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JURY FOUND LEON MOORE NOT GUILTY

VERDICT RETURNED AFTER ONLY 18 MINUTES.

Very Good Progress Has Been Made In Trial of Cases Since Last Issue.

After deliberating only 18 minutes the jury in the case of The State vs. O. D. (Leon) Moore, charged with the murder of Virgil Weathersbee in Barnwell several months ago, returned a verdict of not guilty on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Solicitor Gunter was assisted by R. C. Holman, Esq., and Messrs. Brown & Bush, Patterson & Kennedy and Solomon Blatt represented the defendant.

Other cases disposed of since the last issue of The People are as follows:

Nat Fanning pleaded guilty to the charge of housebreaking and larceny and was sentenced to two years in the State Reformatory at Lexington.

McKinley Johnson pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the prohibition law and was sentenced to three months at hard labor or a fine of \$300; upon payment of \$100 or three months service balance of sentence to be suspended during good behavior.

Herman Williams also pleaded guilty to violation of the prohibition law and received a like sentence.

George Johnson was convicted of violating the prohibition law and sentenced to three months at hard labor or fine of \$300; on payment of \$200 or service of two months, balance of sentence to be suspended during good behavior.

John Brown, charged with the murder of George Raynor, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to serve ten years and one day at hard labor.

Mike Brown was acquitted of the charge of obtaining goods under false pretense.

Knockey Corley, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill upon the person of Lizzie Corley, was found guilty of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

WINTHROP TEA.

On Saturday, Oct. 14th, from four to five o'clock, in all sections of the State, "Winthrop Daughters" met and drank tea together. The Barnwell County Chapter met in Barnwell at the home of Mrs. C. W. Boyd, who is pleasantly remembered by Winthrop women as Marian Godfrey, one of a number of lovely sisters known in Winthrop circles as "the Godfrey girls." Mrs. Boyd is vice-president of the Barnwell Chapter.

Mrs. Boyd's cordial welcome and the kindly "Winthrop gossip" over the teacups as we sat about the blazing hearth was indeed delightful and in strong contrast to the grey drizzle on the outside.

We read a letter from President Johnson to his girls and another from our younger sisters now at Winthrop. Both of these letters were filled with interesting things; the one with hope and inspiration; the other with bits of "inside" college news.

There are now 7,000 Winthrop daughters and 1350 in the making. There is a large and growing number of them in Barnwell County.

One of the "daughters" declared that she knew we had the best tea in the State. Some of us were shameless enough to indulge in a second cup.

Daughters of Barnwell County, be ready for the November meeting. It will be held at the home of Mrs. F. H. Hitt near Elko. "C."

WILLISTON NEWS.

Williston, Oct. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Prothro, of Aiken, were visitors in Williston last week.

Messrs. Mike Harley, Preston Matthews, N. R. Mims, K. O. Birt and Dr. W. T. Willis accompanied by a cook, made a trip to Four Holes near Ridgeville last week and enjoyed several days of fishing.

Miss Gretchen Hair left this week to teach at Greenland.

Miss Amarynthia Keele, one of the Blackville teachers, spent Sunday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Martin.

Mr. T. C. Hair has returned from

ELKO NEWS NOTES

Corn and Peas Being Harvested Now.—Peanut Crop Is Good.

Elko, Oct. 17.—Cotton is all gathered. Corn and peas are being harvested now. For the last several days our farmers have been turning their attention to the planting of oats and other grain. Most of our farmers agree that the government's estimate of 28 per cent. of a cotton crop in our section of the State is fairly correct. Peanuts are fewer in acreage this year, but the crop is good. The recent rains were very much welcomed by our farmers because the ground had gotten very dry and real hard.

Miss Estelle Hutto left Elko some time ago to resume her second years work at the Confederate Home College at Charleston.

The melancholy day last week was accounted for by the absence of Mr. Lee Powell, who paid a business visit to Augusta.

