

WEATHER
Fair tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness. Not much change in temperature.

MUCH INTEREST IN CHILDREN'S HOME

President C. O. Robinson Of The Chamber Of Commerce Makes Practical Suggestion At Welfare Council Meeting

The interest and energy of the Central Council of Public Welfare is now concentrated upon the matter of securing an institution for children here.

At the meeting Tuesday night a letter was read from the home in Union County, which is the first institution of its kind in the State, and at the next meeting figures from various children's institutions in the State will be brought to the attention of the Council and further discussion and plans for securing such a home will be taken up.

President C. O. Robinson, of the Chamber of Commerce, who was present at Tuesday night's meeting, made a very practical suggestion to the effect that there is a movement on foot for the counties of this section to combine their County Homes for the Aged and thus save expense. Each county now has such a home and in some counties there are only one or two inmates. Mr. Robinson thought that by combining these institutions, the building and grounds of one of the vacated homes could at once be used for the children's home, which would in that case be used by all the counties of the section.

There are now at least thirty children in Pasquotank County, it is declared, who need to be sent at once to such a home, and the institutions throughout the State are already overflowing. Union County's example of taking care of these children right in the section where they are found seems a forward step that is worthy of emulation by other counties. If Pasquotank can make a beginning it is believed that such a home can be made to serve this entire corner of the State, and that many little lives will be saved from unfortunate surroundings and made an asset to the community.

The matter of endorsing Col. I. M. Meekins as successor to Judge Connor was brought before the Council, but it was the unanimous opinion that politics should not be entered into by such an organization. It was brought out, too, that members of the Council would doubtless have ample opportunity to endorse Mr. Meekins through other organizations.

The splendid work done for the under-nourished children of the Primary School has already attracted the attention of other counties in the State and the work done by the Welfare Department of this County this year has placed it in the front ranks in welfare work. But those who are interested in this work feel that they have only begun to labor. The need is so great. All about in city and County there are little children suffering because they have been deserted by one or both parents, because of sickness in the home, because of immoral conditions in the home, or just plain heartrending poverty. Spasmodic donations do not relieve such conditions. They help temporarily, that is all. The Welfare Department wants to go farther and accomplish more.

Here are a few pressing needs at present, which Elizabeth City people are asked to help:

Opportunity No. 1
Contributions are needed for the milk fund. These may be sent to Mrs. D. Ray Kramer, to Mrs. Anna Lewis, or to Miss Beasley, principal of the Primary School.

Opportunity No. 2
A woman deserted by her husband, with small children and a mother dependent on her, is ill and unable to work for some time. Needs help. See the Welfare Officer at once.

Opportunity No. 3
A two year old child has been sick all its life, has never walked, needs a carriage or cart so that a sister can take care of it in the fresh air. The mother is a widow and doing all that she can to take care of five children.

These are only a few cases. The Welfare Officer can always give the people an opportunity to help if they will let her know that they are willing to help.

The next meeting of the Central Council of Public Welfare will be held on the last Tuesday of this month, and that will be the regular meeting time hereafter instead of the first Tuesday of the month.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HERE

Captain John A. Nelson, of Morehead City, the enforcement officer of the North Carolina Fisheries Commission Board, was in the city Wednesday morning.

CRANK CONFESSES THEFT OF MACHINE

Defendant In Larceny And Prostitution Case Plays Hovoc With His Lawyers' Plans

Found guilty of prostitution, Lloyd and Charlie Crank were sentenced in recorder's court here Wednesday morning to two years on the roads each, and the two girls in the case were ordered to be sent to Samaritan Manor, the State reform school, and to be kept there until, in the opinion of the probation officers in charge, it is advisable to release them. The defendants gave notice of an appeal to Superior Court, and were placed under bonds of \$500 each. Upon failure to give their bonds, they were remanded to jail. Lee Overman, a fifth defendant, was released upon the statement of Prosecuting Attorney Sawyer that he could not ask for his conviction, in view of the evidence.

