

13 ON TRIAL FOR FLOGGINGS IN RALEIGH, N. C.

Defendants Are Charged With Sensational Flogging Of Storekeeper

By Henry Lesesne
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Raleigh, N. C.—Thirteen men went on trial in Wake superior court here on the week of February 20, charged with the sensational flogging in De-

ember, 1926 of Dolly Jones, country storekeeper, and Sam Green, his negro helper.

According to Solicitor Leon S. Brassfield who will head the prosecution, it is very likely that due to the brevity of the special term of court, the 13 defendants will all be tried at once, instead of singly.

Such a procedure was to have been followed here recently when 16 men were to have faced trial on flogging charges, but gained acquittal when the grand jury refused to indict them a second time after a flaw was detected at the last minute in the first indictments against them.

Call Special Term

The special term of court was called by Governor McLean mainly for the trial of the flogging cases, and it was expected that they will take precedence over everything else on the court docket.

Two defendants in the Jones-Green flogging case have been tried separately, and both gained speedy acquittals after the juries trying them had listened for the better part of a week to voluminous testimony and lengthy summations. Those acquitted were Leland Rogers and G. A. Belshe, county road camp supervisor.

The men scheduled to go on trial this month are: Dr. J. R. Hester, prominent Knightdale physician; Clyde Weathers, a deputy sheriff; Lothar Stell, Eddie Robertson, Wiley O'Neill, Jr., John Hammerick, Bennie Weathers, Paul Hester, Paul Robertson, J. T. Ramsey, Leroy Hester, John Hester and Charlie Hester, Jr.

32 Flogging Cases

With the disposal of these cases, the Wake county court docket will be virtually cleared of flogging cases, which at the beginning of the year totalled 32. Three men also stand indicted for the flogging of a farmer who was cleared of an immorality charge in court.

The wholesale indictments for floggings that had occurred in Wake county over a period of four years virtually under the shadow of the North Carolina state capitol, resulted from a long investigation by the grand jury.

Thus far, however, a conviction has never been obtained.

NEWS FROM BERNE —by— Miss Helen Burkhalter

Lawrence L. Yager attended to business matters at Decatur, Friday. Elmer M. Lehman and Abraham Haegeger, both clerks at the Berne hardware store, attended the tractor school at Van Wert, Ohio, Friday.

Mrs. Ed Gerber, living in Wabash township held a quilting bee, Thursday. Those present were Mrs. Sam Leichty, Mrs. Emil Leichty, Mrs. Henry Leichty, Mrs. Simon Lehman, Mrs. Sarah Wyss, Mrs. Ida Steiner and Mrs. Clifford Steiner.

Rev. J. H. Arndt, Mrs. Menno Wittwer, Ethel Taylor, Nora and Bessie Herren attended the district meeting of the Portland circuit of the Evangelical church Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Egley, formerly Miss Opal Shalley, of Fort Wayne, who is well known in Berne lies in a critical condition suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. T. A. Gottschalk, who has been in Fort Wayne for over a week at the home of Earl K. Shalley, returned to Berne last Wednesday with her husband T. A. Gottschalk, and his father, Andrew Gottschalk. Mr. Shalley's daughter, Miss Marcella, who was enrolled at the Indiana University at Bloomington, came home during the serious illness of her father and will continue her course in Fort Wayne with the Extension branch of Indiana University.

Mr. Amos Snyder, manager of the Berne Equity Exchange Co., was a business caller at Decatur, Friday.

Christian H. Musselman was a business caller at Chicago, Thursday.

Miss Fay Greer, of Portland, visited with her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Moser here, Friday.

Mrs. Mary Kent went to Huntertown Thursday evening, in response to a call from her son-in-law, Glen B. Crowell, stating the sudden illness of her daughter, Mrs. Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Yergler and son Richard have returned to their home at Gridley, Illinois, after spending a few days with the latter's mother, Mrs. Ernest Isch living west of Berne.

Sylvanus Augsburger, meat cutter at the Berne meat market and his father, Joel Augsburger, returned from Gary, Thursday where they attended to business matters since Tuesday.

Miss Frieda Lehman teller at the Bank of Berne, spent her holiday vaca-

tion at Fort Wayne last Wednesday. Her sister, Mrs. Henry Adler, of Decatur, accompanied her on her business trip.

