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## Confession of Witness Involves Both of Sparrows

### John Gurkin Declares He Came to Kinston at Request of Dennis Griffin to Notify Father and Son on Intended Attack on Martin County Jail.

Williamston, May 4.—Tom Lilly, one of those indicted as an accessory in connection with the mutilation of Joseph Needleman, who shot himself through the forehead with a 22 rifle, was reported by his attending physician to be in a dying condition tonight. The physician said he did not believe Lilly would live until morning.

In the meantime, F. W. Sparrow, Jr., who showed symptoms of diphtheria last night, was reported improved today. Judge Stinchfield was informed that the prisoner did not have diphtheria, but a severe case of tonsillitis. His case, however, was continued for the time being.

Examination and cross examination of John Gurkin for a period of two hours and 28 minutes and the formal tendering by the state of expert testimony by Dr. D. T. Taylor, of Washington, who will testify tomorrow, featured the opening of the trial of alleged mutilators of Joseph Needleman here this afternoon.

The state announced that it would not ask a verdict of guilty as to G. E. Stone, Roy Gray and John Gurkin. This leaves H. Dennis Griffin, Julian Bullock, Clegro Heath and F. W. Sparrow the defendants in the proceedings now in progress. Stone, Gurkin and Gray having pleaded guilty to being accessories. They were also charged with the crime of mutilation, but that will not be pressed.

Interest tomorrow will center around the testimony of Joseph Needleman. It was announced by Lindsey Warren, of Washington, who is aiding in the prosecution of the alleged mutilators, that Needleman would be brought over from Washington and placed on the stand at the morning session of court.

Dr. Taylor's testimony was offered should Needleman be put on the stand.

A crowd estimated to be the largest that had ever assembled in the Martin county court house was present throughout the afternoon.

John Gurkin, the state's first witness, told in detail of his part in the alleged mob, a part of which he said mutilated Needleman. He described the operation and the incidents leading up to and following it.

He said that he went to Kinston and notified the Sparrows of the intended attack on the jail at the request of H. D. Griffin, who was more often referred to as "Dennis" Griffin and "Henry" Griffin. He said that Griffin told him he understood Sparrow was a "Ku Klux" and asked him to go down there and tell him to come and bring as many as he could. "They were going to do something to Needleman," Gurkin said. The witness maintains that he tried to dissuade the crowd from going further, but said "somebody remarked that if anybody let the road they would be killed." He said he was "not taking any chances like that."

He testified that "the mob went to the home of the sheriff and demanded the jail keys that the sheriff told them to go on away and that the crowd then broke into the jail and took Needleman out and carried him to a 'back hall' of the church, where the alleged operation was performed.

Gurkin was subjected to a lengthy cross examination by counsel for the defense. He in answer of the attack was on the stand two hours and 23 minutes.

Dr. Taylor's testimony referred to the condition of Needleman after the operation. He described him as being "white as man" and "totally motionless" when he first called him. "As a result of the operation, the consequent loss of blood Needleman is a physical wreck," the physician testified.

## NORFOLK GOVERNOR INVOLVED IN A RAILROAD MERGER

New York, May 4.—Central of the Norfolk Southern railway, recently acquired by James Williams, who is associated with the Duke tobacco company, has given Wall Street a headache by involving the Federal government, the Durham and the Georgia and Florida railways.

The new attorney general, who is expected to be appointed by the president, is expected to have a number of points to look into.



## HALIFAX CO. FOR ROADS

### Will Loan State Million and a Half to Hasten Their Construction

Halifax, May 5.—Halifax county offered to lend the state \$1,500,000 for highway construction in Halifax county. State Highway Commissioner W. A. Hart accepted the offer. Commissioner Hart addressed a great meeting of Halifax county citizens and received endorsement and praise for excellent service rendered the state as highway commissioner.

Halifax is a packed near home of Halifax, when more than five hundred representative citizens from the length and breadth of the county gathered to hear Mr. Hart and to start something on their own for a definite and far reaching program to hard surface approximately seventy miles of road in Halifax county.

Immediately following the recommendation of this great gathering, the county commissioners voted to issue \$1,500,000 in bonds and to lend the money thus obtained to the state for the construction of a hard surface highway connecting practically all the towns in the county.

The roads to be built are as follows: Route 48 from Littleton to Rossmary.

Route 46 from Weldon through Halifax and Enfield to the Edgecombe county line.

Route 12 from its intersection with Route 46 near Halifax through Scotland Neck to the Edgecombe county line.

Route 125 from Roanoke river bridge through Scotland Neck and Hogwood to the Martin county line.

Halifax county has probably never seen a more representative gathering. All classes were present and all classes were heard from. The sentiment was unanimous for the project and the county board of commissioners acted accordingly. The money will be furnished as the state highway commission calls for it, and will be returned to the county out of the funds allocated to the county from future state bond issues.

