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ANGELUS TEMPLE FULL OF DISCORD AS WOMEN TALK

Would Be Leaders of Religious Life Set Horrible Example As They Seek to Be Greatest in Kingdom

WORDS GALORE

Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. McPherson Each Have Their Tale to Tell; They Say the Crisis Is Near

Los Angeles, July 28.—(AP)—Almece Temple McPherson, was asked today by Dr. Gladwyn Nichols, self exiled leader of a large group of revolvers from Angelus Temple to reopen her famous kidnapping trial and hold it this time before a court composed of members of the temple.

Los Angeles, July 28.—(AP)—The walls of Angelus Temple echoed anew with discord today as Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of Almece Temple McPherson, the pastor warned that "a crisis is near," in the dispute between the two women leaders.

Four alternative futures of "Mother Kennedy were held out by the committee appointed by her daughter. They offered to permit Mrs. Kennedy to remain at the temple as "the evangelist's mother," or to permit her to tour the world or visit the Holy Land at the church's expense. They suggested that she might carry on religious work in other fields if she liked. In conclusion the committee suggested that Mrs. Kennedy return to her "nearly lunatic" W. Whitbeck, who is a well to do engineer on a big Hudson River liner.

This last, like the three other proposals, struck no favorable note with Mrs. Kennedy. Although there have been reports from time to time that Mrs. Kennedy had married since her first husband died, the statement by her daughter's committee was the first management that had been made regarding it.

Mrs. Kennedy said she was not divorced from Whitbeck but that she had no intention of making her home with him.

"The crisis could have been avoided," said Mrs. Kennedy "when I attempted to hold a conference with Mrs. McPherson. She said she had called her daughter on the telephone yesterday only to have the receiver hung up before she could say a word.

The evangelist had a different version of the affair. "Mother used language that I could not bear others to hear if they were listening in on our party line," Mrs. McPherson said. "I tried to tell her that it would be a raincloud for us if her language to her daughter was heard by others. I hung up waited for five minutes until she had cooled off and then called her again."

Mrs. Kennedy denied her daughter had called her the second time. "That statement is untrue," she declared. "I did not use any but the best language at my command and my daughter did not call me again."

The row between mother and daughter threatened to involve questions surrounding Mrs. McPherson's story of kidnapping Mrs. Kennedy told reporters how she had defended her daughter when the evangelist was under fire in that case declared she had taken blame for the temple pastor and stood shoulder to shoulder with her daughter. She denied vehemently a published report that she had doubted the evangelist's story.

WILKES COUNTY IS TOPSY TURVY AND SO IS BANK OF WILKES

Winston-Salem, July 28.—(AP)—The announced purpose of Solicitor John R. Jones, to send bills of indictment against seven Wilkes County officials has turned the county affairs into the lime-light of public interest and rumors and counter rumors of matters in connection with the finances of Wilkes have all but overshadowed the broken condition of the Bank of Wilkes, which held \$300,000 deposits or thereabouts, including \$105,000 of the county's money, according to a press report received here from Wilkesboro.

That the county's affairs in certain directions are a somewhat muddled, the audit now in process may show when it is fully completed and turned over to the proper officials, it is indicated. Reports in circulation that some of the deputy sheriffs of Wilkes, who were employed for tax work, had deposited funds in their own names in the savings department of the now defunct bank of Wilkes and had drawn the interest on such funds themselves and had used it for their own benefit, had the citizens of the county considerably excited.

VICE PRESIDENT LOSES KERCHIEF IN MAGIC FLAME

Memphis, July 28.—(AP)—Vice President Dawes, during a short stop-over in Memphis today, witnessed a "magic" trick performed by a negro carpenter for the benefit of the Vice President and at the expense to him of a new hand-crocheted handkerchief.

William Watson, the negro magician, claims that when he was a boy he had a vision from heaven and that he became endowed with the power to blow his breath on any object and set it afire. The party was taken to the office of Clyde Mays, general superintendent of the Illinois Central Railroad, and Watson came forward.

