

Reynolds Family Are Willing To Free Libby

Doubt State Has Evidence To Convict

W. N. Reynolds Writes Solicitor

Convinced Young Heir Did Not Commit Suicide But Unable To Establish Murder.

Members of the family of the late Smith Reynolds, young millionaire sportsman and aviator, who was fatally shot in Winston-Salem July 6, would be "quite happy" if the cases against Libby Holman Reynolds and Albert Walker, charged with young Reynolds' murder were "dropped" by the state. W. N. Reynolds declared in a letter to Solicitor Carlisle Higgins, which was made public.

Reynolds, uncle and guardian of Smith, wrote the solicitor that "if in the discharge of your further official duties with respect to these cases you come to the conclusion that it is right and fair and in the public interest that the cases be dropped, then that action on your part will certainly have no criticism from me or other members of Smith's family."

W. N. Reynolds' letter to Solicitor Higgins reads:

"Ever since the death of my nephew, Smith Reynolds, I have been very much interested in and have given very careful and thoughtful attention to everything that I could learn about that tragic occurrence. Knowing Smith as I did, and realizing that the many fine traits of character that he had, I am convinced that his attitude toward life was such that he would never have intentionally killed himself. Nothing that I have been able to learn about the case has been sufficient to change my mind in that respect."

"On the other hand, it is equally true, in my opinion and in that of Smith's brother and sisters, that the evidence fails to prove conclusively that Smith was murdered. I realize that the matter of handling these indictments is officially in your hands as the representative of the state and that no individual has or ought to have anything to do with the question of whether or not the cases are prosecuted or are dropped. But there has been a great deal of comment and speculation as to what the attitude of Smith's family is toward these cases. With that fact in mind, I am taking the liberty of writing you this letter by way of disclosing that attitude and of saying to you that if in the discharge of your further official duties with respect to these cases you come to the conclusion that it is right and fair and in the public interest that the cases be dropped, then that action on your part will certainly have no criticism from me or from the other members of Smith's family. In fact, I think that, under the circumstances, all of us would be quite happy if it should be your decision to drop the cases. Distressed as we all are over Smith's unfortunate death, none of us could find any pleasure in a persecution that was not fully sustained by the circumstances of his death."

"I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Judge Stack for his information. With personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,
(Signed) "W. N. Reynolds."

The 26-year-old widow and young Walker had been indicted, August 4, by the Forsyth county grand jury before Dick returned to the United States. They were then and are now free under \$25,000 bond each.

Four Pairs of Brothers On Same Football Team



Boston College football eleven boasts four pairs of brothers, all first string men. There is a lot of brotherly love on the team, says the coach, but no so opposition can notice it when they go into action. Reading left to right, top to bottom, they are: David and Capt. Couhig; Robert and Joseph Curran; Charles and Paul Donohoe; Roger and Joseph Kirvan.

CITY and COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

LIONS CLUB RECEIVES CHARTER

Featured by the presence of Melvin Jones of Chicago, secretary general of Lions International, the new Salisbury Lions club observed charter night October 14 in the banquet hall of the Yadin hotel. In connection with this event, a district meeting was held, with representatives present from each North Carolina club and some from South Carolina.

The charter was presented by Hugh Mitchell, district governor, and was accepted by V. W. McGhee, president of Salisbury club, which has 19 charter members. The banquet was followed by a varied program of speeches, novelty numbers, songs and a dance.

TWO-WEEKS EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Rev. Marshall H. Woodson is conducting a two-weeks evangelistic service at the First Presbyterian church, this city.

FIRE DAMAGES HOME

Fire damaged the home of C. P. Foster, 709 North Main Street early on Sunday morning. The damage was placed at \$1,000. The fire started in a closet on the second floor.

SIX INCH RAINFALL

It is estimated that approximately six inches of rain fell in Salisbury and vicinity Saturday and Sunday. All the nearby streams were flooded. It was said to be the heaviest rainfall in this section since 1916.

HIGHS PLAY SPENCER

Salisbury high school's powerful football eleven, winners of four straight games so far this season, will meet the Spencer Railroaders Friday afternoon at the Salisbury high school field at 3:45, according to an announcement made the first of the week.

CATAWBA MEETS APPALACHIAN

The Catawba pigskin artists will meet Appalachian State team at Charlotte, Saturday night at Wearn Field.

On Friday night, November 11, Catawba will meet the strong Wofford team in Hickory.

