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Deane Brothers, Charged With Assault On Girl, Draw 2 Years

Spectators Ordered From Court While Girl Was On Stand. No Civil Cases Until Monday. Crowds Packed Court House For Three Trials. Barrett, Dynamite Plotter, Termed A "Paranoiac."

At the afternoon session of Superior court Wednesday Dillard Deane and Crawford Deane, young brothers of the Victory mill village at Gastonia, were given two years each on the county roads after they pleaded guilty through their counsel to assault on a female and simple assault, Dillard pleading guilty to an assault on Ruby Dalton, young Gastonia girl, and Crawford to simple assault.

Court Room Cleared The case was perhaps the biggest drawing card on the criminal docket with the spectators and there was some inconvenience in handling the court room before the hearing and after it was in progress. At one time the court room was so packed that Judge Shaw ordered spectators to remain out of the windows, and later when two men crawled into a window they were fined \$5 each by the court. The Deane case was entered on the docket as "rape" and when the case first came up the judge ordered that all boys and girls under 16 years leave the court room. Later in the day when Ruby Dalton, the girl bringing the attack charge, took the stand all spectators were removed from the court room, leaving only members of the bar, witnesses and court attendants.

The first charge against Dillard Deane, preferred by Ruby Dalton and Mary Allen, was that of rape. However, it was changed by the state to read assault with intent to commit rape, and after a submission of evidence by the state the defense pleaded guilty to assault on a female. The story of the case in brief is that several months ago the two Deane brothers took Ruby Dalton and Mary Allen to ride in a Hudson car. Crawford Deane and Mary Allen rode in the front seat, Crawford driving, and Dillard Deane and Ruby Dalton in the rear seat. The car headed towards Kings Mountain from Gastonia on the Linwood road. The girls testified that some where on the trip they were forced to drink something they termed liquor and that later Dillard assaulted, or attempted to assault Ruby Dalton in the rear seat, while Crawford kept driving and prevented Mary Allen in the front seat from assisting the girl in the rear. The car never stopped except at Kings Mountain where the girls jumped out and ran into a filling station for protection, according to the testimony. The Dalton girl was not sure that she had really been assaulted but thought so. A physician, however, testified that she had not, although such an attempt might have been made.

Apparently the case was the attraction for the large crowds attending court as the size of the gathering has diminished considerably since the passing of sentence. Assisting Solicitor Kemp Nixon in the prosecution were O. Max Gardner and A. E. Woltz, of Gastonia. The defense was represented by Ernest Warren, of Gastonia, Clyde R. Hoey and Odus Mull.

The "Bobbed-Hair Bandit" Bonnie Sutton, Cleveland's first "bobbed-hair bandit," charged with stealing a big Shelby taxi car, was up for trial Tuesday and through her attorneys Clyde R. Hoey and C. O. Riding, of Forest City, plead guilty to larceny. Joseph Roscoe Abernethy, an alleged accomplice, also pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting. Following the submission the case was thrashed out and arguments made, but sentence has not as yet been passed by the court and the defendants were returned to jail. Owing to the wide publicity given the girl auto bandit the court room was packed and jammed for the hearing and to take a peek at a modern woman "gone bad."

Suffers Paranoia Over Wife Allen Barret, South Shelby painter, who some months ago took a picturesque and crude plan of eliminating or frightening someone, after a general discussion of his case was termed a "paranoiac" or a sufferer from one form of insanity—his particular case being an illusion that his wife is not playing square with him. It will be remembered that back in June Barret placed a cigar box containing two sticks of dynamite and a burning candle under the home of Lem Patterson in the Ella mill section of South Shelby. The dynamite, however, was discovered before it exploded and no damage resulted. Barret readily admitted, after some sleuth work by Chief Hamrick, to placing the dynamite there.

At the hearing Barret's attorney, J. P. Dalton McSwain, informed the

court that Barrett last year was declared insane and was sent to Morganton, escaping after spending several months there. A letter from the hospital superintendent declared him to be apparently harmless, but living under an illusion. Since his escape Barrett has been on painting contracts about Shelby. A portion of the evidence was taken up and Judge Shaw after a conversation with the prisoner termed him a "paranoiac" over his wife and ordered that he be returned to jail while the court could debate over what to do with such an unusual case.