He asked for a handkerchief and Mr. Dawes let him have one with the remark: "Well, I'll never see it again." Watson, true to his promise, blew his breath on it and after a few mysterious puffs the handkerchief caught fire. Watson repeated the trick several times while the Vice President puffed away at his understudy pipe.

May Make License Plates In State Penitentiary

Raleigh, July 28.—(AP)—Making of automobile license plates by inmates of State Prison is the vision of George Ross Poul. He said today that material for the making could be purchased for \$28,000, that the prisoners could make the licenses at four cents a plate, saving the State 7-10 of a cent on each plate making a material saving on the average of 500,000 plate contracted for yearly.

Frank Page, State Highway Commissioner, today endorsed the proposition of the prison superintendent. Making of plates being about the seventh industry undertaken by prisoners. The six prison industries last year cleared \$70,000.

Honorable Mention For H. G. Bundy In Hog Calling Event

Raleigh, July 28.—(AP)—W. A. Connell, Jr., of Warren Plains, Warren County, is proclaimed the 1927 champion hog-caller of North Carolina in the finals of an elimination contest of 41 entries at the State Farmers' Convention. J. H. Sprinkle, of Route 7, Winston-Salem, who was second in the 1926 contest, finished second again this year. R. P. Braxton, of Snow Count, Alamance County, was third. Runners up were H. G. Bundy, Elizabeth City, who was placed third last year; D. M. Kevelt, Liberty; and W. F. Lamb, Snow Camp.

The contestants, pitting volume, variety, entertainment, musical quality and facial expression at the very highest, furnished immense enjoyment for over 1,400 farmers attending the convention and added much to the disgust of State College's prize pens of swine.

Prizes were \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively. In the plant identification contest, Chas. A. Ballentine, of Wake County, won first place and a silver trophy cup, with a 96 score out of a possible 100. High scores among the women included Mrs. F. S. Walker, Rockingham County; Mrs. Robert P. Mitchell, Rockingham; Mrs. H. B. Smith, Rockingham; Mrs. S. W. Dixon, Alamance County; and Mrs. J. Irvin Wagoner, Guilford.

Bridging Is Begun On 'Floating Road'

First stils were laid Thursday morning in construction of the additional timber bridgework that will supplant the "floating road" connecting Elizabeth City with Camden Court House, thus marking the beginning of actual bridge construction over the Camden County morass that defied the best efforts of the State's concrete roadbuilders.

Many hundred timber piles supplanting with concrete caps have been driven to the west of the creek that separates Machebe Island from the Camden mainland. In order to prevent undue inconvenience to highway traffic, a timber detour has been built at the point where the present work is under way, and motorists may proceed freely over the road.

It is anticipated that construction of the bridgework across the swamp will continue through the summer, with the prospect of completion about October 1. Approximately 1,000 feet of road way was bridged last summer. Regret is voiced here that this work had not been begun early enough to have been finished by the time of opening of the new Silgo-Moydeck road this week.

BIRGER SPEAKS AFTER LECTURE BY THE COURT

Accuses Art Newman and St. Louis Reporter of Frame-Up; Says He Wasn't Gang Leader

TO MAKE APPEAL

Only Recourse Now Is Through Illinois Supreme Court; Counsel Say Appeal Will Be Made

Benton, Ill., July 28.—(AP)—Charles Birger, condemned gang leader, has made his last effort to avoid the hangman in the county where he was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Mayor Joe Adam of West City, Illinois.

After hearing himself described by Circuit Judge Miller as a man who "became intoxicated with the idea that you were more powerful than all the laws of this state and community," Birger, in a last effort to maintain his innocence, talked for the first time in open court, flinging accusations at Art Newman, his former lieutenant.

