

Evidence Against W. H. Lawrence To Go To Grand Jury

TODAY

CONTROL OF THE POWER SOURCES.

FRANK B. WILLIS. WAR AGAINST RATS. AMERICAN FLYING. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Canada's Government encourages use of electric power, particularly on farms and in small communities. Water power is developed fully to generate the current, and all are assisted in its installation.

Farmers are taught to grind feed with it, pump water and do their other work.

And, by the way, United States farmers are urged to settle in Canada.

Our attention is concentrated on a different problem. We want to make sure that the right people get possession of our power sources, the right people being those that control power and peddle it to the people. As to farmers and others that buy and use power, our Government has not found time to think about them.

Prophecy is usually dangerous, particularly dangerous for farmers when government prophecies go wrong. The Government forecast on potatoes last fall predicted a crop far above the real one. Many farmers sold in a hurry at low prices, some were not marketed, many fed to stock.

Then the shortage was seen, price went up, a few wise people made the money, NOT the farmers.

The sudden death of Senator Willis, in his battle for Ohio's Presidential delegates, ended tragically one phase in the 1928 campaign.

Sensor Willis would have preferred to die fighting. Those that know Secretary Hoover know that Senator Willis' death will cause him sincere grief.

A powerful man, never sparing himself, Senator Willis forgot that there are limits to the heart's endurance. A tired heart often succumbs in the most powerful man, wearied by constant strain.

The daed man's widow attributed the Senator's attack to the fumes of smoky flares that he had been inhaling constantly, in the course of a political parade.

A weak heart, fighting against poisoned air, is in danger.

The League of Nations proposes international war against rats, their complete extermination.

Such a war, made to include mosquitoes and flies, would be the best war in history. It would save every year in lives and money as much as the big war cost in any year.

No more rats, no more bubonic plague.

No more mosquitoes, no more yellow fever or malaria.

No more tse-tse flies, no more sleeping sickness.

No more house flies, no more filth dragged over food of young children.

It would be interfering with Nature's plans, perhaps. Darwin says a pair of tropical flies and their meggot offspring can dispose of a lion's carcass in a few hours. Kill all the lions and the flies would not be needed to dispose of the carcass.

George Haldeman and Eddie Sinson, Americans, broke the world's endurance record in the air, flying without stopping fifty-three and one-half hours.

The French Government offers a million francs to any French flyer that will win back some flying records formerly held by French fliers.

A little encouragement from our Government would make it impossible for any nation to compete with. The first flying machine was made here. Lindbergh was born here. We have the money and engineers. This ought to be the flying nation.

This comes from Italy: "Major G. Bernardi has established a new world's air record, 318 3-4 miles an hour."

Will solemn naval gentlemen that call flying machines "only an auxiliary" be good enough to tell what chance slow-moving ships on the surface would have against a flock of airplanes with that speed?

On the great mountain called Nashan, in Manchuria, far up where air is pure and clear, Japan, as a monument to the new Emperor, will build the greatest astronomical observatory in Asia.

That observator, with a sixty-inch reflector and thirty-inch refracting telescope, will be a much nobler monument than any rearing horse of bronze.

Durham Contractor Charged With Murder of Mrs. Terry in Jail—Habeas Corpus Hearing Abortive.

SOLICITOR SAYS HE HAS EVIDENCE ENOUGH TO SEND HIM TO CHAIR

Grand Jury Will Probably Sit Evidence Here This Week—A Battle Royal in Prospect.

The habeas corpus hearing planned by counsel of W. H. Lawrence before Justice Brogden of the supreme court did not materialize Saturday, as Solicitor Williams had not been legally notified, and was not prepared or present for the hearing. The hearing was postponed until the coming Saturday, before which day the Chatham county grand jury will probably act upon the charge against the former Chatham county citizen who is accused of the murder of Mrs. Annie Terry, at Aven's Ferry on the Cape Fear, two or three weeks ago.

Hardly had the Record of last week left the press with its story of the failure of the officers, to land the man guilty of the crime when the news came that W. H. Lawrence, a prominent contractor of Durham and a native of the Aven's Ferry community, had been arrested on the charge of murdering the Durham woman. As our readers know, the crime was an exceedingly dastardly and heartless one, the woman being struck upon the head and then thrown into the Cape Fear river at midnight while she pleaded for her life.

