
bodies of others have been returned
to their native soil. Dunn remembers
all, seeming yet to see their vigorous
young bodies as they marched away
to war; to hear their laughter and
to enjoy their smiles. It was but a
little while ago that they left to lay
their young lives as sacrifices upon
the altar of human liberty.

But, they are gone. Left to the
community is only the memory of
their sacrifice and the short lives they
lived.

Just before his death on the field
of glory, Lieutenant Colonel John
McCrac wrote of these boys and the
thousands who, like them, made the
supreme sacrifice for country in his
immortal poem—"In Flanders Field."

In Flanders Field the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row.
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days of
our lives,
We lived, we loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Field.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you, from falling hands, we throw
The Torch. Be yours to lift it high.
If you break faith with those who die;

We shall not sleep, though poppies
blow
In Flanders Field.

After the gallant McCrac had fal-
len Meins Michael replied with this:

Oh you who sleep in Flanders Fields:
Sleep sweet to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw,
And holding high
We kept the faith with those who
died.

We cherish too the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal in the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the
dead
In Flanders Field.

And now the torch and poppy red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear naught that ye have died for
naught;
We have learned the lesson that ye
taught
In Flanders Field.

Now, four years after peace has
come to America, Dunn, through its
Woman's Club, seeks to build a me-
morial to its boys who fell. This me-
morial, Mrs. J. Lloyd Wade said this
morning, is to be a drinking fountain
which is to stand forever as a monu-
ment to these valiant boys.

To raise funds for this memorial
the club is to stage a series of home
talent plays. The first is to come
next Monday and Tuesday nights—
"My Uncle from Japan," an excellent
musical production which is to be
seen in Municipal Theatre. The pro-
ceeds from this production are to be
applied to the memorial fund.

Write a card to the editor, agri-
cultural extension service, Raleigh,
N. C., for a copy of circular 123.
It tells how to feed hogs for pro-
fit. W. W. Shay prepared it from
the results secured by farmers in
hog feeding demonstrations.

But nobody did pray and the
preacher never thought to call off the
terrorists when women and children
were crying at their presence.
Meanwhile, Harnett is torn up in
Anderson's and somebody is going to
get hurt out there.

CONTEST CLOSES NEXT WEEK; FIVE MORSE DAYS LEFT

Drive Comes to End At 5
O'clock Wednesday

WHO IS WINNER? This Will Not Be Known Until Judges Count Ballots From Sealed Box

In just five days the workers in
the Dunn Dispatch subscription
campaign will be ordered for their
months faithful work in boosting the
circulation of this paper. At exactly
eight o'clock Wednesday evening
the campaign will be officially
closed and no more subscriptions ac-
cepted. The closing hour, the judges
appointed to count the votes will take
complete charge of the records and
after carefully counting the votes of
each and every candidate will ther-
award the prizes.

A sealed ballot box will be in-
tallied at the campaign headquarters,
in the Chamber of Commerce and sub-
scriptions can be placed in the box
any time before 5 P. M. Wednes-
day evening. Canadys should take
care and see that the subscription
envelope corresponds to no votes will
be issued on subscriptions without the
money, or money without subscrip-
tions.

No checks of any kind will be ac-
cepted during the last three days and
if any candidate desired a check in
payment of a subscription she should
have the check made payable to her-
self and cashed before placing in the
box. There can be no exceptions made
to this rule and no votes will be issued
on any subscription not accompanied
by checks.

The main campaign has been
asked around Dunn for the past
month as to who will win the
drive will be known Wednesday
evening when the judges count
all the votes and award the prizes
in the most interesting and hard fought
race ever before staged in this sec-
tion of the state.

The battle has been hard fought all
the way through and the ones who
win the best prizes are indeed to be
congratulated as they have been op-
posed by most industrious and ener-
getic workers. A hectic battle was
looked for from the first, but no one
imagined that all the above candidates
would finish the race, and make a bid
for the capital prize right up to the
very finish of the drive.