The court had finished a lecture to the condemned man after formally sentencing him to be hanged October 15. "Your position is unique," Judge Miller told the gangster. "You so far forgot yourself as to do many things and then set yourself up superior to the law. You surrounded yourself with young men and you were proud of the fact that when you appeared on the scene the clarion blew to announce your arrival to your lieutenants. You became a character in the community where you lived. The youth of the various counties assembled to watch your dexterity with your pistols."

"You had a glamor about you that youths tried to imitate; you were a man of many impulses. Some of them were for the best but most of them were otherwise. Charley Birger, the law has overtaken you but now you must and should realize that you owe something to your children. The only way you can repair your deeds is by co-operating with the authorities and assisting them in clearing up some of the mysteries and crimes of Southern Illinois gang warfare."

Listening attentively while the court addressed him, Birger began with "I'd like to say a few words." He denied he was the leader of a band of gangsters which had carried on unremitting warfare with the rival Shelton gang.

"I don't want to go down in history as a chief," he said. "It was never in my heart to kill anybody."

He pointed to a St. Louis reporter and said, "There's a man that came to my house. Him and Newman conspired and condemned me to hang."

Referring to his former lieutenant Newman, the gangster declared, "There is the man who is responsible for Mrs. Price's death." Mrs. Price and her husband, Lory Price, state highway patrolmen were both murdered, it was charged by Newman, by members of the Birger gang.

His only recourse will be to the Illinois Supreme Court. Counsel for the condemned man signalled that an appeal would be made.

School Term Opens Here September 12

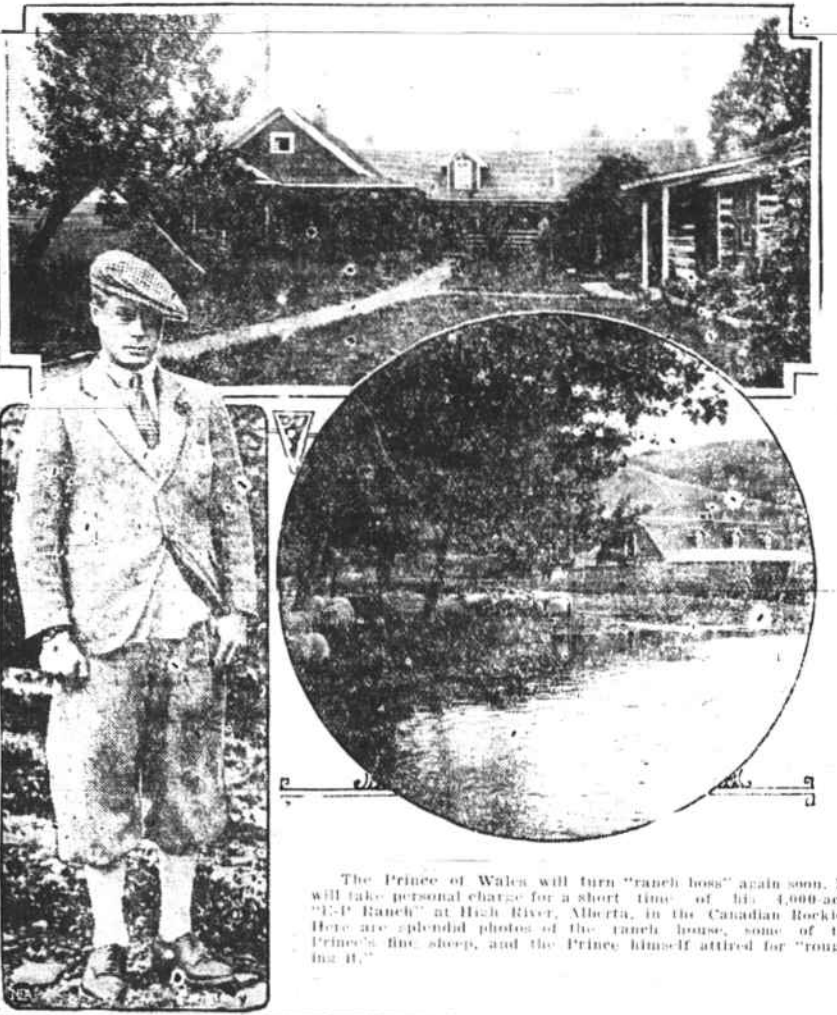
The Elizabeth City Graded Schools will open on Monday, September 12, for the term of 1927-28. It was announced today by Calvin H. Twiddy, secretary to the Board of Graded School Trustees, as the outcome of a special meeting of the board, called to consider that and other matters.

