

## Here's \$500,000 Radio Burglar



William Schoch, college graduate, was a Chicago lawyer and business man by day. He was known as a model citizen. William Schoch, by night, set before his radio set, jotted down the names of fans who telephoned or telegraphed for musical numbers, broke into 125 homes and took loot valued at \$500,000, according to the Chicago police. Schoch (with glasses) is shown in jail with Sergt. J. J. Walsh, who captured him.

### STATE PRISON FACTS

#### The Honor System Does Much to Bring Self-Respect to Prisoners.

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Raleigh, April 25.—In the face of a gain of 107 prisoners during the first nine months of the present fiscal year, there has been an increase of 210 in the number of honor prisoners and a gain of 223 in the number of convicts employed in road construction and quarry work, according to a cumulative report for the third quarter made public by George Ross, prison superintendent.

On June 30, 1925, the prison population was 1,363, with 588 whites and 775 negroes. On March 31, 1926, there were 1,470 prisoners, 620 whites and 850 negroes.

At the close of the last fiscal year there were 379 men employed on the roads and in the quarries. This had been increased to 602 by March 31, 1926. In September, 1925, there were only twenty men in honor camps. There are now five such camps with a total of 125 men and, in addition, 328 prisoners in honor class at the central prison, the two farms and six construction camps, making a total of 507 out of the 1,470 convicts. Superintendent Pou and Dr. J. H. Norman, warden-physician, are much pleased with the success which has attended operations at the honor camps and have in view the operation of at least one of the three farm units altogether with men in honor grade.

It has become generally accepted in penal administration circles that the honor system, properly and broadly used, does more to bring to prisoners self-respect and self-confidence than any other thing. The placing of a man in honor grade, Superintendent Pou points out, is only a stepping stone to the prisoner's reclamation to society as a good citizen, by which he will become an asset, rather than a liability.

Superintendent Pou and Dr. Norman last month established three new honor camps, one at Morehead Bluffs, one at Gorman and the third under Pisgah Mountain in Transylvania county. The two officials traveled some 3,000 miles during the month in carrying out the added work attending upon the establishment of the new camps. The other honor camps are near Zebulon and in Bladen county.

Selection of proper advisory officials has much to do with the success of honor camps. Few escapes have been recorded in the past few months, only one in the past sixty days. When prisoners are committed, they are informed of their new duties and of the regulations and customs through lectures by Deputy Warden H. H. Honecutt.

They are given to understand that the prison officials are as anxious as they that sentences be served in the shortest possible time and that the rules which apply to prisoners are for their benefit. The prisoners, once assigned to cells, are put to work, the nature of the duties given them paralleling as closely as possible the work in which they were engaged outside the penitentiary.

While work, and plenty of it, is the lot of every able-bodied convict, there are hours for recreation. In the road camps, ten hours constitute a day's work, while the hours usually are longer, as is the usual thing, on privately owned and operated farms. Recreational activities outside of work hours are encouraged, as long as they do not interfere with the duties of the convicts. The routine is accepted philosophically by most of the convicts, Superintendent Pou reports, with only occasional complaints of mistreatment. These usually come from convicts known among their fellows as "bad eggs" and "their own worst enemies," he added.

The position of the prison superintendent is a peculiarly difficult one. In addition to the executive and administrative duties imposed upon most institutional heads, the incumbent has general supervision of more than 6,500 acres of land under cultivation and must purchase supplies, equipment and fertilizers for the several huge farms; purchase and distribute food supplies for nearly 1,700 prisoners and employees; purchase and distribute all clothing, supplies and ma-

### THE COTTON MARKET

#### Opened Barely Steady at Decline of 8 to 8 Points.—May Selling at 18.57.

New York, April 26.—(AP)—The cotton market opened barely steady today at a decline of 4 to 8 points on prospects for better weather in the South and relatively easy Liverpool cables. Liquidation of May contracts in anticipation of possible notices here tomorrow, as well as realizing or selling of raw crop months developed after the advances of last week, but the market steadied around 18.57 for May and 17.30 for October on covering with some commission house and foreign trade buying on new crop months.

