

# COOLIDGE WILL NOT RUN IN 1928 Sheriff's Posse Closes In On Girl's Assailant

## On Fourth Anniversary As President He Makes Definite Announcement

Question of "Third Term" Around Which So Much Interest Centered Is Answered by Chief Executive

BREAKS SILENCE

In Fewest Possible Words Tells Nation That He Does Not Seek Another Term in Office

Rapid City, S. D., Aug. 2.—(AP)—President Coolidge today issued a statement saying: "I do not choose to run for President in 1928."

The statement, which was type-written on small pieces of paper, was handed out today by the President, on the fourth anniversary of his becoming Chief Executive of the United States, without comment.

Mr. Coolidge had asked newspaper men to see him at 12 o'clock today. Until a minute or two before there was not the slightest knowledge among the Presidential staff of what would occur at the conference.

At the conference, shortly before 12 o'clock Mr. Coolidge sent for his personal stenographer, Edwin Geiser, and dictated the brief message which was then transcribed onto small pieces of paper by typewriter.

After the newspaper men had come into the room the President asked them to file past him. He handed each the small slip of paper with the message. The paper had been folded by him.

Newspaper men stopped to ask him if there was any comment and Coolidge replied, "No." The dash for telephones and telegraph wires was begun by the newspaper men. There were in the room at the time Senator Capper, a house guest of the President, Everett Sanders and Edward T. Clark, his secretary, Blanton Winship, his military aide, and Dr. James F. Coughlin, his physician.

No word was spoken outside Mr. Coolidge's office. Every one present and inquiry of newspaper men if there was anything more to say. It is safe to say that the President counseled with no one in preparing his startling announcement.

Those closest to him in his official family had taken occasion on this day—the fourth anniversary of Mr. Coolidge's taking the oath of office—to express the private view that he would not make any statement of his plans for another term and would accept the nomination if given to him without expressing himself.

It was pointed out later by those same staunch supporters of the President that the door to the nomination had not been closed by the statement in the event of his selection by the convention.

Rapid City, S. D., Aug. 2.—(AP)—Calvin Coolidge, today ends four years as President of the United States to which he succeeded upon the death of President Harding.

One year and seven months remain in the four year term to which Mr. Coolidge was elected as President in the fall of 1924—a little more than a year after he first took office.

In this period it will be decided whether he will or can succeed himself for another elective term of four years which would entitle him to the office of President for a longer period than has been served by any other chief executive of the Nation, two regular terms totalling eight years added to the year and seven months of Mr. Harding's term completed by him.

There has been a unanimity of opinion among these here with the Presidents and among National political leaders who have come here this summer that Mr. Coolidge would not stand in the way of a movement to nominate him at the convention of the Republican party next June, but a few of his friends have predicted that he will not be a candidate.

It is pointed out by some as too early for Mr. Coolidge to make such a decision. So far as is known (Continued on page 2)

## PERQUIMANS HAS A LIVELY SESSION IN FIRST COURT

Ten Cases Disposed of and \$325 in Fines Imposed by Judge McNider of Recorder's Court

LARGE ATTENDANCE

Hertford, Aug. 2.—Ten cases disposed of and \$325 in fines was the gist of the new Perquimans County recorder's court, which held its first session in the county courthouse here yesterday with J. S. McNider as presiding judge, with Silas Whedbee as prosecuting attorney, and with Hilary G. Winslow as clerk, and with very nearly the entire adult male population of Hertford in attendance.

Three negro defendants paid high for one hog which they were accused of stealing, particularly as none of them ate any of the ham. O. C. Jones and Tom Reeves were fined \$25 and costs on a charge of larceny, while Eli Godfrey drew a fine in like amount for receiving stolen property knowing it to have been stolen.

Another case in which there was considerable interest was that in which Ad Lane and son, Kermit Lane, were each accused of assault with deadly weapon, it appearing that the father had beaten the boy over the head with a pistol and that the boy had fired the weapon into the air in an effort to intimidate his father. Kermit pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs. The father was let off with a fine of \$25 and costs. Lane the younger is 18 years old. Liquor is alleged to have been at the bottom of the trouble.

