

Juke Joint Murder Case Among Others Tried in Court

By Helen Caldwell Cushman
In an atmosphere thick with flying coke bottles and brandished cut-throats, on a Sunday night in a juke joint near Charity, Henry Bernon Carr was charged by the state to have shot and killed John Edgar Carroll. In Superior Court here this week the state charged second degree murder, the defense entered a plea of not guilty. Attorneys for the defendant, Rivers Johnson and Walker Stevens, brought out on cross examination, the fact that the defendant had come into the place to get a coke, that a gang of men were fighting and threw bottles at the defendant

when he came in. He shot into the crowd to break it up trying to get away. After a consultation, the defense changed its plea to manslaughter. The defendant was sentenced to three years, sentence suspended, and he was placed on probation if he would pay the sum of \$1500 and costs, the money to be paid in three installments to family of dead man.
In the case of the State versus William MacCalop, the defendant was judged guilty of killing his wife, Mary MacCalop on the 28th of October, 1951. His attorneys, Vance Gavin and Rivers Johnson,

entered a plea of 2nd degree murder, and the defendant was sentenced to serve 30 years at hard labor.
The last murder case on the court calendar for the first week was that of the State versus Johnny James who was alleged to have killed Willie James Walls on the 5th of August, 1951. The defense brought out evidence that there was heavy drinking going on, that a fight had ensued, and the defendant was sentenced to 15 years at hard labor.

that the defendant had been robbed, and that Hugh Marlow had received the money he had extracted from the defendant when he was drunk at a barbecue stand. The verdict—not guilty.
The court adjourned until Monday, April 16th.
Helen Cushman, Court Reporter

Deaths

MRS. DEBBIE AIKENS FIGFORD
Mrs. Debbie Aikens Figford, age 80, widow of the late W. S. Figford died at the home of her daughter Mrs. James Hall near Kenansville early Tuesday morning after having been in declining health for the past eight years and two weeks of serious illness.
Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Hall by Rev. K. D. Brown of Burgaw and Rev. Lloyd Vernon of Mt Olive. Burial was in the Golden Grove Cemetery in Kenansville.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James Hall of Kenansville, Mrs. Estol Hudson of Clinton, two sons, Charlie Martin of Wallace and Lee Martin of Rose Hill. Thirteen grand children and seven great grand children.

Never Underestimate CONTINUED FROM FRONT
informed, they know quite well how to vote to assure the death of corruption on the local, state and national level,— and how to cut through the red tape that political machines have set up to get to the facts.

From the initial devotions conducted by the Reverend J. T. Hayter, Jr., of Kenansville to the concluding address by the Reverend R. C. Klontz of Hickory, the same theme echoed and re-echoed. From the County achievement reports to the impressive resolutions unanimously adopted, you knew these women had a program, a long range plan, and they have no intention of being dissuaded from their devout purposes. Let me give you an example of what they have already done. These women recognize that the happiness of the home depends on well-adjusted family relations, a sunny emotional climate, formed a family life and community council, devoted three months to programs dealing with family relations, held teen age panel discussions, insisted that they be provided with a person trained in child-welfare,—and go her. Feeling the need for a deeper cultural background in their homes, these women are studying music appreciation, demanding music education in their public schools, and are themselves participating in music, forming groups like the Duplin County H.D.C. Choir with its 45 members.

You think these women are dissatisfied. You bet they are. Just examine one of the resolutions they passed. "Therefore, be it resolved, that we study all the candidates for our county, state and national offices and exercise our influence to go to the polls and vote." These women love their homes and their State and their country. And to them the State motto "To be rather than to seem" means that literally. Note this well, gentlemen, and be prepared for a relentless scrutiny of your record in office.

Our Death

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cross.
Easter satisfies the deepest longings and highest aspirations of the human soul. The resurrection is the basis of an inextinguishable hope, and a blessed assurance that "This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (1 Cor. 15:54)
Easter confirms the conviction that love, love of God, and love of those "whom we have loved and lost for awhile," is something impish which the ravages of time and the annihilation of space need not affect; "For I am per-

suaded that neither death, nor life, nor angles, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:38-39.

Lions To Help Kids Play Ball

The Lions Club of Kenansville met Wednesday evening, April 8th, at 7:30 at Roscoe Jones Cafe. Lions Craft, Phillips, Kelly, Bell, Jackson, Weeks, McPhail, McCullen, Grady, Nicholson, McKay, Jones, Scott, Reynolds, Bowden and Ingram were present and Z. W. Frazeille reported. Lion Pot Craft presided. Since the secretary was absent, the minutes were dispensed with. Pot Craft introduced the speaker, Mrs. Helen Caldwell Cushman who spoke on the need for organized play for young people in our town. She asked the Lions to help the local boys clear a baseball field at the rear of the Bowden house. They have already done as much as they can without some help in equipment to fill in rough spots in the infield. Mrs. Cushman read "Casey at the Bat" The Lions moved to get behind the Kenansville kids and help them develop a baseball team and get the diamond ready. Lion McPhail told the club that he had helped the boys, and confirmed the need for help, and suggested that the Lions might help boys organize a team to play in the American Legion League. A committee composed of Lions McPhail, Bowden and Elmore Bell was appointed to investigate and report back at next meeting, and was authorized to buy wire for a backstop.

