# MORE DETAILS OF CAR THEFT RING'S **HUGE OPERATIONS**

"Bad Charlie" Culler, Who Squealed, Is Quiet Since He's Getting Well

36 CARS ARE RECOVERED

ASHEBORO, Jan. 2.-When charge from a sawed-off shotgun laid Bad Charlie" Culler low in the woods of Union township Monday night, December 12, it was as if signal gun had been fired for the unfolding before the eyes of the officers of the law the operations, it

dent in the sordid business which is by hunting them. now being ferreted out. Officers from the motor vehicle nobody seems to know where it will under \$3,000 bond to answer to charge of shooting Culler and for car theft, is said to have operated a ga-Larkin Presnell was arrest-

result of investigations by officers during the past ten days. The real hunt for stolen cars and members of the alleged car stealing and selling ring began shortly after "Bad Charlie" Culler made, in Memorial hospital, in Asheboro, what, it is stated, he thought was his death-bed confession. He had a hole in the side of his head made by the charge from the shotgun and one eye was shot out. There seemed little chance for him. According to information obtained by Dr. Hayworth from Tlise Cox, who brought the wounded man to the hospital, Culler had been shot about 11 o'clock Monday night, or five hours before

der \$3,000 bond on charges growing

out of alleged car theft and dispo-

it could not be probed out. So Culler ceased swearing and started to pray. The information had been given out that it is believed he wanted to get something off his mind before he passed away into the uncertainties of the next.

he was brought to the hospital. He

had lost much blood and the shot

had gone so deep into his head that

Few know the details of the confession Culler made-only the officers, perhaps, know all he told. But he told enough to justify the sheriff to get in touch with the motor vehicle department of the Department of Revenue. Culler claimed that the shot which caused the ugly wound in his head was fired by Ben Presnell, of Seagrove and that it was fired in the woods near High Pine church, in Union township. The two Deep river coal. Culler claimed, had quarreled over the proceeds from the sale of a lie" had disposed of in Florida. This car is believed to have been the Chrysler stolen from the street in front of the Ashlyn hotel, in Asheboro, several months back. car so stolen belonged to a brotherin-law of Drs. Dempsey and Tiffany

The Barnes. Then Culler unfolded a story of the inside operations of a car stealing ring, a story which seemed incredible to the officers until they began to delve into the details of it. Gang Leaders The gang, of which Culler claim-

ed he and Ben Presnell and others were leaders, operated in North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida and in Georgia. Pars stolen in North Carolina were disposed of in Florida when they were not sold in North Carolina. It was an easy matter, Culler explained, to run a stolen car over into Tennessee, change the numbers, and obtain a State license for it. Culler claimed to have a set of tools with which the numbers on stolen cars were changed. He claimed also to have a set of notarial seals and forged title papers with which it was an easy matter to make it appear the stolen car had been obtained in the regular manner. Whether Culler told where the instruments which he used could be found is not known, but officers they had been moved after the shooting of Culler.

Culler is said to have given details of the operations of the car (Please turn to page eight)

# TO RABBIT TRIBI

Measure Presents Shipments of Surplus From Chatham And Other Counties

RALEIGH, Jan. 2.—The kick has been taken out of the rabbit industry in North Carolina by the discovery that the 1927 General Assembly adopted a law making it unlawful to ship rabbits out of the state desite the fact it left an open season on rabbits and made it legal to shoot them any season of the year.

As a result, Chatham county, and during the recess. several others equally noted for their fast and fleet footed rabbits, nai gun had been fired for the unfolding before the eyes of the officers of the law the operations, it is claimed, of one of the boldest and largest ring of car thieves which has ever operated within the confines of the State of North Carolina. So the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina. So the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of the state of North Carolina. So the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina. So the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina out the state of the state of North Carolina out the state of Nor much have the officers found out there. As a result, indications are about the unlawful trade in stolen that since it is no longer profitable cars by a ring of which Culler is a to kill the rabbi , that they will be confessed member that the shooting permitted to over-run many sec-of Culler has become a mere inci- tions that formerly kept them down

Ask Repeal That the next General Assembly bureau of the North Carolina De-partment of Revenue have been in law and permit the shipment of this Asheboro for the past ten days join-ing hands with local officials and officers of the law in adjoining tain. In fact, it was not generally counties and at least two other states known that this law had been pass-in uncovering some of the operations ed until the Division of Markets of this car stealing ring. Thirty started its usual work in assisting in of this car stealing ring. Thirty six stolen cars have been recovered to date and definite leads have markets. The result of the law has party platforms. They will demand believe they can convince all but that the conventions go on record believe they can convince all but been obtained as to many more, and been that hundreds of farmers must go without what has been hitherto end. Fourteen cars were recovered the producer of a lucrative income at Hemp where Larkin Presnell, a in the winter months. Thus the Di-brother of Ben Presnell, who is free vision of Markets will actively support any move to repeal this section of the law.

