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Jury Refers Huggins 'Misuse' Case To UNC; Sparrow Gets 30 Years

Hillsboro — Ira Sparrow, the aged Orange County citizen who two months ago, shot and killed his wife, Rhoda, in her bedroom of their home in the New Hope community, was sentenced to 30 years in prison here yesterday by Judge Clawson Williams after he had pled guilty to second degree murder.

Judge Williams in his sentence ordered that Sparrow be given a mental examination immediately upon his commitment to the State penitentiary.

The State presented only the evidence of Deputy Sheriff Frank Maddry who was called to the scene by neighbors and placed Sparrow under arrest. Defense Attorney Bonner D. Sawyer in his remarks to the court agreed that that was the case and offered no testimony for his client. Maddry said Sparrow told him he thought he saw a man in the bedroom with his wife.

Robert Lee, the accused killer of the 71-year-old Chapel Hill spinster, Miss Rachel Crook, on an abandoned road near New Hope Church on August 29, was arraigned on a first degree murder charge Monday afternoon and attorneys immediately requested an obtained a continuance until the March term of Superior Court.

A North Carolina statute prevents trial of a defendant on a capital offense at the same term of court in which he is indicted if he objects.

Lee's attorney, Bonner D. Sawyer of Hillsboro, asked for the continuance, speaking to Judge Clawson Williams in the following manner:

"This is a serious matter. A man's life is at stake. We have done some work on this case, but we have had to fit the case in with our other practice of law. We feel the need to further investigate the case and in view of the seriousness of it, we're not in a position to try this case."

Following the arraignment ceremony—necessary in capital cases—Judge Williams ordered Lee back to his jail cell without bond.

In other cases heard during the early part of the session, William E. Stallings, Floyd Allen and Joe Glenn pled guilty to forcible trespass in a theft case and were each given 12 months sentences suspended and placed on three years probation upon payment of \$50 fines and cost of court. Cornwall Riggsbee got 18 months to three years and Mack Patterson got three to five years in another theft case.

In civil actions, Eva B. Markham was granted \$60 per month alimony from her husband Garland E. Markham and the following divorces were granted: Dorothy Blake McLeod from Charles Howard McLeod; Evelyn Lynn Farrington from James-R. Farrington; and Viola Cates Burton from William Bill Burton.

Chapel Hill Selects LeGrand Attorney

Chapel Hill — John Q. LeGrand has been elected town attorney by the Board of Aldermen of Chapel Hill, effective January 1.

LeGrand will succeed C. P. Hinshaw, who has held the dual post of town attorney and municipal court prosecutor for many years. Hinshaw asked the Board to relieve him as town attorney at the end of the current month because of ill health. He will continue as the town prosecutor.

Hinshaw's request for relief was accepted immediately by the Board, who directed that the Town Manager prepare a letter of thanks to the retiring attorney for his long service.

The positions of town attorney and court prosecutor have been the subject of study by an Aldermanic committee for several weeks. Recently, the town has had to hire outside legal counsel to handle a number of matters, including defense of court suits against the town.

LeGrand, who is prosecutor of the Orange County Recorders Court, moved to Chapel Hill from Wilmington several years ago. He is a former member of the General Assembly from New Hanover county and is a member of the University Board of Trustees.

In other actions, the Board reversed the stop sign now at the intersection of Ransom and McCauley streets, making the full stop on McCauley, and authorized a stoplight at Highway 54 and Country Club Road.

Guidance Plan To Be Presented As Teacher Project

Hillsboro — Teachers at the Hillsboro and Aycock schools will be given another opportunity to vote on their choice of some project for school improvement under the Kellogg School Improvement Program in which the county is participating.

As result of a conference held here Monday attended by Dr. Gordon Ellis of the University of North Carolina, Superintendent G. Paul Carr, Principals G. A. Brown of Hillsboro and Robert Isley of Aycock, and Supervisor of Instruction Mrs. Irene Pender, a project on "Child Guidance" will be explained to the teachers for their acceptance or rejection as a major improvement project. Meetings with the teachers during which Dr. Ellis will speak, will be held on January 3 at Hillsboro and January 7 at Aycock.

FINDINGS

Hillsboro — The Grand Jury reported its committee visited the Hillsboro School this week and found:

1. Exposed live wire at junction box in corridor of second floor grammar grades.
2. Numerous window glasses broken.
3. Overhead pipes sweating and dripping on tables in lunchroom.
4. Poor lighting in lunchroom.
5. Windows in lunchroom needed cleaning.
6. Rain water leaking through flue openings in kitchen.
7. Broken stairsteps from lunchroom.
8. Loose stair rails.

