

# Ralph Davis Gets 30 Years in Prison

## Desperado Convicted of Second Degree Murder in Death of Iredell Sheriff

Statesville, Nov. 18.—"Guilty of murder in the second degree" was the verdict of the jury as to Ralph Davis, 23, Davidson county outlaw, whose trial for the murder of Sheriff Godfrey C. Kimball began in Iredell Superior court Monday morning.

The jury composed of 11 Mecklenburg citizens and one from Iredell county, took the case Wednesday night but were unable to reach agreement until today.

The case had attracted wide interest, ballistic experts held the opinion that a bullet from Deputy Sheriff R. L. Gilbert's gun killed his chief accidentally, but against this testimony they offered conflicting evidence that Davis shot Kimball at close range.

"There is no doubt that Davis killed the sheriff," Judge A. M. Stack commented, following the verdict of the jury, the jurist adding that he thought Davis had two pistols at the time of the gun battle, using one to shoot Sheriff Kimball and the other to wound Deputy Gilbert in the leg. Judge A. M. Stack gave Davis 30 years in the state prison for the murder of the Iredell sheriff, defense gave notice of appeal.

Following the conviction on the murder count, counsel for Davis tendered plea of guilty as to Davis in other counts, receiving judgment, as follows: 10 years in prison for robbery of Southern railway property at Elmwood; 10 years for robbery with firearms of Mayor E. R. Rankin, of Statesville; 10 years for kidnaping Mayor Rankin; 10 years for assault with intent to kill Deputy Sheriff R. L. Gilbert, making a total of 40 years in prison for Davis after he has served the 30-years term for second degree murder, but Judge Stack suspended four 10 year sentences on condition the defendant is of good behavior during the first sentence.

Cal Turner, tenant on the G. W. Dry farm, where Davis was staying at the time of the fatal shooting, drew five years on the roads for participating in robberies in which Ralph Davis was connected. Cal Turner pleaded guilty. Buck Hedrick, who admitted in court today that he also was with Cal Turner and Ralph Davis during certain robberies, got two years on the roads.

## State 4-H Club Director Tells History Of Corn

ning prizes each year. Quentin is the eldest son of Don Nichols. For three generations, largely through the machinations of corn club work, the Nichols family has made Wilkes County white famous, says L. R. Harrill, state 4-H Club leader.

## Swain of "Richest Girl" Torn Twixt Love - Wealth

He is an ambitious young man, with an annual income of \$5,000, he seeks to further his career. Opportunity knocks on his door in the lovely shape of "The Richest Girl in the World." But he does care for another girl of equal beauty and glamor—but without a bank account.

Such is the dilemma confronting Joel McCrea as leading man to Miriam Hopkins in "The Richest Girl in the World," RKO-Radio Picture, which dramatizes the problem of marrying for love or money at the New Orpheum Theatre today and tomorrow.

As Tony Travis, McCrea and Dorothy Hunter, the richest girl in the world, are attracted to each other. Dorothy poses as her own secretary-companion to discover if Tony, like previous suitors, wants her riches rather than her heart.

When he admits a predilection for a wealthy girl, she propels him toward her real secretary, whom he meets as the heiress. He stuns the masqueraders in a climax of surprises.

Miriam Hopkins is starred in the title role of "The Richest Girl in the World," supported by McCrea, Fay Wyaj, Reginald Denny, Henry Stephenson and George Meeker. William Selter directed from Norman Krasna's screenplay.

A new gas is claimed capable of putting an army to sleep. Maybe that's what somebody has been asking on the Liberty league.—Dallas Morning News.

## Book Week Will Be Observed In Schools

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than an adequate supply of free reading material where the child may make his own selection according to his particular interest. Adults read material, including books, in which they have an interest and children learn in exactly the same manner.

"The Book Week program is being sponsored by the local Parent-Teacher Association, with Mrs. P. W. Eshelman as chairman of a committee from that organization to work with the teachers. It is earnestly hoped that our people may recognize this important phase of the educative process of their children and will give suitable books for use in the first five grades. Below is published a list of desirable books for these grades. If you have one of these at your home and it is not being used now, the children will appreciate your giving it to the library. The cost is beside each of the books listed below, so that those who desire to donate a book may give the price. If you desire to use this latter plan and do not have a child in school by whom you can send the money, telephone Mrs. Eshelman or Mr. Halfacre and a child will visit you for the purpose of securing the donation. Attractive book plates have been made which will be placed in the new books. The name of the donor is to be written on the book plate, likewise the grade to which the book is given.

