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**This Week**



**DEAD 30 MINUTES—  
DON'T START TOO SOON—  
BIRDS SING ON SUNDAY—  
THE LITTLE MAN—**

Michael J. Hinch, 18 years old, touched a live wire carrying 5,000 volts, and, according to doctors, was "dead for half an hour." Quick action by fire men brought the boy back to life.

At first his mind wandered. Then he recognized friends, knew his own name, who he was and what he had been doing in the previous 18 years.

The question arises, does the same thing happen to all of us, after we have been dead a long time, perhaps, as one earnest clergyman suggests, as long as a billion years, waiting for the world to end and Gabriel to summon us?

Young gentlemen of Yale vote overwhelmingly for Secretary Hoover for president in 1928. The young men reflect, without knowing it, opinions of their fathers and other older men.

Among democrats, Governor Smith, of New York, is the favorite, by a big majority. Friends of Secretary Hoover should not start their race too early. Many a man has won three-quarters of a race with ease, but not the last quarter.

Pittsburgh judge decides that Pittsburgh's symphony society may give concerts on Sunday, although the Allegheny County Sabbath association calls the concerts wicked.

What about the birds that sing on Sunday, and could not sing if the Lord did not approve? Are they wicked?

Banking gentlemen tell the little man not to invest in stocks or even bonds, but put his money in savings banks.

That reminds you of the little boy who didn't want his sister to kill the big bluebottle fly. He wanted to kill it.

If bonds and stocks, industrial and others, yield profits good for big concerns, why not give the little man a chance?

How many millions have Frederick H. Ecker, of the Metropolitan Life company; President Michell, of the National City bank; President Gianinni, of the Bank of Italy and Bancitaly corporation, and dozens of others made for their stockholders by wise bond and stock investments?

Mr. Michell made millions for his bank, buying government bonds below par, when little people were unloading them.

Why not a committee of honest financiers to tell the little people what to buy, safely?

Great Britain is "watching the United States carefully, suspecting an American challenge for world supremacy."

This country doesn't particularly want any world supremacy. Plenty of room, plenty to do on these two American continents. But if anybody must have world supremacy, why not the United States? This is a real empire and will last.

The emperor of Japan sets an example in economy—carries a \$5 watch, cultivates his own ricefields. That would surprise his great-grandfather. That mikado, by lifting a finger, could chop off anybody's head, and he did.

Japanese discover that western methods bring in western agitation. Politics in Japan is divided into eight parties now, including four labor parties. That calls for thought.

Here we haven't even one labor party, and worry about bolshevism.

Landlady: "Eight o'clock, eight o'clock."  
Auctioneer (sleepily): "Who'll make it nine?"—Ex.

## Slayer's Confession Is Read At Trial



Senator James Heflin of Alabama who was sharply rebuked by his chief for his repeated attacks upon the Roman Catholic Church, its "Political Machine," Gov. Al. Smith and Tammany Hall.

## Child Improves After Accident

## Ruby Batten, Seven Year Old Child of R. S. Batten Sustains Painful Injuries When Knocked Down By Car

Ruby Batten, seven-year-old daughter of R. S. Batten, who was knocked down by a car Monday afternoon soon after getting off a school truck in front of the home of Ennis Batten near Micro on highway number 22, is improving and is expected to recover from her injuries, according to information received here yesterday.

The owner of the car, H. Assard, of Wilson, was one of the occupants, but his brother-in-law was driving at the time of the accident. The car, an Essex, was said to be traveling at the rate of thirty-five or forty miles an hour and the driver slowed down so suddenly that that car turned into a ditch. Three ladies were in the car and one was painfully hurt, her shoulder having been broken.

The Batten child was knocked unconscious, and three other children narrowly escaped injury. Mr. Assard offered every assistance possible, and offered to pay all damages and hospital bills. When a physician was summoned a thorough examination was made, and it was not considered necessary to take the child to a hospital. She was badly bruised about the head and chest.

## Here Viewing Invention.

Messrs. J. A. Paasche, of Chicago, Ill., A. R. Downer, of Gordonsville, Va., C. R. Kennedy, of Charlotte, E. L. Thompson, of Greenville, E. C. Butner, of Atlanta, Ga., J. B. Lee, of Wilson, and F. E. Willard, of Oakfield, Wis., were a few of those here recently to see the new invention of Jas. H. Kirkman, on display at Grantham's old store.

She: Time separates the best of friends.

He: Quite true. Fourteen years ago we were both eighteen. Now you are twenty-three and I am thirty-two.

## Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston county, and if the right one decipherers his name and will present it to the Herald office, we will present him with a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

(Miss) Audrey Moore recognized her name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: nteoinlojgl

## Presented by Jerome Walsh, Attorney For Wm. E. Hickman—Depositions Read

HALL OF JUSTICE, Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—William E. Hickman's confession of the kidnapping, killing and mutilation of 12-year-old Marian Farker was written into the evidence today at his sanity trial.

The 19-page confession made by the youth on a train carrying him back to Los Angeles after his arrest in Oregon was read by Jerome Walsh, chief defense attorney, after Dick Lucas, a detective, and the first defense witness, had related the story of the crime to which Hickman had pleaded "not guilty by reason of insanity." The confession was a repetition of previously published accounts of the crime.

## TO SHOW AFTER CRIME.

After being kept in captivity two days by Hickman, Marian cried and Hickman "became afraid she would tumble me up with the police," Detective Lucas said he had admitted. Hickman then tied her to a chair and strangled her. A few hours after the killing Hickman went to a show.

The newspaper-wrapped parts of the dissected body were thrown in Elysian Park about dusk, Lucas continued, relating also how Hickman said he met Parker that Saturday night to turn over the torso for the \$1,500.

"I sure needed that money," Hickman was quoted as commenting, "and I was going to take the chance, as things were getting hot."

Relating of Hickman's cashing one of the numbered \$20 ransom bills in a cafeteria that night, Lucas quoted Hickman:

"I'd sure like to see that girl cashier. I bet she got a thrill when she learned it was me."

Hickman was quoted by the witness as declaring he was sitting up in bed when the police searched the apartment house Sunday morning. "The money was behind the wall ironing board," Hickman said. "They seemed to be looking for towels, but they didn't take any of mine."

Lucas testified Hickman's relation of his packing up, then stealing the green Hudson automobile in Hollywood by holding up the owner, and of fleeing to San Francisco and Seattle.

In Seattle, after cashing a \$20 bill at a haberdasher's, who Hickman said "he knew me," Hickman went to a show and the next day drove back to Oregon, where he was captured.

Lucas testified this confession was taken by continual questioning on the train while returning the prisoner here. Under defense questioning, he testified Hickman then himself wrote the 19-page confession. The defendant did not seem to be moved by the reading of the details.

Captain Charles Edwards, former chief of police in Kansas City, and a one-time benefactor and friend of Hickman, who today was 20 years old, related in the last of the sheaf of depositions presented by the defense that he personally believed the youth insane at time of the crime. He asserted, however, he was incompetent to pass legal judgment on the question.

Colonel Edwards revealed that he was instrumental in obtaining a position for Hickman in the Los Angeles bank of which Perry M. Parker, father of the slain child, is an officer. After Hickman was convicted of forging checks at the bank, Edwards had the youth paroled to him.

In a deposition, Colonel Edwards' wife said she had remarked at the time that the forgery seemed an act of insanity.

The opinion that Hickman was insane was expressed by Mrs. Rebecca Tomlin, one of Hickman's school teachers, but she admitted she had formed her conclusions after his arrest in the Parker case.—Associated Press.

## Horrors! He Did



HERE IS the ground hog, who lays claim, sometimes, to being the world's most accurate weather forecaster. Did he maintain his prestige as a weather prophet this year? Did he see his shadow February 2nd, "groundhog day"?—Did he go back into his burrow, prolonging winter for another six weeks?

## Recorder's Court Has Light Docket

## Seven Criminal Cases Are Disposed of On Tuesday of This Week

Recorder's court was in session here Tuesday of this week and the following criminal cases were tried and disposed of:

W. A. Henry entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging giving a worthless check. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Milton Peoples was sentenced to the roads for 60 days for possession and transportation. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a fine and cost on condition that he does not violate the prohibition law again in the next two years.

Arthur Allen was found guilty of possession and transportation. A 60-day road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost, and on the condition that the defendant does not violate the prohibition law again in the next two years.

Cal Holt, charged with larceny, was called and failed. Judgment nisi sci fa and capias.

Ed McGray was convicted of possession and transportation. He was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, but the sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$50 fine and the cost.

R. D. Massengill, Leon Flowers, Monroe Lee and Delbert Phillips were in court charged with violation of the prohibition law. Each was found guilty of manufacturing and possession and all were sentenced to the roads for 60 days each and taxed with the cost. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine each and cost on condition that they do not violate the prohibition law again in the next two years.

Charlie Jordan was convicted of careless and reckless driving. Prayer for judgment is to be continued upon the payment of cost. The defendant was given 30 days in which to pay.

