

JUDGE THROWS EVIDENCE OUT

Says Was Obtained in Methods Akin to the Dark Ages by Mental Torture and Physical Exhaustion.

Richmond, Dec. 4.—Declaring that the evidence as to the manner and methods by which the confession of Joseph Enoch was obtained "reads like a chapter from the history of the Middle Ages," Judge Richardson today refused to allow the document to be presented as evidence in the trial of Enoch for murder of Celia Shevick, 16-year-old school girl, last April.

The judge declared he did not "see how anyone with an unbiased mind can hear or read that evidence without coming to the conclusion that the accused was compelled by mental torture and physical exhaustion to give evidence against himself."

BASKETBALL SEASON IS NOW ALMOST HERE

The basketball season is almost here and both the boys' and girls' teams of Elizabeth City are fast getting into shape for the battles ahead of them. Although the teams have not been actually picked, the players are in splendid condition and will be ready for the double header which will open the season for the high school here.

The first game will be with Chowan high school, played in Elizabeth City on December 14, the return game to be played in Chowan County January 12. Another early game will be played with Edenton in Elizabeth City January 11, and the return game, Elizabeth City at Edenton January 18. These games are all double headers.

A complete schedule will soon be available with the names of the players on both the boys' and the girls' teams.

Killed When Truck Goes Down Embankment

Salisbury, Dec. 4.—John H. Barnhardt, aged 55, and Charles R. Oterburd, aged 32, salesman for a soft drink concern, were killed late yesterday when a large delivery truck driven by Barnhardt, went down a six foot embankment near Spencer.

MERCHANT KILLED BY PROHIBITION AGENT

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—Grover Bradley, prominent merchant and farmer of Northampton County, is dead, and W. E. Woodfin, Federal prohibition agent, is under arrest charged with murder as the result of a shooting near Littleton yesterday.

SALE OF WOOD COMES UP IN CITY COUNCIL

George Kerr appeared before the City Council in regular session Monday night to learn if city police officials were within their rights when they arrested him for selling wood in the city without a license. Mr. Kerr lives just outside the city limits, corner Speed and Southern avenue and runs a wood yard.

It was the opinion of City Attorney Leigh that the wood yard business should be put on a par with the selling of beef outside the city limits. This ordinance provides that any person can sell beef outside the city limits to customers within the city limits provided he does not "solicit or deliver" orders for his product.

Following Mr. Leigh's suggestion a motion was passed permitting the sale of wood outside the city limits, provided that the wood dealer does not solicit or deliver orders. An out of town wood dealer who is within a half mile limit of the city must not deliver wood in the city and must not solicit orders over the phone for business unless he has a license, according to the new regulation. However, Judge Leigh pointed out there could be no charge for arrest if an out of town wood dealer sold his wood to a licensed drayman for delivery in the city.

The law as passed applies only to rural wood dealers within a half mile of the city.

Died When Swallowed His Chew of Tobacco

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Nineteen football players were fatally injured during the 1923 season, one of them dying on the field from strangulation caused when he swallowed a chew of tobacco when tackled, according to figures compiled by the Chicago Tribune.

RESCUE PARTIES ARE CONTINUING SEARCH

Bergamo, Italy, Dec. 4.—The work of finding the bodies of 600 or more victims of last week's flood disaster continued today over the extensive zone devastated by waters, but rescue parties encountered great difficulties.

DR. TEMPLEMAN TALKS TO THE MASONS TONIGHT

Dr. S. H. Templeman will make a short address to the Masons tonight at the Masonic Hall. All Master Masons are expected to be there.

Man Laughed But Black Hand Struck

New York, Dec. 4.—Dominick Malzola laughed three weeks ago when he received a letter signed with a sneaky black hand and demanding money or his life.

He was shot dead today in his home after his wife, three children, and himself had been chloroformed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET

County Convention Opens Wednesday and All Who are Interested are Asked to Attend Sessions.

Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the opening session of the Pasquotank County Sunday School Convention will be held in Christ Episcopal Church. The convention will continue through Friday, sessions being held each afternoon at 3 o'clock and each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The opening address of the convention will be delivered by Miss Flora Davis, assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, the subject being "The Sunday School Meeting the Needs of the Children." This will be the first of the series of addresses to be given by Miss Davis during the convention.

