

WOLF OF LA SALLE STREET VICTIM OF PARALYTIC STROKE

John Whitehouse Worthington, of Chicago, Dies in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta.

ESCAPED THE LAW FOR LONG TIME

He Returned From Exile In Mexico and Then Surrendered to the Federal Officers.

Atlanta, Ga., March 2.—(AP)—John Whitehouse Worthington, of Chicago, known as the "Wolf of LaSalle Street," died at the Atlanta federal penitentiary today where he was serving a term for using mails to defraud. Death was caused by a stroke of paralysis.

Worthington was brought to the penitentiary on last October 10th to serve two years. He was suffering from diabetes and a former paralytic stroke and had been carried into the penitentiary.

During his six months confinement he was kept in the prison hospital and given special treatment for diabetes. His condition was thought to be improving.

Funeral arrangements will not be completed until work has been received from relatives. Jane Allen, actress, is Worthington's daughter.

After charges were made against him in Chicago he fled to Mexico where he remained several years before returning voluntarily to face the accusation.

Due to his physical condition, special efforts were made to obtain commutation of the sentence. A futile appeal was made to the U. S. Attorney General to save him from the prison sentence.

"I would rather be in prison in the United States than be free in Mexico," Worthington stated when he surrendered to Chicago authorities on his return from Mexico.

A few days ago he filed an application for commutation of the sentence with the Department of Justice.

Worthington's operations are estimated to have netted him more than \$500,000. At one time he was head of a chain of banks in Alabama, then he became a confidence operator and piled up a fortune from speculative ventures which eventually connected with the government and caused his flight to Mexico.

Making his will before entering the prison here, Worthington directed the bulk of his fortune to go to his daughters, Mrs. Allen Pika, of Chicago, known in moving picture circles as Jane Allen, and Mrs. John Rodgers of New Rochelle, Long Island. Another \$200,000 was bequeathed to his grand-daughter, Miss Helen Rodgers, and \$25,000 to Dr. Road.

ROWAN MAN SUDDENLY DROPS OUT OF SIGHT

Two Deaths of Rowan County Folks.—Miss Annie Lee Stewart, of Davie, Passes.

Salisbury, March 1.—Relatives of George Melchor are very much concerned because they have no news of him since he suddenly disappeared from Salisbury a day or two after new year's day. Mr. Melchor is about 23 years old and was employed by a local plumbing firm. He left his boarding house without a word as to his destination and left his work clothes and his watch in his room.

Relatives thought at first he had gone to see his mother in Cabarrus county but he had not, and she is very much distressed over his disappearance. A brother, Ray Melchor, is with the North Carolina Public Service Company of Salisbury, and he is trying to locate the missing man.

Mrs. M. A. Goodman died early Sunday morning at her home in Providence township after an illness of a week or more. The husband and two sons survive. The funeral takes place Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock from Union Church.

Henry Moses Troutman, aged 86, died at the home of a son, George W. Troutman, on Park Avenue. The funeral takes place from St. Stephens Church, in the county.

Miss Annie Lee Stewart, 44 years old, native of Davie county, died here and the body was taken to Jerusalem Baptist Church for the funeral and interment. A sister, Mrs. Mary J. Pickler, and a brother, J. R. Stewart, both of Davie county, survive.

W. J. Hannah Candidate for Judge. Waynesville, March 2.—Since the recent announcement of Judge T. D. Bryson, that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself as judge of the superior court of the 20th judicial district, the friends throughout the district of Judge William J. Hannah, of Waynesville, have prevailed upon him to become a candidate on the Democratic ticket in the forthcoming June primary. Early this week Judge Hannah publicly announced his intention of seeking the nomination.

Helen Wills, the American player whom many prophesy will be the world's tennis champion within another year, will be 21 years old on October 6th next.

Caught Sniper



C. C. Bruce, railway section foreman at Barlett, la. recognized Frank Carter, Omaha's sniper, as the latter walked along the tracks near Barlett, and brought about his capture. He will receive the \$1000 reward that was offered for Carter's arrest.

