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EWING GIVEN 18-20 YEARS ON WIFE SLAYING CHARGES

Manslaughter Verdict of Jury Termed 'Most Merciful'; Cumberland Political Leader Draws Scathing Condemnation from Judge Who Says Ewing Literally Beat His Wife to Death



SERGEANT HARRY D. MAY

Fayetteville, Sept. 11.—Wall C. Ewing, 54, one-time political power with Statewide influence, was sentenced in Cumberland County Superior Court here today to serve from 18 to 20 years in State Prison after he was convicted by a jury of manslaughter in the death of his wife, Mrs. Douglas S. Ewing.

Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids passed sentence late this afternoon, terming Ewing's crime one of the "most horrible" ever to come before courts of this region, and declaring that the jury had been "most merciful" in putting aside possible verdicts of first degree and second degree murder, choosing instead the least degree of homicide.

Appeal Is Noted.
Ewing's lawyers gave notice of appeal, and appearance bond was set at \$25,000. The former State Senator's brothers and other friends were seeking to arrange the bond tonight.

Whether Ewing's appeal will be perfected, or whether he will accept the verdict and sentence and begin his term within a few weeks was a matter not yet decided. It is usual in such cases for the defendant to give formal appeal notice, and decide later whether to go through with his plan.

Scathing Condemnation.
Judge Parker's remarks as he passed sentence on Ewing were as severe a condemnation of a crime and a convicted defendant as has ever been heard in local courts.

The evidence showed beyond a doubt that Mrs. Ewing was literally beaten to death by degrees by her husband, the jurist declared, and that she refused to leave him because of her love and devotion.

"His conduct to his wife," said Judge Parker, "has shocked the conscience of every person who has heard of it. The evidence discloses as brutal, as merciless, as barbarous a case of wife beating as has ever been tried in our courts."

The 18 to 20 year term given Ewing was in effect the maximum that Judge Parker could pass under the verdict returned.

The stiffness of Judge Parker's sentence was surprising to quite a few spectators—particularly some of Ewing's long-time political friends, but it met with the full approval of others, especially several scene women who have sat through the 16-day trial. Some of the women were disappointed with the verdict of manslaughter, openly expressing opinions that Ewing should have been held guilty in the first degree—an capital crime—or 2nd degree, in any event.

Defendant Nervous.
The 54-year-old Ewing was brought down from his cell in the county jail, Judge Parker was summoned from his chambers and Court Clerk Charles Broadfoot instructed to take the verdict. A hush settled over the courtroom.

Ewing sat by his counsel, mopping his brow frequently with a handkerchief. He showed no emotion as Juror Charles Cogsdell spoke the words, "Guilty of Manslaughter."

There was no demonstration from the packed courtroom.

Judge's Full Remarks.
In passing sentence on Ewing, Judge Parker, in clear tones that could be heard to the futhermost part of the courtroom, told Ewing and spectators:

"We who have listened to the evidence in this case will not soon forget the merciless and brutal beatings for three years of Douglas Ewing, a 100-pound woman, by her 250-pound husband, and her pathetic cries, night after night, 'Help, Help, Wall, you have beaten me all day and night; you are slowly beating me to death.'"

"Not one word has been said that Douglas Ewing was not a faithful, loyal wife. Slapped, knocked down, thrown out of the door, her only words were 'Wall, you know I love you; I have loved you since I was 13 years old. I shall always love you.'"

"For three years, she was never without bruises. No person except members of his family ever saw her fall and bruise herself. Doctors saw her bruised by her husband."

"If Douglas Ewing drank or doped, her husband's beatings justified and drove her to such conduct. His conduct to his wife has shocked the conscience of every person who has heard of it."

"The jury in this case has been most merciful. The evidence discloses as brutal, as merciless, as barbarous a case of wife beating as has ever been tried in our courts. The jury has chosen the least degree of homicide."