J. K. Dixon, assistant director of the Department of Conservation and ed at the time the cars were seized Development, and in direct charge and lodged in jail at Carthage. Sev- of the enforcement of the State en cars were recovered in the lower game laws, also believes that peo-edge of Randolph, five in Ashebero ple should be allowed to market raband others at different places thru-out this section of the state. Boyd Presnell, brother of Ben and Larkin he is confident an effort will be Presnell, surrendered to Sheriff made to amend the law in this re-Brady last Saturday and is free un-spect in the next General Assembly.

spect in the next General Assembly. But in the meantime rabbits kill-ed in North Carolina cannot be shipsition of stolen automobiles, all the ped outside North Carolina.

## Carolina Coal Mines Plan To **Increase Output**

North Carolina's mines furnished 57,939 long tons of coal in 1926. figures compiled recently show. This production came from mines of the Erskine-Ramsey Coal company and the Carolina Coal company, located in Lee and Chatham counties, respectively. One of the most important devel-

opments at the mines is the hoisting machine which is being installed by the Carolina Coal company, designed to double the present hoisting side. capacity. A new steam plant is also being erected to furnish power for the new hoist.

The boiler in this plant will equipped to burn pulverized fuel and with it tests will be made to determine the heating value of the coal in the fine state.

Much research is being done by Dr. W. Gage of Washington, D. C. in testing the value of the coal for by-products materials. In a recent conversation with State Geologist Bryson, Dr. Gage appeared optimistic that the coal would be suitable for this purpose. He reported that as much as 38 gallons of oil has been extracted from a ton of the

Dr. Gage is one of the leading authorities on the low temperature Chrysler readster, which "Bad Char- distillation processes. Before coming to the state, he did considerable work on the coals and oil shales of western United States. The ultimate aim of his studies is the location of a by-products plant in that section.

A new coal mine is being opened near Carbonton by the Gulf Coal company of Gulf, N. C. There a vertical shaft is being sunk to cut the seam at several feet below the surface. It is reported by the company that an anthracite coal will be produced there. This is the first record of anthracite coal being produced in the state.

### CHILDREN AT MRS. KECK'S

The children of Mr. Luther Eubanks are at the home of their aunt Mrs. Gordon Keck; since the death of their mother. There are five, the oldest only twelve years of age, Mr. Eubanks, in our office Saturday, said he would give all his tages for the care of the children except what it takes to board him at 5 mm where he is employed in the cotton mill. His wages are about \$2.50 a shall keep me going on myself.

In two days she is gone. My duy towards the children will keep me going on myself.

In this life they are often the warted.

What the Almighty's reasons were for taking this mother we cannot say. No one knows. But the best of the cotton say. No one knows. But the best of the cotton say. No one knows. But the best of the cotton say. No one knows is to old so in the cotton say. No one knows is to old so in the cotton say. No one knows is to old so in the cotton say. No one knows is to old so in the cotton say. No one knows is to old so in the cotton say. No one knows is to old so in the cotton say. Then look for one still unattainmill. His wages are about \$2.50 a shall keep me going on myself. day, and his board will be \$20. Of course other personal expenses of a season for such happenings and the father will have to be met, but furthermore that the deceased one is they should be slight. It seems that happy in another life. Please hear a contribution from the county to the cry of a spiritual man left in Mr. and Mrs. Keck, or whoever takes middle of life (I am not yet 49,) delooking into likely places for them have not been able to locate the tools and papers. The theory is that a month to care for one child, but have the feeling that no other wothat sum will, with the assistance of man can ever enter my life.

Mr. Eubanks' wakes, probably take "I need a number of thoughts that Mr. Eubanks' wakes, probably take care of the whole lot.

Mrs. Eubanks was only 38 years of age when she died.

