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Partly cloudy tonight
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High School Boy Killed In Football Practice

William Pritchard Dies In Early Morning Tuesday From Injury Received Monday Afternoon After Having Been Kept Alive Thru The Night By Artificial Respiration.

William Pritchard, not quite seventeen, the only son of a widowed mother, after hovering between life and death with neck dislocated, with the respiratory center paralyzed, and with the breath kept in his body for more than twelve hours by artificial respiration alone, died at twenty minutes past five o'clock Tuesday morning.

The injury was received in football practice on the high school playground Monday afternoon. It was the first day of school and with a hint of autumn in the air, the football squad was eager for practice. For a week before school opened they had been having a daily tryout but the weather had been too warm for arduous work. But Monday afternoon the youngsters were on their toes, keen for the fray. And they went into the practice work with a vim that brought joy to the hearts of their coaches. All were in high spirits and there was not a hint of the grim tragedy that was to bring the afternoon's sport to tragic and untimely end.

The afternoon waned. It was a line scrimmage and nearly five o'clock. The other side had the ball. William was playing on the defensive. He went through the line and made a low tackle, taking his man below the knees. They went down together, William on the bottom, and one or two more on top of them.

The practiced eye of William Meekins, coach, saw something wrong in Pritchard's posture. He ran in and pulled the other boys off the prostrate form and as Pritchard remained motionless bent over him. "Get your wind?" he inquired.

Pritchard's head made a motion of assent, and Meekins thought nothing more serious the matter than that the boy had got the breath knocked out of him. He lifted him and turned him over on his stomach, employing the usual tactics in such accidents but without result. There was something uncanny in the way the boy's head rolled from side to side and in the helpless dangling of his arms. Consciousness, too, seemed ebbing. Alarmed, Meekins dispatched messengers for a physician, but to prevent undue alarm and to check the gathering crowd, kept up the practice until physicians arrived. Then began a battle royal for the boy's life that lasted until dawn. Once or twice during the long vigil physicians thought that the end had come. At other times there seemed room for hope. But toward five o'clock Tuesday morning hope died for the last time in the heavy eyes of weary watchers as pulse flickered and heart fluttered in the face of their heroic efforts. The end came twelve hours and a half, almost to the minute, after the accident occurred.

Physicians did not at once discover the seat of the boy's injury, though paralysis from some cause was evident. Examination showed that respiration extended no farther than the throat and that if life was to be sustained artificial respiration must be kept up. Perhaps, they thought, paralysis would pass or its cause could be ascertained and removed. So physicians and helpers tirelessly worked through the waning day and all night long, hoping against hope for the best.

When Dr. Zenas Fearing, first to arrive, reached the boy his face was highly discolored as a result of the poisoning of the blood through lack of oxygen. Recognizing the symptoms, Dr. Fearing at once set about producing artificial respiration and, as he saw the lips assuming more natural color, thought, as had Coach Meekins, that the boy's breath had been knocked out of him, and that he had arrived in time to save him. But as soon as the artificial respiration was given over the old symptoms returned; and it was realized that there was some serious injury. Soon afterwards the undue protrusion of the bone at the back of the neck was

discovered, indicating the displacement of the joint.

William Pritchard never spoke after the injury. Immediately thereafter he was conscious and consciousness returned from time to time during the night, and he would open his eyes and seem to recognize those about him, responding to questions with a nod of assent or negation. At such times he would assent to the question whether he wanted water, but on one such occasion when Dr. Walker gave him aromatic spirits of ammonia he made a face and indicated that he would have no more of it. Again when a physician asked him if his head hurt and pointed to the forehead the boy shook his head. When the doctor pointed to the back of the head the answer indicated was yes. It is believed that as Pritchard went down the back of his head at the base of the brain must have come in contact with some hard object with terrific force. Perhaps it was his opponent's knee. At any rate the blow must have dislocated the neck and perhaps caused a hemorrhage of some blood vessel in the back of the brain. This would account for the paralysis of the respiratory center.

But it is possible to explain the paralysis on other ground than that of hemorrhage of the brain. Dr. Zenas Fearing is of the opinion that as the head was forced forward out of the neck socket the spinal cord was crushed between the displaced bones of the joint. Had there been a hemorrhage, in his opinion, the paralysis would not have been so complete. Not so much as a reflex action could be obtained from any muscle below the boy's neck.