Fred Rohrer and postmaster Menno Burkhalter returned Friday morning from Indianapolis where they were guests at the banquet given by the Columbia Club, in honor of the Watson for President campaign last Thursday evening.

Carl, Oswin, Nathan and Gilbert Gerber, Amos Basinger, and Martin Lehman, Sylvia Gerber, and Elda Amstutz left Friday morning for their homes in Wayne county, Ohio, after a few days' stop-off in Berne from attending a young people's conference at Goshen last Sunday.

Herman Drot who has recovered, partly from his severe attack of pleurisy, which he contracted in January, is suffering from a back-set and is laid up since Wednesday.

Vilas Lehman, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for a week, returned to his home at Orrville, Ohio, Thursday. Other young people from the same vicinity who have been visiting here since Tuesday and returned with him, are, Irvin Gerber, and the Misses Irene and Rose Sommer, Cora Hoffstetter, and Velma Amstutz.

Mt. and Mrs. J. F. Sprunger spent Thursday at Fort Wayne with their son Clifton Sprunger and family, helping "Wifey" celebrate his birthday.

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GIRL, 17, WINS DAMAGE SUIT

Columbus, Ind., Feb. 28—(UPI)—An employer sued for damages by an injured employee cannot escape by showing that the employee knowingly gave an incorrect age at the time of beginning work.

This was the ruling of Judge Julian Sharpnack of Bartholomew Circuit court in the case of Miss Linda Johnson, 17, seeking \$2,500 from the Indianapolis Pump and Tube Company through her father, Samuel Johnson, as next friend.

The girl lost two fingers of her right hand due to an injury while in the company's employ.

Company attorneys alleged the girl added a few years to her age to get a job.

Petty Bandits Use Care During Robbery

Monticello, Ind., Feb. 28—(UPI)—The two bandits who held up the post office and general store operated by Mrs. Mary Grant at Thorntown, north of Logansport, were careful although neither of them appeared to be over 16 years old.

Their disguise was perfect, consisting of oversized suits of clothes and shell-rimmed glasses. Not only were they disguised perfectly but in leaving they jerked the receiver off the hook so she could not telephone for aid.

They escaped with about \$10 taken from the store cash drawer but did not bother the money in the postoffice.

An automobile was used as their means of escape.

DEMAND STAND ON DRY ISSUE

Dry Plank Conference Opens Session At Washington, D. C., Today

Washington, Feb. 28—(UPI)—Chairman Deets Pickett of the "dry plank conference" which opened here today sounded the keynote of the gathering by declaring the friends of prohibition "demand positive declarations" on the dry issue in party platforms.

Addressing the more than 400 representatives of 32 national temperance organizations, Pickett declared the drys "will strive to defeat office seekers who are either negative or silent."

"We call upon the American people to repudiate all state and national party platforms that deal only in glittering generalities with law enforcement. We will oppose and vote against candidates in all parties whose promise is fair and dry but whose official performance is wet."

What They Read

Fiction is more popular in England than in any other country, with France a close second. Travel, biography, and political economy are becoming the favorite reading material of Americans.

EDUCATOR GIVES ADDRESSES HERE

H. M. Gard, of Knightstown, Speaks In Decatur Churches Sunday

H. M. Gard, of Knightstown, authorized representative of a national organization, spoke briefly Sunday morning at the Methodist and United Brethren churches and in the evening at the Evangelical church, of this city, relative to the activities of his organization.

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During the last six years, he has travelled throughout this country, extensively, interviewing educators, doctors and jurists, for the express purpose of obtaining facts and statistics relative to issues in question. He has attended world gatherings held at Winona Lake, and other educational centers and has lectured in churches, schools and colleges of this state and others.

During his remarks here Sunday, he referred to such national authorities, as Dr. J. H. Kellogg, supt. of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, Dr. Irving Fisher, of Yale College; Dr. Chas. E. Elliot, former president of Harvard University, and others.

In part, he said: "A few years ago, the American people resolved to rid this country of the legalized rum industry. Different agencies were employed to solve that problem. One of the outstanding agencies, was teaching 'scientific temperance in the public schools. By teaching the truth concerning the detrimental effects of alcohol on the human body, and the misappropriation of finance, to maintain its consumption, we have as the result, national prohibition. Our prohibition measure, is not yet 100 percent; but this country, is prospering better spiritually, morally, industrially and financially, without the rum industry."