The campaign has been a success in
the number of subscribers that have
been added to the list, the mailing list
of the Dunn Dispatch having been
the new subscribers being in the Dunn
trading territory, thus greatly en-
hancing the value of the Dispatch as
an advertising medium to its adver-
tising patrons. This has been made pos-
sible by the strenuous efforts put
forth by the different candidates. The
Dispatch is now in a better position
to serve Dunn, the Dunn District and
its merchants. The campaign was in-
augurated not for monetary gain, but
simply used as a means of making
the advertising columns of the paper
more valuable to the home mer-
chants.

It is to the interest of a candidate
to try and get as many of those who
have given him or her a subscription
previously in the campaign to give
another. If a candidate secures an
additional subscription from a sub-
scriber who has paid before, then the
second subscription will count on the
vote period that the original subscrip-
tion was taken. Thus if a subscriber
took the Dispatch during the opening
period and now gives a second sub-
scription to the same candidate, then
the second subscription would simply
be a continuation of the original sub-
scription, and no matter when taken
would entitle the candidate to as many
bonus votes as the same subscription
originally entitled her to. However, a
candidate must mark "second sub-
scription" on the receipt stub and
give the date of her report on which
the original subscription appears. This
rule is fully covered in rule
number 11 in the original "Rules and
Conditions" published in the opening
announcement of the campaign. The
full paragraph governing this ruling
reads as follows: "A subscription once
taken in by a member and extend-
ed at any time during the campaign
or drive beyond the time it was origi-
nally turned in for will have the
same value as though the full sub-
scription has been turned in origi-
nally, provided the subscription order
is marked 'Second Sub.' and date of

the subscription is given."
The selector of Messrs. Herbert
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Bank; T. V. Smith, president of the
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good winners. If they win, or grate-
fully losers; if they fail to win the
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cannot be winners, and the few re-
maining days will decide just who
will drive away in the automobiles.
A subscription lost now may be the
difference in a large prize, and a small
one, so get exceedingly busy and
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Greatest Mother Summons Her Children The Service of All Mankind



An allegorical concept of the Red Cross as a peace-time ideal is em-
ployed by the American Red Cross in a new and striking poster for its
Annual Red Cross Roll Call. Spread out before the viewer is a map of the
outline of the United States with a Red Cross superimposed upon it while
around its borders are sketched scenes depicting the chief activities of the
Red Cross today—service to disabled veterans of the World War, disaster
relief and promotion of the public health. The poster is the work of
Lawrence Wilbur, a New York artist and will be displayed throughout the
country during the enrollment of the Red Cross membership for 1923.

ASSOCIATION CALLS ALL COTTON OUT

Board of Directors Instructs Officers
To Procure Contract
For Cotton

Members of the North Carolina Cot-
ton Growers' Co-operative Associa-
tion, in order that arrangements may
be made for the second advance of
\$25 a bale which the board of direc-
tors has set for December 15.
The board has instructed the offi-
cers of the Association to take legal
action against members of the Asso-
ciation who have willfully violated
their contracts, and it is announced
that this will be done as soon as the
data has been collected. It is not
believed by the officers of the Asso-
ciation that there has been any con-
siderable number of willful violators
of contracts.

Cotton continues to be delivered
at almost the same daily average as
in October, and this constant stream
of cotton coming into the Association
has been a remarkable achievement
on the part of the co-operatives. The
members of the Association have
done their part by giving their loyal
support to those charged with the
sale of cotton, officers declare.

The cotton co-operatives have been
greatly handicapped during the rush
season because of lack of adequate
quarters in which to work. The
headquarters staff moved last week
into its permanent quarters in Ra-
leigh and is now engaged in clearing
up the mass of work in connection
with the handling of many thousands
of cotton.