## HAS CHAMPION SAWMILL

J. J. Eason, of the Sanders Chapel section, is said to have the champion sawmill. It is a Fordson tractor mill. Romey Daughtry of the same neighborhood had two saw mills which were so large that two steam sawmills refused to tackle the job. He took it to Mr. Eason's mill, and had it cut. The first cut was 16 feet long and cut 674 feet of one-inch boards. The second cut of 16 feet turned out 427 feet of boards, making a total of 1101 feet of timber from one poplar tree.

Miss Cora Chadwick Improving Miss Cora Chadwick, efficient nurse at Johnston County Hospital, who underwent an operation for mastoiditis a few days ago, is getting along nicely, her friends will be glad to learn.

## Woman Fills Officers With Bird Shot

## Officers Try to Put Colored Woman Out of House and She Fires Bird Shot At Them; House Burns Shortly After Vacated

ONEALS township was the scene of rather an exciting incident Monday afternoon and night when Sarah Wright, a colored woman, refused to move out of a log cabin belonging to C. G. Weathersby. It seems that the negro woman had owned the cabin at one time but had mortgaged it and it had been sold in default of payment. She and her husband and four children had been put out of the house a time or two, but they kept moving back. Monday, the owner of the property took out ejection papers but the magistrate failed to persuade them to move. The constable also tried to get them out, and failed. Then the sheriff was notified, and Monday afternoon, Deputy John O. Ellington and C. C. Hathaway went to the house to see what they could do. When the officers made their appearance, the woman who was in the house with her four children, began firing at them with bird-shot. Fearing that the children might be hit the officers refrained from firing back. In the meantime, the shot fell thick and fast, several shots hitting the hands of the officers. Leaving C. C. Hathaway on guard, Deputy Ellington came back for reinforcements. W. D. Avera and T. E. Talton returned to the scene with Mr. Ellington and after allowing the woman's sister to remonstrate with her and after letting her hear some talk of dynamiting the house, the door was opened and the woman fled to the swamp. As yet she has not been apprehended. In a short time the house was vacated.

Mack Whitley, a colored man, was arrested for conspiracy and was brought here Monday night. R. B. Whitley of Wendell, however, stood his bond for his appearance in court.

A few hours after the house was vacated, it caught fire and burned to the ground.

## Free Picture Show Victory Theatre

## Shows Jackie Coogan On Visit to Near East, and Festival in Which Rev. Chester Alexander Took Part

The manager of the Victory theatre, in cooperation with Near East Relief, will be host at a free motion picture show Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to see the pictures which will consist of several reels of scenes from the historic lands of the Near East and especially the life among the orphans who are in the Near East Relief Orphanages. Besides this there will be two other reels, one showing the famous Jackie Coogan on his trip to the Near East. Jackie went several years ago with a cargo of milk which he collected for his little friends overseas. Another reel will show a Golden Rule Festival in Columbia, S. C., in which Rev. Chester Alexander took part.

During the week many of the school children of the county have made offerings to help the boys and girls of Bible lands and Lex Klutz, state director of Near East Relief, arranged with Manager Howell to show the boys and girls some pictures of their little friends overseas. The doors will be open at ten-twenty Saturday morning, and it is hoped that many will go out to see the free pictures.

To provide a silk dress for a woman requires the combined labor of 300 many legged worms one or one two legged worm for one week.

## Irish President Grets Big Bill Thompson



William T. Cosgrave, President of the Irish Free State, greets Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago as he steps off the Twentieth Century.

## Princeton Bows To Local Highs

## Smithfield Five Triumphant Only After Hard Fight; Uzzle Outstanding Star

The Johnston county champions have been dethroned! The so-called champs in the persons of the Princeton high school basketball five invaded the local camp Tuesday night with high hopes of adding Coach Blankenship's team to its list of victims but were sent home with a 18-12 drubbing in one of the best cage contests seen here this season.

Although they were never in the lead the Princeton tossers trailed Smithfield so close that at times it looked as if the locals were going to fall before this wonder team that they had heard so much about. The spectators were kept on edge throughout. The first half was marked by close guarding on the part of both teams. At the end of the half Smithfield held a 7-4 lead.

With the opening of the second half the local cagers found the basket for two successive goals, giving them a seven-point margin. But then the Princeton outfit rallied and ran the score to 11-9 in a very few minutes. Smithfield shot a foul and Princeton another field goal bringing the count up to 12-11. But this was as near as the Boon Hill basketekers could get to victory for the local five caged three field goals in the final minutes and made victory a sure thing.