A private report pointed to a decrease of 2.3 per cent. in the acreage with an increase of 1 per cent. in the use of fertilizer. Another authority reports prospects for a decrease of only 1 per cent. in acreage, but neither report seemed to have much effect on the early market.

Cotton futures opened barely steady May 18.63; July 18.11; October 17.35; December 17.02; January unquoted.

### BRITISH GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS BUDGET

#### Total for New Fiscal Year Will Be About 912,631,000 Pounds Sterling, Churchill Announces.

London, April 26.—(AP)—Introducing the budget in the House of Commons today, Chancellor of the Exchequer Winston Churchill estimated that the cost of running the British government for the coming fiscal year would be 912,631,000 pounds Sterling. This figure includes nearly 19,000,000 pounds for new expenditures including cruisers, empire marketing, and other necessary expenses.

The dead weight debt on March 31 he reported was 7,616,000,000 pounds. The floating debt was reduced by nearly 38,000,000 pounds during the past year.

### Concord Presbyterian Elects New Officials.

Mooresville, April 24.—Concord Presbyterian church of this city Wednesday, the executive board meeting at 3:30 o'clock and the opening session being at 8 o'clock at night. Dr. R. A. White, pastor of the church, gave the devotional; Dr. H. B. Arbuckle, of Davidson college, brought greetings from "The Men of the Church"; Rev. R. A. Brown, who is the representative of the general assembly for home missions, spoke for this cause, touching especially upon work for the colored race, giving incidents and statistics. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, synod's home mission representative, spoke briefly and interestingly of his work.

Mrs. Fred Glass, Mrs. Kate Propst, Miss Mary Propst and Pat Glass motored to Youth, South Carolina, for the day Sunday.

Materials for the nearly 1,500 prisoners, and inspect regularly the fourteen camps, which, in itself, requires a trip of more than 1,000 miles. These are only a few of the duties and responsibilities, but illustrate the difficulties, since the farms and camps are scattered from Morehead Bluffs on the coast, to Belva, in the mountains near the Tennessee line. Each prisoner in each camp must have food, clothing equipment and other supplies, which makes the problem almost fourteen times as complex as if the men were concentrated at one point.

The report contains high praise of the fine work being done among prisoners by various persons interested in the welfare of the convicts and their relatives on the outside. Mention is made of the work at Caledonia farm by Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Kitchin, Mr. Josey and others. At Raleigh, special mention is made of the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wethers, Mrs. W. H. Bond, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Loomis Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. White and others. The prison officials co-operate in every way possible. Each week, for instance, a list of the newly arrived convicts, with addresses of relatives and friends on the outside, is furnished a group of interested persons in Raleigh and, through them, contact is maintained with the unfortunate families of men behind the bars.

## NEW FRENCH OFFER NOT SATISFACTORY TO THIS COUNTRY

### France Must Revise New Offer for Settlement of Its War Debt, the Debt Commission States.

### BERENGER'S ACTS GIVEN APPROVAL

### In Paris Deputies Think He Has Taken the Best Course.—France To Pay England During Year.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—(AP)—France must revise its new offer for settlement of its war debt to this country, the American debt commission decided today.

The decision was reached at the second meeting of the American commission to study the proposal put forward last week by French Ambassador Berenger. Secretary Mellon will confer with the ambassador before negotiations are resumed.

Although France will be asked to modify its offer, it was emphasized today by the American commission that the latest discussions have not been terminated.

One of the principal hitches is how much France shall pay at the outset. Mr. Berenger proposed initial payments of \$25,000,000 annually but the commission is understood to desire higher first payments.

The commission hopes to work out an agreement on a trading basis without formally submitting a counter proposal pending submission by the French ambassador to a new offer.

