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## JEFFORDS DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

### PAYS PENALTY FOR TAKING LIFE OF BUSINESS PARTNER.

The death cells in the South Carolina State prison at Columbia were empty Friday night.

On that day the sole occupant since prison officials decided to remove all prisoners not under sentence to die on a definite date to the ordinary cell blocks, paid the penalty for his offense against the laws of the state. Shortly after 10 o'clock Friday morning, Frank M. Jeffords, one of the slayers of J. C. Arnette, his partner in business, marched out of the cell which he had occupied since early last summer. At 10:17 o'clock he sat in the chair of death and at 10:20 the electric current that snuffed out his life was turned on. The current was gradually increased from 500 to 1,900 volts and four minutes later attending physicians announced that the state's claim against Jeffords had been collected. Jeffords' wife claimed his body.

Jeffords, according to prison officials, was one of the calmest that ever went to the electric chair in this state. He stood with his hands behind his back, his legs spread slightly apart and leaning slightly forward, while Capt. Roberts, of the prison guard, read to him the death warrant. Newspaper correspondents, who with Capt. Roberts were the only persons present in the cell when the warrant was read, stood with bared heads. All felt the tenseness of the situation. But Jeffords, the man most concerned in the whole affair, showed not a trace of emotion.

"Have you anything to say?" the captain of the guard asked the condemned man.

"Nothing, sir, except that you see that my grip is sent on," was the reply. He added that his belongings were in his grip in the cell except his Bible, which he said, would be there when the prison officials came for the bag.

Two letters in his pockets he asked be turned over to his brother. This was done without the contents being made public.

Entering the chamber where his execution was to take place, Jeffords again was the calmest person present. He walked firmly and as he neared greeted the two score witnesses with cool "good morning gentlemen." Seated in the chair he said that he wanted all to see in his execution an example and that he was ready to go. Then he repeated the Twenty-third Psalm and as he added the word "Amen" the current was turned on.

While Jeffords was being executed, Ira Harrison, confessed slayer of Arnette and under sentence to die on February 16, unless the supreme court interferes, lay in a state of semi-consciousness in the prison hospital. Harrison has been in this condition for more than two weeks. He was sentenced to die along with Jeffords but an appeal to the supreme court resulted in a stay of execution and Governor Harvey reprieved him until February 16.

### Visitors at Cedar Swamp.

Those who returned to the Cedar Swamp community, the old home of most of them, to spend Christmas are: Miss Maybelle Rembert, Lander College; Mr. William Brown, Presbyterian College; Mr. Jack McCullough, Atlanta Dental College; Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Snowden, Delmar, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Chandler, Murrell's Inlet; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Blakeley, Trio; Mr. W. M. McCullough and Mrs. Annie McCullough, Nesmith; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McCullough, Whitmire; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hemingway, Mrs. Naman Crosby, Andrews; Mr. Snowden Rembert, St. Stephens; Miss Dolores McNeil, Mrs. Jack Coker and Mr. Wilbur Phillips, Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. William Chandler, Henry.

The United States supreme court has decided that Japanese cannot be naturalized in the United States and cannot become citizens of this country. This new ruling will affect not only Japanese in this country, but also all Japanese who by reason of army or navy service with American forces during the late war were granted citizenship.

## Wolfe-Hood.

On last Friday evening Mrs. Bertha S. Wolfe and Dr. H. B. Hood were quietly married by the Rev. John McDout, Jr., at the rectory. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left by automobile for Florence, where they took train for Philadelphia, the home of the groom.

Dr. Hood is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He was engaged in Government work for a number of years as a veterinarian. He came to Kingstree about a year and a half ago to take up state veterinary work, which he has since very ably and successfully conducted.

Mrs. Hood, before her marriage to the late C. W. Wolfe, former editor and owner of The County Record, was Miss Bertha Hodge. She has made her home in Kingstree for a number of years where she is well known to everybody.

Dr. and Mrs. Hood will return here shortly to take up their future residence.

