

An Old Fashioned Mother Pays The Extreme Penalty

Dead as Result of Trying to Curb by Old Fashioned Methods Spirit of Daughter Who Wanted Jazz, Gin and "Lots of Love."

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San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Anna Ellingson, aged 47, was an "old fashioned" mother. Her daughter, Dorothy Ellingson, aged 16, often told her so. The mother seems, frequently, to have been on the verge of a breakdown, and for the companions she kept. Sometimes where mere chidings failed she adopted harsher measures.

Today, because she was "old fashioned" and some times possibly too strict, the body of Mrs. Ellingson lies in the morgue here with two bullet holes in the back of her head. Sixteen-year-old Dorothy is under arrest charged with the murder of her mother and the police say she has confessed to the crime.

Behind this unusual case of alleged matricide is a strong complex of personalities on one hand, of a girl yet in adolescent age with a paradoxical leaning on one side toward Tennyson's poems and aestheticism, and on the other of a "kid" butterfly's inability to resist the lure of bright lights, all night dances and joy rides with their invariable accompaniment of "gin parties."

Woven into the case also is a diary kept by the girl which in its frank chronicling of both thoughts and deeds as opposed to the efforts of her "old fashioned" mother to keep her "straight," furnish a tragic moral for both parents and children, particularly parents.

Mrs. Ellingson was shot down from behind as she sat facing her shoes. The night previous she had refused to let 16-year-old Dorothy attend a party at a beach resort. The girl had insisted on going, whereupon her mother attempted to repeat what she had done before effectually—whip her. The girl resisted, whereupon the mother took steps to have the authorities send her to a correctional institution.

The police believe that the threat of this punishment was the motivation behind the death dealing bullets. It is in her diary entries, however, that are revealed first the pull of morality against the lure of jazz, then, step by step, first the mental, then the "old fashioned" parental "old fashionedness" which first prohibited her from even attending the movies, with girl friends, and finally all night parties with sordid orgies. Some of these entries read:

July 10—Mother is dreadfully old-fashioned and strict. Why won't she even let me go to the movies with other girls? July 15—Mother whipped me when she found out I had gone to a dance instead of to Ruth's house. But it was worth it. July 18—Guess I'm outta luck when boy friends can't even call on me at our house.

August 23—Met H. and K., had a fine feed. Nice fellows. This is the life. Wonderful time. Pop, Jan, gin. Went to the beach later and got drunk. August 24—Out on a hot time party with Ben and the gang. When it was all over I was all in. August 24—Another whipping but stayed home. Won't stand for another one. Will do as I please henceforth and love where I please. Tuesday another auto ride and lots of drinks. Dis time. Lots of love too.

It was auto rides, big times, drinks, "lots of love," which when old fashioned parental discipline failed, brought the threat of the reform school. Faced by such an alternative, 16-year-old Dorothy, who "wouldn't stand for another whipping," finally shot down her "old fashioned" mother from behind.

Miss Ellingson continues to be cheerful after 12 hours of questioning. She has remained the same since the murder. She danced at a friend's apartment while her mother's body lay at home. The police have arrested three of 17 men charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

MORE MILLS CUT WAGES

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 16. Special.—The Taunton Manufacturers Association will put into effect next Monday a 10 per cent wage reduction in the cotton and yarn mills here.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 16.—Spot cotton closed quiet; Middling 24.30, a decline of 15 points. Futures, closing bid: Jan. 23.53, March 23.75, May 24.05, July 24.26, Oct. 23.80.

New York, Jan. 16.—Cotton futures at 2 o'clock today stood as follows: January 23.40, March 23.61, May 23.92, July 24.13, October 23.75.

New York, Jan. 16.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: January 23.71, March 23.90, May 24.15, July 24.53, October 24.05.

BESTCITY PLAYS BELHAVEN TONIGHT

Game Called for 7:30 in the High School Gymnasium to be Thriller

The High School Basketball is slated to play the Belhaven quintet tonight at 7:30 at the High School gym. This is expected to be an interesting game as Belhaven has a crack team, especially so for such a small town. Also this is the local team's first game since the holidays and it will show the improvement they have made since their last game.

