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GRANTED NEW TRIAL IN CASE OF MURDER

Supreme Court Finds Errors in Case Against Alleged Murderer of Gordon Yelverton of Williamston.

Williamston, March 22—George Frank Bazemore was granted a new trial by the North Carolina Supreme Court Wednesday.

Bazemore was convicted of first degree murder at the December term of the Greene County Superior court at Snow Hill. He was to have paid with his life for killing Gordon Yelverton of this town on November 5 as they were going to Wilson with a truck load of tobacco. The murder was one of the most brutal ever committed in the State. Bazemore who had been hanging around the Williamston tobacco sales during the season and had made himself hand and friendly with a number of people who handled and hauled tobacco around town and frequently went with them when they were hauling to other factories. On this occasion Bazemore sought the opportunity to go with Yelverton to Wilson with a large load of tobacco. Leaving Williamston early in the morning they passed through Greenville about sunrise and reached Farmville about 8 o'clock. When they got a few miles beyond that town they stopped and while on the ground about 20 yards from the truck Bazemore shot the boy in the back of the head, where he, from all indications, died instantly. Bazemore then took the truck load of tobacco, about 3,000 pounds, back to Farmville and sold it as his own. The conscience of the slayer must have gotten so nerve that he did not remain to get the truck nor the \$1,400 check for the tobacco. He sneaked back to this county where he remained under cover until he was arrested the Sunday following the murder.

Policeman Daniels

Bazemore made a most strenuous denial, but failed in every claim that he made to prove an alibi. He was positively identified by warehousemen of Farmville as well as by parties on the Farmville-Wilson highway who saw Bazemore and Yelverton together on the truck and only a few minutes later saw Bazemore alone on the same truck load of tobacco returning.

At the trial the jury quickly returned a first degree verdict and Judge A. M. Stack sentenced him to the electric chair to die on the 26 of January. Bazemore's counsel, Paul Frizzell, of Snow Hill, took an appeal, alleging several irregularities in the trial. All of his allegations were refused by the Supreme Court, but Chief Justice Stacy, who handed down the decision, declared there was an error committed when the clerk of the court was allowed to receive the verdict even though this had been agreed to between counsel on the part of both the State and defendant. The Supreme Court's report also held that an error had been made in the manner the jury was polled by the clerk. The clerk used language different in the poll than that in which the jury announced its verdict.

The Chief Justice stated that neither error would be material in any case other than those of a capital nature.

WHITE LADIES SPOKE COLOR-ED SCHOOL

The faculty and students of the Farmville Colored School, especially those of the domestic science department, were most pleasantly surprised last Thursday afternoon when a large delegation of the Farmville Women's Club accompanied by the Reverend Venerable and led by Mrs. J. M. Hobard marched into the domestic science room and presented the department a shower of most beautiful ribbon awards. It happened that the things presented were just the things that the department most needed. The entire faculty and student body wish to publicly express their most sincere thanks to these kind and noble ladies for the friendly interest that they have taken in us. May the God of the universe pour out the choicest blessings of heaven upon them in copious showers and may they live many and happy years. We feel that these gifts will be as good as gold to the girls and that in the future these ladies, as well as others, will reap fruit from their generosity.

E. S. Sugg, President of the Farmville Colored School, is the recipient of the ribbon awards.

Tilden's Choice Tennis



Wilbur F. Coen, Jr., of Kansas City, Mo., Boys' Tennis Champion of the United States, has the best net form in the world, says America's ace, William Tilden. He created a sensation in Southern tournaments—and is looked upon as a sure star for the American team.

DARE COUNTY RELIEVED OF MORE LIQUOR

Dry Agents Destroy Five Big Steam Distilleries of 1,500 Gallons Daily Capacity. Vessel also Searched.

NEW BERN, March 21.—Returning here from swamps of Dare County, Chief John L. London and Glenn Willis, in charge of the federal "dry navy," assigned to North Carolina waters, reported further destruction of distilling plants, capturing two men and two...

