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The Weather
Probably showers tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature. Southwest winds.

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Airplane Race Across Pacific Will Start On Afternoon Of August 12

Fourteen Official Entries, Four Unofficial, and \$35,000 in Prizes, Announced For Flying Event

WIDE ASSORTMENT

Aviators, Navigators, Army and Navy Men, and Two Women Included in List of Entrants

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The die was cast today for the first transatlantic airplane race in history with 14 official and four unofficial entries for the James D. Dole \$35,000 prize for the first and second aviators to fly from the North American continent to Honolulu starting after noon August 12.

The official list of entries was left incomplete when the hour for its closing—midnight last night—arrived. The committee in charge of the arrangements announced that all entries post-marked before that hour would be accepted when received.

A wide assortment of aviators, navigators, and aviation enthusiasts make up the list which will enter in the 2,400 miles dash across half of the Pacific Ocean. Two women were among the official entries—Mrs. William P. Erwin, wife of the Dallas Texas entrant, and Miss Mildred Doran, Flint, Michigan, school teacher who will make the trip with John Pedlar, the Flint entrant. Several Army and Navy aviators will participate.

The San Francisco Bay region will be the starting point of nearly all the flights. The sole exception, to date, is Major C. O. Osborne, Canada's only entry, who has stated that he will take off from Vancouver, British Columbia, it is figured that those who start from either Mills Field, the San Francisco airport, or Bay Farm Island, Oakland's airport, will have more than a hundred miles advantage over any who take off from any other part of the mainland.

Mrs. Erwin is an experienced pilot and will alternate with her husband at the control stick of their plane. The Erwin family plans to make the Honolulu hop the first in their flight to Hong Kong, in quest of the \$25,000 prize offered by William B. Easterwood of Dallas for a flight from Dallas to Hong Kong.

All entrants in the race have been instructed to be here by Monday, August 8. On that date they must appear before the rules committee to present their credentials and these will be granted after the planes are inspected by Federal aircraft inspectors here. Each pilot must hold a federation aeronautic international certificate.

On August 8, the entrants will draw lots for starting positions, and entrants must be on the starting line in the order indicated by the drawing and must start within one minute after the signal is given by the official starter, or retire to the end of the line.

HERTFORD ROTARIANS TO HAVE A FISH FRY

Hertford, Aug. 3.—The Hertford Rotary Club will have a fish fry next Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at Harvey's Beach on the Fleetwood Farm, it was decided at this week's meeting, held at the Hotel Willford Tuesday at noon.

Rotarian Tom White, vice-president, presided Tuesday. An interesting talk was made by F. L. Greathouse of Rocky Mount, who is adding the books of Superintendent of Education Edgar Bundy. Leigh Winslow spoke on conditions in Central America, where he was stationed for a number of years as representative of a fruit company.

FAMILY DIFFICULTIES ARE BARRICAD IN COURT

A suspended sentence of four months in jail was imposed on Stewart Curles, young white man living here, in recorder's court Wednesday morning on charges of assault on his wife, and of abandonment and non support.

The evidence in the case tended to show that Curles left home about two weeks ago after a family argument, and had been living on the North Carolina Banks with relatives since that time. At the close of the hearing, Trial Justice Sawyer placed a bond of \$200 on the defendant besides the suspended sentence, and required that Curles pay his wife \$25 a month for the support of their two small children. Later, however, the couple adjusted their differences, and Mr. Sawyer removed the bond with the understanding that they were to continue to live together.

Think Negro Died Of Exhaustion And Not Killed By Bird Shot

Nashville, Aug. 3.—(AP)—An autopsy over the body of Tom Bradshaw, negro, alleged attacker of a 12 years old white girl of Nash County Sunday, will be held here Friday.

The hearing of evidence last night was declared incomplete by Dr. G. Fletcher Reeves, county health officer, but the testimony given at the inquest was that the negro died of exhaustion and fatigue rather than from the fine bird shot wounds inflicted by posse members yesterday.

Who fired the shots the inquest was in the dark and no developments along that line was evidenced today. A more complete autopsy was promised for Friday night.

Bradshaw's body was brought to Bailey late yesterday without any handcuffs although the negro previously had broken away from his captors while handcuffed.

New Element Mystery
Rocky Mount, Aug. 3.—(AP)—A new element of mystery confronted Nash County officials today as they continued investigation of the death of Tom Bradshaw, negro assailant of a young white girl, after an autopsy last night led to expression by Dr. G. Fletcher Reeves, County health officer, that the wounds which caused death must have been received five or six hours before he toppled into a clump of bushes in Tolson Swamp yesterday when members of a posse peppered him with gunshot.