Christmas Seal Contributions Are Lagging

Hillsboro — Less than 50 percent of the goal has been received thus far in the annual TB Christmas Seal campaign in progress in Hillsboro during the past two weeks.

Campaign Treasurer R. J. Smith and Chairman Ira Ward said local response this year is considerably slower than in previous years and urged that county residents buy and use the Christmas seals that were mailed out on November 26. While Christmas Seals make colorful attractive decorations, it is more important to realize, they point out, that each Christmas Seal carries a special message of health. Every Christmas Seal on a piece of mail shows that the sender is behind the work of the Orange County Tuberculosis Association in its efforts to stamp out tuberculosis in this county.

"The association appeals only once a year for funds to finance the tuberculosis control program in Orange County — through the Christmas Seal Sale," said Ward.

The mobile X-Ray unit which makes its stops throughout the county many times during the year found many cases of tuberculosis in Orange County during 1951. These cases have been hospitalized where they are making speedy recovery and are no longer spreading the disease to others. The sale of Christmas Seals will enable the local Association to continue this vital work during 1952.

"Dear Empty Stocking" — — — —

"Dear Empty Stocking, I want to thank you very much for the gift you sent us for Christmas. It will help a lot to see the eyes light up on Christmas morn. Although the smallest one (a boy) is wanting a new coat that is warm to wear to school will get disappointed. But what you sent I want to thank you for each of them. May God return your thoughtful deed in flour folds. And when you say your prayer, please remember them, and when they grow up to

men, they can return the favor unto some other unfortunate child."

This letter of thanks was received after the Empty Stocking Fund was distributed last year. Let us hope that this year every child's wish will be satisfied.

The Welfare Department has made the following request for specific gifts. Each is badly needed.

A girl of 8 needs a coat. A boy aged 10 needs a coat. One family needs a blanket desperately.

Twin girls, size 15 and 18 need school clothes. Their family lives on a grant of 40 dollars a month.

Three children in one family will be happy if Santa brings them a bicycle that all can ride.

An old woman needs a shawl. Other things that could be put to good use by the Welfare Department are undies (size 4 to 12), women's shoes (sizes 6½, 7½-wide, 8 and 8½), women's cotton stockings (size 10), boys pants (waist 38, length 32), coat or sweater (size 4½), baby clothes.

If you can give any of these items to make Christmas happy for some needy person of Orange County, please send your donation to one of the following points of collection: The office of Elmer Dowdy, in the vocational agricultural building in Hillsboro, the office of the Welfare Department in Alumni building in Chapel Hill, and Senter's Drug store in Carrboro.



N. C. TRUCKERS WIN SAFETY AWARD — The President of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, J. K. McLean of Winston-Salem is shown at left, receiving the 1951 "National Trucking Trophy," presented by Governor W. Kerr Scott on behalf of the American Trucking Association. The award was given for the best over-all safety program and promotional activity in competition with 51 other state trucking associations in the Nation. M. Webster Henry of Rocky Mount, NCMCA First Vice-President, is shown above at left of the "36 inch gold trophy."

RALEIGH Round-up

By JAMES H. POUL BAILEY

Days Left... Thanksgiving is around the corner, hogs-kill days are well upon us, and William Umstead has no opposition in his gubernatorial ambitions.

This might be considered quite a tribute to Umstead, especially when you realize that Gov. W. K. Holden's State Supreme Court appointee has as of this writing four strong candidates opposing him.

Umstead is rather like Clyde Hay in that there isn't much he can say against him. He has been a church and civic leader. He is a good speaker. He is regarded as Abraham Lincoln, a little on the conservative side. It is significant to note, nevertheless, that when he voluntarily retired from Congress a few years ago the CIO and AFL actually placed the label as "most liberal Southern Congressman" upon William Umstead. Most of this is available for the doubters.

Prospects... For the past two weeks in Raleigh administration circles have been ragging-the-ropes on L. P. McLendon of Greensboro. They should look elsewhere, our reports have it that McLendon does not choose to run. A more likely candidate is elegant George Coble, Lexington dairyman. He has been out of the people during the past month, has made some telephone calls on this possible candidacy, and is apparently genuinely anxious to be Governor.