"Pick out one or more books from the list below (prices are quoted) and have a part in providing our boys and girls with this necessary tool of learning."

- List of library books for first grade:
- Baby Animals On The Farm (Agnew - Coble), 63c; Little Black Sambo (Bannerman), 38c; Nature Stories for Children—Book I (Albright & Hall), 62c; Story Book Tales (Ashton), 60c; The Brownie Primer (Banta), 59c; The Hurdy-Gurdy Man (Blaisdell), 68c; Toytown-school edition (Blaisdell), 68c; Mother Goose (Bolens), 63c; Short Stories for Little Folks (Bryce), 55c; Play Days (Buckingham), 52c; Playing Together (Buckingham), 55c; Country Days (Dearborn), 52c; Kitten-Kat (Dearborn), 52c; Little Eagle (Deming), 58c; Karl's Wooden Horse (Donaldson), 78c; Riddle Book for Silent Reading (Dootson), 55c; Bobby and Betty at Home (Dopp), 57c; Bobby and Betty at Play (Dopp), 55c; Baby Animals (Dunn & Troxell), 62c; Betty Jane and Her Friends (Ellingwood), 52c; Child Library Primer (Elson), 48c; An Alphabet for Boys and Girls (Field), 61c; Out and Playing (Gage), 55c; Pleasant Land of Play (Grant), 52c; Overall Boys (Grover), 55c; Sunbonnet Babies' Primer (Grover), 55c; Helpers (Hardy), 69c; Our Pets (Hexox & Garrissen), 55c; Cinder the Cat. (Huber), 52c; Skags the Milk Horse (Huber), 49c; Find Out Book (Hyman), 43c; A Day With Old Joe (Krueger), 68c; Hallowe'en Fun (Krueger), 55c; The Snow Man (Krueger), 45c; Betty and Jack (Lilson), 51c; Helen and Bob (Lilson), 55c; Billy Gene's Play Days (Lynch), 58c; Squirrel Tree (McElroy & Young), 45c; Toby Chipmunk (McElroy & Young), 49c; An Engine's Story (Read), 54c; An Airplane Ride (Read), 51c; Story of a Little White Teady Bear Who Didn't Want to Go to Bed (Sherrill), 80c; Every Day Doings at Home (Serl), 60c; Baby Bear (Williamson), 64c; Story of Milk (Zirbes & Keliher), 62c; Book of Pets (Zirbes & Keliher), 69c; Animals We Know (Young), 52c.

- List of library books for second grade:
- Nature Stories, Book II (Albright & Hall), 62c; Wags and Woofie (Alrege & McKee), 55c; Good Times at Grandpa's (Balch), 52c; Stories of Mother Goose Village (Bingham), 52c; Bow-Wow and Mew-Mew (Craik), 40c; Good Times on The Farm (Deitz), 48c; In Animal Land (LaRue), 73c; Fleet Foot the Cave Boy (Nida), 62c; Baby Bear (Williamson) 64c;

- Little Indians (LaRue), 73c; Brownies' Health Book (Moulton), 68c; Panny and His Friends (Troxell), 54c; Little Folks of Many Lands (Chance), 55c; Nature Myths (Cooke), 59c; Sunbonnet Babies in Holler (Grover), 57c; How Other Children Live (Perdue), 62c; The Fall of The Fairy Prince (McElroy), 52c; Jip and The Fireman (Read), 54c; Johnny and Jimmy Rabbit (Serl), 49c; Snow Children (Walker), 60c; Chats in the Zoo (Welmer & Jones), 52c; Lion Cub (Williamson), 64c; Folk Lore Stories and Proverbs (Witte), 52c; Pets and Playmates (Lewis & Gehres), 75c; Growing Up (Lewis & Gehres), 75c; Little Black Sambo (Bannerman), 38c; Toby Chipmunk (McElroy & Young), 49c; Animals We Know (Young), 52c; An Autumn Book (Gordon-Hall), 62c; A Spring Book (Gordon-Hall), 62c; Circus Animals (Gale), 57c.