Aboard the USS Noble, Chesapeake Bay, Va.—Veteran Marine Sergeant Harry D. May, of Farmville, N. C., is one of the Marine demonstration troops participating in Operation CAMDID (Cadet-Midshipmen). Sergeant May, son of Mrs. Paul Allen, Rt. No. 1, Farmville, who learned the lessons of amphibious warfare at Guadacanal, Tarawa, Saipan, and Iwojima, will impart some of these lessons to CAMDID's during their joint maneuvers, the first joint maneuvers held in the history of the Academies. May is a member of the First Special Marine Brigade.

Kiwanis Carnival A Signal Success

The first Scholarship Carnival put on by the local Kiwanis Club, as a home talent and benefit entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings of last week was a signal success, the proceeds running well above the \$1,000.00 mark.

Charlie Hotchkiss, president, and his committee worked untiringly in the interest of the affair, which proved to be good entertainment and clean fun for the young and old.

The Kiwanians plan to make the carnival an annual affair and it will doubtless grow in size and variety and become an anticipated fall event in this community.

News comes to us this week of a near tragedy happening late Sunday afternoon on Bogue Sound in front of the D. E. Oglesby cottage when an explosion occurred on a boat which burned.

Mr. Oglesby and son, David, Jr., rescued nine people from the burning boat and from the Sound, in which many of them were floating helplessly about calling for help.

Hunting Season
Opens Sept. 15

J. O. Teel of Greenville, district game and fish protector, announces the opening of the hunting seasons on the following wildlife.

The dove season opens September 16 and ends September 30. Bag limit, 10 a day; possession limit, 10.

Beas, October 15 through January 1. Bag limit, two a day; two a season.

Deer: (In and east of a line composed of Northampton, Halifax, Martin, Pitt, Lenoir, Duplin, Sampson, Harnett, Lee, Moore, Hoke and Robeson counties) October 15 and through January 1. Bag limit, one a day; two a season.

Squirrel: (No open season on red squirrel.) September 15 and through December 15, bag limit, 10 a day, no limit for season.

Quail: November 23 through January 21. In this section of the state quail may be taken only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It is provided, however, that quail may be taken on Christmas and New Year's Day. Bag limit, eight a day; season, 150.

Wild turkey: In Beaufort, Halifax, Martin, Northampton and Washington counties, quail may be taken from November 23 through January 21, bag limit, one a day; two a season.

Farmville Tobacco Market News

(Sam D. Bundy, Sales Supervisor)
Since the resumption of sales the Farmville Tobacco Market has sold 3,090,726 pounds for \$1,613,379.82 for an approximate average of \$52.00 per hundred. The total figures for the season through Tuesday of this week and 8,281,573 pounds for \$4,271,594.18 for an average of \$52.00 per hundred. These figures include Tuesday's sales. Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's sales will put the Farmville Market well over 10,000,000 pounds, or about thirty-five percent of last year's total poundage. Farmville is well on its way to a new high of 30,000,000 or more pounds for one season.

Reports from many farmers indicate that prices were somewhat stronger than they were when the market closed last Friday for the week end; however, averages for entire sales show no marked change in price trends. Quite a few sales have been reported to be averaging in the sixties with some grades selling for 66 and 67 cents. Prices on some of the inferior grades were hardly holding their own with heavy-red tips going on sale without a friend.

While tobacco prices are not up to the level established on the first day of the marketing season, few farmers turned fags in recent days; however, the number joining the Fine-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation is gradually increasing, the action being recognized as a move to offset low prices.

Although some talk has been to the effect that the markets will close for another holiday, no official action has yet been taken and the markets will continue to sell five days each week with five hours selling time each day until further notice.

At The Kiwanis Club

President Charlie Hotchkiss reported on the outcome of the First Annual Scholarship Carnival held last week, including the total amount received by each booth and the record of sales of tickets by each member. The entire results were gratifying and the club gave President Charlie standing applause for his excellent leadership and untiring efforts in making the first Carnival a decided success. President Charlie expressed his appreciation for the wonderful cooperation of all club members and their wives.

