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CLAY PRISONER TRIES SUICIDE AT RALEIGH PRISON

Zair Ledford Cuts Throat on First
Day of Thirty-Year Term
At Raleigh Prison

Raleigh, April 21.—(From News and Observer)—Zair Ledford, young white prisoner from Hayesville, attempted suicide yesterday morning in the chair factory at the State Prison here by cutting his throat with a knife used by the prisoners in manufacturing the chairs. Immediate assistance by Dr. J. H. Norman, prison physician and warden, and Dr. Kemp Neal, probably saved Ledford's life.

Ledford was beginning his first day of a thirty-year term for killing his wife when he attempted to kill himself. A group of visitors including members of the Raleigh police force were being shown the chair factory when Ledford arose from his seat and calmly cut his throat on both sides with the knife he was using in his work.

R. T. Johnson, prison druggist, who was conducting the party through the prison, called to Dr. Norman. The doctor reached the man after blood which spouted from the wounds on both sides of his throat had covered the floor around him. He called Dr. Neal who sewed up the wound although the flow of blood had decreased by the pressure from within the jugular vein. Dr. Norman stated last night that while Ledford was not out of danger that he believed he would recover.

The policemen who saw the attempted suicide left the prison before doctors announced that Ledford would probably live and spread the report around Raleigh that the man was dead.

Ledford was brought to the State Prison on Monday to begin his term. He is about 25 years old.

It will be recalled that young Ledford shot and killed his wife with a shotgun some time last fall and was tried at a recent term of Clay County Superior Court.

SCENIC HIGHWAY INCLUDES MURPHY IN ITS ITINERARY

T. Orr Here in Interest of Inter-
national Route To Traverse
This Section

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on last Friday night with Vice-President T. V. Orr of the Appalachian Scenic Highway, it was definitely decided that the route through Murphy would be selected as part of the cross country highway, which Mr. Orr is promoting. This scenic highway will extend from Montreal, Canada, to New Orleans, with branches leading to Florida, and then over the old Spanish Trail to California and New Mexico.

Mr. Orr made a hasty trip here several weeks ago and a little group of citizens gathered in the dining room of the Regal Hotel for a meeting with him. Last week he was on his way back to Asheville, where he makes headquarters. However, he was stopping over at intermediate points enroute and forming local chapters of the National Association, which is to be formed this fall at a national meeting in Asheville.

It is the purpose of the Scenic Highway Association to popularize the Montreat-New Orleans route by extensive advertising throughout the country, in order to turn much of the north and south tourist traffic through this way. The advertising campaign will not get fully underway until this fall after the national association is formed. However, Mr. Orr believes that quite an increase in the tourist traffic coming this way will be even noted this year.

By the fall of 1926, however, he fully expects to be putting a thousand cars a day through this section during the peak of the tourist season. This highway will be of inestimable value to this section. Murphy people should lend it their every co-operation so as to participate in the benefits as much as possible. Several memberships in the association have already been taken. Others will probably be taken the latter part of this week, or within a short time.

Spring Fever Epidemic



A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, by proclamation, the President of the United States, has requested the Governors of the several States to set apart the week of April 27—May 3, inclusive, as American Forest Week, for bringing to the attention of all the people the national danger that lies in continued neglect of our forest resources; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has in the past witnessed a depletion of once splendid forests to the point that the Great Naval Stores Industry has been destroyed and the wood-using industries weakened by a continued decline in the amount and quality of timber suitable to its needs; and

WHEREAS, neglect of the forest results in continued fires which destroy seedlings and young trees so that cut-over lands that should be producing more timber are being turned by thousands of acres into barren wastes that are an economic burden; and

WHEREAS, timber is a fundamental of civilization entering vitally into the daily life of every citizen, and making for his happiness and wealth when plentiful and his economic distress when squandered at the source of supply; Now,

THEREFORE, I urge all public officials, public and civic agencies, industrial leaders, forest owners, and users, and all patriotic citizens generally, to observe, think upon and so as possible impress the lesson of American Forest Week in aid of our common duty of conservation, protection and renewal for the thrift of this generation and the untold benefits to generations yet to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the State of North Carolina.

Done at our city of Raleigh, this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-ninth.

Angus W. McLean,
Governor.

By the Governor,
Charles H. England,
Private Secretary.

One farmer of Columbus county reported to farm agent J. T. Lazar that the permanent pasture seeded on his farm six years ago had been worth over \$1,000 to the farm.

