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## ICE COMPANY NOT GUILTY OF CRIME SO JURY DECIDES

### No Restraint Of Trade By Raleigh Company. Prices Stay High

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, N. C. August 17.—With no "let up" in the price of ice and no immediate prospects of a reduction, the capital city sweltered under the most excessive heat of the season, while directors of the "cooling process" went "scot free" of the charges of operating in restraint of trade, preferred against them by a Wake county grand jury. This case against the ice manufacturers after after Judge Dunn had ruled that only issues involved in the present case could be presented. The jury found no "criminal intent" and the defendants were released, with the prospect of a civil action to be brought by the city acting with the Attorney General who intimated such a course in his speech to the jury. The defense contended that no evidence had been adduced which tended to show the organization of a combination in restraint of trade, such as the Capital Ice Company was shown to be, although the prosecution had apparently established the claim that the price of ice has recently reached "new high levels." So it goes while "Jones pays the freight."

The "status quo" is maintained in State administration circles, not meaning at all that "when the cat is away the mice will play." Secretary England, Pardon Commissioner Sink, and other attaches of the Executive Office are keeping the machinery in operation and when His Excellency returns from a well deserved vacation he is likely to find no snarls in officialdom that cannot be easily ironed out.

Auditor Baxter Durham loses one of his most valuable efficiency experts by the resignation of Carl K. Hill who leaves the Department to go into private business September 1. Mr. Hill has been with the Department the greater part of three years and a number of departmental plans of uniform character are attributed to his experience and ability.

### Taxing Evangelists

A rather breezy discussion here was provoked by the ruling of Attorney General Brumitt that Evangelist M. F. Ham and his choir leader, W. H. Ramsey, are subject to the State income tax. The attempt to exact this tax meets with scant approval, the prevailing opinion indicating a rather strong sentiment against penalizing religion. The point friends of the Evangelist are advancing is that the State must be in an embarrassing situation financially when it feels the needs of exacting a tax on free-will offerings to citizens of the State. This view of the matter is not confined to partisans of the Ham-Ramsey party. It is not, being the State would be gaining in the long run by exacting special taxes from ministers and gospel singers. The suggestion is considered not only unforgotten, but unreasonable.

Governor McLean placed himself on record squarely against the present antiquated system of county government in a letter to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners meeting at Blowing Rock during the week. The Governor declared that his administration is earnestly trying to place the State government on a sound business basis and urged reformation in county governments as well. The system of county government, thinks the Governor, lacks organized unity under definite and responsible executive headship. Duplication of effort, overlapping duties and kindred evils inflict the present system which should be reformed. A commission to study urgent needs and recommend healthy reforms is suggested in the Governor's letter prepared for presentation to the Commissioners' Association before taking his departure for "the sticks" on a brief "leave of absence."

State and Federal crop estimators place the cotton yield for North Carolina (Continued on page four)

## POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Although it is not usually the case the session of police court Monday was taken up exclusively with colored offenders. One or two cases were continued to next Monday. William Joyner charged with having been drunk plead guilty and Mayor Thomas assessed him \$25 and costs Charley Taylor, same offense, same plea and same penalty. Harry Davis charged with drunkenness plead guilty and got a fine of \$50 or 30 days on the streets. He has been in court before and therefore the Mayor gave him the severer penalty. Carl Turner also up on the drunk charge got a sentence of \$25 and costs or 30 days on the streets. Garfield Suggs and Alexander Smith were charged with fighting and were let off with the costs amounting to \$4.35 each.

## THIS STATE HAS MANY HOMICIDES

### The Pistol And The Knife Kill More Than Typhoid Fever

Raleigh, Aug. 16.—North Carolina contributed more than its quota to the crime wave of the nation during the past year, 299 death being designated as homicides in returns made on death certificates filed with the State Board of Health for 1924. Chicago, with a record of more than a murder per day for the year, may have led the country, but this State ranks well up in the forefront.

Typhoid fever not so long ago was a large factor in the death rate of the State. It has been one of the causes of death against which both state and local health authorities have waged a major offensive. Now murder and automobile accidents each levies a greater annual toll of human life than does this once prevalent and dreaded disease.