The club desires to express appreciation through the newspaper to the following for their efforts in behalf of the carnival: Miss Etna Lewis, Miss Maimie Davis, Mrs. William Easley, Mrs. George Monk, A. C. Phillips, W. R. Cook, Johnnie Murphy, Dick Craft, Sam Craft, the Poles Force, J. H. Moore and the faculty; to Berry Taylor, Melton Allen and Gordon Lee for the use of their premises; to the Farmville Power & Light Co., including the services of David Harris and his two assistants, who did a grand job of handling the lighting system; and to all business firms for their various contributions and to all others who helped to make it a success.

Henry Johnson, in charge of the program had as guest speaker for the evening, J. H. Moore, school superintendent, who gave a splendid talk on "Scholastic Records." Mr. Moore took the opportunity to thank sundry articles needed by the high school for its assistance in securing school.

G. Harold Myrick, of Tarboro, was a visiting Kiwanian and a cordial welcome was extended also to A. C. Phillips, W. R. Cook and C. O. Ivey, of Farmville, and Carter Williams, of Raleigh, additional guests.

Ben Lewis will be in charge of the program next week.

FREE T. B. CLINIC TO BE HELD HERE ON SEPT. 29

The local Health Officer wishes to call attention to the fact that a free Tuberculosis Clinic will be held in the office of Dr. Chas. E. Fitzgerald, Farmville, on Friday, September 29, 2 to 4 o'clock.

The Clinic will be conducted by Dr. Fitzgerald. Patients both white and colored from any part of the County are eligible to attend the clinic. This is one of the regular monthly clinics held in Pitt County and is made possible through the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale.

LANE'S 4-H CLUB

Jack Turnage was head to the Lane's 4-H Club on Tuesday evening. New officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Ruth Moore, president; Jack Turnage, vice president; and Corneille Mills, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Pruden, assistant county agent, and Miss Hines, assistant demonstration agent, were present.

Lovely arrangements of roses and marigolds were used in decorating the home.

Meat Famine Returns With OPA Ceilings

Officials Hope Shortage Will Be Over in Month; Army Concerned

Washington, Sept. 12.—Meat went back under OPA ceiling Tuesday—and housewives in many cities had to turn to poultry and fish markets to round out their menus.

Even the army, the world's biggest single customer, said it may have to do likewise unless the meat shortage abates.

The new butcher shop prices average 12 per cent higher than on June 30, when meat began its 71-day period in the free market. They are lower than most recent prices, but the ceilings are meaningless in many communities because counters are bare.

How long the shortage will last became a prime topic not only for sellers, but for the buyers as well.

Any return to consumer rationing appeared to be out.

One remedy being talked about at the Agriculture Department is a possible price boost to encourage greater production on the farms, ranges and feed lots.

But no action appeared imminent tonight.

The Agriculture Department—given the last word over such matters in the price control extension law—was unwilling to concede that a long and severe shortage is in prospect. A spokesman said department meat experts think the meat famine may be over in a month or so and that in any event it is too early for any decision.

Officials admittedly were watching the meat reconrol program very closely as a guide to the whole future of peacetime price controls.

The army told of its concern in an announcement by the quarter-master general's office that its own meat buying in July, "due to the unfavorable price situation," totaled only 15,400,000 pounds, compared with 58,000,000 pounds bought in April.

Social Security Show The Boss Your Card, is Social Security Advice

H. M. Barney, manager of the Rocky Mount office of the Social Security Board, advises all workers to show their social security account card to every employer for whom they work.

This is essential to protect the worker's wage record, which is maintained under his name and number for his future monthly insurance benefits. For example, there are approximately 575,000 Smiths on the Social Security Board's records and, therefore, there are approximately 575,000 accounts under the name of Smith. It is important that no two Smiths have the same number.

Employers are required to report each worker's wages, under both his name and number to the Government every three months. Then these wages are credited by the Social Security Board on each worker's individual ledger sheet under both his name and number.