Fred D. Cartwright, of Albany, New York, Young People's division superintendent of the New York State Sunday School Association, who is to appear on the program each day, will speak at both sessions of the convention Wednesday. The officers feel that Pasquotank County Sunday school workers have been unusually fortunate in having secured Mr. Cartwright for the convention.

Addressing both sessions Wednesday will also be D. W. Sims, Raleigh, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Mr. Sims is no stranger to Sunday school workers in this County, as he has already been here several times in interest of Sunday school work.

While special invitations have been given to pastors, superintendents, teachers and other Sunday school officials, all who are interested in the development of Sunday school work are asked to attend the session of the convention.

Wednesday's program is as follows:

- 3:00—Devotional.—Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, Pastor First Methodist Church.
- 3:15—The Sunday School Meeting the Needs of the Children.—Miss Flora Davis.
- 3:45—The Young People and the Church.—Fred D. Cartwright.
- 4:15—Record of Attendance.
- 4:25—Holding Present Pupils.—D. W. Sims.
- Evening Session
- 7:30—Devotional.—Dr. Samuel H. Templeman, Pastor First Baptist Church.
- 7:45—Our Greatest Asset.—Fred D. Cartwright.
- 8:20—Record of Attendance.
- 8:30—Trained Workers—Why and How.—D. W. Sims.

NO ACTION YET ON CITY PLANNING BODY

Six new street lights in various parts of the city were authorized by the City Council in regular session Monday night, following the recommendation of City Manager John Bray.

The City Manager's recommendations as adopted by the Council provides for new street lights at the following locations: Intersection of Church and Pritchard streets, intersection of Oak and Elm streets, intersection of Ash and Cedar streets, on Parsonage street in front of the new St. Paul Christian Church, Cypress street on the side of Blackwell Memorial Church, and between Read and Etheridge streets.

This was the only recommendation contained in the City Manager's regular monthly report to the City Council. In his original report he requested the Council to take up the matter of naming the City Planning Commission. However, this matter was brought up before the report of the City Manager was read and Mr. Bray ordered the clerk to withdraw this recommendation. The appointment of the commission was deferred until the next meeting when the committee appointed to name the personnel stated that they had not yet found three men to serve on the planning commission.

The naming of a planning commission has been recommended in several monthly reports of the City Manager at previous meetings but so far the committee named seems not able to get down to brass tacks. With two members practically agreed on, however, prospects for the disposal of this matter at the next meeting seem reasonably bright.

DOUBLE WEDDING TODAY

A double wedding was solemnized at the First Methodist Parsonage Tuesday afternoon at half past one o'clock. Rev. N. H. D. Wilson officiating. The brides were cousins, and the couples were both from Norfolk. They were Miss Alice Ward and Mr. James B. Dozier; Miss Cora Murden and Mr. L. W. Davis.

And No One Injured!



Two pleasure autos and a truck came together in Boston and created this unusual wreck scene. No one was injured. Look at the one auto, smashed to pieces.

DUN'S REPORT ON NOVEMBER FAILURES

(From Dun's Review)

The report of insolvencies for the month of November issued by R. G. Run & Company, is somewhat improved as contrasted with that for the preceding month in one respect, and that is as to the amount of indebtedness involved, the estimate of losses during November being but 63.4 per cent of the estimated losses in October. Failures during the month just closed number 1,704 and the liabilities were \$50,291,708. These figures contrast with 1,673 defaults during October for \$79,301,741, the latter being the largest sum ever reported for any month excepting that for December, 1921; during November, 1922, there were 1,737 insolvencies and the liabilities were \$40,265,297.

A number of large failures in manufacturing lines last month will again account for a considerable part of the defaulted indebtedness, the same as in October, the manufacturing liabilities for November amounting in the aggregate to 58 per cent of the total of liabilities for that month. The number of manufacturing defaults during November this year, 495, contrasts with 456 during November, 1922, while in trading lines for November this year the number is 1,211; during November a year ago it was 1,230. For the 11 months of 1923 there have been 16,877 insolvencies in commercial lines, for which the aggregate of indebtedness was \$487,772,076, these figures contrasting with 21,862 commercial defaults during the first 11 months of 1922 with liabilities of \$565,827,230.

