

**ERNEST WALKER GOES TO DEATH IN CHAIR**

**Calls For Spiritual Advisor At Eleventh Hour and Dr. J. A. Ellis Responds.**

Raleigh, April 22.—Ernest Walker, little but stockily put together mulatto of Durham, who was electrocuted for murder in Durham, changed his mind about the preachers at the last minute and called for one as the gray hearse rumbled up to carry him back to town dead.

Walker's eleventh hour whim gave him several minutes. He had made several belated efforts to get a postponement of his electrocution for the

**NOTICE—Trustee's Sale of Land.**

By virtue of authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned by L. G. Waugh, on March 20, 1919, we will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the courthouse door in Dobson, North Carolina, commencing at 12 o'clock noon

Wednesday, May 4, 1927,

the lands described in said deed of trust, recorded in book 80 page 580, etc., Register of Deeds office, Surry County, as follows:

Adjoining the lands of R. C. Lewellyn on the west, John Branch on the south, James Evans old place on the east, and Martha Stewart and others on the north.

Beginning on a Horn Bean on the bank of Little Fish river on the east side of said river at the mouth of a branch; thence up the branch along a line of marked trees north 87 deg. east 8 chs. to a White Oak stump and dogwood; thence continuing up the branch with marked trees north about 28 deg. east 7 chs. to a Poplar, Evan's corner; thence north 7 deg. east 7 chs. to the ridge road; then with the same north 2 deg. west 10.50 chs.; then north 16 degrees east 3 1-2 chs. then north 15 deg. west 6.50 chs. then north 25 deg. east 4.25 chs. to a Chestnut down and gone; thence north 85 deg. west 28 1/2 chs. to a White Oak; thence south 21 deg. west 4.95 chs. to a poplar on the bank of Little Fishers river near the mouth of a small branch; then down said river as it meanders 50 chs. to the beginning, containing 137 acres, more or less.

This April 1, 1927.

Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Trustees.

murder of Joseph Cassidy, another negro, but there was no help. Yesterday when the final appeal was made, there was nobody to hear it. But the state had done about all that it could for a triple capital felon. To the last hour Walker had declined spiritual aid. After the first song of the dynamo this morning he was ready for help.

Dr. J. A. Ellis was rushed to the death house and walked in ahead of the short and powerful little yellow man. The pastor said nothing and the prisoner was equally uncommunicative. He looked over and smiled at the Durham people. "Them's some of my folks," he said. His face lit up with a smile that never left him. But for an occasional clearing of his throat Walker would have gone thru the whole business without being heard.

The execution was well executed. It took a lot of electricity to diminish the little yellow fellow, but the machinery worked well. The attendants took no chance on experimentation. Warden Joe Norman held the current on him slightly more than two minutes for the first shock and a minute and 37 seconds for the second. Joe Stone, senior executioner, threw the switch.

The oyster-mouthed mulatto, who talked little throughout his confinement, confessed the murder of Cassidy, the breaking into his home and the criminal assault on Cassidy's wife. Of the three capital crimes, he was convicted on the single indictment, that of murder.

**Administratrix Executor's Notice.**

Mrs. Ella Crotts administratrix, having qualified as executor of the estate of Eliza C. Bedeaul, deceased, late of Surry county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of March, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 31st day of March, 1927. Mrs. Ella Crotts, Administratrix.

**Sally O'Neil**



Handsome Sally O'Neil, young and popular, noted for her splendid work in girl parts in motion pictures, has another sapper role in "Slide, Kelly, Slide!"

**For Meditation**

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

**ACTIVE IGNORANCE**

THE proprietor of a large furniture establishment recently related the conversation he had with a representative of a concern, one of whose chief merchandising products is their famous bookcases. "Bookcases do not sell very well these days," said he. "It is impossible to move large portions of the stock. People are not buying bookcases as they did 15 or 20 years ago." The reason advanced for this was that there was less reading of books by the average family today than in former years. Instead of purchasing books which cost on the average of from one dollar to two dollars and a half, people were buying magazine which they can get for five cents to fifty cents. Some of these magazines of course are good, others are not worth the time spent in reading them.

