

## CURRITUCK FARMER HELD FOR MURDER

### Utility Commission Case May Be Tried This Week

Stevens Pressing for Suit, but Defense, if Motion for Dismissal Is Denied, Will Probably Seek to Have the Case Continued

The first clash in the suit of C. W. Stevens against Dr. A. L. Pendleton for a seat on the Elizabeth City Utility Commission occurred Monday and if the case is to come to trial, it will probably be tried this week. Judge Cannon is expected to pass on a motion to dismiss the suit Tuesday morning.

E. F. Aydtlett, counsel for C. W. Stevens, asked the court Monday morning to set the case for trial one day this week, possibly Tuesday. City Attorney J. B. Leigh, representing the members of the City Council who are defending the suit, asked first that the case be dismissed on the ground that action had not been brought within 90 days after Dr. Pendleton was inducted into office as required by law. If the motion for dismissal is denied, Mr. Leigh argues that the defense is not ready for trial.

### Prettiest?



Adelyn Mayer is named as the prettiest girl in the ward by Betty Johnson, of Peter Pan fame. Betty should know. She was said to be the most beautiful in 1924.

### SUNDAY LIQUOR CASES OCCUPY MONDAY COURT

Five defendants were tried in a two hour session of the recorder's court Monday morning, liquor featuring in most of the cases.

Charles Patrick, Southern avenue, for possession and transportation and violation of the Tammington Act, was fined \$25 and costs.

A like penalty was imposed on Willie Whitley, colored, who lives on a lane off Dawson street, on the same charge.

William Bender, on a charge of being drunk, was fined \$10 and costs.

Frank Nixon, colored, who lives near the State Normal school, was fined \$10 and costs for crossing the bridge on the approach to the Weaverville road at a greater rate of speed than

### Mitchell More Popular In Ballroom Than Office

As Storm Rages Over the General's Head, Preparations Go on for the Inaugural Ball of March the Fourth, and Goodness Knows What Will Happen Before

By ROBERT T. SMALL  
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Washington, Feb. 9.—Old John W. Adams, defying an extremely powerful natural element in nine-fifths, had absolutely nothing on the mind of William Mitchell, temporarily a brigadier general in the United States Army. The word "temperament" is used aptly. There is a striking nonentity of opinion that Mr. Mitchell and the prefix meaning an officer with one star on his shoulder straps are soon to say goodbye forever.

Mr. Mitchell has not only defied the lightning but he has brewed the whole blinding storm and there is no telling at the moment what havoc it will wreak before the skies are smiling again. To Mr. Mitchell the only smiling skies are those filled with airplanes. He would like to see the sun in personal eclipse, hidden from all earthly view by swarms of flying machines, thicker than mosquitoes in a Jersey marsh.

The Navy says that after an airplane has dropped its big bomb it is useless until it can fly back to its base and get another, having the engine overhauled meantime. General Mitchell seems to have defied all the natural laws of aviation. He has been dropping one bomb after another and never seems to have to fly anywhere except to the capitol to start new reactions.

Washington seriously is concerned as to what is to happen to

### Stokes and Secretary in Court



W. E. D. Stokes and his secretary Miss Marian Brophy snapped during Stokes' trial in Chicago courts on the charge of conspiring to defame the character of Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes. Co-defendants are Hattie Johnson and Robert Lee, negroes.

### VIRGINIA JUDGE ENDS LIFE WITH A SHOTGUN

Richmond, Feb. 9.—Judge Frederick Willmer Sims, age 61, president of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, ended his life this morning by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun shortly after ten o'clock.

### GOING TO RALEIGH

Edenton, February 9.—Senator J. H. McMillan and Representative W. D. Pruden, with T. C. Byrum, X. E. Copeland, R. C. Holland, C. S. Vann, J. P. Watters, Walter S. White, D. B. Liles, J. G. Campen, Charles H. Wood, T. C. Jones, Jr., W. J. Berryman, R. G. Shaekell, Dr. E. J. Griffin and Frank Wood, will leave here Monday night for Raleigh to be present at the hearing on the Chowan River Bridge before the Senate Roads Committee Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and E. R. Conger and William Hatham will meet them in Raleigh that day.