Dewey C. Umphlett, on two warrants charging the passing of worthless checks, was fined \$25 and costs in one case and let off on payment of costs in the other. Edgar Foreman, colored, pleading guilty of operating a motor car while under the influence of liquor, and also of transporting and of illegal possession of liquor, was sentenced to the roads for nine months with judgment suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs, provided that the defendant abstain from driving a motor car in Perquimans County for 12 months.

Rex Jones was fined \$25 and costs on the same charge and denied the right to drive an automobile in Perquimans County for 12 months, while Herman West, another defendant on a charge of operating a motor car while under the influence of liquor, was fined \$50 but had his right to drive a car suspended for only 90 days.

## Small Boy Breaks Leg In Accident

Wiley Morgan, aged 6, son of C. R. Morgan, manager of the New Carolina Hotel here, sustained a fracture of the large bone in the right leg, midway between the knee and ankle, yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when he was run over by an automobile driven by Pat Williams, colored, of Indiantown, Camden County.

The accident occurred on North Water street, in front of the store of Banks & Hughes, and the little fellow was taken to the office of Dr. R. L. Kendrick by Oden Hughes. Dr. Kendrick set the bone, and the boy was resting fairly comfortably at home late in the afternoon.

Police Officer Twiddy, who was standing at the intersection of Main and Water streets when the accident occurred, and who investigated it, declared indications were that it was unavoidable. The child ran out into the street from behind another car into the path of the approaching automobile, he said. When rescued, he was midway under the car.

No action was taken against Williams.

## COUNCIL DEALS WITH NUMEROUS CITY PROBLEMS

Parking Problem, Licenses and Regulations Governing Filling Stations Discussed at Length

WOOD GIVEN RAISE

City Tax Collector Granted Salary of \$2,100 a Year; Completion of Street Work Is Authorized

Discussion of various municipal problems and disposal of a number of relatively minor matters marked the regular session of the City Council Monday night at which little in the way of business of major importance was transacted.

In the way of concrete accomplishment, perhaps the most important acts of the Council were the authorization for resurfacing West Fearing street from Dyer to Berase, and a decision to finish immediately the brick paving on Cedar street, from Harney to Road. Motions covering these items were passed after brief discussion.

In conformity with an amendment to the city charter, passed at the recent General Assembly, the City Fathers voted to raise the salary of City Tax Collector George H. Wood to \$2,100 a year, to become effective August 1. Mr. Wood's salary formerly was limited by the charter to \$1,800 a year.

Parking, licenses and regulations governing the establishment of filling stations came in for extended discussion during the meeting. Councilmen Kramer, Hughes and Morgan were appointed members of a committee to look into additional arrangements for free parking for visitors here, with the expectation that the W. T. Culpepper lot, on North Martin street, and probably some nearby property, would be selected.

Theater Out of Luck  
The matter of a license for the new Carolina Theater was considered at some length, members of the Council evidencing a disposition to relieve the theater of a part of the \$100 tax required for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31. However, City Attorney J. B. Leigh held that under a charter clause prohibiting prorating, the Council had no authority to reduce the tax, even though the new playhouse would have to pay a year's license for the privilege of running only about three weeks. The theater is scheduled to open Monday night.

Also, there was desultory discussion of the status of the filling station on the property of the Red Men, at the intersection of Colonial avenue and Road street. This was opened by Councilman Conger, who announced that the property likely would be leased again in the early future, and that there was a possibility that another oil company would take it over. He explained that that would entail the removal of the present tanks and fixtures and the installation of new ones.

City Attorney Leigh pointed to an ordinance passed a few months ago, prohibiting the erection of a filling station within 200 feet of an installation of a new station there—just across the street from Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church. The matter was dropped.

Plans for a proposed new bridge across Pointexter Creek, with estimates of the cost, were tendered by E. J. Alford, construction engineer. Mr. Alford estimated the cost at \$758,72 on the basis of cross-tied timber construction, and stated it would be \$533 less if the bridge decking was not cross-tied. Steps are under way to obtain a permit from the War Department for erection of the bridge. Funds for its construction were set aside from the proceeds of the last city bond issue.

Street Work Finished  
In that general connection, Mayor Jerome B. Flora announced that the oil penetration street work here would be completed by noon Tuesday. The announcement was received without comment.