The home team has met with hard luck so far, but they fully expect to start the New Year off with a run. Since the holidays Coach Lax has taken a large part of each practice for developing the team's passwork, which has hitherto been its weakest point. The first team, backed up by a good second in the scrimmage games, is getting excellent practice in making a fast break.

A large crowd is expected to be present and Elizabeth City is rooting for a victory.

The local team will probably start off with: Sanders, center; Ballard, forward; Jones, forward; Stanton, guard; Harris, guard.

PHILADELPHIA NEGRO GETS JAIL SENTENCE

James Thomas, colored, who was arrested here Thursday for holding up Dick Whitley, colored, and taking his dinner pail from him will board for two months in the Pasquotank County Jail.

The prisoner was sentenced to 60 days in jail Friday morning, followed his trial in police court. The negro said that he was from Chester, Pa., that he was discharged from a boat in Wilmington for disorderly conduct on January 5, and that he stopped in Washington and New Bern before he came to Elizabeth City.

There was no charge against the defendant for carrying a concealed weapon, though the negro from whom he took the dinner pail thought at the time that the Philadelphia negro drew a gun on him.

Alford Brinkhouse, colored, of Weeksville, who was convicted of stealing turkeys in police court Thursday was sentenced to four months in jail with the sentence suspended on condition that Brinkhouse pay the owners of the turkeys for the stolen birds and pay the costs of court.

Brinkhouse stole one turkey from Galloway Toxey and another from Sam Toxey, both farmers of Nixonton township.

CONDITION LACY SEEMS UNCHANGED

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—The condition of State Treasurer Lacy remains unchanged.

McLean's Message Next Wednesday

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—Governor McLean expects to deliver his message to the Legislature next Wednesday. An announcement to that effect has been made by the Governor's office.

When the Legislature met 13 days for the ninth legislative day it was without having taken a record vote on any State-wide bill. The committee are working on many measures but none of importance have been taken up.

Many members have been conferring with the Governor regarding the measures. The budget commission is continuing work and hopes to make a report soon.

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—Governor McLean has indicated to newspaper men that he would appear before the General Assembly the latter part of next week with definite recommendations.

There were only two bills introduced in the House yesterday. The State-wide interest, while the Senate, also, was in short session only.

The representatives of the State Game League were in session with the State Fisheries Commission yesterday afternoon seeking a cooperative basis upon which to draft the game law.

The bill provides for the purchase as a part of the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort, of the existing Dismal Swamp Canal.

Representative Broughton announced today that he would introduce a bill providing for the automatic divorce of couples married 2 years without children unless medical evidence of impotency could be presented.

The House adjourned today in honor of the memory of former Governor Kitchin.

THE LOUDSPEAKER IS JUST OFF PRESS

First Issue of High School Publication Makes Good Start.

The Loudspeaker is just off the press. The Loudspeaker, it may be necessary to explain for the benefit of those who have not secured their copy, is to be published monthly in the Elizabeth City High School, and this, the first issue, is dated January 16.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson is editor-in-chief, William Perry is business manager, and Miss Eunice Richardson is managing editor. The associate editors are Misses Myrtle Ownley, Catherine Hathaway, Margaret Davis, Helen Lewis, and Annie Midgett, and Laurence Ayillett.

It is a six page 9 by 12 publication, printed on a soft cream paper which gives it a decidedly high class appearance.

The journalistic work on The Loudspeaker gives evidence of the interest of the students in the undertaking and the careful supervision of Earl H. Hartsell, who came to the High School this year as teacher of English.

Besides the quantity and quality of its news, the publication carries various departments, good editorials, and to show that it is right up to the minute, a crossword puzzle all its own.

It is a high school paper that beauty people will be glad to have exchanged with high schools of other cities and towns as though it ought not to suffer by comparison.

