



Pregnant Mother Gets 15-20 Years' Sentence

Catawban's Hubby One Of 2 Slain

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NEWTON — Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders Parker, pregnant mother of two children, was sentenced to 15 to 20 years today for second degree murder in the shotgun slaying of her husband.

The slim 23-year-old Catawba County woman gave birth to her baby in Woman's Prison in Raleigh, then came back to Lincoln County to face another murder charge.

Police say after she shot her husband, Charles Raeford Parker, on July 8, she drove 30 miles to Hay, in Lincoln County, and shot 17-year-old Kathleen Rudisill, her step-sister, in a fit of jealousy.

In passing sentence on the weeping Mrs. Parker in Catawba Superior Court, Judge Dan K. Moore called the shooting the "tragic result of gossip, much of it in a toxic mill."

SWALLOWED UP
He said today's sentence "will probably be swallowed up in the punishment in the next case."

Witnesses testified today that Mrs. Parker had been told her husband and the Rudisill girl had been "running around" together while Mrs. Parker worked at night in a textile mill.

L. C. S. Teague of the Hickory Police Dept. said he found a note from Mrs. Parker in her husband's billfold after he was killed.

The note said: "I hate to do this but I told you I had to take your life or your car so I am taking the car."

A deputy sheriff, R. P. Sigmon, said Parker showed him the note a week before the shooting and told him, "I'm afraid to stay home."

MADE ADVANCES
The defense countered with the testimony of a baby sister in the Parker home, Betty Glover, who said Parker had struck his wife in her presence and had made advances to her (Miss Glover).

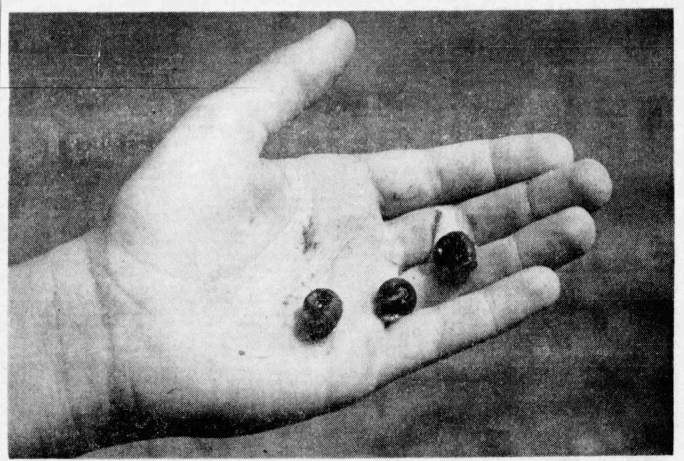
The dead man's brother, Colon Parker, said Mrs. Parker called him on the telephone before the shooting and asked if he had seen her husband. He said she was crying and told him, "Somebody told me he was going with that girl."

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Dead snails from Freedom Park lake; they raise some new questions. (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)

Snail Deaths Raise New Question In Fish Enigma

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Charlotte's "Water of Freedom Park" has been identified.

Thomas Bivens, city sanitary engineer, says it has "Suffocation, due to lack of oxygen," he asserts, "killed the fish."

But there were other victims of the scourge that cast some doubt on this report.

"Thousands of snails also died, and are still dying, in the 5 1/2 acre lake. And these snails don't get their oxygen from the water. They're members of the 'ramshorn' family, and are 'air breathers.' They live in low water, but must come to the surface to obtain oxygen."

COVER WATER
Shells of these snails covered the water around the edge of the lake yesterday afternoon, and the decaying bodies added to the pollution of the water.

Bivens, in a report of his investigation of the fish deaths in Freedom Park lake, lists the average oxygen content as 4.3 parts per million during the

time the fish were dying and says that "it is too low for fish survival."

J. Harry Cornell, chief of the fish division of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, however, told The News by phone this morning that the 4.3 reading isn't fatal.

"We consider 4.0 as the danger point, but fish can survive for a short time at a reading as low as 2.5. Unless there are other contributory factors, I don't think that the 4.3 average would be low enough to kill off that many fish," he said, adding that "it's possible, but improbable."

These aren't the only conflicting reports in the fish mystery, however.

Mr. Bivens wants more aquatic vegetation in the lake, in order to provide more

oxygen. Marion Diehl, superintendent of the Park & Recreation Commission, has been attempting to get rid of the vegetation.

"We dumped so much strong fertilizer in the lake last week that I doubt there are any of those weeds left," he was quoted in another Charlotte newspaper.