Mr. Twiddy announced also that Miss Hattie Harney had been re-elected principal of the grammar school, and that Miss Pauline Skinner had been re-elected secretary to the superintendent.

J. A. Jones, formerly of the faculty of Tennessee Wesleyan College, and recently elected superintendent of the white schools, has been at work diligently for the last few weeks, outlining plans for the year's work and making other preparations for the term.

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Where the Prince of Wales Will "Rough It"



The Prince of Wales will turn "ranch boss" again soon. He will take personal charge for a short time of his 4,000-acre "P.P. Ranch" at High River, Alberta, in the Canadian Rockies. Here are splendid photos of the ranch house, some of the Prince's fine sheep, and the Prince himself attired for "roughing it."

Courtney's Flying Half



Captain F. T. Courtney, the British ace who shortly is to attempt a flight from Ireland to the United States and return, has a flying half—Mrs. Courtney. Here you see them upon their arrival at Calshot, England, after an 800-mile non-stop hop from Lake Constance, Switzerland. Their plane was the 500-horse-power Dornier-Napier Courtney will use on his transatlantic attempt.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE IN AUTOMOBILE DEATH

Winston-Salem, July 28.—(AP)—Charlie Dennis, 21, and Hugh Arrington, 17, both of High Point, are on trial in Forsyth Superior court for manslaughter in connection with the death of Flavius J. Baynes, 57, of Winston-Salem, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on the Winston-Salem High Point Highway on the morning of February 14th, 1925.

Baynes died within a few minutes after the accident, and his son, Rainey Baynes, 21, was injured seriously. Other occupants of the two cars were not seriously injured. It was stated, All received slight wounds, including Pete Jones, of Martinsville, Virginia, who is said to have been operating the automobile in which Baynes was riding.

Because she trod upon his pet bunton, either by accident or design, Wheeler Smith, colored, slapped Ada Winslow, his special girl friend, Wednesday night. In consequence he paid a fine of \$5 and costs in recorder's court Thursday on a charge of assault.

Youth Is Still Alive With One Vertebra In Neck Broken

Florence, S. C., July 27.—(AP)—Given up several times as dead by attendants at his bedside, W. W. Rozetter, 19, who broke one of the vertebrae in his neck when he fell headforemost into a swimming pool near here July 12, is making a fight for his life, that physicians say is most remarkable.

After he had lain prostrate in a hospital here for several days following his fall, physicians decided on July 18 to attempt a last resort operation and remove several pieces of fractured bone, to relieve the pressure on the spinal cord.

On the day following the operation all hope for the youth's recovery was abandoned and it was not thought that he would live through the following night. He remained in an unconscious state until two days ago when he suddenly regained consciousness and raised his right arm to his head.

"Registers may last for several days," said Dr. F. H. McLeod, chief surgeon of the Florence Infirmary early this morning. "But there is no earthly chance for his recovery."

None too sure but that the raiders will resume their activities in this County, large scale poultry growers have not ceased their vigilant nightly watch over their flocks, according to the sheriff. He, too, is spending many hours each night in a vigil that he believes sooner or later will bring the offenders to bar.