Thus ended the most sensational police court trial of recent months in this city. The persons involved left here in a stolen automobile Sunday night, and their whereabouts were unknown locally until their arrest on charges of prostitution at the home of a colored family on Rum road Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Those in the party were Charlie and Lloyd Crank, Otis Bland, Lee Overman, Mamie and Essie Harris, all of this city.

Many Morbid Spectators
Recorder's court was packed Wednesday morning with morbidly curious spectators whose appetite for the sensational was fed with the sordid details of the shame of two young girls, and of the four youths with whom they fled from this city Sunday night in a stolen automobile. Lloyd and Charlie Crank, Lee Overman, and Mamie and Essie Harris were the defendants named in warrants charging larceny and violation of the State prostitution laws. Otis Bland, the sixth member of the party, escaped prosecution by turning State's evidence.

F. A. Crank, nicknamed "Biddie," was tried on a warrant charging him with abetting a violation of the prostitution act and was found not guilty. He is the jitney driver who brought the party of six from Weeksville to the home of John and Mary Eliza Sawyer, colored, on Rum road, two miles from this city. The Sawyers, man and wife, were also found not guilty on a similar charge.

Attorneys representing Lloyd and Charlie Crank, and Lee Overman, charged with larceny of an automobile from W. C. Riggs, of this city, had secured a continuance of the case to Thursday morning when Charlie Crank, on the witness stand in the trial of the Sawyers, declared that he was the one who had stolen the automobile, and that he was ready to make a full confession. The attorneys then withdrew from the case.

Charlie Crank's Confession

In his confession, Charlie Crank declared that he stole the car Sunday night, not knowing whose it was, and that he found Otis Bland and Lee Overman, and asked them to accompany him and Lloyd Crank on a trip to get married. They were, he said, to marry the Harris twins, and were on their way to Hertford or Edenton to have the ceremony performed.

Meanwhile, according to the confession, Lloyd and the girls had walked to the passenger depot. Charlie and the two other boys went there in the stolen Riggs car, picked them up, and proceeded on to Woodville, Okisko and Belvidere, getting stuck in the mud time after time on the way. From Belvidere, Crank said they went on to Sunbury, still trying to make their way either to Hertford or Edenton. Finding the roads worse and worse the farther they went, they came back to this city, arriving here at four or five o'clock Tuesday morning.

The party stopped at the store of S. L. Sykes, on Culpepper street, bought something to eat, and struck out for Weeksville. Two miles below the Weeksville school, on the Pailin's Corner road, their gas gave out. Muddy from head to foot and utterly tired out, they decided to come back to Elizabeth City and give themselves up. So they went to a farmhouse and phoned "Biddie" Crank to come after them, telling him that Lloyd and Charlie Crank and the Harris girls were married.

"Biddie" Crank's Part
Charlie Crank declared that they had "Biddie" carry them to the house of the Sawyer woman, on Rum Road, in order to wash up and put themselves in a presentable condition before surrendering to the police. They reached the house in the midst of hard rain at noon Tuesday, and were waiting for a friend in the city to come after them when

Ku Klux Klan Still Thrives



The Ku Klux Klan is still enrolling members for its "invisible empire." On the coldest night of the year an initiation of a large group was held in a corn field just outside of Washington, D. C. Here a new clansman is kneeling before the cross of fire to take the oath of allegiance.

Methodist Ladies Complete Big Task

Society Paid \$5,000 Pledge, Bought China And Utensils, And Has Money Left

The local Aid Society of the First Methodist Church met at the home of the President, Mrs. Clay Foreman, on Monday afternoon at three-thirty. The meeting was opened by Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson who read the 125th Psalm. Much interest was manifested at this meeting over the final payment of the pledge of five thousand dollars, which the society pledged toward the new church less than two years ago. There was a large attendance, \$14.50 dues were collected, and thirteen new members were added to the roll. Much merriment was enjoyed over the rhymes which were read telling how some of the members made the alms money. A total of \$174.01 in talent money was turned in, and \$136.17 in proceeds from the show recently held at the High School auditorium.