SALEBY NAMED TRUSTEE

A. B. Saleby has been named trustee in the bankrupt case of Henry Grady Withers, William Graham Lloyd and Wade H. Lindley, individually and as co-partners, by John C. Busby, referee in bankruptcy.

JAHN GIBSON SIMS

John Gibson Sims, 50, prominently connected and well to do farmer of the Ertochville section of Rowan county, died in the local hospital here October 18 as a result of swallowing poison tablets at his home. Every effort was resorted to counteract the poison, but to no avail. He had been in a despondent mood for a week or 10 days.

Mr. Sims leaves his widow and eight children. He was a son of the late Wilson Sims. Funeral services took place at the Lutheran church at Enochville October 19 at 1:30 o'clock, directed by Rev. G. L. Barger.

LOCAL FORD DEALER RESIGNS

H. A. Rouzer, oldest dealer in Fords in the state, announced Wednesday, his resignation as agent of Ford automobiles.

Mr. Rouzer has served the Ford Motor company for nearly twenty five years, but states that he will devote his time in the future to the Character Products company, and to the Morris Plan Bank, both of which he now heads.

A successor to handle Fords and Ford parts has not yet been appointed though it is expected that one will be announced within a few days.

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CHURCH BANKRUPT, IN HANDS OF BAILIFF

Hamilton, Ont.—The Westdale Presbyterian Church, constructed at a cost of \$50,000 two years ago is in the hands of the bailiff.

All goods and chattels, including hymn books, Bibles, and communion vessels, were seized and the edifice and property will be sold at public auction.

Treat Your Wife Just Like Stenog

If you should give your wife the same consideration as you give your stenographer—if you should remember your wedding anniversary as well as you do the opening date of the World's Series—if you would give as an attentive ear to your wife's prattle about her bridge game as you give to your own broadcast of office and golf troubles—if you would—

Well, if you did all that and some more you would make an ideal husband. At least that's the opinion of the Rev. Percy M. Hickox. He has formulated 10 commandments which he believes would guide the modern husband into the realm of perfection.

Here are the 10 supreme laws, as compiled by Mr. Hickox for the guidance of the perfect spouse:

- "1—Thou shalt show the same courtesy to thy wife today that thou didst when first married, treating her with the same deference as thou dost thy stenographer or the stranger within thy gates.
- "2—Thou shalt eat what is set before thee and appreciate it, for it has not come on thy table by itself.
- "3—Remember thy wife; to consult her about thy problems; tell her about thy work; share with her thy pleasures, such as the circus and the county fair.
- "4—Thou shalt not at all time avoid the appearance of evil, for the world despiseth the man whom it suspects of duplicity in his standard of morals, observing the same standard thyself which thou deemest reasonable and proper for thy wife.
- "5—Thou shalt not lie about thy income, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who keepeth his wife in the dark in regard to domestic finances, for such deception is the root of all evil.
- "6—Thou shalt not forget thy anniversary, remembering the birthdays of thy wife and children and thy wedding day even as certainly as thou dost the anniversary of thy lodge or the opening day of the World's Series.
- "7—Thou shalt not indulge in heated argument with thy wife, for thou knowest that the last word belongs to a woman; neither shalt thou attempt to impose thy will upon the household, for thy home must be built on the spirit of love and not stand on the senseless dominion of any one member.
- "8—Thou shalt assume a generous responsibility for the bringing up of thy children, realizing that a portion of their dispositions has been derived from thee.
- "9—Thou shalt appear interested in thy wife's social prattle as thou dost expect her to be in thy business chatter. She married thee for a companion, not for a three-day boarder.
- "10—Thou shalt accompany thy wife and children to church each Sunday, and not be satisfied to let the religion of the family be in thy wife's name."

SPINISTER Hits Nose Of Pastor

Danbury, Conn.—Miss Ethel Farmer, middle-aged spinster of Brookfield so enraged with the Rev. Frank L. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tuckahoe, N. Y., after their cars figured in a minor accident here, that she unleashed a healthy swing, which landed on the reverend gentleman's nose and started the blood flowing freely, State police of the Ridgefield barracks revealed.

ACCIDENT TRIVIAL

Miss Farmer, driving an automobile in a road near Brookfield, collided with a car driven by the Rev. Mr. Edwards, but the accident was so trivial that the woman did not think it worth calling to the attention of the police. She wanted to continue on her journey. The Rev. Mr. Edwards thought otherwise.

