

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and showers in extreme east portion Friday, Saturday fair. Rising temperature.

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DR. JAMES SNOOKS REPUDIATES HIS CONFESSION

Insists That He Struck Miss Hix Only After He Feared For His Life

Declares Excitant Drug Found in Sandwich Was Placed There By Girl

DECLARES HE THOUGHT SHE TRIED TO SHOOT

Miss Hix Shouted "Damn You, I'll Kill You" As She Leaped From Car

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Dr. James H. Snooks, on the stand in his first degree murder trial today, repudiated his confession and declared that he could not remember beating and slashing to death Miss Theora Hix, Ohio State University student, as the culmination of their three year illicit love affair.

The former professor, his steady composure twice shaken by tears, held the stand throughout today's session, beginning with a recital of events leading up to the girl's death on a lonely rifle range near here the night of June 13 and accusing his captors of intimidating him into signing a confession before he was turned over to prosecutor John J. Chester, Jr., for cross examination.

Snook, hoping to bear out his plea of temporary emotional insanity, told of the automobile ride he and Miss Hix took to the rifle range, saying that on the way he took a sandwich which the defense contains an emotional excitant put in by the woman. He declared that they quarreled when he said he had to return home early to his wife and that Miss Hix enraged threatened to kill him. In a struggle he said she reached for the gun which he had taught her to use as a result of his skill acquired as a former member of the United States Olympic rifle team. He told the jury he feared his life was in danger and that he struck her over the head with a hammer.

"The first blow was a light one, he said. He then struck her twice more, and then could remember nothing until her body was beside the machine and he was sitting on the running board holding his head.

The state charges that he beat her with the hammer until she was insensible and then slit her throat with a pocket knife.

Dr. Snook testified that he struck the first blow to protect himself from an attack by the girl as they sat in his car parked on a lonely rifle range.

The blow stopped her, he said, and jumped from the car shouting "Damn you I'll kill you, too.

Her purse was in her hand, and the defendant, fighting for his life from the witness chair, declared he thought she had a pistol in the purse and was leaving the car to shoot him.

"I was sure she was going to shoot me. My only thought was to stop her. I sprang after her and struck her again.

"Dr. Snook at any time that night when you struck the first second or third blow, did you intend to kill Theora Hix. Max Seyfert defense attorney asked.

"Heaven no, she was a good friend of mine. I never thought she would do it."

As he answered the question Dr. Snook's voice broke again, he pulled off his nose glasses and rested his head in his hand, while he wiped the tears from his eyes.

His voice was so low that attorneys on both sides asked for the reply to be read by the court reporter, and no one knew what it was until the reporter's voice carried it to the tensest court room.

As the ex-professor sat shaken and trying to go on, Prosecutor John J. Chester, Jr., suggested a recess which the court allowed.

The story was the climax to Dr. Snook's account of his 3 year love affair with the medical co-ed. It had carried them to the New York Central rifle range where they sat in his parked car arguing because he intended to leave town to visit his mother at Lebanon, Ohio.

The girl attacked him, he said as the quarrel grew in intensity.

"I tried to shove her off and reached back to get something to hit her. I got a hammer lying on the shelf back

GARDNER WRITES TO WICKERSHAM

Says Aroused Public Consciousness Needed to Suppress Crime

RALEIGH, Aug. 8.—(AP)—No substantial progress can be made toward law enforcement in the absence of an aroused public opinion Governor O. Max Gardner declared today in a letter to George W. Wickersham, chairman of the national commission on law observance and enforcement.

Governor Gardner's letter was in answer to one from Mr. Wickersham asking for suggestions and cooperation.

"My own feeling is that respect for an obedience to law is a matter of individual responsibility," Governor Gardner said, "and that no substantial progress can be made toward a solution of the problem in the absence of an aroused public opinion. Any law is enforceable, I take it, to the degree—and only to the degree—that it is supported by the conscience of the community.

Saying that if his premise was correct Governor Gardner suggested that the governors of the several states could perhaps be of service to the commission.