The records show more than double the number of negro victims among the homicides as compared with the whites. The distribution is 94 white, 201 negro, and 4 Indian. The homicides are divided into four classifications. Of the total 235 were killed with firearms, 47 by knives or other piercing instruments, 6 were babies killed closely following birth, and 11 were killed by other means.

## IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED AT METHODIST CHURCH

The members and friends of Ann Street Methodist church will be delighted to know that the work incidental to laying the new hardwood floor, all the interior painting and decorating has been brought to practical completion, and that the congregation will worship there on Sunday, both morning and night.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. E. Frank Lee. Subject, "Cast your burdens to the Lord's Treasury." Evening service at 8 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor, Subject "Life on a Slope."

## SPANISH MACKEREL TRAWLERS HAVE SOME GOOD SPORT

Many sportsmen have been trying their luck fishing in local waters for the past week or so. About the largest catch heard of by the News was made Monday by Messrs. P. B. Beard, A. H. Graf and W. B. Strachan of Salisbury and Messrs. A. A. McEachern and W. A. West of Fayetteville. They fished around the sea buoy for a few hours and caught 170 fish of one sort and another. There were 25 trout in the lot, a few blue fish and various other kinds. Parties trawling for Spanish Mackerel have had considerable success also. Mr. Ben Sheppard of Raleigh went out with Captain Charley Carrow Tuesday afternoon and brought in some very nice mackerel. The professional fishermen have also been catching a good many mackerel.

Mrs. B. C. Brown arrived Sunday from Washington, D. C. and will spend some time with her parents Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Duncan.

## CROPS IMPROVED BY RECENT RAINS

### Drought in West Broken, Crops in Eastern Section Are Very Good

(N. C. Department of Agriculture) Raleigh, N. C. Aug 18th.—A summary of reports on crop conditions August 1st to 15th in North Carolina shows the hot, dry weather continuing to influence a considerable portion of the state. Occasional showers in the northern Mountain and northern Piedmont counties have been helpful. Good general rains have occurred through most of the Piedmont areas breaking into the long dry spell, and reports from the Coastal counties are very favorable. The western Mountain section continues dry and hot.

### Corn and Small Grains

The general condition of the corn crop averages from fair to good. Reports of considerable improvement in the Piedmont counties from recent rains are numerous. Reports just prior to August 1st stated that Piedmont and Mountain crops were so badly damaged by the drought that rains could do very little good. However, we note considerable improvement where good rains have occurred.

Conditions have been unusually favorable for harvesting of small grains and threshmen report the yield and quality as very good.

### Potatoes

Movements of sweet potatoes from the northern Coastal sections are in progress and good prices are reported. The condition of the crop is very good, though cut some by the dry weather in the West.

### Tobacco

The tobacco crop this year is reported as the best in years. The bulk of the crop is located in the Coastal districts or the New Bright Belt where conditions have been splendid. The yield is turning out fair, averaging about 592 pounds per acre for the state. In the Old Belt the crop has suffered considerably from the drought and has held the state average down considerably.

### Hay Crops

While hay crops suffered from dry weather possibly more than any other crops, they are showing considerably more improvement than other crops from recent rains. Farmers report their intention of increasing the sowing of hay crops this fall.

Pastures have been practically useless through the Mountain counties during the past several weeks. Some improvement is reported where helpful rains have occurred.

### Fruit

A summary of the remarks from farmers on August 15th reports the fruit crop averaging from very shot to fair. Some sections of the Mountains report both peaches and apples are plentiful, but the majority of the commercial orchardists state that the crop is hardly half of last year's production. The quality while lowered some by dry weather, is generally good.

### Cotton

The most encouraging report concerning cotton is that damage from boll weevils has not been very serious yet. Weevils are increasing rapidly in the Coastal counties and the crop is heavily infested. Dusting has been general in the worse infested fields. County Agents have been very active in all cotton counties in aiding in destroying the weevil pest and farmers are becoming more interested in the control methods.

Shedding has been heavy, but plants are well-fruited and the crop in the Piedmont is reported as showing improvement from recent rains. It is hoped that this is general throughout the southern Piedmont counties, as the crop there has been in rather poor shape.

An inquiry concerning things affecting the farmer most at this season secured the following most general replies: "Lack of rain;" "Poor prospects for feed;" "Good credit system;" "Need of good prices;" "Expected damage from boll weevils."