G. O. P. IN TEXAS TAKES FIRST STAND AS PARTY

Primary Law Giving Trouble to the Republican Party.

Dallas, Texas, March 2.—(AP)—Peculiar quirks of the Texas primary law are giving trouble to the Republican party which, for the first time in its history, is planning to hold a party primary in this state. The first primary is next July. The law requires that any party polling 100,000 or more votes for governor shall hold a primary. In the last general election, George C. Butler, Republican candidate for governor against Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, received 300,000 votes, three times the vote ever polled by a Republican candidate.

A dispute has arisen as to which party is to have the use of the ballot boxes, voting booths, and guard rails. The law provides that these supplies may be used by the party casting 100,000 votes in the last preceding general election.

A formal demand from the Republicans for the supplies placed county commissioners' courts in a quantity. These counties have met the situation by purchasing double sets of boxes, booths, and guard rails, while others have attempted to evade the demand.

One of the chief differences between the Texas law and the primary laws of other states is that the former does not provide for a joint primary. If more than one party comes under its provisions, the parties hold separate primaries on the same day at different polling places.

The Democratic party is the only one which has ever functioned under this law, and Republicans are charging that it is a Democratic law, made by Democrats for Democrats.

Unlike the joint primary operated by the state, with the same officials at the general election and in which voters of both parties participate, using ballots of different color and design, the Texas law provides for partisan primaries, conducted separately. Each has election officials selected by the party county chairmen and with no official responsibility to the state for safeguarding the primary or protecting the count other than a possible appeal to the courts after the primary is over.

The primaries are financed by the candidates, the chief burden falling on candidates for county and precinct offices. These candidates are assessed on the basis of the pay attached to the office they seek. Candidates for state and district offices are assessed about \$100 each.

The Republicans declare that this is in effect purchasing the office, and that it is a peculiar hardship on them, because it is almost impossible to induce a candidate to contribute to a hopeless cause. Heretofore a Republican candidacy in Texas has been an empty honor, with here and there an exception.

The law provides that every hour an election judge must go to the door of the polling place and announce in a loud voice the number of ballots cast up to that time. It forbids any one to transport voters to the polls in any vehicle, except cripples and those otherwise disabled.

Orphanage Work Was Held Up. Durham, March 2.—(AP)—The controversy between the state and national boards of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, which held up work on the large orphanage being built near Lexington for some time, has been settled and work will be resumed. M. W. Lincke, of Nashville, state councilor, reported last week while on a visit to R. M. Gantt, of Durham, junior past councilor. The building is expected to be one of the best for orphanage purposes in the state.

Shoots at Preacher in Pulpit; 18 Months. Greensboro, March 1.—Ben Brock, negro, of this city, who pleaded guilty in Guilford superior court today to a charge of shooting at a negro preacher while the latter was exhorting from his pulpit here recently, was sentenced by Judge C. C. Lyon to serve eighteen months on the county roads. Brooks said he was drunk.

W. Y. Cleaveley Dies in England. Oxford, England, March 2.—(AP)—W. Y. Cleaveley, of Augusta, Ga., died suddenly from heart disease last evening while returning from the Oxford University sports in which his son, H. M. Cleaveley, a Rhodes scholar, competed.

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CHAPMAN'S COUNSEL PREPARING APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

Counsel For Noted Criminal Appears Before the Court and Arranges to File Papers Soon.

CHALLENGES THE PRESIDENT'S ACT

Argued That President Cannot Pardon Prisoner so the Latter Can Be Electrocuted.

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—Counsel for Gerald Chapman, convicted of slaying a New Britain, Conn., policeman and who is under sentence to be executed April 8th, completed preliminary preparations today to petition in the Supreme Court a direct appeal against an appeal.

Ray M. Wiley, of Springfield, Mass., representing Chapman, visited the court today and arranged for the filing of papers within the next few days.

The petition argues that the President had not the constitutional authority to grant Chapman a commutation of sentence from Atlanta penitentiary over his protest.

