

Trio Draws Fines, Suspensions In Kidnap-Beating

Kidnapping and assault charges against three Orange County women were settled in Superior Court

at Hillsboro early Friday night with the levying of suspended sentences and fines against Mrs. Sallie Atkinson, Mrs. Cora Bejester, and Mrs. Alice Ince.

The kidnapping charges were non-suited by the state following lengthy conferences prior to Resident Judge Leo Carr of Burlington announcing his verdict. Had they been found guilty on this count life imprisonment would have been mandatory.

On the assault charges the defendants pleaded nolo contendere at the completion of the two days testimony before the jury. Judge Carr sentenced them to 12 months in prison, suspended on good behavior, on condition they not molest the chief prosecuting witness, Mrs. Hugh Wilson, and on payment of court costs and \$500 to Mrs. Wilson within 10 days and similar payments annually for two more years, totalling \$1,500.

A further condition was that

all civil actions in connection with the incident be dropped. The three were suing Mrs. Wilson for \$30,000 in alienation of affections and Mr. Wilson was suing for \$50,000 damages.

A jam-packed courtroom followed the two days of testimony in which the three defendants admitted having taken Mrs. Wilson to the Atkinson residence in the Orange Grove Community and beating her. They charged Mrs. Wilson, a registered nurse at the UNC Infirmary, with having an affair with George Atkinson, husband of Mrs. Sallie Atkinson.

The latter reviewed how Mrs. Bejester went to the Wilson house early Sunday afternoon, October 23, and got Mrs. Wilson to come

with her under the guise that Mr. Atkinson needed medical aid. As they reached the end of the driveway the other two women came from the woods and got in the car with them and they went to a tobacco barn on the Atkinson farm where they beat Mrs. Wilson in Mr. Atkinson's presence. Mrs. Wilson was hospitalized two days as a result of the beating.

Among character witnesses for Mrs. Wilson were Henry Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Stanford, R. J. M. Hobbs, the Rev. John E. Ensign, D. D. Carroll, and Dwight Ray. Among character witnesses for the defendants were Arthur Minnis, C. W. Davis, Jim Davis, Atlas Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Davies.

Strowd

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clared "While not strong for the forms of religion, Bruce Strowd possessed more religion than he ever professed. No one ever called on Bruce without getting the definite answer of a generous heart and a kind and willing hand."

Pallbearers were Collier Cobb III, Lamont Norwood, Lester Foley, Percy Sparrow, Edwin Norwood, Frank Blocksidge Jr., Paul Eubanks, and Ned Hedgpeh.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. E. M. Hedgpeh, Carl Durham, W. E. Thompson, Collier Cobb Jr., J. T. Gobbel, F. O. Bowman, O. K. Cornwell, W. W. Pierson, Col. Thomas Taylor, Clyde Eubanks, J. S. Henninger, W. T. Sloan, Carlington Smith, John S. Bennett, Frank Blocksidge, Y. Z. Cannon, Vic Huggins, J. Burton Linker, Rear Adm. (Ret.) D. W. Loomis, E. E. Peacock, L. J. Phipps, Carl Smith, Jake Wade, Zeb Council, Louis Graves, Gene Strowd, John W. Umstead Jr., Dr. Robert R. Clark, Roland McClamroch Oscar J. Coffin, R. J. M. Hobbs, Bo Shepard, and members of the Chapel Hill Rotary Club.

The family has requested that any tributes to Mr. Strowd be made in the form of donations to his favorite charity, the Children's Home Society of Greensboro.

Survivors

Surviving are Mrs. Strowd; a son, Robert Lee of Chapel Hill; a daughter, Mrs. J. B. Johns of Asheboro; two sisters, Mrs. R. E. Devereaux of Blacksburg, Virginia, and Mrs. C. G. Ashby of Elkin; and seven grandchildren.

Born on August 16, 1892, he was the son of Robert Lee Strowd, pioneer Chapel Hill merchant, and Fannie Headon Strowd, a native of Pittsboro. The name Strowd Hill is taken from his family name and includes the area which was included in the original home place on Davie Circle.

Mr. Strowd attended school in Chapel Hill and at N. C. State College in Raleigh. He opened a garage here more than 40 years. Long a civic leader in affairs of the town and county, he was for many years a Chapel Hill alderman and served as chairman of the County Welfare Board. In 1937 he was voted the town's most valuable citizen, an award then given by the Kiwanis Club. He was a member of the University Methodist Church, a charter member of the Rotary Club, a Mason, and one of the few lay members of the Faculty Club.

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DR. CHARLES BURNETT

Prof. Reports On A-Bomb

A 10 years' checkup on Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bomb radiation after effects, participated in by a UNC Medical School physician, was announced yesterday as revealing that no new effects of radiation not previously announced have so far been detected.

These previously reported effects had included late cataracts and an increased incidence of leukemia.

This may mean, Dr. Charles Hoyt Burnett said, that all the effects of radiation that are going to occur have already been observed, but

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it can, in no sense, be assured that this is the case.

Medical authorities representing the National Academy of Science and the Atomic Energy Committee will continue to be alert for such developments. Continued study is necessary, said Dr. Burnett.

Dr. Burnett, head of the Dept. of Medicine in UNC's Medical School, was one of a survey team which has been investigating A-bomb radiation exposure. He has just returned from the Far East from an inspection trip sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission, the National Academy of Science and the Rockefeller Foundation.

He has been a member of the AEC Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine during the past three years, and the recent inspection trip lasted about 30 days.

Dr. Burnett took a side trip to Hong Kong to study facts relating to medical institutions there while on the Far Eastern tour.

RELATIONS

The International Relations Council will meet Jan. 5, 1956, to hear Dr. W. F. Stinespring of Duke University speak on "Behind the Arab-Israeli Conflict in the Middle East — A Christian Scholar's Interpretation." The talk, at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Assembly Room of the Library.

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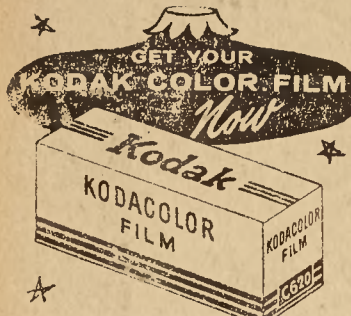
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