

Defense Closes Its Case In Lumberton Ku Klux Klan Trial

LITTLE CHILDREN CALLED TO STAND

State Begins Rebuttal Testimony When Defense Quits

LUMBERTON, July 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—With a final attack upon the reputation of Mrs. Katie Purvis chief complaining witness the defense this afternoon rested in the trial of Mike Lawson, alleged members of the K. K. K. on charges growing out of the whipping by masked men on the night of April 14 of Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Mary Watson. The state began immediately the introduction of rebuttal testimony by calling Conrad Purvis 16 year old son of Mrs. Purvis and Norine Watson, 18 year old daughter of the other victim of the hooded band, to the stand.

Mike Lawson, chief of police of Fairmont and described by Mrs. Purvis as one of the leaders of the hooded raiders, was on the stand for one hour and forty-five minutes. He gave a minute account of his movements on the night of April 14 denying all knowledge of the flogging of the two women and declaring that he was not connected with the K. K. K. in any way. Despite cross examination by Stephen McIntyre Lawson clung to his statement which purported to establish an alibi for the night of the alleged crime. Mrs. Lawson testified briefly co-operating her husband's story. About thirty witnesses were called by the defense to co-operate various details of Lawson's alibi and to testify as character witnesses. Coming near Proctorville where the flogging was alleged to have occurred and from Fairmont the witness testified that the reputations of the three defendants was good. Throughout the whole evening the defense hammered at Mrs. Purvis' reputation by drawing out from witness statements that it was "Not good" and "Bad."

On cross examination each witness declared under attorney McIntyre questioning he was not and never had been a member of the K. K. K. The defense during the trial served a subpoena on Mrs. Watson as a witness for the defense announcing that she would be called to the stand by the defendant if the state did not call her.

Mrs. Norine Watson on the stand identified Julia Brogden as one of the men who kidnaped her mother and Mrs. Purvis. She declared that she recognized him by his eyes and his hands. Another carried a policeman's billy she swore was about the size of Lawson.

The Tuesday night following the alleged floggings the witness testified a party of men who said they were Klansmen came to her mother's home without showing themselves apologized to her for having called her the biggest crook in the country. It had been testified that Mrs. Watson had been told she was being whipped because she permitted daughter to go to Mrs. Purvis' home and associate with men. Mrs. Watson fixed the time of the flogging as between 10 and 10:30 o'clock.

Nathelens Watson, 12 year old sister of Norine described the seizing of her mother and Mrs. Purvis. The little girl was followed on the stand by her brother. He gave the same description of events at the Purvis home when it was invaded by the raiders as had his sister. Both told of the little girl being struck over the head by the hooded men and who was said by Nasiline and her brother to be of the approximate built of Mike Lawson.

DEPOSED MINE LEADER SAYS HE WILL FIGHT NOW

SYDNEY, Nov. 19.—A declaration that he intended "to do all in my power to overthrow the present system of government" was made tonight by Daniel Livingston the deposed president of district 26, United Mine Workers of America. Mr. Livingston made his statement at a mass meeting of 3,000 striking coal miners at Glace Bay. He declared there is no man more loyal than I am to the government but things are in a bad way.

CABINET CALLED

LONDON, July 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Another cabinet council has been summoned for tomorrow to consider further the draft of the British reply to Germany on reparations. This announcement was made late tonight.

KIWANIS HEARS JOHN C. NORSE ON BOY SCOUTS

Local Club Endorses Movement To Establish District For Field Representative

COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION APPOINTED

The Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting last night heard John C. Norse, field representative of the Boy Scouts of America in an interesting and instructive talk on the proper way of handling boys work. Mr. Norse is an interesting speaker and his subject was interestingly and instructively handled. The Kiwanis Club is heartily in favor of the work being done by Mr. Norse and part of its great work is with the boys of the community.

A special committee was appointed by the president to make arrangements to attend the annual convention of the Carolina District to be held at Wrightsville Beach in the near future. A large delegation of local Kiwanis is expected to attend the convention which is one of the most enjoyable gatherings the state clubs have.

BANKER-FARMER CONVENTION IS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Farmers Can Get Credit Say Kilgore But Costs High

CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL

Raleigh, July 19.—The two day conference of bankers and farmers from the fifth Federal Reserve District closed Wednesday at State College with a discussion by members of the College teaching staff, Extension Service and Experiment Station workers of the problem of how the bankers may cooperate in making farming more profitable.

