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## JUDGE STACY SUSTAINS MOTION TO PUT ASIDE JUDGMENT FOR DIVORCE GRANTED LYMAN JOYNER DURING YEAR 1915

Martha Hatcher Joyner, Defendant Claims She Knew Nothing of Proceedings Until Divorce Was Granted Plaintiff

SINCE THEN MR. JOYNER HAS MARRIED SECOND TIME

Court Affirms That Husband Is Still Legally Married to Martha Hatcher Joyner and That His Marriage to Miss Moore of Wilson Was a Nullity and of No Force and Effect. Case Will Be Heard Saturday Morning.

One of the most unique and sensational cases that has ever come up in the courts of the State came to a temporary close here Wednesday morning when Judge Stacy, presiding at the Civil term, sustained a motion to set aside a judgment for divorce which was granted to Lyman Joyner in 1915 against his wife, Mattie Hatcher Joyner. The decision came at the close of the submission to the court of scores of affidavits bearing on the points involved, and was based on the grounds that the divorce

had been taken by surprise in the proceedings. The defendant was allowed to answer the charges alleged in the complaint, and the case will be heard Saturday morning.

Joyner has in the meantime married again, his second wife being the daughter of Dr. Moore, one of the most prominent physicians in Wilson, N. C., and connected with one of the best known families of the State. The judgement of the court affirms that Joyner is still legally married to his first wife, Martha Hatcher Joyner, and that the second marriage was a nullity, and of no force and effect.

It was in the year 1909 that Joyner married the defendant, Martha Hatcher Joyner, whose home was in Birmingham, Alabama. For several years they lived together in Farmville, North Carolina, until the year 1913, when Joyner went to Kentucky, leaving his wife in Farmville. She later returned to her former home. While she was there, divorce proceedings were started against her by her husband, he alleging adultery as the grounds for divorce. Summons was never served on her except by publication, and she avers that she never knew of the action until after the divorce had been granted. Immediately she began an action to set aside the

divorce. In the meantime Joyner had married the Miss Moore, with whom he is now living.

All the parties concerned were in attendance at the trial, including both the Mrs. Joyner, together with many of the most prominent people of Farmville. The trial Saturday morning on the original action seeking divorce will bring over a hundred of Farmville's people as witnesses in the case, which promises to be one of the hardest fought legal battles ever staged within a court house in North Carolina.

Greenville Tobacco Market closes Friday February 2nd 1917.

Greenville, N. C. Jan. 15th.—The Greenville Tobacco Board of Trade, at a meeting called this morning, decided to close the market for this season on Friday February 2nd, 1917.

Greenville Tobacco Board of Trade.  
H. A. Bost, President.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

If you are staying away from church and Sunday School you are influencing others to do the same, and your influence is counting against the best interest of the town and community.

A cordial welcome awaits you at the Baptist church. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock and preaching services every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:15 and 7:15.

Come, and let's get better acquainted with each other and try to be of much help to each other.

Sincerely,  
J. E. Kirk, Pastor.

### NOTICE

All parties are requested to prevent their chickens from running at large. Please observe this ordinance or the law will be enforced.

Ben A. Joyner, Mayor.

## HOLD-UP MYSTERY IS FINALLY SOLVED

Sidney French Tells All About How Kinston Man Was Relieved of \$1,700

Kinston, Jan. 17.—Confessing his complicity in the robbery here Saturday of Mr. J. F. Taylor, a cotton mill president, by a masked bandit, Sidney French, taxi driver, last night told the police the whole story of the hold-up and how it was planned. French broke his silence when the police arrested his brother, Jerry French, who is now under bond, and took officers to Jerry French's house, under which the money, about \$1,700, was secreted. Sidney French lived with Jerry French. The police believe the latter to be innocent of any part of the crime. They think French's confession truthful with one possible exception.

The chauffeur asserted that the holdup man's name was unknown to him. He met him in Goldsboro ten days ago. He was a "ronder." The man came here and they became more or less intimate. The plot was formulated. French declared that with Taylor in his car, going ostensibly to the cotton mill,

apportion of the employees, his nerve failed him. He had no idea that Mr. Taylor was to be "hurt," and when the bandit struck Taylor with the butt of his revolver his, French's, courage failed completely. It was then too late. He would have given his life to undo what he had helped to do, he declared. After putting Taylor down in the country the couple doubled back and the stranger, with the money, got out at the French home near the edge of the city, went under the house and hid the money as arranged. He had no chance to return for it, because the authorities were too hot after him.

French claims not to know where the man is. The chauffeur protests that a woman suspected had nothing to do with the affair. She is in Norfolk, it is believed. She was proprietress of a resort here, and French's intimate friend. The police decline to say anything about this phase of his story, but intimate that she was clever enough and bold enough to hatch the plot, and nervy enough, though they say it is not likely that she was the person to do the actual hold up job.

On completing his confession of complicity, Sidney French today named "Dude" Hawley as the bandit who robbed Mr. J. F. Taylor here Saturday. Hawley

## MAIL CLOSED TO ALL WHISKY ADV'NTS.

Another Victory Won In Congress Yesterday By the Prohibitionists When Without a Roll Call the Senate Passed the Bankhead Bill, Which Closes the Mails to Newspapers and Other Publications Carrying Liquor Advertisements.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Prohibitionists in Congress won another victory today when without a roll call the senate passed the Bankhead bill amending the postal laws to close the mails to newspapers and other publications carrying liquor advertisements into territory prohibiting such advertising. The bill now goes to the house.