The tendency to substitute the magazines for books is indicative of a pernicious decline in the appreciation of good and wholesome literature. The danger resulting from this condition is that ignorance may run rampant with things. Someone has said that only one person out of a hundred thinks, the other ninety-nine blindly and thoughtlessly follow a leader.

This may be an exaggerated statement, but it is certain that magazines substituted for books is not likely to contribute to the increase of either knowledge or wisdom. The problem is to get the average person to think and to reason. If stupidity could be silenced the problem would not be so difficult, but the voice of stupidity is determined to be heard. The more shallow the water the more noise it makes. So with human brains. The most dangerous social problem confronting America to day is ACTIVE IGNORANCE.

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**SAWS**  
By Viola Brothers Shere

**FOR THE GOOSE—**  
LAUGHIN' at a fresh kid is makin' yourself his partner.

It ain't good salesmanship to show a woman too many hats.

Anybody can be a mother. All you gotta be is a cook, a nurse, a judge, a sardresser, a minister, a chiroprapist, a queen, a laundress, a story-teller, a decorator, a doctor, a sleepwalker, a secretary, a clairvoyant, God and an encyclopedia. That's all.

**FOR THE GANDER—**  
Calamity hits you from the outside. But worry is in your own mind.

You might stay an optimist through a run of bad breaks. But who ever stays a pessimist when Lady Luck smiles?

He who laughs last can never be sure of it.

**Hercules Man of Strength**

Whenever the Greek gods of Mount Olympus were confronted with a hard task, they sent for Hercules, whose mighty strength could be depended upon to accomplish anything.

Hercules would find little to do in modern times, when machinery accomplishes our herculean tasks. The demand of modern times is not for strength, but for energy with which to keep up the swift pace of our day. Corn is an excellent energy food.

**Diagnosis**

Johnson—So your baby is ill? What's his ailment?  
Jackson—The doctor said it was rickets, but from the noise it makes I'm pretty sure it's rickets.

**Alcoholic Deaths Less Than Under Open Saloon**

The alcoholic death rate was far greater when legally protected saloons sold so-called "good" liquor than since prohibition put a ban on "good" liquor and people resorted to the use of any old stuff with a kick in it, according to facts gleaned by Miss Cora Frances Stoddard, director of scientific temperance investigation.

A drive will be undertaken throughout the fifty-two states to bring this and other facts to the attention of the public through the efforts of the Woman's Christian Temperance Association.

It is interesting also to note that the deaths from poison alcohol have decreased instead of increased according to United States Census figures which give deaths from poison alcohol in 1921 as 194 and in 1925 only 182. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. tables show ninety in 1920 and twenty-nine in 1925.

Prohibition saved 16,640 from death from alcoholism in the first six years of prohibition but it would have saved twenty-five thousand if it claimed in the same time had not it been for the influence of the great wet drive which induced people to drink in spite of the law and ridiculed prohibition. Alcoholism is as preventable as small-pox and those who die from drinking liquor are just as dead as though they had died of small-pox, yet people countenance liquor drinking in violation of the law who would feel it their duty to do all in their power to stop the spread of small-pox or any other scourge which sends men to their graves except that of liquor drinking which they take as a matter of course and raise a question of personal privilege if the law undertakes to say man cannot lawfully make, handle or use the stuff.

Mr. Ford is satisfied with a quick, safe turnover, which would also please a lot of his customers on frosty mornings.—Princeton Tiger.

Just before the court sentence Cockrell was asked if he had anything to say. In a calm voice and without the least sign of emotion he said nothing.—Missouri paper.

**Notice.**

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Michael Ring, deceased, late of the County of Surry, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned executor on or before

the 14th day of April, 1928 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate make immediate settlement of the same.