The conference, which was presided over by J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, on Tuesday adopted resolutions looking towards the encouragement of loans by bankers to bright and deserving young men and young women who wish to go to college to study agriculture and home economics; to promote in a rational and conservative way the economic increase of the productivity of the soil of the district and the encouragement of a proper system of diversified farming. In carrying out this program it was urged that a banker-farmer conference be called early in the fall to meet at the agricultural college of each state in the district.

"A more personal contact is needed between the banker and the farmer," Dr. B. W. Kilgore stated at Tuesday's session. "The farmer can usually secure all the credit he needs, but it is the cost of such credit that is ruinous. A recent survey of 800 North Carolina farms showed that more than one half of the credit obtained by the farmers was secured by advances from stores. Where farmers borrowed directly from banks the interest on the whole transaction amounted to only 6.5 per cent, but the rate on advances from stores ran up to 26.6 per cent."

"Banks usually have been more than willing to finance the farmer, but the difficulty has been in persuading him away from the traditional method of securing his credit in the costly time merchant way."

Dr. Kilgore urged the bankers to lead their influence in securing a county agent and a home demonstration agent in every county where one is not now employed; to make credit available at a reasonable interest rate; and to make all farm products the basis of such credit and not merely the so-called money crops, such as cotton and tobacco, as has been the custom in the past.

T. E. Browne showed how the bankers may help with the work of the teachers in agriculture in the rural schools of the state. "The bankers of a community are usually the most influential business men, and a word of commendation to a

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WOMEN TAKEN OUT AND TORTURED IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Tried To Get Information From Her She States To Tulsa Paper

ACID WAS USED TO BURN HER WITH

Tulsa, Okla., July 19.—Details of her abduction on a busy street corner here Monday evening and subsequent torture in an effort to wring from her information relating to a deal involving George S. Petropol, an oil lease broker, were given last night by Mrs. Pearl Hayter, according to a story published this morning by the Tulsa World.

Before she was thrown from an automobile on the streets of Okmulgee late Monday night, Mrs. Hayter declares she was attacked by two of her abductors and burned with acid. Her hair was shaved by the kidnapers, she said.

Vehement denial was made by Mrs. Hayter that she and Petropol had been blackmailing business men in Tulsa and Sapulpa as alleged by twelve masked men who were reported to have summoned a reporter of the Tulsa Tribune Tuesday and stated that they were responsible for the torture of the woman, charging that she and Petropol had been practicing extortion. Petropol also denied such charges challenging his accusers to meet him in court. The masked men asserted they were not members of the Ku Klux Klan.

An inquiry into the case will be instituted. It was announced by County Attorney John M. Goldsberry. The motor car in which she was forced, contained four men and one woman, Mrs. Hayter said. Arriving at a point south of Tulsa, she declared she was told:

"You can save yourself a lot of suffering and trouble by telling us what you know about the Petropol pool deal."

Asked by the reporter what Petropol was referred to, one of the men accompanying Mrs. Hayter spoke up. "He means Berry—oil right, Jim Berry of the American National Bank of Sapulpa," he said, according to the reporter.

"Yes, that's the man I mean, and the man to whom they referred," Mrs. Hayter continued.

"One of the men accused me of knowing all about George's business, but denied knowing about the Berry deal," Mrs. Hayter here interrupted to say that Petropol had only been a good friend of hers.

She then related that she was taken back to a railroad station and placed on board a train for Okmulgee, being warned that if she called for help or attempted to escape she would be killed.

On arriving in Okmulgee, she said she was placed in another automobile and driven out into the country where she was asked if she would talk, and again denied any knowledge of the deal.

"Well if you won't talk, we'll make you wish you had, and cut that pride of yours" one of the men said to me and I was forced to get out of the car and was treated roughly. Finally they assaulted me.

"After this was over they said they would take me to a place and keep me. One of them asked how much money Petropol had and wondered if he would pay \$10,000 or \$12,000 to get me back.

"They decided they would take me some place and hold me, but one of them said he had something that would make me talk.

"He then pulled a bottle from his pocket and announced they would burn it out of me.