The identification of the body that arose a week later as that of Mrs. Terry, of Durham, gave the first opportunity to get a track of the murderer. The clues seemed to lead to a man driving a car of a certain description and bearing a South Carolina license tag. One Haskins finally presented himself as the driver of a car of the description given, and was probably the man in mind. However, he thoroughly convinced Sheriff Blair that he was not the guilty man, but came to Pittsboro and Durham with the sheriff and is assumed to have been instrumental in directing to Lawrence, though no authoritative statement to that effect has been made by officials.

The arrest of Mr. Lawrence started his friends. As yet the solicitor has not revealed all the evidence against the man, but declares that it is strong enough to send him to the electric chair. The presence of something like blood on the upholstery of his car, a pair of gloves, the color of the car, and the exact fit of the tire of the accused man's car in the tracks left at the bridge and of Lawrence's shoe in the man's track at the bridge, are the principal points yet published, together with a known intimacy or friendship of the accused with Mrs. Terry. Lawrence proclaims his innocence, but unfortunately lacks the evidence for a complete alibi. He is said to be able to prove his whereabouts till about eight o'clock of the evening of the crime, when he says he went home and went to bed. He lives with a niece, who happened to be away from home that night, thus leaving him without corroborating evidence of his being at home and in bed.

Much might be surmised and written, but the foregoing is about all that has been made public. The case will probably be presented to the grand jury this week, and if that body brings an indictment, the habeas corpus hearing will probably follow. James H. Pou of Raleigh and R. P. Reade of Durham have already been retained by Mr. Lawrence and were present at the abortive hearing at Durham Saturday.

There is little question that the defense will put up a strong fight, and as the evidence so far is revealed is wholly circumstantial, it will be a difficult matter for the state to convict. However, the public has not been given the benefit of the full amount of evidence in the hands of the officials, and any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused is worthless. The fact that the bridge where the crime was committed is so located as hardly to have been visited by any other than one acquainted in that community is one feature that will militate against the defendant. It is not on a state highway, but has been recently erected at Aven's Ferry, and is reached from the Chatham side by a road branching off from a county road leading from highway 50 by Brickhaven and on to Corinth. Thus it is shown that the joy riders, if such they started out, were off the main lines of travel, and where no stranger would likely have gone. Lawrence has many friends and

MISS WARD ENTERTAINS THE PITTSBORO SENIORS

One of the most beautiful and enjoyable parties of the spring season was given by Miss Julia Bynum Ward at her home between Bynum and Chapel Hill to the Pittsboro high school seniors and members of the faculty, Saturday evening, April 14. From the time that Miss Ward received her guest at the door, in her most pleasing and cordial manners she allowed no dull moment for any one, so well had she planned the fun making games and contests.

The living room and dining room of the Ward home were beautifully decorated in flowers, candles, and paper ribbon in yellow and white—the senior class colors. The place cards were rolls of white parchment with the menu in side tied with yellow ribbon in the manner of diplomas. These added a very clever touch to the already beautiful table.

Miss Ward's mother, assisted by Misses Grace and Jeannette Ward, served an elaborate two course menu consisting of: chicken salad, ham sandwiches, deviled eggs, pickles, ice cream, cake, coffee mints and nuts. The members of the senior class, the faculty members and invited friends made about forty-five guests who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Ward and Miss Julia Bynum Ward.

B. & W. MAY BE EXTENDED

Would Link Up Cotton Manufacturing Industry On Deep River In Randolph

(Asheboro Courier)

Will the Bonlee & Western railroad be extended from Bennett to Coleridge, a distance of eight miles? It has been rumored for some time past that this move was contemplated by officials of the road if a little financial help would be extended by interested parties at the two terminals of that line. In fact, the directors of the road in a recent meeting voted to extend the line. Before this is done, however, there are several matters which will have to be straightened out. First, the Corporation Commission must authorize the building of the extension. There is no opposition contemplated in this quarter. Next come financial considerations. There is nothing definite about the matter yet, but it may come to a head at any time.

The Bonlee & Western, extending from Bennett to Coleridge, a distance of approximately 12 miles, taps the Atlantic & Yadkin at the latter terminus. This furnishes connection with trunk lines of the Atlantic Coast Line. The road was chartered in 1908 and its construction begun. It was operated by the original owners up until some time in 1921 when it was taken over by Arthur Ross, of Asheboro, and M. H. Burkhead became superintendent of operations. Mr. Ross kept and operated the line until June 30th, 1927, when he sold it, largely to the persons from whom he first purchased the road.