Postpone Civil Docket At the session of court Wednesday it was decided that the court would be unable to reach the civil docket on Thursday as planned and it was announced that civil cases would not be taken up until Monday, it being considered that the criminal cases would occupy the court's time during the remainder of the week. The first day of the civil docket, it is thought, will be devoted to divorce cases, some thirteen couples having decided to try the "one for one" route again after working for a period in combination harness.

Other Cases Among the other cases disposed of by the court during the first three days:

State vs. Docia Spurlin, receiving and possessing; 12 months on road without stripes. State vs. Ben Lovelace, manufacturing liquor; defendant plead guilty of aiding and abetting and was given 10 days in jail. State vs. Charlie Gault, breaking and entering and larceny; four months without stripes. State vs. Forest Chapman, drunk and disorderly, receiving and possessing; four months without stripes. State vs. Pink Brooks, possessing and transporting; six months at county farm without stripes.

NEGRO GETS LONG PRISON SENTENCE

Walter Abrams Goes to State Prison for 12 to 20 Years For Shooting Will Carpenter.

Just before noon Thursday Judge Shaw, presiding over the summer term of Superior court here, sentenced Walter Abrams, negro truck driver to the state prison for "not less than 12 years nor more than 20 years." The sentence brought to an end a case that has kept the colored gallery filled with spectators and removed from the court docket the last case of major importance during this session.

Abrams, when he came into the court room was not the same bouyant, half-impudent negro that leaned back and took no interest as he did in the preliminary hearing, but instead drooped his head between his hands and hardly looked up during the hearing. Through his attorneys, O. Max Gardner and P. Cleveland Gardner, he pleaded guilty to manslaughter and the state accepted the plea. Evidence was introduced by both sides, the defense tending to show that Abrams was attacked by Carpenter before the killing and was afraid Carpenter would kill him. A change was also made on the docket entry showing that Abrams' name is not Charlie, but Walter.

It will be remembered that Carpenter, who was released from the chain gang about 4 o'clock one Saturday afternoon several weeks ago, was shot and killed by Abrams about 10 o'clock that night on the street corner near the Masonic temple and amid a large Saturday night crowd of shoppers, the shooting creating quite a bit of excitement. The plot behind the shooting is supposed to be cent red around Carpenter's wife, with whom Abrams is said to have become too intimate while Carpenter was on the gang. Assisting Mr. Nixon in the prosecution was Hon. Clyde R. Hoey.

Masonic Notice—Cleveland lodge No. 202 A. F. and A. M. will meet in special communication tonight (Friday) at 8 p. m. Important business to come before the lodge, a full attendance is urged.

A. BLANTON GROCERY TO ERECT BUILDING

Big Wholesale House With Four Branches to Erect Modern Brick Building on W. Marion Street.

The A. Blanton Grocery company is planning to erect on West Marion street a three-story building for its own occupancy, the same to front W. Marion street 200 feet and extend a depth of 76 feet, the east end of which will have a frontage on the Southern railway. This property was recently acquired from the Shelby Ice and Fuel company and is ideally situated for wholesale purposes.

Mr. C. S. Young manager of the local store says the new building will cost between \$60,000 and \$75,000 and construction work will begin in about two weeks. No general contract will be let, but the masonry, carpentry, plumbing, roofing, etc., will be let separately. The basement will be concrete and above this floor there will be two floors for office and stock. Mill construction will be used and an electric elevator provided for the transport of stock. The new building will have a floor area of 45,000 square feet which gives this enterprising company more space than at the present location. An automatic sprinkler system will be installed for fire protection.

The A. Blanton company conducts wholesale grocery houses at Shelby, Marion, Morganton and Spruce Pine, and was established some years ago by A. Blanton. At a meeting of the stockholders this week the following officers were re-elected: W. W. Guy, president; Charles Laughridge and C. S. Young, vice presidents; R. L. Morris secretary. The same store manager will continue. A very gratifying year's business was reported at the meeting.

License Branch Sells Many Automobile Tags

Over 5,000 state automobile license tags have been sold here this year, according to figures computed by Wade W. Hoey, local manager of the Carolina Motor club and license branch. This number runs somewhat ahead of that last year, figures having it that only about 3,500 tags were sold up to this time in 1924.

Ready assistance has been given the club management in assisting with the securing of the necessary titles and local people feel that the branch office of the club as directed has been of much benefit to motorists, not only in handling title and license tag matters, but in dealing with other troubles that face motorists. The number of automobiles owned and operated in Cleveland county and surrounding section has increased considerably since last year and such a convenient method of assistance as that rendered by the motor club and branch license bureau has become almost a necessity with car owners, who speak highly of the methods of operating the branch and especially the smooth method of handling the title and license tag matters.