Another ground for asking the appeal is to have determined whether a federal prisoner undergoing a sentence from the Federal court can be lawfully seized before his discharge and taken into state court for trial. Chapman's counsel insisted that this was done in violation of constitutional provisions.

Counsel for Chapman asserted today that he had a long line of decisions from the Supreme Court to sustain him in his contention that the second circuit court of appeals was in error in holding that Chapman could be held in custody by President Coolidge a release which would have the effect of placing him in the jurisdiction of Connecticut for the execution of the death sentence.

The petition as prepared asserts that constitutional questions are raised which give the Supreme Court jurisdiction to act, and that the lower Federal courts decided a question of Federal law which is new and has never been passed upon by the Supreme Court.

CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA ROAD WORK IS BEGUN

Wilkinson Highway Will Be One of Finest in State.—Engineer Fogus Laid to Rest.

Charlotte, March 1.—Work on the Charlotte-Gastonia highway, referred to here as North Carolina's million-dollar highway, has been started, according to J. B. Pridden, of this city, state highway engineer.

The road, which will be forty feet wide, will be one of the finest highways in North Carolina and the entire road, according to road officials.

Grading contractors have assembled their equipment on four divisions, according to Mr. Pridden. The highway has been officially designated as the "Wilkinson highway" in honor of W. C. Wilkinson, of this city, sixth district highway commissioner, through whose efforts the road was made possible.

The road will be paved for a width of twenty feet and will be graded an additional twenty feet, making it possible to handle the incessantly heavy traffic on this highway with a minimum of inconvenience and danger to the public.

Mr. Pridden said that as soon as grading is completed bids will be asked for hard surfacing and completing the road. He expects to have this work well underway by the middle of the summer.

The new road will cut the distance between Charlotte and Gastonia four miles and all grade railroad crossings will be eliminated.

Funeral services for O. O. Fogus, 63, veteran Southern Railway engineer, who died suddenly Saturday night were held this afternoon at the home of North Poplar Street. Rev. J. F. Ligon, pastor of Tenth Avenue Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Fogus was a member, officiated. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Funeral services and burial was in charge of a local Masonic organization.

Held on Charge of Stealing Cigarettes. Salisbury, March 1.—Three young white men, E. E. Sanders, of Concord; Shad Sanders, of Kannapolis, and Bry Spry, of High Point, have been sent up to superior court by Magistrate Dave Julian who found probable cause when they were charged with having stolen a large quantity of cigarettes from freight cars in transit at Barber's in western Rowan. Bonds of \$2,000 were required. In two recent robberies the Southern lost a total of \$900 worth of cigarettes.

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Hangman Wins In Race With Spy Who Hurried To See Convicted Son

DR. CHASE DECIDES TO STAY IN STATE

Tells Trustees He Will Not Go to Oregon to Become President of State University There.

Raleigh, March 2.—(AP)—Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, will remain at post. At a called meeting of the trustees of the University here today Dr. Chase informed them that he had decided to decline the offer of the presidency of the University of Oregon. Dr. Chase addressed the trustees after a sub-committee appointed to confer with him on the matter made its report.

Dr. Chase's announcement of his decision followed the unanimous passage by the 53 trustees present, of a motion by Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, that Dr. Chase be requested to decline the offer of the University of Oregon, and remain at the head of the North Carolina institution. The Oregon offer came some time ago, and Dr. Chase recently returned from that institution where he conferred with officials with reference to the offer.

A committee composed of A. H. Price, of Salisbury; R. O. Everett, of Durham, and Joseph Daniels, of Raleigh, then informed Dr. Chase of the board's action and asked him to appear.

His appearance was greeted with applause and the announcement of his decision which was made shortly after he began to speak, brought forth more applause.

At the conclusion of Dr. Chase's remarks stating that he would remain at the University of North Carolina. Governor McLean, presiding over the meeting, on behalf of the board expressed pleasure at his decision, and the governor's sentiments were formally given unanimous approval.

CHURCH IS TO RAISE FUND FOR PASTORS

Will H. Hayes Is Named Chairman of Presbyterian Committee.

