

### Vic Lee Sentenced To 20 Years Here For Barn Burning

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them when I went to the swamp to get licker for him."

He said Lee wanted to burn the house or barn of nearly every person who had dealings with him, mentioning that of Claude McSwain, because he "owed him a little money, that of Bob Padgett, because his house was close to where he kept his licker," and a number of others.

Brady Jolly, turnkey at the county jail, testified that as soon as Lee was in the cell, being brought from the Charlotte jail, that he told him to tell the "niggers that I haven't told a thing," advising them not to do so. Jolly admitted taking the message.

Lee Offers Alibi

Lee's ineffectual alibi was presented by Joe Wilson, Leo Green and Lazier Allen, boys who testified that he was at his filling station all day before the barn was burned, and first sighted the blaze from there.

Vic Lee, taking the stand in his own defense, admitted that Mints had sold liquor for him, and said he had been threatened by Mints if he told of the barn burning. He admitted on cross examination that he told Sheriff Cline about the negroes part in the burnings in an effort to get him to speak a good word to Judge Webb at his liquor trial.

A sensational disclosure was made under the cross examination when Lee admitted obtaining \$400 from Toy Webb, whom he said he accused of assaulting his wife.

Play Smith, a witness for the state, declared that the morning after the fire, Lee told him that he was at home when the blaze started, and thought it might be his own filling station. This was in direct contradiction to the story told by Lee and the boys, who said he was at the station all day. Smith said he had told Lee that "Billy" McSwain and some of the deacons would soon call on him to ask him to stop his liquor traffic.

An effort was made by the defense, through presenting Raymond York, himself a convicted barn burner, Enoch Millin and other persons who had been in jail with the negroes, to show that they had "framed" Lee, putting the barn burning blame on him because he was already under federal sentence for two years.

Roy Mints, chief witness against Lee, recalled by the state, denied any plot against Lee. He declared that Lee threatened him with death if he told.

### Group Of 20 Leave For BTU Meeting

Some 20 young people from the First Baptist church left this morning for North Wilkesboro where they will attend the two day meeting of the regional meeting of the State B. T. U.

In charge of the party was H. C. Seefeldt, assistant pastor of the church. Those attending are: Catherine Roberts, Jimmie Rushin, Elizabeth Falls, Carolyn and Joe Whitaker, Mary Tedder, Roscoe Smith, Wyan Washburn, Woodrow and Ada Wall, Mary Lewis Wilson, Margaret Mull, Eloise Young, Sara Bess Ledford, Paul Wilson and Evelyn Webb.

Mr. Wilson will represent the church in the better speakers contest.

### Pastors, Workers Meeting Monday

The pastors and workers conference of the Kings Mountain Baptist association will be held Monday morning April 8 at 10 o'clock in the First Baptist church.

Devotional will be led by the Rev. B. P. Parks, with a doctrinal discussion by the Rev. Lawrence Roberts. All pastors and workers are invited to be present.

### Mrs. Roosevelt Will Receive Club Women

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Mrs. Roosevelt yesterday told Representative A. L. Bulwinkle of North Carolina that she would be happy to receive members of the Home Demonstration clubs of the Southwestern district of North Carolina when they come to Washington April 18. About 125 women are expected to make this trip.

### Epidemic Meningitis Case Reported Here

Paul Bullington, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bullington of South Lafayette street, was reported this morning to be suffering from spinal meningitis, the epidemic form of the disease.

Paul was graduated from Shelby high school last year and was a student at Bowling Springs Junior college.

### Services Announced At Episcopal Church

On Sunday, April 7th, the services at the Church of the Redeemer, corner LaFayette and Graham street, will be at the usual hours, 8:00 and 11:00 a. m. Church school at 10:00. Rev. J. B. Still is staying for the week-end at Mrs. Packard's, 501 N. Morgan street.

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### B. S. Neil Named Bank Unit Head

B. S. Neil of the First National bank of Kings Mountain and formerly of the Independence Trust company, Charlotte, last night was elected chairman of group 9 of the North Carolina Bankers' association of the Charlotte National bank at the annual banquet held at the chamber of commerce, Charlotte, and attended by about 200 bankers of the district.

Other group officers named are: G. D. Aitken, Industrial Loan and Investment bank, Charlotte, vice chairman; J. E. Bridges, Union Trust company, Shelby, secretary-treasurer, and Roger B. Duval, group representative on the state executive committee.

Group 9 is composed of bankers in the counties of Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford and Mecklenburg.

Among those who attended the banquet were the following officers of the North Carolina Bankers' association: C. T. Leinbach, Wachovia Bank & Trust company, Winston-Salem, vice president; R. Emmett Kerr, American Trust company, vice president, and Forrest Eskridge, Union Trust company, Shelby, past president.

### Four Millions for Rural Electric Lines Proposed

RALEIGH, April 2.—Rural electrification in North Carolina is expected to receive considerable impetus from the proposed allotment of \$4,000,000 from federal funds.

The state planning board has estimated that \$25,000,000 is needed to electrify all rural communities where it is practical, said David S. Weaver, of State college, projects engineer of the state rural electrification committee.

However, he added, \$4,000,000 will be a material help to those communities which are definitely planning to establish rural power lines as soon as they can find means for financing the projects.

The funds will be made available in the form of loans, Weaver said, but loans can be made only to those communities whose power lines will be self-supporting and where there is good evidence that the loan can be repaid within a period of 40 years.

