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PARDUE RELATES ALLEGED CONFESSION TO JUDGE

Gatlin Case Defense Claims Confession To Pardue Not Competent

Judge Asked to Rule That Evangelist's Story Cannot Go To Jury
TO MAKE DECISION ON THIS MORNING
 Pardue Recounts For Judge How Mrs. Gatlin Told Him She Killed Father

WENTWORTH, Feb. 15—(AP)—The question whether a minister's story of a penitent's alleged confession of murder in competent evidence was raised today for the first time in the courts of North Carolina.

Taking the stand as the first state witness in the case of Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin, charged with the axe murder of her father, Smith Petty, the Rev. Thos. F. Pardue, was asked to relate his story that the girl confessed to him at one of his revival services.

Instantly defense attorneys entered and objection moving that the preacher's story be declared incompetent. Two hours of intense argument followed with the jury absent from the courtroom and at the conclusion of the verbal tiff, Judge McRae announced he would take the matter under advisement and could make no decision before tomorrow morning. Court then adjourned for the day.

A courtroom crowded almost beyond available standing room heard the minister relate for the information of Judge McRae the circumstances under which he says Mrs. Gatlin confessed the murder of her father.

"I had preached on confession of sin and then asked those who wished to come up for prayer. Mrs. Gatlin came up with the others. She lingered on her knees after the rest had gone. Finally I went to her and said Alma I don't understand this. Why do you linger. Why do you linger. Then I told her Alma you are still undecided. You know something that stands between you and God and it comes between you and God. I then went over to talk with some other members of the congregation and later she came to me and said I want to speak to you personally."

"This was in the choir loft, Pardue said, and then he declared Mrs. Gatlin as a:

LAST RITES FOR E. L. MIDDLETON

Number of Relatives and Friends From Goldsboro At Service

DURHAM, Feb. 15—Funeral service over the remains of E. L. Middleton, deceased secretary of North Carolina Baptist Sunday school work, was held at the First Baptist church, Durham, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock with Dr. C. C. Coleman, pastor, in general charge of the service.

Other prominent ministers of the State who assisted in the service include Dr. C. E. Madry, Dr. R. T. Vann, Dr. Livingston Johnston and Dr. S. H. Templeman, Winston-Salem, with local Baptist pastors attending in a body.

Mr. Middleton was at one time teacher in this city, having been the president of the Baptist Female Seminary, operated here in the early nineties, and later teacher in the public schools here. His whole life, since his graduation from Wake Forest College in 1889, was devoted to leadership in the religious and educational life of the State.

He died at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem after an illness of several months and the body was brought to Durham to the home of his widow who has moved to Durham from Raleigh since the beginning of his illness.

FOLLOW CLUES REDDICK CASE

Thomasville Officers Seeking Negro Who Shot Policeman On Duty

PITTSBORO, Feb. 15—(AP)—Chief of Police Smith and Sheriff Sink of Thomasville were here today for the purpose of running down clues in connection with the slaying of policeman Reddick at Thomasville last week.

Brings Suit Against Goldsboro Lumber Co.

NEW BERN, Feb. 15—Attorneys have not finished their arguments in the case of John Moore against J. W. Rawls, the Goldsboro Lumber Company and the Dover and Southbound Railroad, started Monday in superior court before Judge W. C. Harris.

Contractors Get Ready to Rush Paving of New Routes

Road builders who have been awarded the contract for hard surfacing the routes from Adamsville to the Greene county line and from Genoa to the Sampson county line at Newton Grove are moving their equipment to the county and it is possible that both new paved routes may be completed before the end of the year, it was learned yesterday.

FOREST EXPERT IS HERE TODAY

Demonstrations in Forestry Management Will Be Conducted in County

Every owner of timber land in Wayne county is invited and urged to attend demonstrations in Forestry Management to be given Thursday and Friday by Mr. R. W. Graeber, Extension forester of North Carolina, at the following places.

SIMPLE RITES FOR GREAT MAN

Lord Oxford, Statesman, Will Be Buried From Parish Church

SUTTON COURTENAY, England, Feb. 15—(AP)—While eminent men and the press of great Britain praised the Earl of Oxford's life of service and mourned his death, the body of the aged statesman who died at his home here today was carried tonight to the parish church here where it will rest until interment.

BOYCOTT BRITISH GOODS

CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 15—(AP)—With the Simon Commission on Indian Reforms due here Monday, the Swarajist and Nationalist leaders of Bengal today proclaimed a boycott of British goods. The boycott effects cotton cloth especially.

LEBRIZ MEETS RICHARD BYRD

Frenchman Tells Him He Could Not Have Landed At LeBourget on Flight

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—(AP)—Commander Richard E. Byrd learned today from expert fellow aviator that even had the commander descended to ward LeBourget when he was hovering therabout on his flight to France last summer he could not have landed owing to the heavy fog and rain it was Captain Lebriz, who with Captain Costes had flown the Atlantic and the Americas, who acquainted Byrd with the fact that a landing could not have been effected.

RALEIGH LIONS HEAR LANGSTON

Candidate For Lieutenant Governorship Is Well Received

(Special To The News) RALEIGH, Feb. 15—In an illuminating review of the selective service law as it was administered in the nation, particularly in North Carolina, Col. John D. Langston, Goldsboro, delivered a particularly interesting address before the Raleigh Lions club here today.

In North Carolina, Col. Langston pointed out, the selective service was administered most efficiently of any state in the union and at next to the lowest cost of any State. This State, he added, also had the distinction of tendering its entire medical society to the government. As director of selective service in the State, and later as aide to General Crowder in Washington, Col. Langston took occasion to compliment especially the lawyers for the sacrifices they made during the emergency.