Rambling in Duplin

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so much they were anxious to see it. When we got there they wanted to get out, but I knew better, knowing how they like swimming. They are anxious for hot weather to get here so they can go back.
We toured the town of Rose Hill, and the yards are beautiful with the iris, tulips, azaleas, hydrangeas, dogwoods and other flowers in full bloom. Rose Hill is rapidly building and it boasts two new churches. Mount Zion Presbyterian Church was burned last year but the people were not defeated. The members got busy and rebuilt it. The church is built of split face Ohio sandstone in the traditional Gothic Style of Scottish parish churches. It is located on a corner lot and is lovely with its evergreen shrubbery and beautiful green grass. The other churches in Rose Hill, Methodist and Baptist, are outstanding too.

On the way home we rode by my old home place, a farm between Rose Hill and Magnolia. What wonderful memories flashed to my mind as I looked over the spacious fields and the house where I was born. There have been a number of changes made. I could still remember picking violets on the ditch banks, riding the mules, playing hide-and-seek in the pea fields and watermelon patches, and I tried to dress up in high heel shoes and play "tom boy" all at the same time. I can tell you it didn't work. You see, I climbed on top of a tobacco barn, with high heels on, and fell off. I had no serious injuries, just got the wits scared out of me and it definitely taught me a lesson. What a wonderful time one can have on a farm.

When we got home the children and I had had an enjoyable trip. I enjoyed having them go with me, because they noticed things that I wouldn't have and made me appreciate them more.

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Judge Grady Holding Court This Week, Next

The April term of superior court convened on Monday, April 7th, with Judge Henry Grady presiding. Solicitor Walter Britt presented a full docket of cases to the court. The first jury case was that of Frank Herring indicted by the lower court on five counts of possessing, manufacturing, and aiding and abetting the manufacture of illegal non tax-paid liquor. Attorney L. A. Wilson appeared for the defense. The jury found him guilty on two counts, and the court sentenced him to 36 months in jail to work on roads, the sentence suspended, and the defendant placed on five years probation with a fine of \$250.00 and costs.

Among other cases disposed of were Walter Respass, charged with breaking and entering, evidence was introduced that he "just stumbled in while drunk", and he was fined \$50.00 and costs.
The case of Earl Cherry had a new angle. He was charged with operating a horse-drawn vehicle while intoxicated. Vance Gavin appeared for the defense. The defendant was given a six months suspended sentence and put under five years probation to remain sober.

Simon Chasten, accused of assault with a dangerous weapon, sentence and fined \$100.00.
The divorce action of Polly Lane Taylor from Rufus Farrior Taylor on the grounds of two years separation was uncontested and granted.

The case of Willie L. Simpson, Jr., charged by the state with assault on a female was dismissed with the admonition that if he got in trouble again, he would be sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary.
Raymond Kornegay, charged with carnal knowledge, was given a suspended sentence upon payment of \$150.00 for the use and benefit of Edna Everett.

The state charged Johnny Howard Evans on two counts of larceny and receiving. The court ordered that the two cases be consolidated and that the defendant be sentenced to 18 months on the road.

Assault with Intent to Kill

The charge against Willie, Jr., White. He was released upon payment of \$100.00 and costs.
Cases 3793 and 3794 were concerned with James McCalop and Katie Mae Henderson both charged with fornication and adultery. They entered a plea of guilty and were given a suspended sentence of 18 months in jail, and put on probation for five years and told to stay away from each other.

Leslie Devaux pled guilty to a charge of larceny of a \$2300 Ford Station Wagon, and was sentenced to 90 days on road.
There were several cases involving careless and reckless driving. Drunken driving, operating a car under the influence of liquor. Rivers Johnson appeared as attorney for the defense in the case of Earl Flavis Stroud, charged with careless and reckless driving,— verdict, not guilty. The court sustained the judgement entered by Judge Phillips in the case of Herman Thompson, and he was fined \$150.00 and costs. Carl Basden, charged with public drunkenness and property damage drew a 12 months sentence suspended upon payment of \$150.00 to Roy Dunn.

William Mathis was found guilty of careless and reckless driving, and sentence was suspended upon payment of \$40.00 and costs to Mrs. Viola Quinn. Dallas Lorenzo Ritter charged with operating under the influence had his driving license suspended, and was fined \$100.00. Alfred F. Coston charged with hit and run driving was sentenced to jail for 15 months to work on roads, sentence suspended and placed on probation for 5 years defendant to pay costs and repair bill.
Kenneth Tilman, a veteran of three years service, pled his own case of larceny by trickery and fraud. The accusing witness did not bring out on questioning that the defendant had paid a down payment of \$550.00, or that the car had been repossessed, and claimed an amount of \$1050.00 still due. When new evidence was disclosed by the attorneys who were called in after the jury had rendered a verdict of guilty, Norwood Boney and W. E. Craft, the court sentenced the defendant to jail for five years, sentence not to become operative if he paid costs and sum of \$450.00 to Duplin Motors, and on condition that he leave the state within 30 days and not return for ten years.

The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty in the case of Eddie Lee Smith charged with the possession of non-tax paid whiskey and transporting non-tax paid whiskey. They evidently agreed with the defense attorney that it would be hard for the state's witness to smell whiskey at a distance of 150-200 yards.
The last case tried by the court before it adjourned was one of the most interesting. Jeff Alphin and his son, J. D. Alphin, Jr., were accused by the state of assault and larceny. The attorney for the defense, Norwood Boney, introduced evidence that completely refuted the testimony of Mr. Marlowe, the witness for the state, who charged that the defendant had robbed him of \$130.00 and beaten him, that he was sober while the young defendant was drunk. His story changed as he told it each time. The defense introduced evidence

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