## Williamson-Epps.

A pretty, though simple, wedding took place in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Williamson, Sunday afternoon, December 24th, at six o'clock, when their daughter, Myrtle Wilhelmina, became the bride of David Charles Epps. The living room and hall were attractive in Christmas greens and potted plants. A bank of Christmas greens and Christmas flowers made a beautiful background before which the young couple stood to make their vows. The Rev. Frank C. Hawkins, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony, using the impressive ring ceremony of the Baptist church.

The bride wore an attractive suit of blue with harmonizing accessories. Mrs. Epps is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Williamson and is admired by a host of friends for her attractive personality and who are glad to know that she will make her home in their midst.

Mr. Epps is a prosperous young planter of the Bethel community and a member of an old and prominent family of this county.

## Epps-Pugh.

On Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock Miss Ossie Epps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Epps of this place and Dr. G. T. Pugh of Winthrop College were quietly married at the home of the bride, the ceremony being performed by the Revs. E. Z. James, J. P. Patton, relatives of the bride and her pastor, the Rev. J. P. Inabnet. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Pugh left for points in Florida. After January 1st they will be at home in Rock Hill.

## Christmas Marriages.

The persons named below were married by Judge W. E. Snowden during the Yuletide season. Mr. Charlie Jarvis and Miss Ethel Gordon, both of Hemingway. Mr. Coker McKenzie, Cades, and Miss Myrtle McCutchen, Scranton. Mr. Monroe Scurry and Miss Maggie Pagrott, both of Lake City. Mr. Hagood Welch, Turbeville, and Miss Lillie Mae Miles, Coward. Mr. Jasper McDaniel and Miss Rubie Barrineau, both of Kingstree. Mr. Hammie McCutchen and Miss Addie McClary, both of Kingstree.

## Less Fertilizer Used.

The Columbia State says: Considerably less fertilizer has been used by farmers in South Carolina this year than was used last year, according to figures on the fertilizer tag tax collection from the office of Samuel T. Carter, state treasurer. Through December of this year the collection on the tax was \$128,643.55 as compared with \$149,570.42 through December of 1921. This gives a difference of \$20,926.87 and at the rate of 25 cents tax a ton means approximately 84,000 tons less fertilizer used this year than last.

"A comparison of the figures this year with 1920 shows a big drop in the use by farmers of the state. In 1920 the tax collections was approximately \$270,000 on December 31st as compared with \$128,643.55 on December 31st of this year, a difference of approximately \$141,356.45. This would indicate that in 1920 approximately 564,000 more tons of fertilizer were used than in 1920."

## NEWS FROM ROME.

### Items of Interest During the Past Week.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Messrs. William Turbeville and Baker Wilson of Wofford College and Flint Rhem of Clemson College are spending the holidays at their respective homes.

Col. and Mrs. Holmes B. Springs and children, Louise and Holmes, Jr., of Greenville, are visiting Mrs. Springs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Wilson.

Miss Mabel Chandler, who is teaching at Cross, is spending the holidays with her father, Mr. B. B. Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson and son of Georgetown, are visiting relatives here.

F. R. Hemingway, Esq., of Kingstree, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. A. B. Hemingway.

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Way and daughter, Harriet, are visiting Mrs. Way's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Floyd at Floydale.

Mrs. Westcott of Summerville, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Cary Rollins.

Prof. and Mrs. O. M. Mitchell of Fletcher Memorial school near McColl, are here for the holidays. Mrs. Mitchell is at present ill with the flu.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson of Kingstree, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Turbeville, on December 15, a son, Robert Harry, Jr.

John J. Snow, Jr., of Elkin, N. C., is at home for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Thomas of Great Falls, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Rollins and son, and Mr. W. C. Rollins spent Christmas at Indiantown with Mr. James Rollins and family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bethel Durant on December 13, a son, Mrs. Durant for the past two weeks has been extremely ill with flu. We are glad to report a change for the better. Misses McCrea and Smith of the Kelley Sanitarium of Kingstree, are nursing her.