## Washington Letter | Marriage License

Three Troublesome Questions Lively Trade in Marriage Li--Wet and Dry Contest Looms Large

By WILLIAM P. HELM, Jr. The following white couples sec-Washington Correspondent of The ured marriage licenses here since Record.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Prohibition, tax reduction, farm relief—such are the three graces (or plagues, according to the viewpoint) that will hold high revel during the coming political campaign. A holiday-rested congress returning to Washington finds evidence on every G. G. Gains Goldston, and Alexander of the control of th

issues, if not the leading one, of the

1928 presidential campaign.
Thirty-odd national dry organizations will pour their delegates into the capital city soon to pool their energies for the coming fight. The meeting will be held January 26 in answer to an emergency call, and those steering the dry campaign expect that the mammoth gathering will show its teeth to all candidates.

They will write their demands, those militant drys, upon all con-testants for the Presidency. They will ask, say the leaders, that both Republican and Democratic conventhat the conventions go on record with a pledge to support only such of its candidates as declare unequivocally "for the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and all supporting legislation." They will require that the parties nominate for acts. utterances and records.

The Anti-Saloon League, the Wo-

big checks from some of the wealthy to the year's total. men of the country and little checks Saloon League's new helmsman. Elaborate offices are to be engaged and the League's publicity depart-

This campaign, in its essentials, is aimed at Governor Al Smith, of New York, Senator "Jim" Reed and Governor Ritchie, on the Democratic side and such outstanding wets as Nicholas Murray Butler and Nicholas Longworth on the Republican

Out in the country, in almost every state, the drys are even now astir with eager energy to corral delegates to the two national conventions. They are a bit early, but they are combing the field in a foreharded effort to see to it that the can't do that, they fully expect to win more than the one-third necessary to vote a candidate in the Democratic meeting.

The wets are hardly less active, though their plans developed no new public angles during the week. They too, are going in for a vast why wait. And there we are.

from which quotations are as fol-

"The other day my wife died. She was 39 years old. She was a martyr to her duties and to her children.

hard work this wonderful wife and wonderful mother, who never com-

plained, was taken from us.

"After 19 years of marriage and

"Now is the time when she could

have taken life more easy and could

shall satisfy me mentally and emo-

tionally that everything is for the

Dr. Frank Crane Says
Life After Death

best and some certainty as to the her children and her husband.

A gentleman writes me a letter, life after death."

cense During The Holidays

December 18:

day-rested congress returning to Johnson and Hattle Blyllis Fittsbord, Washington finds evidence on every hand that these three issues have sharpened their outlines mightily during the recess.

Johnson and Hattle Blyllis Fittsbord, G. G. Gains, Goldston and Alice Phillips, Bear Creek; S. J. Fields and Lillie Braswell, Siler City; Wade Harril and Annie Brewer, Siler City;

Colored—Hewey Trapp and Rose Seymore, Moncure; Thomas Walden and Elizabeth Brewer, Bennett; Max Hunter and Ethel Boyin, Merry Oaks; Pearl Stinson and Lacy De-Graffenreid, Siler City; Jack Smith and Alice Rudd, Corinth, James Thomas, New Hill, and Laura Taylor, Moncure; John Mitchell. Haywood, and Amy Thomas, New Hill; Benjamin Emerson and Winnie Alston, of Pittsboro; Otis Alston, Pittsboro and Cornie Emerson, Siler City.

educational campaign—propaganda, the drys call it—in which they expect to write a letter to every voter sition will have to be made of the they can reach. Two letters, in children, else they cannot have a fact, each costing about five cents the most stubborn drys that prohibition is a farce and the laws should be modified. The cost of this undertaking will mount past the mil-

Checks are pouring into the wet the country.

The second issue, that of tax remen's Christian Temperance Union, duction, is less sharply defined. There are staunch administration out the country and the old ones for Law Enforcement, the Flying men in the United States Senate who Squadron, the National Reform Bu- favor strongly the postponement of ed, of course upon demand. Notes reau, the Prohibition Party, the Sons of Temperance the Inter-Collegiate Prohibitive Association, the legiate Prohibitive Association and the legister of the postponement of the number of debt-free homes, with the number of debt-free homes, with the number of the postponement of the postponem legiate Prohibitive Association, the the new rates apply, except by a re-Scientific Temperance Federation troactive clause, when the taxpay—these are among the better known ers make out their returns for 1927. of the organizations that will attend. It would help, however, in the way in circulation are 7.7-16 by 3.1-8 in. three thenths of one per cent foreign Back of that stands a mammoth of finding out how much money the By the change the Government excampaign of dry education—propa- government may expect to collect pects to save \$2,000,000 annually. the wets call it—with more next year, as the first tax payments, expected to increase the capacity of than \$1000,000 to spend during the March 15, always are a reliable guide

