

**CRANFORD CASE SET FOR TRIAL AT ALBEMARLE**

Charged With Murder of Prisoner in Stanly County.

Albemarle, March 23.—The term of Stanly superior court, which convenes here next Monday morning, and over which either Judge M. Stack or Judge Michael Schenck will preside, is expected to be one of the most interesting terms of criminal court ever held in this county, in that during the term the case against former Convict Boss Cranford will be tried on a charge of having murdered two convicts.

Cranford, it will be remembered, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge McElroy several months

ago, and that judge, having found that there was probable cause, sent a bill before the grand jury, which found two bills against the convict superintendent, one charging murder and one assault on a prisoner.

He was released under bond to answer before a jury at the March criminal term.

The preliminary hearing attracted state-wide attention and the final trial next week will be watched by the general public with more than ordinary interest.

**Bananas for Athletes.**

Bananas have become popular as a training food for athletes in England. Professional trainers favor bananas because of the readiness with which

they are digested and because they contain a higher percentage of calories than most fruits. The trainers maintain that before a game, between halves, etc., when the players are pressed for time, when they are more or less exhausted, the banana also carries the most suitable food. The banana also carries the guarantee that until its natural germproof wrapper is peeled away it is free from contamination.

A small boy recently digging in a garden in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, found a hollow stone containing the note, "Fort Howard, February 1830. Indians attacking. Ammunition running low. (Signed) J. D., commander."

**MILLIONS WASTED IN COAL, LUMBER, OIL AND WATER**

By S. W. STRAUS, President American Society for Thrift.

**SUCH rapid strides are being made in the realms of scientific research and invention that we seem to be living in an age of miracles. In childhood we thrilled at the tales of the "Arabian Nights' Entertainments." But even those wondrous stories revealed no more wonderful accomplishments than the feats performed by the modern man of science.**



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Amid this progress, however, we are lagging behind in point of waste elimination, for in the field of production and distribution there is a prodigious loss. It is estimated that one-half of all the gas produced in the United States never gets into the pipes that should take it to the consumers. In coal, it has been estimated that half the output is wasted in the mine, and what with the careless methods of distribution, of firing methods in furnaces and the like, one authority maintains that one-tenth of our available coal supply is used and nineteen-twentieths wasted.

Mr. Stuart Chase in his book, "The Tragedy of Waste," summarizes some of the outstanding wastes:—coal, 750 million tons per year; water power, 50 million horse-power per year; oil, 1 billion barrels per year; natural gas 600 billion cubic feet per year; lumber, 5 billion cubic feet per year.

There must be a greater national thrift conscientiousness. We must learn to be concerned with losses even though their personal effect may seem remote. We must learn to appraise thrift not only as a personal virtue which shall aid in our individual success, but we must learn to think of it in terms of general economic betterment, yes, indeed (and this seems like an echo of the war) in terms of patriotism.

**WHAT THE FARM WOMEN ARE DOING**

As Reported by the Home Agents in Various Parts of the State.

Shelby, March 23.—(P)—Many fine old pieces of silver that have been stored away for years in boxes and drawers in Cleveland county homes have been brought out and made as good as new by the salt, soda and aluminum bath process, reports Miss Irma Wallace. Mrs. A. D. Warlick, of Belmont, brought in an old castor that had been stored away for years and it came out so bright and clean that it is now being used as a demonstration of what can be accomplished.

Gastonia, March 23.—(P)—Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Spargo Carpenter, Mrs. Ben Barbee and Mrs. L. A. Barbee, of the Landers community in Gaston county, for making the greatest improvements in their kitchen and dining rooms, reports Miss Nell Pickens, home agent.

The Robinson community, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Lineberger were tied for first place, and the prizes were divided. Mrs. Robinson values her improvements at \$200, and remarked that she would not go back to her old kitchen for more than that amount, if she could not make any changes in it.

Roanoke Rapids, N. C., March 23.—(P)—Twenty-five Halifax county farm women have entered the garden contest and will endeavor to serve vegetables from their gardens every day this year, according to Miss Hazel Erwin, home agent in this county. April 15th is the final entry date for this contest, and it is expected that many more club women will enroll before that date. A new women's club has been organized at Rosemary and the members have started work with kitchen and home improvement.