The autopsy revealed that two loads of shot, which Dr. Reeves said must have been fired into the negro some time early Tuesday, perforated his liver, right lung and intestines and these, he said, together with shock and exhaustion, caused the death of the fugitive.

After receiving Dr. Reeves' report last night and considering the shooting element injected into the case, County Judge G. C. Collins' jury adjourned until Friday night when it will meet in Nashville to resume the taking of testimony and to fix cause of the black's death. County officials in the meantime, continue a detailed investigation.

When Were Shots Fired?
Had the negro been shot Monday morning, Dr. Reeves said, it would not have been possible for him to have run until yesterday, with his lungs in the condition he found them. His right lung was nearly useless, the intestines were perforated and it would have been impossible for him to have lasted through 30 hours of grilling pursuit, the doctor said. The conclusion reached by some authorities that the shots which caused his death were fired Tuesday.

Dr. Reeves was certain the two loads of birdshot which entered the negro's body at the time of his capture, except for the shock they caused could not have caused death. The negro was in a state of absolute collapse, he said, and any serious shock would have been sufficient to cause his death.

Witnesses examined by the coroner, who were near the scene of the capture declared the negro fell directly after two or three gunshots were fired. None of the witnesses knew from what direction the shots came, or by whom they were fired, they testified.

Klansman Admits Flogged Calloway

Oenocta, Ala., Aug. 3.—(AP)—The Ku Klux Klan was definitely identified with the flogging of Jeff Calloway today by John Hughes, who admitted on the witness stand that he was one of a number of Klansmen who took Calloway from a church service several weeks ago, bound him to a tree and whipped him into unconsciousness.

Hughes was the first witness to be called today in the trial of Eugene Doss, one of seven men under indictment for the whipping of the Oenocta farm youth.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN COUNTY TAXES FOR YEAR AHEAD

Additional Funds Required for School Purposes Boost Rate Two Cents, Despite Cuts Elsewhere

PROPERTY VALUES UP

Climb of More Than Third of a Million Dollars Shown as Result of the Biennial Revaluation

Pasquotank County's tax rate for 1927-28 is to be \$1.38 per \$100 assessed property valuation, it was announced today by C. A. Ownley, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. The rate is two cents higher than that for 1925-26, which was \$1.36.

The increase is represented entirely in the apportionment for school purposes, all other items having been reduced, or having remained stationary. The aggregate levy for schools is 68 cents per \$100, as contrasted with 60 cents last year. The general county fund has been reduced from 15 to 14 cents and the general road fund from 15 to 13 cents. An item of three cents for retirement of a road debt incurred some five years ago was dropped entirely this year, enough money having been obtained in 1925-27 to retire the last of it.

The County road bond sinking fund levy remains at 43 cents for 1927-28.

Reductions are in order in the county's three special tax high school districts. These were uniformly 30 cents per \$100 in 1926-27. This year, Weeksville District will pay 20 cents, Central District 22 cents, and Newland District 28 cents. Reductions have been made possible in the main by economies in the operation of the rural schools, it is explained.

In the Elizabeth City District, the school tax remains stationary at 10 cents, last year's figure. An increase of a little more than a third of a million dollars in property values in Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County is shown as a result of the biennial revaluation recently completed under the supervision of J. B. Leigh, County Supervisor. The total for 1926-27 was \$19,127,529, as against \$19,475,305 for 1925-26, representing an increase of \$347,676.

In one of the three special tax school districts in the county, namely Newland District, which embraces the whole of Newland township, it develops that there is an actual decrease of \$72,790 in property valuation this year. This is explained from the fact that one prominent property owner in the township listed some \$70,000 in solvent credits last year that since have been diverted into investments elsewhere.

In Weeksville special tax district which embraces Salem township and a part of Nixonon township, the assessed valuation this year is \$2,901,187 as against \$2,656,670 for the fiscal year of 1926-27 ending June 30, last. In that instance, however, a part of the inclusion of additional territory that formerly was a part of the Riverside school district that went out of existence with the establishment of Central High School last year.

The valuation in Central District for 1927-28 is \$3,054,594, as compared with \$2,800,939 for the preceding fiscal year. In that instance, too, a large strip of territory was added through discontinuance of Providence school district.

On the basis of property values, each cent in the tax rate of \$1.38 represents nearly \$2,000, giving the county an income of approximately \$23,000 from this property tax. The poll tax and road poll remain at \$2 each for 1927-28. These brought in \$5,042 and \$2,122, respectively last year, and are expected to return somewhat more in 1927-28, due to the normal increase in population.

A net gain of \$8,623.44 in revenue from the property tax is disclosed by a simple computation. On the basis of \$19,127,529 in property in 1926-27, a rate of \$1.36 yielded a total of \$26,013.39. Figuring on a rate of \$1.38 will bring in a similar total of \$26,875.83.

