

## VIRGINIA DARE READY TO OPEN BY OCTOBER 1

Finest Hostelry in This  
Part of South to Be Com-  
pleted September 15, Su-  
perintendent Says

### UPPER FLOORS READY

One Hundred Guest Rooms  
Complete Except for Pa-  
pering, Decorations and  
Added Furnishings

The new Virginia Dare Hotel  
will be ready for occupancy Sep-  
tember 15, barring the unfor-  
seen, and should be furnished and  
in full readiness for formal open-  
ing to the public by October 1, ac-  
cording to C. A. Grupp, superin-  
tendent in charge for W. L. Stod-  
art, of New York, architect who  
designed the hotel.

Finest of all hostels in this  
part of the State, the new Vir-  
ginia Dare may be classified as  
the section's first "skyscraper" as  
well. It is nine stories high, and  
the upper stories command a  
strikingly beautiful view of the  
upper reaches of the wide, placid  
Pasquotank River. It is a com-  
munity venture, financed by pop-  
ular stock subscriptions, and will  
represent an investment of about  
\$600,000. In all, there are 536  
stockholders.

The 100 guest rooms in the ho-  
tel are complete, except for pa-  
pering, decorations and furnish-  
ings. Every guest room is equip-  
ped with bath or showers, and all  
plumbing and electrical installa-  
tions have been made, except for  
lighting fixtures.

Workmen at present are en-  
gaged in plastering and other ac-  
tivities on the main and mezza-  
nine floors of the hotel, and in  
completing the two story arcade  
that will afford entrance from  
Main street. The floors are being  
laid in the club dining room, and  
the marble work is being in-  
stalled.

A spacious garage flanking the  
hotel on the southeast, and front-  
ing on Fearling and Poindester  
streets, also is complete except for  
painting and plastering in two  
store spaces. The garage is ex-  
pected to prove exceedingly popu-  
lar with motorist visitors here,  
inasmuch as it will afford a con-  
venience not usually found in this  
part of the country.

The motorist will be enabled to  
drive his car directly into the ho-  
tel garage, turn his luggage over to  
a porter, and walk into the ho-  
tel without further botheration.  
With the parking congestion that  
has come virtually universal in  
cities small and large in the last  
two or three years, the directors  
of the Elizabeth City Hotel Cor-  
poration anticipate that the popu-  
larity of the Virginia Dare will  
be increased measurably in that  
way.

## EMBEZZLER POSED AS BROTHER OF DANIELS

Whiteville, July 30.—(AP)—  
E. Garland Brown, alleged em-  
bezzler, will be brought here for  
trial from Los Angeles, California,  
at an early date, if plans of city  
and county officers, who left for  
the distant city yesterday, do not  
miscarry.

Brown, said to have a striking  
personality, was traced through  
several sections of western states,  
is now under \$2,000 bond to ap-  
pear at an extradition hearing in  
Los Angeles, August 8.

Brown is alleged to have used  
several aliases, including "Captain"  
and "Colonel" Brown during his  
operations. He is wanted here in  
connection with embezzlement of  
funds of an estate he is alleged to  
have settled for a client. Brown,  
on one occasion posed as a broth-  
er of Josephus Daniels, Raleigh  
publisher, it is alleged.

## SEVERE HAILSTORM IN SAMPSON COUNTY

Clinton, July 30.—(AP)—The  
Southern portion of Sampson  
County, section of fine tobacco,  
cotton and corn crops, was a  
scene of devastation today, as  
farmers recovered from one of the  
severest hail storms in local his-  
tory.

Hail stones, said by farmers to  
have been as large as hen eggs,  
fell in uncounted numbers, strip-  
ping leaves and bolls from plants  
and fodder from corn stalks.  
Houses were unroofed and several  
trees were blown across highways,  
partly blocking traffic.

The tobacco crop, expected to  
have been the best in years, suf-  
fered the most damage. Corn  
crops represented a partial loss.

## Wins School's Highest Honors



HAZEL CLARKE JACKSON

Deatsville, Ala., July 30.—(AP)—Hazel Clarke Jackson wears  
a boyish bob and at the State Secondary Agriculture School, at We-  
tumpka, is referred to as the typical modern girl. Here's why:  
At the annual oratorical contest, she triumphed over boy and  
girl students alike and the judges were unanimous in giving her  
first prize. Then she was graduated with the highest honors in the  
history of the school.

She was represented in virtually every activity in the school  
and was a star basketball player.