"At first they would tilt the bottle of acid so the cork would be wet and stick it on my arm. It burned awfully. Gradually they grew more bold and the torture was something awful. All the time they were doing this they said if I would tell them of the Berry deal they would quit.

"Then they burned my breast and my legs with the acid and I broke down and it seemed like this frightened them.

"On the way back the men cut the hair from my head.

"Finally I was dumped out on a side street in Okmulgee.

"I did not know any of the men who participated in the kidnaping."

Mrs. Hayter's arms were bandaged and badly burned with acid, and from appearances her breast had been badly burned with acid.

A long distance telephone call to James Berry, of the American National Bank of Sapulpa, informing him that Mrs. Hayter had named him in the torture case brought the answer that he knew nothing about the case, but said they evidently "took out the wrong party when they did not get the man."

"I know of no deal in which myself or the bank could be involved," said Berry.

HOWELL'S WORK IS ENDORSED BY THE LOCAL KIWANIS

Club Goes on Record as To the Retiring Superintendent's Welfare Work and Regrets To See Him Leave the City

HIS RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE SOON

Resolutions endorsing the work of Superintendent of Public Welfare Howell were passed last night by the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Howell has resigned his position as head of the Welfare department of the county in order to do further studying, and the Kiwanis club, of which he is a member, passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Goldsboro Kiwanis Club that E. Howell, Superintendent of Public Welfare for Wayne County, has resigned his position, effective September 1st, 1935, and whereas this Club desires to express its approval and appreciation for the splendid work of E. Howell while occupying this most important position:

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Goldsboro Kiwanis Club:

That bringing to the office of Superintendent of Public Welfare a strong personality, a highly trained mind, a sense of loyalty to duty, an unimpeachable character and an altruistic and unswerving disposition to faithfully serve the poor and unfortunate of the county, and the young of all classes, Mr. Howell has diligently and efficiently applied these talents and traits with resultant benefits which will be felt in our community for years to come which benefits operating as they have in raising the moral standards of our youth, in improving domestic relations among many families and administering necessities of life to the poor, affording opportunity of high living to the delinquent, and assisting the mental and physical training of our entire people.

That under his administration, his office has become recognized as one of the most efficient in the State and has won the approbation of the State authorities and the admiration of officials in other States.

That, mindful of our obligation to assist in community building and our special pledge to the underprivileged child, this Club passes this resolution with profound regret that Wayne County will lose Mr. Howell as its superintendent of public welfare and extends to him its sincere best wishes for the same and greater success in his endeavors elsewhere.

TRANSCONTINENTAL FLYER IS FORCED DOWN IN WYOMING

Leak in Oil Cooling Tank Causes Maughn to Stop Country Flight

HE IS VERY MUCH DISGUSTED

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., July 19.—Forced down by a new leak in the oil cooling tank of his plane, Lieutenant Russell Maughn was forced to abandon his attempt to cross the continent between dawn and dusk late this afternoon. He landed at the fair mail field at 5:08 p.m.

A hurried examination by two air mail pilots who were the only men on the field when he descended convinced the transcontinental flyer that it would be impossible to repair the leak in time for him to reach the west coast before dark and he called off the flight.

The leak was around the edges of the partition of tank which had been soldered at Cheyenne this afternoon when Maughn was delayed for an hour. Maughn passed over Rock Springs at 5:18 apparently bent on continuing the flight despite the leak but he turned back a few minutes later.

"It would require from three to four hours to repair the leak," Maughn told the Associated Press, "consequently the flight is off." Lieutenant Maughn is greatly disappointed at the second failure. He was plainly disgusted as he walked off the field.

GOVERNOR TO ASHEVILLE

RALEIGH, N. C., July 19.—Governor Morrison will leave for Asheville this afternoon immediately after the legislative committee submits the report of the audit into the state's financial condition. He will travel by automobile.

Audit Committee Finds That North Carolina Has No Five Million Deficit As Charged

Dr. Zeno Wall Forced To Rest His Voice But Will Preach Again Tonight

SINGER TAKES CHARGE OF THE SERVICE FOR HIM

Preacher Will Be Back in His Pulpit Tonight at the Regular Time. His Voice Was Weary

Dr. Zeno Wall, who has been preaching at the Tabernacle for several weeks, rested last night in order to let his voice, which has grown rather weary get a new lease on life.