- List of library books for third grade:
- Little Dutch Tulip Girl (Brandis), 59c; Little Folks of Many Lands (Chance), 55c; Bozo, the Woodchuck (Brown), 41c; Stories of American Discoveries for Little Americans (Lucia), 56c; Two Little Indians (Maguire), 52c; Adventures of a Brownie (Mulock), 45c; Story of a Donkey (Segur), 53c; East O' the Sun and West O' the Moon (Thorn-Thomsen), 65c; Tale of Bunny Cottontail (Smith), 50c; Lost Monkey (Rice), 49c; Little Bear (Smith), 56c; Merry Little Cottontails (Smith), 50c; Bunny Boy and Grizzly Bear (Smith), 50c; Busy Little Brownies (Banta), 50c; Children's Favorite Stories (Smith), 50c; Great Pictures and Their Stories, Book I, (Lester), 63c; Great Pictures and Their Stories, Book II, (Lester), 63c; Great Pictures and Their Stories, Book III, (Lester), 63c; Little Folks of Etiquette Town (Smith), 50c; Peter and Polly in Autumn (Lucia), 56c; Peter and Polly in Winter (Lucia), 56c; Peter and Polly in Spring (Lucia), 56c; Red Feather Stories (Morcomb), 53c; Brownie's Health Book (Moulton), 68c; The Gay Kitchen (Sherman), 68c; Music Appreciation, Book I, (Kincella), 80c; Music Appreciation, Book II (Kincella), 80c; Road to Citizenship (Dearborn), 68c; Operas Every Child Should Know, 89c; Outdoor Visits Book II of Nature and Science Readers (E. M. Patch & H. E. Howe), 84c; A Child is Born (Bible Book) (E. D. Baker), 59c; Set of 4 Books Boxed (Thornton-Burgess), all for 50c; The Courtesy Book (Dunlea), 75c; The Book of Dogs (100 dog portraits in color), (L. A. Fuentes), \$2.00; (Struttin, Cornell) Best Primary Plays, 40c; Some Little Plays and How to Act Them (Mary E. Whitney) (Includes plays for every holiday in the year), 90c; Humorous Primary Recitations (Clark, Stewart and Irish), 40c.

- List of library books for fourth grade:
- Fifty Famous Stories Retold (Baldwin), 52c; American History for Little Folk (Blaisdell & Ball), 73c; Little Dutch Tulip Girl (Brandis), 59c; Nature Myths (Cooke), 59c; Early Cave Men (Dopp), 62c; Free Dwellers (Dopp), 62c; Red Feather's Adventures (Gifford & Payne), 55c; Weavers and Other Workers (Hall), 55c; Two Little Indians (Maguire), 52c; Baby Animal Zoo (Nida & Nida), 77c; How Other Children Live (Perdue), 62c; Big People and Little People of Other Lands (Shaw), 49c; Myths of The Red Children (Wilson), 65c; A Child is Born (Baker), 55c; Every Day Good Manners For Boys and Girls (Baldth), 62c; Playing to Win (Smith), 55c; The Road to Citizenship (Dearborn), 58c; English Fairy Tales (Jacobs), 40c; Water Babies (Kingsley), 52c; King of The Golden River and Dame Wiggins of Lee (Craig & Baldwin), 65c; Adventures of Pinocchio (Colodi), 80c; Our Wide Wide World (Craig & Baldwin), 65c; Bird's Christmas Carol (Wiggin), 38c; Boys and Girls of Colonial Days (Bailey), 55c; Circus Book (Smith), 55c; Five Little Peppers and How They Grew (Sidney), 48c; Goody Two Shoes (Goldsmith), 48c; How The World Rides (Fox), 77c; Little People of Japan

- (Muller), 50c; Little People of The Snow (Muller), 50c; Little Swiss Wood Carvers (Braneis), 50c; Mopsa The Fairy (Ingelow) 80c; Mustafa, the Egyptian Boy (Star), 50c; Myths Every Child Should Know (Mable), 80c; Picture Stories from Great Artists (Cady), 80c; Swiss Twins (Perkins), \$1.40; Wonder Adventures of Nils (Lagerlof), 85c; Burgess Animal Book for Children (Burgess) \$2.00; Boys of The Bible (Jackson), 48c.