## Startling Expose Forecast By Tampa Judge After Raids Made on Key Club

Prominent Business Men  
and Civic Leaders Al-  
leged to Have Been Neg-  
lecting Families for Good  
Time at Exclusive "Speak  
Easy"

Tampa, Fla., July 30.—(AP)—  
A startling expose revealing the  
operations of Tampa's most "speak-  
easy" with prominent business  
and civic leaders as its select  
habitues, has been forecast here  
next week by Municipal Judge  
Leo Stalaker following raids on  
the Key Club.

Judge Stalaker yesterday an-  
nounced the premier showing in  
his court "some time next week,"  
of a series of moving picture  
films depicting scenes at this  
club in which a number of repre-  
sentative citizens unknowingly  
enact the leading role.

The raids were said to have  
culminated repeated attempts of  
authorities to obtain evidence on  
the activities of "The Key Club,"  
reported to have flourished for  
months almost within the heart of  
the city, a stone's throw from po-  
lice headquarters. Elaborately  
furnished quarters were main-  
tained for the use of its patrons.

It is alleged, whose names were  
kept secret. Participation was by  
members granted only on the  
highest recommendation and ad-  
mittance to the club was by an  
unmarked key, which likewise  
was the emblem of the so-called  
organization.

After repeated failures to gain  
entrance to the club, police last  
Saturday in an anonymous letter  
received one of the coveted keys  
from the wife of a club member  
who declared she wanted the club  
raided because her husband neg-  
lected the family for the sociabil-  
ity of the club.

Detectives swooped down on  
the club and arrested an alleged  
bar-tender and three negro help-  
ers, and confiscated a quantity of  
bonded liquor. They described  
finding of a real bar with brass  
foot rails, sawdust on the floor  
and an atmosphere reminiscent of  
prevalent days.

The detectives posted them-  
selves at the entrance and secret-  
ly photographed patrons who  
used the key to gain admittance.  
Judge Stalaker had locked the  
celluloid strips in a bank vault for  
safe keeping and declared they  
will not be removed until the  
scheduled matinee.

**VICE PRESIDENT NONE  
WORSE FOR WRECK**

Chicago, Ill., July 30.—(AP)—  
Vice-President Charles G. Dawes  
was back today none the worse for  
the wreck of the train upon which  
he returned from an American  
Legion speaking engagement in  
Greenville, Mississippi.

The Vice-President, accompan-  
ied by Charles Markham, chair-  
man of the board of the Illinois  
Central Railroad returned last  
night. The train's engine was  
killed when the engine plunged  
over the embankment.

## SAMPSON'S OIL WELL SEEMS TO BE PIPE DREAM

State Geologist Smiles As  
Irate Drillers Write Rash  
Letters and Clinton Resi-  
dents Raise Money

### NO SAMPLES OF OIL

Drillers Say Visitors Took  
Them Away, But Opinion  
of Raleigh Folk Is That  
No Oil Ever Was There

By J. C. BASKERVILLE  
St. Walter Hotel, Raleigh  
July 30.—That Sampson Coun-  
ty's oil well, near Clinton,  
despite the enthusiasm of the  
citizens of that section, will turn  
out to be little more than a "pipe  
dream," with nothing but the  
pipe and the hole here in the end,  
is the opinion of a number of Ra-  
leigh citizens who have visited the  
well, thus bearing out the pre-  
vious opinion of the Department  
of Conservation and Development  
as voiced by H. J. Bryson, depart-  
ment geologist.

"When I went out to the well  
and asked to see some samples of  
the oil, the men at the well said  
that visitors had taken it all  
away," said a Raleigh newspaper  
man who went to look at the well  
for himself a few days ago. "So I  
saw no oil, except that which had  
dripped from the machinery. I do  
not have the slightest idea that  
oil, at least in commercial quan-  
tities, will ever be found there."  
And several others who have vis-  
ited the well say the same thing.  
Some even go so far as to suggest  
that if any oil has been taken  
from the well, that it must have  
been poured into it first.

And while the controversy rages,  
Bryson, State geologist, smiles  
and says little other than to stick  
by his original statement, after  
making a survey of the area sur-  
rounding the well, that no oil in  
commercial quantities will ever be  
found in that section. And he  
attacks by his statement in the face  
of unpleasant and caustic letters  
he is receiving from those inter-  
ested in Clinton oil wells.