Next Sunday is the regular preaching service at the Baptist Church and Pastor F. H. Funderburk will fill his appointments morning and evening. The fifth Saturday and Sunday the Union meeting of the upper division of the Barnwell Association will meet with the Elko Church.

Many hearts, especially those of the younger girls, were delighted last Sunday on account of the visit of Mr. Horace A. Green, of Columbia, and one of them remarked that he comes home too seldom.

Mr. W. H. Woolley paid his final visit to Charleston in the fall, selling 1922 watermelons. He's an expert on selling watermelons as well as grading asparagus.

Mr. W. H. Hair, who has been in Columbia for a long time taking the Alabama treatment, came home the middle of this week much improved, to the delight of his relatives and friends.

No one but the B. Y. P. U.'s were invited to the watermelon cutting at the home of Mrs. Clara L. Johnston Hitt last Thursday evening. Mrs. Hitt is the leader, and the class gladly followed her last Thursday night. They had a delightful time, they say.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Crouch "batted" it to Augusta last week to see "The Hat." Geo. E., Jr., says it was not as good as Field's Minstrel, as the last show was about "peoples."

Who of you read in last week's daily papers of the successful non-stop voyage of the air mail service from New York to Chicago conducted by Curtis Crouch, of Trenton, S. C.? By gum, that fellow is our kin folk!

Mr. W. H. Manning's friends here are very sorry to miss his daily company on account of his accepting the position as Barnwell County Auditor. Your correspondent requested a detailed account of Mr. Manning's biography, but he absolutely refused to give it, saying that there were some things he did not want known.

MISS MOLAIR ENTERTAINS.

Miss Ella Louise Molair entertained at three tables of bridge on Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Johnson Hagood, a recent bride. After the games, a delightful salad course was served and the guests were then invited into the dining room, where a surprise was in store for Mrs. Hagood. Suspended from the chandelier was a Japanese parasol filled with gifts, which were presented to the young bride.

The high score prize at bridge was won by Miss Carrie Holman, while Miss Marion Boyd cut the consolation. Autumn flowers were effectively used in decorating the rooms.

COL. R. G. TARVER

SAYS A FEW THINGS

On another page in this issue will be found Col. Tarver's unique advertisement in which he tells of hundreds of wonderful things to be seen in Augusta emphasizing in his usual breezy way, the startling statement that there is a cyclonic destruction of prices at the Great Eastern Shoe Store.—(Advertisement.)

The Augusta hospital, where he has been under treatment for the past week. His condition is about the same.

Miss Esther Folk left this week to teach this winter at New Holland near Wagener.

Mrs. S. A. Wood and daughter, Marie, of Aiken, were visitors in and near Williston this week.

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY

FINDS POOR HOUSE IN FINE CONDITION.

Recommendation Made as to Making up Tax Books for 1922 by the Auditor.

To the Honorable P. Finley Henderson, Presiding Judge: The Grand Jury for the present term having completed its work, begs leave to make this final report:

We have passed upon all Bills of indictment that have been handed us by the Solicitor and have returned them to the Court with our findings thereon.

We have made an investigation of all the Departments of the County government and find them all properly functioning, the Officers giving careful attention to their duties, except the Auditor's office, which is in poor condition. We find that the tax books for 1922 have not been made up, and we recommend that the County Attorneys take this matter up with the Bond Company and have them either made up under the supervision of the present Auditor, or furnish the work done and turn the said books over to the Treasurer at the earliest date possible.

We have visited the poorhouse and find that the same is under fine management, except a little repairing on some of the Houses is necessary.

We recommend that the Magistrates in the County be instructed as to their duty in locating all the witnesses to any crime binding them over to attend the Court of General Sessions. We often find that the Magistrates or Coroner holding an inquest do not locate all of the witnesses that send their names into the Solicitor. By doing this considerable expense and delay will be saved. The Grand Jury had to stop work at this term on account of missing witnesses.

We recommend that the Probate's office be extended, so we can have more room. Also the Clerk's office be extended at the same time. We recommend also that a file be placed in the Clerk's office for the purpose of putting the old records which are now being thrown or stored in the Grand Jury room in a careless condition, and which are very valuable.