Five big steam distilleries with capacities of about 1,500 gallons a day, were destroyed by the raiders. Raids were directed against liquor plants located on South Lake, tributary of East Lake. Agents said they obtained what they regard as authentic information as to the location of a reported "big still" in the East Lake section.

Several vessels were searched by the raiders, including a yacht bound from Miami to New York. The two boats captured were libeled and will be sold at auction, agents said, who believed the liquor taken was destined for distribution in Baltimore.

Regional B. Y. P. U. Conventions Will Start At Greenville

The first of the five regional North Carolina B. Y. P. U. conventions held under the auspices of the Baptist State Convention B. Y. P. U. Department will be held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church at Greenville, April 1, 2 and 3.

The four following regional conferences will take place during the rest of April and the first of May. The second conference will be held at Clinton, April 8, 9 and 10; the third at Henderson, April 15, 16 and 17; the fourth at North Wilkesboro, April 22, 23, 24; and the fifth at Canton, April 29, 30, and May 1.

This is the second year these meetings have been held, and it is expected that about 2,000 will be in attendance at the five meetings. Speakers and leaders of the conferences include well-known State Baptist leaders such as Perry Morgan, Secretary of B. Y. P. U. work in North Carolina; Miss Winnie Rickett, Secretary of Junior Intermediate B. Y. P. U. in the State; Rev. E. N. Gardner, of Greenville; Dr. W. Cary Newton, of China; R. N. Simms, of Raleigh; Dr. Charles E. Brewer, President of Marshall College; Dr. A. J. Campbell; Dr. J. B. Cullom, of Wake Forest; Dr. J. B. Turner, of Raleigh; Dr. George W. McDaniel, President of the Southern Baptist Convention of Richmond, Va.; Rev. E. J. Wright, of Richmond, Va.; E. E. Lee, of Dallas, Texas; Edwin S. Preston, of Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Charles E. Medley, of Raleigh; Mrs. A. L. Crawley, of Nashville, Tenn.; Prof. R. L. Moore, of Mars Hill, and others.

A London scientist says "In twenty years we will have television, no drudgery in the home, sex procreation and children fed on concentrated food through tubes." Have you a plan for ambitious 1927 school and college graduates to get into the tube business?

FINAL COTTON REPORT SHOWS A HEAVY CROP

Total of 17,687,607 Bales; Largest in Record; North Carolina Crop was 1,204,496 Bales.

Washington, March 21.—The Census Bureau's annual report today showing cotton ginned for the 1926 crop placed the amount at 17,687,607 running bales, counting 65,863 round bales, making it the largest crop ever grown. In equivalent 500 pound bales the crop was placed at 17,910,258 bales as compared with 18,618,900 bales, the December estimate of the Department of Agriculture.

Included in the statistics were 234,041 bales which ginners estimated would be ginned after the March canvass, a quantity larger than ever before. Reports to the Department of Agriculture indicate that there is a considerable quantity of cotton still remaining in the fields in Texas, Oklahoma, and North Carolina.

Officials feel the department's December estimate was not far wrong and that had all the cotton grown last year been picked the crop probably would have been larger than the December estimate. The difference in the agriculture estimate and the quantity actually ginned or to be ginned is around 707,000 bales or about 4 per cent.

It was considered problematical whether increased price for cotton might result in some of the cotton still remaining in the fields being picked. A check up of ginners' estimates of cotton to be ginned after the March canvass will be made by the Census Bureau later. Officials pointed out the considerable cotton had been wasted this year in various ways, including the sledging method of picking by which 20 to 25 per cent of the cotton is wasted.

The average weight of bales for the crop, counting round as half bales and excluding linters, was 506.3 pounds compared with 499.5 in 1925 and 499.6 in 1924.