Hope for the boy's recovery after the seriousness of his injury was recognized, ran highest from one o'clock to three o'clock Tuesday morning. It was during this period that he had his longest period of consciousness. Plans were made at this time to take the local yard engine and carry the boy to Norfolk to a hospital. But a freight was in the way between here and Norfolk at the time and when it had passed the tide of life was so low that it was apparent the boy would not last to get there.

Artificial respiration and heart stimulants hypodermically administered kept William Pritchard alive through the night. But for this it is believed he would have been dead within a half hour or so after the accident occurred. The fire department's pulmotor was obtained in the hope of obtaining better results; but it did not work so satisfactorily and, though twice tried, in each instance return was made to the pumping motion of the boy's arms to expand the lungs and to pressure on his chest to clear the air from them. When this ceased for a moment the neck would begin to throb convulsively as the patient labored in vain to breathe.

It is believed that the pulmotor is built to work with the lungs filled with poison gas or water; and that this explains why it did not give satisfactory results in this case. The machine was in perfect order.

Fire Chief Flora was sick in bed when the pulmotor was sought. He got up and dressed and was one of the most ceaseless laborers at William's bedside, remaining with him to the last and doing most effective work in keeping up the artificial respiration. Coach Meekins and a squad from the fire department stood by to relieve him, and their tirelessness is shown in the length of time that life was prolonged.

The work of attempted resuscitation was begun on the school ground. As the body grew cold a cot and blankets and hot water bottles were brought out. As darkness came on the boy was removed to the home of Will Morgan, just across Parsonage street from the high school building, and there it remained till death ended the long vigil.

To carry the news of the boy's hurt

Series Of Lectures At Christ Church

All People Interested In Children Are Invited To Hear Miss Cooper Next Week

Miss Mabel Lee Cooper, of Memphis, Tenn., supervisor in the Tennessee State Normal College, will give a series of talks in Christ church next week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 27th, 28th and 29th.

"Being thoroughly acquainted with the inestimable value of Miss Cooper's lectures, I would like to invite all the people of Elizabeth City who are in any possible way interested in children to attend these lectures," says Rev. G. F. Hill, rector of Christ church.

"Her subjects will be as follows: Christian Nurture, 10-11 a. m.; Teacher Training, 4-5 p. m.; Child Study, 7:30-8:30 p. m. The subject 'Teacher Training' applies not only to all kinds of teachers but to all persons who in any capacity deal with children, especially parents.

"Miss Cooper has taught school 20 years and has given her life to the study of children and is acknowledged as one of the most helpful writers and speakers on the subject. She has been loaned to the church by the Tennessee State Normal College for a short time to aid men and women elsewhere than those attending the Normal in an understanding of child nature.

"She comes to Elizabeth City at my own specific request and her message is not for members of any particular church but to all who are interested in children. Please invite all your neighbors to hear Miss Cooper and come expecting to be greatly benefited by same.

"Miss Cooper will not tell you how to raise your children but will give you a thoroughly practical and psychological insight and understanding of their nature, taking in detail the various ages with their own peculiarities, as to make you know how to know them better. Her work is to give people a thorough understanding of children, and she will, at all the lectures, be ready to answer any question regarding same."

IF THEY ONLY KNEW THE BRIDE AND GROOM

If the public only knew the bride and groom in the womanless marriage at the high school Friday night, everybody would make plans to go, say those in charge of this screamingly funny entertainment.

Just who the bride and groom are no one will tell, but this much was learned today about the wedding. The flower girls are Dr. W. W. Sawyer, Leroy Brothers, John Wells, and Grover Falls. Some of the other attendants are Dr. Sam Gregory, Clarence Gallop, J. B. Leigh. The train bearer is W. S. White.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF 67 YEAR OLD BRIDE

Seattle, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—James E. Mahoney, 38, was today placed on trial charged with murder in connection with the death of his wealthy 67-year-old bride.

to his mother, Mrs. Jennie Pritchard, was hard; but it had to be done. Prostrated with the shock she remained at her home on West Main street, physicians and sympathizing friends ministering to her, until William had been taken to the Morgan home. There she saw him alive for the last time; but the boy was unconscious and did not recognize her. His father was the late G. B. D. Pritchard.