New York, March 2.—Will H. Hayes, chairman of the layman's committee of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, today announced the opening of a nationwide campaign to raise \$15,000,000 for establishing a service pension fund to care for aged Presbyterian ministers, missionaries and educators. Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, is treasurer of the committee to direct the campaign.

The pension plan, Mr. Hayes explained, is based upon insurance principles and will amplify the church's present pension system.

"The service pension fund which we have started out to raise this year," said Mr. Hayes, "will provide a reasonable adequate pension for all servants of the church based on the average daily salary paid the ministers, missionaries and teachers of a period of thirty-five years. This deferred compensation—as that is what it really means—will commence when the servant of the church in whatsoever field he might have been engaged, reaches the age of 65 years, or before at a slightly lower rate if he or she is disabled. Provision is also made for orphans and widows on a rate much higher than the prevailing system."

Oppose Appeals of John W. Thompson. Washington, March 2.—(AP)—The government in the Supreme Court today opposed the granting of appeals to John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor, and Chas. R. Forbes, former director of the Veterans Bureau, who were convicted at Chicago of a conspiracy growing out of the Veterans hospital construction.

Reviewing the grounds advanced by Thompson and Forbes for asking a review, the government declared the trial of the men was legally conducted and that the evidence supported the verdict of the jury.

Thinks Differences Can Be Adjusted. Washington, March 2.—(AP)—President Coolidge sees no reason why the controversy between the United States and Mexico over retroactive and confiscatory provisions of the anti-alien land and petroleum laws cannot be satisfactorily adjusted.

Rowan Minister Goes to Church in Hickory. Salisbury, March 1.—Rev. G. W. Cobb, who for several years has been pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, near Salisbury, preached his last sermon there Sunday. He has resigned to take up work of a pastorate at Hickory, where he is moving this week.

British View Explained. London, March 2.—(AP)—The British government has already termed its attitude anent increasing the number of permanent seats in the league of nations council, it is stated in well informed quarters.

Home For Aged Farmers in Iowa Has Had Few Tenants. Davenport, Iowa, March 2.—(AP)—A home for the relief of aged farmers that has virtually gone begging for tenants for thirty-four years is located here.

It is the February Home for Old Farmers, Hungarian patriot and exile, whose love for his adopted country prompted him to leave a good share of his fortune for the relief of aged farmers.

Count Fejervary thought there might be many old farmers who would want to enter the home under stipulated conditions—that they be farmers of American birth who had farmed here in Scott county for twenty years. There have been only a score or so who filed the requirements.

Just now the home, a fine structure, has one inmate, a farmer 72 years old. His presence during 1925, the trustees reported, cost \$3,450. Living in his solitary state he was cared for by a matron, a superintendent and men and maids.

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Order Special Term. Charlotte, March 1.—A special term of Mecklenburg county superior court was ordered today, to be held April 19th to 24th for the trial of Jim Knotts and Oscar Martin, charged with attacking and robbing an aged woman near here.

Clarence Saunders Signs Bond

NEW REVENUE ACT WILL SAVE THE STATE \$2,500,000

Approximate Figures as to Savings Furnished Simmons by Treasury Expert.

Washington, March 2.—The total net reduction of taxes in North Carolina under the revenue act of 1926 was \$2,430,000, according to figures prepared for Senator Simmons by Joseph S. McCoy, octuary of the treasury department.

This figure does not include the \$9,000,000 reduction in the estate taxes to be paid by the hospital section of the Duke Foundation. Apparently Mr. McCoy regards this reduction as applicable to the State of New Jersey, where the late James B. Duke maintained his residence and citizenship.

The total gross reduction in the State is \$2,930,000, but the increase in the corporation income tax which was made by the Republicans over the protest of Senator Simmons cuts that reduction down by \$500,000, the increase in that particular tax.

The greatest reduction to North Carolinians was in individual income and surtax rates, which slice amounts to \$1,500,000.

The repeal of the capital stock tax which was put through by Senator Simmons in the finance committee will give corporations a reduction of \$25,000 as against the \$500,000 increase in corporation income taxes.

