

Strange Story of Man Who Confesses To Living Long With Another's Wife

Conscience Drives Him to Abandon Woman and Child, Gets Off With Costs

Rutherfordton.—Tuesday in the recorder's court, Clarence Jolley, formerly of Forest City, and now of Rock Hill, S. C., pleaded guilty to the serious charge of living for nearly ten years with a woman not his legal wife, and owing to the remarkable and strange evidence disclosed, the eloquent speech of his attorney, and the prisoner's story, Judge O. C. Ervin showed him mercy and gave a suspended sentence upon the payment of the costs, according to a story appearing in The Rutherfordton Sun.

Plea of Guilty

Mr. Jolley, through his attorney, T. J. Moss, of Forest City, entered a plea of guilty. The state then called as its only witness the officer who had arrested Mr. Jolley in Rock Hill, who testified to the arrest of the prisoner on a warrant charging abandonment of his wife and four children, that defendant accepted service, though it was issued in Rutherford county, and not valid in South Carolina, that there was no attempt to make extradition necessary, that prisoner was willing to accompany the officer to Rutherfordton, and that he admitted he had been married to a girl who lived in South Carolina since he left Forest City.

After arrival at Forest City it was found that the so-called wife was a previously married woman, he said, and then the charge was changed; that prisoner was known to have lived with this woman for a period of about ten years in Forest City; that she had caused the warrant for his arrest on the charge of abandonment to be issued, but had freely admitted she regretted her action.

"Your honor," said Mr. Jolley's lawyer, Mr. Moss, in his plea for mercy, "my client has thrown himself upon the mercy of this court. It is, however, only right and fair for all the facts to be stated so your honor may hear this man's story to prove his claim to mercy. Over ten years ago, Mr. Jolley was in South Carolina working industriously. As happens to many of us he fell in love with a young woman. She returned his love, and as they were on their way to another town to be married, the girl confessed she was already married. They returned sadly to the town where they both loved.

Loved Each Other

"Far be it for me to condone their subsequent offense. I am an officer of the courts and it is my bounden duty to give all aid to the law. But I cannot forget this man was young desperately in love, and the girl he loved was equally in love with him. Remember, your honor, this man wanted to marry the woman. She lived in a state where no divorce for any cause is allowed. They could not marry. But love is a mighty power, and it was the reason for this man's disregard of the law. They lived in Forest City as man and wife. Four children were born to them. They did their duty to their children. They were respected by their neighbors. There was no breath of scandal. They were happy together, their home life was ideal.

"With the passing years the conscience of my client your honor, began to torment him day and night. He accused him of breaking one of God's commandments. There was only the slight chance of him being able to fight the wrong he had done and was continuing to do, and that was in the death of the legal husband of the mother of his children. From torment to torture for conscience is ever with us, and so it was with my client. Gradually his love for this woman began to wane, for he realized he was living in a state of sin. Finally he left to think it over. He went to South Carolina.

"Your honor, I do not think this man was in a normal state of mind. Incessant worry has preyed upon him. I do not think he intended to abandon his four children and their mother. He was distraught, and it was in this condition he met another woman. He felt she could give him the love and help he needed. There was no impediment to their marriage. She loved and was married to him. Mr. Jolley was ready to return to arrange for the support of his children and their mother. It was a father's duty. He was arrested before he had time to make his sacrifice. He came willingly.

Man of Property

"He had been first in the mills and then in the textile trade. He had acquired some property. He arranged to turn over to the mother of his four children every penny he possessed. Further, he will continue to help support his children. Your honor, my client has pleaded guilty. Guilty he is, but he has tried to make atonement. The woman he lived with has forgiven him. She said if he no longer loved her she wanted him to be happy and she was glad he had found another woman capable of giving him the peace of mind which she no longer could. Your honor, my client throws himself upon the mercy of this court."

The prisoner was put on the witness stand and confirmed all his attorney had said. He appeared to be a man who was relieved of a great burden and also as one who was ready to receive punishment for his sin. After a short space of time, during which the judge was thinking deeply, and the crowded little courtroom was tense with the restrained emotions of all present Judge Ervin said:

"Defendant pleads guilty to the charge and prayer for judgement continued upon payment of the costs."

Men Convicted of Possessing Liquor

Alleged to Have Sold Liquor to Van Dyke Who Killed Cherryville Police Chief

Gastonia, April 15.—Will E. Farnsworth 55, storekeeper, was convicted late today in superior court here of possessing and keeping liquor for sale. The case attracting wide attention, inasmuch as Jesse Vandye, convicted slayer of Chief A. L. Painter, of Cherryville, was brought here from the state prison at Raleigh as the state's chief witness. The man's Furman Farnsworth, 17 was acquitted.

The defense, O. Max Gardner and E. R. Warren, counsel, did not offer any evidence in behalf of their clients. Both argued to the jury, attacking the character of the state's chief witness, Jesse Vandye. They contended that Vandye was lying about the purchase of liquor he is alleged to have secured from Farnsworth.