John M. Ring, Executor of Michael Ring, Dec'd.  
Pilot Mountain, N. C., R. 3.  
W. R. Badgett, Attorney.

**Notice**

North Carolina, Surry County, Town of Mount Airy.

Resolutions to pave Galloway St. Whereas, property owners on Galloway Street within the following area, to-wit, beginning at the hard surface on said Galloway Street and running to a curb in the bend of the road or street in front of West-Hill Company garage have filed with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the town of Mount Airy petition asking that the said-street within the aforesaid area be paved in keeping with Article 9, Chapter 56 of Consolidated Statutes and the Charter of the town of Mount Airy, adopted February 16, 1927, by an act of the General Assembly.

And whereas it has been certified by the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners that a majority of property owners within the aforesaid area have signed said petition and that said petitions represent in ownership a majority of the lineal feet frontage within said area of said street, which petition is now on file.

Now therefore, be it resolved, ordered and ordained:

1. That Galloway street beginning at the hard surface portion thereof as the same is at present and running to the curb in the bend of the street in front of the West-Hill Co. garage be paved in keeping with Section 12 of the act of the General Assembly ratified February 16, 1927, amending the charter of the town of Mount Airy; that said paving be of a width of eighteen (18) feet inclusive of guttering and that said paving be made of concrete or bitulithic as may be hereafter determined.

2. That the cost of the paving of said area of said street be charged and assessed in keeping with the charter of the town of Mount Airy as amended by the act of the General Assembly of North Carolina ratified February 16, 1927.

3. That the assessments be made against the several properties abutting upon said street in the following proportion, to-wit: One half of the cost of improving the said street inclusive of all work to be done thereon, grading, fine grading, engineering costs, paving and curbing, together with necessary drains and other things as may be required in the improvement and paving of said street; provided however the town of Mount Airy shall be chargeable with the pavement at intersections, if any.

4. That these resolutions shall be published in the Mount Airy News as provided by Section 2705 of Consolidated Statutes, Article 9, Chapter 56, such publication to be for at least one issue in said papers.

By order of the Board of Commissioners, this the 5th day of April, 1927.

W. G. SYDNOR, Mayor.  
F. M. POORE, Sec. & Treas.

**Notice**

North Carolina, Surry County, in Superior Court.

Jane Thompson, Admrx. of Scott Thompson, Dec'd and Jane Thompson individually, vs. H. A. Thompson and wife Dora Thompson, J. I. Thompson and wife Lois Thompson, Mrs. F. M. Shum, G. S. Thompson and wife Vergie Thompson and H. W. Thompson, Ethel Thompson, Mildred Thompson, Harold Thompson, Marguerite Thompson, and Jessie Thompson.

The defendants above named and each of them will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of

**Notice**

Surry County, North Carolina to sell the lands of Scott Thompson, Dec'd to make assets to pay debts and cost of administration and the said defendants will further take notice that they are each required to appear at the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Surry County in the Courthouse at Dobson, N. C. on the 36th day of May, 1927, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

This April 21st, 1927.

F. T. Lewellyn, Clerk of Superior Court of Surry County, North Carolina.

**SILVAN-DREW CIRCUS**  
WILL EXHIBIT AT  
**Mt. Airy, Friday, May 6**  
ONE DAY, UNDER MAMMOTH WATER-PROOF TENT  
All kinds of trained animals, Dogs, Goats, Mules and Ponies. World Greatest Lady and Gentleman performers. Lots of funny Clowns and good music.  
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**Big PARADE at Noon**

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WHEN any one tries to sell you an investment—ask your Banker. Accept no man's judgment on investments in place of your banker's.  
If all invested by this simple rule, few would ever be divested of their wealth.  
Resources, ..... \$1,000,000.00  
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E. G. SMITH, Cashier D. C. RECTOR, Asst. Cash.  
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