Durham, March 23.—(P)—The girls clubs organized at Watha and Willard in Pender county are each planning to send a representative to the annual club short course at State College this summer, reports Miss Georgia Pland, home agent.

The girls representing these clubs will take different courses and will then exchange work in their clubs. At a recent joint meeting of these two clubs, methods of baking a pound cake three different ways were demonstrated. The fireless cooker, oil stove and wood stove were used in baking, but all the girls favored the wood stove as being more practical for farm use.

Rockingham, March 23.—(P)—Fifty settings of eggs will be bought and furnished to poultry club members of Richmond county by the Kiwanis Club of Hamlet, reports Mrs. Anna L. Harris, home agent.

Club members securing these eggs will be limited to three breeds, Rhode Island Reds, Barred Rock and White Leghorns. The Piedmont Poultry Club has requested the entire fifty settings, but other clubs in the county are working out plans for financing from other civic bodies.

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Tarboro, March 23.—(P)—A diet menu has been prepared by the home agent for the inmates of the Edgecombe county home, at the request of the county commissioners, reports Miss Virginia E. Watson, home agent. The menu recommended will be a little more expensive than the one served in the past.

Miss Watson believes, however, that the added expense can be kept down by growing all vegetables on the farm and by canning the surplus fruits and vegetables in season. This is in line with the nutrition work being done in the county, and is a result of several well balanced meals served to the commissioners by organized home demonstration clubs, the home agent says.

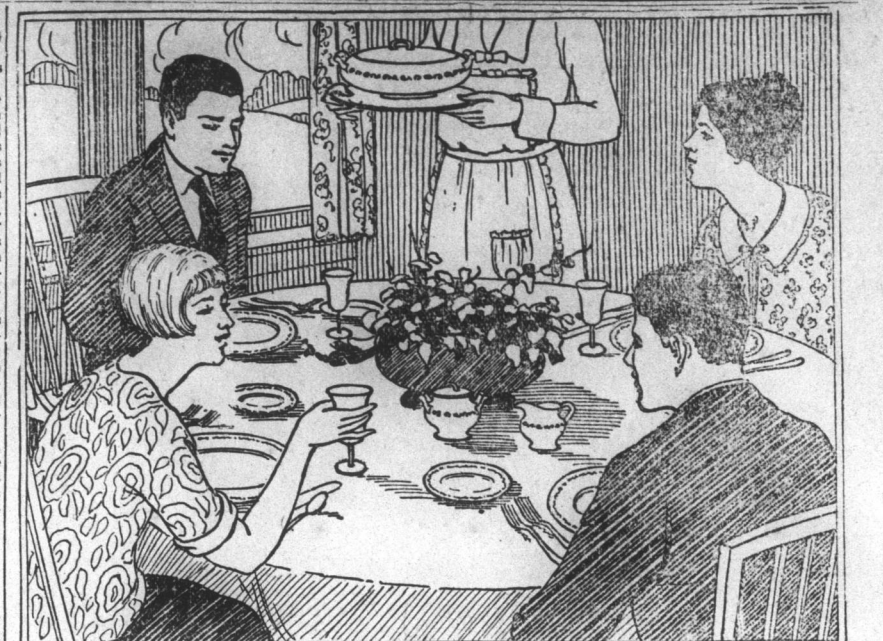
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Columbus, N. C., March 23.—(P)—Twenty undernourished children of the Columbus consolidated school in Polk county have been served hot cocoa or soup five times a week for the past month, as a part of the nutrition work in the county, reports Miss Lois Holderbaum, home agent.

These children were weighed and measured at the beginning of the period and re-weighed at the end. The greatest gain was six pounds, in the case of one child. The smallest improvement was a gain of only one-half pound.

As a result of this demonstration, many of the children are now bringing a bottle of milk to drink each day, according to Miss Holderbaum.

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**Fresher Than The Fresh**

IN THESE days when advertising slogans, trite and otherwise, stare at us in the subway and trolley, meet us at every turning of the road, spring at us from the pages of our daily papers—even distract our attention from an adjoining column, just as the hard-boiled flapper is about to become a blushing bride—new slogans are apt to receive scant interest and to be dismissed as far-fetched or as mere advertising "bunk."