The cost of constructing rural power lines has been estimated at a little over \$1,000 per mile, Weaver said, and five or six consumers are needed for each mile of line in order to make it self-supporting.

In North Carolina there are 9-672 farms served from central power stations, 6,022 farms with home light plants and 264,014 farms without electricity. In New Jersey 17-500 farms have power and 8,000 do not, Weaver stated by way of comparison.

The state rural electrification committee has completed tabulations on 75 per cent of the surveys made recently in more than 700 North Carolina rural communities, Weaver said. The surveys were made to ascertain which communities are in a position to obtain rural power on an economical basis.

### Makes Small Fortune Snitching On Slot Machines in Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, March 31.—An ugly toad to him, the slot machine nevertheless wears a precious jewel in its head for George W. Earnhardt.

Already, under the honorable escort of law, it has brought some money his way and the pastures still may be green. They may be worth \$200 apiece to him.

"I saw these slot machines being used for gambling all over the town," he said today, "and I went to Mayor Wearn and told him I would collect sufficient evidence on every one of them if he would supply a maximum of ten cents per machine to be used in playing them."

The mayor said the city had no appropriation for such things. So I went to police headquarters and offered my services there. They showed no interest, so I went to Gastonia to see Solicitor Carpenter. He consulted the law and pointed out that the town could be rid of the machines."

The method suggested, he said, is an old North Carolina law that permits any private citizen bringing suit against the operators of any place where gaming tables are kept. If judgment is obtained, the defendant, it is explained, is required to forfeit \$200 to any person bringing the action.

### Farm Debt Committee Formed For County

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the land, but may stay on it for a small rental. If the price of land goes either up or down in the five year period, the owner may have the piece of land re-appraised, and pay accordingly.

It is under the considerations of this new law that so many western farmers were able to hold their property last year. Mr. Guynn did not think it would encourage debtors to dodge honest obligations, but would rather give them a fairer chance to pay them, in more even proportion to values when the debts were made.

### Dwight Beard's Life Saved By Governor

RALEIGH, March 31.—An executive order snatched Dwight Beard, killer and erstwhile "society thief," from the shadow of the electric chair, to which he was sentenced a year ago.

Governor Ehringhaus commuted the sentence of the convicted slayer of Augustus Bounos, Valdeese merchant, to life imprisonment on the recommendation of four supreme court justices, and the trial court judge.

Beard, a former North Carolina State college student, was returned to Burke county last year to stand trial for murder after he had been arrested in St. Paul, Minn., and charged with a string of "society thefts."

After his conviction Beard appealed to the supreme court and last month the court sustained the conviction by a 3-2 decision. Later two of the justices who acted to sustain the lower court recommended clemency.

### Mrs. Harbison To Speak To Young Peoples Forum

The young peoples forum of the Cleveland high school will give a program Sunday evening for the benefit of the Missionary society of the Baptist church.

The subject for the evening will be "Home Missions" and two features of the program will be talks by Mrs. J. W. Harbison and the Rev. Father Sills, of the Episcopal church. Music will be given by the forum choir.

### A Real Bird-Dog



Riding the hounds—instead of riding to them seems to be the forte of this Australian cockatoo. But really the dog counts his jockey a fine feathered friend.

### Belwood School Gives Program For Its Closing

Commencement activities at Belwood high school will get underway Monday, April 8 with the annual declamation and reading contests for the sixth and seventh grades, according to an announcement by Prof. H. M. Young, principal of the school.

Speakers secured for the exercises are the Rev. J. B. McLarty, of Asheville, who will preach the baccalaureate sermon, and Dr. G. I. Humphries who will deliver the graduating address. Dr. Humphries is president of High Point college. Both he and Dr. McLarty are in wide demand as speakers.

Calendar

Following is the commencement calendar:

Monday, April 8, declamation and reading contests for grammar grades.

Thursday, April 11, piano recital.

Wednesday, April 17, primary and grammar grade operettas.

Saturday, April 20, junior play, "Happy Valley."

Sunday, April 21, sermon.

Monday, April 22, declamation and reading contests for high school.

Thursday, April 25, class exercises.

Friday, April 26, graduating exercises, and senior play, "Wild Ginger."

All events will be at 8:00 in the evening with the exception of the graduating exercises, which will be at 10:00 in the morning.

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The Eugenies Record Office of the Carnegie Institution says that brothers and sisters are more closely related than father and son, or mother and son. Biographically a father and son have one-half common blood, while a brother and sister have all common blood. One contains with his half brother the same amount of common blood that he contains with his father.

The surface of the moon is less rugged than that of the earth.

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### Colored Choirs To Sing Here Monday

There will be a singing contest for colored choirs in Cleveland county to be held in the court house Monday night. There will also be contests for quartets and other numbers in singing.

Choirs entered now are those from Bowling Springs, Maple Springs and Vestibule. The Vestibule choir is said to be one of the first colored choirs in North Carolina to broadcast over the radio.

Quartets entered are from Eskridges Grove, Bowling Springs, Cleveland Springs, Patterson Springs; others are expected today. Prof. Earl Hardin, of Shelby is to be in charge.

### Burial Association Officers Get Bond

O. T. Stanton and E. Lewis, executive officers of the Mutual Burial Association, have been in Mount Airy this week on business of the association. While in Mount Airy they had issued them the \$5,000 qualification bond for the current insurance year, as required by the insurance department.

### Penny Column

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