The negotiations do not depend on the controversial safety clause which would relieve France of its debt responsibilities in the event of failure of Germany to meet its reparation payments. The American debt commission has expressed itself firmly against this, and Ambassador Berenger is not expected to insist on such a guarantee.

Berenger's Tactics Approved.

Paris, April 26.—(AP)—The finance committee of the chamber of deputies generally approved Ambassador Berenger's tactics in the debt funding negotiations at Washington after Premier Briand and Finance Minister Peret had explained the situation this afternoon. Consequently it is learned the final accord with the United States will find a favorable majority in the committee.

France Will Pay England During the Year.

London, April 26.—(AP)—France will begin to pay her war debt to Great Britain during the present British fiscal year. This was one outstanding announcement by Chancellor of the Exchequer Winston Churchill today in presenting the budget to the House of Commons. France's initial payment will be 4,000,000 pounds Sterling.

Mr. Churchill stated that he had received from Finance Minister Peret assurances that without prejudice to the forthcoming negotiations, France undertook to make an unconditional minimum payment of this sum. He paid tribute to this action.

## DELLINGER GOING TO PHILADELPHIA DURING THE WEEK

### Denver Man Believes He Can Prove That He Is the Long Lost Charlie Ross.

### AUTO READY TO MAKE THE TRIP

### Dellinger Refuses to Give the Name of the Person Who Will Make the Trip With Him.

Denver, N. C., April 26.—(AP)—Julius Coleman Dellinger, of this place, who believes he is the long lost Charlie Ross, expects to meet with members of the Ross family, he told the Associated Press today.

Dellinger said that an automobile would be sent here this week to carry him to Philadelphia, but said he was not at liberty to disclose the names of those summoning him there. He said he would go from Philadelphia to New York and expressed confidence he would be able to establish his identity as Ross.

"I can only say that the man who is to carry me to Philadelphia is now in Greensboro and I expect to leave during the week. The wife of this man is related to Ross."

Mr. Dellinger said that he was working on many ends of the case and believed he was near "proving" his claim.

He would not say how long he expected to be in Philadelphia or New York but added that "while he was wanted right now, he was working on a job here" that he had to complete before leaving.

Uses Birthmarks to Substantiate His Claim.

Charlotte, April 26.—(AP)—The Charlotte News says today that Julius Coleman Dellinger, of Denver, N. C., has shown relatives of Charles Ross "birth marks" upon his body that tally with those of the wealthy child who disappeared more than fifty years ago, and for whom an international search has been waged.

Although he possesses other "evidence" upon which he bases the belief that he is Charlie Ross, The News says it is these two marks upon which he largely relies to establish his identity.

The paper adds that he has earned that three of Ross' living relatives have told him they were convinced he is their kinsman. He is quoted as refusing to say where the "birthmarks" are.

Dellinger, the story says, has been informed by a national detective agency investigating the case that indications are that his claim can be sustained.

## West Point Mentors



Here are two of West Point's coaches, "Bit" Jones (left), recently appointed football tutor, and Harry "Moose" McCormick, baseball mentor. McCormick is remembered as the famous pinch-hitter of the New York Giants of years ago. Jones and McCormick are now at work with their respective squads.

## Committee Fails To Unite On Bids Made For Muscle Shoals

### COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

#### Fourteenth Annual Commencement One of the Best Yet Held.

Fine attendance and an excellent program made the fourteenth annual Cabarrus County commencement here Saturday one of the most interesting in local history. The auditorium of the high school, where the program was given, was filled with interested persons and every item on the program carried its own individual points of interest.

Contests for the declamation and recitation prizes developed keen competition from a number of excellent speakers, and the audience showed keen interest in various phases of school work.

The recitation prize was won by Miss Rebecca Moore, of the Mt. Pleasant School, whose subject was "His Last Song." The declamation prize was won by Hal Warlick, of the Mt. Pleasant school, whose subject was "Southern Chivalry."