The North Carolina farmers are generally in an optimistic frame of mind and are expecting good prices for their crops.

Mr. W. B. Longest, of the dredge Pamlico arrived to spend several days with his family.

## STATE NEWS

### Items of Interest From Various Parts of North Carolina

William W. Ormond of Raleigh was shot and killed by W. B. Cole of Rockingham, Saturday afternoon. Ormond was seated in a Ford car when Cole walked up behind and shot him three times. Ormond was in the Great War and served in France. He had been working recently as an electrician at State College, Raleigh. He was the son of Reverend A. L. Ormond a Methodist minister. Cole is a wealthy cotton manufacturer. The cause of the shooting is a mystery although it seems to have grown out of the fact that Ormond had paid attention to Cole's daughter to which Cole objected. Cole is in jail awaiting trial.

Miss Margaret Parker of Georgia, who had been visiting a sister of hers in Wilson, N. C. went to ride last Sunday with a man she had just met and was robbed of \$4000 worth of diamonds. The man who went by the name of H. C. Walsh made his escape but was later captured in Norfolk and put in jail. He will be brought back to Johnson county for trial.

A large quantity of eels held up construction work on a dam in the Waccamaw river in Columbus county last week for a day or so. Fifty bushels or more of the eels were taken out before the work could proceed.

T. B. Jackson for 25 years a member of the Wilmington fire department was electrocuted while a fire was in progress there Monday afternoon. The fire did about \$35,000 worth of damage to property.

Tobacco has been bringing good prices on the Clarkton market recently so the reports say. The market averaged about 22 cents a pound which is considered good for the early sales.

Ku Klux Klansmen were asked to leave the Baptist church at Cedar Falls Cumberland county last Sunday by Reverend A. F. Pittman who was conducting the services there. The robed figures came in the church but left when the preacher told them they were disturbing the meeting.

Davenport College, Lenoir, N. C. has recently received a gift of \$25,000 from Benjamin N. Duke of New York. This is the second gift the college has received from Mr. Duke and has raised the college's endowment fund to \$200,000.

High schools in the State turned out 9000 graduates last Spring according to figures given out by the State Department of Education. That is a gain of 2100 over the previous year. Many of these are entering college and as a result the colleges are crowded to their utmost capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brockman and their two sons Otto and August returned to their home in Greensboro last week after traveling 8000 miles in a Ford car. They went to the Pacific coast and back. They were gone ten weeks and camped out most of the time.

The jail in Gaston county is so crowded that it will have to be enlarged. According to jailer Ed. Pettrey there are more whites than colored in jail and at the county convict camps.

Sunday afternoon the Central tobacco warehouse at Kinston was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The cause of the fire is not known. There was considerable insurance on the building and it is said that the owners will rebuild it.

J. C. Scarborough a colored citizen of Durham has made a gift of a valuable building to the colored people of that town. The property is worth about \$25,000 and will be used for a home for old people, an orphanage and a day nursery.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

In the real estate transfers this week recorded by Register of Deeds Jno. W. Hamilton one deed was put on the book that was made in 1870, it was from L. R. Pelletier to Alice Pelletier 1-6 interest in Peletier Plantation, Morehead Township, consideration \$250.

Beaufort Realty Corp. to Mrs. Susie J. Thomas lots 19 and 20 West Beaufort, \$10 and other consideration.

W. B. R. Guion to Geo. T. Duffy lots 1 and 14 Morehead Township consideration \$10.

John Cannon and wife to Jessie Cannon 25 acres more or less, Newport Township, consideration not shown.

## DIAMOND BACKS MAY BE RESTORED

### Thousands Of Young Terrapin Released In North Carolina Waters

(BUREAU OF FISHERIES)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Epicures may look forward to the restoration of the famous diamond back terrapin as a table delicacy within the present generation, according to the United States Bureau of Fisheries, of the Commerce Department. The experimental work of the United States Biological Station at Beaufort, North Carolina, has progressed from a successful demonstration of the commercial possibilities of rearing the diamond back to a point where the station will release from five thousand to ten thousand young terrapin in suitable North Carolina waters each year. The State Fish Commission has prohibited catching or having in possession diamond back terrapin of any size for a period of five years.