We visited the County Chaingang and find No. 1 camp in bad condition. We find that Camp No. 2 is in very good condition. We also recommend that a new supply of bedding be furnished the County Chaingang for the winter, such as they may see fit to furnish them. We also recommend that the coal and warehouse of the County Chaingang be painted.

We wish to compliment Mr. R. L. Bronson, Clerk, for the much needed improvement on the Court House.

We also recommend that a suitable servant be furnished the Jailor. We have visited the jail and find it, as usual, in good condition.

We, the Grand Jury thank the Officers, the Sheriff and Magistrates for the good work which they have done in the way of enforcing the law with reference to Prohibition. We hope that they will continue to do so.

We desire to thank the Court, the Solicitor and other Officials for the assistance, which has been rendered us by them in their deliberations, all of which is

Respectfully submitted,

P. E. Allen,

Foreman.

Barnwell, S. C., October 11th, 1922.

LONG BRANCH ITEMS.

Long Branch, Oct. 16.—Messrs. David and Charlie Zorne, of Charleston, were recent visitors in this section.

Miss Ruth Peacock has returned home after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Brown, of Savannah.

Miss Olive Woodward, of Barnwell, was the week-end guest of Misses Louise and Bertha Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hair spent last week-end with Mrs. Virgie Birt. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staley were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carroll.

Mr. J. S. Keel was a business visitor in Denmark recently.

Little Miss Virginia Hair is at home again after an extended visit to relatives in Charleston.

BARNWELL WOMEN EXPRESS HORROR

ARE MUCH DISTRESSED AT PREVAILING CONDITIONS.

Ask If There Is Not Some Defect in the Laws Governing Drawing of Juries.

The People has been requested to publish the following signed article from ladies of Barnwell:

Since a republic is a government "of the people and by the people," we take it that every citizen of our commonwealth is responsible to the limited extent of his or her influence for the kind of government we have, and because our hearts have, for years past, been made sick at the flagrant miscarriage of justice in the State of South Carolina and in Barnwell County in particular, we can no longer restrain ourselves from publicly expressing our horror and distress at such conditions. Men are shot down; the prohibition law is openly defied, gamblers openly pursue their unrighteous business and either no punishment is meted out to them in our Courts or none worthy of the name. Men say our courts are a mockery, that our Court House had as well be pulled down so far as there is any hope for justice within its walls. The lawbreaker walks unafraid with no restraining hand laid upon him by the officers of the law.

Is there no man, are there no men in our county who will come out openly in our papers and expose the cause of law and justice and use their strength and influence to bring about better conditions? It is said that nothing can be done because "our juries will not convict." Then is there not some defect in the laws governing the drawing of the juries? We do not know the names of the majority of the men of our county, but the names of men known by us to be of upstanding character seem to appear among the list of Jurymen drawn much more rarely than those of men who do not enjoy the reputation of law abiding citizens, and we do not believe that there is a larger proportion of men of the latter type. We suppose this is chance, but should such a matter be left to chance? Instead, should not every man in his turn serve, unless unavoidably prevented? Again we note that so frequently when men of a type apparently well fitted to render a just decision are called, they are so often met with the legal "object." It would almost seem that our lawyers, who above any other class, are sworn to maintain and uphold the law, have a preference for men on the juries whose judgment is against the punishment of criminals.

We do not in any wise pretend to know the underlying causes, but there is something terribly wrong with our courts and is it not time for law-abiding men to come together and find out the trouble?

If there are none, who love their country and the right well enough to do this, then we will take comfort in the fact that "One with God is a majority." We believe in His righteousness, His justice and His power and He will yet hear our cry and save our children from this present state of evil, but will not His condemnation be upon those who "came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty?"