After paying the \$5,000 pledge, and buying silver and kitchen utensils for the church kitchen, the Society still has \$127 left toward furnishing the new church parlor. A very pleasant feature of the evening was a reading given by Miss Grace Parker, a teacher of expression at the Primary School. An interesting talk was given by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, who expressed appreciation for the splendid work of the organization. At the close of the meeting the President, Mrs. Clay Foreman, stated in a brief address the wish that the Society may always put God first in the continuance of their work.

The members of the society enjoyed a social hour at the close of the business meeting. The hostess was assisted in serving delicious refreshments by Mrs. Harold Foreman, Mrs. Della Chandler, Mrs. Thorburn Bennett, and Mrs. Wesley Wilson.

MAY RUSH BONUS BILL THRU HOUSE

Republican Leaders Considering Plan To Hasten Passage of Measure By Suspension Rules

Washington, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Republican leaders are now considering putting the bonus bill through the House under suspension rules, shutting off amendments and limiting debate to forty minutes.

they were arrested by Chief Holmes and Sheriff Reid at two o'clock. Crank explained his theft of the car by a statement that he had been drinking Sunday night. He stuck to his story that he and Lloyd made the trip with the purpose of marrying the two girls. On the basis of his confession, he was placed under a bond of \$750 for his appearance at the March term of Superior court here, week after next.

Mamie and Essie Harris are the daughters instead of the granddaughters of Mrs. Donnie Harris, as was stated in Tuesday's paper. Their mother says that they are only fifteen years of age. Following a hearing at the county court house Tuesday afternoon, they were released in the custody of their mother without bond, and were not taken to jail at any time. The five youths were placed under bonds of \$500 each, in default of which they spent Tuesday night in jail.

W. C. Riggs recovered his stolen automobile Tuesday afternoon in a thicket two miles below Weeksville. One fender was badly broken up, there were other minor damages, and the car was smeared and bespattered with mud from one end to the other.

Irene Adopts a Turtle



Irene Castle has just adopted a 700-year-old turtle, resident of the Bronx Zoo, New York. Photo shows the turtle teaching her the steps of the "Turtle Trot," which she may introduce to the stage.

Big Fire Raging In Cheboygan, Mich.

Cheboygan, Mich., Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—The downtown business section is today threatened with complete destruction by fire. Two city blocks have already been swept by flames.

INVESTIGATE STORY OF RUSSIAN NOBLEWOMAN

Chicago, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Authorities are investigating the story of Madame Elizabeth Girenka, who claims that she is a Russian noblewoman. She was found employed as a scrub woman in a barber shop.

ROTARY CLUB TO MEET

The local Rotary Club will meet at the Southern Hotel Friday night at 7:30 o'clock for the observance of Guest Night. The speakers of the occasion will be W. G. Gaither, on the State Normal School project, and A. B. Houtz on the road situation in Pasquotank County.

AMERICAN MURDERED IN STATE OF VERA CRUZ

Washington, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Alexander Mathern, American, was murdered at Los Naranjos, State of Vera Cruz, on March five, the State Department was advised today. His assailants are unknown.

Rev. W. M. Huggins Takes Charge Of Churches

Rev. W. M. Huggins has recently accepted the pastorate of Providence Baptist Church of Currituck County, Pleasant Grove Baptist church and Oak Ridge Baptist church of Camden County, and has begun work on this field.

Mr. Huggins has been in evangelistic work for a number of years, and is well known. These churches have been without a pastor for some time and already much progress has been noted in the work of the churches under Mr. Huggins' leadership. He is making his home in Currituck County near Providence Church.

Wilson Storm Victims Will Probably Recover

Ten Homes And Many Barns Were Destroyed—Damage Placed About \$75,000

Wilson, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—The local hospitals were nearly a score of injured were taken yesterday following the storm reported today that all would recover.