For these reasons, all workers in industry and commerce should follow this advice:

1. Show your card to every employer for whom you work.
2. Make sure that he copies both your name and number correctly so that your wages may be credited to your account.
3. Hang on to your card. Don't lose it; but if you do lose it, get a duplicate. Two numbers may cause some loss of wage credits and consequently of benefits. If you have more than one number, go to the nearest office of the Social Security Board and see which one you should keep. You need only one number throughout life.

MISS MYRTLE L. JOYNER
WEDS WILLIE T. BAKER

Miss Myrtle Louise Joyner and Willie T. Baker were quietly married on Wednesday, September 4, at the Baptist parsonage with the Rev. E. W. Holmes performing the ceremony.

The bride was attired in a blue wool suit with black accessories and wore a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. Baker, the attractive daughter of Mrs. Nettie Joyner and the late Jason Joyner, was graduated from Mary High School. Prior to her marriage she was employed by the Bank of Farmville. Mr. Baker is the son of Jesse L. Baker and the late Mrs. Baker. He was discharged recently from the Army after serving overseas.

Turnage Named FMF Comander

Farmville Native Succeeds Geiger as Pacific Marine Corps Commander

Washington, Sept. 5.—Changes in the maritime commands for the Pacific and in China were disclosed here by maritime headquarters.

Marine Corps officials said the recent retirement of several general officers and a postwar reassignment of commands had resulted in several shifts of assignments.

Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commanding general of Fleet Marine Forces in the Pacific is returning to the United States for an assignment to be announced later. Succeeding him is the present assistant commander, Maj. Gen. Allen H. Turnage of Farmville, N. C.

In China, command of the First Marine Division, based at Tientsin, is shifting from Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey to Maj. Gen. Samuel L. Howard, presently commander at Farris Island; S. C. Rockey will become chief of the department of the Pacific with headquarters at San Francisco. The department embraces four West Coast districts.

A shift in the assignment commands of the First Division also is being made, with Brig. Gen. William A. Worton being relieved by Brig. Gen. Alfred H. Noble. Worton will move to command of Marine garrison forces in Hawaii.

Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, commander of amphibious troop training in the Atlantic will succeed Turnage as assistant chief of the Fleet Marine Force in the Pacific.

Final Rites Held For Miss V. Morrill

Highly Esteemed Pitt County Woman Passes In Falkland

Final rites for Miss Veneta P. Morrill, 36, highly esteemed Pitt County woman, were conducted, Wednesday, at four o'clock, from the home of a nephew, Jennis Morrill, in Falkland, by the Rev. Roscoe C. Hauser, Jr., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville. Miss Morrill succumbed at noon, Tuesday, to a brief illness. Interment was made in Holywood cemetery here, beneath a lovely floral tribute. Favorite hymns, The Old Rugged Cross and Safe In The Arms of Jesus, were sung by a choir of mixed voices.

Miss Morrill was the daughter of the late Dr. Samuel E. and Mrs. Sarah B. Morrill, of Farmville. Prior to moving to Falkland some 20 years ago, to reside with her brother, Dr. Jennis Morrill, Miss Morrill was a beloved citizen of Farmville, being a prominent churchwoman; a charter member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, organized in 1838, and of the Women's Auxiliary, which was formed later, and was active in literary circles, being a charter member of the Farmville Literary Club, organized some forty years ago.

Of a quiet dignity and reserve, serene in her outlook, tranquil in disposition, sympathetic in her nature and retaining possession of her keen mental faculties despite her advanced age, she attracted a wide circle of friends, and this Christian gentleman will be greatly missed in Pitt county.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. D. S. Morrill, of Farmville, and a number of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were: John D. Dixon, Ted L. Albright, Will H. Moore, Jr. and Charles S. Hotchkiss, of Farmville; Garland and Horace Leonard, of Falkland.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZED

The Lang's Community Sunday School organized a Methodist Youth Fellowship, Friday night with the assistance of Mrs. A. Q. Eoback and Mrs. E. B. Clegg.