Kills Member Of Governor's Staff

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 3.—(AP)—C. H. May, local broker, this morning shot and killed his wife, Lillian May, in the bathroom of his uncle's home, then drove down town and shot Carl R. Roberts, 42, Knoxville undertaker and member of Governor Peay's staff, as he sat in a barber shop chair. Roberts died on the way to a hospital.

He was taken to jail, where he protested that Roberts "had broken up his home," police said. "I do not think Mr. Coolidge is playing with that subject," he said.

Smiles at Surprise His Announcement Caused



Coolidge

Immediately after issuing his statement Tuesday that he would not run for the Presidency in 1928 the President put on his hat and had caused his newspaper friends, walked with Senator Capper of Kansas, a White House guest, to his automobile.

A large crowd, as is usual upon the President's departure, had gathered and as Mr. Coolidge walked down the steps to his car he smiled continually.

Stepping into his car, he sank back into the cushions still with a broad smile and nodded to an acquaintance who stood close by. Senator Capper followed him into the car, the first one to obtain the President's reaction after having issued his statement.

Senator Norbeck of North Dakota, also was present. He had come to the Executive offices to present some friends but loitered expectantly with the rest when the word was given out that there would be a statement.

Uniformly there was a complete surprise.

Governor Fuller To Geneva Waits Word On Japanese Plan Radicals Thursday For Conference

Boston, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Governor Alvan T. Fuller's meeting with his executive council, to determine the fate of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, scheduled for today, has been postponed until noon tomorrow. It was announced this morning by William L. Reed, the governor's assistant secretary.

The two radicals, whose seven year battle for life presumably is drawing near an end, awoke today to their first morning in the death house cells to which they were transferred late last night.

Motor Club Seeks Added Membership

In an effort to bring the membership in the Carolina Motor Club up to the point where it will justify preparations of an individual monogram bearing the name of Elizabeth City, to be attached to the car of each motorist member, and to permit the establishment of a tourists' information bureau, three representatives of the club are here this week, carrying on an intensive campaign.

The visitors are M. H. Barnett, district manager of the club, with headquarters in Wilson; D. M. Biggs, also of Wilson; and C. A. Knight, of Williamston. The Carolina Motor Club has 25 members here, and needs at least 25 more, according to Mr. Barnett.

In Edenton, 100 members already have been enrolled. Mr. Barnett stated today, adding that monograms have been prepared for the membership there, and the service facilities of the club enlarged greatly.

A wide variety of services are performed by the club, which is affiliated with the American Automobile Association and member clubs throughout the United States.

The Carolina Motorist, official organ of the club, an attractive magazine reaching the 15,000 members of the organization in North Carolina, recently carried an article giving valuable publicity to the section. Mr. Barnett pointed out, and will carry another in an early issue.

Nature is making oil, says a German scientist. But we'd like to ask the Dame why she makes more cans than oil.

EXPERTS VIEW WILKES COUNTY SPURIOUS NOTES

Compare Signatures of Education Board and Other Officials on Two Sets of Papers

BANKERS LEND AID

Prosecutor Endeavoring to Get All Possible Information in Regard to Deplorable Affair

Winston-Salem, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Handwriting experts of the investment brokerage firms of Curtis and Sanger and of the National City Bank, of New York, will compare with notes they hold the signatures of Claude C. Faw, chairman of the board of education of Wilkes County, and C. C. Wright, secretary, and of A. Brew, chairman of the board of commissioners of Wilkes, and J. C. Wallace, secretary, they are to view the Wilkes papers, says a press dispatch from North Wilkesboro to a local paper.

Attorney Mark Squires, of Lenoir, has obtained the signatures of the county and school board officials, had them duly certified and with certified stamps of the seals of both boards will take them to New York for the purpose of helping the bankers who invested in what they thought to be down-altered forgeries. Each official wrote his name twice on the blank sheet of paper used for that purpose. In the presence of the solicitor impressions in wax were taken of the seals of the two boards. Photostatic copies of some of the \$150,000 notes outstanding have been received in Wilkesboro, but the bankers were not satisfied with the opinion of untrained laymen as to the authenticity and regularity of names signed to them.

Robert H. McNeill, Washington lawyer and son of Deputy Federal Court Clerk Milton McNeill, went to New York last week at the behest of Solicitor Jones and arrived in Wilkesboro with what is termed valuable data and correspondence from the big financial concerns who hold what are alleged to be the spurious notes of the Wilkes County school board, and of the board of county commissioners. It is learned that New York bankers will lend every assistance in their power to the North Carolina prosecutor who is seeking to get at the facts in regard to the notes.