## City of New Bern Sued for \$25,000

New Bern, May 5.—The city asked for damages in the amount of \$25,000 because of negligence on the part of the city for failure to provide a red light of some other warning or protection to prevent automobiles from driving up into the street.

Attorneys J. M. Dashi and D. L. Hall are counsel for Mrs. Willis, who is a brother of the deceased.

Mr. Willis claims that the city is due the estate of the deceased \$25,000 because of negligence on the part of the city for failure to provide a red light of some other warning or protection to prevent automobiles from driving up into the street.

The case was heard by Judge Stinchfield in the court of common pleas.

## WIVES FROM MEMORY LANE



## MEMORIAL EXERCISES

### To Be Held in Perkins' Hall Sunday Afternoon 4 O'clock

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will have Memorial Day exercises in Perkins' Hall Sunday afternoon.

The program is as follows: Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name. Scripture Reading. Prayer. Song—Bonnie Blue Flag. Song—Selection from Choral Club. Address by W. G. Sheppard. Quartet—Tenting on the Old Camp Ground. Hymn—Abide With Me. Benediction.

Immediately following the exercises everybody is invited to go to the cemetery with flowers.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET IN FARMVILLE

The District Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet in Farmville May 13th and 14th.

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock there will be a pageant given by the Bright Jewels.

The conference proper will open Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. An extensive program has been arranged by the District Secretary and good speakers have been secured.

The Methodist women will be free to attend this Conference, as the luncheon will be served by the Missionary Society of the Christian denomination.

## MISS PERKINS ELECTED RECORDING SECRETARY N. C. WOMEN'S FEDERATION

At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs held at Pineshills, Miss. Miss Annie Perkins, of Farmville, was honored with the position of recording secretary for the unexpired term of Miss E. E. McKee, who was elected President of the Federation.

We congratulate Miss Perkins on the recognition received and wish for her even higher honors in the club work of the State.

## MRS. J. M. WHEELER HOSTESS TO THE SPINELLAS CLASS

On Wednesday evening, May 7th, the Spinellas Class of the Baptist Sunday school met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Wheeler and in spite of the absence of our teacher, Mr. Holmes, and the absence of our entertainment committee, the ladies, we had a fine time. After business was attended to there were some songs sung, all prepared by Mrs. Wheeler. Miss Bailey accompanied on the piano. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

In this country at large, there is much to be said for the six position of credit to the women's club for sponsoring this movement.

Let America be leading in recognizing the right and duty of women. They are equipped with mind and body. There is a great need for the women's club work in this country. Let the women lead out the movement.

## 60 People From Ballards and Farmville Visit Bath

### They See Old St. Thomas Episcopal Church, One of the Oldest in the Country, and Were Given an Interesting Story of Its History.

Some sixty people from Ballard's Cross Roads and Farmville made a pilgrimage to Bath Episcopal church last Sunday morning. On the arrival of the party there was an assembling in the old St. Thomas Episcopal church when they listened to an address of welcome by Mr. Roy, senior warden of the parish, and an interesting explanation of the things of historic interest. They were told that the candle sticks on the altar were given by George II, of England, and the bell was the gift of Queen Anne. The church was built in 1784 from brick which mostly came from England. After the address Rev. J. W. Hayes, of Emmanuel church, Farmville, celebrated the Holy Communion by the consent of the rector of St. Thomas church, and used the old communion ware of the parish.

Mr. Hayes preached on the theme, "A Blending of the Solid Things in History With the Rapid Strides of a Modern World."

An offering was taken for the fund which is being raised to rebuild the tower and steeple, which was destroyed during a bad storm some years ago. After the service the people spread the lunch under the trees in the old graveyard and "lived in common" until most of it was consumed. They next explored the much talked-of Blackbeard's cave which is reputed to contain the pitch kettle which he used.

The party returned home immediately after a short service which was read from the George II Bible and prayer.

Mr. Hayes and family stayed in Greenville for supper as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, after which the Farmville Episcopal rector preached in St. Paul's church of that city.

This report would be incomplete if a word of praise were not given for the pilgrimage which went off so successfully for all.

## LOUISBURG COLLEGE SUNDAY

### Observed on May 3rd Through out Methodist Conference

Louisburg, May 4.—A number of Methodist churches throughout the North Carolina Methodist Conference observed "Louisburg College Sunday" on May 3, in connection with the Half Million Dollar Expansion Fund which is being raised to provide additional buildings, new equipment and adequate endowment for the Methodist college for girls at Louisburg.

In several of these churches speakers from the college delivered addresses and the women of the churches took part of the service which Louisburg College has rendered to the young women of the conference and of the state during the past 122 years.

In many other churches the pastors invited one service to Louisburg college interests, delivered sermons dealing with the education of women for Christian leadership, and emphasized the need for support by Methodists generally of their church college.

Edwin L. Best, superintendent of schools of Louisburg, and professor of education at Louisburg college, spoke in the Methodist church at Farmville. Frank B. McKinnis, a trustee of the college, conducted the morning service in the Falling Creek Methodist church, in the Goldsboro district.