The house rules committee is prepared to bring out a special rule calling out the Sheppard bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of whiskey in the District of Columbia if the house district committee refuses to report the bill. Tonight it seems certain that a majority of the district committee would vote against the bill.

The "draw" on the rules com-

mittee's action. This makes it practically certain that the house will vote on the measure at this session, and it is also certain that it will be passed if it reaches the floor of the house.

## Rapture Expert Here

Well Known Throughout the State.

C. L. Haubert, of Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, having been recalled to Greenville following the success of his late visit as made known to the afflicted friends, can be seen at Hotel Proctor Monday and Tuesday Jan. 22 and 23. Interested parties can consult him free of charge. The combination truss, as used and approved by United States government will not only retain any rupture in its proper place, but will close the opening through which the bowels escape on the average case in a short time. No leg-traps to gall and chafe. Clean and durable. Examination and advice free.—Adv

was soon located in the segregated district of town and immediately arrested and placed in jail to await trial.

A man can't be depended upon in a bad fix.

## POLAND'S REVENGE FOR OPPRESSION

Music Outlet For Feelings of Oppressed People; Paderewski is Coming

It is said that Poland found in music revenge for oppression and dismemberment. Poland may well be proud of her composers. And from Poland comes the most commanding individuality among virtuosos since Paganini, Jan Ignace Paderewski.

Paderewski, who appears in RALEIGH on Jan. 23, was born November 6, 1860, in Kurylowka in Podolia, a province of Russian Poland. It is said that Paderewski inherited his genius from his mother, who died when he was a child. He exhibited great talent at an early age, but he had little real training until, as a youth, he went to Warsaw and studied the piano under Janotha and harmony under Roguski. His first concert tour was made when he was sixteen in Russia, when he played his own compositions and those of other people; but everything he played was really his own for he did not know the music and had so little technique that when he came to a hard place he improvised to

He returned to Warsaw, determined to be a composer rather than a pianist, and in 1879 was made professor in the Warsaw Conservatory. In the early eighties he went to Berlin, studying there with Kiel and Urban and in 1884 went to Vienna to study piano with Leschetitski. For a short time he was professor in the Strassburg Conservatory and then returned to Vienna to continue his piano studies, devoting the greater part of each day to scale playing. His debut was made in Vienna in 1887. In the spring of 1888 he played in Berlin, Paris and London.

November 17, 1891, was a memorable date when he made his first appearance in America playing in Carnegie Hall, New York. From the beginning the public accepted him, but in the beginning critics were not sure. After this concert in Carnegie Hall he began a series of recitals in the then new concert hall of Madison Square Garden, but was soon compelled to return to the larger auditorium, so great was the rush to hear him. In his first tour he gave a hundred and seventeen concerts. The following season he gave sixty-seven concerts. Other tours were in 1896, 1900, 1905, 1907 and 1909.

His present tour, which will cover the greatest part of the season, promises to be as great a

## FIRST FARMERS INSTITUTE HELD ON JANUARY 25

There Will Be Three Such Meetings Held In the County. The Second and Third in Farmville and Greenville on February 1 and 2; Each Session Will Open at 10:30 and Continue Through The Day

I would like to call special attention to the Farmers' Institutes for the county as follows:

Stokes, Jan. 25th, Farmville February 1st, Greenville February 2nd. All meetings will open at 10:30 o'clock and will continue through the day. Separate rooms will be provided for the ladies. All are invited; rather we most earnestly urge that you attend for we hope that this county will make the best showing this year in its history.

We will have for our lecturers representative men and women from the Department of Agriculture and the Experiment Station.

Posters have been sent to various sections of the county and we trust that you will read the notice, then attend the meeting.

County Agent.

### Christian Church.

Services next Sunday, morning and evening. Morning theme will be "The Christian and the Great Commission." I have taken special pains to have something that will be of interest to every church member in this theme. Come! The evening subject will be, "The Ultimate Test." Remember Christian Endeavor at 6:30, the subject will be "Seeing the good in Others." Miss Mary Barrett will be the leader. Next Wednesday night will be our Sunday School conference. All teachers and officers, and all those interested in Sunday school are urged to attend this conference. We will present plain, practical and workable methods for the advancement of that branch of the service.—W. P. Jordan, Pastor.

success as any of those which have preceded it. Although it is twenty-four years since he first came to America, and although this is his tenth tour in that time, he is still the greatest drawing card among artists, there being no other to compare with him.

The RALEIGH event, which was arranged by the Rotary Club of the capital city, probably will be one of the most prominent musical events of the season.

## To Our Customers

## New Year Announcement!

## To Our Friends

We are pleased to announce that we are prepared to serve you in anything in Hardware, Farm Implements, and Building Material, such as Doors, Windows, Roofing, Nails, Lime, Cement, Mantles, Porch Columns, etc. We are also pleased to say that we bought HEAVY before all the advances, and you will find many articles in our stock AT THE OLD PRICE, and lots of goods for less than they can be bought for from the Manufacturers to-day.

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