Crowded Courtroom Hears Judge Sentence Mrs. Miller



I only ask that Fred's sent ence be no longer than her's."

CAPE FEAR

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his report shows that he has run, David said. failed to pass, he has no excuse

takes the demerits silently, and went to bed. teels down in the depths of her wrong somewhere.

tend to them, but,
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to themselves." The last sent- had lapsed. ence was printed in bold face

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Defendant Shows No Emotion Over Pronouncement Of Jail Term

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the home of his sister-in-law where officers later apprehended nim. He said he never recover-

ed his new shoes. "Why did you shoot David Miller?" Solicitor Carlyle asked. "Because I was scared," Fred

eplied. He hesitated to say that Mrs Miller gave him money while trying to persuade him to shoot her husband but did venture that she said he would never want for anything or 'something like that," if he did what she wanted him to.

David Miller testified that he was 27 and had been married! to the defendant for seven years. He said their two children. Patricia, and Sonny Boy, are few years except that he went aged 6 and 4 respectively. For out at night — sometimes all the judgment to distinguished from wrong on May 11. wife had lived near her father's angry with him, he just walked home where Currin had built a away, he recalled.

does not get the security and love she expects from her husband and swarmed around the defendant "He doesn't know it. So when store and stocked it for him to "I admit I didn't do my vironment for a long time be-

He said he had worked until Solicitor Carlyle called Mrs. 11 p.m. on the Saturday night Leo Fisher, wife of the Register "The inattentive girl probably before he was shot. He arrived of Deeds at Whiteville, who was does not hear the teacher well; home sober, he recalled, from David's nurse at Baker hospital "She does not know it. So she 5 in the merning, undressed and ered from the pistol wound.

David testified he was awakhonest heart that something is ened by a shot, got up, and Currin had visited David he beone somewhere.

Of course the parents ought house. He recalled being in the Mrs. Fisher said. He said he the solicitor that if a married to know these things and at- back yard near his car but said did not know why he had been man went out nights over a per-

policies, concluding that he had the premiums, she recalled. "Let us give the children a only one \$3,000 life insurance

Only in His "Forties"-but she knew nothing of the shoot- tor rested the case for the state. Mrs. Miller when she arrived in ing. He said he was satisfied

> stand the plea," Burgwyn interrupted. "Neither do I," Solicitor Car-

lyle seconded. Not Responsible

she still loved him but was not out of danger for two weeks. afraid he did not love her. But he assured her that he did, he



JUDGE BURGWYN

part," he confessed.

poker game at 20 minutes to in Lumberton, where he recov-Insurance Angle

chased a Negro man out of the gan to discuss the situation, On cross examination he told he remembered little after that. shot unless it was because of iod of years it might drive his Far from cooperative with his insurance, that he had about wife crazy. He repeated that a have been successfully attended to, the millenium will be here. Solicitor Carlyle, David reluction, the millenium will be here. Solicitor Carlyle, David reluction to, the millenium will be here. Solicitor Carlyle, David reluction to the millenium will be here. Solicitor Carlyle, David reluction to the millenium will be here. Solicitor Carlyle, David reluction to the millenium will be here.

He said that he expected that square deal. They can not give policy and all of his policies his wife would plead insanity as a defense but that she had never He said he had become rec- acted insane around him, Mrs. onciled with his wife after he Fisher said David told her. had been appointed with Dr. Mctalked to her and she told him With this testimony the solici- Grath by the court to examine

The first state witness had a state of collapse for her trial that if she had anything to do been Dr. Stephen McIntyre, scheduled on August 13. He said with it she was not in her right chief surgeon at Baker hospital, their examination showed that "If that is so, I don't under- to the hospital in an advanced conscious and not faking. Judge state of traumatic shock, near Twelve witnesses were called May 11. He said the bullet en- testify to the good character of David explained that he beneath his shoulder blade drawing admissions from as would not have given his wife Blood plasma, glucose, and sammany of them as he cross exanother chance unless he had line solution was transfused im- amined that they had never been convinced she was not re- mediately, Dr. McIntyre said, heard of Mrs. Miller having any sponsible for her part in the but David remained in critical mental disturbance prior to the plot. He said his wife told him condition for 10 days and was shooting of David Miller.

Currin Worried He said he had treated his wife pretty well during the last badly worried that his daugh- Rowland, pastors, mayor, the commissioners, and a rural mail Monday morning after the shooting and the officer offered to help if he could. That noon he accompanied Currin and his explaining, "Why the plea." daughter out past their home near the Cottrell tenant farm on their land where Mary Edna made her confession.

