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SURRY COURT NOW UNDER WAY; MANY CASES ON DOCKET

Caleb Wagoner Indictment Changed to Second Degree Murder

LOCAL CASES HEARD

Surry county superior court convened Monday morning at 10:00 a. m. for the hearing of criminal cases, with Judge Wilson Warlick presiding and with Honorable Allen H. Gwyn as solicitor.

Judge Warlick made an address of approximately 40 minutes to the grand jury upon their duties as jurymen and the functions of the jury, and also upon the importance of upholding all the laws of the state.

Up to Wednesday morning the grand jury had returned 24 true bills into open court, and one bill not a true bill. The grand jury had not completed its work at noon Wednesday.

With two murder cases and also two manslaughter cases set for trial at this time of court, there was a large crowd in attendance Monday morning.

A special venire of 35 men were called to the court house Wednesday morning from the western end of the county to make up a jury for the hearing of the Caleb F. Wagoner murder case, but after a lengthy council between the counsel for the defense and the solicitor and the states witnesses a request was made to the judge by a defense attorney that the charge be reduced from that of first degree murder to that of second degree murder, which request was accepted by the judge and the solicitor. The trial got under way Wednesday morning, and despite the inclement weather, the court room and most of the galleries were filled with spectators.

The special venire of men was dismissed after the charge of first degree murder had been dropped.

In the case of the state against Marshall Holcomb, of Elkin, who was charged with operating a car while intoxicated, the above charge was dropped due to the fact that the officers who apprehended him testified that they could not smell any whisky on him. Mr. Holcomb testified that he was bothered with some abscessed teeth and had been taking some medicine for that which made him act in an abnormal manner.

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JUNIORS TO HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

Jr. O. U. A. M., District 7, To Meet With Siloam Council

The spring meeting of District No. 7, Jr. O. U. A. M. will be held with Siloam Council No. 57 at Siloam on Friday, May 15. A business session will be held at 2:30 P. M. and a public session at night in the school auditorium, at which time it is expected to have a class of children from the Junior Orphans Home at Lexington. The Junior Order pictures will also be shown. State Councilor Monroe Adams, of Statesville will be present and other officials of the State Council are expected.

The meeting will be in charge of J. R. Calloway, of Ronda, district deputy state councilor. He will be assisted by the following district officers:

Junior P. C., D. A. Robertson, Mt. Airy; C. Bradley Dancy, N. Wilkesboro; V. C., E. D. Byrd, Ronda; A. R. S., N. P. Bryant, Yadkinville; F. S., L. W. Cook, Dobson; Treasurer, J. R. Windsor, Elkin; Cond., J. S. Thomason, Hamptonville; Warden, G. E. Vannoy, Furlar; I. S., Claud Howard, Union Grove; O. S., S. L. Pardue; Chaplain, R. H. Green, Ronda.

An important item of business will be the election of district officers for the ensuing year. Reports from the councils will be received and other business of interest transacted. This district is composed of Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties and has 15 councils with a membership of 1,256.

Missionary To Speak

Rev. Buell Bingham, a returned missionary from Antigua, in the British West Indies, will be at the Pilgrim Holiness church in this city Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock to bring a missionary message.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.



Mystery Solved

The mystery which engulfed the brutal slaying of Mrs. Nancy E. Titterton, above, author and wife of a radio executive, was solved Tuesday by New York City police when John C. Fiorenza, 24, confessed the crime. Fiorenza, an ex-convict, was traced by a piece of cord, and his confession followed his arrest. Mrs. Titterton had been assaulted and then strangled.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

TITTERTON MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED

New York, April 21.—A piece of string, such as upholsterers use, tonight provided police with a fiction-like solution of the death of Mrs. Nancy Evans Titterton in the Beekman Place murder mystery.

After 12 days of tracing the twine found beneath the body of the young writer, who was assaulted and strangled to death on Good Friday, authorities suddenly announced:

"We have broken the Titterton case, and now have in custody the perpetrator, who has confessed.

"He is John C. Fiorenza, 24 years old, an upholsterer, of 1601 65th street, Brooklyn."