(Signed) Mrs. M. B. Hagood, Mrs. T. A. Holland, Mrs. E. R. Cail, Mrs. Kate Patterson, Mrs. W. E. McNab, Pauline Richardson, Mrs. Ira Black, Mrs. J. C. Hogg, Mrs. William McNab, Mrs. H. L. O'Bannon, Mrs. S. C. Moore, Mrs. Johnson Hagood, Mrs. W. J. Lemon, Mrs. Janie M. Kirkland, Mrs. J. E. Harley, Mrs. F. H. Anderson, Miss Edna Anderson, Miss Anna Peacock, Miss Lullie Peacock, Mrs. A. A. McAllister, Elizabeth McNab, Amelia McNab, Mrs. C. C. Owens, Jr., Mrs. L. G. Richardson, Mrs. R. C. Holman, Mrs. M. I. Walker, Mrs. E. A. Davison, Mrs. E. E. Woodward, Mrs. Price Hogg,

Mrs. F. L. Glennan, Mrs. E. D. Robertson, Mrs. J. A. Porter, Mrs. C. W. Boyd, Mrs. J. O. Patterson, Mrs. J. N. Anderson, Mrs. R. S. Dicks, Mrs. T. E. Cummings, Mrs. A. A. Lemon, Mrs. W. P. Franklin, Mrs. T. S. Cave, Mrs. L. M. Calhoun, Mrs. F. H. Miller, Mrs. R. L. Usery, Mrs. J. W. Patterson.

The days have 12 minutes in our time this week.

BLACKVILLE ITEMS.

Davis-Lee Chapter, U. D. C., Meets at Home of Mrs. LeRoy Still.

Blackville, Oct. 14.—The October meeting of the Davis-Lee Chapter, U. D. C., was held at the home of Mrs. LeRoy Still. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. T. L. Wragg; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. H. Ninestein; Second Vice-President, Mrs. D. K. Briggs; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Ayar; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Still; Treasurer, Miss Rosa Rich; Registrar, Mrs. S. H. Still; Historian, Mrs. LeRoy Still; Custodian, Mrs. G. W. Boylston; Recorder of Crosses, Mrs. L. P. Blume. Delegates elected to the convention in Birmingham are Mrs. Emmett Matthews and Mrs. D. K. Briggs; alternates, Mrs. B. F. Storne and Mrs. E. H. Weissinger.

The Thursday Sewing Club met with Mrs. Newton Hammet. Rook was played, one prize being won by Mrs. W. A. Altman, the other by Mrs. R. B. Still.

Mrs. I. F. Still, Jr., was hostess to the Priscilla Club on Friday afternoon. The guests were given squares of cloth and thread and asked to embroider butterflies. The three best specimens selected by the judges were those of Mesdames Dunbar Hammond, H. L. Buis and T. R. Chisolm. Mesdames C. E. Fishburne and R. B. Still assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

The school improvement association held its monthly meeting recently at the school house. Child welfare was the topic of discussion for the afternoon. The following officers have been elected: President, Mrs. C. W. Riser; Vice-President, Mrs. A. B. Hair; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Cleveland Risher; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. LeRoy Still; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Sanders.

A GOOD GAME

On Friday, Oct. 13th, the Barnwell High School Foot ball team motored to Beaufort to lock horns with that school. The boys left Barnwell in fine spirits, declaring that they would surely bring back the bacon. Their promise was good for they brought back a piece of it, they played the fast Beaufort bunch to a nothing do nothing draw. The lovers of the game were filled with rapture, for the boys had ridden eighty-five miles in packed automobiles, and were unescorted by a coach. However, a letter from Beaufort to Mr. Robinson states that the boys were true gentlemen. Had we lost the game we would have been proud to think that the boys had lived up to the motto of their school. Captain Connor was in charge and did a neat job. Our midget quarterback, James Calhoun, ran the team like a veteran and "Whank" Brown, in order to show off before his girl in Beaufort out did himself. In fact the whole team played jam-up ball and we are proud of them.