Nobody knows exactly what sort from many of the middle class—for of year 1927 has been and just what at one impression upon the same this campaign, which is the pet idea to expect in the way of tax reveof Ernest H. Cherrington, the Anti-nues. It has been a year when some

and deep disappointments. The pected to have a much longer life Dark was taken with excruciating treasury experts can't quite de- than those now in use. The life of pains and when a physician was calltermine what to say about the size the average bill is not more than ed was taken immediately to Greensof the total prospective revenue. six or seven months, treasury officiboro. But not even the pain was al-What the year's work will tell, als say. Folding is one of the chief leviated, it is stated, till death redumped together and put into a items cutting short the life of pa- lieved him at 11 o'clock Monday common jackpot with the tax col- per money. lector taking a rake, they do not

big, let the cut be high, wide and bill handsome. If the surplus is shrunkdrys win a majority, if possible, in en and shrivelled, then our Demothrough standardizing the designs both national assemblies. If they cratic friends can't pin the blame on the new notes cannot be so easily us for cutting taxes lightly. Naturally the Democrats oppose any such business. The time to cut taxes, are made out. Further, the President and the treasury both know the approximate size of the surplus. So

after death. That is a matter that

plan from any point of view is to

go on assuming that He had a good

reason. Nothing can be gained by

giving up.

If we believe in the high purposes

and devoted life of the deceased we

shall ourselves participate in them.

The memory of this mother has

faded into a memory, but that mem-

ory will continue to inspire and bless

must be taken on faith and hope.

# MRS. LUTHER

Six Children Left Motherless and With an Inefficient Father Only.

Mrs. Luther Eubanks died Wednesday as a result of pneumonia fol-lowing influenza. Mr. and Mrs. Tave and development offers as North Cooper saw to it that they had a nurse for Mts. Eubanks in her extreme illness. But all the care that ever: could be given her was futile, as Dr. Chapin says that pneumonia follow-ing influenza is almost invariably to invariably fatal.

an automobile accident. There are nation.

Here is where we need an active welfare officer. What is everybody's business is often nobody's. This family has needed help all the time, and has been frequently helped, but the crisis is here now, and some dispofair chance in the world.

### 1928 WILL MARK CHANGE IN SIZE OF PAPER MONEY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.

Presidency "candidates thoroughly treasury, too, checks from men, in ing and Printing, the greatest print committed to this policy by their some cases, who are known all over shop in the world, will be busy makacts, utterances and records" shop in the world, will be busy making rew and smaller \$1 bills so that lin clay.

In and in pytop.

In the world, will be busy making rew and smaller \$1 bills so that lin clay.

North Carolina leads in variety of climate and foliage, its trees ranging to the out the country and the old ones from the tropical palmetto to the retired at one swoop, to be redeem- firs of the far north.

The new notes will be 6 5-16 by 2 11-16 inches whereas the notes now birth rate of any state, with but the Bureau of Engraving and Print-

press which now prints but eight. Sunday night.
Through the change in size will be Mr. Dark, we are informed, was of the country's big business enter- more convenient to handle and will prises made barrels of money and also be more durable. The new notes for what was thought to be cancer when many of the little businesses will slip into a bill-fold or pocket, of the stomach, but it was only Sunment will move, for the first time made nothing. It has been a spot- it is claimed, without creasing or day morning that the fatal disease in years, from the modest red brick ty year, full of pleasant surprises folding, and for this reason are ex- became acute in its effects. Mr.

Designs on the bills are also to be standardized. Many designs now ap- the daughter of Mr. Ed Stone, and So, say the Republican leaders, pear on the different denominations three brothers, Messrs. Robert W., let's wait and find out before we cut; and the various kinds of notes. taxes. Then we can cut according to Washington's protrait, for example, store, A. B. and Junius A. Dark. our cloth. If the surplus promises appears both on the \$1 and some \$20

Treasury officials point out that "raised" to higher denominations by the crooked gentry who make this their business. In addition to standardized designs on the new paper Joe Alston, were unitd in holy wedthey say, is before the next returns money there will be a relation be- lock in Pittsboro court house Detween the portrait on the face and the engraving on the back, except formed by Rev. W. W. Long, who in the cases of the \$1 bill and those happened to be over in town on busi-On the face of the new \$1 bill will of justice for convenience.

be the portrait of Washington and on the back will be the word "ONE" in for the two quarterly meetings, held large letters. On the \$2 bill will be at Mitchell's Chapel and Sanford. a portrait of Jefferson with an en- It was Rev. W. W. Long's first quargraving of Monticello, his home, on ter at Mitchell's Chapel in 1928.