Ellenboro To Have Standard High School

(Special to The Star.) The drought in this section continues.

Mr. J. R. Green who has been seriously ill for some time is not any better.

Miss Gertrude Byers who has been ill for some time is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright who have been living in Forest City are spending the summer in Hendersonville.

The administrators of the D. B. Harrill estate are having the lands of the estate surveyed.

Filling stations in our town are in order, Mr. Joe Martin is the latest to enter the field.

We are to have a yarn mill here. The necessary stock has been subscribed and the company organization perfected.

We are going to have a standard high school at Ellenboro this fall.

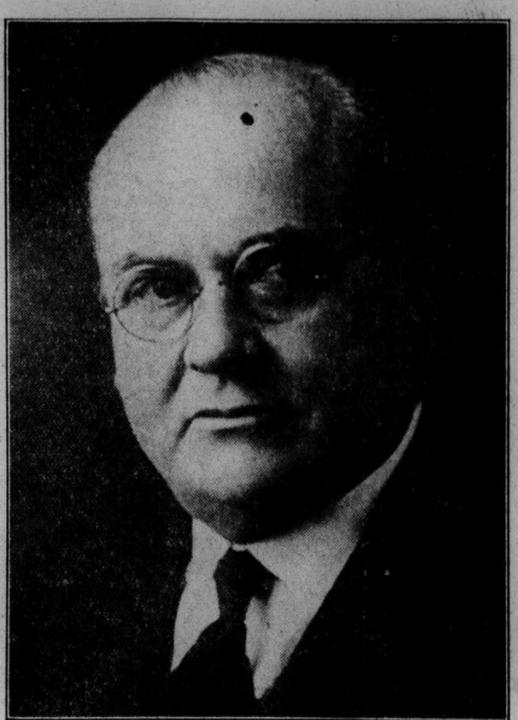
The B. Y. P. U. of Ellenboro Baptist church is going to give a program at the Recepth Baptist church Sunday night.

Miss Cora Lee McDaniel entertained a number of her friends at her home Saturday evening.

EFIRD FORCE ENJOYS PICNIC AT TOLUCA Efird's Department force lead by Manager and Mrs. G. W. Neely left Thursday at noon for Toluca for an afternoon outing, all members of the force going in automobile and taking lunch with them. They spent the afternoon at Toluca, it being their custom to take an annual picnic together. Last year the picnic was held at Hollis.

Mr. H. M. Pippin left Wednesday for Oark, Ala., to spend two weeks

SPEAKS HERE FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST



Governor Thomas G. McLeod Will Be Chief Speaker At Farm Celebration.

GARDNER TELLS FARM CONVENTION OF CLEVELAND COUNTY'S RECENT ADVANCES

Raleigh, July 29.—North Carolina farmers in the second day of their 23rd annual convention today discovered a way to pay their taxes easily with the full trees of the Lord.

The morning session was dedicated to the trees. W. W. Ashe, of the United States department of agriculture, came here as district forest agent and spoke on a land policy for a state. Following him G. H. Collingwood, extension forester of the national department of agriculture, spoke on "Farm Forestry Management," and F. O. Bartell, drainage investigator of the North Carolina experiment division, speaking on the proper way to terrace and under drain for the improvement of soils for crop production, did not get entirely away from trees. George Ross, chief of the division of markets in Raleigh, was at work with his Jackson Springs peach trees and unable to come here to tell something about getting an income from forest and waste lands, but R. W. Graeber, of Iredell county, filled in and gave through his work as county agent, some romantic reports of this forest saving but forest production for all that.

Gardner's Paper Read. President O. Max Gardner was again trying to save some clients and therefore unable to attend this convention, but Cleveland has 200 persons attending and these farmers have come from a county in which the tillers all have the right of ex cathedra pronouncement. Mr. Gardner sent his address down and it was read to the convention. It was far from the resonant voice of Gardner when reading was attempted, but it was an interesting story.