We are glad to announce that on next Friday we will play Ehrhardt's fast team in Barnwell and on Friday, the 27th, we will have a return game with Beaufort. Are you going to let the athletics fall in the gutter this year? Are you not interested in your school or your town? A good foot ball, baseball or basket ball team is the best advertisement for a town. So be a sport and come to the game. Without your support we cannot go on for it costs money, and we have not asked for a cent.—Contributed.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Pursuant to an order of the State Board of Education, notice is hereby given that the regular Fall teachers' examination will be held in the Court House at Barnwell on Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th, 1922, beginning each day at 9:00 a. m.

The announcement of this examination contains the following notice:

"The examination will cover primary licenses, elementary licenses, and high school licenses. Holders of primary certificates may teach in the first five grades, holders of elementary certificates in the first nine grades, and holders of high school certificates in all eleven grades."

HORACE J. CROUCH.

County Dept. of Education, Barnwell County.

DESTROY COTTON STALKS AT ONCE

IMPORTANT MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN COUNTY.

At Blackville and Williston October 20th and at Barnwell on the Following Friday.

One of the very important methods of boll weevil control is the early destruction of all cotton stalks, according to government experts. It is stated on reliable authority that where they were destroyed in Barnwell County last year as soon as picking had been finished, the 1922 yield was exceptionally good and due credit is given thereto. Few farmers, however, seem to realize the great importance of this practice. With this fact in mind, County Agent Harry G. Boylston, of Blackville, has arranged for a series of meetings to be held at Blackville, Williston and Barnwell on October 20th and 21st, and has issued the following notice:

"I do not think that the farmers as a general thing appreciate the value of the early destruction of cotton stalks. In view of this fact and that we want to see the general destruction begun as early as possible, I have been fortunate enough to get one of the best speakers in the South to speak at three different meetings in Barnwell County on Friday and Saturday of this week. Every farmer in the county should take advantage of the opportunity to hear Mr. Evans at one of the meetings listed below:

"Blackville, Lyric Theatre, Friday, Oct. 20th, at 11 a. m.

"Williston, Kennedy's Hall, Friday, Oct. 20th, at 3:30 p. m.

"Barnwell, Court House, Saturday, Oct. 21st, at 11 a. m.

"Let everyone be present."

Endorsed by Byrnes.

The People has received a letter from Congressman James F. Byrnes, who is spending some time at his home in Aiken, strongly endorsing Mr. Evans, and when "Our Jimmie" puts the seal of his approval on a man or a proposition there's "nuff sed." His letter is as follows:

"I am advised that Mr. J. A. Evans, of the Department of Agriculture, will make several addresses in Barnwell County this week, on the subject of growing cotton under boll weevil conditions, his last address being at Barnwell Court House Saturday morning.

"I regard Mr. Evans as the best informed man the Department has on this particular subject, and I think it to the interest of every cotton grower to hear him while he is in the county. I hope you will urge the people to attend, because it is to their interest to learn from him the experience of others in solving the problems our people now face."

Mr. Henry S. Johnson, District Agent, also strongly endorses Mr. Evans, who, he says, is one of the original county agents in Texas and has been with the Department since the Extension Work was organized.

The People takes pleasure in urging its readers to attend one of these meetings.

CELEBRATES 81ST BIRTHDAY.

Blackville, Oct. 16.—At his home near Blackville, Saturday, October 14th, Mr. Chas. Hartzog celebrated his 81st birthday with at least one hundred of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives present.

At noon a table reaching across the front porch was laden with the best of "eats," and the guests enjoyed once more the sweet fellowship of the hospitable home.

Mr. Hartzog was born near Friendship Church, in Barnwell County, in 1841. When the war broke out, he was one of the first to enlist and went through the entire war. He was in the Second Battle of Manassas, being color bearer in that battle.

Mr. Hartzog has now thirteen living children and one dead. He has living 62 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. While in the war he joined the Baptist Church, and the year after the war his membership was removed to the Double Pond Church, where he has been a member ever since.

Mr. Hartzog is well loved by his many friends and relatives, and all who know him wish he might live to see many more birthdays.