This line, though only a short stretch of railway, does a good business in the hauling of forest and agricultural products from Chatham and a part of Randolph county. Cross ties and lumber probably constitute the bulk of freight handled by the road. Should it be extended to Coleridge it would tap the cotton manufacturing industry of Randolph county. The Enterprise Manufacturing Company's yarn mill is located at this point. Coleridge freight now has to be hauled either to Bennett or Ramseur, the latter point getting the bulk of the business.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

The Grim Reaper, Death, ever abroad in the land, taking one here, one there, called from our midst, on March 30, 1928, Brother A. B. Jenkins, casting a pall of gloom and sadness over our community.

By the death of Brother Jenkins, Goldston Council No. 288, Jr. O. U. A. M. has sustained a loss; therefore be it resolved:

First, that we bow in humble submission to the Divine Will, knowing that He doeth all things well, and realizing that "life is but a shadow that fleeth and continueth not."

Second, that we extend to the sorrowing family our deepest sympathy.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on our records, a copy be sent to the Chatham Record and Baptist Gleaner for publication and one to the bereaved family.

By order of the Council in session March 31, 1928.

J. W. BURKE, VAN E. ELLIS, J. G. GOLDSTON, Com.

relatives in his native county, and they hope that he will be able to clear himself. The man is said to be confident and unafraid, though he does not like the publicity that has fallen to his lot.

He is in jail at Durham. Any sized bond, it is said, could have been secured for his release, but a bond is not allowable in a capital case. Since writing the above we are authoritatively informed that Mr. Lawrence will be able to present a perfect alibi, and that a hundred million dollars of Durham wealth was ready to be offered as a bond for him.

Conspiracy Case In Progress Here

Sixteen Men Arraigned On a Charge of Conspiracy to Steal Automobiles—Three Only Chatham Men.

FIVE THROW UP HANDS

Able Array of Attorneys Present to Defend Clients of Three States

The great case of the state against a dozen men or more from this state, Virginia and Tennessee is being held here. Only three Chatham men are involved, but Pittsboro was chosen as the seat of the trial, which is based upon a conspiracy charge. The case has been worked up by officials of the State's Automobile Theft Bureau, advised by Assistant Attorney General Walter D. Slier, who is assisting Solicitor Williams in the prosecution.

The court room Monday was crowded with spectators, while the bar was surging with defendants and attorneys. Judge Lyon, the veteran Bladen county jurist, is presiding, with Miss Speight present as stenographer to record the mass of evidence and other matters that must go into the records.

The deck was cleared for the beginning of the case at 2 p. m. on Monday. A goodly batch of jurors had been drawn for the session, but quit, a number of talesmen had to be called before the jury was completed. It required, however, only two hours to satisfy the various defendants. Comparatively few of the challenges allowed the host of defendants were used. The state exhausted only six of its 22 challenges and the defense less than a dozen of its 48.

The jury as completed is composed of the following citizens: Geo. Quakerbush, S. S. Edwards, J. D. Baker, Frank Gattis, Thos. Thompson, J. Hoke Siler, Eddie Perry, Turner C. Perry, W. H. Paschal, M. H. Woody, Alex. Cockman, L. T. Dark. The three Presnells are represented by Moser and Burns, and A. I. Feree, of Asheboro and A. C. Ray of High Point, represents Paul Payne, Wade Barber and W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro, represent Frank Scott and Claude S. Jones. J. A. Spence of Asheboro, and Mr. Barber represent J. B. Powers, of Bennett, D. M. Guinn, of Johnson City, Tenn., and Mr. Barber are defending Daniel Walton White, Ray and Upchurch are looking after the interests of Edward Barber, Long and Bell represent J. Clifton Palmer.

Three of the defendants practically threw up their hands and themselves upon the mercy of the court. Bob Greer pleaded guilty. Edward Barber pleaded guilty to handling cars, knowing them to be stolen. Daniel Walton White of Johnston City, Tenn., the notary who attested papers at the end of the line, sought through his attorney, Wade Barber, to have his charge abated here on the ground that he was from Tennessee. Judge Lyon rules against him, and he entered a plea of nolo contendere.

The case against Bill Payne was not prosed by the Solicitor, as Payne has just received a sentence of ten years in Richmond county for his part in robbing the Norman Bank, which crime occurred since the bank robberies at Elon and Bennett. He had also a term of eight years to serve on an old charge, he having escaped from the penitentiary and the Solicitor evidently thought he had enough, if they can hold him in the penitentiary.