Since January 1, 1925, Cleveland has done some big things. In the early days of the legislative session Mr. Gardner put through the general assembly giving power to organize rural corporations and as the result of that law 485 rural homes of Cleveland have installed electricity and made it work for them. Mr. Gardner called his paper "The White Slave on the Farm." The picturesque title has no reference to a very loathsome trafficker in human morals. The white slave is electricity, a glorified and shining servant. The address of Mr. Gardner showed that this power is perhaps the greatest social and economic force at work in the county. He is president of the Cleveland county board of agriculture under which organization this program has been carried on. The Clevelanders, therefore, have come down here with something to talk about.

Women Have Big Day. Abundantly supplied with headlines at their first full-day session the farm women of the state, numbering 400 or more in attendance at the convention today, put on a program that would "stack up" with the best of any convention anywhere. In addition, to the farm women who recounted their experiences in home and farm improvements, contests and campaigns, and general club work, Dr. Della Dixon-Carroll, for 26 years resident physician of Meredith college and noted lecturer; President E. C. Brooks, of State college, and Miss Margaret Amberg, state home demonstration agent, Knoxville, Tenn., were outstanding speakers of the day in the women's meeting.

There has never been known such a gathering of farm women in North Carolina. Less than a half dozen are present who attended the first meeting 14 years ago which Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon recalls with pride as the beginning of this splendid organization of women. Since that time many "Jenny Mac" clubs, some in name, and all in the spirit of the founder, have sprung up over the state, until now 30,000 women and girls are uniting their efforts in club work.

Gilmer Puts On Big August Furniture Sale

Gilmer's Department store announces in a full page advertisement in this issue, a big August furniture sale to begin Saturday August 1st. Extremely low prices have been marked on all merchandise in the furniture department, including blankets as well. Gilmer's furniture department added last fall, has met with remarkable success. Mr. R. Lee Hamrick, manager of this department was a recent visitor at the High Point furniture show, where he purchased many new items which will be on display at an early date.

MASONIC SERMON AT UNION CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. J. W. Patton, lecturer for the Masonic fraternity in North Carolina will preach a Masonic sermon at Union Baptist church Sunday morning August 2nd at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to hear Mr. Patton.

In Bryan Eulogy Shaw Strikes At State University

Judge Shaw in a tribute to the late William Jennings Bryan here this week before the Cleveland county grand jury spoke pointedly on the state university's stand regarding the Bible. It was the contention of Judge Shaw that those who attempt to undermine the Bible are also undermining all law, as all modern laws are founded on the Bible. The particular part of the eulogy as it touched upon the university as recorded by a member of the bar follows:

"There is a publication sent out from the university which is as full of agnosticism and atheism as an egg is full of meat. It has been said that 40 per cent of the boys sent out from the university are atheists, or agnostics. The atmosphere is there and the president and instructors make it. They claim to be searchers after the truth, free and clear. The people back home are also free. We object to these people guessing at God's thoughts and then teaching their guesses to our boys as the truth.

"When these people are all dead and decayed in their graves we will still have the bible. "Every law we have in our law books was founded upon God's word; our law is based upon the Bible, and if you destroy the Bible, you by so doing destroy the foundation of our law. That's the attitude Mr. Bryan took, and it is correct—the belief of a Christian world."

Jonas Elmore Killed When Struck By Car

Was Leaving Church in Rutherford When Run Over by Ford Driven By a Woman.

Rutherfordton, July 29.—Jonas Elmore, well known farmer who resides about seven miles south of here died at the Rutherford hospital yesterday morning as a result of injuries received Friday night while he was leaving Shiloh Baptist church, where a revival was in progress. He was knocked down and run over by a Ford coupe driven by Mrs. Martin E. Ruppe. His neck was broken and his body from his neck down was paralyzed. He was rushed to the Rutherford hospital and was conscious to the end. He was buried at Shiloh Baptist church, where he had been a faithful member for 25 years.

One of the largest crowds in the history of the county attended the funeral. He was 50 years of age and leaves a widow, six daughters, all at home, six brothers and four sisters. He was one of the most liked citizens of the county and his untimely passing has cast a shadow of gloom over the county.

Lightning Performs Some Odd Pranks

Great Falls, Mont., July 29.—When William Black, 38, a truck driver was struck by lightning yesterday in the oil fields near here, the bolt performed some freak things. It broke his watch chain, welded together two silver dollars in his pocket, tore off both trouser legs and shoes and burned his hair. He was unconscious for two hours but will recover, physicians say.

The same bolt set fire to a nearby oil tank and destroyed it.