List of library books for fifth grade:

- Inger Johanne's Lively Doings (Zwilmeyer), \$1.31; What Happened to Inger Johanne (Zwilmeyer), \$1.31; Nelly's Silver Mine (Jackson), \$1.33; Toby Tyler (Ottis), 60c; Wild Animals I Have Known (Seton), 78c; Story of My Life (Keller), 78c; Story of a Bad Boy (Aldrich), 74c; Krag and Johnny Bear (Seton), 65c; Squirrels and Other Fur Bearing Animals (Burroughs), 85c; Jataka Tales (Jatakas), 61c; King of Golden River and Dame Wiggins of Lee (Ruskin), 35c; Robin Hood and His Merry Men (Warren), 52c; The Kitten That Grew Too Fat (Winslow), 85c; First Bird Book (Miller), 85c; Little Pioneers (Warren), 55c; A Child is Born (Baker), 55c; Boys and Girls Out of Doors (Shurter), 75c; Little Lame Prince (Mulock), 35c; Pep, the Story of a Brave Dog (Hawkes), 73c; Peter Makes Good (Thomas), 64c; Big Trees (Fry and White), 95c; How the World is Clothed (Carpenter), 90c; The Story of Steel (Spencer), 58c; Diggers in the Earth (Tappan), 74c; Daniel Boone Wilderness Scout (White), 55c; Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children (Roosevelt), 76c; Little Ugly Face (Coolidge), 73c; Tommy Trots Visit to Santa Claus (Page), 76c; Simple Susan and Other Tales (Edgeworth), 76c; Memoirs of a London Doll (Fairstar), 76c.

## MRS. J. B. BIVINS DIES IN ELKIN

Mrs. Mary Lucy Bivins, 69, one of Elkin's most beloved women, passed away quietly Wednesday morning about 5 o'clock from an acute heart attack. Mrs. Bivins had been indisposed with a cold for several days but had not been confined to her bed, and her passing was a distinct shock.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Chatham, pioneer residents of Elkin, and the widow of the late James B. Bivins, who died about three years ago. Probably no woman in Elkin was more admired than Mrs. Bivins; her devotion to her family and her sweetness of disposition were her outstanding qualities.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Marie Bivins Carpenter, Elkin; and four sons, Capt. H. A. Bivins, Dayton, Ohio; W. E. Bivins, Rutherfordton; Frank Bivins, Morganton, and Joe Bivins, Elkin, and the following sisters and brother: Misses Minnie and Annie Chatham, Elkin; Mrs. Jennie Gordon, Winston-Salem; Mrs. William Hubbard, Moravian Falls and Joseph Chatham, East Bend. Nine grandchildren also survive.

Those attending the funeral from Moravian Falls were: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hubbard and daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Critcher.

## QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question: How much feed is required to add 100 pounds to a 75 pound pig?

Answer: This, of course, depends upon how long the feeding period is to last. A total of 340 pounds of feed will add the required amount in a period of ten weeks. The feeds include 30 pounds of fish meal or tankage, 120 pounds of corn meal, 20 pounds of wheat shorts, and 170 pounds of shelled corn. The first three items are fed as a slop mixture with the corn being fed separately. Feed requirements for certain weight pigs and the approximate gain in weight for definite periods are given in Extension Circular No. 143, copies of which may be had by writing the Agricultural Editor at State College.

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# TODAY AND TOMORROW

DEMOCRACY . . . . . and an I hear people saying everywhere that "democracy is on trial." The implication is, of course, that the democratic system of giving every citizen an equal voice in public affairs is still an unfinished experiment, that isn't working out any too well.

Well, we have been running on that system for considerably more than 150 years, here in the United States. We've had plenty of trouble, but as I look back over my own lifetime, and read what happened before that began, it seems to me that democracy as practised in this country has worked better than any of the systems that have been tried anywhere else in the world.

I don't think it is perfect, by any means. But neither is anything else that involves human nature and human relations. But any system that in a comparatively short period of time can raise the poorest nation in the world into the richest, spread the benefits of civilization and comfort among a much higher proportion of its people than any other system, anywhere, has ever done, can't be altogether bad.

IMPATIENCE . . . . . trouble Most of the world's troubles come from trying to do things in too much of a hurry. That is true in the case of individuals; it is particularly true in the case of those groups of individuals which we call nations.

I know that about all the real trouble I have ever had in my life has come about because I was too impatient to wait for results but tried to force events to happen before the time was ripe for them. And I am certain that nine-tenths of the world's troubles today root back to the same sort of impatience.

If it were not for impatience we would not see Russia today under the domination of a ruthless and despotic handful of Bolsheviks; Italy controlled by a dictator, Germany under the iron heel of a tyrant. Grant that the purposes of all of these and other dictators is the noble one of making their countries better places to live in—the future. I prefer a system which gives the living present first consideration. I have seen too many predictions go wrong to believe that any kind of large-scale planning for the future of a whole people can ever work out according to plan. Even single individuals responsible to nobody but themselves, seldom find that their plans for themselves will work.