Among several letters he has  
received, is one from A. Orr, the  
driller of the well, part of which  
follows:

"I have just read in the Raleigh  
morning paper that you say that  
no official report has been made  
to you that a small amount of oil  
was taken from the well we are  
drilling here. I wish to advise you  
that you will not be notified offi-  
cially or otherwise. What would  
be the use of notifying you? You  
would not know crude oil from  
molasses, or a brickbat from  
gold-bearing quartz. If you knew  
one-third as much as you don't  
know, you would be a wonder."

The letter goes on to give Bry-  
son a practical lesson in geology,  
stating that "ever since I heard  
you give that school boy talk in  
the court house in Greenville, I  
have known that you didn't know  
anything about oil geology. You  
may know the names of rocks,  
but you know as much about oil  
as I do. No, nothing."

Orr drilled the well at Gas-  
lock, or most of it, but Orr states  
that it was "drilled on more than  
a year" after he gave it up, and  
turned it over to the Great Lakes  
Drilling Company. He declared  
that when he turned it over, it was  
"a nice, clean hole" 2,361  
feet deep, asserting that all the  
troubles developed after he  
turned the well over. However,  
the log of the Havelock well, as  
kept by Wendell C. Mansfield,  
of the United States Geological Sur-  
vey, shows the maximum depth of  
the Havelock well to be 2,351  
feet, or lacking 10 feet of being  
as deep as Orr says it was when  
he turned it over.

In concluding his letter to Bry-  
son, Orr says:  
"I understand that a very small  
appropriation was made for the  
maintenance of your department.  
It makes no difference how small  
it was, it was too much, as every  
dollar you spend is a dollar of the  
taxpayers' money thrown away."

"It appears to me that you are  
very fond of going into print," Orr  
adds, "so you are at liberty to  
print this if you desire, but I don't  
think you will."

Later reports from Clinton are  
that another \$1,000 has been  
raised there to continue the drill-  
ing of the well. At first the town  
raised \$5,000, and this additional  
\$1,000 increases the total amount  
to \$6,000. With the expense of  
drilling the well running around  
\$50 a day, according to the drill-  
ers' figures, and the cost of the  
well being \$20 a foot, according  
to Orr's own statement, many fear  
that the \$6,000 will run out be-  
fore the oil is struck, or that a drill  
will become stuck in the well, and  
operations be suspended.

### CHIMNEY FIRE PUT OUT

Firemen were called out Satur-  
day morning at 7:15 to extinguish  
a chimney blaze at the home of  
T. T. Foreman, colored, on Par-  
sonage street. There was no dam-  
age.

## Finds Ranch Life Modernized



MRS. GEORGE TEMPLE

Wichita, Kan., July 30.—(AP)—Life on a 20,000 acre ranch in  
Kansas looked like the movie variety, but it is quite different.  
That is the impression of Mrs. George Temple, Wichita society  
girl who married a cowboy last year and went to his ranch in Har-  
ber County, near the Oklahoma panhandle, to live.

She found pinto ponies, chap elad cowboys, and lariats. But cattle  
are herded through chutes instead of being roped, and she adds:  
"We have a radio, running water, electric lights, every conven-  
ience we had at my father's home in Wichita."

## Currituck Sweets Move In Car Lots By August 8

Currituck yellow sweets will be-  
gin moving steadily in car lots  
about August 8, Julian Newbern,  
commission merchant here, said  
Friday morning after returning  
from a trip to lower Currituck.

"The yield is short and late this  
year on account of a late spring  
and recent dry weather," Mr. New-  
bern says. "The average yield on  
the white and red potatoes, some  
of which are being dug, is some-  
thing like two barrels to a thou-  
sand plants—equivalent to 15 to  
20 barrels to the acre. The prices  
on these potatoes is ranging from  
\$5.50 to \$7.50."

"Price outlook for the yellow  
sweets looks very favorable for a  
steady market during August.  
Quotations are running from \$7.50  
to \$8.00 on these, the highest  
market now being at Newark,  
New Jersey."

"Not much of the sweet potato  
crop has been bought in advance  
this year. However, I think that  
most of the crop will be sold to  
dealers when it is harvested."

## DuPont Denies Report Of Possible Combine

Carlebad, Czech, July 30.—  
(AP)—"There is no basis for the  
report," was the only comment  
made by Pierre DuPont, chairman  
of the board of directors of the E.  
DuPont de Nemours Company on  
reports received here of a possi-  
ble combine with the General  
Motors Corporation and the Unit-  
ed States Steel Corporation.

Mr. DuPont declined to make  
any further statement.