For one thing, he continued, they could call a conference of all enforcement officers, sheriffs, chiefs of police, etc., and discuss the problem and out of such conferences might come such suggestions and plans that might be of practical value. The discussions, moreover, could not fail to have an educational value and would tend to focus the public thought on the seriousness of the problem.

Upchurch Pleads Guilty To Bad Check Charge

GREENSBORO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Rev. C. A. Upchurch, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, and an ordained Baptist minister, pleaded guilty to giving a worthless check for \$5 and today was ordered to pay the costs. An excited throng packed the courtroom.

Rev. Mr. Upchurch stated that he cashed a number of checks in Greensboro the week-end of June 19 for which he had no funds in the bank. He was not aware of the time that he had insufficient funds, he stated.

J. H. Byrd, barber in a local establishment, cashed the check, which resulted in the minister being brought into court. "I would cash another check for him this morning," Mr. Byrd said on the witness stand.

Several letters were written, Rev. Upchurch about the check, but Mr. Byrd and J. C. Barber, manager of the barber shop, said they had received no reply, and the warrant was sworn out against the minister.

Says Men Tried Peddling Booze to Filling Stations

"Sheriff," said Deputy Murray Byrd of Calypso, calling Sheriff W. D. Grant yesterday afternoon, "There are some men coming toward Goldsboro in a Chrysler roadster, and they have a load of liquor which they have been trying to sell at every filling station. If your men are out there shortly and they haven't sold the liquor before they get there you can round them up."

Sheriff Grant entered his car, deputy Hales accompanying him. Deputy Kornegay followed in his Model A Ford. The officers stopped this side of where highway number 102 runs into highway number 40. They saw a Chrysler coming. There were three men in it; it was the same kind of a car Deputy Byrd had described. The officers signed for the automobile to stop.

It didn't, but its driver made a two-wheel turn into number 102 and was away at full speed. Deputy Kornegay was the first away in pursuit.

PLAN ATTEND CONVENTION

Wayne County Commissioners to Be Present For Convention in Asheville

All members of the Wayne county board of commissioners plan to attend the annual meeting of the state association of county commissioners and the association of county accountants to be held at Battery Park hotel, Asheville August 13, 14 and 15.

Tuesday night the meeting will open with Claude L. McGhee of Franklin county president, presiding. Welcome will be extended the convention by Gallatin Roberts, mayor of Asheville; by E. M. Lyda, past president of the body and John A. Goode, president of the Asheville chamber of commerce. Response will be made by B. B. Williams, of Warren county, a member of the state board of equalization. The annual report of J. L. Skinner of Warren county, secretary-treasurer, will then be heard and committees will be appointed.

Wednesday the convention will be in session all day.

President McGhee will open the morning session with the annual president's address. B. B. Dougherty of the state board of equalization will speak on "The Distribution of \$6,500,000." Col. J. W. Farnelson, director department of conservation and development, will talk on "County Functions Necessary in Conservation and Development" and Charles M. Johnson, executive secretary of the county government advisory commission will lead a round table discussion on "County Problems."

At the afternoon session Thomas S. Rollins will discuss "Who is a County Commissioner?" and the delegates will inspect the Buncombe court house and take a scenic trip around Asheville.

A banquet will be held Wednesday night with Thomas J. Harkins, United States district attorney, as the speaker.

Thursday morning Dr. Charles O'H. Laughlinhouse, state health officer will discuss "North Carolinians of 1949." Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney general, will speak on "Foundamentals of County Government;" "Economy in the Administration of the Australian Ballot Law," will be discussed by J. Crawford Biggs, chairman of the state board of elections and after the elections and selection of next years convention city the meeting will adjourn.

NEWS RECORD

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 8.—(AP)—"Sunny Jim" Poole, blown to the Nashville club of the Southern association by the winds of change after being released outright by the Atlanta Crackers at the opening of the season, bids fair to break the league home run record.

With 19 games yet to play, the recently discovered slugger is only six homes behind the mark of thirty. He traversed the circuit his twenty-fourth time yesterday.