Mr. Bivens says fertilizer will aid the type of plant growth he wants in the lake. "If Mr. Diehl wants to put fertilizer in the lake to kill the plants, it's all right by me," he said. "The fertilizer will be growing the plants the lake needs."

NOT SINCE MAY 15
Mr. Bivens said Mr. L. R. Barnett, Park & Recreation Commission engineer, said today his reports show

the lake hadn't been fertilized since May 15. "There was no need to; there aren't enough plants in the lake to hurt anything," he commented.

Mr. Barnett added that algae (the form of aquatic life Bivens says would be ideal for the lake) has been a pest in the past, but it's now under control. "We used copper sulphate to kill it," he explained.

While the Bivens report did list the detection of any chemical poisons in the water, he told The News this morning that "a trace of copper sulphate" was revealed.

Freedom Park's ducks also shouldered some of the blame for the fish kill in the Bivens report. "The duck population was out of proportion with the size of the lake and the organic matter they deposited had a deleterious effect," he said.

"The number of ducks on the lake at that time ranged from 150 (estimated by Mr. Barnett) to 250 (estimated by other officials).

"This number of ducks on a 5 1/2 acre lake would have very little effect on the water chemistry," Cornell says. "They could be the straw that breaks the camel's back, but the camel would have to be awfully weak to start with."

Despite Monday's record temperature of 102 degrees, no more fish have died at the lake. Things are getting back to normal. Youngsters are fishing, and six ducks and two geese are waddling around the water edge again for a third day out of bread.

The killer, whatever it was, seems to be gone for a while.

—What's Inside—

The Ramparts We Watch Put Money In Circulation

PART OF THE BUILDING boom in the Carolinas has come from the federal government in the form of military bases, just what they mean to the region is spelled out for serious reading on Page 3A.

CITY BUSES are figured usually as mere transportation. But up Salisbury way, there's a man who takes his bus riding seriously—all day long. Meet the king of the passengers today on Page 2B.

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'Our Li'l Redhead' Is Back & Council's Normal Again

By JULIAN SCHEER
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Someone reminded Mayor Phil Van Every shortly before City Council meeting.

"Oh, yes," he said. "I understand our li'l red head is back."

She is.

Mrs. Martha Evans, world traveler and beauty, returned to the city councilwoman's home after six weeks in Greece and the Middle East.

Her jacket is over.

She is home — and back at City Hall — with post cards, pictures and a new, short hairdo.

"Thought you'd get a Cyprus cut or an Italian cut," said Mrs. Evans.

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Lillian Hoffman, the city clerk, NOTTING FANCY.

"This is a plain old Charlotte cut," said Martha.

"Got home day before yesterday," she said. "Went to the beauty parlor yesterday—first thing I had to do."

She pulled out a picture of Martha Evans on a camel, parked next to the Sphinx in Egypt. The camera work wasn't good, but Martha pointed to long hair.

Anneli Burch, the Mayor's secretary, looked closely.

A MESS.

"My hair was a mess," said Martha. "The water was so hard you could hardly wash it."

What about things in the mid-east?

"Lost ten pounds. We all lost pounds. Thank you, I hope it does look good."

Tension in the middle east?

"We had lamb all the time.

The water was awful. Dangerous. Too some were required to drinking vodka."

It was a good, informative, interesting trip, said Martha. It was sponsored by the American Christian Palestine Committee.

The council goes into informal session.

Martha's shaking hands, smiling, looking very pretty in a yellow dress. Everyone appears to be genuinely happy she's back.

So is she.

Then councilman Herman Brown brings her back to earth—no't Egyptian sand but Charlotte terra firma. Said he.

"Lucky you haven't been at home. You would have gotten—and you'll get 'em—the calls I got on the bus changes."

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BERSERK BLONDE Barbara Mihich, 24, is a problem for Van Nuys, Calif., officers. Fred Warner (left) and Frank Dyler, who are attempting to keep her from slipping her handcuffs after using tear gas to subdue her. "Mad at the world," she harried herself in her home and held a swarm of police at bay with a barrage of gunfire. (AP Wirephoto).

Ike To Get Physical Exam Before November Election

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower today announced he will undergo another complete physical examination before the Nov. 6 election. If it shows him unfit for a second term, he said, he will go before the people and tell them. This promise to keep the voters informed of how he feels about his fitness to serve was made by Eisenhower at a news conference. He also predicted the Republican convention will reject the party's purposes and policies and help regain its strength and vigor.

Eisenhower also dealt with these other matters:

POLITICS — Eisenhower said he feels he has made himself perfectly clear with respect to the controversy over a vice presidential running mate. If he didn't manage to be clear at his news conference last week, then he probably never will be able to, he added.