The final ginnings by states, in equivalent 500-pound bales, follows: Alabama 1,497,197, Arizona 122,700, Arkansas 1,595,659, California 1,300,935, Florida 31,952, Georgia 1,498,061, Louisiana 823,020, Mississippi 1,833,952, Missouri 218,152, New Mexico 70,865, North Carolina 1,204,496, Oklahoma 1,759,895, South Carolina 997,131, Tennessee 450,520, Texas 5,609,301, Virginia 50,545; all other states 15,876.

Seven Man-o'-War sons and daughters have been nominated for the Kentucky Derby, May 14. Roll them bones—and come seven.

Edison says every man should marry—and matry young. He is correct. That will increase our field of inventors. You know—inventors of alibis.

TO WEAR COTTON AT EXPOSITION BALL APRIL 4

Ladies Asked to Wear Cotton Evening Dresses in Keeping With Request of Womens Federated Clubs.

ROCKY MOUNT, March 19.—In keeping with a request from the Women's Federated Clubs of the State, the Eastern Carolina Exposition will designate the opening ball, April 4th at Rocky Mount, the "Cotton Ball." All ladies will be asked to wear cotton goods for this occasion. The clubs of the State are making a special effort to get the women throughout the South to go back to cotton goods.

The queens on this night for the dance will be asked to wear cotton, but not for the appearance on the stage ahead of the social function.

The fifth annual dinner of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce which will be held Thursday, April 7th, of the week of the exposition in Rocky Mount, has every indication of being even bigger and better than any previous dinner. Last year little less than 500 men were present. This year the ladies will be admitted too and at least 1,000 are expected for this occasion.

The speaker this year is Sir Frederick McGill, from London, England, who is heralded as the peer of all English humorists. President John W. Holmes will preside and Raymond Turnage, of Ayden, will act as floor manager for any business session that may come up during the meeting.

NEGROES FIRE NEWSPAPER MEN

Kinston, March 21.—A futile attempt to hold a newspaper men was made by a group of Greensboro men who fired shots at the Greensboro newspaper men. The men would probably be arrested on account of the condition of the bond market.

ATTEMPTED HOLD-UP OCCURRED

The attempted hold-up occurred when Messrs. Rardin and Wellman were making a hurry-up call to the neighboring county seat to replenish the supply of newspaper in an effort to publish this morning's issue. A delayed shipment was the cause of the midnight ride.

When nearing the "Pitt" county seat the newspaper men were confronted by the quartette who acted as if they wished the car to stop. The occupants, however, having lived in Mingo county in the mountains of West Virginia, where the ring of a pistol is music to the ears of the undertaker, took no chances on stopping but on the contrary showed the accelerator to the floor and sped away. On shot was fired and sped away. It was found that it had hit the right side of the automobile and glanced off.

Had the negroes known that two newspaper men occupied the car, certainly they would not have attempted a hold-up or financial gain.

E. CAROLINA MAY GET MORE PAVED ROADS

State Highway Required to Add 20 per cent More Mileage. Congressman Warren Cause of Federal Act.

On the last day of the session of the recent General Assembly the bill requiring the State Highway Commission to add additional roads to the state highway map was passed. This measure is of special interest to the counties in Eastern Carolina, and is a result of a series of speeches made last Fall by Congressman Lindsey C. Warren who pointed out that the First Road District was being discriminated against in the number of miles on the map.

The act recently passed requires the State Highway Commission to add twenty per cent new mileage, the roads selected to be in the discretion of the State Highway Commission. As the Commission has had no meeting since the Legislature adjourned it is not known if the entire twenty per cent increase will be added at the same time. If the new mileage is pro-rated by districts it will mean that the First Road District of which Frank C. Kugler is Commissioner will take on about 180 miles of new roads. Mr. Kugler states that he has nothing to say about the act until the Commission decides the amount of mileage to be taken over in each district.

North Carolina Sells \$10,000,000 More of its State Bonds

Raleigh, March 22.—Ten million dollars worth of State bonds have been sold to the syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York, under an option held by that syndicate, it has been announced by Governor McLean. The bonds were sold at a price of 100 and 1/2.