Solicitor John Carpenter opened up all his guns on the two defendants in his speech, vigorously declaring that both were guilty of selling the liquor which Vandye used to get drunk before his fatal shot found Chief Painter. Mr. Carpenter argued that the two defendants were guilty of receiving, possessing and keeping for sale numerous amounts of ginger, extracts and liquors.

The evidence given by Vandye was to the effect that he bought a quart of corn liquor from the two Farnsworths before the shooting in Cherryville. He stated he paid \$1.50 in cash and gave a \$1.50 check for the rest. The next day he stopped payment on the check because the liquor was "mean."

CHERRYVILLE PERSONALS OF SHELBY INTEREST

(Cherryville Eagle.) Miss Virginia Harris, of near Shelby, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Dixon.

Mr. John Blackwelder was a Shelby visitor Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McCurdy and children, Mr. Herbert Reynolds, of Houston, Tex., and Miss Libby McCurry spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McCurry at their home near Shelby.

KILLED IN GEORGIA WHILE LABORING AT A SAWMILL

Rutherfordton, April 15.—Zora Martin, young white man of Georgia formerly of this county, was killed in Georgia Tuesday while working at a sawmill. A belt broke, striking him in the stomach, causing serious injury. He died Thursday and was buried at Union Mills. He leaves a wife and two children and was a highly-respected young man.

Ladies may have their hair shingled but they can't make their ears stand out in that fine manly way. Speech is free, which shows that the fathers of the republic had an excellent sense of commercial values.

As to man's "principles"—well, his favorite cigarette is his favorite largely because he is accustomed to it.

RE-SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT ON EAST WARREN STREET.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior court of Cleveland county North Carolina, made in the special proceedings entitled V. C. Rippey, Neoma Stubbs et als., the same being No. 1480 upon the special proceedings docket of said court, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 1st day of May, 1926, at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door in Shelby, Cleveland county, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain (house and) lot, lying and being in No. 6 township, east Shelby, N. C., the following described tract or lot of land: Adjoining lands of J. L. Thomasson on the east; on the north by lands of J. L. Thomasson and Betsy Green; the said lot having a frontage of 86 feet on East Warren street and a depth of 175. The same being a rectangular square with good dwelling house, etc. This 14th day of April, 1926. C. B. McBRAYER, Commissioner

WESTERN MEAT

Received today (Monday) a shipment of genuine corn fed western steers, cuts from which we are offering our customers at 40 CENTS A POUND.

Cuts include porterhouse and sirloin steaks—the best beef on the market

This service by no means interferes with the sale of other high class meats, which will be dispensed here as usual.

SANITARY MARKET

—PHONE 48—

She's the Only Lady Who Has Had President Coolidge as Her Escort



Mrs. William Jardine

Mrs. William M. Jardine, wife of the secretary of agriculture, is the only "cabinet lady"—or any other lady, excepting only the present mistress of the White House—who has had the honor of going out to dinner with President Coolidge as her escort.

President and Mrs. Coolidge were invited to dine with Attorney General and Mrs. Garibaldi Sargent, in the presidential suite at the New Willard.

They accepted. It was one of the regular cabinet dinners, which the members of his official family are privileged (and an expensive privilege) to give to the president.

Needed Some One President Coolidge had had a cold but was better. In the meantime,

Registrars And Judges Named Coming Primary And Election

Registrars and judges have been appointed for the June primary and the November election by the county board of elections composed of B. E. Weathers, chairman; J. Frank Harris, secretary and A. P. Byers. For each voting precinct there is a Democratic registrar, a Democratic and a Republican judge and their names are as follows:

Holly Springs precinct: J. A. McCraw registrar; Ben Humphries and Gilbert Jones judges.

Youngs precinct: R. V. Green registrar; Roscoe Bridges and R. M. White judges.

Boiling Springs precinct: W. C. Hamrick, registrar; J. Lester Green and J. L. Jolly judges.

Sharon precinct: M. D. Moore, registrar; D. D. Dodd and J. A. Smith, judges.

Earl precinct: S. H. Austell, registrar; W. D. Earl and J. C. Bridges, judges.

Patterson Springs precinct: L. H. Patterson jr., registrar; S. L. Roberts and C. L. Byers judges.

East Kings Mountain precinct: Jno. Floyd, registrar; Arthur Hay and Charlie Oates judges.

West Kings Mountain precinct: W. B. Smith, registrar; O. B. Carpenter and D. A. Fulton judges.

Grover precinct: J. A. Ellis, registrar; J. G. Herndon and T. B. Price judges.

Waco precinct: M. C. Whitworth, registrar; M. P. Harrelson and J. B. Carpenter, judges.

Shelby No. 1: J. L. Smith, registrar; John Toms and E. Cliff Carpenter, judges.

Shelby No. 2: Oliver Anthony registrar; Claude Webb and R. L. Moe, judges.

Shelby No. 3: A. P. Weathers registrar; L. Z. Huffman and J. E. Lee, judges.

Shelby No. 4: T. C. Es registrar; Paul Webb and A. Hampton, judges.

Queens precinct: A. M. Hamrick, registrar; D. E. Grigg and A. D. Calaban judges.

