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## TENTATIVELY SEAT SEVEN JURORS IN GATLIN CASE

### FEWER MORTGAGES ON WAYNE FARMS IN 1925 THAN 1910

#### CHARGE GIRL SLEW FATHER

Wentworth Courthouse Is Packed To Overflowing As Case Gets Under Way

#### QUESTION OF RELIGION IS BROUGHT TO FRONT

Seven Tentatively Seated Are All Men of Large Families

WENTWORTH, N. C., Feb. 14—(AP)—The question of religion was brought squarely to the front today as state and defense tilted over the selection of a jury to try Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin for the axe murder of her father, Smith T. Petty.

More than a thousand spectators who thronged every available space in the little courtroom leaned forward tensely to catch every question and adjournment for the day found only seven tentative jurors selected from 42 examined.

The questioning which went into church affiliations as well as into other phases of the prospective jurors' lives, delayed the proceedings and evoked several sharp tilts between counsel.

When the long day came to a close the defense had exhausted seven of its twelve promptly challengers while the state used only one of its four.

The tentative jury list, however, is subject to challenge from the state which may strike out three more if that right is exercised.

All jurors were asked whether they were married and had children. Without exception the tentative jurors are men of large families.

#### NEW AGENCY FOR CHRYSLER HERE

Formal Opening of Howell Motor Company Is Set For Coming Saturday

The Howell Motor Company will have its formal opening as local agent for the Chrysler automobiles Saturday, the 18th in the building next door to City Hall on the north side. John D. and Lester Howell are the proprietors of the new concern. Both men are well and favorably known in this section. John D. Howell having been foreman at the Goldsboro Garage and Spence Motor company for a number of years and for the past year or more has operated a garage of his own on Mulberry street and Lester Howell a lifetime resident of Wayne county near Goldsboro.

While the Anderson Ward Motors of Wilson, distributors, according to a statement made by Mr. Cooley of that firm, regretted the loss as agent of the Boney Motor Company which turned in its franchise on account of the continued ill health of Mr. P. Boney, Sr., it feels that after the careful consideration given that it has selected a competent agency for local distribution of Chryslers. Mr. Cooley went on to say that the Boney Motor Company had given great satisfaction both in its service to the people of this section and to his concern as well.

A feature of the service the new agency will give is repair work of a high order not only on Chrysler cars but on all makes. Mr. John Howell himself enjoying the reputation of being one of the best mechanics in this entire section, having been a stivious workman on automobiles for over thirteen years.

Located as the Howell Motor company is in the heart of town, with a good car to sell and good mechanics to service, as Mr. Cooley stated it is prophesied great success for it.

#### PRINCETON EIGHT OLYMPIC THREAT

NEW YORK, Feb. 4—(AP)—Princeton whose crew provided an upset last season by beating Yale, may provide another this year by winning the right to represent the United States in the Olympics.

#### Race For Sheriff Will Be Interesting One in County

#### Get 1161 Gallons Whiskey In Craven

NEW BERN, Feb. 14—(AP)—Federal prohibition enforcement officers today brought the total amount of liquor seized in this section for the month to over 2,000 gallons. A total of 1161.5 gallons of whiskey were taken today in a "feed barn" agents reported, at the home of Ray Gaskins, 10 miles north of here. Gaskins was arrested and given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Joseph Nelson. He was bound over to Federal court under \$750 bond.

#### MEN SURRENDER AFTER ESCAPE

Two Brothers Eluded Officer Lancaster But Were Recognized By Him

Earl and George Witherington, brothers, said to be of Wayne county, surrendered to police here yesterday morning and gave bond the sums of which could not be learned last night, for their appearance in court Thursday morning, on charges of having in their possession and the transporting of whiskey.

The two men escaped from officer Grover Lancaster Monday night when he attempted to arrest them. The Hudson sedan in which the two men were riding on North John street Monday night, collided with a car driven by Hugh Byrnes. Officers Lancaster and Chink Rhodes, learned of the wreck went immediately to the scene. Here it was said, the odor of whiskey was strong. Just as the officers reached the wrecked cars, one of the Witherington men was seen coming from a field toward the cars. The officers suspected that something was going on, but left in a few minutes as if going back to town, the victims of the wreck having already left, presumably to get someone to tow them in.