Miss Bessie A. Guthrie, professor of history of the college faculty, spoke in the Belhaven Methodist church Sunday morning and the Panico church in the afternoon. In the interest of the expansion fund program, which is being supported by the Methodist churches throughout the entire North Carolina Conference area.

## STOCKHOLDERS MEETING FARMVILLE B. & L. ASSO. CALLED FOR MAY 11

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmville Building & Loan Association has been called for Monday night, May 11, at eight o'clock. Said meeting to be held in the city hall.

All stockholders unable to be present are urgently requested to be represented by proxy.

## Discard Ties to Spite Hose-Rollers

Asheville, May 5.—Six hundred boy students of the local high school paraded through corridors of the school this morning with their neckties removed, as a protest against girl students "who roll their stockings." A half dozen boys who appeared wearing neckties had this piece of their clothing taken off by the other boys. J. W. Griffith, principal, announced at assembly that "the removal of the neckties was foolishness" and that the boy students need not go to class without their neckties. Some of the teachers scolded the youths, others excused them.

The necktie strike followed the posting of notices in the secretary's yesterday by the boys that unless the girls desist from "rolling their stockings" the boys would come to school without neckties. The boys have come back with the statement that if they are kept out of class the same action should be taken against the girls. "If they can show their knees we ought to be allowed to show our Adam's apples," urged the youths.

## CO. TO HAVE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGT

### Miss Pauline Smith, District Agent, Make Strong Appeal for the Work

Greenville, May 5.—Since February the Home Economics Department of Woman's Club has had for its objective a home demonstration agent for Pitt county. A committee of interested county women appeared before the board in March at which time the motion for the work was tabled. This morning a committee composed of women from Pitt and Beaufort counties appeared before a joint session of the county commissioners and board of education. The women from Pitt county told of the need of an agent in Pitt county, a few of whom told of the wonderful results of the work in counties in which they had lived, while the women of Beaufort county told what the work had meant to the women of their county.

A strong appeal for the work was made by Miss Pauline Smith, district agent. After Miss Smith's talk the board was asked to make their decision and they voted unanimously for an agent.

The women from Beaufort county who made talks for the work were: Mrs. R. H. Taylor, Whitley and Miss Taylor.

This work will be started in the county the first of July. A great deal of credit is due the Women's Club for sponsoring this movement.

## "A FELLOW'S WORK"

Who's the best fellow fellow has got? Ever faithful to him whether he knows it or not. Whose prayers around him will never hover. In accents firm, "His Mother."

Who is loyal to him though thick an thin? Most sacred of all to him and kin. In the "Book of Life" his name never to be blotted out.

Who will stand by him whatever the cost? And encourage him when all hope is lost? Whose love for him will never spotter. I'll tell you, my friend, 'tis only his mother.

Of all his chums on life's long list, His mother's the best who doth exist. So let her know today that you love her. A memory you'll cherish and so will your mother.

MRS. O. S. TEW, Goldsboro, N. C.

## HAM AND BACON SHOW

### To Be Held at State Fair During October. Prizes Given

Raleigh, May 5.—To encourage the raising of more and better meat at home, "Ham and Bacon" show will be held during the week of October 1st.

It was announced today by L. H. McKay of the Animal Industry division of the State College.

Mr. McKay said that prizes of about \$35 would be offered for the best hams, of \$25 for the best shoulders and \$25 for the best sides of bacon. The first prize for the hams is \$12 and for the best shoulders and bacon \$10.

Mr. McKay stated that the contest would be limited to meat cured on the farms of North Carolina and that exhibitors would be required to furnish their recipes for curing meat and to explain how the work was done.

Each piece of meat, he said, must be cut and examined carefully and a small sample will be sampled to test its quality. The meat can either be sold or returned, according to the wishes of the exhibitor.

"We will give preference to hams weighing between 10 and 25 pounds, is without ribs or fat back. The judging will be based on 60 per cent for cure and quality and 20 per cent on size and trim. We expect to have the co-operation of the farm and home agents in this matter and to hold one of the most successful shows ever attempted in the south."

## DOMESTICATED ELECTRICAL TERMS

When a woman is sulky and will not speak—exciter. If she gets too excited—controller. If she talks too long—interrupter. If her way of thinking is not yours—converter.

If she is willing to come half way—meter. If she will come all the way—receiver.

If she wants to go further—conductor. If she would go still further—dispatcher.

If she wants to be an angel—transformer. If you think she is picking your pockets—detector.

If she proves your fears are wrong—compensator. If she goes up in the air—condenser.

If she wants chocolates—feeder. If she sings inharmoniously—tuner. If she is in the country—telegraph.

If she is a poor cook—discharge. If her dress unbecomes—connector. If she sets too much—reducer. If she is wrong—modifier.

If her fingers and toes are salt—heater. If she gossips too much—regulator. If she fumes and spatters—insulator.

If she becomes upset—reverser. Pullman News.

Send this again to get it. To whose laugh lasts longest.