Several Appendicitis Cases At Hospital

Roy Newman, city fireman, and Giles Webb, of the Webb Brothers firm, are recovering nicely at the Shelby hospital following operations Tuesday morning for appendicitis. Mrs. Luke Brooks, of Cliffside, who was also operated on the same day, is recovering. Miss Laurie McMurry, operated upon Wednesday morning, seems to be resting well.

Mrs. Carey Boshamer, who has been in the hospital for several weeks with an attack of typhoid fever, was able to return to her home this week. A number of new patients have been admitted recently and quite a number recovered sufficiently to return to their homes during the week and last week.

DEPUTY BARRETT TURNER IN DYING CONDITION

Mr. W. Barrett Turner, for 16 a prominent deputy sheriff under Sheriffs M. N. Hamrick and Ab Suttle, was in a dying condition at his home Thursday afternoon on West Warren street. Mr. Turner has been suffering with paralysis and members of the family did not expect him to live through the day.

SOUTHERN TRAINS TO TERMINAL HERE

Freight and Perhaps Passenger Trains to Have Terminals Here. Workmen Now Laying Track.

The Southern railway is erecting a terminal in South Shelby by providing trackage on several acres of ground given sometime ago by the Lily Mill and Power company to the Southern railroad as long as the land issued for such a purpose. Rumor has it that freight trains will make Shelby as a terminal and that passenger trains might also terminal here, thus adding a dozen or more families of railroad men to the population of Shelby and increasing our passenger and freight facilities.

Four car loads of material arrived this week and closely following was a work train and a crew of hands who set to work this week grading for the "Y" and other tracks that will be put down. No plans have been announced by the Southern officials but it is generally understood that all freight trains on this division will maintain headquarters here and in all probability some schedule will be worked out whereby the passenger trains that now operate between Rock Hill and Marion will probably split up here and one train operate from Shelby to Camden and another from Shelby or Asheville. By extending the passenger service beyond Rock Hill to Camden, connection will be made with the main line Seaboard north and South and with Southern trains to Columbia.

It has been understood for some time that the Southern planned to put in a "Y" here so a terminal could be maintained but the matter did not become an assured fact until this week when the material and workmen arrived to set about the job. Passenger officials have been studying the bus schedules in and out of Shelby and in all probability there will come some change in the passenger service to meet the competition of the bus lines.

To Have Oil Road From Shelby To Morganton On 18

Shelby and Morganton will be joined soon by an oiled sand road of the latest type, according to information received here. Preparatory work for the oiling is already underway and the road, Highway No. 20, crossing the South Mountains from Cleveland into Burke and opening up Western Carolina's richest farm section will be one of the best of its kind in the state.

According to information obtainable all of the road will be oiled with the exception of a 10-mile stretch out east of Morganton, which is a new road being now under construction.

Attorney Odus M. Mull several days ago received a letter from Highway Commissioner A. M. Kistler, of Morganton, stating that the road would be oiled, making it one of the best trans-mountain routes in the state.

Insurance Men Enjoy Week At Wrightsville

A number of insurance men working for the Security Life and Trust company left Tuesday for Wrightsville Beach to attend a convention, the trip being given free to agents who had qualified in the \$100,000 club. All of the salesmen connected with Moore and Leverett, general agents in this territory make the trip: M. S. Leverett, C. P. Wilkins, W. T. Alexander, J. D. Barnett, J. R. Jones, C. H. Grose and George G. Moore, while other going from this district were O. L. Edwards of Asheville, R. C. Collins of Hendersonville, R. L. Roland and W. C. Gillespie of Burnsville, J. W. Antry of Marion, H. R. Walker of Brevard and J. H. Daniels of Forest City. The Security Life and Trust company, a North Carolina concern maintaining headquarters at Winston-Salem has written \$2,515,000 worth of insurance during the last 12 months. It is one of the youngest, yet one of the fastest growing life insurance companies doing business in North Carolina.

Colored Fair Book Of Premiums Is Out

The premium list of the Cleveland County Colored Fair association has come from the printing press and contains about 25 pages of cash prizes that will be awarded at the colored fair to be held at the fair grounds October 14, 15, 16, and 17th. Rev. J. W. Roberts is president of the fair association, Lester V. Borders is secretary and Rev. A. W. Foster is treasurer. The colored fair will be held after the fair for white people and every encouragement is given by the white fair officials to make the colored fair the largest of its kind in the state.