On Wednesday night a week ago, some one broke into the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Twiddy, West Church street, while members of the family were away, ransacked the premises, and left with a \$5 bill which had been left in an envelope on the bookcase. The visitor paid no attention to a paper bag lying near a front window by which he gained entrance. The bag contained Mrs. Twiddy's pocketbook, which in turn held \$17.

Members of the family discovered the robbery upon their return from prayer meeting.

Some five weeks ago, a thief cleaned out a refrigerator on the back porch of the home of Mr. Church street, the family promptly moved the refrigerator into the kitchen next day.

Police are quietly at work in the expectation of breaking up the deceptions.

Fewer Veterans Die During Past Year

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Colonel J. J. Gormley, Charlotte, Adjutant General and chief of staff of the North Carolina division, United Confederate Veterans, today reported to his 460 white haired, grayclad, beribboned comrades in reunion here a divisional membership of 1,150.

The annual report showed 759 veterans active and 391 inactive with the loss by the inexorable finger of time of 128, stricken by death, during the year. The preceding year 210 had died.

The report covered the period from August 1, 1926, to yesterday.

"While we realize that our ranks are growing thinner each year, it is gratifying to report that the number of deaths reported for the year is 30 less than the former year."

Adjutant General Gormley asked the prompt payment of the 45 cents annual dues and "in conclusion, I desire to express the appreciation of the members of the division and thanks for the action taken at its last session of the Legislature in providing a reasonable pension to be paid to the boys who wore the gray and to the widows of our comrades who have answered the last roll call."

GOVERNOR McLEAN SENDS MESSAGE TO JOHNSON REUNION

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Governor McLean's private secretary, C. H. England, today released the Governor's message read by R. S. McMillan at the Johnson Clan reunion this morning in the Spring Hill School auditorium at Wagram.

The Governor expressed regret at not being with the clan at its meeting in the vicinity where he was born and attended school. There is an irrepressible tie of affection that binds together those of us whose ancestors came from Scotland. Without boasting, we can say for them that they brought to America that liberty-loving spirit which found expression in the early days of our history and which has permeated our national life.

President Is Silent As Messages Arrive From Over Nation

Burglary Attempt Is Suspected At Aydlett Home

A window light, broken out on the east side of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Aydlett, Sr., on East Main street, discovered by police Tuesday night, led to widespread reports that the Aydlett home had been robbed, and caused much excitement on the heels of other rumors of housebreakings here in the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Aydlett are spending the summer travelling in Europe, and the premises are unoccupied except for a colored youth who serves as caretaker, sleeping in an outbuilding at the rear of the building. Police Officer B. F. Boughton, one of the investigators, declared Wednesday that a careful search disclosed not so much as a sliver of glass, either outside or inside the house. There were marks indicating that the pane had been pried out recently.

E. F. Aydlett, Jr., said Wednesday morning that an examination of the home disclosed nothing missing.

Members of the family of Harry G. Kramer, vice president and cashier of the Savings Bank & Trust Company, reported a burglary scare Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock at his home on West Main street, when one of the daughters of the family came out into an upper hallway and thought she saw someone standing at the lower stair landing. She gave the alarm, and the intruder—if intruder there was—departed without having been seen again.

Other deceptions are reported in recent weeks. Last Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hughes, living on West Ehringhaus street, were relieved of their Sunday dinner when a bold raider broke the catch on the screen door entering upon the back porch, and carried off the contents of the refrigerator.

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Snake Bite Victim Is Recovering Fast

Virtually recovered from the effects of the bite of a snake known colloquially as a poplar leaf, Paul Pritchard, about 20 years old, returned to his home from the Creek Road, about a mile from this city, Tuesday after having been under treatment for ten days at a Norfolk hospital.

Pritchard was bitten on the middle joint of the index finger of the right hand. His entire arm swelled quickly, and later the swelling spread to his right side. He was treated by Dr. H. D. Walker of this city, and upon Dr. Walker's advice went later to the Norfolk hospital. For several days he was declared to be in a serious condition, but rallied and quickly recovered.

Except for a slight swelling of the right hand, Pritchard shows no ill effects from the bite, according to his brother, V. H. Pritchard, of this city.

The poplar leaf snake is popularly believed to be the female of the rattlesnake species. It is said to have been the only one of the kind seen in the vicinity of the Pritchard home in many years.

French Aviator To Sue Charles Levine

Paris, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Maurice Droughin, French aviator today began action against Charles A. Levine seeking to compel him to fulfill the terms of their tentative contract signed early in July, when Droughin was chosen to pilot Levine's monoplane Columbia in a return Atlantic flight from Paris to New York.

Instead of clarifying the situation as the time approached for active campaigning to get under way for the 1928 national convention the action of Mr. Coolidge brought a vast outpouring of opinions which graphically illustrated the uncertainty in the minds of the President's supporters.

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