The case against Red Harrow was also not prosed, as he is to be tried in Federal court on the same charge. R. M. Gatlin, recently arrested, was given until the May term to prepare for trial. Colin Fox and Eliza Cox are still at large.

Examination of witnesses began Tuesday morning and as nearly a hundred witnesses have been summoned, it will take till after this paper is in circulation to complete their examination. It is hoped that the case may be completed by Friday, upon which day the case against Will Rainey for robbing the Bennett bank is set on the docket.

Rainey has been positively identified by Mr. Purvis, cashier and other gentlemen of Bennett.

The chief interest of Chathamites in the case now on trial hinges on the charges against Jones, Scott, and Powers, who bought cars but who bought them many believe, basing their judgment upon the known character of the men, as innocently as they would have bought anybody's second-hand Ford. A host of character witnesses will attest their good character, and a superfluity of character evidence will be at hand for Jones, especially.

The star witness hitherto has been Albert Culler, who after being severely wounded in a fight, confessed his part in the conspiracy and gave evidence that led to the charges being tried in this court. But the case has not advanced far enough when the Record goes to press Tuesday night to much enlighten our readers if fully reported.

Other Proceedings

Before entering upon the conspiracy case Monday, the other and more easily disposed of jail cases were disposed of. Charlie Harris pleaded guilty to charge of larceny and is to work six months for Tur-

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MORRIS-BRINSON CASE IS SETTLED

(Randolph Tribune) The case of E. G. Morris vs R. L. Brinson for breach of contract in regard to leasing a filling station in the town of Pittsboro was compromised in court Friday, after the plaintiff had introduced his evidence and before the defense had put any witness on the stand.

According to the terms of compromise Mr. Brinson pays the cost and Mr. Morris receives \$650 damages.

REV. J. H. BARNHARDT



Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder of the Winston-Salem District who will deliver the commencement sermon here Sunday, April 29.

SCHOOL CLOSING IS NEAR AT HAND

Pittsboro School Commencement Approaching—First Feature Of The Senior Exercises.

Another school year is rapidly drawing to a close and the Pittsboro school folk are busy preparing for the commencement events. The seniors will start the ball rolling tomorrow evening, Friday, with their exercises, which promise to be of real interest. The following Friday, Frank Graham of the University at Chapel Hill will deliver the commencement address. That night the annual school play will be given. On Sunday following Rev. J. H. Barnhardt will preach the commencement sermon. Of the latter features, however, fuller announcement will be made next week.

Senior Class Roll

- The following comprise the senior class this year:
 - C. C. HAMLET, Pres.
 - ESTELLE JOHNSON, Sec.
 - Riddle, Ralph
 - Raymon Aven, Dan Farrel, Lester Farrel, William Griffin, Jacob Harper, Frank Mann, Billie Norwood, Ralph Riddle, Eugene Robertson, John Strout, Eugene Stroud, Ben Rose Strout, Lazell Campbell, Julia Campbell, Corinne Carroll, Alice Copeland, Hayes Ferguson, Julia Gattis, Ruth Hackney, Bonna Johnson, Erma Riggsbee, Elizabeth Mann, Lenora Ward, Julia Bynum Ward, Junanita Webster.

Program for Senior Class Exercises
Butterfly (Gullitt) Estelle Johnson Songs Senior Class Welcome C. C. Hamlet Introduction Erma Riggsbee Our Seniors Primary Children History Lester Farrell General Average of the Class—

- Ralph Riddle
- Song Senior Class Prophecy Eugene Stroud Songs Boys Vespers Julia B. Ward Songs Senior Class

Do not be deceived by the formal appearance of the program. Almost every number has a surprise for you. Everyone is cordially invited to come and hear the seniors.

MONCURE HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Moncure high school will close its present session April 24th. The commencement exercises will begin Sunday, April 22nd and continue through Wednesday, April 25th. On Sunday, April 22nd, at 11:15 a. m., Rev. P. E. Lindley, Dean of Men, High Point college, High Point, N. C., will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the school auditorium. Rev. Mr. Lindley is an outstanding leader in his denomination and one of the most popular members of the High Point college faculty.

On Tuesday evening, the Junior class will present a three-act play entitled "Sue." This is a play that will be highly enjoyed and promises to be well rendered.