We are fed up on them! They tell us when to "re-tire," follow us "in our sleep," and, as we butter our morning toast, remind us of the great hereafter. They jeer at us on our way to the dentist, with their bold claims as to how we might have made that dreaded visit unnecessary. They urge us to buy soap that will preserve the peach-and-cream complexion of our long-lost youth. They tell us how to cure everything but housemaid's knee. And, any morning, we expect to see that lack supplied, in glaring letters on some subway poster.

Now there is a new slogan—"Fresher than the Fresh"—which makes as much impression upon the majority of us as do the license-numbers on the rapidly passing automobiles. Nevertheless, to those who have given the food question some thought, this catch-phrase carries more than a modicum of truth.

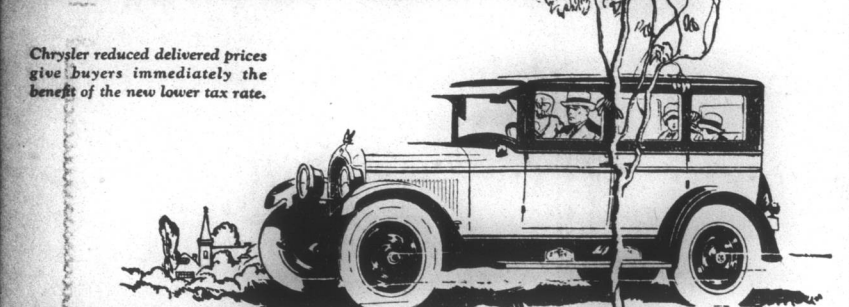
Take peas, for example. If we could step into our kitchen-garden, gather them from the vines and cook them at once, nothing could be fresher; although this, of course, would be possible only during one season of the year. But here is what really happens, since so few of us can have a kitchen garden. First the farmer handles them, while picking, loading and conveying them to a place where they are packed in car-load lots. Then they are shipped to the city, probably incurring numerous delays en route. The jobber next handles them, and from him they go to the green-grocer, in whose store they may lie for some time before we happen along and purchase them. By now, there is little left of their pristine freshness. As a matter of fact, a great part of the peas which are served to us in the winter as fresh peas really come from the Western part of Mexico, along the Gulf of lower California. So it is easy to see that these foods, when served on the American table, are not fresh.

Canned peas are really fresher than fresh peas. For, in the case of canned peas, the peas are gathered, vines and all, at a time when the peas contain the greatest food value. They are immediately conveyed to the winery, where they are threshed out by machinery. After being washed, they are graded. They then go into the cans, where they are sufficiently cooked to preserve them. All this is accomplished within twelve hours; so that the canned peas, when they come to the table, are within twelve hours of being absolutely fresh, while the so-called fresh peas undergo many days of deterioration and decay before reaching the consumer.

Here, then is one advertising slogan which tells the absolute truth. Canned foods are fresher than the fresh. For there has been nothing whatever to detract from the freshness which was theirs when they went into the can. On the contrary, no deterioration is possible while in the can, because of the complete exclusion of air, and because of the perfect sterilization which has taken place.

The housewife, today, is finding that a great industry has provided her with a marvelous substitute for the kitchen-garden, supplying her with practically every fruit and vegetable in any part of the world.

**NOW CHRYSLER "58" GIVES YOU THIS SUPERB PERFORMANCE AT NEW LOWER PRICES**



Chrysler reduced delivered prices give buyers immediately the benefit of the new lower tax rate.

Price for price—more emphatically today than ever—Chrysler "58" gives the utmost in mechanical performance, economy and dependability, riding comfort, driving ease, and charm of appearance.

Its effortless speed ability carries you mile after mile at 58 miles an hour, if you wish, in quiet, vibrationless comfort.

Its wealth of power whisks you through traffic tangles, from 5 to 25 miles in 8 seconds.

As much as anything, we believe, you will appreciate its ability to give you the satisfying economy of 25 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

And perhaps you will better understand the growing preference for the Chrysler "58" when you know that its new lower prices give you the identical performance, identical quality and unmatched beauty which have always placed it above comparison in its field.

We are eager to prove, by personal demonstration, the scores of quality advantages, which, at its new electrifying low price of \$845, make Chrysler "58" the supreme motor car value of today.