Coble is regarded as a crack-brain highway commissioner. If runs, cowbells will ring far in the night throughout the State next spring and you will witness a campaign filled with vigor and excitement. His principal support will come from the Governor. Of course, if Coble is a candidate it is hardly likely that H. Oliver, also of Lexington, will be the try. But, stranger things have happened.

Kefauver... The word we get from Washington source is that the Democrats in the administration are looking hard in the direction of Tennessee and Rackham Estes Kefauver. His strength as possible Presidential contender has increased sharply in the past month. This is due to the hell-for-leather manner in which the Senator stormed through to victory in the recent New York elections.

Beginning... Although a national newcomer, Rudolph Halpern, crashed in on the Kefauver campaign's racket-busting zeal and television popularity and be-

come president of the City Council. He now sits firmly in second position in New York City officialdom, ranking next to Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, and is planning to run for mayor in 1953. Halley ran on an anti-administration campaign which began with the Costello and O'Dwyer swashes under the white-hot heat of the Kefauver swashbucklers. Impellitteri said a few days ago that "the political campaign is over." Halley shot back with "not as far as I'm concerned."

The Best... If Kefauver hopes to obtain the type of support Hadley received, he must attack the ever-spreading black spots in the administration. Despite Truman's low ebb in the public opinion polls, he is still the titular head of the Democratic Party. A terrific burden for any organization to carry, but unless the situation changes -- which it may well do -- more scandals are uncovered -- Truman can come all around naming the nominee. Democrats we associate with believe that neither Truman nor Vinson could be elected. They seriously doubt that Kefauver could give Eisenhower a good battle, or think that he or Douglas of Illinois is the best man the Democrats will have to offer at their convention eight months hence.

They seriously doubt that Douglas will run, but are bent upon encouraging Kefauver. Last Laugh... A young gentleman kicked out by the Scott administration had the last laugh at a big to-do here the other evening. Occasion was the awarding of a handsome award to the N. C. Motor Carriers Association for

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Christmas Lights Gleam At Carrboro

Carrboro — Christmas lights along Carrboro's Main Street in the business district were turned on last Friday at twilight.

As one enters the town from the east, "Merry Christmas" attractively arranged across the highway among many colored lights and bright green garlands of evergreen which has been used generously along both sides of Main street and the archway overhead. As the two highways leaving Carrboro to the west, a garland of Christmas green and lights over highways 54 and 86 is extended, bearing the words "Merry Christmas."

The decorations and their installation in Carrboro were paid for by the Carrboro merchants. Many other beautiful Christmas scenes have been arranged throughout the community.

County-Wide Recreation Program Is Launched

Hillsboro — With impetus provided by a recreation school held here last Thursday and Friday, a county-wide recreation program has been launched to bring wholesome entertainment to people of all age groups in the various communities of Orange County.

The program will be similar to a "progressive party" in that it will move from community to community for meetings, thereby giving each community an individual part in the program.

Saturday night, December 16th, will be the first meeting. It will be in the Lodge Hall at Camp New Hope at 7:30. Letters of invitation have been sent to different people in each community to assure a representative crowd. There will be games for all age groups and square dancing that will prove irresistible. If you like a good time, plenty of activity, and to meet people from other communities, you are cordially invited by the sponsors to attend.

The recreation school conducted here by Lonnie Powell December 7th and 8th was described as very successful in that the participants learned many activities to take back to their communities.

For the Saturday night session, the school was moved to the Schley Grange Hall. This was the most successful session of all. The crowd represented many communities throughout Orange County. Approximately 60 people joined in for the group games, and then continued for the square dance which followed.

ZONING HEARING

Chapel Hill — January 14 has been set as the date for a public hearing on the proposal to permit zoning of rural areas around the town of Chapel Hill.

The new zoning proposals were brought about by the movement to limit and regulate commercial building and advertisements along the new Durham-Chapel Hill boulevard.

Joint Chapel Hill-Carrboro Committee Drafting Proposed Gas Franchise Assuring Safeguards

Chapel Hill — Committees of the governing bodies of Chapel Hill and Carrboro are collaborating on the preparation of a proposed franchise in connection with the natural gas service to be furnished the communities by Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.

The joint committee working on the project include R. B. Fitch and O. K. Cornwell of Chapel Hill's Board and Roy Riggsbee and Sidney Barker of Carrboro, along with Mayors Edwin S. Lanier and J. Sullivan Gibson and Town Managers Tom Rose and Winslow Williams, who are ex-officio members.