The service was in charge of Singer Welslag, who told the story of his life and gave a short but highly entertaining musical program. A quartet rendered several numbers and Mr. Wolskel rendered a solo which was very much enjoyed.

Dr. Wall will preach as usual tonight. The sermon for Wednesday night is given below:

The Tragedy of Ham Revelations, 3rd chapter, part 3, last verse. "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."

And the subject tonight is the Tragedy of Sham, and as before, I want you to pray as I speak. God has been here from the first night. God is here tonight. God will be here, the last night, if we will let Him.

The Tragedy of Sham, the tragedy of hypocrisy, the tragedy of walking under false colors, the tragedy of getting through this life, just one time and as you go through it, trying, all the time, to fool yourself; trying, as best you can, to deceive your God, and putting forth every effort within your power to deceive men and women, and boys and girls; trying, in the language of the street, to "get by" with something, to "putting something across," getting something for nothing, and to appear that you are something in your day and generation when in reality you know that you are not playing the game square. You know that you are not playing fair in life. Oh, the tragedy, dear friends, of sham, of hypocrisy, of walking under false colors! And you ask, no doubt, what I mean by walking under false colors. It is, boys and girls, this: There is a ship out on the ocean now from England, we will say, flying the flag of the United States, flying our flag in order that certain rights, certain privileges, certain protection not granted by England may be given unto her. There were, during the world wide conflict, many ships which carried some other flag other than the flag of their own land. In order that our men might be deceived, pulled down their flag and hoisted the Stars and Bars, and for the time being, as we say "got by." Again and again their artists painted the flag of Old Glory on their airplanes and thus deceived our men below. Sailing under false colors is that which deceives, doing that which gets for yourself certain privileges, certain protection, in the wrong way. Oh, the many who are sailing under false colors; there are many people today who are sailing through the world holding up the flag of the Lord Jesus Christ, when in all reality, they are in the devil's boat. I cannot understand, for the life of me, why an individual riding in Satan's vessel will lift the Christian's flag. Oh, how that sort of thing has hurt all over the wide, wide world! Men have sailed under false colors; women have sailed under false colors, and the cause of Christ has had to suffer because they have sailed under these false colors. There is not a community about which I have any knowledge tonight, which has not suffered, and which is not suffering, because men and women have been riding in Satan's ship and at the same time lifting the flag of the Saviour and proclaiming: "rather boastfully, about rather ostentatiously claiming to be God's child, when in all reality, they are Satan's. They are, in a word, and that word is in the language of the Master, "wolves in sheep's clothing"; going about appearing to be God's children, when in reality, they belong to Satan and his hosts. Nor can I understand this; there is no use in your playing deceitfully; there is no use in your carrying false colors or flying a flag

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REPORT SHOWS HALF MILLION IN HAND LAST DEC.

At Which Time Maxwell Made His Charge of Huge Deficit

Raleigh, N. C., July 19.—Differing with the auditors employed by the state in their interpretation of the results of the audit of the joint House and Senate committee appointed by the last legislature to conduct a thorough audit made its report here this afternoon to the council of state headed by Governor Morrison, and in the presence of the full committee, the council of state and representatives of the press. A report of the committee found that there is an accumulative deficit in the general funds of June 30, 1935, of \$50,488.13, which deficit will be in our opinion more than taken up by revenues applicable to the period prior to December 31, 1935, which revenues since been collected but not taken into account by the auditors for the reason that the auditors took into account only such revenues as were collected up to and including May 15, 1935.

The committee's conclusions on the condition of the finances of June 30, 1935, were: produced on the elimination from the outstanding liabilities of the current revenues of \$710,000 outstanding for a deficit in the special school fund, in eliminating this note from the outstanding current obligations the committee explained that the special revenue of 1931 had passed an act authorizing borrowing of the amount of \$1,000,000 to provide the funds to take care of the deficit in the special school fund. The amount did not meet excessive expenditures of the year for the current year of 1931. The special revenue of 1931, in fact, did not amount to \$1,000,000 or it did not amount to \$1,000,000 by current borrowing to be from time to time and as a result of the fact that the amount of the deficit which might arise in the future.

