

Race That Death May Cost Taxpayers North Carolina \$2,000

Langley Had Race With Faced Chair Times

The following reports leading to the Langley, who was a member county about for murder will be here. The following report by Jay Jenkins published in the Raleigh server.

A man racing ends of a clock to save from the electric chair pending a 1932 Ford Virginia mounted part of a bleak winter especially when he has

before he was scheduled to be strapped in the electric chair.

That wild, dangerous trip over the slippery mountain roads of Virginia was only one episode in one of the strangest and most publicized cases in the history of North Carolina justice. The news of his brother's suit against the state reminded D. R. Langley of the details of the case.

"I was returning from a trip to New York with my sister, Juanita Matthews of Jersey City," D. R. said. "Gus had won one reprieve already but he was to be electrocuted in 24 hours and I was told the execution would take place unless I reached Raleigh by a certain time."

"My sister and I got in that Ford and started across Virginia. Sleet had fallen over about four inches of snow on those mountains and frozen solid. We found the road blocked, and about a hundred cars stranded. Officers said it was too dangerous."

"I told them I had to get through. One officer said he'd see about it, but he'd have to call someone to get authority. While he was calling, we pushed the car around the road block. For a long way, we pushed the car. We couldn't hold our footing, so we took our shoes off. Our socks froze, so we took them off."

"We got to Raleigh in time."

That was a desperate measure. Those were desperate days. Curled up on a sofa at his home, D. R. was able to laugh about it now. But in proving his brother's innocence he mortgaged one business, sold another one, spent half of his World War I bonus money and most of the money he was able to earn as a painter.

The story began, D. R. said, when Gus, who married a girl from the Asheville area, had a spat with his wife at their New Jersey home and decided to visit his father, John W. Langley and D. R. in Wilmington. He decided to travel via Asheville. In Asheville, he and a pal named Shorty Johnson got together and started to Wilmington.

Meanwhile, Gus' wife wrote to her brother in Asheville about the spat and his departure from New Jersey. And meanwhile, Lonnie Russell had been killed. Asheville police posted a \$300 reward for information leading to the arrest of the killer. The brother then went to police and said he knew the identity of the slayer.

"The brother got a \$100 advance on the reward," D. R. said. "He listed my name and address, the name and address of my father, and told Police Gus was the killer. But Gus was in Wilmington the night of the murder, picking a guitar and singing at a neighborhood party at my father's."

John Morris was sheriff of New Hanover county, D. R. said, and he called Sheriff Lawrence Brown of Buncombe county and asked Brown if he'd be willing to retrace the route traveled by Gus and Shorty in the trip from Asheville to Wilmington. Brown said yes, D. R. said, but he didn't check the route.

D. R., however, was checking. The first piece of evidence which established the fact that Gus and Johnson had not been in Asheville when the murder was committed turned up at Fort Bragg. Gus had picked up two soldiers en route and carried them to their base there. A guard at the gate had taken the license number, names, and stamped the time on his records when he admitted the car to the reservation. That stamped time said Gus was innocent.

There was a toll bridge over the Northeast river outside of Wilmington then. Gus and Shorty did not have the 25 cents toll charge, so Gus had gone to Hinson's place,

TOY DRUM BEATS FOR DEAD DADDY



MARCHING BESIDE the big bass drum in a New York parade commemorating the 52nd annual memorial services of the Jewish War Veterans of America, tiny Stephen Fried, 3, beats on his little toy drum. Stephen's father, Pvt. Harold Fried, was killed in the war. Four thousand Jewish war veterans participated in the ceremonies.

City Of 15,000 Free Of Crime: Jails Are Idle

RICHLAND, Wash.—Experts on crime are amazed at the situation in this war-created community of 15,000 persons.

Here is the record for the past three years:

There has never been a murder or a major crime of violence.

There has been only one traffic fatality.

Juvenile delinquency is 70 per cent below the national average for a city of Richland's size.

The city's two jail cells have never held a prisoner.

The relief roll is zero.

Everybody is employed.

There are no vagrants.

Only two suicides have occurred.

The reason for this startling record are several. In the first place, the community is government-owned, controlled by the Atomic Energy Commission which also controls the Richland and Hanford plants—factories working on atomic research.

The community is part of a government reservation and persons moving in are carefully screened.

Everybody works or doesn't move to Richland.

Another important factor in Richland's record is the high average education level. Workers connected with atomic research and production are for the most part highly skilled. Most citizens have high school or college educations.

Richland's service department head, former FBI agent E. J. Richmond, who is responsible for law enforcement, has tackled the juvenile delinquency problem by warning parents rather than the youngsters. The parents are responsible and if the children don't behave, the family must move from Richland.

However, threats are not the real story behind juvenile good behavior here. The Richland Junior Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the Hi Spot Teen Age Club.

The club is open three nights a

We're Slated To Eat An Egg A Day In 1947

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Agriculture Department expects the 140,000,000-odd people in this country to use up an average of 350 eggs apiece during the year which week, drawing an average attendance of 500 per night. The young people dance, play games and meet their friends in the attractively decorated club rooms.

Hi Spot is governed by the members with adult supervision. Incidentally, the sponsoring organization won second place in a national youth activities contest for organizing the club.

starts July 1.

If they use only 349, it's going to cost the Government an extra \$5,000,000—to keep egg prices from cracking.

N. F. Dodd, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commodity Credit Corporation, made the estimate to a House Appropriations subcommittee during hearings on the 1948 Agriculture Department supply bill.

He said the CCC figures egg production in the next year at 4,800,000,000 dozen.

In the late 15th Century, Peter, tsar of Russia, went to England and worked in shipyards to learn how to build a navy.

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News and Comedy

Gear Shifting On The Way Out In Auto Design

By DAVID J. WILKIE
Associated Press Automotive Editor

FRENCH LICK, Ind. (AP)—The gradual elimination of all manual gear shifting on passenger automobiles and its replacement by automatic controls and transmissions was predicted at a session of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

The discussions disclosed, however, that there still is a wide divergence of opinion among the engineers as to the exact form of the mechanism that should replace manual shifting.

Advocates of automatic controls and transmissions apparently are agreed that eventually even a continuously variable ratio transmission will be developed for gasoline-propelled vehicles. But some of them prefer fluid coupling, others like transmissions with hydraulic control and governor, while still others favor different methods and mechanisms to accommodate varying conditions in automobile construction.

There was agreement, too, that the change to all automatic gear-shifting in passenger vehicles will be achieved only by stages. Most of the vehicles produced in 1948 and probably in 1949 still will have manually-operated gear shifts.

The nation's automobile industry has spent millions of dollars in the development of automatic transmissions and controls and it is expected in most automotive circles that for competitive reasons these devices will be offered as optional equipment on a number of additional vehicles next year.

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Large Eagle Shot

SANFORD—What is thought to be the largest eagle shot in Lee county in many years has been brought to Sanford by L. D. Shaw of the White Hill community, who killed the eagle on the farm of J. W. Yow. Shaw said the eagle, which, with a wing spread of six feet eight inches, was after a flock of chickens, when killed.

hearing was half completed, "but I can promise you your brother won't die tomorrow morning."

The next day, Gill recommended commutation of Gus' sentence and later he arranged a parole. Finally, in 1936, then-Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus pardoned Gus Colon Langley.

"I had made 37 round trips to New York City, Buncombe county had spent \$49,000 in obtaining the first death sentence for a white man in 13 years, and then they almost killed the wrong man," D. R. said.



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