Notables to Make Zeppelin Tour



The passenger list of the Graf Zeppelin, on her world tour, will include a distinguished assortment of travelers. Among the eighteen will be Lieut. Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, left, of the United States Navy, noted lighter-than-air craft expert. William B. Leeds, right, the tin plate king, will also make the journey.

TOBACCO BOARD TO MEET SAT.

Will Make Final Decision on Government Grading for Goldsboro

At a meeting of the local tobacco board of trade, leading business men, and farmers of this section, to be held in the local Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the final opportunity to either reject or accept the federal state grading service offer, made about two weeks ago, will be given. It was announced yesterday by Chamber of Commerce officials. In a telegram received Wednesday night from F. B. Wilkinson, of the Federal department of Agriculture, the secretary of the local organization was requested to call a meeting of all parties interested in the securing of the grading service. Letters were being mailed out yesterday to these people.

Mr. Wilkinson was in the city last Saturday to outline the plan of the service, following the government offer to furnish graders on the local market, made by C. T. Caze, state justice, about two weeks ago. Only a small number of interested parties was present at this meeting, however, and it was decided to postpone the time for the definite decision. Mr. Wilkinson announced at that time that he would be back through here one day this week.

When the offer was made the acceptance or rejection was left up to the warehousemen, buyers and patrons of the Goldsboro market. The government grading service is said to have been successful on both Virginia and South Carolina markets for the past two seasons. The Goldsboro market is the first in the state to be given the opportunity of the government grading service.

JACOBS ASSERTS SCHEMLING WILL FIGHT IN MEXICO

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Joe Jacobs, manager of the German heavyweight contender, Max Schmeling, has announced that it was "virtually certain" that Schmeling's next fight would be in Agua Caliente, Mexico, "either for promoter Jack Dempsey, or against mauler Jack Dempsey."

Jacobs said that since the Madison Square Garden Corporation had abandoned negotiations for a Schmeling-Sharkey encounter the way was clear to accept "a better offer from Dempsey."

Dempsey, he asserted, offered him \$125,000 with the option of 25 per cent of the gate receipts for a Thanksgiving Day bout against an unnamed opponent.

POSTAL RECEIPTS INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The Postoffice Department today reported total postal receipts for July for fifty industrial cities were \$3,189,688.10, an increase of 7.88 per cent over July last year.

Capture Rum Runner, His Bull Purp, And 27 Gallons of Corn

DIES IN LOCAL HOSPITAL HERE

Had Been Sick For Several Months; Funeral to Be Held This Evening

After an illness of several months duration, Dave Davis, 70, died at a local hospital in this city at 12:10 this morning.

The deceased was a well known citizen and highly esteemed in his neighborhood.

Surviving are three sons: J. M. Davis, of Raleigh; W. R. and B. W. Davis, of Genoa, two sisters, Mrs. H. T. Davis, of Brogden township and Mrs. Richard Parker, of Raleigh.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon.

POSTPONE DATE TARIFF DEBATE

Senate Will Not Begin to Consider House Tariff Bill Until Sept. 3

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A two weeks postponement until September 3 of the beginning of the Senate consideration of the tariff was decided upon today by party leaders.

Under an agreement reached between Republican and Democratic officials the senate scheduled to convene August 19, will meet and recess over three day periods until September 3 when the Republican members of the finance committee will have the house tariff bill in shape for floor discussion.

While Republican leaders have been hopeful that the measure could be made ready by the earlier date, they reached the definite conclusion today that this was impossible and immediately arranged the three day recess plan with the Democrats. The meeting days will be Mondays and Thursdays.

Senator Watson, majority leader and member of the finance committee who made the recess announcement said the committee would have completed by August 19 the revision of the rate and free list schedules of the house bill but that the additional time was required to consider changes in administrative provisions.

VOTES CONTINUE TO FLEET UP FOR JOHN G. POLLARD

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 8.—(AP)—John Garland Pollard, Democratic nominee, had 102,767 votes this morning on the basis of unofficial returns from 1,570 precincts of the State's 1,681 precincts. The vote for his two rivals, G. Walter Mapp and Rosewell Page, in Tuesday's Democratic primary, was respectively 29,171 and 4,612.