COUNTY BOARD FAILS SUSTAIN SCHOOL MEN

Decides for Teachers When Ten Members School Board Request Their Resignation

New Bern, Jan. 16.—A request for the resignation of Zack Whitford and Miss Belle Pattee, teachers in the Vanceboro school, made by two members of the school board, has been denied by the board of education of Craven County. Whitford was recently given a hearing before Mayor Stone-wall Jackson, of Vanceboro, and was held for the record in court. When the case came up before Judge G. A. Hadden, or trial it was dismissed.

The trouble grew out of a bill lodged Rozing given a 14-year-old student in the Vanceboro school. The parents of the youth took the matter to the courts and when the case was dismissed they were reprimanded by Judge Hadden, not satisfied with the action of the court, two members of the school board asked for the resignation of the teachers. The teachers declined to resign and the matter was then brought to the attention of the county board of education.

DON'T DELAY THAT PURCHASE

All winter merchandise being sold at rock-bottom clearance prices at our store during our January Clearance Sale. Buy today and save money on every purchase. M. Leigh Sheep Co. adv.

SUCCEEDS HUGHES



Frank Kellomaki takes the place of E. S. Hughes as president of the school board.

Appropriate exercises in connection with the inauguration of the new school board.

A Bible and an American flag were formally presented to the Elizabeth City High School Thursday evening by the local Junior Order, the exercises taking place in the High School auditorium.

George J. Spence presented the Bible and the flag, making an address on "The Principles for which the Juniors Stand" and the speech of acceptance was made by E. F. Ayillett, Sr., chairman of the School Board, who stressed "The Value of the Bible in the School."

Readings were well given by Miss Anne Melick and Elvin White, High School students. The School Orchestra, directed by Miss Ethel Jones, rendered musical numbers to entertain the program while the songs were under the direction of Miss Clara Belle Siles. The entire audience sang America, the Seventh Grades rendered Yankee Doodle with enthusiasm, Miss DeLeon's Sixth Graders sang the Flag Song, and the exercises closed with "The Star Spangled Banner."

CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN MARCH 15

Simultaneous Evangelical Services Will be Held in All the City Churches

The Simultaneous Evangelical Campaign launched by the Atlantic Christian Federation of Pasquotank County, will start on March 15.

If planning on this date, a revival will be held in the churches of the city at 7:30 each evening. Pastors will rotate each night from one church to another throughout the campaign. That is every pastor in the city will at some time during the campaign fill the pulpit of every church in the city.

Present plans are that no announcement will be made as to what will fill the various pulpits each night. Every church member by faithful attendance at his own church during the campaign will hear the Gospel preached from a different pastor each night. The same thing applies, of course, to those who are not church members who will make it a practice to attend one church each night.

The executive committee of the Men's Federation, five members of the Woman's Federation, and the ministers of the city have charge of arrangements for the campaign.

The campaign is really already under way. Rev. G. F. Hill said Friday morning, "Members of the Federation have decided to conduct a religious census for the purpose of determining the names and addresses of those in the city who are unchurched."

Prayer services are being conducted at various places in the city by groups of men at different hours of the day. For instance each afternoon at five o'clock a group of men meet for prayer for the success of the campaign in the home, since shop of James Hartley, on Matthews street. This meeting was started by business men of the Bowery and is conducted by one of them each afternoon.

G. R. LITTLE ATTENDING BANKERS COMMITTEE

G. R. Little, Cashier of the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, left Friday at noon for Washington to be present at a meeting of the officers and executive committee of Group One of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

The committee will arrange a program and decide upon the next meeting place of the bankers of Group One. At Washington's birthday comes on Sunday this year the bankers will hold their annual meeting on Monday, February 23.

TREAT IN STORE FOR MUSIC LOVERS

The Music Department of the Woman's Club will present the second in its series of concerts here on the evening of the second of February.

Many people enjoyed the first concert before Christmas by the Hawaiian players, and the club believes that a much greater treat is in store for the public in February when the MacFarren Trio, composed of Herbert MacFarren, pianist; Bonnie DeLeon, violinist; and James S. Taylor, cellist, will be supplemented by D. Edgar Davies, baritone, in a delightful program.