WAKE FOREST ALUMNUS WINS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION

Wake Forest, Dec. 4.—Leading European and American critics have united in paying high tribute to Dr. Joseph Quincy Adams, an alumnus of Wake Forest college, for his book, "The Life of Shakespeare." Dr. Adams is recognized as one of the greatest Shakespearean authorities in the world. His new book is the result of years of work during which he has searched the greatest libraries of America and Europe for new and hitherto unrepresented material.

Dr. Adams was graduated from Wake Forest in 1906. In 1901 he secured his Master's Degree. He later studied at the University of Chicago, Cornell University in London, and in Berlin. He secured the degree of doctor of philosophy from Cornell in 1906 and in the same year Wake Forest awarded him the honorary degree of the Doctor of Literature. He is the author of more than a dozen scholarly books. He is a professor of English at Cornell University.

NINE CASES DIPHTHERIA WERE HERE IN NOVEMBER

There were nine cases of diphtheria, ten of whooping cough, three of typhoid fever and six of chicken pox here in November, as reported by Dr. Claude B. Williams, County Physician, to the Board of County Commissioners Monday.

COOLIDGE REMITS CRAIG'S SENTENCE

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Coolidge yesterday remitted the 60 day jail sentence imposed on Chas. L. Craig, comptroller of New-York City, by Federal Judge Meyer for contempt of court.

WOMEN VOTERS CROWD POLLS

Vienna, Dec. 4.—An analysis of the vote in this city Oct. 28 shows that men cast 474,000 and women 554,000. These figures are closely proportionate to sex population in Austria. The Socialists polled 276,000 men and 295,000 women, while the Christian Socialists polled 137,000 men and 291,000 women.

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HIS DOOMS WAS FORETOLD BY A MINIATURE COFFIN

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—A miniature coffin, cleverly pieced together out of a cigar box, gave A. M. Thompson, aged Raleigh contractor recently shot to death, an inkling of his doom two months before the shooting actually took place, according to information now in the hands of the Raleigh police. Thompson was killed by E. H. Cook, a young Durham mechanic, in the home of Mrs. Bettie Spikes on Belmont street.

Relatives of the dead man told the police that Thompson found the coffin on his back porch one night in September. The pieces of wood that composed it had been cut from a cigar box and had been pieced together accurately, as if the work had been done by a skilled person. The whole was draped in black cloth.

Thompson evidently did not take the dismal gift as a joke for he immediately secured a blackjack and a pistol which he carried until his sudden death, according to the information of the police.

The preliminary hearing of E. H. Cook, who gave himself up to the police on the night of the killing, will be held in the city court Tuesday. Cook declared that he fired in self-defense after Thompson had fired at him, but several police who examined the pistol found near the hand of the dead man as he lay in Mrs. Spikes' hall declared that the pistol had not been fired that night.

All indications are that the preliminary hearing will be hard fought and that Mrs. Spikes, who has been held as a material witness since the shooting, will testify in behalf of the younger man.

Thompson is said by the police to have known Mrs. Spikes quite well for a number of years. The dead contractor was well-known in Raleigh and had a large number of friends. He lacked a few months of being 69 years old when he was killed, but his friends say that he was very active for his age and was by no means a weakling.

Cook, the man who is charged with the killing, is only 23 years old.

WELFARE OFFICER BUSY

Four children were before the juvenile court during the month of November and five were on probation, according to the report of Mrs. Anna Lewis, County Welfare Officer, made to the County Board of Commissioners in regular session Monday. Five homes where children were neglected were under supervision during the month.

Ten investigations were made during the month and of the families reported as needing assistance, nine were given aid.

Fifteen children reported absent from school and nine of these were found to be illegally absent. Six of these were given clothing in order that they might resume their school work.

Twenty-five homes were visited by the Welfare Officer during the month in the interest of welfare work and nursing service was rendered in two of these homes.