The franchise proposed by the gas company through its attorney was presented for adoption at the

NEW SIDEWALKS

Carrboro — Main Street in Carrboro is receiving new side walks of concrete in the main part of town. The work is now going forward after being held up by bad weather.

CHAPEL HILL GROWS

Chapel Hill — The Town of Chapel Hill by official ordinance Monday night voted to annex the 66 acres in the section known as Westwood and Forest Hills to its corporate limits. The action had been requested by residents.

regular meeting of the Chapel Hill Aldermen on November 26. The board by a 4-3 vote, however, refused to pass it at that meeting and upon close examination found that the document gave considerable power and authority to the company but little protection to the Town.

Some of the guarantees which the committees of the two towns are now seeking to place in their document include:

1. Protection to gas users against reconversion costs.
2. Protection against diluted, watered down gas.
3. Protection against arbitrary rationing of gas to the community in favor of some other community, such as Durham or Raleigh.
4. Guarantees of adequate pressure and protection against too much pressure.
5. Guarantees of service to all desiring it.
6. Protections for the towns in event of rate increases or action by the company to sell.
7. Protections for the towns through local regulation of street work or line laying.
8. Assurance of prompt restoration of impaired service.
9. Provisions for revocation of the franchise by the towns.
10. Protections against liability for injuries, damages, nuisances, etc.

The matter will be given further study when the committee meets next Monday night, after which it will go to the full board for approval.

Hillsboro — A report of alleged misuse of University property by C. B. Huggins, reported to have been in the amount of several thousand dollars, has been referred to the University of North Carolina "for further investigation and action" by the Orange County Grand Jury.

Thus, the Grand Jury did not formally indict the superintendent of the physical plant of Woolen Gymnasium but apparently left the way open for University and State officials to bring criminal charges if they find they are warranted.

No indication of the nature of the reports submitted to the Grand Jury was available for publication.

The Grand Jury's statement to the court on the matter read as follows: "The Grand Jury interviewed the Solicitor and Mr. Clyde Pentress of the State Bureau of Investigation in regard to the C. B. Huggins - University of North Carolina matter. After a thorough investigation and study of the evidence submitted by the Solicitor and the Investigator, the Grand Jury recommends that the case be referred to the University of North Carolina for further investigation and action."

Huggins, who has been with the University for 20 years, lives on Purefoy Road in Chapel Hill. The alleged misuse of State materials and labor involving Huggins reportedly was in connection with his home which is valued on the Orange County tax books at \$5,000.

Otherwise the grand jury found true bills against three accused Orange County murderers, Hobert Lee, Ira Sparrow and Mattie Lee Whitley, the latter a teen-age Negro mother who shot her husband, and made the usual routine investigations into the conditions of the and county offices.

Ten new members of the Grand Jury were sworn in at this session including a new foreman, Roy Armstrong of Chapel Hill. They include: Harry P. Cole, O. H. Clayton, G. H. Talley, Earl Lloyd, Harden Johnson, Roger R. Drowns, W. A. Boyd, W. H. Borland and Edmund Stroud.

Farmer Support Urged By Speaker

Hillsboro — Unless farmers "wake up" and begin to protest "loud and long" to their representatives in Congress, many phases of the current government farm program, including subsidies and conservation payments, may be lost, one of the State's top PMA officials told an Orange County audience Monday night.

Horace Godfrey, executive officer of the State office of the Production and Marketing Administration, was the principal speaker at a dinner of PMA committeemen farm people and vendors serving Orange County farmers under the PMA program held at Schley Grange.

Godfrey described as a "shame and a disgrace" the fact that programs for the benefit of farmers have not been supported by the farmers themselves. He said that last year not one farmer in the whole United States appeared before the Congressional Committees in support of PMA appropriations. He described attacks that are now being leveled at the various farm programs to destroy them piecemeal under the guise of economy and declared that "farmers are not going to break the treasury."

"As the farmer goes, so goes the nation, as our national resources go, so goes the nation," said Godfrey. He described the vast progress that has been made in agriculture during the past 15 years, compared the difference in the "look of the land and the look of the people" in 1936 and 1951. He urged his farmer listeners to back the various governmental programs if they wanted them to be continued. "Your congressman," he said, "needs your support."

John W. Umstead Jr., Orange Representative in the legislature, spoke briefly in praise of the work in development and conservation observed by Orange County under the PMA program.

E. W. Arent, district field man of the PMA, was master of ceremonies.