Officer Lancaster returned to the scene of the wreck about twenty minutes later, and went into the field from which he had seen the man come a little while before. After looking around a bit he found six gallon jugs of whiskey. As the local officer put it, he just "sat tight" right there on the ground, and waited "for about two hours" about nine o'clock two men approached the spot where Lancaster was waiting, and when they were almost to him, he reached out to grab the pair. They turned and ran, however, escaping in the dark, but not before he had recognized them.

#### BELIEVE IT IF YOU CAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 14—(AP)—Domestic tranquility may hinge on the color of the mop handle or the shade of the sink.

That being true, experts in inhibitions and complexes today told the Illinois retail hardware association that couples for their way to the altar should stop in the nearest psycho analyst, that the bride to be may be color analyzed.

#### Hickman Is Sentenced To Hang for Crime, April 27

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 14—(AP)—William Edward Hickman today was sentenced to be hanged April 27 for the kidnaping and slaying of Marlan Parker. Sentence was pronounced by Judge J. J. Trabucco.

Hickman will be hanged unless his attorneys are successful in an appeal to the state supreme court. Two witnesses were placed on the witness stand to establish the crime and the degree of murder.

Hickman was ordered turned over

#### Grant, Byrd, and Possibly Garrison and Smith Will Be In Primary

With the county Democratic primary still more than three months away, the political pot is beginning to boil and within the next two weeks is expected to be going furiously.

Gossip in courthouse circles forsee the most interesting race as centering around the position of Sheriff.

"Are you going to make the race, Sheriff W. D. Grant the present incumbent was asked.

"I have been making the race all the time. I go along that way," said the sheriff, "and if the people want me to have the place again I am certainly here to serve them.

Other men being mentioned as candidates for the place are Jim Byrd of Mt. Olive and Paul Garrison of Goldsboro. Mr. Byrd is commonly accepted as already being in the race, and he has begun the visiting of his friends in various parts of the county. Mr. Byrd was a candidate for the nomination in the last primary.

Report has had it that Paul Garrison, who considered running the last time, will be in the race.

"Are you going to run?" Mr. Garrison was asked.

"I don't know yet," he replied, "I will talk to you about it later," and he turned to his real estate work which occupied him at that moment.

Whether or not Gurney Smith, one of the most active candidates, in the last campaign will again offer, is not known. Several months ago he was known to be of a mind to enter again but recent expression has not been heard.

General opinion has it that Sheriff Grant is the leading contender. It was pointed out that his fine handling of the Larry Newsome case has strengthened him materially in the county.

#### JOSEPH LEADS ROTARY MEET

Ladies Will Be Entertained on February 21: No Masquerade Party

A discussion of classifications and completion of plans for Ladies night a week later marked last night's session of the Goldsboro Rotary club at the Hotel Goldsboro.

A. A. Joseph outlined the responsibilities of every Rotary club to maintain the highest standards of Rotary in selecting classification representatives and pointed out that this is a distinctive feature of Rotary work. He quoted from officers of the International organization in making his points.

Derek Hartshorn, Jr., was present to solicit subscriptions for the Goldsboro High School News and signed up the membership to a man.

Tom O'Berry, in charge of plans for the ladies night entertainment on Tuesday, February 21, announced that the affair would not be a masquerade party. The meeting hour will be at 7 o'clock for this occasion instead of 6:30, the regular hour. Mr. O'Berry requested that couples be in the dining room of the hotel by 6:45. A program of gaiety and entertainment is being worked out.

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#### E. L. MIDDLETON DIES IN WINSTON

Sunday School Executive Had Number Relatives and Many Friends Here

E. L. Middleton for more than 20 years secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Baptist State Convention and well known in Goldsboro, died yesterday morning in the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem. Mr. Middleton lived in Raleigh for many years. A year ago the Sunday school executive was in Goldsboro and assisted the First Baptist church in its enlargement campaign. While in the city at that time he stayed in the home of his nephew W. P. Middleton. Two days after he returned to his office in Raleigh he was taken ill and a short time later entered the hospital in Winston where he had been for several months.