He made mention of the fact that several of the states are conducting campaigns of education, relative to the detrimental effects of tobacco on the human body and the misappropriation of finance for its consumption.

In concluding, he said: "The method of education has solved many problems, and will still be the major means of advancing and promoting the higher ideals of mankind."

I. U. Theatrical Review To Open Run March 12

Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 28—(INS)—Jordan River Review the annual theatrical review staged by students of Indiana University will open at the Harms Grand theatre here March 12, after which it will make a short tour.

A feature of this year's production will be short and tall choruses of both men and women. The four groups are said to be carefully selected for size and dancing ability and an unusual effect is promised.

Including the Chorus of co-eds are Charlotte Stier, of Fort Wayne; Virginia Lee, of Terre Haute; Leonore Welborn, of Princeton; Jean Miller, of Indianapolis; Jeanette Walsh, of East Chicago; Kathleen Holden, of Fort Wayne; Eloise Welborn, of Princeton; Betty McKay, of Indianapolis; Dorothy Calderwood, of Indianapolis; Lois Gruppe, of Huntington; Theora Johnson, of Gary; Francis Craig, of Charlestown, Ill.; Mary Albright, of Michigan City; Martha Coven, of Evansville; Elpha Slabyack, of Lafayette; Dorothy Miller, of Fort Wayne; Wilhelmina Hendricks, of Indianapolis; Jane Bird, of Indianapolis; Madeline White, of Chrisman; Thelma Overton, of Kokomo; Virginia Thompson, of Kennebunk; Geneva Coohern, of Pittsboro; Virginia Metz of Indianapolis and Helen Crawford of Fort Wayne.

Among those eligible for the men's chorus are Earle Swain, of Muncie; Leo House, of Cambridge City; Braxton Jeffries, of Indianapolis; Denzel Pitman, of Sullivan; Frank Carter, of Arcadia; George Graves, of Salem; Marshall Glinther, of Michigan City; William Jenner, of Marengo; Vern Boxwell, of Marion; Charles Dant of Indianapolis; Stewart Ludlow, of LaPorte; Creed Fisher, of Indianapolis; and William Adams, Ralph Alsop and James Register, all of Bloomington.

Drinking Flowers

Geraniums thrive if you feed them cold tea once in a while and hydrangeas seem to like weak coffee. Pour onto the roots only.

SPORTSMATTER

BY FRANK GETTY
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The eligibility dispute which led to cancellation of the Army-Navy football game has found a counterpart in England in connection with the annual Oxford-Cambridge boat race which will be rowed on the Thames, March 31.

An American ice man in a varsity football suit would constitute a nightmare to British sportsmen.

Whether or not the exclusion of American oarsmen this year was deliberate, it has occurred, and many Englishmen are well satisfied.

There is said to be little to choose this year between the crews of Oxford and Cambridge, judging by their workouts on the Isis and the Cam.

For the first time in many years, there is not an American in either boat.

Growth of opinion among university graduates and undergraduates in recent years has been steadily in opposition to the inclusion of mature oarsmen from the United States in the varsity shells of Oxford and Cambridge.

Objections similar to those raised by the Navy against the Army's "transfer" students in football have been voiced frankly in England, and in the past few years one or more Americans have rowed in the classic event on the Thames.

As long ago as 1913, Anthony Hope, the novelist, wrote to the London Times proposing that newcomers to Oxford and Cambridge should not be allowed to take part in athletics if over the age of 24.

Hope quoted "a friend from Cambridge" as saying:

"We can beat Oxford, but we are not sure we can beat the British Empire and the United States."

In the following year, Oxford University passed a rule designed to give British "public school" boys a better chance to show their athletics abilities in varsity competition, and to prevent them being crowded out by "transfer" students and Rhodes Scholars.

A majority of American Rhodes scholars who enter Oxford are over the age of 24.

Since the war, however, the feeling against permitting Americans to usurp prominent places in varsity athletics has continued to grow.

For one thing, it is felt in England that we Americans take our sports too seriously, make too much of a "business" of them. To an Englishman, this is unthinkable.

The inclusion of Americans in the varsity boats has been deplored on the ground that our ideas of intensive and scientific training are too rigid to be altogether sportsmanlike.

And then there was the delicate question of what constituted a "gentleman"—since in England, before the

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