### FOG TAKES TOLL IN COAST CITIES

New York, Feb. 9.—Two men were killed and over 50 persons were injured in a series of collisions on New York streets today during one of the heaviest fogs in recent years.

Harbor and river traffic was virtually paralyzed. The fog is reported as general, extending along most of the Atlantic seaboard.

Early reports indicated that the most serious transit accident occurred in the Bronx where the elevated tracks smashed into the rear of the subway train on the elevated structure. Two were killed and it is estimated that 40 were hurt.

Norfolk, Feb. 9.—Eight persons were injured today when the Naval ferry Rocked, and the Norfolk coast guard ferry, Rockaway, collided in the fog.

### WAKE FOREST HAS PRODUCED 1028 LAWYERS

Wake Forest, Feb. 9.—The books of Dean N. Y. Gulley show that 1,028 men were graduated at the Wake Forest Law School in North Carolina. Dr. Gulley has had of the school since its founding 30 years ago, an average of 34 men who were trained in the school having secured license each year.

The important part of the law school party at Wake Forest can be understood when the 1,028 total in law practice is compared with 2,361, the total number of graduates from Wake Forest.

The names of 21 men were added to the list at the recent examination. Twenty-three men trained by Dr. Gulley and his associates, Prof. Bruce White and Dr. W. W. Thibodeau, took the bar. Only two failed to pass. These figures point passed, an average in keeping with the high record established over a period of 30 years. The average of 91.23 per cent established by Wake Forest men

### Sold!



show an average of 91.23 per cent of the recent examination is much higher than that of the applicants as a whole. Ninety-seven took the examination and only 60 men passed. These figures show that only 61.89 per cent passed, practically 30 per cent less than the Wake Forest record.

### COLLINS' HEART HEARD BEATING

Essential Tests Convince Man in Charge Rescue Work That Imprisoned Man Lives

By The Associated Press  
Cave City, Feb. 9.—Five electrical tests conducted with a voice amplifier here today convinced H. T. Caldwell, in charge of the rescue work, that Floyd Collins still lives after ten days imprisonment in Sand Cave.

The men operating the electric lighting plant in the imprisoned man said that Homer Collins, after listening 20 minutes on the wire, was satisfied that he had heard Floyd's heart beating.

Cave City, Feb. 9.—A military court will investigate the circumstances surrounding the trapping of Floyd Collins in Sand Cave and officers in command of the National Guardsmen said they hoped the inquiry would set all applicants at rest and halt the whispering of efforts to block the rescue work as well as rumors that Collins' entrapment was not genuine by bringing out all the facts.

Cave City, Feb. 9.—Mother Nature today added another obstacle to the efforts to rescue Floyd Collins from Sand Cave. Torrents of rain falling last night with promise of more today.

Despite precautions taken, water seeped into the bottom of the shaft being sunk, adding heavily to the diggers' burdens. The diggers kept at it, however, as the main day of Collins' imprisonment ended with the shaft less than halfway to the imprisoned man.

Cave City, Feb. 9.—The efforts to rescue Floyd Collins from the sand cave by the location of a cavern leading into the one in which Collins has been trapped for nine and a half days, guided by the scent of a large quantity of

## William H. Doxey Is Shot By Uncle

Willis A. Doxey, Waiving Preliminary Hearing, Is Now in Custody of Sheriff Bob Flora, Awaiting Trial at the March Term of Superior Court

William H. Doxey, aged 82, of Poplar Branch, died at the Elizabeth City Hospital at 7 o'clock Sunday night from a pistol bullet wound in the abdomen, alleged to have been inflicted by his uncle, Willis A. Doxey, of Poplar Branch.