General business for the next quarter was planned and the following officers were elected: Lois Naudy, president; Billy Griffin, vice president; Marjorie Cash, secretary; Billy Fulford, treasurer; and Rufus Gay, head counselor.

The next meeting is planned for September 27.

Recreation was furnished by Misses Elizabeth and Lois Naudy and refreshments were served by Mrs. Eoback.

It is hoped that this meeting is the beginning of such fine spiritual youth work. The young people of the Lang's Community are interested in the betterment of their community and will doubtless strive in every possible way to further this movement.

INDEMNITY BILL SENT TO TITO EXCEEDS \$300,000 FIGURE

Farmer Given Forty Years For Slaying

Wilson, Sept. 10.—Harvey Hobson, Wilson county tenant farmer, was sentenced to 40 years imprisonment today after a Superior Court jury convicted him on two charges of manslaughter in connection with the shotgun slaying of his landlords, Stephen and Andrew Etheridge.

The jury deliberated one hour before returning its verdict. Judge Henry L. Stevens imposed the maximum sentence, 20 years, in each case, and stipulated that the sentences should run consecutively.

The case was given to the jury immediately after the convening of court this morning. Arguments of counsel and Judge Stevens' charge were completed late last night.

Miss Sawrey Is Bride Of Chas. Silas Edwards

Smithfield, Sept. 2.—Miss Eula Maye Sawrey of this city and Charles Silas Edwards of Farmville were married Saturday evening, August 31, at eight o'clock in Centenary Methodist church. The Rev. H. K. King, pastor of the bride, officiated, using the double ring ceremony.

The church was decorated with ferns, trailing clematis and white gladioli. Tall white candles furnished a soft light.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. John A. Wallace played a program of wedding music and she also played the traditional wedding marches. Mrs. Wallace wore a black dress with corsage of pink roses.

The bride's only attendant was Mrs. C. W. Wellons, Jr., of Newport News, Va., who wore a rose woad dress. Her corsage was of white asters.

The bridegroom had as his best man J. M. Wheelers, Jr., of Farmville. Ushers were Vance Sawrey, brother of the bride of Smithfield, and Roby Edwards, brother of the groom, of Greenville.

The bride wore for her wedding a blue woad dress and her corsage was of Better Times roses.

The mother of the bride wore a black crepe dress and a corsage of yellow roses.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Verna Sawrey of this city. She attended Atlantic Christian College at Wilson and graduated from the Carolina General Hospital School of Nursing in the nursing corps of the army.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. C. K. Edwards of Greenville. He attended an embalmers school in New York City and now holds a position with the Farmville Funeral Home, Farmville. He served for two years in the Army.

After a wedding trip of two weeks to Western North Carolina they will be at home in Farmville.

Following the ceremony, the mother of the bride entertained at a reception at the Woman's club. The club house was beautifully decorated with greenery and colorful dahlias and other late summer flowers. A white and green color scheme was used in the reception room and a pink and green color motif prevailed in the music room.

The guests were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ward, Sr., and were presented to the receiving line by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sawrey.

Receiving with the hostess were the bride and groom and the members of the bridal party.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Woodall directed the way to the punch bowl which was attractively arranged on a lace covered table. Mrs. Ira C. Whitley and Mrs. G. W. Grier poured punch. Bridal cakes and nuts were passed by Misses Marjorie Whitley, Dorothy Poston and Allene Grier and Mrs. Lucy Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson presided over the bride's book in which around 150 guests registered.

Goodbyes were said to Rev. and Mrs. E. K. King.

During the reception hours, Mrs. Eula Hood Stevens played a number of piano selections.

Out of seven guests here for the wedding and reception were: Miss Vee Williams of Zebulon; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards of Greenville; Mrs. B. R. Jimette, Gilbert Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Perkins, Albert and Thurman Perkins of Goldsboro, Route 1; Mr. and Mrs. Berion E. Dail and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Phillips of Farmville.