Perhaps the most indignant of all the victims of the raiders in Pasquotank is a poultry raiser who went out to his chicken yard on a recent morning to discover, not only that a large number of his choicest fowls were missing, but that the visitors had left a note inviting him to grow another crop of chicks for their benefit next year.

Think Body Thrown From Passing Auto

Goldsboro, July 28.—(AP)—The dead body of a white man was found this morning several miles from Goldsboro on State Highway No. 40, with automobile tracks leading up to and away from it leading officials to believe it had been thrown from a passing automobile.

On the body was found an identification tag bearing the inscription: "G. Grenier, born January 10, 1892, Cambridge, Massachusetts, notify Mrs. Grenier, Wrightsville Beach, N. C."

County authorities are conducting an investigation. Mrs. Grenier has been notified and is on her way here.

BEAN GROUP TO MEET

Members of the general committee and of all sub-committees engaged in preparations for the visit of the American Soy Bean Association here on Thursday, August 11, will meet at the Chamber of Commerce Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. It was announced Thursday by Buxton White, general chairman.

GETS FIFTY YEARS Minerva, N. Y., July 28.—(AP)—James F. Monahan, better known as "Boston Billy," Williams, a "gentleman burglar" was sentenced to 50 years in Sing Sing Prison today for participating in King in Germany, was received by the \$90,000 jewelry robbery at the President Von Hindenberg today. Jesse L. Livermore estate.

SLEMP RECEIVED BY VON HINDENBERG TODAY Berlin, July 28.—(AP)—C. Bascom Slemp, former secretary to President Coolidge, who is visiting in Germany, was received by the \$90,000 jewelry robbery at the President Von Hindenberg today. Jesse L. Livermore estate.

Wilmington, July 28.—(AP)—A decline of more than three quarters of a million dollars in the net railway operating income of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for the month of June 1927 is revealed in a statement issued today at the company's general offices here.

A decline of more than a million dollars in railway operating revenue for June 1927 as compared with the same month of last year is also shown.

Hotel Directors File Complaint In Suit To Annul Foor Contract

Dudley W. Bagley Is New President N. C. Farmers

Raleigh, July 28.—(AP)—With election of officers and adoption of resolutions, the State Farmers' Convention adjourned itself twenty-fifth annual session today.

The convention adopted the agricultural program presented by Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State College, protested against attempts of railroads to raise rates on cotton-seed and other agricultural products, decided to father a State-wide rural organization by appointment of a committee to meet not later than September 1, spoke for consideration of the farmer in taxation matters, opposed land reclamation, opposed convict labor on farms.

New officers elected are: D. W. Bagley of Moyock, Currituck County, president; M. L. Adderholt, Lexington, Davidson County, first vice president; J. T. Albritton, Calypso, Duplin County, second vice president; J. M. Gray, State College, re-elected secretary-treasurer, and F. H. Jeter, State College, re-elected publicity manager.

The new officers of the North Carolina State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, meeting in conjunction with the farm convention, elected also in closing session, are: Mrs. R. A. McCullen of Clinton, Sampson County, president; Mrs. H. A. Patten, New Bern, Craven County, first vice president; Mrs. W. T. Whitsett, of Whitsett, Guilford County, second vice president; Mrs. D. A. McCormick McDonald, of Robeson County, recording secretary; and Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris of Raleigh, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

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Hen Roost Raiders Now Active Near South Mills

Pilferers of delicious young chicks of the broiler variety, who have made matters decidedly uncomfortable for poultry fanciers in Pasquotank County in the last few months, have transferred their activities to the South Mills section of Camden County in the last few days, according to Sheriff Charles Carmine, of Pasquotank, who has been making diligent efforts to apprehend them.

Sheriff Carmine stated Thursday that he had information that about 100 chickens had been stolen in upper Camden, and that up to the present, all efforts to nab the thieves had been without avail.