## REFORMERS . . . through years

I have no quarrel with those who would remake the world. I can think of quite a few improvements that I could wish we had. But I cannot work myself up to enthusiasm for schemes to remodel civilization, or any minor part of the human scene, by any swift processes than the slow ones of education and evolution.

The reformer is always a fanatic. That is not a term of reproach. It means merely a person possessed of one idea, who is perfectly sure that he alone is right. Practically all of the progress the world has made has been instigated in the first instance by fanatics. Sometimes they have been right. Usually the thing they have urged upon the world comes about a few centuries or so after they have sowed the seed.

Any proposal for reforming the social order is a dream until it has been talked about long enough to make a controlling majority of the people believe in its possibility. And even then there is no guarantee that they will like it, after they have tried it.

## FOLKWAYS . . . . . Ingrained

The habits, customs and outlook on life of any given race, group or nation are conveniently referred to as "folkways." They are the ideas handed down from generation to generation, the ways of doing things which have become so natural to the group that they are "in their blood."

Anybody who wants to bring

about a radical change in social relations needs to watch his step when it comes to interfering with the folkways of a people. He may succeed, by violence and terrorization, in enforcing outward compliance with the new order, but down underneath the folkways will still assert themselves.

In the back country of Italy, I was told by a wise Roman, like the rest of the people, like the folkways ingrained for thousands of years before Christ remain with them. They believe, among themselves, in what they call "la vecchia religione"—the "old religion" of their pagan ancestors.

I notice that Mr. Hitler is having plenty of trouble trying to regulate the religion of the entire German nation. Mussolini was wiser than to try anything of that sort.

## CHURCHES . . . . . salvation

Somehow, I can't escape the feeling that a good many ministers and a good many churches are going outside of their province in taking part in or encouraging efforts at wholesale reforms. I speak as a churchman and a profound believer in the message of the church. But when I hear ministers taking part in economic discussions and encouraging the idea of making the world over over night, I wonder if they believe that salvation of any kind can be accomplished except one by one.

When I am inclined to get impatient with the slowness of humanity's progress toward perfection I go home and re-read that great old book by John Bunyan, "Pilgrim's Progress."

## MORALS . . . . . then and now

I am not one of those who believe that the moral standards of the human race are deteriorating. I don't know that I would say they are improving, but, taken by and large, I think there is little difference between the morals of 1934 and those of the period of my own adolescence, say 1884.

The principal difference is that people talk and write more about breaches of morals than they used to in the days when such things were not discussed in public. Boys and girls behave about the same as they used to, and I think about the only difference is that there is less parental restraint. There are more divorces, true, but that doesn't signify that there weren't as many grounds for divorce fifty years ago as now. It is simply that it is no longer regarded as disgraceful to be divorced.

Just now many things are done and exploited publicly that used to be regarded as strictly private affairs. The pendulum will swing back, as it has many times in the course of history, and we shall see another era of hushing up moral lapses instead of magnifying or glorifying them.

## SILVER . . . . . and trade boom

The Chinese Government has protested to the United States Government against the policy of buying silver, which has forced the price of the metal up in the world markets to nearly 60 cents an ounce. China has levied an export tax on silver, so much was being drawn out of that country.

Regular readers of this column will remember that I pointed out, more than three years ago, that an increase in the price

of silver to its pre-war average would make it impossible for China and other silver-using countries to compete unfavourably with the gold-standard nations in international trade. The silver policy adopted at Washington has had just that effect.

As an amateur economist, I want to register another guess about international money. It will not be very long now before France devalues the franc again, and the other gold-standard nations will follow suit. Then a complete equalization of the values of the currencies of all nations will be possible and international trade will begin to boom again all over the world.

## PRODUCTION . . . . . distribution

One good result of the depression and the consequent efforts of thousands of intelligent thinkers to find out what causes it and how to prevent another one, is that we have learned, for the first time, a lot of facts that nobody knew about our economic system.

When we have all the facts maybe somebody can do something about it, though it takes a long time for facts to become generally known. A lot of loose talk has been heard in the past few years about "over-production." Men have been disciplined for denying that America was producing more goods than we could consume. But now has been ascertained, with what seems to me convincing definiteness, that in almost every line of industry the equipment for production is far below what would be needed if everybody were to be supplied with all the goods he needs.

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