## Three Women Hurt In Auto Collision Near Sunbury

Norfolk, July 30.—(AP)—Mrs.  
Robert G. Turnbull, wife of the  
president of the Rowland Lumber  
Company, Inc., of New Bern, N.  
C., was fatally injured when  
she and her husband and two other  
women were injured in varying  
degrees when two automobiles  
crashed head-on last night near  
Sunbury, N. C., the two other wo-  
men are Mrs. L. H. Porter and  
Mrs. J. I. Newsom, both of Abso-  
kie, N. C., occupants of one car.  
Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull were the  
only occupants of the other.

At Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk,  
where all of the injured were tak-  
en, it is said by Dr. W. A. Gay  
that the condition of Mrs. Turn-  
bull was "very critical." Mrs.  
Newsom, who was driving the car  
she and Mrs. Porter occupied, and  
Mrs. Porter both suffered limb  
fractures and cuts about the head,  
face and body, but the full extent  
of their injuries had not been de-  
termined tonight. Mr. Turnbull  
escaped with bruises and cuts and  
was believed to have been the  
least injured of the four.

Dust raised by a passing bus  
was blamed for the accident as it  
so blinded the drivers that the  
two machines crashed together be-  
fore either realized the other was  
approaching. Both machines were  
badly wrecked. Passing motorists  
took all of the injured to the hos-  
pital.

## Mt. Vesuvius in Throes of Most Violent Eruption In Last Twelve Years

## BOYS IN GRAY TO GATHER TUESDAY AT N. C. CAPITAL

Confederate Veterans Will  
Be Given Every Attention  
and Showered With Af-  
fectionate Care

### THIS THE BEST

Raleigh, July 30.—When the  
"Boys in Gray" gather in Raleigh  
Tuesday and Wednesday of next  
week for the annual reunion of the  
United Confederate Veterans, they  
will be given every attention  
and showered with affectionate  
care. The people of Raleigh have  
already made plans that assure  
this reunion of being one of the  
best ever held, and nothing will  
be spared to give the city's aged  
and valiant guest the best it has to  
offer.

Particular attention has been  
paid to the housing of the old  
soldiers during the reunion, so  
that their stay in the city may be  
made as comfortable and as en-  
joyable as possible. The use of  
the dormitories at State College  
has been tendered, and each vet-  
eran will be assured of a comfort-  
able, individual bed, with clean  
white linen, on the cool and airy  
campus of the college. Due to the  
thoughtfulness of A. S. Brower,  
business manager of the college,  
who is making the dormitory ar-  
rangements, the veterans of the  
60's will be housed in the dormi-  
tories nearest Pullen Hall, where  
all the sessions will be held, so  
that they will have a minimum  
distance to walk. All meals will be  
served in the college dining hall.

Upon the arrival of the old sol-  
diers in Raleigh, where they will  
be met at all trains, they will be  
taken to State College to be regis-  
tered, a Boy Scout will conduct  
him to his home. The name and  
room number of each will be  
pinned to his lapel, to avoid any  
possible confusion.

Seldom has the capital city op-  
ened its hearts to any gathering as  
it is doing to these old soldiers.  
Men and women are forgetting  
business duties as well as the hot  
weather, to devote their time to  
making arrangements for the re-  
ception of these "Boys in Gray."  
The majority of the automobiles  
will display signs reading "Vet-  
erans, this is your car," assuring  
the old soldiers of quick and  
ready transportation.

## CITY ROAD PASTOR TO AID IN SELECTION OF LOUISBURG PRESIDENT

New Bern, July 30.—(AP)—  
At a meeting of the board of trust-  
ees of Louisburg College the res-  
ignation of President A. W. Mohn,  
who headed the institution for the  
past five years, was tendered, Dr.  
N. H. D. Wilson, of New Bern, a  
trustee, was authorized to an-  
nounce today.

President Mohn announced that  
he had arranged to accept a posi-  
tion with an endowment cam-  
paign for Southwestern College at  
Memphis, Tennessee.

The trustees appointed a com-  
mittee of A. J. Parker, of Eliz-  
abeth City; M. E. Newsome, Dur-  
ham; and Dr. Wilson, to look to-  
wards securing a new president  
and report at the August 14 meet-  
ing of the trustees at Louisburg.

## Ford Personally Is Testing New Car Soon On Market

Detroit, July 30.—(AP)—Mo-  
tor and speed tests of the new au-  
tomobile shortly to be introduced  
on the market by the Ford Mo-  
tor Company, are being made per-  
sonally by Henry Ford, it was an-  
nounced today.