The controversy was touched off by efforts of Harold E. Stassen to ditch Vice President Nixon from the No. 2 spot on the Republican ticket in favor of Gov. Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts.

REBUILDING GOP — A reporter recalled Eisenhower said last

week his interest in rebuilding the Republican party was a factor in his decision to run for a second term.

The newsmen asked whether at this point, shortly before the party convention, convening in San Francisco Aug. 29, the President could give some idea of the changes he would like to see in the party.

Eisenhower replied that was such a vast subject it would take a great deal of time to cover it adequately.

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Charges Face Pair In Scotland Slaying

LAURINBURG — A pudgy, stout-faced woman and an elderly farmer will face charges of murder in Scotland County Re-order's Court next week.

Scotland Sheriff Jesse Gibson said Mrs. Bernice Quick Chandler, 29, and Krummy Watson, 61, will face charges of killing Ida May Treadaway, whose sniffling body was taken from Lake Robertel near Rockingham Monday night.

Sheriff Gibson set Tuesday as the probable date for the hearing, but said murder charges against the two have not yet been filed.

"STOMPED" GIRL
The two were arrested after they told officers they saw three men drag the Treadaway girl into a wooded area off Highway 74 near Laurel Hill and "beat and stomp" her.

Both the man and the woman said the three men had joined

the party during an afternoon session of drinking and the last they saw of the girl was when the men took her into the woods.

This happened Friday night.

The dead girl's blood-stained clothing was found nearby but her body was not found until Monday night. Time of the killing was established at 9:30 p.m. and the autopsy report showed death was caused by a knife wound through the heart.

NOW IN JAIL
Mrs. Chandler and Watson are in Richmond County jail as were three other arrested persons.

The other three, James Lee McDonald, 32, of Laurel Hill; Bruce Gibson, 45, and his nephew, Bobby Gibson, 22, also of the Laurel Hill area, are being held as material witnesses.

McDonald was arrested after Watson identified him as one of

Delegates 'Surprised' Adlai's Civil Rights Quotes Bring Varied N.C. Reactions

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MECKLENBURG DELEGATES
In Mecklenburg delegates to the party's convention next week

others-say attitude coupled with an expression of "surprise" and "regret."

While most of the delegates did not wish to be quoted, here is a sampling of reactions:

1. There was much talk of a "compromise" candidate such as Sen. Stuart Symington. At least two delegates said they favored Symington over Stevenson all the time, although "committed" to Stevenson.

2. Another delegate said, "If he (Stevenson) is trying to out-Harriman Gov. Averell Harrison and 'its institutions.'"

Gov. Luther Hodges told The News "I do not know the circumstances under which Gov. Stevenson spoke. However, I have frequently expressed the belief that a civil rights plank should be more than refer to general principles and not refer to specific legislation or to specific court decisions."

4. "Where will we go?" several said, referring to Harriman as the No. 2 man behind Stevenson.

Fire Traps 270 Miners In Belgium

MARCELLE, Belgium — Flames in a coal mine which ate equipment tried to reach the men, but were forced back by the flames which melted heavy rubber boots they were wearing.

Another rescue party seeking to penetrate the mine by an abandoned gallery found its way barred by a heavy concrete wall. They said dynamite would have to be used to open the passage.

Men, women and children, gathered at the pithead, some screaming and weeping.

Evening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, write this great law of sowing and reaping indelibly on our hearts that we sin not against Thee. Give us wisdom, insight and courage always to do Thy will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Negro Group At Convention Demands Seat

COLUMBIA — South Carolina Progressive Democrats, a Negro group seeking party recognition, will fight for national convention seating next week "no matter what the conventional credentials subcommittee decides."

Progressives Chairman John H. McCray told the Associated Press today "we'll be there at Chicago" no matter what the decision of the credentials subcommittee that meets at Chicago Friday.

McCray's statement set the tone of a caucus of 10 delegates and 10 alternates of the Progressives here today.

The delegates plan to seek some of South Carolina's seats at the convention on the grounds that the state's party, almost entirely white, has not given sufficient recognition to Negro voters.

Negroes won the party primary vote in 1944 through a court battle staged by the Progressives. They since have regarded themselves as part of the state party, which has not recognized them.

The caucus planned to name the people who will plead their cause Friday at Chicago before a convention credentials subcommittee.

Our Weather

Fair with little change in temperature today, tonight and to morrow.

Low this morning 67
Low tomorrow morning 60
High today 90
High yesterday 91
Low tomorrow 59
Sunrise today 6:38 a.m.; sunset today 7:21 p.m.

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