The item therefore should not be considered a charge against the current general fund for the period under review, since it represents a special school fund deficit accumulated in prior years by the failure of the special school fund advisory commission property tax to provide fully for the expenditures of the public school department under the special school fund prior to 1931 which were necessary to run the six school school term.

The auditors employed by the committee found that on December 31, 1932, the date on which Maxwell alleged there was a \$500,000 deficit and which caused the audit to be made there existed \$477,184.75.

GEORGIA WILL LEGISLATE ON NEGRO STEALING

ATLANTA, Ga., July 19.—An effort to check the migration of negroes and other farm labor was given by the authors as the reason for the introduction of a bill in the Georgia Legislature today which would make it felony for any person or persons to solicit labor in Georgia for other states. Penalties would be a prison term of not less than 2 years nor more than seven.

JIM JEFFRIES IS NOW A PREACHER

LOS ANGELES, (Special), July 19.—James J. Jeffries, former heavyweight boxing champion, who recently was reported to be preparing for a career in the ministry, will preach at the Women's Christian Temperance Society here tomorrow night. "The Resurrection of Jesus," will be the text.

His tour is a world tour, it is said, and the doctrine of amalgamation of the peoples of the white race is the highest standard of this man.

ANOTHER WAY TO FIGHT WEEVIL

Forest City, Ark., July 19.—Working on the theory that the cotton boll weevil is "a little bit in the north," Phil Hickey, manager of a local cotton oil mill, is treating the pests in the company's fields each night.

At intervals in the cotton fields Mr. Hickey places each night a burning torch close by a man in a hammock. Unable to resist the heat of flame, Mr. Hickey asserts, the weevil flies to the light, is burned and falls into the torch flame.

ANOTHER GOOD GIRL GONE WRONG

CHICAGO, July 19.—The Earl of Northesk and Miss Jessica Brown, former Illinois girl, were married here tonight in the offices of F. P. Jordan, her attorney. Judge J. R. Caverly performed the ceremony.

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF SEVERAL COUNTIES

Discusses the Problem of Advertising Eastern North Carolina

UNDER AUSPICES OF EASTERN CHAMBER

KINSTON, July 19.—The meeting of the county commissioners of Edgecombe, Halifax, Warren and Northampton, which was held at Weldon Wednesday of this week under the auspices of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of planning a plan for advertising Eastern North Carolina, was well attended and the plan outlined by Secretary N. G. Bartlett was unanimously adopted and every commissioner present pledged himself to make a favorable recommendation to his board on his return home.

The next meeting will be held at Kennesaw Wednesday of next week at 11 o'clock, and will be composed of the county commissioners of Pendler, Sampson and Duplin. H. H. Taylor, first vice president of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce will accompany Secretary Bartlett to this meeting, and the plans will be laid before the county commissioners of these three counties. The next meeting after the Kennesaw meeting will be held at Wilmington, July 25th at eleven o'clock, when the county commissioners of New Hanover, Columbus, Brunswick, Bladen, and Onslow will participate.

Those counties represented at the meeting in Weldon Wednesday of this week were Halifax, Northampton, Warren and Edgecombe. Nash being the only county absent that was in this group. It is the plan of the executive committee of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce to carry this program to every board of county commissioners by the first Monday in August, and from all indications now the necessary number of counties will be obtained to make this piece of advertising a success. No movement of this kind in a long time has met with such unanimous approval as this, and much good is expected to result from it.

TRAGIC, BUT OH, HOW FUNNY!

Steubenville, O., July 19.—Twelve of thirteen negro laborers who participated in a dice game at the Belle Iron Works labor camp here, are in the mill hospital today suffering from burns.

The dozen in the hospital were ranged along one side of a table while the thirteenth, and wielder of the spotted ivory gallopers, faced them on the opposite of "lucky" table.

One of the twelve with a handkerchief reached grabbed for the "hot" of money in the center of the table. "Shooter" number thirteen, reached for a pistol. As it flashed, "lucky" "ducked." All sat on a red hot table.

BOOTLEGGERS OFF COAST HAVE SET UP FLOATING BAR

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 19.—Bootleggers have set up a "floating bar" nine miles off this city, according to coastguards and customs officials. A tramp steamer and a bark, said to be flying French colors, were included in the flotilla that numbers a dozen vessels.