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Wilson Will Leave State Highway Job

T. B. Wilson, resident engineer for the State Highway Commission here for the last five and one-half years, has resigned his position with the commission, effective August 1, to enter into partnership with L. B. Culpepper and W. L. Jones of his city, in the W. L. Jones Construction Company. He is regarded as one of the most competent highway engineers ever stationed here.

The Jones company at present is engaged in construction activities in connection with the bridge being erected from Roanoke Island to the North Carolina beach a short distance south of Nags Head. Mr. Wilson announces that he will leave this city in the next few days to serve as superintendent of construction on that project.

It is announced also that the offices of the State Highway Commission's engineering forces here will be under the supervision of Clyde F. Gregson, of this city, a member of the engineering staff for several years.

Seek \$2,500 Damages, Alleging Operating Corporation Has Failed to Live Up to Agreement

INJUNCTION SOUGHT Defendants Charged With Having Wrongfully Attempted to Profit Secretly on Hotel Furnishings

Complaint was filed Thursday with Ernest L. Sawyer, clerk of Superior Court, in an action in which the Elizabeth City Hotel Corporation, builders of the new \$600,000 Virginia Dare Hotel here seeks annulment of a contract with the William Foor Hotel Operating Corporation for operation of the new hotel, and asks \$2,500 damages for alleged failure to comply with the terms of the contract.

The defendant company has 30 days in which to file an answer to the complaint. The latter alleges that the William Foor Hotel Operating Corporation has "completely changed its personnel and management" and has lost its association with William Foor and others of its "then prominent officials," and that it has either changed its name to the Associated Hotels, Inc., or has tried to assign the lease for the Virginia Dare Hotel to the latter corporation.

In the suit, the plaintiff hotel company asks for proceedings to restrain the Foor corporation from any action to delay or prevent the assignment of a new lease for the operation of the Virginia Dare.

The complaint opens with the contention that the Elizabeth City Hotel Corporation has met all the terms of the operating contract incumbent upon it; that construction of the hotel has proceeded with all convenient speed and due diligence, and in accordance with plans prepared by a competent hotel architect; and that the corporation is able, ready and willing to comply with the terms of the contract.

It is alleged further that the Foor corporation has failed to arrange for the proper conduct of the hotel, and the timely rental of public spaces in it; and that the defendants "wrongfully made unwarranted demands in an effort to profit secretly from the furnishing of the hotel." It is claimed also that the operating company failed to provide themselves with the proper finances to meet their part of the contract, and that in various ways they have "jeopardized the timely and proper opening of the hotel."

The complaint further contains an allegation that the defendant company has failed to furnish \$50,000 bond required by the terms of the contract. Ehringhaus & Hall, attorneys here, are representing the Elizabeth City Hotel Corporation in the action.

Accompanying the complaint is a copy of the contract that is in controversy. In substance, it embodies a twenty year lease whereby the hotel corporation would receive 60 per cent of the net proceeds from the hotel, and the operating company 40 per cent, after \$50,000 bond returned by the Foor corporation. It is stipulated that the contract may be annulled upon six months' notice on the part of either of the signatory parties.

With the Virginia Dare Hotel in the last stages of construction, and probably ready to be opened in six weeks or two months, regret is expressed here over the likelihood that its opening may be delayed by the present action. Members of the board of directors declare that every possible step will be taken to prevent such a delay.

SERVING WARRANTS IN NEEDLEMAN CASE

Raleigh, July 28.—(AP)—W. P. Edward, United States Deputy Marshal, of Rocky Mount, left today to serve warrants on the 39 old Martin County defendants against whom Joseph H. Needleman, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is bringing suit in Federal District Court, Washington, N. C., for \$100,000 damages as a result of the 1925 mutilation masked mob case.

Answers must be filed by the defendants within 20 days in district court where Needleman has just filed his petition for \$75,000 compensatory and \$25,000 punitive damages as result of the mutilation of his person, following a charge of attacking a Martin County girl, of which Needleman was later acquitted.

There's a lot of difference between being one of a million and one in a million.