Wednesday evening, Dr. Chas. E. Brewer, president of Meredith college, Raleigh, N. C., will deliver the baccalaureate address. Mr. Brewer is widely known throughout the state and needs no introduction. In addition to this address, the Senior class will present their graduating exercises. Diplomas, certificates and prizes of award will be delivered at this, the final program of the commencement exercises.

A woman's idea of a good conversationalist is a man who can think of something to say when she pauses for a second regain her breath.

CONGRESS SHOWS WARES BUT PUT 'EM AWAY AGAIN

Congress Sniffs At Flood Control Program—Want Federal Government to Pay All The Bill—Vote Swapping is Rumored.

50,000 VISITORS EASTER

By WILLIAM P. HELM, Washington Correspondent of The Record

Washington, April 17.—Congress displayed its Spring samples to President Coolidge last week and lost a good customer. The President was in the market for one boys' size tax reduction, one Model 80-20 flood control bill, and one refined, self-sustaining farm relief law. On the theory that it is no trouble to show goods, Congress hauled down its wares and Mr. Coolidge went away muttering to himself. The deal, it seems, is completely off.

So once again, congress and Mr. Coolidge are as peaceful as a couple of tomcats hung over a clothes line. The fur flies freely and the welkita echoes the music of the combatants. There is this distinction, however; that when the Presidential midriff is marked by only that dignified grunt of displeasure peculiar to the Vermont hills.

The upshot of the whole business is that the country stands a most excellent chance of obtaining, neither tax reduction nor farm relief, nor yet flood control legislation at this session. On all three of these pressing measures there is a sure and certain deadlock between the White House and Capitol Hill. The next month will disclose whether the deadlock will be broken, for congress is getting ready to pack up and get away from Washington along about the middle of May.

On tax reduction, the deadlock centers largely around the size of the cut. The House has already voted a reduction of \$290,000,000. Last week the Senate finance committee got around to the bill and was told that the cut couldn't safely surpass \$200,000,000. So the committee promptly decided to cut out the automobile tax cut, to abolish the inheritance tax levy and to make less of a cut in the corporation rate. And the House roared its disapproval.

The flood control bill has gotten into one of the worst tangles seen here in recent years. Mr. Coolidge is committed to the so-called Jadwin plan, calling for the spending of about \$325,000,000 over a period of years with the lower Valley States bearing 20 per cent of the cost. Congress has sniffed at the program and bigger and better flood control measure, with lots of pork and trimming. To bolster up the pork end of the program, congress has generously come out for the idea that the federal government should pay the whole cost.

That idea may be wholly sincere on the part of congress, and then again it may be a blanket for the pork. It is designed, of course, to win support among affected states for the congressional program and to get the idea into the people of those states that Mr. Coolidge isn't such great shakes at flood-controlling. But that really isn't the nubbin of the thing, at all. The real heart of the congressional program lies in taking away all control of the work from the Army Engineers who have so long carried it on, and placing it in a mixed commission that wouldn't be responsible to the President or anybody else but congress.

Ever since that idea was broached the Army Engineers have been shooting at it. General Jadwin has studied it, and has told committees and probably the President himself that instead of spending \$325,000,000 congress would spend maybe 1,500,000,000 and maybe \$2,000,000,000 before it got through. As the General sees it three fourths of any such sums or more, would be a useless drain on the treasury.

The President, backing this view, is prepared to veto any such bill. Those who say he won't certainly do not know Grace Coolidge's husband.

That brings us to farm relief, which we discussed last week. The situation has progressed nicely. It has reached the point where the bill is dead, so far as getting the President's approval is concerned. He has not said so in those words, but he has indicated that he would not choose to sign it. It is too red-headed, freckle-faced, ornery and useless as he sees it, to do chores at election time.

Over in the House, however, and probably in the Senate, too, the air is filled with rumors of veto-swapping. Boulder dam, Muscle Shoals, farm relief, and flood control figure in those rumors. Blocks of votes for one in exchange for blocks of votes for the other are in prospect, according to whispers over the grapevine circuit. The corridors in House and Senate echo the whisperings.

Another naughty little thing that congress is fixing to do, as Mr. Coolidge looks at it, is to arrange for \$250,000,000 from the federal treasury as a sort of subsidy for those who would go down to the sea and build an American merchant marine. And as if that weren't enough to make a nervous President even

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