HUGHES SETS NEW RECORD

New York, April 21.—Howard Hughes, the Hollywood movie producer, established his third national air speed record today when he set his low wing monoplane down at Floyd Bennett field just 4 hours 21 minutes and 32 seconds after he took off from Miami, Fla.

Hughes, 33-year-old aviation enthusiast, set a new west-east trans-continental air mark last January 14 when he flew from Burbank, Calif., to Newark, N. J., in nine hours, 27 minutes and 10 seconds, eclipsing the previous record held by Roscoe Turner at 10:01:51 in September, 1934.

FORSYTH PRISONER KILLED IN BREAK

Joe Harrell, 21-year-old white prisoner, serving a 12-month term imposed in Forsyth county for larceny and receiving, was fatally shot about 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon as he made a break for freedom on highway 770, between Leaksville and Stoneville. He died at the scene a few minutes later, it was reported by W. Capers White, division C supervisor of the state penal system, who investigated the case.

Ollie N. Alley, the guard who mortally wounded Harrell, was exonerated by a jury which was convened by John B. Ray, acting Rockingham county coroner.

LACK OF GOLD MAY HALT ITALY

Geneva, April 21.—Downcast by failure to clear a road to east African peace the league of nations tonight looked on Italy's steadily diminishing support of gold as a possible deterrent to much further extension of her campaign against Ethiopia.

The expenses of Premier Benito Mussolini's war coupled with sanctions said a communique issued by the league has reduced the country's gold supply with remarkable rapidity.

Porto Rican Expert Inspects Klondike

Professor Bashon, professor of animal industry at the Porto Rican college of agriculture, was a visitor at Klondike Farm Wednesday where he inspected the Guernsey herds.

Professor Bashon is making an inspection of a few of the outstanding herds in the United States.

BULLETIN!

Radio news bulletins received shortly before The Tribune went to press late Wednesday afternoon held the hope that Dr. D. E. Robertson and Charles A. Scadding, entombed for the past 10 days in an uncharted gold mine at Moose River, N. S., would be released in a matter of hours.

The radio bulletins, coming direct from Moose River, were to the effect that frantically working rescue shifts were within a few feet of the two men. At 4 p. m. Wednesday afternoon workmen were cutting through steel rails of the original shaft, and the sound of their efforts could be heard by the entombed men.

Ambulances are standing by and stretchers have already been lowered into the shaft. An emergency hospital is waiting nearby under the direction of Dr. J. K. Mitchell, prominent Canadian physician who has been on the scene since the men were imprisoned Easter Sunday.

Herman Magill, who was also imprisoned in the mine, died several days ago of exposure and privation.

J. C. PINNIX DIES AFTER BUSY LIFE; MANY ATTEND RITES

Was Political and Civic Leader Over Half A Century

TAUGHT 32 SCHOOLS

Joseph Columbus Pinnix, 80, one of the outstanding citizens of Yadkin county, died almost suddenly at his home near Marler, in upper Yadkin county, at 8:30 Friday morning. He was slightly ill Thursday night, suffering with chills and was very restless. His physician states that pneumonia was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Pinnix was born in Yadkin county Dec. 17, 1855, and had spent his life in the county and had taken a great interest in the civic and political life of the county. Among the positions he had held during his life was one term as county superintendent of schools; eight years as a deputy collector; he taught 32 different schools; served

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FINALS AT GLADE VALLEY BEGIN 25TH

26th Annual Commencement Features Good Program

The 26th annual commencement of the Glade Valley high school will get under way Saturday, April 25, and continue through April 27, it was announced Monday by E. B. Eldridge, superintendent.

The commencement program follows:
Saturday, April 25, at 8 p. m., music recital by music pupils.
Sunday, April 26, 11 a. m., Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. W. P. Boyle, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian church.
Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, sermon by Rev. Marion Murray, a former graduate of the school and pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lees McCrae college, Banner Elk.