"It's foolish to make a fuss over a small accident," asserted Miss Farmer, according to the police.

"You'll wait here until the police arrive," insisted the Rev. Mr. Edwards, "Even if it takes all day."

Swings On Clergyman

irate over the clergyman's insistence, Miss Farmer, the police declare, swung her right hand back and brought it forward with a resounding bang on the clergyman's nose.

By that time State Trooper Harry Tucker arrived on the scene. He reported the Rev. Mr. Edwards was "bleeding profusely from the nose," but otherwise there was no serious damage. Miss Farmer was arrested for failing to give right of way.

HALLOWE'EN IS TIME FOR SPORT

The time is near when goblins will walk, spirits meander about and folks of all classes will don clannish attire and engage in the pranks that go hand in hand with Hallowe'en. For Hallowe'en is just a little more than a week off and will be celebrated as the crowning feature of this month on the last night of October.

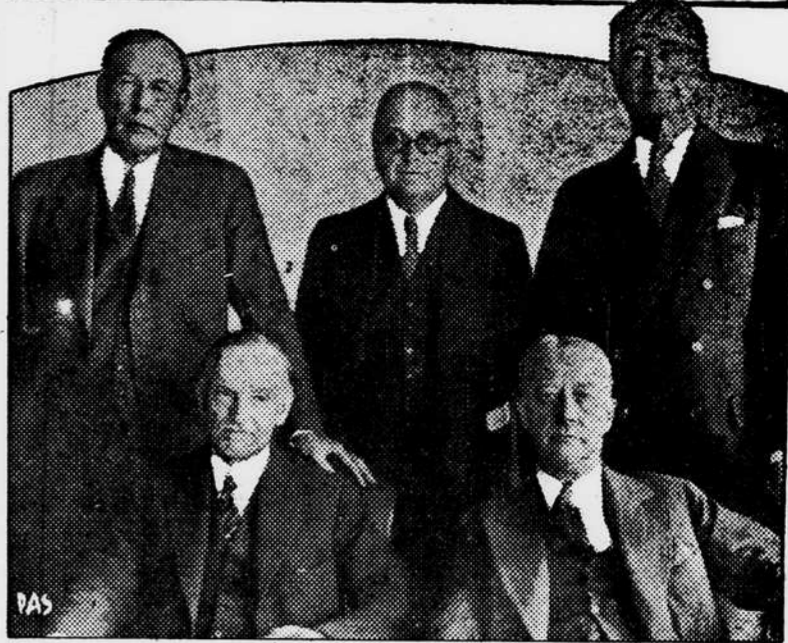
Of course it will be for the most part a mere repetition of the acts always perpetrated in Salisbury on that night, although there may be novel features added to change the enjoyment of that occasion. Parties will be held by every little and big organization that ever stages a social event during the year, for Hallowe'en parties are easily managed and one always knows what to expect.

Hallowe'en is a relic of pagan times and is devoutly observed even where other special days are forgotten. It is supposed to be associated with All Saints' Eve but the glamour that once surrounded it has been relegated and other features have been added from time to time until the occasion is now almost an institution.

It is a time when supernatural influences are supposed to prevail, such as walking abroad in the visible and invisible world. Nuts and apples are always involved in celebration of the occasion and numerous games in which these play important roles have been used for centuries.

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Cal and Al Work Together on Rail Tangle



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Pay Bonus When Cash In Treasury

In a speech assailing fiscal policies of the Republican administration and pledging himself to a program of governmental economy, Franklin D. Roosevelt told thousands of persons in a baseball park in Pittsburgh Wednesday night that he did not see how a government could consider anticipating bonus payments until it had a balanced budget with cash in the treasury.

The Democratic presidential candidate made his bonus statement in the form of an assertion that he had given his views last April and that his mind on the subject had not been changed since.

While resounding Cheers rolled across the field to his speaker's stand at second base, the Democratic presidential candidate pointed to a bar tax as one method of avoiding new tax increases, accused the Republican administration of "concealment and vacillation" which he said had prevented congress from balancing the budget, and said he would exact from every member of his cabinet a two-fold economy pledge.

Mr. Roosevelt recited figures from the report of governmental finances for the first quarter of this fiscal year, said a new deficit was impending and that congress would have its budget balancing work to do over at the next session of congress.

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