Those who have their season tickets and those who will want to buy the single concert tickets are reminded that the date is February 2. The concert will be held in the new High School auditorium.

POSTAL RATE BILL ON NEXT THURSDAY

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Senate today voted to take up the postal rate and salary bill next Thursday.

TWO ACCIDENTS IN DAY AT ROCHESTER

Rocheater, N. Y., Jan. 16.—One woman and two men were killed in one automobile accident here today, and 11 were hurt in another. A freight train struck a sedan and killed three and 11 were injured when two autos collided.

AWAITS ACTION BY THE SENATE

Washington, Jan. 16.—The bill which provides for the conversion of the present fair grounds at Raleigh into a stadium for the benefit of the State, is a statement of interest here, he said. "I believe there should be erected at the fair grounds a stadium that would accommodate 50,000 people. Within the next few years there should be athletic contests and here that will draw that many people. Athletic contests should be held off, as well as other sports, for sports. While it may not be advisable to do this for a long time, I am convinced that a stadium of this sort would be a great benefit to the State. They are a wonderful asset, especially to the people of the State."

ONE DIES AND FIVE IMPRISONED IN MINE

Henderson, Ky., Jan. 16.—Henry Murphy was killed, and five men imprisoned in a diamond mine near Providence as a result of an explosion.

VOTE CONFIDENCE IN FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Paris, Jan. 16.—The first meeting of the French Chamber of Deputies continued until two o'clock this morning when the members voted their confidence in the government 320 to 208, after being suspended for a time.

STORM DUE TONIGHT NORFOLK TO CHARLESTON

Norfolk, Jan. 16.—A disturbance over Southern Georgia increasing in intensity will move northward and cause strong easterly winds this afternoon and tonight between Norfolk and Charleston.

LITTLE NATURAL ICE NOW BEING HARVESTED

Pennsburg, Pa., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Only a small quantity of ice is being harvested this season in the Perkiomen Valley, once the source of much of Philadelphia's ice supply. The industry formerly gave employment to hundreds of men but artificial ice has proved too strong a competitor in some cases.

COLLEGE HEAD DIES

Sarasota Springs, N. Y., Jan. 16.—President Charles Henry Keys, of Skidmore College, died today in New York City, according to word received here.

QUESTION OF WHICH JAIL FOR PHYSICIAN

Montgomery, Jan. 16.—A controversy as to whether Dr. George T. Edwards, now in the Reformatory Jail in connection with the death of his wife, should be confined to the Birmingham Jail is being argued. It was submitted to the court of appeals today.

COMPETITORS U. S. FARMER PROVING VERY APT PUPILS

And This Country as Result Has Dropped to Third Place in Production of Wheat and May Lose Present Ratio in Production of Cotton and Other Crops

New York, Jan. 16. Foreign competitors of the American farmer have become too apt pupils of American methods for the purpose of mind of the agriculturists of the United States. This wheat exports for 50 years, but dropped to third place, Canada and Australia led the United States in 1922-23 and did it through adoption of American machinery and methods. Canada, Australia, Argentina and South Africa all have great open spaces where men are few, but these countries now have cheap labor, equally good machinery and more efficient methods.

"We cannot view the world production situation," said Arnold O. Yerkes, member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers and formerly with the Department of Agriculture, today without reaching the conclusion that a new situation will be facing a new situation that will force him to reshape his operations on more modern production lines or be left behind because of greater per acre production in sections of the world on four widely separated continents."

Mr. Yerkes based on his experience on reports of field representatives of machinery houses. "Production is cheaper because of lower land prices, cheap labor and the use of larger and more economical farm machinery. Australia's wheat crop is produced more efficiently than ours. Practically all of it is harvested by the combined harvester-reaper or the stripper, at a cost of 16 to 18 cents a bushel, compared with 20 to 25 cents here, where it is harvested three or four times.

