

FARMVILLE, PITTS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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Hickman's Lawyer Wins First Point in Court

Walsh's Charges Of Bias And Prejudice Causes Change Of Judges

Los Angeles, Jan. 25—Superior Judge J. J. Trabucco, prominent veteran jurist of California, tonight was appointed to preside over the sanity trial of William E. Hickman, kidnapper and slayer of Marion Parker.

The decision was announced 2½ hours after Superior Judge Carlos Hardy, then the defense attorneys accused of bias and prejudice in the case, had removed himself "in the interest of justice and the speedy hearing of the case."

Judge Trabucco, who comes from Mariposa county, has been a California jurist for 30 years. For several months he has been acting as regular judge in Los Angeles county courts.

The assignment of Judge Trabucco was made by Presiding Judge Victor McKenna after Chief Justice William Wade, of the Supreme Court, had directed the selection be made by him. The Chief Justice, as head of the judicial council, was empowered to make the assignment.

Judge Trabucco will take over the trial tomorrow morning in the court room of Judge Hardy, where the first round of Hickman's sanity trial was fought today.

A swift and unexpected move that ended in the defense securing a prima facie, that a forbearing new judge in charging bias and prejudice to the jurist assigned to the case, marked the opening day of the sanity trial of William E. Hickman, kidnapper and slayer of 12-year-old Marian Parker.

Superior Judge Carlos Hardy filed an affidavit consenting "in the interest of justice and the speedy hearing of this trial" to remove himself of this case. The trial judge is expected to be named by a judicial council headed by William Wade, chief Justice of the California Supreme Court.

Starting swiftly after the trial was called to order this morning, Jerome Walsh, Kansas City attorney defending Hickman, entered an application to Judge Hardy. The defense charged bias and prejudice on three separate grounds at the court denied that each were true. Forty minutes after the trial opened adjournment was taken until afternoon to give the parties more consideration.

After an hour's conference with Superior Court Judge Victor McKenna, Judge Hardy decided to file a counter affidavit. In this, although denying harboring of any bias or prejudices, Judge Hardy in effect disavowed himself from the trial.

District Attorney Asa Keyes, chief of the State's attorneys, vigorously opposed the court's action, and he urged the overruling of the defendant's exception. Keyes refused the legal on opportunity of conferring with the defense council to select a judge morally acceptable, and the procedure of naming Judge Hardy's successor went to the judicial council, empowered by law to do so in such a situation.

The swift action of the moratorium was endorsed by the afternoon session, which last only 20 minutes. Adjournment was taken until this time tomorrow.

In contrast to the moratorium when few women were among the spectators and a dozen men were seated in the court room, the afternoon meeting found the court room filled to capacity.

A large percentage of the crowd included colorfully dressed women. There were half a dozen young girls among the spectators in the audience, but outside in the corridor leading to the courtroom the girls were few. The girl who had been seated in the chair of the county sheriff and his wife, however,

Local Boy to Sing Over Radio

John D. Holmes Will Be Heard Over W. S. B. Friday, Feb. 3rd, 10:45 O'clock

A message has been received by friends here calling of a concert to be broadcast on Friday evening, February 3, from station W. S. B., Atlanta, Ga., at 10:45 Eastern Standard time by the Moreheads Choral Club. The program will consist of solos, duets, trios, quartets and choruses. Miss Mary K. Jerome, of Atlanta, is director of the club.

Miss Jerome is well known here as she was music instructor in the local school for two years. A young woman of real ability and finely qualified by exceptional advantages, Miss Jerome's work in developing talent and organizing the Farmville Choral Club was of paramount importance and she is held in high esteem in the community.

John Dwight Holmes, tenor, who is at present studying in Atlanta, will have a place on the program.

MEETING IN COURT HOUSE NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

On next Tuesday night, January 31, at 8 o'clock, at the Court House in Greenville, there will be a public meeting for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the public the dire need of a hospital in Wilson for the indigent colored sick and those especially for the infirm and aged.

The Duke Foundation, and probably some northern philanthropist, will aid with their financial assistance of Pitt and adjoining counties and all Eastern Carolina were sufficiently interested to help finance this undertaking. Dr. W. G. Percy, who has charge of the colored division of inspections at the State Sanatorium will speak on the need of such a hospital. Dr. J. D. Read (colored) of Wilson, who is very interested in this project, will be present.

All citizens of the community are requested to attend this meeting.—K. J. Futrell, Supt. Public Welfare.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The January meeting of the Parent Teacher Association was held in the school auditorium on Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Whelchell, the chairman presiding.

The session was opened with community singing under the direction of Miss L. Carrathers with Miss E. Paul at the piano. Mrs. R. S. Tandy had charge of the program which consisted of piano solo, by Miss Nannie Smith; Alfred Larson reading "Tommy Paper" by Miss Mary Rivette Whelchell and a lecture by Rev. L. M. Duncan on "Building the Child," which was very interesting and helpful. The prize for the assembly room contest was won by Miss V. Case.

The meeting closed with the announcement by the president that the February meeting would include a social hour.

MERRY MATRONS MEET

The Merry Matrons met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. H. A. Fields at her home on Church street. An artistic arrangement of flowers formed an effective setting. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. G. M. Holden.

The topic of the program for the afternoon was "Ballads and Songs," with an interesting paper on "Soliloquies of the South" by Mrs. W. M. White. The subject of "Love Names and Love Songs" was humorously handled by Mrs. J. M. Hobson who sang an illustration of several negro melodies with spirit and ease of interpretation.

Refreshments consisted of deviling cream and sugar, followed by black coffee and cheese, drawn by Mrs. L. Lewis Herren and W. M. Willis assisted the hostess in serving. Under the able direction of Mrs. Gladys and Cecilia Morehead, J. L. Riddell, W. E. Holston, J. G. Speer, R. J. Lyons and C. R. Blackford.

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