Monday, April 27, 10 a. m., graduating exercises and address by Dr. P. H. Gwyn, Jr., professor of education, Davidson college.
Monday afternoon, recitation and declamation contests.
Monday evening, 8 o'clock, senior class play, "A Wild Flower of the Hills" by ten boys and girls.

On the final day of the commencement at 3 p. m. a meeting of the newly formed alumni association will be held. This association was organized at a home-coming held Thanksgiving in honor of the school's 25th anniversary. All graduates of the school are urged to be present at Monday's meeting.

Tornado Torn South Starts Job of Rebuilding



ATLANTA . . . Here is shown but one of the storm strewn scenes which Georgians and other Southern state citizens faced when the most destructive tornado in years had taken its toll of nearly 500 lives and damaged property, estimated into millions. This photo shows a portion of the business section at Gainesville after the tornado had passed and the job of rebuilding started.

MANY FROM ELKIN ATTEND CONVENTION

Local Association Wins Award; Dowell Again Named

T. M. Hunter, of Fayetteville, was elected president of the North Carolina Merchants association Tuesday at the concluding session of the organization's 34th annual convention, held in Raleigh.

Other officials named were Maj. L. L. Lee, Asheville, first vice-president; W. W. Dowdy, New Bern, second vice-president; and T. C. Hinkle, Lexington, treasurer.

Willard Dowell will be executive secretary, a position he has held for eight years.

The Elkin association won the award for the greatest mileage of attendance. Errol E. Hayes, president of the local association, was named on the state board of directors. The final business came Tuesday afternoon after the merchants had heard Dr. J. T. Burrus, of High Point, declare the "sales tax was conceived in sin and borne by the devil himself."

The following attended the convention from Elkin: Miss Edith Neaves, secretary of the local association; Mr. and Mrs. Errol E. Hayes, Franklin Folger, Hugh Holcomb, Gurney Wagoner, Guy Myers, A. L. Griffith, F. M. Norman, C. N. Myers, W. G. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Myers, Fred Swaim, Paul Reece, L. S. Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. Mont Myers.

HOPE FOR ACTION ON ROAD PROJECT

Delegation Goes To Raleigh About Swan Creek Highway

A delegation made up of members of the Elkin Kiwanis club and citizens of Jonesville and Swan Creek made a trip to Raleigh Tuesday in the interest of the Swan Creek highway.

After conferring with Capus Waynick, state highway head, the delegation was informed that Mr. Waynick is planning to make a visit to this section the latter part of this week to inspect several road projects under consideration, and it is believed, following this visit, that favorable action will be forthcoming.

Among those making the trip, several of whom also attended the state Merchants Association convention were W. G. Carter, E. E. Hayes, A. L. Griffith, and L. S. Weaver, of the Kiwanis club; Thad Reece, of Yadkinville; Mont and Guy Myers, of Swan Creek, and Tom Myers, Elkin business man.

Teachers Hold Meet

A county-wide teachers meeting was held at the Dobson school Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 p. m., according to a statement by John Comer, county superintendent of schools, Wednesday.

FARMERS DEMAND SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Ehringhaus Fails to Commit Himself on Request

STORMY SESSION

Raleigh, April 21.—Six thousand North Carolina tobacco farmers twice demanded here today by apparently unanimous votes a special session of the General Assembly to consider legislation for control of their 1936 crop.

Governor Ehringhaus' assertions that proposed tobacco compacts to restrain production would not provide control went unheeded as they climaxed their "march on Raleigh" by standing almost as one and cheering in a final demonstration for legislative action.

Perspiration streaming down his face, the Governor spoke for nearly half of the three hours the mass meeting was in session, but he never committed himself on the special session request.

The Chief Executive answered their preliminary vote for the assembly call with a sizzling criticism of provisions of the compact passed by the Virginia legislature and the enabling act pending in Congress, and told them, in his opinion, the measures would not control the crop effectively.

The Governor told the growers the Virginia law "ought to be called an uncontrol bill" and urged, "let's not put a noose around our necks."

"I am more interested in the tobacco growers of North Carolina than in those of any other section," the Governor told the farmers, "Because I have a very definite opinion there is grave danger of injustice to you, I want you to study the bill before making up your minds about desiring this compact legislation. We want North Carolina farmers to be protected in their rights."