Union high school closed for the holidays Wednesday and the following teachers are spending the holidays at their respective homes: Mr. R. Y. Waldrep, Spartanburg; Miss Edna Lowrance, York; Miss Amy Connor, Parler; Miss Maude Erskine, Florence; Miss Clayton Blain, Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cribb and daughter, and Mr. Jesse Cribb of Hemingway, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cribb.

We are sorry to report that Miss Nell Wilson is ill with pneumonia following an attack of influenza. We hope she will soon be better.

Miss Louise Snow, who is teaching near Georgetown, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hemingway of Hemingway, are spending some time with Mrs. A. B. Hemingway.

Mr. W. C. Snowden of Carthage, N. C., is visiting his aunt, Miss Julia DuRant, who has been ill for some time. We hope that she will soon improve.

## News Items From Indiantown.

Indiantown, Dec. 26.—Mr. Ralph A. Snowden of Chick Springs, is spending the holidays here with his parents.

Miss Bessie McCutchen of Washington, N. C., is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave McCutchen.

The following college folks have arrived here to spend the holidays at home: Misses Alice Rollins and Alberta Stuckey, Winthrop College; Sallie Bartell, Margaret and Dorothy Daniel, Lander College; Jennie McCutchen, Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, N. C.; and Messrs. James McCutchen and William Cooper, Davidson College; Derrill Daniel, Clemson College; Henry Bartell, University of South Carolina; George Barr; Porter Military Academy.

Miss Mildred Wilson, stenographer for the clerk of court at Kingstree, is spending the holidays here with her parents.

Miss Nina Snowden of Bucksville, is spending the holidays here with her mother.

Misses Pauline and Lottie Snowden of Savannah, Ga., have arrived here to be with their parents during the Christmas season.

The following Indians attended the dance at Vox on Monday night: Misses Mildred and Grace Wilson, Nina Snowden, Alberta and Gertrude Stuckey, and Messrs. Henry Bartell, Ned and Frank Wilson, Torga Snowden and C. C. Royster.

## FIRE AT MANNING.

### Several Buildings With Contents Destroyed by Flames.

Manning, Dec. 26.—A disastrous Sunday midnight fire ushered in the Christmas anniversary in a most spectacular manner. The Thomas Livery Stables, located in the rear of one of the most prominent business blocks of Manning, and with the stables crowded with horses and mules, was completely destroyed by fire, also the office of W. G. King, cotton buyer, and a negro drug store.

The Western Union Telegraph office, the Bank of Manning, the Manning Times office building and T. M. Nimmers' colonial residence were in proximity to the fire. A total destruction of the block seemed inevitable, but by the splendid activity of the fire department and with only a light breeze the flames were held in sway to the protection of the front building.

There were about twenty-five horses and mules burned up in the stalls, approximately forty hogs, together with tons of foodstuff and forage. The doors of the stables were broken down and with poles and sticks men rushed in to drive out the animals but no sooner were they driven out than they made a dash back into the burning building. Two fine veteran horses belonging to the town were among the horses that made a leap back into the stalls and were burned to a char.

The estimated loss from the fire is \$40,000, with an insurance of about \$3,000.

## South Carolina Near the Bottom.

This state as a whole came very near the bottom of the list in the per capita record of Christmas bonds and seals sold. Last year only one seal was sold for every person in the state and yet the death rate from tuberculosis in South Carolina is very high, 1,835 deaths resulting from this disease last year. Surveys recently made show that there are 8 to 10 cases of tuberculosis to every death from that disease. It is also estimated that each death means an economic loss of \$5,000.00 to South Carolina.

Although New York has the highest death rate from tuberculosis, this state also had the highest per capita record for the sale of Christmas seals. The record last year was 7.4 seals to every person.

In this state Richland county had the largest number of seals bought to its credit last year. Greenville, Chester and Laurens counties came next in order.