At the time the bonds were bid on the New York syndicate reached a compromise with the Council of State whereby it would buy ten million of the bonds at a figure considerably better than the market as of that date but would be given an option on the other ten million at the same price.

Since December 3, 1926, a change in the bond market has made the option price a very advantageous one to the syndicate.

Governor McLean was severely criticized for granting the option by unsuccessful parties in the bidding, but defended his position by asserting that he and the Council of State acted in good faith and saved North Carolina money.

Sale of these bonds practically winds up the bonds authorized by the 1925 General Assembly and Governor McLean has announced that it will be at least six months before a start is made on selling the almost forty millions authorized by the late legislature.

Hasn't Missed a Day School Contest



Bertha Kurtzals, 10, Cedar County, Neb., with three years, six months and twenty-two days to her credit, at this writing, is entry No. 1 in a national contest to learn which boy or girl has the most perfect 5-day-a-week school attendance without being tardy or absent. Is there a boy or girl in this county who has a better record? Tell this newspaper. Send us your picture and let us enter you in this contest.

TO PREVENT MUST REVISE DEBT CLAIM

Says Dr. Herbert A. Gibbons in Reference to New War in United States by European Countries.

CHAPEL HILL, March 21.—America must make a sweeping revision of its war debt claims of take the responsibility for another war forward which Europe now appears to be drifting. Dr. Herbert Adams Gibbons here Sunday night in an address before the Human Relations Institute now in session at the State University.

Dr. Gibbons, who has traveled extensively, is just back from a trip to Europe and he spoke of conditions from the viewpoint of one who has just studied them at first hand.

Unless America assumes a more liberal attitude toward its war claims, any moves this country may make toward conferences for the limitation of armaments will be futile, he asserted.

Backed by uninformed public opinion, the American government has imposed conditions for the settlement of war debts that are impossible of fulfillment, Dr. Gibbons said.

"Being the creditor of all the other nations, we are the influence for good or evil in European reconstruction," the speaker said. "This causes a vicious circle. England, for instance, takes the view that if she has to pay us her continental debtors must pay her. This means that France, for her financial salvation, must continue to press Germany and Italy and the other beneficiaries in the distribution of reparations must do likewise. It is well established that Germany cannot continue much longer to make extensive payments in cash under the Dawes plan. Germany's creditors will not be able to absorb payments in kind two years hence, even if Germany could make the delivery, which is problematical. France, pressed by us for payment, feels she has to keep a hand in the Rhineland and maintain her army on a war like footing to safeguard her territorial pledges should Germany default. This blocks the return to normal Franco-German relations. Thus they go in a vicious circle."

Says Land Bank Still In Position To Serve Farmers

Greenville, March 23.—Dr. Joseph Dixon returned last night from Durham where he attended a meeting of directors of the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank. He stated today the session was one of the best in the history of the organization, and that virtually every section of the State was represented by its director. Dr. Dixon said the organization found business conditions in North Carolina fairly promising, and would continue to loan money to farmers with productive lands. The Joint Stock Land Bank already has loaned over a million dollars to the farmers of Pitt County. Dr. Dixon said, and will continue its operations in all sections. Dr. Dixon is the Pitt County director of the institution.

VISITORS FROM GEORGIA PRAISE N. CAROLINA

Governor-elect Hardman and Party Especially Full of Praise of Highway Works Here.

Raleigh, N. C., March 23.—North Carolina officialdom was admittedly overwhelmed today under a barrage of Georgia praise.

"It is all great, simply great," beamed Governor-Elect L. C. Hardman, at the head of a party of "Cracker" observers here in search of new governmental ideas to carry back to their native State. He will sum up his findings when he returns home.

State College was the object of the first attack. Fresh after a night's rest, the Southern pilgrims joined forces with a Tar Heel reception and took to moters in order to cover the program outlined.