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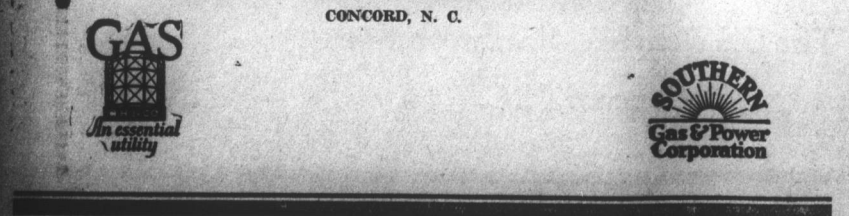
**CHRYSLER "58"**

**Our Gas Appliances are Okehed**

YOU will be interested to know that, to assure the utmost safety for every customer, our gas equipment and appliances are tested by the Appliance Testing Laboratory maintained by the American Gas Association in co-operation with representatives of the entire gas industry, the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Bureau of Standards and Public Health Service.

When you use our equipment, and purchase appliances through us, you may be confident that they are tested for safe and satisfactory operation. Remember, also, that we maintain a staff of skillful service men to inspect and repair your equipment. Call on them whenever you need them.

**Concord & Kannapolis Gas Co.**  
CONCORD, N. C.



**WATKINS MURDER CASE TO BE TRIED NEXT WEEK**

Gray Brothers and Carl Sweet Alleged to Have Killed Aged Man For Robbery.

Albemarle, March 23.—A case of interest to be tried at the March term of the Stanly county superior court, which will start Monday, will be that against John Gray, Theodore Gray and Carl Sweet, charged with the murder of "Dad" Watkins on the night of October 30. Watkins' body was found in a burning barn north of Albemarle on the night following the murder. John Gray and Carl Sweet later confessed that they killed Watkins for his money, and in their confession they implicated Theodore Gray, a brother of John Gray, claiming that he burned Watkins' head and arms in the furnace at the Wiscasset school, where he was janitor. The evidence, however, against Theodore Gray is not very strong, and he is now out on bail.

**Best Not Good Enough.**

Most of the great men in the world have been small men somewhere in their past, and it has long been a question as to whether a king, either of a country, or of tin, cattle or cotton, could distinguish himself in any small community. We know that once an ex-president of the United States was defeated for some small local office. But more striking proof is presented in a recent experience of the world-famous Polish pianist, Paderewski. Traveling in Switzerland he stopped in a hotel in Lucerne and registered as a pianist. While in the cafe that night the proprietor, an ignorant man, came and informed him that his pianist had failed to show up and offered him 50 francs to take his place for the evening. Paderewski decided to do it for a lark. But after he had played for about a quarter of an hour the boss came and told him he would have to quit. The customers complained of his music!

The churlish conduct of skippers of steamers was responsible for a calamity which overtook the Cambridge crew in the annual boat race with Oxford in 1859. The race was rowed on a stormy day, and just after a heavy fall of snow. When going to the start Cambridge shipped a large quantity of water, and when their boat was half-full a steamer went in front of them. They pulled on, however, until the boat was on the point of sinking, when the wash from four steamers swamped it.

Philadelphia baseball fans would not be surprised if Connie Mack would retire from the active management of the Athletics at the close of the 1926 season. Mack is now in his 63rd year and has had a long and strenuous career in the national game.

Senarrita de Alvarez, the Spanish woman tennis champion, is in her 20th year and has engaged in tournament play since she was 15.