Mary Edna. "Nobody can help you now but your daddy, the that Mrs. Miller could not stand Lord, and a good attorney."

She then admitted she had persuaded Wiggins to do the shooting, Jones testified. She he stayed away two or three had been successful. He closed nights a week and she thought with the quotation from the Beau-

he no longer loved her. Jones recalled that her father asked her if another man was involved in the case and she was coaxed into admitting it onded the argument that the plea was Garland Cottrell, son of a of nolo contendere signified not tenant farmer on the Currin guilty in this case. He said that

tried to get her to leave the and faint away again, so they United States with him and go had to plead nolo contendere. to some island he had visited while in the Navy. She said she could not bear to leave her children, and decided the only way out was to get rid of her husband, Jones testified.

On cross examination Jones said he thought Mary Edna was not normal when she made her confession and he doubted if she knew right from wrong. He recalled she had difficulty remembering and said it "was all like a dream."

"But your later investigation

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showed that she told you the truth, didn't it?" Solicitor Carlyle interposed. Jones agreed that it did.

Dapper young Garland Cottrell, four years Mrs. Miller's unior, took the stand. He said ne had seen Mrs. Miller once or twice a week. He recalled an occasion on which he had gone to the picture show with her two weeks before her husband was shot. The movie was about a young man running away with a married woman, he recalled.

"Let's go away together like they did in the show," Mary Edna suggested on the way home, Garland testified. On cross examination he said

his mother was along and it was just a neighborly trip home together from Rowland.

"Was anybody killed in the show?" Judge Burgwyn asked. "No sir," Cottrell replied. Dr. William Ray Griffen, chief

psychiatrist of Appalachian Hall, vas the first witness for the defendant. He said she was first a patient at the sanatorium, from May 19 to the latter part of .. "Don't worry about Fred." July. He stated that in his opinion Mrs. Miller did not have the judgment to distinguish right

is apt to do anything.

He said that in her present condition further unpleasant environment (jail) would be apt to cause her to lose her mind. He question but that some punishsaid that he doubted that she ment was merited. could go through the rigor of a One day after Mr. and Mrs. court trial with any degree of

would greatly upset her. Upset Anyone?

"It would upset anybody, wouldn't i??" Carlyle jabbed. Dr. John Knox testified that he

who recounted admitting David Mrs. Miller was genuinely undeath, after the shooting on to the stand by the defense to tered David's left breast, pass- Mr. and Mrs. David Miller. So-

ed through his lung, and out licitor Carlyle countered by Leniency Plea

The defense attorneys submit-Deputy D. J. Jones said that ted a plea for leniency signed by Allen Currin told him he was every merchant in the tow of

Attorney H. E. Stacy made a dramatic argument to the judge, He said at the insistence of Cur-

rin who said that the suspense was driving him and Mrs. Currin crazy, the defense decided to Tell your daddy the truth,"
Deputy Jones said he advised

"Webody can below the court because four mercy of the court because for mercy of the court because for mercy of the court because for mercy of the court because four mercy of the court because for mercy of the cou enter a plea of nolo contendere doctors expressed the opinion the rigors of a court trial.

He contended that nolo contendere in this case meant "not guilty," an argument that would said David had got to where have set a legal precedent if he

titudes: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Attorney T. A. McNeil sec-

if Mrs. Miller were called into She told them Garland had court to testify she would swoon He begged that the defendant



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is subject to any unhappy en- "like buzzards" when she entered the court house. He said she comes abnormal, irrational, and would never be a normal woman again if sent to jail.

Solicitor Carlyle said that upon the evidence there could be no "No long speeches have been

made in behalf of Fred Wiggins," Solicitor Carlyle began.

"Don't worry about Fred," Judge Burgwyn interrupted. "I only ask that Fred's sentence be no longer than her sentence is." the solicitor concluded brief-

Judge Burgwyn said he realized that mercy was something you have to extend in this world if you want to receive it in the next, but at the same time the law is paramount in this case

and should be so. After he pronounced sentence Mrs. Miller began to cry softly, Mrs. Milled started to comfort her mother and she, too, broke into low sobs. Then she got up and walked out into the jury

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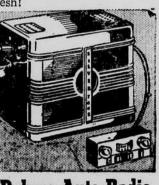


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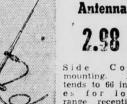
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