WILL MEET TO ELECT MANAGER FOR TEA ROOM

A meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday morning to select a manager for the Linden Tea Room from the numerous applications. If no manager is decided upon at this meeting, the Linden will not be closed, but will be operated until a manager is secured by the executive committee of the Woman's Club.

HAVE RUNNING BATTLE WITH MOTOR CRUISER

New York, Dec. 4.—The motor cruiser, Herrshoff, was seized today by customs agents off Port Reading after a running battle with riot guns and revolvers. The six men on the cruiser were arrested.

COMMISSIONERS PLEDGE TO LEVY PROPERTY TAX

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session Monday went on record as pledging itself to levy a property tax to pay a debt of \$20,600, the balance due on a note for \$40,000 executed by the Pasquotank Highway Commission in 1921.

The note was curtailed by about \$15,000 in 1922 and by about \$5,000 in 1923, reducing it to the present to about \$20,000.

COTTON DROPS TWELVE DOLLARS ON THE BALE

New York, Dec. 4.—An excited opening of the New York cotton market with a total of 77 to 100 contracts on the first sales followed the closing in the Liverpool market overnight.

After heavy continental and local selling December declined to 35.25 and January to 34.90, representing \$11 and \$12 a bale loss from recent high records.

INSURGENT BLOC MORE MILITANT

Congress Remains Tied With No Indications of Deadlock Being Broken in the House of Representatives.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The insurgent bloc in the House which has tied the hands of the new Congress by refusing to support Speaker Gillett for re-election, today militantly carried forward its campaign of opposition.

As the balloting in the speaker-ship deadlock continued today the division of votes was much the same as during the four futile ballots taken yesterday.

There were many rumors of compromise but the insurgent leaders met all inquiries by the declaration that they were as far as ever from surrendering.

Meantime the Senate, whose leaders maintain that it can only meet and adjourn until the House has perfected its organization, had a brief session at which there was no attempt to transact business.

Bishop James Atkins Is in Dying Condition

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 4.—Bishop James Atkins of Junaluska, North Carolina, who was taken ill last week while presiding over the Little Rock conference of the Methodist Church, South, today suffered a stroke of paralysis and is reported to be in a very critical condition.

NEW YORK'S CRIME WAVE GETS BIGGER

New York, Dec. 4.—New York's crime wave has assumed a more menacing proportion than ever. On yesterday there were four safe robberies which paid yegemen something over \$24,000, an attempted lynching, a daylight holdup, and a street shooting.

OLD TIME STARS IN THE MINSTREL SHOW

Rehearsals for the Elk's Minstrel show started with much enthusiasm Monday evening at the Elk's Club. The talent took to the songs quickly and after a short drilling they were handling them in professional style.

In the cast this year are the old time minstrel celebrities, Elbert Spencer, Blucher Ehringhaus, Winfield Wurth, Will Foreman and several others whose ability has never been discovered by northern producers or else they would not be here today. Also the Kiwanis quartet will be featured in this year's minstrel. All in all everything indicates two gala nights on December 19 and 20.

Another rehearsal has been called for tonight at seven-thirty at the Elk's Club.

JURY LIST DECEMBER TERM

Following is the jury list for the January term of Superior Court, which convenes on Monday, December 31, with Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford presiding:

- Wilson H. Scott, A. E. Brothers, Jos. T. Crane, R. F. Pritchard, G. W. Basnett, J. A. Price, Charles Scott, Providence, M. L. Perry, C. L. Tillett, L. L. Simpson, W. J. Copeland, Paul K. Burgess, J. H. Humphreys, J. R. Bright, Sr., L. H. Perry, D. B. Walston, W. J. Stanton, J. C. Thompson, L. A. Bundy, C. L. Heath, W. T. Forehand, W. C. Rogers, J. W. Harris, D. W. Harris, Jr., J. G. Forbes, I. E. Barton, T. W. Williams, Jr., G. L. Twiddy, city, G. R. Little, C. H. Bundy.