Lincoln's portrait will be on the Christmas in Pittsboro with the difface of the \$5 bill with the Lincoln ferent churches. Only one Christmas Memorial for the back. Hamilton's tree exercise was held and that at portrait will appear on the face of Mt. Sinai A. M. E. church. The exthe 10 bill and the Treasury Building ercise was appropriate and timely on the back. For the face of \$20 and the decorations were beautiful. bill Grover Cleveland's nortrait has Mr. George Leach displays 'fine been chosen, with the White House taste in this respect. He has been

There is no certainty of the life for the back. Grant's portrait will be on the several years. face of the \$50 bill. Benjamin Frank. The holiday. Of it we have a reasonable hope. lin's on the \$100, McKinley's on the ly in Pittsboro. No serious trouble Those who live the higher life, \$500, Jackson's on the \$1,000, Madihas occurred and only one drunk. that is above the animal, all have a son's on the \$5,000 and Chase's on

feeling of another life. the \$10,000.

While the Scriptures do not postitively teach another life they as proved although some may be chansume it, as Christ says, "If it were ged later."
No retirement of money-making No retirement of money-making

Our records point the course we To greater records we can make. For hope springs not from what

we've done. But from the work we've just be run.—Selected.

here, she cannot but be gratified to know that we are living up to our the pig club champion of North Caideals.

The margin of the year 1927.

Tom Tarheel says his radio has saved him money this past year by giving him late market information. the search for desirable varieties.

# MANY 'FIRSTS' ARE EUBANKS DEAD LISTED FOR STATE

Department of Conservation and Development Sets Forth The State's Record

RALEIGH, Dec. 29.—This is what

North Carolina has the largest

North Carolina has the largest It was only recently that Mr. and denim mill, damask mills, underwear factory and pulp paper mill in the

> North Carolina has more cotton mills than any state in the nation; is first in the number of spindle hours. North Carolina leads America in cotton consumption.

> The University of North Carolina, founded in 1789, is the oldest state university in America. North Carolina led the nation in expenditure for new schools, with New York second.

> Duke university, at Durham, has the largest endowment of any American college.

> North Carolina leads the world in tobacco and peanut production. Its tobacco crop last year was valued at \$103,802,000; its peanut crop, \$7,985,000.

> North Carolina produced more pounds of tobacco in 1927 than the next three states, in rank of production, combined.

North Carolina ranks first in the value and quantity of scrap mica, 43 For months the Bureau of Engrav- per cent of the nation, and feldspar,

North Carolina leads the nation in

North Carolina has the highest

### DEATH OF GUY G. DA

Mr. Guy G. Dark, a well known ing about 50 percent because twelve citizen of Siler City and for years of the smaller notes can be printed an employee of the Farmers' Union store, died at a Greensboro hospital

> treated in a hospital some time ago morning.
> Mr. Dark leaves a widow, who is

> manager of the Farmers'

The burial was at Siler City.

COLORED PEOPLE'S COLUMN

By Rev. G. C. Roberts Mr. Benjamin Emmerson, son of the late John Emmerson, and Miss Viney Alston, the daughter of Mr. Line 26. The ceremony was, perness and of course used the temple

This has been a somewhat odd

them worthy superintendent for

The holidays passed off very quietly in Pittsboro. No serious trouble

### HUNGRY WOLVES CHASE 468 18 MOTHER, DEVOUR CHILD

RIGA, Latvia, Jan. 1.—Hungry wolves defeated the heroic efforts of a mother and a faithful horse near the Lithuanian village of Malety, and devoured the woman's infant child when the horse fell from exhaustion

in sight of safety. Driving to the cillage in a sleigh with her baby, the woman was sud-denly attacked by the ferocious beasts when some distance out. Ur-ging her horse on at full speed the woman gained sight of the village when the panting hrose dropped in its tracks. Before peasants that were aroused by her cries could get to the scene, the wolves had de-voured the baby and severely injure? the distracted mother.

Getting a supply of pure seed is one of the best paying jobs of winter. When planting times comes, it is too late to spend many days in