The rush season for deliveries is
expected to continue until well
through December, officers state.

constant report listing original
subscription is given."
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SANTA CLAUS HERE FOR PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF FIELD

Little Gentleman Pleased With
Behavior Of Kids Dur-
ing Year

VISITS TOY SHOPS Interviews Professor Snipes To Check Up On Department Of Children

Santa Claus has made his annual
visit to Dunn preliminary to his visit
on Christmas Eve.
The retired little gentleman, who
ever seems to grow older, was in
a merry mood when he came in to
pay his respects to The Dispatch staff
and he was pleased with the deport-
ment of his little friends who are to
be recipients of the many gifts he
is planning to bring them on the night
of the winter solstice are due to grace
through the air to chimney tops over
the country side.

While here he paid a secret call
on Professor W. S. Snipes, super-
intendent of the schools, in an effort
to learn who are the bad little boys
and girls who are old enough to go to
school. He looked over the report
book of all of them. On some he
found some marks that were not
at all pleasing, but he promised to
investigate all previous bad marks
should subsequent ones prove good.

The old fellow said he was planning
to make the coming Christmas one of
the best and merriest since the war.
He quickly times experienced by the
city during the last two or three
years have affected his domain, too.
During these years Santa has been
hard up. He was not able to do near
so well by his little friends as he
wanted to, but this year he shared in
the prosperity which has come to the
rest of the country. There is every
indication that every stocking this
year will be filled to the brim.
Santa looked over the great stock
of toys and gifts in the toy shops.

The top department of the Dunn
Drug Company store and was more
than pleased with the hundreds of
pretty, useful and amusing things
there.

Santa denied that he had discarded
his faithful reindeer in favor of an
aeroplane. "The ships of the air," he
said, "are too dangerous for an old
fellow like me. They have a way of
falling to the earth, and where would
all the toys be if I were to fall on
Christmas Eve. My faithful old Fran-
cer and Dancer and the rest of the
steeds which draw my sleigh are get-
ting old, but they still are vigorous
and willing to make the long trip.
Without them I wouldn't want to be
Santa Claus anymore."

Santa left yesterday for his home
within the Arctic Circle, where he
will spend the next month in prepara-
tion for his coming to Dunn on De-
cember 24. He asked the Dispatch to
tell all of his little friends that he
would be on the job and on time this
year.

MRS. STEPHENS HOSTESS

One of the prettiest parties of the
season was given last Tuesday after-
noon by Mrs. L. C. Stephens when
she entertained the members of her
club and a host of other friends.

The home always attractive was
decorated throughout reception hall,
living room and parlor with silver
and crystal baskets of yellow chrys-
anthemums, ferns and other potted
plants. Dr. Day hand-painted place
cards marked places for guests at
right tables of progressive bridge and
cock. After several interesting games
the hostess assisted by her sister,
Mrs. Pittman, served delicious salad
and ice cream and mints. A color
scheme of yellow and white was car-
ried out in refreshments and decora-
tions.

Club members present were Mes-
dames Arthur Pope, Harper Holiday,
George McKay, Wm. Fennell, Dar-
ham Taylor, Goddard, David Fennell,
Eunette Thompson, Herbert Taylor,
Carl Pittchett, Benson, Carl Bare-
foot, R. L. Denning and H. M. Pitt-
man.

Other guests enjoying Mrs. Step-
hens' hospitality included Mesdames
N. A. Townsend, Nathan Johnson, E.
O. Snipes, Mattie, Lloyd Wade, J.
S. Butler, Wm. Thompson, John Fin-
gerald, Oscar Strickland, W. E. Cel-
trane, Ernest Jeffreys, Goldstein, E.
O. Townsend, W. S. Snipes, Homer
Freeman, J. J. Lane, Earl Barefoot,
Jesse Fennell and Mrs. G. M. Tigh-
man.

It's foolish to hitch a cow to a
plow because it has under work to
do. Animals do all kinds of other
work, when fed on Purina Cow Chow
from L. F. Surles.