NATIVE OF PERQUIMANS DIES AT AMARILLO, TEXAS

Mrs. J. P. Whedbee of 214 West Fearing street has received news of the death of her brother, C. C. Blanchard of Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Blanchard died Sunday. He was 68 years old and a native of Perquimans County though he has made his home in Texas for the last 30 years where he has been engaged in the real estate business. He is survived by his wife; by four children; by two sisters, Mrs. J. P. Whedbee of this city and Mrs. John Harris of Florida; and by one brother, William Blanchard of Jenkins, New Mexico.

Workers Council Meets

The Workers Council of Blackwell Memorial Sunday School will hold its monthly meeting tonight at the church at 7:30. All officers and teachers of the Sunday School are requested to be present.

NEW PLAN WIDEN ROAD TO NORFOLK

Bridge Across Chowan River Between Chowan County and Bertie Would Make It Primary Highway.

The movement began in Edenton to secure a bridge or State ferry across the Chowan river at or near Eden House in Bertie County, to a suitable point in Chowan County was unanimously and heartily endorsed by the Pasquotank Highway Commission in regular session Tuesday.

"The building of this bridge, with the taking over by the State of the road leading from Williamston to it," said Commissioner Foreman, "would mean more to this immediate section than all the other roads put together."

Mr. Foreman's statement did not appear extravagant to members of the commission when it was pointed out that the building of a bridge at the point designated would put Edenton and Elizabeth City on the main highway from Raleigh to Norfolk, thus making the Edenton-Norfolk road a primary instead of a tertiary highway, as is the case at present. The most cursory glance at a State road map shows that the road would not only open a direct instead of a circuitous route to Norfolk for Bertie and Martin and the counties to the south of them, but also that it would greatly shorten the distance from Raleigh to Norfolk, as compared with the route by Winton.

Pasquotank is interested in the building of the road across the Dismal Swamp Canal and recognizes that this road gives it a far more direct outlet to Piedmont and Western North Carolina than it has enjoyed heretofore; but, travelling this route, one journeying from Elizabeth City must take first a north-westerly route and then skirt the Virginia line until he gets beyond Weldon. With a bridge spanning the Chowan river between Bertie and Chowan counties, a direct southwest and westerly course could be pursued from Elizabeth City to the State capital and at Williamston the traveler would strike not only the State highway to Raleigh but also the State road to Washington and Wilmington.

The Pasquotank Highway Commission not only unanimously endorsed the project, but also on motion, requested the chairman, with two other members of the Commission to act as a committee to draw up resolutions setting forth that endorsement to be forwarded to W. A. Hart, State Highway Commissioner of the First District, and to the road governing bodies of Currituck, Camden, Perquimans, Chowan, Bertie, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort counties. This committee consists of J. J. Morris, J. W. Foreman and S. G. Scott.

The belief was expressed at the meeting that if the bridge sought could be built, it would materially hasten the day of 16 or 18 foot road throughout the length of the Highway from Edenton to the Virginia line.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION AFTER MORE DRAINAGE

Proceedings for another drainage district were instituted in Pasquotank County Tuesday when the Pasquotank Highway Commission became a petitioner for the establishment of such a district in Newland township, Pasquotank County, and Belvidere township, Perquimans County.

Initiated by the Pasquotank Highway body, the proceedings to establish the new district are instituted, of course, in the interest of highway maintenance, the particular road affected in this instance being the road from Jackson's Corner, where it intersects the State Highway and extending southwestwardly to the Dismal Swamp, there becoming the Hinton Turnpike, to the Perquimans County line and on to Nicanor.

The road becomes one of importance to a large area in Pasquotank and Perquimans by reason of the opening up of the State roads being built through Newland township in Pasquotank County and to be built along the Dismal Swamp Canal bank in Camden County.

Southern Bankers Hastened Bankruptcy

New York, Dec. 4.—Southern bankers trading under fictitious names were alleged to have refused to honor their own checks against deposits of customers, thus hastening bankruptcy of Scott, Norris & Company, which failed for more than a million dollars last night, the bankruptcy referee was told today.

COTTON MARKET

New York, December 4.—Spot cotton closed quiet today with a decline of ten points. Middling 36.65. Futures, closing bid: December 36.10; January 35.50; March 35.80; May 35.90; July 35.07; October 28.15.

New York, December 4.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 35.25, January 34.90, March 35.20, May 35.00, July 34.22, October 27.90.