The manufacturer has been en-  
gaged for the past few weeks in  
driving the car over roads in the  
vicinity of Dearborn, Michigan,  
the announcement from the execu-  
tive office of the organization  
said. The result of the tests were  
not disclosed and officials did not  
indicate if they were in the na-  
ture of final try-outs.

Ford, who celebrated his sixty-  
four birthday quietly at home to-  
day indicated he had completely  
recovered from injuries received  
in a recent accident.

"I feel better and have a  
greater interest in life than when  
the case four years ago, because  
I have a new job to tackle that  
was unforeseen then," he told as-  
sociates. The new job was taken  
to refer to his new car.

## Volcano Is Hurling Hun- dreds of Tons of Incan- descent Fragments Far Up Into the Air

### HUGE COLUMN LAVA

Melted Rock Fills Inner  
Crater and Creeps Over  
Ledge Into "Valley of  
Hell" Towards the Bay

Naples, Italy, July 30.—(AP)—  
In the throes of its most violent  
eruption in 12 years Mount Vesu-  
vius this morning hurled hun-  
dreds of tons of incandescent frag-  
ments far into the air while a  
huge column of lava after near-  
ly filling the inner crater began  
to creep over the edge into "The  
Valley of Hell" towards the Bay  
of Naples.

Although Professor Alessandro  
Malladra, head of the observa-  
tory, renewed assurances that  
there was no imminent danger  
part of the populations of the  
towns of Torre Annunziata and  
Torre Del Greco and residents of  
the region lying below the valley  
began to prepare for a quick  
flight to Naples should the lava  
continue its downward course.

The low point at which the lava  
is finding exit from the crater al-  
ready is covered by the hardened  
flow of November 3, 1926 but the  
extent and force of the present  
flow of flaming material has not  
been equalled since January 2,  
1916.

All night long there were violent  
explosions accompanied by the  
hurling of fragments which  
continued at a rate of several ev-  
ery minute. A column of pink  
flame-flecked smoke, rising to a  
bank of ominous clouds, stood out-  
lined against the blackness of the  
sky and scores of thousands re-  
mained awake most of the night to  
watch the spectacle.

Hawaiian Volcano Subside  
Hilo, T. H., July 30.—(AP)—  
The great volcano of Kilauea after  
several weeks of activity is ap-  
parently subsiding. Volcanologists  
said today that the flow of lava  
had ceased. Steam vents in the  
Halemaumau crater continue  
very active, however, and some  
glow is still visible at night.

## SOY BEAN GROUP BUSILY AT WORK

Cost of Entertaining Con-  
vention August 11 Is Es-  
timated at \$100

Definite plans for the enter-  
tainment of 200 or more delegates  
to the annual convention of the  
American Soy Bean Association, to  
visit Elizabeth City on Thursday,  
August 11, were worked out at a  
meeting of the central commit-  
tee and sub-committees at the  
Chamber of Commerce Friday  
night.

Instead of serving the luncheon  
for the visitors at Corinth Baptist  
Church, as had been planned origi-  
nally, the general committee has  
decided to do the serving at the  
New Fair Grounds. This change in  
arrangements was prompted by  
word from F. P. Latham, of Bel-  
haven, president of the associa-  
tion, that various county demon-  
stration agents in the vicinity of  
Washington, N. C., were planning  
to bring many farmers here in  
motor trucks, and wished a place  
to camp.

Figuring that it would be best  
to keep all the visitors together,  
as was practical, the commit-  
tee settled upon the Fair  
Grounds both for the camp and  
luncheon.

Estimates tendered by the var-  
ious committees brought the total  
expense of the convention to  
\$400, it was announced Saturday  
by Huxton White, general chair-  
man. Steps are under way to raise  
this amount.

The value of the visit of the  
soy bean growers and buyers from  
many parts of the country, ac-  
cording to Mr. White, lies largely  
in the possibility thus afforded to  
acquaint them with this, the Na-  
tion's principal soy bean produc-  
ing section, and the territory of  
production of most of the soy  
beans used for seed purposes  
throughout the country.

### TO HOLD CONFERENCE

R. T. Ryland, principal of  
Weeksville High School, announ-  
ces that he will be at the school  
Monday afternoon from 3 to 6  
o'clock to confer with parents and  
pupils on any matters they may  
wish to take up with him. He asks  
that all parents of children who  
will begin school this year go out  
and enroll them, giving ages and  
other information required for  
school census purposes.