The Beaufort station began experiments in rearing the diamond back as early as 1902, using the Carolina and the Texas varieties rather than the better known Chesapeake terrapin because the latter was less suited for Carolina waters. The Carolina and Texas varieties have prospered through a number of years of both selective and cross breeding and can be reared to marketable age in from five to six years.

The Beaufort experiments for a long time were devoted to demonstration of terrapin growing as a commercial possibility, but now the work has so advanced that the Bureau can not only furnish data for those who may desire to propagate terrapin commercially but also to the point where the surplus stock may be planted in convenient and suitable waters.

The Diamond back are reared at the Beaufort laboratory in somewhat similar fashion to young chickens. The egg production of penned terrapin is greater than that of wild stock and exceeds twenty per season. Since terrapin grow rather slowly and ordinarily hibernate during the winter, the growth of the newly hatched terrapin is speeded up by keeping them in the hot houses where they feed and grow throughout the first winter. The mortality of adults penned up at the station is only about one-half of one per cent. A large number reach a length of five inches in four years and some even reach maturity in that time.

The Bureau of Fisheries has been aided in this development as well as in its other work by the cooperation of the state of North Carolina in making and enforcing regulations to preserve its fish resources. The Bureau's statistics show an annual yield from North Carolina fisheries of about 230,000,000 pounds, for which the fishermen receive \$5,000,000. The state has also built up a series of fish cultural stations for maintaining the supply of fresh water fish in the streams and has loaned the use of its boats in the Bureau's important investigations of the mullet fisheries.

Misses Mary Miller, Sarah Teaser, and Ledbetter Collins of Gastonia are spending several days in Beaufort.

## CELEBRATION AT UNIVERSITY WILL BE GREAT EVENT

### Fiftieth Anniversary of The Re-opening of The University of N. C. To Be Celebrated

#### INVITE PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

(By ROBERT MADRY)

Chapel Hill, N. C. Aug 15.—Prominent leaders from all parts of the country will gather here on October 12 to participate in the celebration of the semi-centennial of the re-opening of the University of North Carolina following the Civil War, according to tentative plans announced tonight by University officials in charge of arrangements.

President Coolidge has been urged to attend as the principal speaker and has indicated that he is in a receptive mood, but he has not said the final word.

The celebration will be divided into three parts. There will be exercises in the morning in Memorial Hall with President Chase presiding, when the principal speakers will deliver addresses and delegates from institutions throughout the country will extend greetings. These exercises will be followed by a luncheon.

The afternoon program will be given over to the dedication of Venable Hall, the University's new chemistry building, which has just been completed at a cost of \$400,000. It is the most costly structure on the University campus and said to be the best equipped chemistry building in the South.

The program at night will be a from the three living ex-presidents of the University, George T. Winston, Edwin A. Alerman and Francis P. Venable.

#### Veneration National in Character

Chartered in 1789 and formally dedicated in 1793, the University of North Carolina is the oldest state university in America. This fact of age together with its remarkable accomplishments is expected to create a nation-wide interest in the celebration and to bring to the institution greater national fame and influence.

President Coolidge, who was invited to attend as the principal speaker, still has the invitation under consideration, and many believe he will accept if he does not find it inconvenient to be away from Washington at the time. Dr. Chase has forwarded to him the tentative plans which President Coolidge requested when the University president visited him at the White House last spring.

Dr. P. P. Claxton, former Tar Heel and former United States Commissioner of Education, will be one of the principal speakers. He will discuss the progress of education in the South in the last 50 years. Dr. Claxton now resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

#### Noted Educators to Speak

A number of other nationally known speakers and delegates have already definitely indicated they expect to attend. More than 75 colleges and universities scattered throughout the country have already accepted the invitation to send delegates. Among them will be President Livingston Farrand of Cornell University, who will speak for the 26 institutions comprising the Association of American Universities, of which the University of North Carolina is president. President W. O. Thompson of Ohio State University will speak for the National Association of State Universities. President J. A. C. Chandler of the College of William and Mary, of Virginia, will bring greetings from the colleges and universities of the South. President W. P. Few of Duke University will speak for North Carolina educational institutions.

Governor Angus W. McLean will deliver the response to those greetings.

Miss Ursula Pelletier of Raleigh is here on a visit to relatives. Miss Dorothy Lewis of Durham is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Lewis.