About half the Argentine wheat crop is harvested by this method and half of such machinery in that country are several times as great as total sales in the United States. Western Canada farmers are exceptionally efficient and are producing small grains much cheaper than we. Canada will continue to turn over increasing amounts of virgin land on her Western prairie under stimulus of high priced wheat in world markets. The same holds good for Argentina, since both countries have been hard hit in their cattle industries and are turning to

Max Gardner Not for Moving Fair Grounds

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—President O. Max Gardner of the North Carolina State Fair has announced that he favors converting the present fair grounds at Raleigh into a stadium and for the benefit of the State. In a statement of interest here, he said. "I believe there should be erected at the fair grounds a stadium that would accommodate 50,000 people. Within the next few years there should be athletic contests and here that will draw that many people. Athletic contests should be held off, as well as other sports, for sports. While it may not be advisable to do this for a long time, I am convinced that a stadium of this sort would be a great benefit to the State. They are a wonderful asset, especially to the people of the State."

MOTON PRAISES SOUTH'S TREND

New York, Jan. 16.—"The South has made better progress toward race relations than the North in the last ten years. Things in the North seem standing still by comparison," declared Dr. Robert H. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, to an audience of wealthy and influential white New Yorkers at the Town Hall last week.

"It is not hazardous any more," Dr. Moton declared, for a white man or woman to stand up and speak for the Negro. A white man gathering and said that he did not believe in Negro education would be hooted down.

"Deep down in the heart of the average Southern Negro there is a genuine appreciation of the white man, and deep down in the heart of the white man there is a genuine appreciation of the Negro. The Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with headquarters in Atlanta, is inaugurating a most wholesome way this year of friendship which often harbored but not expressed in any concrete form. Men and women of both races are sitting down now talking out their difficulties with a frankness and sympathy which would have seemed impossible ten years ago, with the result that the situation is growing better every day. While there is room for improvement, a few years ago I did not think I would live to see settlement on the part of Southern white people so friendly in desire for justice and fair play along all lines of human endeavor as it is today."

Dr. Moton attached world-wide significance to America's efforts for right racial adjustment. "I somehow think," he said, "that the way the race problem is handled in America will determine the method by which different races in other parts of the world will adjust their relations to one another. We in America therefore have a large responsibility in this concrete obligation."

The meeting was in the interest of the endowment campaign of Hampton and Tuskegee Institutes and high tributes were paid to these institutions and their founders for the way they have probed the dignity of labor, taught the Negro respect for himself and shown the possibility for white and black to work together in peace, harmony and mutual helpfulness."

STATESBYTERIAN INVITES PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD

Statesville, January 16.—The congregation of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of this city has extended an invitation to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, to meet here this Spring.

The Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church embraces the states from Virginia to Arkansas and from the Carolinas to Oklahoma.

An invitation to the 1925 conference was extended last year at Bartow, Florida, by both Statesville and Due West, S. C., the Synod voting to Due West. However, it is stated that the church building at Due West will not be completed as early as anticipated, and it is understood that congregation there will give way to Statesville, with the expectation of having the conference held there in 1926. Approximately 200 delegates are expected to attend.

TIN PLATE KING IS REPORTED IMPROVED

New York, Jan. 16.—The condition of Daniel Gray Reid, 87 year old "tin plate king" of Camden, is reported improved today. Mr. Reid has been sick with the pneumonia.

MRS. BARTLETT DEAD

Mrs. Sarah Bartlett, age 85 years, died at the home of her son, John Bartlett of Camden, Friday morning 5:30 o'clock after being in failing health for a long time.

Mrs. Bartlett was a native of Virginia though nearly all her married life she had lived in Camden. She is survived by three sons, Charles Bartlett of Syracuse, New York, Sam Bartlett of Carthage, and John Bartlett of Camden; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Bell of this city and Mrs. Nettie Westress of Norfolk and several grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at the home of Mr. John Bartlett Sunday afternoon at one o'clock and interment made in the family burying ground in Camden.

OUR JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

This sale provides a wonderful opportunity of a supplying your winter wardrobe in suits, coats or dresses at a saving of one third of regular prices. Now going on. M. Leigh Sheep Co. adv.