Coming on the opening day of school, at the beginning of the second week's training of the football squad, William Pritchard's death was a terrible shock to his companions and playmates, among whom he was always popular, and to the entire community, which is today inexpressibly saddened by the tragedy, while from every heart in the city flows a tide of sympathy to the heart-broken mother who has lost the apple of her eye, her pride and her hope—her only boy—on the very threshold of his manhood.

The body was removed early Tuesday morning from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Will Morgan and taken to the home on West Main street. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at the First Baptist church.

OFFERS SERVICES TO HOME BREWERS

"Expert Enologist" He Calls Himself In Advertising In San Francisco Papers To Aid Heads Of Families

San Francisco, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—A new profession appeared in San Francisco today in the person of the "expert enologist" who advertised his services for the benefit of heads of families who are entitled under the law to manufacture home brew. He says "let the expert enologist make your two hundred gallons of wine and avoid poor results."

Miss Alexa Stirling Defeats Mrs. Whyte

Ottawa, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Miss Alexa Stirling of Atlanta defeated Mrs. S. Whyte, of the Royal Montreal Club and one in the first round of the match play for the Canadian ladies open golf championship.

VOLSTEAD'S LIFE WAS THREATENED

So Declares Before Anti-Saloon League Today—Writer Of Letter Said Would Never Take Seat Again In House

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Congressman A. J. Volstead, author of the prohibition act, told the Anti-Saloon League convention here today that his life was threatened before his departure from Washington, the writer of the letter saying that he would never take his seat again in the House.

Vigorous Advance In Cotton Price

New Orleans, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—A vigorous advance in the price of cotton today carried October up to 19.97 cents a pound.

Fire In Memphis Does Great Damage

Memphis, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Fire destroyed the plant of the Southern Boiler and Tank Works and damaged other buildings in the business section of North Memphis today, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Hear Testimony Of Dr. Rumwell

San Francisco, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—The county grand jury adjourned today until Monday next for investigation of alleged tampering with prosecution witnesses in the case of Roscoe Arbuckle, who is held in jail in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe. The jury also heard the testimony of Dr. William Rumwell, who is said to have performed the autopsy of the Rappe girl.

Chicago Condemns The Ku Klux Klan

Chicago, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Resolutions condemning the Ku Klux Klan and declaring "not necessary to augment the police force with a secret organization" were passed today by the city council.

SUBMARINE R-27 RECEIVES HELP

Washington, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Assistance for the American submarine R-27, which Sunday night sent out distress calls while enroute from Coco Solo, Panama Canal zone, to Guantanamo was received.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CRICKET CONTEST TODAY

Philadelphia, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—An all Canada and all Philadelphia cricket team is matched today in the forty-fifth annual contest. The first was played in New York in 1844.

CLOSING NOTICE

Our store will be closed tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock so that we may prepare for our Fall Fashion Showing, which will be held Thursday and Friday, September 22nd and 23rd.

Killed When Auto Strikes Culvert

Detroit, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Charles H. Miller, 42, president of the Detroit Typographical Union, was killed today when his automobile hit a culvert.

American Killed By Mexican Soldiers

Washington, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Carl R. Tabb, American employee of the Mexican Petroleum Company, was shot and killed Sunday night by Mexican soldiers in the oil fields near Tampico, the American consul at Tampico reported today.

WAR IS BEGUN ON RATS HERE

Tonight City Market Will Be Baited—Those Interested Call Merchants' Association

Indorsed by the Merchants' Association and by local health authorities, Mrs. D. W. Staples of Roanoke, Virginia, and Miss Anna May Wright of Portsmouth, Virginia, are beginning an intensive campaign here against rats.

Tonight the City Market will be baited and tomorrow morning barrels of dead rats, it is expected, will be collected there. Such was the case when the city markets of Roanoke and other Virginia cities were cleaned up by the Pled Pipers, as these enemies to the rat are popularly called.

Rats carry bubonic plague, infantile paralysis, tuberculosis and other ills, and their capacity for destroying foodstuffs in America is estimated by the United States Bureau of Agriculture at more than \$200,000,000 a year. In the bulletin issued by the Bureau of Agriculture the three following statements sum up the undesirability of the rat in a clean and healthy town:

"The rat is the worst animal in the world.