Dr. E. F. Weist, of Pennsylvania, who conducted series of services in Trinity Reformed Church here last week, delivered the literary address, speaking forcefully and instructively to those who heard him. Dr. Weist accepted a place on the program after the scheduled speaker, L. C. Brogden, of Raleigh, found it impossible to be here.

One hundred and twenty-seven were given certificates of graduation and about 300 students were received certificates for perfect attendance. In addition many received certificates in spelling Names of the certificate holders will be published later.

Miss Evelyn Ritchie, of the Mt. Pleasant school, won the girl's scholarship given by Mont Amoena Seminary, her average being 96.2-6.

Miss Louise Pharr of Poplar Tent, next with an average of 95.3-6.

The scholarship to Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute was won by Richard Barrier, of the Hartwell Mill school, with an average of 91.1-6. Second honors among the boys went to Brown Holdbrooks, of the Hartwell school, whose average was 90.

One of the most interesting features of the program was music by the Mooresville String Band. Those in the audience found the music much to their delight and each number was generously applauded.

In addition to the winners, the following were heard in the recitation and declamation contests:

"The Happy Little Cripple"—Claudia Barringer, Barringer school.  
"Naughty Zell"—Pearl Fin, Winecoff school.  
"The Doll and the Teaparty"—Letha Mae Stallings, Rocky River school.  
"Ragedy, Ragedy Man"—Kathryn Wentz, Hartwell school.  
"America's Treasurer"—Richard Barrier, Hartwell school.  
"Home"—A. T. Boger, Jr., Rocky River school.

Prof. J. B. Robertson, superintendent of the county schools, presided and in a brief talk discussed the work done during the past year. He congratulated the students on the splendid work accomplished during the year, giving special praise to those who won honors by their faithful attendance and strict adherence to the work mapped out for them. The closing, he said, was one of the best in the history of the county and Prof. Robertson predicted that with the opening of the new that high schools in the fall county education matters in Cabarrus will improve.

The entire program was given in the afternoon, thus allowing farm people to spend the morning at homes without missing any of the splendid features provided.

Mrs. B. V. Matthews returned to her home in Winston-Salem Sunday, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Goodson here, and her sister, Mrs. Harry Hopkins, in Baltimore.

## TRAFFIC DEATHS IN SOUTHLAND IN WEEK FELL OFF SHARPLY

### Only 32 Deaths Reported in Eleven States of the South, Late Survey by Associated Press Shows.

### FLORIDA LEADER IN FATALITIES

### Eight Deaths Were Reported in That State.—Five Killed and Seven Injured in North Carolina.

(AP)—Southern traffic fatalities fell away sharply last week when only 32 deaths were recorded in a survey made in eleven states by the Associated Press today.

Three states reported no deaths whatever from any traffic causes. They were Virginia, Mississippi and Arkansas. Florida reported the greatest number with eight.

There were 240 injured, ranging all the way from 1 hurt in South Carolina to 48 hurt in Florida.

These reports were compiled from automobile, train, trolley, motorcycle, boat and airplane accidents.

A tabulation by states follows:

Virginia: No deaths, 12 injured; North Carolina, 5 deaths, 7 injured; South Carolina, 1 death, 1 injured; Georgia 6 deaths, 39 injured; Florida 8 deaths, 48 injured; Alabama 3 deaths 30 injured; Mississippi, no deaths, 10 injured; Louisiana 3 deaths, 38 injured; Arkansas no deaths, 10 injured; Tennessee, 2 deaths, 18 injured; Kentucky, 4 deaths 9 injured. Total, 32 deaths, 240 injured.

### COFFIN OF MARBLE WAS DECLINED BY JACKSON

#### The Letter Declining It One of the Finest Communications He Ever Wrote.

New York, April 26.—(AP)—Andrew Jackson's letter declining to accept the sarcophagus of the Roman Emperor, Alexander Severus, for his depository is believed by students of Americana to be one of the finest communications he wrote.