Kindergarten opens
THURSDAY NEXT WEEK

Mrs. Florence Thorne announces the opening of her kindergarten class on Thursday, September 18. Parents are requested to contact Mrs. Thorne at her home, 527 E. Wilson street, or to call for further information.

Yugoslav Chief Agrees To Pay For Deaths of Fliers But Balks Over Planes

Washington, Sept. 12.—The United States has handed Yugoslavia a stiff indemnities bill of \$200,000 to \$400,000 for the American lives and property lost when Yugoslav fighters shot down two unarmed United States Army planes last month. It was revealed this week.

The bulk of the indemnities would go to the families and other dependents of the five American fliers who were killed in the second brush with Marshal Tito's air force August 19.

Informed diplomatic sources revealed the American claim a few hours after Acting Secretary of State William L. Clayton announced that Yugoslavia has agreed tentatively to pay indemnities for the fliers' lives but is balking at paying for the two United States planes.

Full Settlement Asked.
While Marshal Tito's conciliatory attitude on the American claim encouraged hope for a prompt and mutually satisfactory termination of the dispute, the size of the United States' bill made it clear that the State Department was not seeking a "token" settlement.

It was recalled that in a somewhat parallel case, the Japanese attack on the United States gunboat, Panay, in 1937, the United States demanded and received indemnities totaling more than \$2,214,000.

Clayton appeared optimistic over the chances for an early settlement with Tito, and he emphasized that the Yugoslav leader's reluctance to pay for the two planes is not regarded as a final answer.

Clayton said that U. S. Ambassador Richard C. Patterson, Jr., has had only one preliminary discussion with the Yugoslav government on the subject and that he hoped a satisfactory settlement would be devised.

The indemnities bill already has been submitted and accepted tentatively, but Clayton declined to say how much it amounted to or when the dead fliers' families would be paid.

The State Department previously had offered to close the entire dispute if Yugoslavia would compensate for the American lives and property lost in the two incidents, which occurred on August 9 and 19. Marshal Tito already has expressed formal regrets for the shootings, which took place when the American planes accidentally strayed over Yugoslav soil.

Rebuke Longshoremen.
Clayton also took the occasion to rebuke East Coast union longshoremen who have refused to load relief ships to Yugoslavia because of the plane incidents. He said the matter was one for the State Department or the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to decide, not a labor union.

Questioned about reports that UN RRA supplies had been inequitably distributed in Yugoslavia and elsewhere, his acting secretary said some of the stories had been found to be true but they were relatively few in relation to the size of the relief job.

At The Rotary Club

The actual work of the 4-H Clubs was demonstrated Tuesday evening by Miss Ruth Moore, recently elected state president of 4-H Clubs, and Miss Frances Jones, both of the Lenoir Community.

These two Pitt County girls won, as a team, the championship in the northeastern district and took second place in the state contest.

The palatability, economy and nutritive values of milk were discussed and technical information was given. The importance of milk in the diet was stressed. Delicious and attractively-made samples of milk desserts were fixed ready for serving.

Ell Joyce, Jr., program chairman for the evening, turned the program over to his father, Ell, Sr., who introduced Miss Verona Lee Joyner, his daughter, who is Pitt County Home Demonstration Agent. Miss Joyner made some brief remarks about 4-H work and organization and presented Miss Lillian Hines, of New Bern, who will work with the 4-H Clubs in this county.

Visiting Rotarians included A. F. House, of Ayden and Herbert Aston, of Danville, Ky. Mr. House had a perfect Rotary attendance record for 15 years. Other guests were Dr. Paul E. Jones, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., and George Fergie, of Tampa, Fla. President Johnnie Hawthorn presided.

UNC GRADUATE

Robert D. House, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. House, Sr., was among the graduates of the law school of the University of North Carolina. He is the first son of the late Mr. House to graduate from the university.