The cost of milk may be reduced by using pastures. The feed cost is generally the biggest expense item in producing milk.

City Election To Be Held May 5th

The municipal election for the selection of city officers will be held on Tuesday, May 5th. Two tickets have been put in the field, and election day promises a lively and interesting contest with advocates of both tickets working for their friends.

At a meeting of a citizens committee, held at the Court house on Monday evening, April 20th, the following were nominated: For Mayor, Ralph Moody; For Town Commission-

ers, J. A. Richardson, W. P. Odom, S. D. Akin, J. H. McCall, P. C. Hyatt, and Geo. W. Ellis. Later Mr. Odom and Mr. Ellis withdrew their names, and J. V. Brittain and Thomas Gilbert were added.

At a call mass meeting of the citizens of the town in the court house last Thursday night, April 23rd, the present mayor and council were renominated to succeed themselves, as follows: For Mayor, W. M. Fain; For Town Commissioners, W. W. Hyde, E. P. Hawkins, J. H. Phaup, B. W. Sipe, J. B. Storey, and W. D. Townson.

The official ballot follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT TOWN OF MURPHY

1. To vote for a candidate make a cross mark (X) in the square before that candidate's name.
2. Vote for only one candidate for Mayor and only six candidates for Town Commissioners. To vote for more than this number renders this ballot void.
3. Mark only with a pencil having black lead.
4. Any other mark or erasure or tear on this ballot renders it void.
5. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and obtain another.

For Mayor

☐ W. M. Fain

For Commissioners

☐ W. W. Hyde
☐ E. P. Hawkins
☐ J. H. Phaup
☐ B. W. Sipe
☐ J. B. Storey
☐ W. D. Townson

For Mayor

☐ Ralph Moody

For Commissioners

☐ S. D. Akin
☐ J. V. Brittain
☐ Thomas Gilbert
☐ P. C. Hyatt
☐ J. H. McCall
☐ J. A. Richardson

POULTRY CAR LEAVE MURPHY EVERY WEEK

Federation Officials Believe Marketing Program Will Mean Much To Poultry Raisers

ASHEVILLE, April 24.—(Special to The Scout)—Believing in the future of the poultry industry in Western North Carolina, the Farmers Federation has undertaken a marketing program which executives say may mean thousands of dollars annually to the farmers of this mountain area.

This extensive program calls for the systematic shipment in car lots of poultry from this section to New York and other Northern markets.

Farm demonstration agents of several counties in this section are lined up with the federation in putting across the poultry industry.

The poultry car which for the next few months will leave Asheville every two weeks for New York markets may eventually grow into a lengthy train of bids leaving this terminal weekly, federation executives say.

For the present, however, the federation is concentrating on the Murphy line. The car starts at Murphy and all along the railroad line farmers swell the number of birds with it. By the time the car reaches Asheville it is full and ready for a rest of a few days at the federation, during whatever poultry they may have in surplus on the farm.

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REV. F. RAUSCHENBERG, Evangelist and Superintendent of Home Missions of Asheville Presbytery, who will conduct an evangelistic meeting at the Presbyterian Church here from May 31st to June 14th.

"THE COUNTRY MINISTER" TITLE OF SENIOR PLAY

Will Be Given Friday Night—Is Replete With Humor, Pathos And Action

The first part of the 1925 commencement exercises will be given Friday night of this week, when the annual Senior Class play is staged. The play is entitled "The Country Minister," is replete with humor and pathos.

The play is full of action. The lines are effective and have much in them of instruction, because they are so true to life.

The plot centers about a handsome, fashionable young woman, Helen Burleigh, for whose hand Gregory Heath, "a gentlemanly villain" is a suitor for her money. The affair becomes triangular when Ralph Underwood, a young minister, aided by Jerushy Jane Judkins, a fussy, countrified "old maid," and Roxy, a little "harem-scarum," learns that Miss Burleigh cares for him also. Ralph Underwood uncovers a plot of Heath's and his partner in crime, Jud Pardoe, and wins the hand and heart of Miss Burleigh.

Two minor plots, both triangular, develop one about Jerushy Jane Judkins, between her rival suitors, Timothy Hodd, a little old countryman and an Elder in the church, and Deacon Potter, a "deaf of fossil," William Henry and Tom Sparrow, typical country boys, come to blows in their contest for the attentions of Roxy. The characters figuring in these minor plots furnish fun enough.