"From its home among filth it visits dwellings and storerooms to pollute and destroy human food.

"It carries bubonic plague and has been responsible for more untimely deaths among beings than all the wars of history."

The rat is the bane of good housekeepers, poultry raisers and wholesale and retail grocers, feed and seed merchants and others, and it is hoped that the people of Elizabeth City will co-operate with the Pled Pipers in this campaign for a cleaner, better town.

Those who wish to secure the services of the Pled Pipers may leave calls at the Merchants' Association. The Pled Pipers use barium carbonate to poison the rats, and this method is indorsed by the United States Public Health Service.

MINOR CASES FOR FIRST TWO DAYS

Twiddy Case Now Scheduled For Thursday While Case Against Winder Not Be Taken Up Till Friday

Minor cases occupied the first two days of Superior Court this week. It is not believed that the case against Officer Twiddy, appealed from the decision before the recorder, will be reached before Thursday. The Winder case, Solicitor Ehringhaus indicated Tuesday morning, will not be taken up until Friday.

Frank White, the colored youth taken by Messrs. Brownley and Parker while in the house of G. R. Barrow, and indicted for house-breaking for this offense and also on the charge of breaking into the home of Elbert Spence on McPherson street, pleaded guilty to both charges and was given nine months on the roads in each case.

The boy's father made an earnest appeal for the court's mercy on his son; and the boy, crying, said he would go straight if turned loose this time; and the sentence was less severe than Judge Horton usually imposes for an offense as serious as house-breaking.

James White, colored, also indicted for house-breaking, was found not guilty.

John Mitchell, for assault with deadly weapon, was given six months on the roads. John is the negro who shot his wife, Idoner Mitchell, a few weeks ago and abandoned her. He was caught at Hertford.

Willie Leigh, colored, for house-breaking and larceny, was given two years on the roads.

A. J. Hartley for speeding was fined \$15 and costs.

Fanny Rogers, colored, for receiving stolen property, was given twelve months in State prison.

George Bennett, colored, got twelve months for bigamy.

Paul Pritchard and Oscar Parmale were found guilty of larceny Monday afternoon in Superior Court. Pritchard and Parmale were charged with stealing two cases of hose from the Pasquotank Hosiery Company last November.

Alfred Banks was found guilty of housebreaking and larceny in connection with the breaking into of Lewis Smith's pressing establishment on South Road street several weeks ago. Banks when apprehended had on G. W. Falls' work trousers and under his shirt and next to his skin wore a dress vest, the property of Dr. Bullas. Both trousers and vest were part of the missing loot from Smith's shop.

Alfred Banks and Wiley Griffin were convicted of larceny in connection with the purloining of fowls from a Pasquotank farmer.

Zach O'Neal, colored, indicted for simple assault, was found guilty and fined \$20 and costs.

Sherman Hollowell, charged with assault with deadly weapon, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

Choose Successor To Senator Fall

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—New Mexico voters go to the polls today to choose a United States Senator to serve out the unexpired term of Albert B. Fall, who entered the cabinet of the President.

MODEL BAKERY WILL BE MODEL CAFE TOO

Morrisette and Raper's grocery is making another new departure, and workmen are busily engaged in preparing for it. This Hinton Building grocery, having added a bakery, will now add a soda fountain and cafe. There will be special tables for ladies in the alcove and it is believed that the new cafe will soon be popular among shoppers and business women particularly. The grocery and bakery will be continued as before, except that heavy groceries will not be carried.

Miners Meeting At Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Delegates from the coal fields of the United States and Canada assembled here today at the opening of the biennial convention of United Mine Workers of America, which will consider the wage question, unemployment, and nationalization of mines.

NEITHER CAN ATTEND DISARMAMENT MEET

London, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Neither Lloyd George nor Lord Curzon will attend the Washington conference on disarmament in view of the impending developments in domestic politics.

Central Carolina Tobacco Markets Open

Raleigh, Sept. 20 (By The Associated Press)—Bright leaf tobacco markets in the Central North Carolina belt including those in Raleigh, Durham and Henderson opened today for the 1921-22 season.

RECEPTION CALLED OFF

The reception which was to have been given tonight by the Pledella Class of the First Baptist Sunday school has been called off.