The estate tax reductions, not including the big reduction to the Duke Foundation, amount to \$350,000. Reductions in miscellaneous internal revenue, which includes all other reductions under the bill, will total around \$105,000.

Senator Simmons had the figures compiled at the request of J. H. Vaughn, of the Stokesdale high school.

All of the figures are merely approximate.

FARM RELIEF MATTER IS AGAIN POSTPONED

Will Be Tomorrow and Possibly Thursday Before Hearing Is Started in House Committee.

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—The long anticipated opening of hearings on farm relief legislation by the House agriculture committee failed to materialize today. A last minute shift of plans by farm organization leaders led to a postponement until tomorrow or possibly Thursday.

The committee will use the interval to dispose of several minor bills, and thereby clean its legislative slate of all matters except farm relief.

The change in plans grew out in part of a conference last night of the members of Congress were present. It was announced additional time was desired to give the finishing touches to the program the farmers' representatives will present to the committee.

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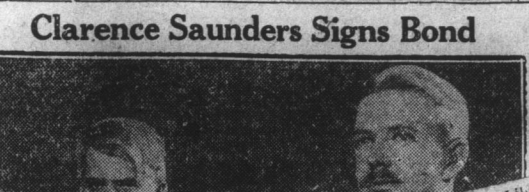
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Clarence Saunders, deposed head of the Piggly Wiggly chain stores, and now owner of a similar chain, appeared before U. S. Commissioner John Walker at Memphis, Tenn., and signed a \$7500 bond to appear March 29 to answer charges of using the mails to defraud. Photo shows Saunders on the left and Commissioner Walker on the right.

MOVIE STARS MUST KEEP AHEAD IN DRESS STYLES

To Merely Keep in Style is to Be Old Fashioned.

Hollywood, March 2.—(AP)—To merely keep in style in Hollywood is to be old-fashioned. Why? Because here the movie stars' apparel must predict the mode for at least six months in advance. Long has it been recognized that many women look to the screen for their fashions and this is one reason why the players must depict what is to come in the way of clothes.

In costume pictures, the question becomes one of turning backward and this is not so much trouble. But in the modern, up-to-the-minute photoplays the actors sometimes are hard put to accomplish the feat of being exquisitely and pre-modishly gowned.

To find their fashions, the stars turn to the different sources: their own genius and flair for clothing, the famous designing experts who have brought their art to Hollywood, and the salons of Paris.

For example, when Marie Prevost was given the lead in Warner Brothers' "The Caveman," she learned from the script that she was to be a sophisticated, smartly-gowned woman of cosmopolitan society. She then conferred with Director Lewis Milestone and it was decided to consult a famous designer.

After a set of sketches, complete as to color, material and style, had been submitted and approved, the tedious process of fitting today ten days of Marie Prevost's time before everything was ready for her to dress for the picture.

Irene Rich, on the other hand, designs a most every frick she wears and with the aid of expert modistes in her studio achieves effects distinctly individual. For her next photoplay, Miss Rich designed ten gowns and the Warner dressmaking staff was kept busy on entire week.

Paris supplies Datsy Ruth Miller with most of her gowns. She buys them from importers in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York. Often the stars buy their clothes in advance for pictures while they are in Paris.

Dressing for picture work is an expensive and gigantic task, but one which most of the stars like.

GEORGIA PEACH SAYS HIS AVERAGE SECURE

Ty Cobb Has Growth Removed From Eye at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Baltimore, Md., March 1.—Ty Cobb, manager of the Detroit American League baseball club, underwent a successful operation for removal of a small growth from his left eye today. Dr. William Holland Wilmer, who performed the operation at the Wilmer Eye Clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital, pronounced the Georgia Peach's condition satisfactory.

Cobb who expects to join the Tigers for spring training in a week or ten days, said he never felt better and that the operation was a precautionary measure. The growth had not seriously affected his sight, he said, but he considered this an opportunity to have it removed.

"Removal of the growth will result in my maintaining my batting average for a good many more years," he declared.