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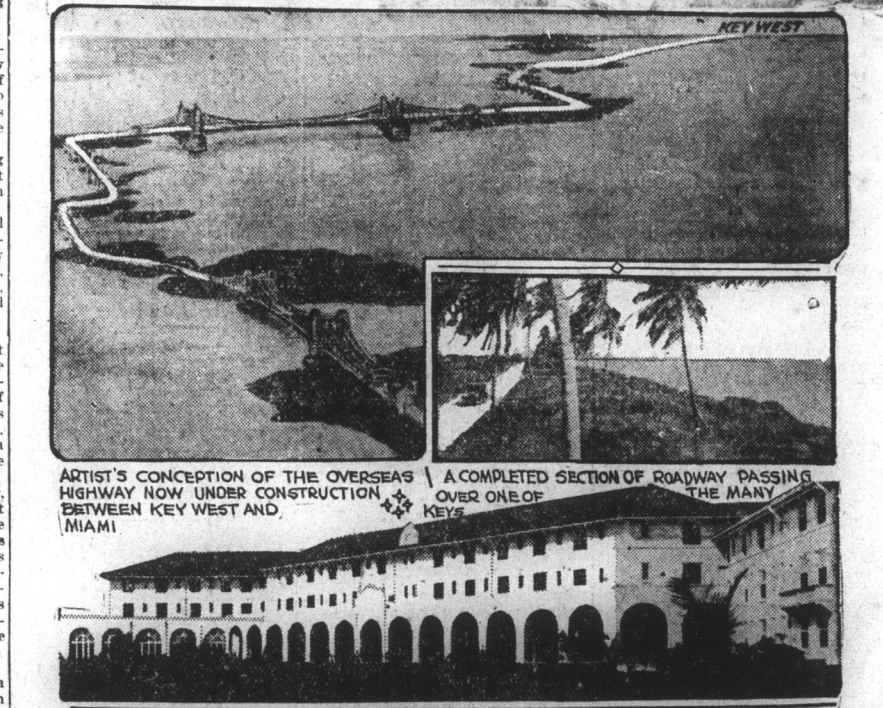
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**Key West Starts Last Stage of 122 Mile Auto Road Over Sea; Many Changes as Quaint Old City Feels Thrill of Progress**



THE CASA MARINA HOTEL, KEY WEST'S MOST FAMOUS HOSTELERY, WHICH WILL GREET THE FIRST MOTORISTS OVER THE HIGHWAY

The beautiful old city of Key West is nearer to a foreign country than it is to the mainland of America, being 90 miles from Havana, Cuba, and 122 miles from the mainland of Florida, is responding to the energy of her citizens who are working together and whole heartedly for progress.

Recently the county commissioners of Monroe County, Fla., in which Key West is located, and who control the construction of its 122 mile auto highway to the mainland, granted a tentative franchise to the Turner Co., engineers of Minneapolis, for the construction of toll bridges over the deep water gaps to be crossed by the road. This franchise will be permanent upon the performance of certain obligations by the contracting company. As if to emphasize the profitability of the route, W. J. Connors of Buffalo, in Key West recently said he would be glad to be one of twelve men subscribing \$1,000,000 to build the road.

One of the features of the new highway which has already been built across about twelve miles of ocean and keys from Key West toward the mainland, will be a twenty-four inch water main to conduct a supply of fresh water from the mainland. The building of the pipe line was favorably voted on at a special session of the Florida legislature called by Gov. John W. Martin.

From the mainland the road is also progressing toward Key West, having been built seven miles South of Florida City, and also throughout the length of Key Largo, 30 miles long, the first big island from the mainland.

The waters along the route are every color of the rainbow, and the journey will be filled with a thousand surprises for motorists. The different keys or islands on the way are very fertile and will produce all sorts of tropical products, fruits and vegetables.

Since the building activity in Florida began, Key West has been very busy. Steamers from all ports find deep water in Key West. The city has a fine system of deep water piers built by the late Henry M. Flagler, and the largest ships in the world dock comfortably. Approximately 51 million feet of lumber has been coming each month into Key West by steamer, and shipped into Florida over the Florida East Coast Railway, which passes over the sea to the Florida mainland by huge bridges and viaducts. Mr. Flagler spent 50 million dollars in bridging the sea with steel.

Key West has several handsome new real estate subdivisions, and new concrete streets, and many new buildings. The population is about 20 thousand. The city has built a fine golf links and country club on an illuminated white way. A superb boulevard will be built along the waters edge around most of the city. There are two fine hotels of which the handsomest is the Casa Marina, a huge hostelry of solid concrete built in Moorish architecture.

On any street in Key West you can look out and see the ocean. The dimensions of Key West island are about three by seven miles. But the area of its contributory country is being extended by hundreds of thousands of acres, as new islands are reached by the auto road.

The climate is wonderfully fine both in winter and summer. Frost has not been known in Key West in 48 years and probably has never occurred. Both passenger steamers and car ferries which carry 26 loaded freight cars on a trip run daily between Key West and Havana, and are maintained by the Flagler interests.

The fishing industry and tobacco industries are important. There is a live chamber of commerce to answer inquiries. The citizens of Key West expect the city will have 100,000 population within the next decade. It is expected it will take 2 1/2 years to bridge the deep water gaps. When the highway is opened there will be a grand motorcade from all parts of the United States to Key West for it will be one of the greatest road building engineering feats in America.