WALSH WINS HIS UTILITIES FIGHT

Federal Trade Commission Will Investigate Financing of Utilities

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—With a roll call the Senate tonight passed the Walsh power resolution after it had been amended to direct the Federal trade commission to conduct an enquiry into the financing of public utilities corporations.

HILL JURY IN DEADLOCK

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 15—(AP)—The jury deliberating the fate of Harry Hill, Stretator youth accused of matricide today was in a deadlock.

SPECIAL TERM CHATHAM COURT

Set To Hear Cases Against Alleged Gang of Robbers Who Operated in State

PITTSBORO, Feb. 15—(AP)—A special term of criminal court in April for trial here of several prisoners held in connection with recent robberies and auto thefts was practically assured today said local authorities. The presiding judge probably will not be Judge R. A. Nunn, who is understood to be tied up with sessions expected to run past April.

LINDBERGH

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15—(AP)—Aviation has developed more rapidly in the last 25 years than has any other mode of transportation within a similar period.

Col. Charles Lindbergh declared today at a luncheon in his honor. "Ten years ago a flier couldn't be in the air in storm, in high wind, or rain," Lindbergh said. "Today it is possible to fly in any weather. Our only un conquered obstacles are fog and sleep and these will be over me in a few years. Already the radio and beacon are marking the way for transportation through fog."

Effect of Manipulation Of Market on Prices Of Cotton Is to Be Found

Subpoena Authority Vested in Sub-Committee of Senate Given Authority to Act Under Resolution of Senator Smith of South Carolina

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—Clothing its agriculture committee with the power of subpoena the Senate today directed it to determine by a thorough-going enquiry whether declining cotton prices have resulted from any manipulation of the market or any undue influence.

COOPER GETS HIS FREEDOM

Term in Commutation Gave Him Liberty Before Date That Was Expected

WILMINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—Thomas E. Cooper, former Wilmington banker, his leaving without incident wrote fairs to his New Hanover county prison term today as he turned his back on the county stockade where he had been imprisoned for 14 months.

MAKE BIG HAUL IN LOCAL STORE

Thieves Secure Over \$100 in Cash and Quantity of Goods At Gold Star Store

Thieves of unknown identity broke in to the local Gold Star store sometime Tuesday night, making a clean getaway, and carrying with them over a hundred dollars in cash, a quantity of flour and other articles of value, it was learned yesterday.

PRINTER SNARL IS CONCLUDED

Bids Accepted Yesterday Contracted For State Printing For Biennium

RALEIGH, Feb. 15—(AP)—The State printing commission—printers so called tangle—came to an end today, the state accepted bids from printers in and out of North Carolina to do the work for the biennium and after 8 months of conferences and statements experts figured the new contracts will save the state about \$80,000.

Faison Banker Recounts How Truck Market Made

NEW BERN, Feb. 15—Something over a hundred men composing the Kiwanis and Farmers clubs with many invited guests, met at the Jasper Consolidated school last night to hear M. McD. Williams and A. D. Andrews tell about the workings of the Faison truck growing and market facilities.

Horace Hill president of the Kiwanis club, presided over the meeting, and called on L. B. Homan to introduce the first speaker of the evening, Marshall Williams of Faison, a banker-farmer, who for thirty minutes gave to the assemblage a vivid picture of conditions about his home, Faison for the past forty years. He said it was a long and tedious task to get the people to line up with the truck growing program, but by constant attention and persistent work, they shipped last year over 90 cars of a variety of vegetables and fruits, that brought to the section over a half-million dollars.

DENIAL MADE BY FOUNTAIN

Rocky Mount Man Says He Did Not Oppose Barber's Bill

RALEIGH, Feb. 15—"The barbers have got me wrong," said R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, speaker of the 1927 House of Representatives and candidate for Lieutenant Governor, who was in the city Tuesday night.

Mr. Fountain said he never knew anything about the bill to set up a licensing board for barbers until it came on the floor of the House. He had been reported as being a member of the committee that killed the bill.

MAN DIES ON TRAIN

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 15—(AP)—Mrs. Alice Isabel Johnson, 75, of Norfolk, Conn., mother of Frank Edward Johnson former assistant secretary of the American Legation Havana, died on board a train here early today.

CALL FOR BIDS ON 16 PROJECTS

On March 15 State to Contract For About \$1,750,000 Worth of Work

RALEIGH, Feb. 15—(AP)—Bids on 16 projects calling for 115 miles on concrete and dirt roads in scattered sections of North Carolina and on one bridge in Jones county will be received by the highway commission on March 15.

RADIO FUND IS GROWING

Martha Ivey Is First Contributor To Home Fund On Wednesday

The progress made yesterday in the drive for a radio for the County Home while small met with sufficient success to show that the public of Goldsboro want to see a radio in the Home. Mr. H. B. Parker expressed the fact that he was very glad indeed to see this movement on foot and felt that many others were of the same opinion.

A radio will certainly be a little ray of sunshine penetrating the gloom which must necessarily arise in lives which have been almost lived, the balance to be spent in the humdrum routine of mere eating and sleeping. Music furnished as it will be from the generous hearts of the people of Wayne County will have that heavenly touch that will better prepare for that time after life.

Donations received so far:

Ben Carr	5.00
Tom Hamilton	1.00
Misses Clator	1.00
Cash	1.00
Judge Hinds-S. E. class	5.00
Sam Bridges	1.00
C. M. Avery	2.00
Mrs. J. H. Frizzell	1.00
Charles Brown	1.00
Miss Martha Ivey	1.00
Cash	1.00
A mother's friend	1.00
Cash	1.00
Farley Clothing Co.	1.00
Mrs. B. F. Winstead	1.00
Dr. L. W. Corbett	1.00