Praising this, jotting down that the party made its way in from the college to the Highway Commission, the capitol building departments, the budget commission, the Revenue Department, the education, health, agriculture, insurance, conservation military and judicial departments.

The visitors enthusiastically said that they had gathered numerous valuable suggestion to be submitted to the Georgia General Assembly, which convenes June 24 two days before Governor Hardman is inaugurated.

Governor Hardman was especially full of praise over the work done by Highway Commissioner Frank Page and that of former Health Secretary Rankin.

Conspicuous in the party was J. O. M. Smith, Commerce, Ga., introduced by Governor Hardman as the "world's champion cotton raiser." The Governor-Elect said that Smith had produced a yield of \$1000 as "the largest authentic yield of cotton ever produced."

Several members of the party have made plans to return to Georgia tonight, but Governor Hardman said he intended to stay over until tomorrow to get some more "inside information" from Governor McLean. He said Governor McLean was highly regarded in Georgia as a business executive.

The Georgia Governor, himself, lays claim to some business experience as a banker, farmer, practicing physician, and member in the Georgia Legislature.

Among members of the Georgia party were: State Senators I. F. Duncan, J. K. Patrick and Joe S. Burgin and Mrs. Burgin; Representatives Homer Hancock, Richard B. Russell and C. M. McClure; Dr. T. F. Abercrombie, State Health Officer, and Dr. Fort E. Land, Georgia Public school head. Mrs. Hardman was also with the party.

The Tar Heel reception committee in addition to Governor McLean included W. N. Everett, Secretary of State; Heriot Clarkson, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; J. Van B. Metts, Adjutant General, A. T. Allen, State Superintendent; Lt. Col. Gordon Smith, and other State officers.

New Cement Plant to Locate in Eastern North Carolina

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—New Bern today was selected as the site for a mammoth cement manufacturing plant financed by Mid-Western capital.

J. A. Acker, Fort Huron, Mich., told The Associated Press here that definite details of the enterprise would be announced later. Mr. Acker, in company with other foreign capitalists, has been in the State for several days investigating possibilities for locating such a plant in Eastern North Carolina.

New Bern was selected for adequate deposits of limestone, and its transportation facilities. The investigators have expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the prospects in Currituck County.

Tentative plans call for the erection of a plant to cost about \$3,000,000 with a capacity of a million and a quarter barrels of cement annually.

The cement representatives conferred with Governor McLean yesterday about North Carolina's attitude toward foreign capital. They also called to see Herman Bryson, State geologist, but Mr. Bryson was in Birmingham attending the Southern mining conference.

WE'RE NEVER SATISFIED — By A. B. CHAFF

SUCK — WISH I HAD HIS JOB!
NOTHING TO DO ALL DAY BUT RIDE AROUND IN A TRUCK DELIVERING GROCERIES. NO BACKACHE FOR HIM NO SORE FEET, PRETTY SOFT TO SAY —

GOIN' — WISH I HAD HIS JOB!
NOTHING TO DO ALL DAY BUT SIT ON A SOFA AND ENJOY THE CREAM. NO BAKING OUT FRESH BREAD. DON'T LATE WITH AN IDEA, HE DON'T HATE TO TRY TO LEASE A LOT OF FUSSEY OL' DAME. PRETTY SOFT, I'LL BE IN THE WORLD.

GEE — WISH I HAD HIS JOB!
NOTHING TO DO ALL DAY BUT SIT ON A SOFT CUSHION KEEPIN' BOOBS. NO SMELLY OL' SODA SUIT FER HIM. NO GOODY HANDS OR SOPPY FEET. GOOD NIGHT, PRETTY SOFT FER HIM!

WHY — WISH I HAD HIS JOB!
NOTHING TO DO ALL DAY BUT RIDE AROUND IN A WAGON. NO BAKING BREAD. DON'T LATE WITH AN IDEA, HE DON'T HATE TO TRY TO LEASE A LOT OF FUSSEY OL' DAME. PRETTY SOFT FER HIM!

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