The letter was in the collection of the late William Green Stillaber, of Boston, which recently was sold by the American Art Galleries. Numerous other documents relating to Jackson's life as soldier, president and private citizen were auctioned at the same time.

Shortly before his death, the former president was tendered the marble coffin by Commodore Elliott, famous in the War of 1812, on behalf of the National Institute. Elliott had just returned from Palestine on the Constitution, which now is being rebuilt for preservation.

"I pray you, general," he wrote, "to live on in the fear of the Lord; dying the death of a Roman soldier, an emperor's coffin awaits you."

Although seriously ill, Jackson replied, in part:

"With all the sensations that can inspire a grateful heart, I must decline accepting the honor, intended to be bestowed. I cannot consent that my mortal body shall be laid in a depository prepared for an Emperor or a King—My republican feelings and principles forbid it—the simplicity of our system of government forbids it—Every monument erected to perpetuate the memory of our heroes and statement ought to bear evidence of the economy and simplicity of our republican institutions, and the simplicity of our republican citizens, who are the sovereigns of our glorious union, and whose virtue it is to perpetuate it."

"True government cannot exist where pomp and parade are the governing passions; it can only dwell with the people—the great laboring and producing classes that form the bone and sinew of our confederacy x x x

"I have prepared a humble depository for my mortal body, beside that wherein lies my dearly beloved wife, where, without any pomp or parade, I have requested, when my God calls me to sleep with my fathers, to be laid, for both there to remain until the last trumpet sounds to call the dead to judgment. When we hope shall rise together, clothed with that heavenly body, promised to all who believe in our Glorious Redeemer who died for us that we might live and by whose atonement, I hope for a blessed immortality."

Mrs. T. H. Webb has returned to her home here, after a visit of several days in Duke.

### WANTS TO SHIP BABY BY MAIL OR EXPRESS

#### Young Woman Didn't Understand Why Infant Should Not Be Handled as Well as Baby Chick.

Hickory, April 25.—A much perplexed young woman, whose identity was not known, visited the express office and the Hickory postoffice Saturday to find out if there was a way to express or parcel post a baby from here to Chicago.

She first visited the express office and when informed by Agents that a live baby could not be sent by express, she went to the postoffice to interview Postmaster Miller, who informed her that he knew of no tariff by which babies could be handled in his department of the government's mail.

The young woman was evidently peeved and questioned the heads of the departments why they couldn't do as well by a human baby since they sent baby chicks and other live animals by mail and express. She said that she was going to Chicago in a few days but that the baby was sick and would have to be sent some time later. She asked what sort of crate a baby must be put in and how the package should be wrapped and tied.

### Winston-Salem Federal Court Meeting Place.

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—The Senate passed today without a record vote a bill setting Winston-Salem, N. C., as a meeting place for the northern North Carolina Federal District Court. The session will begin on the fourth Mondays of June and December. The measure goes to the House.

### With Our Advertisers.

You will find many specials in the grocery department at the Parks-Bell Co.'s. See the Dollar Specials they have for you in new ads, for you. Spring fashions await you in all the latest fashions at J. C. Penney's at \$2.98.

You will find at Bell & Harris' a complete new stock of home furnishings.

Miss Virginia Shoemaker, of Davidson, was the week-end guest of Miss Dorothy Hartzell in Concord.

### Tires Burned in Charlotte.

Charlotte, April 26.—(AP)—Damage estimated at \$50,000 resulted here today when a fire of undetermined origin destroyed a large part of the stock of automobile tires at the Michelin Tire Company's factory branch here.

### Bramham Circuits All to Ure Resin.

Charlotte, N. C., April 26.—Judge W. G. Bramham, president of the Virginia league, the Piedmont league and the South Atlantic Association, announced here today that the resin bag would be allowed pitchers in all three of his circuits.

### SAT'S BEAR SAYS



Fair tonight and Tuesday, continued cold tonight, warmer Tuesday. Diminishing northerly winds becoming variable.