The largest number of deaths from tuberculosis reported from any one county in the state last year was 178 from Greenville county, which included the figures from the Government Hospital. Charleston came second with 170 deaths reported. Richland county had 84 deaths excluding those from state institutions.

The funds secured from the sale of Christmas bonds and seals furnish the means for the fight against tuberculosis, except for the legislative appropriation for about 150 beds in the state. The sale this year is going better than last and encouraging reports are coming into the state tuberculosis headquarters from all over the state.

## To Meet Here January 3.

On next Wednesday, January 3, there will be a meeting of members of the Cotton and Tobacco association for the purpose of further perfecting organization. Mr. T. B. Young of Florence, will be here and will address the meeting which is scheduled to take place at the court house. A large gathering of association members is expected.

## J. S. Pinkussohn Dead.

Mr. J. S. Pinkussohn, organizer and head of the J. S. Pinkussohn Cigar Company, died at his apartment in the Charleston Hotel late Christmas Eve after an illness of several weeks. The original Pinkussohn cigar business was organized in 1884 by Mr. Pinkussohn and his brother at Charleston. The business continued to expand until Pinkussohn cigar stores are in operation in nearly all of the large southern cities.

John Dunham, negro, who claimed to be 121 years old, died Friday at his home in Paris, Texas. He worked for his living up to the time of his death.

## Items From Hemingway.

Hemingway, Dec. 26.—Miss Verna Ard of Florence, spent Christmas day here with her father, Mr. L. L. Ard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ard left Thursday of last week for Latta to visit the latter's parents.

Dr. Mobley left Sunday for Heath Springs to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. Lowrance spent the holidays at McBee, Cloumbia and Greenville.

Messrs. Cape Hemingway, Vance Tyler and Laurie Venters of Wofford college arrived last Friday for the holidays.

Mr. W. D. Campbell is on a visit to his parents at Gibson, N. C.

Mr. King spent Sunday at Hartsville with relatives.

Mr. E. L. Rogers left Monday for Grey Court to visit relatives.

Mr. Caesar Haselden left Tuesday for Donalds to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cain of Pamlico, spent Sunday and Monday with the latter's mother, Mrs. R. T. Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sandsbury of Timmonsville, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Haselden.

Miss Inez Wooten of Florence, is visiting her aunts, the Misses Burney. Miss Cleo Cloyburn left Saturday for her home at Charleston.

Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Day left Sunday for Mullins to visit relatives.

Misses Annie and Lela Burney spent Sunday and Monday at Florence with their sister, Mrs. J. H. Wooten. They were accompanied home by their sister, Miss Ira Burney from Fort McMurray, Md., who arrived in Florence just in time for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lambert of Furman college, are home for the holidays.

Mr. H. W. Haselden is visiting friends at Dyson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton of Mullins, spent Christmas with Mrs. Norton's father, Mr. L. L. Ard of Hemingway.

## From California to Florida on Foot.

Charles Greenleaf, carrying about 40 pounds of luggage, and walking from Los Angeles, California, to Florida, arrived in Kingstree Thursday afternoon and called at The County Record office to pay his respects. Greenleaf says that he is making this hike for three reasons, health, moving picture scouting and lastly, material for a book which he proposes to write. He is the picture of health, strong, robust and ruddy of complexion. He started on his trip, which is being made entirely on foot, in March. On the hike the young man claims to have encountered rattle snakes, wolves, bear, tarantulas, mountain lions, escaping them all without injury. He suffered his greatest hardship in crossing the great western desert because of the scarcity of water. He is surprised, he said, at the scarcity of men and women suitable for movie actors and actresses, having only located four girls and one man of a type possessing potentialities for development into movie stars. "Everybody jumps at the word, moving picture, yet it is astonishing how few really possess the inlying qualities to be brought out into stardom. I always discourage those without ability from going to Hollywood and overcrowding an already overcrowded market. When I was in Hollywood there were about 150 persons for every job, now, there must be 300," he stated in conclusion. The hiker thought well of Kingstree but commented severely upon the poor condition of South Carolina's highways. He left here that afternoon for Charleston.