With Our Advertisers. The York & Wadsworth Co. has just received another car of 29 gauge 5 crimp heavyweight roofing, price \$4.75 per square.

Go to the Kid-Frix Co. and hear the latest Charleston dance records. See C. H. Barrier & Co's. last call for 20-cent fans. He wants them by Thursday at noon.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. officers will be glad to give you advice in regard to investing your money.

Volume production and efficient methods of Goodyear tire manufacturers make high quality possible. York & Wadsworth sell them.

Hold For Court For Motor Fatality. Charlotte, March 1.—S. S. Williams, of Marshville, former resident of Charlotte, driver of the car that crashed Saturday into the bridge over Briar Creek, with the result that Thomas H. Dunn, another occupant of the car, was fatally injured, was held Monday for the Mecklenburg grand jury by a coroner's jury. Williams was remanded to jail in default of a \$5,000 bail, charged with manslaughter.

Partly cloudy tonight, colder in the east and central portions; Wednesday fair. Strong west and northwest winds.

BIMBA WON IN ONE CASE BUT LOST ON THE SECOND COUNT

Judge Holds That He Was Not Guilty of Blasphemy But That He Was Guilty of Sedition in Speech.

APPEAL NOTICE GIVEN BY BIMBA

Court Says Man Not Guilty of Blasphemy Merely Because He Said He Did Not Believe in God.

Brookton, Mass., March 2.—(AP)—Anthony Bimba, who was tried for blasphemy under an ancient Massachusetts statute, and for sedition, won and lost in Plymouth County district court there today. Judge C. Carroll King, who presided at the trial of the young Lithuanian editor last week, today found him guilty on the sedition count but not guilty on the blasphemy charge.

A fine of \$100 was imposed on the sedition conviction. The maximum penalty under the state law is a fine of \$1,000 and three years imprisonment. An appeal was taken by Harry Hoffman, counsel for the defendant, and Bimba was released on \$500 bond.

The charges were based on utterances at a meeting here January 20th. The court stated that in making the finding of guilty on the sedition charge, it took into consideration the fact that in the main portion of his speech, Bimba had kept within the limitations of the sedition statute, but that his crime had been committed in answer to "biting questions" put by the audience.

"It was shown in the evidence that the defendant said he himself did not believe in God," Judge King said in dismissing the blasphemy charge. "It is not certain he said more. It seems apparent to most of us that there was no sense in his bringing this statement in protest against the Lithuanian government, but apparently it resulted from the fact as alleged in testimony, that the Lithuanian government is clerical."

"Mr. Bimba somewhat naturally touched upon the religious aspect of that government, with the intent to show that it was essentially vain and jealous in this. He attempted to show the hypocritical attitude of that government and to show it acted irreligiously."

"I do not hold that his statements as to personal religion played any part on this case. I am content to leave it at the defendant's declaration of personal belief was permissible."

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET OPENS AT CHARLOTTE

Methodist Delegates From All Over Western Carolina Attend.—Ends Wednesday.

Charlotte, March 1.—Sunday school superintendents, teachers and other officials representing a majority of the Methodist churches in western North Carolina were here tonight for the opening session of the eighth annual convention of the Wesley Bible Class Federation, which this year brings together a general gathering of Methodist Sunday school workers. More than 100 out-of-town delegates were here for tonight's session and by tomorrow the attendance is expected to be above the 200 mark.

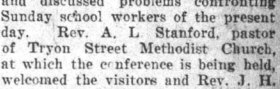
An address by D. F. Giles, of Marion, was the principal feature of this evening's program. Mr. Giles urged the officials and teachers to be more diligent in their duties this year and discussed problems confronting Sunday school workers of the present day. Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist Church, at which the conference is being held, welcomed the visitors and Rev. J. H. Armbrust, of Wadesboro, responded.

The conference is sponsored by the Sunday school board of the western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Church. Sessions of the conference will be held tomorrow and Wednesday.

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Tennis, now generally recognized as "big stuff" in the sport world, was thought to be a "mollycoddle" pastime not so very many years ago.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:



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