Mayor Flora also called attention briefly to a request from the Elizabeth City Fire Commission for a levy of 16 cents per \$100 assessed property valuation, stating that it represented an increase of four cents.

The possibility of placing much increased licenses on chain stores whose central headquarters are outside North Carolina, and of

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## A COURT BEAUTY



France is a republic, but it is not without its court beauties. This new portrait of Didi Vlasto is proof. Didi now is rated the outstanding woman tennis star of France.

## Japan Makes Final Effort To Save Conference

Geneva, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Japan has made a last supreme effort to save the Tri-Partite Naval Conference.

After failing in their first attempt to find any formula which held the possibility of giving satisfaction, Admiral Saito and Vice admiral Ishii this morning visited Hugh S. Gibson, chief American delegate and handed him the text of a compromise project concerning cruisers.

The project is quite provisional in nature, but designed to prevent the wrecking of the conference on this outstanding difficulty.

## Huntsman Reports Remarkable Catch

There have been mighty hunters who have stalked the savage lion in his native haunts, and brought home the hide of the beast for the acclaim of the multitude. Back in the days of the Assyrians, they carved the tales of their exploits upon tablets of stone, to endure through the centuries.

In more recent years, other hunters, disciples of the famed Nimrod, have brought in trophies of the chase. Elephants, lions, tigers, wild boars and the bull moose of the Canadian wilds—all these have fallen before their guns.

In common with the rest of the world, Elizabeth City has her skilled huntsmen and trappers. Not the least of these is L. W. Trippie, of the Spence-Hollowell Company. Mr. Trippie's exploit is probably without parallel in all Northeastern Carolina.

Early Saturday night, he set a mouse trap of the two-for-a-nickel variety in one of the front windows of the Spence-Hollowell store at the intersection of Water and Fearing streets. Cautiously and quietly, he watched for results.

Presently, a young mouse came along and nibbled at the bit of cheese that served as bait. The trap did not spring. Another youthful rodent rambled up and joined in the feast. Zip! went the trap, and both mice were caught. Mr. Trippie was telling gleefully of his exploit today.

## FARMERS PICNIC FOR CURRITUCK IN SEPTEMBER

Farmers of Entire Albemarle Section of State at Large Invited to Attend Event at Point Harbor

ARE GETTING READY

Committee in Charge of Picnic Planning Entertainment and Instruction Features for the Day

Currituck, Aug. 2.—A farmers' picnic for all Currituck County, to which farmers of the entire Albemarle or the State at large are invited, will be held at Point Harbor on the Virginia Dare Trail Saturday, September 3. It was announced today by J. S. Newbern of the Currituck Agricultural Commission.

The picnic will be in the nature of a big get-together day sponsored by the Currituck Agricultural Commission, the grounds for which will be Wild Goose Park on the property of A. S. Griggs, abutting the Virginia Dare Trail, and both entertainment, amusement and instruction will feature the program. All who will may bring their own dinner, but for those who do not wish to do this dinner will be sold on the grounds at down-on-the-farm prices.

Topics of special interest to farmers will be discussed by the speakers who are expected to come from the extension bureau of the State Department of Agriculture or from the Progressive Farmer. Names of the speakers will be announced later.

Boat racing will be one of the features of the day with the silver cup provided by the Merchants' Association of Elizabeth City as the first prize. A program worth while is assured by the personnel of the various committees.

Those constituting the entertainment committee are: J. L. Griggs, chairman, W. B. McClanahan and Will Flora.

On the program committee are: Emory Smith, chairman, T. B. Elliott, and Miss Rachel Everett. The grounds committee consists of: Smith Harrell, chairman, Archie Midgett, Walton Griggs, Clyde Seaff, and Howard Forbes.

Those in charge of the boat racing are: Grady Griggs, chairman, Graham Snow and Arthur Hampton.

Members of the Currituck Agricultural Commission in addition to Mr. Newbern are: D. W. Bagley and T. B. Williams.

## Waynesville Youths On Dawn-Dusk Trip

Murphy, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Reversing the schedule of D. T. Roughton, Old Fort sportsman, who recently succeeded in driving over highway 10 from Morehead City to the Georgia line just beyond here in a day, two Waynesville youths, sponsored by the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce led the Georgia line at 5 o'clock this morning determined to be in Morehead City at 7:40 p. m., and then beat Roughton's time.