Granny Grimes, an "old hag," on the East Side, New York City, an unwilling accomplice in the counterfeiting of Heath and Pardoe is a pathetic character, who jointly figures in the downfall of Heath.

The cast of characters follows: Ralph Underwood, a jovial young minister, B. W. Sipe.

Helen Burleigh, a fashionable young woman, Martha Candler.

Jerushy Jane Judkins, a "fussy old maid," Mrs. E. C. Mallonoe.

Roxy, a "little harem-scarum" and a "fresh-airer," Maurine Fain.

Gregory Heath, a "gentlemanly villain," H. A. Mattox.

Jud Pardoe, a "tough character," D. W. Kandy.

Timothy Hodd, a little old countryman, Loren Davis.

Deacon Potter, a "deaf old fossil," Frank Walsh.

William Henry, a country boy, Lucius Witherspoon.

Tom Sparrow, a rival of Wm. Henry's, James Williamson.

Granny Grimes, an "old hag" of East Side New York City, Mrs. E. C. Mallonoe.

Fanny, Miss Burleigh's maid, Beulah Barton.

The Quarterly Conference of the Murphy Circuit will be held at Tomlin Church, Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m., eastern time. All members of the churches are urged to be present. There will be communion.

ration and rounded into shape for the market.

In a poultry car, arriving here last night, and initiating the system, the federation was assigned by farm demonstration agents of Clay, Cherokee, Transylvania and other counties.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL SERVICES BEGIN MAY 31ST

Rev. F. Rauschenberg, Superintendent Home Missions, Asheville
To Do Preaching

According to recent announcement by the pastor, Rev. E. G. Clary, Rev. F. Rauschenberg, superintendent of Home Missions of the Asheville Presbytery, with headquarters at Biltmore, has consented to conduct a series of revival and evangelistic services at the Presbyterian Church here beginning May 31st and continuing through June 14th.

"We are confidently looking forward to a season of spiritual refreshing in our church," said Mr. Clary the other day in commenting on the services. "Our hopes are based on the coming of one whom we believe God has chosen to be the bearer of the good news in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. F. Rauschenberg for some years a successful business man felt the call of God to set aside his business interests and enter into full time service as a Minister of the Most High God. For 19 years he has been serving very acceptably and effectively as a pastor, teacher and evangelist. His greatest single attainment in the communities where he has served is the fine interdenominational spirit that he has been used of God in creating or fostering. No one can be associated with him and not feel his loyalty to his own church and at the same time his fine feelings towards all Brethren in the Lord. His proffered courtesies to brother ministers are the very soul of genuineness. He should gain a fine hearing."

Rev. Rauschenberg is said to be a speaker of unusual ability, his wide experience and knowledge of the Bible equips him thoroughly for an evangelist. He is a son of August Rauschenberg, pioneer Atlanta citizen and a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary of the class of 1908. Prior to entering the ministry, he was engaged in the newspaper, printing and laundry business for eight years. He has been in the ministry for eighteen years, the first fifteen years being spent as pastor of three different churches. For three years he was Professor of Philosophy at Cox College, College Park, Ga., while pastor of the church there; for three years he was superintendent of Home Missions and an evangelist and Sunday School worker in Savannah, Ga. Presbytery. Since October 1, 1924, he has been an evangelist in the Asheville Presbytery.

The local Presbyterians are looking forward to a great meeting, and it is expected that other churches of the town and many people from the country round about will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Mr. Rauschenberg and enjoying the spiritual feast that is promised.

Mr. Rauschenberg is scheduled to preach the commencement sermon at the local high school on Sunday May 24th.

Clean-Up Days At Peachtree May 15-16

According to announcement by the joint committee of both churches, composed of Messrs. Henry Suddeth and Thomas Parnett Friday and Saturday May 15th and 16th are the dates chosen for cleaning up the Peachtree Methodist and Baptist cemeteries. All citizens and patrons of Peachtree and those who have loved ones buried at Peachtree are invited to meet the committee for this purpose on May 15th and 16th.

"If it rains on the 15th," the announcement continues, "be sure to come on the 16th. Bring your lunch and spend the day in cleaning up and beautifying the graves of friends and loved ones. Let's be loyal to the dear departed in paying them this respect and making preparations for Decoration Day which will be held the latter part of May."

The date and program for Decoration Day will be announced later, the announcement concluded.

Choir practice for Peachtree Methodist Church will be held at the church on Thursday evening, May 7, at eight p. m., eastern time.