Funeral services will be held from the church in Durham at 2 o'clock this afternoon and a number of relatives and friends will go from Goldsboro. Among them will be Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Middleton, Mrs. H. F. Fenton, and Mrs. W. E. Porch. These are nephews and nieces of the deceased, who was a brother of the late D. C. Middleton of Goldsboro. Rev. A. J. Smith pastor of the First Baptist church planned to attend the funeral.

Edwin Lee Middleton was born September 10, 1866 near Warsaw in Duplin county, and was the son of David John Middleton and Lucy Pearsall Middleton. He attended Lane field Academy near Warsaw and later Wake Forest College, graduating from that institution with the degree of bachelor of arts in 1890.

For thirty eight years Mr. Middleton was a teacher, nineteen of these years in public and private schools of Wilson, Durham and Cary. The other nineteen he spent in Sunday school work, as secretary of the Baptist State Convention trying to get bigger and better Baptist Sunday schools. During the past nineteen years he saw the North Carolina Baptist Sunday schools grow from a membership of 139,000 to 323,777 and the growth of the schools in efficiency largely due to his unceasing interest and work.

Mr. Middleton was a member of the Woodmen of the World, Royal Arcanum, and Junior Order. His church membership was with the First Baptist church. He had been a regular contributor to the Biblical Recorder since 1906 and was the author of "Building a Country Sunday School."

In October 1889 Mr. Middleton married Miss Mary Eva Riggsbee, who survives him, also two children, Robert Lee Middleton of Nashville, Tennessee; and Mrs. J. S. Brown, of Tampa, Florida. Another daughter, Lucy, wife of R. W. Taylor, Jr., of Morehead City, died in 1924.

#### FORMER LOCAL MAN IS DEAD

W. H. Carr, Brother of Mrs. D. L. Jones, Dies in Rex Hospital

W. H. Carr, former resident of Goldsboro, died last evening at 9:20 in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, after a brief illness.

Mr. Carr formerly lived in Goldsboro but for the past ten years had made his home in Raleigh where he was employed with the Carolina Power and Light company.

The deceased is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. T. R. Crusenberry of Rocky Mount; Misses Essie, Atha May and Evelyn of Raleigh; Jeff of Raleigh, Mrs. D. L. Jones of Goldsboro is a sister.

Funeral will be held from the home of J. J. Wallace near Clayton at 3:30 this afternoon and interment will be made nearby.

#### Expert Declares Outlook For Flue-Cured Weed Bad

Dr. Forster Says Farmers Should Not Increase Tobacco Acreage

The outlook for flue cured tobacco is less favorable than it was one year ago in spite of the continued upward trend in the consumption of cigarettes at home and abroad. Dr. G. W. Forster, head of the department of agricultural economics at State college says.

The crop of 1925 was closely in line with manufacturing and export requirements and brought the growers an average of 25.6 cents a pound. Stimulated by this price and by the fact that cotton was low, the tobacco growers increased their production 21.2 percent in 1924, part of which was due to the unusually high acre yields.

The total production is estimated at \$2,000,000 pounds which is by far the largest crop of flue cured tobacco ever grown, Dr. Forster said.

The price in 1924 held up unusually well thanks Dr. Forster, due to a number of reasons. There were some new companies entering the cigarette manufacturing field, the production of burley tobacco was short about 30 per cent and other factors helped to hold the price to a fairly good level.

The situation is such this year, however, that a large crop of burley will be planted and the flue cured crop may therefore expect decreased consumption during the following year.

Dr. Forster says that there is the question of foreign competition also. In a number of British African colonies, a tobacco similar to the flue cured is now being grown.

Summarizing conditions, Dr. Forster states that the stocks of leaf in the hands of the dealers and manufacturer on July 1 of this year will be large; competition among buyers for the next crop will be less active and therefore any increase in acreage in the flue cured belt this year will be at the risk of lower prices for the weed when it is ready for the market.