Ed Uzzle is BIG BOY. Ed Uzzle, guard, was the main cog in the local's victory and the outstanding star of the game. His floorwork and good shooting was exceptionally good. He scored in all eleven points. Ed Parrish starred on the defensive. He was closely guarded by the Princeton team and had to be content with second honors in scoring for Smithfield. Gurley, Princeton high scoring ace, made several spectacular shots which placed him along with the other stars of the game. Another feature of the affray was the strong defense of the Smithfield team. It was indeed hard for the visitors to break through it.

The two teams will meet again here next week in what is expected to be another real clash.

Ollie Hamilton Visits Daughter Here in Plane. In company with Messrs. Martin and Craft, Ollie Hamilton, well known throughout the state being the owner of the Ollie Hamilton vaudeville show, was in the city yesterday to visit his daughter, Miss Cleo Hamilton who is making her home in this city during the winter months. The trio arrived in this city by aeroplane from Wadesboro. The aeroplane was manned by Mr. Martin, a licensed pilot, who stated to a representative of this paper that he expected to remain in Smithfield for a few days, probably through Sunday, for the purpose of taking passengers up for a ride. The landing field is at the old cotton mill just outside the city limits.

## S. S. Convention To Be In Selma

## Good Program With Good Speakers Has Been Arranged For Sunday Afternoon At Edgerton Memorial M. E. Church

The annual Selma Township Sunday School Convention will be held on Sunday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock in the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church, Selma.

The public, as well as those that are interested in Sunday school work, is cordially invited to attend this convention. The program which is very interesting and helpful with two out of town speakers will be as follows:

- 3:00 Devotional Service, conducted by Dr. R. L. Shirley, Selma.
- 3:15: Two essentials of successful work with children—graded organization and graded Bible lessons, by Miss Flora Davis, N. C. Sunday School Association, Raleigh.
- 3:30: Suggestions for the organization and activities of young people's classes, by Mr. Geo. F. Brietz, Selma.
- 3:40: Solo, by Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Selma.
- 3:45: Business session; Report of nominating committee; election of officers; collection.
- 3:55: Young people—How to get them and keep them in Sunday School, by Mr. J. W. Hollowell, Kenly.
- 4:05: The young people in the Sunday school, by Rev. D. M. Sharpe, Selma.
- 4:15: Adjourn.

## The Boy Who Will Be In Demand.

One of the finest qualities in a workman is the quality of seeing what needs to be done and doing it without being told. One of the rarest in a servant in the house is the doing of things that need to be done without being told. Young men working their way through college are invaluable if they have this quality. A tool is left out in the lawn; there is a rail off the fence; there is a lock broken from the door; there is a window-pane gone somewhere. The boy who tends to these things because they need attending to, without specific directions, is the boy who, other things being equal, is going to be in demand when he gets out into the great world, and it is the attention to little things and the habit of observation, which sees what needs to be done and then does it, which makes exceedingly useful men and women. There will always be a position for such persons. There will always be a call to come up higher. It is in one sense a small thing to do these little things without orders, but it is doing of them that makes great captains, great engineers, great artists, great architects, great workers in any department, and it is the absence of this quality that makes commonplace men and women, who will always have to live under the dominion of petty orders, men and women, who do nothing unless they are told to do it. It is this quality which makes volunteers in church work, and the invaluable men and women who do not have to be stood over. They are the joy of the pastor's heart; they are the ones who do not have to be watched.—Charles M. Sheldon.

## F. M. Holly Kills Big Lot Of Pork

## A Total of 5,023 Pounds Is The Record For This Season; Hogs Range From 240 to 349 Pounds

F. M. Holly is one who believes in raising plenty of "hog and hominy" at home, as well as other farm and home supplies, as anyone would see by visiting his farm. He lives near Peacock's Cross Roads in Meadow township. On January 24 he killed thirteen fine hogs, the lightest one weighing 240, and the heaviest one 349, the 13 making 3,707 pounds. He had previously killed twelve hogs that weighed 1316, a total of all together being five thousand twenty-three pounds for this season.

Mr. Holly has reared a large family but most of them are married or live in other parts, the number of those of his household at present being five. Although he is advanced in years he is strong and hearty, and enjoys picking a backbone as well as when a lad.

Teacher: "I wonder if you like wit, Isaac?"  
Ikey: "Sure, I do, I eats it, every morning."  
"Eat what?" inquired teacher.  
"Cream of wit," answered Ikey.

## Aunt Roxie Opines By Me—



"Fokes tryin' so hard ter get an edicashun till dey fergot how ter tawk do fish outen a burn."