15,543,000 Bales Cotton Estimated For This Year

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Cotton prices slumped approximately \$2 a bale here today following publication of the government crop report giving an indicated crop of 15,543,000 bales, which was evidently larger than the trade expected. Immediately after resumption of business following the usual 20 minutes recess for reception of the report October traded to 18.43, and December 16.63, or 39 to 41 points down from the prices ruling just before the report was issued.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Cotton futures dropped about \$2 a bale on the New York Cotton Exchange today, on publication of the government crop estimates. The calculation of the crop at 15,543,000 bales were larger than had been generally expected, and caused heavy selling.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A cotton crop of 15,543,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight is indicated for this year on the condition of the crop

Casey's Chapel Section on Number 10 Sees Exciting Time in Chase

ROWLAND SMITH, NEGRO ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE

After Swimming Creek, Finally Fell Exhausted And Was Placed Under Arrest

Roland Smith, negro, of Riverdale, and his prize bull dog "Sonny Boy" were lodged in the Wayne county jail yesterday afternoon charged with transporting whiskey and resisting an officer. Aided by citizens of the Casey Chapel section, 7 miles east of the city, deputies Carol Smith and John Kornegay and Officer Chink Rhodes captured Smith after he had made a break from his Ford Automobile in which he carried 27 gallons of whiskey.

Deputy Kornegay and Officer Rhodes were en route to Kinston when they passed Deputy Smith following the car driven by Smith west on highway number 10. The officers turned their car about and fell in line. Deputy Smith, on his motorcycle, gave such hot pursuit that the Negro halted his car on the right of the highway, but kept his motor running. Kornegay and Rhodes rolled up and placed their car directly in front of that of the Negro.

Deputy Smith had stepped up on the running board, and as the car of the other officers stopped, the negro threw his machine into reverse and putting on all his gas backed down the highway. Sonny Boy an ugly looking bull dog, occupied the seat with his master, and deputy Smith feared to lay hands on the negro lest the dog attack him. But pulling his pistol he punctured a front tire of the negro's car.

Meantime the other officers had turned their car about and followed. Nothing daunted, the negro backed his flat-tired machine until it struck a pine tree. Then he took to the woods, Sonny Boy accompanying him with Deputy Smith at their heels.

Turning his automobile into the side road, Deputy Kornegay cut off the negro and his dog as they emerged from the woods some distance away, having put some space between themselves and deputy Smith. The negro turned back into the woods again.

The negro was swallowed up in the woods but emerged at another point and two youths of the section, Mr. Casey and a Mr. Hinnant, attempted to take him into custody. He drew a knife and drove them away.

Deputy Smith had time to get his wind back and renewed the chase afoot, aided by Hinnant and Casey. The hunt led across a creek, the negro swimming and the three pursuers doing likewise. On the other side, the negro could run no more. He sank exhausted, and was placed under arrest by Deputy Smith, who arrived, panting, a moment later. Even after the rum runner had fallen exhausted, officers said, he attempted to draw his knife on the young men who accompanied Deputy Smith, and assisted only when warned that he drew the knife at his own peril.

Sonny Boy, the bull dog, made no efforts to attack those who led his master away, but seemed determined that the master should not get out of his sight. Last night Sonny Boy had the cell runway outside his master's quarters in the jail, and Jailer Cud-dington was vowing that he'd blame it if he were running a dog pound.

The negro told officers that the automobile he was driving and also the whiskey he had been hauling belonged to a white man, but he refused to divulge the name of the man. While he was a native of Riverdale, he added that he had been residing in Kinston for sometime.

MAURETANIA UNABLE BETTER BREMEN RECORD

NEW YORK, Au. 8.—(AP)—The Cunard liner Mauretania passed Ambrose lightship at 10:52 A. M. (E. D. T.) today, completing the crossing from Cherbourg in 4 days and 23 hours, beating its own record by 3 hours and 34 minutes, but 5 hours and 18 minutes behind the record of the North German Lloyd liner Bremen.

Table with 3 columns: State, August Indicated Condition, Crop. Lists Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama with their respective crop estimates.