Willis Doxey is now in jail on a charge of murder and, having waived preliminary hearing, will be tried at the March term of Currituck Superior Court, which convenes Monday, March 2. Mr. Doxey was arrested Saturday night, after the news of the shooting reached Sheriff Bob Flora at Shawboro, on a charge of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Following the arrest, Mr. Doxey was permitted to give bond, but as soon as Sheriff Flora learned of the death of William H. Doxey here, he called Solicitor W. L. Small over the long distance telephone and under instructions from the Solicitor, changed the warrant to one charging first degree murder and at once proceeded to take W. A. Doxey in custody.

The alleged shooting occurred Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock. G. A. Doxey, father of the dead man, said he could give no reason for the shooting, Sunday night. There were no witnesses, according to reports, except Willis Doxey, who fired the fatal shot, and his nephew, who is dead.

It is believed that the shooting was a family quarrel. Willis Doxey, a mobile man, his nephew, on foot on the State highway, about one-half mile south of Poplar Branch and between Poplar Branch and Grandy. The older man halted the younger man saying "I am going to shoot you." Thereupon, the young man made a rush at his uncle who had drawn his revolver and the two clinched. Willis Doxey caught a firm grip on his nephew's right hand so that the latter could not shoot. The older man then promised his nephew he would not shoot if he would let him go. However, when William Doxey let go his grip of the older man, the latter fired the pistol point blank

## Discredited Prophetess Is Strangely Missing

Mrs. Margaret Rowen of Los Angeles Not to be Found and Investigation Will be Made of Disposal of Money Sent to Her—Meantime World Wagging On

By L. C. OWEN  
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Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Margaret Rowen of Los Angeles, leader of the "reformed adventists," who forecast the end of the world at midnight Friday, is a discredited prophetess in her own home town today. But she kept two-thirds of the population of Los Angeles and many persons in other parts of the country out of bed until five o'clock hours on the evening there might be something in her prediction.

The most they saw in this vicinity was a cloud blackened sky which, instead of sending forth a cataclysm, poured forth a much needed rain.

But whether from curiosity or a remote belief the repress might have something up her sleeve, there were a lot of nervous people here Friday. Open scoffers could be charged, while at midnight few families did not have their necks craned toward the heavens.

Telegraphic dispatches reported midnight "watch parties" in hundreds of cities and towns both inside and outside California. At San Diego where, according to an Eastern follower of Mrs. Rowen, 141,000 "brides of the lamb" were to be rounded up on a hillside, several hundred people peremptory grand stand seats on what Mrs. Rowen had developed, Thursday night, had disappeared, and her trusting followers did not know where to look for her.

At the home of the woman prophetess in Hollywood her "followers" declared she not only was not at home but that the watch parties were to be held in Los Angeles.

The prophetess earlier today, to the dismay of her followers, who, denied a streak of Heaven on a golden cloud, want their fares rebated so they may dispose of their worldly goods and con-

### FAILS IN RESCUE ATTEMPT



Homer Collins, center, collapses in the arms of rescuers after he tolled three days without stopping in an attempt to free his brother, Floyd, trapped in an underground cavern at Sand Cave, near Cave City, Kentucky.

### NO CONTINUANCE OF DARDEN'S TRIAL

Atlanta, Feb. 9.—Motions of defense today to continue the trial of A. E. Sartain and L. J. Fletcher, former warden and deputy of Atlanta prison, and Lawrence Rich of Columbus, Ohio, charged with conspiracy and bribery, were overruled today by Federal Judge Irwin.

### BREAD PILE UP IN TWIN CITIES THIS WEEK

St. Paul, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—An increase of one cent a pound loaf in the price of bread in the Twin Cities will go into effect today. Rolls and doughnuts are to be put up five cents a dozen.

### SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES

With Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport presiding, Pasquotank Superior Court was convened Monday morning in a one week session. The first of civil cases only, 23 cases were tried Monday morning, the session being taken up with going over the calendar and signing judgements; 17 of which were disposed of Monday morning.