The youths are Curtis P. Logan, Jr., and John P. Swift, Jr.

## Dempsey Objects To Date September 22

Los Angeles, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Jack Dempsey will not be ready to meet Gene Tunney in a return heavyweight championship match on September 22 but will request that the fight be staged any day after September 26. The former champion said today he would insist upon this delay in deference to conditions which he could not foresee when he was in the East recently.

New York, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The date for the return heavyweight championship match between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey in Chicago has been definitely shifted from September fifteenth to September 22. Billy Gibson, Tunney's manager, said he was informed today by telephone word from Tex Rickard.

IMPROVING RAPIDLY  
Edwin James, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilbert James, is reported rapidly improving after an operation performed at the Elizabeth City Hospital last Thursday week for the purpose of lengthening his leg, injured in an accident several years ago.

## Shoots Negro To Death As He Wildly Tries To Flee From His Pursuers

Negro Shot Twice, Says Report Reaching Bailey; Body Brought in Town for the Inquest

CRIME WAS SUNDAY

Progress of Posse Impeded By Rain on Monday; Negro Had Been Arrested and Escaped from Officers

Bailey, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Sheriff J. S. Griffin's posse today closed in on Tom Bradshaw, negro attacker of a young white girl near here Sunday, and shot him to death as he was trying to flee, it is reported to newspaper men here.

The negro was shot twice. His body was being brought here for an inquest at 5 o'clock this evening.

The posse caught the negro at Toisnot Swamp near here.

Nashville, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Renewed reports that their quarry had been sighted early this morning in the vicinity of Vick's Mill, spurred the posse headed by Sheriff J. S. Griffin of Nash County, in their search today for Tom Bradshaw, also known as Paul Bledsoe, negro, alleged attacker of a young white girl near Bailey last Sunday.

The posse was augmented this morning by fresh groups of citizens as 48 hours of continuous searching told on their physical endurance. The man-hunt continued through the night and morning despite a driving rain which made increased difficulties for the searchers.

Bloodhounds are again on the trail as the result of the report from Vick's Mill, after they had been withdrawn because of the downpour of yesterday and last night. The negro was trailed into a dense section of underbrush which is being combed systematically.

Sheriff Griffin made a flying trip to his office here early today and added new strength to his posse, wearied after long hours of tramping and bush-beating over a 12-mile area of densely wooded, and in many places swampy territory as conflicting reports of persons having sighted the negro were received.

Feeling among the members of the posse augmented high today. The negro, once in the hands of the law and once in the target of a fusillade of posse bullets, made his escape from W. G. Boswell, Bailey policeman, and two companions, by a ruse while the men were rushing him away from the scene of the crime to avoid possible mob violence upon orders of Sheriff Griffin Sunday.

With their prisoner, the three men left their main road and were headed over a water path to the home of W. T. Strickland, where it was planned to hold him until he could be removed to a place of safe-keeping.

Near the Strickland home the negro asked Boswell to stop and let him get out and pray.

He landed running, took out across a cornfield, and easily outdistanced his pursuers. Bloodhounds again placed in his trail but they lost him when he took to a pond.

Early Monday morning he was flushed again at McMullan's Lumber Camp where he was attempting to file off the handcuffs. Deputy Ambrose Lewis, Hugh Jones and Dolph Johnston closed upon him, fired nine shots at him as he broke for liberty, and failed to bring him down. Bloodhounds failed again to follow his trail when he crossed a pond.

## N. C. LEADS SOUTH IN AUTO REGISTRATIONS

Charlotte, Aug. 2.—(AP)—North Carolina led the South in automobile registrations up to July 1, 1927, according to figures received in motor circles here today.

There were 441,650 registrations in this State up to that period, a gain of 49,977 over the previous year, the largest in the South, the figures showed.

## LIVED FIVE DAYS WITH BROKEN NECK

Kinston, Aug. 2.—(AP)—After suffering five days with a broken neck he sustained when thrown from a mule he was riding while at work on his farm near Ormondville, Green County, Lloyd Faulkner, 33, died in a Kinston hospital late yesterday.