"I shall speak to you plainly and tell you the whole truth. I tell you under the bill passed by Virginia and proposed for North Carolina, instead of controlling production you will have no control. Non-compliance will be encouraged and any person may market or plant what he pleases.

"The enabling act now before Congress has the heart taken out of it and is only authority for the states to enter into compacts with no control over interstate traffic in surplus production. The AAA knew there must be some control of move-

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ALVIN H. GOUGH SUCCUMBS SUNDAY

Prominent Yadkin County Man Is Pneumonia Victim

Alvin Hayes Gough, 51, succumbed early Sunday morning to a brief illness from pneumonia at the home of his son, John Gough, near Yadkinville. The deceased had been a member of Harmony Grove Friends church for a number of years and was an influential citizen of the county. He was born in Yadkinville and had spent his entire life in that section.

Surviving are the following sons and daughters: Charlie and Lawrence Gough, Elkin, John and Ralph Gough, Yadkinville, and Mrs. Lettie Kiger and Mrs. Hastings Shore, both of Yadkinville. He was married to Miss Amanda Hinshaw, who passed away several years ago.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Harmony Grove Friends church, in charge of the pastor, Rev. Mrs. Milner Cox, and interment in the church cemetery.

Pre-School Clinics Under Way in County

Pre-school clinics, now under way throughout the county for the purpose of examining children who start to school next session will be held at the following places:

April 24, Beulah, 9 a. m., McMickle 1 p. m. April 27, Lowgap 9 a. m., Zion Hill 1 p. m. April 28, Grassy Knob 9 a. m., Pilot View 11:30 a. m., Marion Brown 1 p. m. April 29, Ararat (colored), 9 a. m. May 1, Mountain Park 9:30 a. m. May 4, Eldora 9 a. m., Siloam 1 p. m. May 5, Franklin 9 a. m., White Plains 1 p. m. May 6, North Main, Mount Airy, 9 a. m. May 7, North Elkin, 10 a. m. May 8, Rockford street, Mount Airy, 9 a. m. Thursday, April 30, Elkin, 9:30 a. m.

To Hold Pre-School Clinic Here April 30 At Schoolhouse

A clinic for the physical examination of children to enter school next session for the first time will be conducted here next Thursday, April 30, at 9:30 a. m., at the local school building.

It is pointed out that it is of utmost importance that pre-school children be physically fit to enter school as very few can progress satisfactorily in their studies if handicapped physically. Most of the causes of bad health in children can be remedied or removed and this should be done before the child starts to school.

ELKIN'S DEBATERS DO EXCELLENT JOB

Talented Youngsters Advance to Semi-Finals in Contest

In the twenty-fourth annual statewide debating tournament of the state high school debating union held at Chapel Hill Thursday and Friday of last week, Elkin sent both members of the affirmative and negative teams to the semi-finals, which was a record made by only four other schools in the state. The Elkin school was represented by Miss Lesbia Graham and Pete Lea, negative, and Barney Rhodes and Claude McNeill, affirmative.

Two hundred and fifty-six debaters, representing 64 schools participated in the preliminaries at the University, and thirty teams went to the semi-finals. Only two teams, Kinston and Union Grove, the latter from Iredell county, went to the finals. Kinston school was awarded the Aycock Memorial Cup.

The local representatives were accompanied by their instructor, Miss Mary Virginia Barker, and J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of the school.

FREEMAN IS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD

Board of Elections Prepares For June 6 Primary

R. A. Freeman, of Dobson, was re-elected chairman of the Surry county board of elections at a meeting held last Saturday. W. M. Jackson was named as secretary and T. N. Woodruff was re-elected as a member of the board.

All of the registrars in the county were re-elected with the exception of J. R. Norman, who resigned from this post in Bryan township due to press of other duties. Grover Haynes was named to replace him.

Registration books will open on Saturday, May 9 and close on Saturday, May 23 for registration of voters and for transfers. The primary will be held on June 6.