#### APPROVE MONEY FOR DRY WORK

House Recommends Bill Carrying \$12,000,000 For Prohibition Work

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—After a series of unsuccessful efforts by veto to restrict prohibition enforcement, the house today approved recommendations of a \$12,000,000 allotment of the prohibition bureau activities during the year beginning July 1. Approval without change also as given to an appropriation of \$28,000,000 for the cost guard, part of it to be used in carrying on that services warfare against rum runners.

#### McLean to Represent State At Ceremony

RALEIGH, Feb. 14—(AP)—Governor McLean tonight accepted an invitation to deliver a message on behalf of the State on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Francis P. Gaines as president of Wake Forest College, April 25, at Wake Forest.

#### Senate Battles Over Probe Suggested For Utilities

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—For more than four hours today the tide of battle over the Walsh public utilities investigation resolution ebbed and flowed in the Senate with its supporters still unwilling to fix a definite hour for a final vote.

Debate appeared to be drawing to an end, however, and it was hoped to reach a vote early tomorrow. This will come not on the Walsh resolution itself but on the amendment of Senator George, Democratic, Georgia, to

#### \$8,000,000 Verdict Against Duke Estate

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 14—(AP)—A Federal court jury tonight returned a verdict of \$8,000,000 for George D. Haskell, New England manufacturer in his suit for \$45,000,000 against the estate of James B. Duke, tobacco magnate. The jury deliberated five hours. Haskell, president of a machine company of Springfield, Mass., sought damages from the Duke estate alleging that Duke has repudiated an agreement to enter the aluminum business and had sold out to the aluminum company of America.

#### SAY BARBERS FOR LANGSTON

Durham Report Has It That Tonsorial Artists Will Enter Politics

DURHAM, Feb. 14—Retaliation will be sought in the coming Democratic primary by a barber of North Carolina line against some of these men who are alleged to have blocked the barbers in their effort to secure the passage a measure creating a board of examiners for applicants, if information received here is to be believed.

The bill was not adopted and the barbers feel that certain members of the bodies of the legislature used their influence to prevent its passage. Two of these men are active candidates for lieutenant-governor, namely R. T. Fountain speaker of the house and a resident of Rocky Mount, and W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton, speaker pro tem of the senate. According to local barbers, these men, together with others in the two houses were responsible to a large extent, for thwarting the plan for improving the trade of the barbers in the state.

Col. John D. Langston, of Goldsboro, the third man in the race for the office of lieutenant governor, is the favored candidate. From the mountains of North Carolina to the shores of the broad Atlantic barbers will exert themselves in behalf of the Goldsboro man, local barbers say.

#### Theatrical Man Is Tried in Wilmington

WILMINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—Two trials involving George Wentz, theatrical man, charged with assaulting Bruce Jewell, theatre usher, were held here today.

Wentz answered charges of assaulting Jewell at a local theatre where a company was giving a show. Judgment in this case was left open and bond posted by Wentz.

In the second trial Wentz was indirectly involved, Jewell and two of his friends appeared to answer charges of assaulting Wentz at his hotel shortly after the hearing had been completed. They submitted to the charge and were taxed with the costs.

#### MOST COUNTIES HAD INCREASES

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#### CARPENTERS IN AN AFFRAY

James Bryant, Local Carpenter, Hit on Head By Will Gurley

Will Gurley, local carpenter, was being held in the city lock up last night pending the outcome of injuries of James Bryant, another local carpenter, in an affray near John and Holly streets late yesterday afternoon. Gurley was alleged to have struck Bryant across the right temple with a coconuts bottle in what police described as a "drunken brawl."

Bryant was carried to a local hospital for treatment and it was feared that he had sustained a fracture of the skull. Police said that he was having "spells" of raving in which he was completely out of his mind for some time after the blow on the head. At the hospital at 9 o'clock last night, however, Bryant was reported as asleep.

#### HOLDING YOUTH

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O. Feb. 14—(AP)—Two youth who officials believe may be John Burns and Sam Baxter, who escaped from deputy sheriffs last week while being taken from Lafayette, Ind., to the state reformatory,