

**HICKS AND ILLERTON FOUND NOT GUILTY**

**Tried at Florence for Killing Dr. Wm. Illerton, Father of One of Defendants. Court Directs Verdict.**

Florence, March 14.—J. Wilbur Hicks a young attorney of this city, and Geddings Illerton, aged about 21, also of Florence, were this afternoon declared not guilty of the murder of Dr. William Illerton, father of the last named defendant, in circuit court here, Judge Hayne F. Rice, of Aiken, presiding.

The killing of Dr. Illerton grew out of circumstances connected with the legal separation of the deceased and his wife, and the tragedy occurred on the day set for a hearing in Mrs. Illerton's suit for alimony. It was alleged that Dr. Illerton, a man of at times uncontrollable temper, was bitter in his hatred toward those arraigned against him particularly so toward J. Wilbur Hicks, a defendant, who was Mrs. Illerton's counsel. Geddings Illerton, also, it appears, was on the side of his mother, although there was no evidence to show that he had any malice for his father.

An unusual feature of the trial was the direction of the verdict of acquittal by Judge Rice upon motion of the Hon. J. Monroe Spears, of counsel for the defense. In instructing the jury to return a verdict of not guilty Judge Rice stated that he was convinced, from the evidence, that J. W. Hicks had shot Dr. Illerton in self-defense, and that young Illerton, the dead man's son, had fired in an attempt to protect his friend and his mother's attorney, Hicks, who had been shot down and was being further attacked by Dr. Illerton. It was not shown, however, that either of the three shots said to have been fired by Geddings Illerton took effect in the body of his father.

The motion that the court direct a verdict of not guilty came after the State had introduced several witnesses and rested its case. Mr. Spears made a strong and earnest plea for his clients, claiming self-defense fully established for Mr. Hicks, and contending that no part in the killing of Dr. Illerton had been proven by the State against young Illerton except that he came to the rescue of his friend, who it appeared, was about to be killed by the deceased. He declared that the State had proven no malice on the part of young Illerton against his father.

Solicitor L. M. Gasque, for the State, said that although it was an unpleasant duty, he felt that he must oppose the motion for the direction of a verdict. He declared that it had not been proven conclusively that Dr. Illerton had fired the first shot, and that if he had not done so Hicks could not claim self-defense; and that it was for the jury to decide whether or not Geddings Illerton had shot through malice toward his father or in defense of his friend, Hicks.

Judge Rice promptly directed a verdict of acquittal as to both defendants and in taking this action the court stated that it was his policy always to direct a verdict where in case of conviction he would feel compelled to set aside the findings of the jury, and that in this case he would not let a conviction stand if by any chance such a verdict were returned.

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**Lads of 16 and Over Urged to Join the Boys' Working Reserve. Enrollment Begins 18th.**

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson today called on all American boys of sixteen years and over, not permanently employed, to enroll in the United States boys' working reserve. A national enrollment week beginning March 18 has been set aside by the Department of Labor.

The President's open letter, made public today, follows:

"The Department of Labor has set aside the week beginning March 18, as National Enrollment Week for the United States Boys Working Reserve. The purpose of this national enrollment week is to call the attention of the young men of the nation to the importance of increasing the food supply by working on the farms, and to urge them to enroll in the reserve. 'I sincerely hope that the young men of the country, of sixteen years of age and over, not now permanently employed, and especially the boys in our high schools, will enter heartily into this work and join the Boys Working Reserve in order that they may have the privilege—for such I believe it to—of spending their time in a productive enterprise which will certainly aid the nation to win the war by increasing the means of providing for the forces at the front and for the maintenance of those whose services are so much needed at home."  
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**W. M. U. MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Third Division W. M. U. will be held at Bethabara church the 5th Saturday, March 30th. All societies are expected to send delegates and all W. M. U. members are cordially invited to meet with us.

**Program.**

10:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Mt. Pleasant.

Scripture reading: James II. Enrollment of delegates.

Address of welcome—Mrs. Etolse Griffin, Bethabara.

Response—Mrs. E. M. Fuller, Beaver Team.

Topics:—"What Programs Shall We Use for the Monthly Meetings of the W. M. U.?"—Mrs. John Little, Clinton.

"How to Have Programs Prepared."—Mrs. Cora Madden, Prospect.

"Difficulties About Programs"—Discussion led by President.

Appointment of committees. Social hour.

1:30—Devotional Exercises, conducted by Mrs. E. J. Adair, Clinton.

Topics—"The Need of Mission Study Classes"—Mrs. Irvin Hill, Cross Hill.

"How to Conduct a Mission Study Class or Reading Circle."—Mrs. Carl Wharton, Waterloo.

"Difficulties in Maintaining Classes."—Discussion led by President.

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**JONES NEWS.**

Jones, March 15.—Mr. J. A. Morrison has purchased an automobile.

Under the superintendency of Hon. J. P. Morrison and his efficient teachers, the Sunday school is in a prosperous condition.

The many friends of Mr. William Henry Moore will regret to learn that after a long spell of sickness he passed away on the 4th instant at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jeff Moore in Greenville and was laid to rest at Tabernacle Cemetery at Cokesbury in the presence of a large assembly of friends and relatives. He spent his long, useful and honorable life in our midst and was held in high esteem. We tenderly sympathize with the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hughes recently visited Mr. Wesley Morrison at Anderson.

Mr. Benjamin Woodward is undergoing treatment at a hospital in Spartanburg. We hope he may soon be restored to health.

We are very grateful to Rev. J. M. Dallas, Rev. Haydock, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Workman, Wm. Bell Cobb, Eugene Elliott, F. B. Boland, W. C. Marvin and Walter Manley, of Ware Shoals, Rev. Wm. Buzhardt of Hodges, Dr. W. C. Thompson, of Waterloo, who visited us during our illness.

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**FINAL SETTLEMENT.**

Take notice that on the 25th day of April, 1918, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Executor of the estate of Martha P. Elmore deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens county, at 11 o'clock a. m. and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Executor.

Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven or be forever barred.  
A. J. COLEY, Executor.

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**Graduating Recital.**

The many friends of Miss Sara Bolt and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bolt, will be interested in the graduating recital of Miss Bolt, which is to take place at Columbia college next Monday evening. Miss Bolt will have a joint piano recital with Miss Sadie Harter of Fairfax, assisted by three members of the faculty. Included in the program of the evening are selections from many of the great masters, the last number on the program being the Spring Song by Liebling played in duet by Misses Bolt and Harter.

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