Frank Batts, his wife, and six children were the most seriously injured. Property damage, including the destruction of ten homes and many barns, may reach \$75,000.

Liquor Robbers Made Raid On Warehouse

Frederick, Md., Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Overpowering three guards and smashing down doors, a gang of liquor robbers, approximately thirty, escaped with 2100 gallons of whiskey from a warehouse of the Outbridge Horsey Distillery Company at Burkittsville. Liquor valued at \$5,000 was loaded into trucks and automobiles. One loaded with seventeen barrels was later found abandoned.

CITY OF LIMERICK IS QUIET AGAIN TODAY

Limerick, Ireland, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Large forces of regular and Irish Republican army troops are occupying six barracks buildings and the local jail. British troops are still occupying the new barracks and ordnance building. The city is quiet today following the invasion Sunday by insurgent Irish Republican forces who are still occupying the principal hotels as billets.

Lady Astor Will Come To Baltimore Meeting

London, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Lady Astor, says the Pall Mall Gazette, will visit the United States in April to attend the Conference of Women at Baltimore.

TWO HUNDRED WITHOUT HOMES

In Mill Section About Augusta, Georgia, Following Severe Storm On Tuesday—Five Are Dead

Augusta, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Mill authorities are working to relieve the homeless and injured of yesterday's storm which swept over the area between Warrenville and Stiffton in Horse Creek Valley.

Approximately two hundred are without shelter. Funeral preparations for five victims at Graniteville are being made and seven of the injured are in a hospital at Alken. All are expected to recover except Harry Munday. The others injured are Mrs. Josie Hardy, Rufus Boyd, Owen Wood, Joe Green, Mrs. Henry Wood and Frank Clark.

Doctor Arrested For Violating Narcotic Act

Greensboro, N. C., Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Dr. D. D. King, resident physician in a local sanatorium, and W. B. Todd, employe, were arrested today for violation of the narcotic act. King was charged specifically with selling narcotics valued at \$1500.

Fans Are Talking Of New Baseball League

Feasibility Of League To Include This City, Hertford, Edenton And Plymouth Discussed

A few more active baseball enthusiasts of this city are discussing the possibility of forming a league this spring to include Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, and Plymouth, and negotiations with leading fans in these nearby towns may be begun within the next few days with a view to ascertaining their attitude toward such a plan.

A four-club league taking in the towns named would have manifest advantages over bringing this city into any existing league of Virginia or North Carolina cities, say those who are boosting the plan. In the first place the traveling expenses of the clubs would be materially lower; and in the second place, the formation and maintenance of the baseball teams would be far less expensive.

One fan has figured out that, with a four-club league made up of this city, Hertford, Edenton and Plymouth, a schedule of three games a week could readily be arranged. This fan says also that good players for the various clubs could be readily picked up at small salaries around Norfolk, Portsmouth and other Virginia cities, as well as in the towns where the clubs would be formed.

Giuriati Heads The Fiume Government

London, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Giovanna Giuriati has been proclaimed head of the Fiume government to replace the overthrown Zanella regime, says a Central News Rome dispatch.

TRANSPORTATION WORKERS AND MINERS NOW ALLIED

Indianapolis, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—The International Executive Board of the United Mine Workers have ratified articles of an alliance between the transportation and mine workers unions, John L. Lewis, international president of the miners, announced today.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO DO RAILROAD'S WORK

Baltimore, Md., Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—The Western Maryland Railway today announced that the Dickson Construction & Repair Company of Youngstown, Ohio, would assume control of the maintenance of way work of the entire system. The plans are to retain the railroad's present force of laborers at reduced wages.

NOT ENTITLED BENEFITS OF RETIREMENT ACT

Washington, Mar. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Approximately 80,000 Government employes were held not to be entitled to the benefits of the retirement act, in the opinion of Attorney General Daugherty, transmitted to the Interior Department today, which administers the act to the effect that only those holding jobs as the result of competitive examination are entitled to benefits.