Double Springs precinct: Cleophus Hamrick, registrar; A. Washburn and George Pryor judges.

Lattimore precinct: L. C. Green, registrar; Z. R. Walker and J. B. Horn judges.

Mooresboro precinct: C. B. Love, registrar; W. B. Martin and H. H. Green judges.

Polkville precinct: Sam Lattimore, registrar; E. L. Weathers and Robert Shuford.

Delight precinct: Zemri Kistler, registrar; Marvin Eaker and B. I. Towery, judges.

Lawndale precinct: F. L. Rollins, registrar; A. J. R. Hoyle and C. C. Fortenbury, judges.

Fallston precinct: W. A. Gantt, registrar; P. O. Ross and W. M. Glenn, judges.

Mulls precinct: S. T. Carpenter, registrar; Julius Moe and J. W. Ritch, judges.

Caspar precinct: Andy Elmore registrar; Chester Downs and A. R. McNeill, judges.

ALLEGED BOOTLEGGER GETS FOUR MONTHS

Gastonia, April 16.—Will E. Farnsworth, 55, must pay \$1,000 fine and

however, Mrs. Coolidge had caught it. At the last minute she couldn't go.

The president needed someone to take with him. He consulted the sharks on presidential etiquette who abound around the White House. They cited precedents from the time of President McKinley. Mrs. McKinley was an invalid. Her husband frequently asked the wives of members of his cabinet to accompany him to social functions—so the etiquette sharks said.

President Coolidge glanced around him for an available cabinet member's wife. Mrs. Jardine had an open date that evening. Would she go with him to dine with the Sargents? Sure she would.

But the president never goes to get anyone—not merely Coolidge—the president.

Sent a Carriage

President Cleveland didn't even go to the railroad station to meet Miss Frances Folsom, when she arrived in town to be married to him. He sent a carriage but he didn't go in

person. The etiquette sharks explained all this. Accordingly President Coolidge sent one of the White House automobiles to the Jardine's home for Mrs. Jardine. It picked her up there and took her to the White House. There the president was accumulated and away they went to the Sargents'.

After the dinner back went the auto to the White House. Out got the president, with many expressions of the obligations he was under to Mrs. Jardine and away chased the gas wagon to the Jardine's again to return his spouse safely to the secretary of agriculture.

Few of Burbanks Plant Miracles

Here are a few of the "miracles" Luther Burbank performed at his experiment station in Santa Rosa:

Developed the "Burbank potato," now universally grown more productive and nourishing than the earlier kind.

Evolved a new type of wheat that added millions of bushels a year to the world's crop.

Brought fourth the California gladiolus, with 100,000 different shades.

Made corn grow to a height of eight feet, with ten to fourteen ears

to a stalk. Removed the spines from cactus and made the plant bear pears. Removed the seeds from the orange developed a stoneless plum and a seedless grape.

Originated the beautiful Shasta daisy.

Produced the aramantus, or "molten fire", his proudest work among the flowers.

Gave perennial growth to a species of rhubarb, increasing the size of the stalk from thickness of a pencil to that of a man's wrist.

Produced 2,000 new varieties of plum and prune trees.

Developed a new species of the torch lily and evolved a new camassia a beautiful blue flower.

Developed fruit trees that stood freezing weather in blossom.

Developed seedless apples, and a walnut with a paper-like shell that can be crushed between the fingers.

Produced a mulberry tree with leaves ten times as large as ordinary mulberry leaves. This increased the output of silk and lowered the price.

Caused a walnut tree to reach 100 years growth in 10 years.

Changed the colors of thousands of flowers, including the California poppy, which he changed from yellow to crimson.

Obsolete saying: "Howdy, stranger; want a ride?"

FOR SALE---

A number of beautiful lots in Belvedere Park for residential purposes. Lots in this development have been selling for about three years. Every purchaser can now double his or her money on their purchases. This is the only restricted residential development in Shelby.

30 LOTS

Have already been sold, sixteen homes have been built costing \$161,000.00, an average of \$10,000.00 each. Other homes to be built soon. Restricted lots 100 by 200 feet or more. Wide streets, planting spaces, parks, drives, Springs, etc.

30 LOTS FOR SALE

The owner of this development has decided to offer for sale 30 choice lots to people who wish to build. This development is ideal for Shelby people, close in, yet out away from the noise, and heat from paved streets.

10 LOTS

For sale on Chestnut street—part of Belvedere Park property 50x160 feet overlooking Shelby, (no restrictions) will sell separate or entire block consisting of 10 lots. These lots will double in price this summer. Street in front of this property to be widened and worked out at once by city. BEST BUY IN SHELBY TODAY.

JUST LIKE LIVING IN THE COUNTRY

Yet in town—For people who wish to build—and live at home.

Wm. Lineberger

—OWNER—

OTHER GOOD LOTS FOR SALE - THE MONEY-MAKING KIND.

Under The Auspices Of The American Legion "LET'S GET MARRIED" At The PRINCESS THEATRE TUE 3 DAY

A fine, wholesome drama with Richard Dix and Lois Wilson—two of the film world's most outstanding dramatic stars.

For an evening's fine entertainment see this picture.