## Wilson Ends Law Partnership.

Woodrow Wilson's action in terminating the law partnership which has existed for the past two years between him and his former secretary of state, Bainbridge Colby, will be sure to set a good many tongues wagging, says the Roanoke Times. Especially is this true on account of Mr. Colby's explanation that the partnership has been dissolved because of the former president's desire to turn his "energies once more to subjects which have long invited him." In Washington circles this statement will be construed as tantamount to an announcement that Mr. Wilson proposes from this time on to take an active part in politics, more specially as regards the activities within the Democratic party looking to the selection of a standard bearer in the 1924 presidential campaign.

## TRIO HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

### EVENTS OF THE WEEK AS RECORDED BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Trio, Dec. 26.—Miss Eleanor Owings, primary teacher in the Trio graded school, left Tuesday morning to spend the holidays with her parents in McCormick.

Mrs. T. S. Carter, Miss Helen Hinant and Pruett Rowell spent Friday in Georgetown shopping.

Miss Annie Ogburn, who teaches in the Sweetsville school near Summerville, came home Friday night to spend Christmas.

Mr. M. D. Ogburn of Shelton, and his little son, Marion, Jr., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ogburn.

Magistrate J. J. Morris was in Lanes last Saturday on business.

Mr. Strange, Mrs. Camlin, and Misses Maude Bailey, Gussie McDonald and Julia Bailey of Andrews, were in Trio last Friday.

Tom Rowell, Jr., is spending the holidays in Lake City and Moore's Crossing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harper spent Christmas in Georgetown with their daughter, Mrs. Roland Scott.

"Doc" Rowell, who is working in Athens, Ga., this winter, is at home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Register, Robert Register, and A. R. Register of Lanes, and Dr. David Register of Atlanta, Ga., are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Register.

Mr. W. Prichard Moore left Monday morning for Rose Hill, N. C., where he will spend a few days with his mother at his old home.

Mrs. E. M. Pate and little daughter, Olive, left Saturday morning for Yamasee, where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Pate's mother, Mrs. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Walters and their four little children, from Gaffney, were the guests of Mrs. W. T. Rowell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cook, and their little son, John Martin, of Columbia, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. J. W. Register.

A community Christmas tree entertainment was given in the Baptist church Friday night. The exercises began with prayer by Rev. W. S. Heath. This was followed by a Christmas talk by Mayor W. T. Rowell. Songs and recitations were rendered and then the most interesting part of the program took place, at least, from the children's point of view. This was the presentation of gifts from the Christmas tree, which stood glowing with the lights from tiny incandescent lamps at one side of the pulpit. Each child was given a red stocking filled with fruit, nuts, candy and raisins, and there were gifts for the grown-ups also. The exercises closed with prayer by Mr. Heath.

Last Thursday night a Christmas tree celebration was held at the Taft school, which is taught by Miss Thelma Locklear. Several songs and recitations were given, and also a little Christmas play. Mr. Bill Bryan of Kingstree, made an excellent Santa Claus. To the great delight of the little folks, Santa took them out doors when the exercises were over and helped them shoot lots of fireworks.

Miss Virginia McCullough, a senior at Chocora College for Women in Columbia, has come home to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. J. McCullough. Miss Virginia was ill in Columbia with dengue fever, and two weeks after her recovery she was a victim of the "flu." Her many friends hope that she will soon be quite well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Salters are out again, after being sick several days with "flu."

Mrs. L. E. Files, Miss Annie Files and Mr. Marcellus Horton are all confined to bed with "flu."

Mr. L. C. Register of Andrews, spent Christmas day with his parents here.

Mr. A. J. Thompson of Whiteville, N. C., is spending the holiday season with his sister, Mrs. E. J. Thompson at the home of Mr. H. A. Camlin, Trio.

Secretary Denby has approved the Byrnes bill providing for delivery of the silver service used on the old battleship South Carolina to the Daughters of the American Revolution of South Carolina.