

Interest Centers In Doxey Case At Currituck Court

Case Not to be Called Before Tuesday—Crowd at Court-house Monday Below Expectations Account Bad Roads and Weather—House Packed, However

Currituck, March 2.—Currituck has a population of 7,268, or about 1,500 families, and probably every one of them will have been represented before the session in the crowd in attendance on Currituck Superior Court. Owing to Sunday rains, the crowd on the opening day, estimated at 600, was not as large as was expected. For Currituck has a murder trial in prospect today—something in itself out of the ordinary for a county with a population entirely rural and seldom disturbed by bloodshed or by any violence of a serious nature. An ordinary murder trial, then, would be enough to interest all Currituck, a county without a newspaper and where the people cling to the old habit of attending court in large number on the occasion of the two criminal terms that are held in the county every year.

But it is no ordinary murder case that is scheduled for trial this week with Willis A. Doxey as defendant charged with the deliberate and premeditated murder of his nephew, William H. Doxey, who died in the hospital at Elizabeth City on Sunday evening, February 1, as a result of a bullet wound through his body. On the contrary, here is a case, not by the element of mystery and human interest involved in the laded appetite of readers of the metropolitan press—a case that might be played up by big city newspapers if Currituck Courthouse were not so remote from these centers of population. No trial in Currituck County in the last 15 years has attracted so much attention. A score of automobiles have driven from Pasquotank to Currituck today over dirt roads wet from Sunday's rain and to pieces by winter traffic. Were there seats in the courtroom to Currituck for all who would attend from Elizabeth City, instead of a score of cars the number would have been legion.

The Doxey case will not be called before Tuesday and perhaps not before this morning, the forenoon session being taken up with the charge to the grand jury and going over the docket. Willis A. Doxey is one of the mildest mannered and most quiet spoken men imaginable. For years his life in his community has been an open book. He has been a man in whom his neighbors have found no serious fault. School committee man of Poplar Branch High School, hunter, branch guard, and farmer, he has been generally held in high regard in his every walk, well and generally speaking, favorably known from one end of Currituck to the other.

William H. Doxey, the dead man, was the son of G. A. Doxey, who has recently moved from Poplar Branch to Elizabeth City. Willis A. Doxey and G. A. Doxey are brothers. William H. Doxey was unmarried and for the last nine months had worked on the farm of R. S. Walker, one of Willis A. Doxey's neighbors. Prior to that time he had worked at Norfolk from time to time, but he would almost invariably return to the Poplar Branch section where his uncle and father lived.

From the time he was 12 years old until he was 18, William H. Doxey lived for the most part with his uncle, Willis Doxey taking the boy into his home when William was a lad of 12 in order that his wife might not have to spend the long nights, when her husband was out hunting, alone. As the boy grew into manhood, however, the uncle and nephew quarreled and the bitterness and jealousy of the older man toward his nephew reached such a pitch at last that the two ceased to speak and Willis Doxey warned his nephew never to enter his home again. Here develops the inevitable eternal triangle.

Mrs. Willis A. Doxey before her marriage was Miss Daisy Hampton. When she and Willis A. Doxey were married she was 16. He was 44 and a widower with a 15-year-old daughter. Pretty, vivacious and attractive, the young wife was popular in the community and prominently identified with its social activities and with its church and school. As her husband's young nephew, in her home grew into manhood idle gossip had begun to link his name with hers but this gossip was not contented or believed among the really worth while people of the community. As it persevered, however, it grew by feeding on itself until it could no longer be ignored and for a number of years before William H. Doxey's death many of Mrs. Doxey's neighbors had begun to meet her with eyes averted or with averted faces.

Patent to the wife, this fact could not escape the eyes of a jealous husband, and Willis Doxey knew that his wife was being talked about in the community where his children were growing up. This had been the situation for months when on Saturday after-

MORE HOPE FOR CANAL PURCHASE

Passage of Rivers and Harbors Bill by Senate Marks Another Long Step Toward Victory.

News reaching here Sunday that the Rivers and Harbors bill, carrying a provision for the purchase of the Dismal Swamp Canal, had passed the Senate was heartening to those in Elizabeth City who have followed the fate of the bill with keen interest and, for the last few days, not without some anxiety. A serious effort to delay and so to defeat the measure developed last week, but this effort met defeat Saturday night.

The bill now goes to conference, as some changes have been made in it since it passed the House; but it is not believed that there will be further opposition and prospects for passage of the bill as passed by the Senate, with an appropriation of \$500,000 for the purchase of the canal instead of the \$375,000 named in the House measure, are now considered quite favorable.

The Rivers and Harbors Bill carries appropriations totaling more than \$41,000,000 as against the \$40,000,000 which President Coolidge declared to be the maximum that it should carry, but it is not believed that the President would veto the whole bill because he happened not to approve of some minor items of expenditure.

BLOODY MURDER NEAR EDENTON

Negro Desperado Brains Enemy in Difficulty but Prompt Work by Sheriff Lands Grant Holly in Jail.

Edenton, March 2.—(Special) Prompt and efficient work on the part of Sheriff G. W. Goodwin Saturday night put behind the bars of Chowan County jail on a charge of murder Grant Holly, notorious Bertie negro who on at least two previous occasions has been in trouble in Chowan and who is reputed to have a killing in his credit in Bertie.

Grant is in trouble this time as a result of the braining of Pete Bond, 20 year old Chowan County negro early Saturday night on the Coastal Highway between Edenton and Emporium. Arriving on the scene within ten minutes after the killing occurred, Sheriff Goodwin found Pete Bond lying dead in the road, his skull beat to pulp and his brain scattered about to a distance of five feet, some lumps as big as an egg, and beside him Jim Holly, Grant's brother, with an ugly bruise on his forehead that has since, however, been found to be not of a serious nature. Grant Holly is also in jail.

Pete Bond's death is the result of a difficulty, alleged to have begun over a woman, as a result of which Pete went home and returned to the scene of the quarrel with a gun. He never got a chance to use it, however, as Grant Holly had a heavy piece of scantling handy and he used it promptly and with terrific effect.

Jim Holly's part in the quarrel does not seem to be clear, but he is believed to have been struck with the same timber that brained Pete Bond. When the sheriff reached the murdered man and Jim Holly, Grant had made his escape, but Sheriff Goodwin kept on his trail until he had tracked him to a house on Gale street at Edenton. Having information to the effect that Grant was making preparations to cross the sound to Bertie County and believing that the negro would go to any length to resist capture, the Sheriff took no chances but with a posse of 10 men surrounded the house and, closing in on it, captured his man without difficulty.

ASSEMBLY STARTS ON FINAL STRETCH

Raleigh, March 2.—The Senate met at noon today and the mass of legislation awaiting disposal during the final week of the biennial session. Revenue and appropriation measures are still to be enacted but leaders in both houses expect the assembly to be in a position to adjourn Saturday.

growing by what it fed on, had brought about in the Doxey home, the children are generally thought to have taken their mother's side; but since their father's imprisonment all of them have visited their father at the Currituck County Jail and apparently will stand up by him through the trial. The State, according to the outlook now, will have to go it alone in its uphill fight to convict the defendant; as G. A. Doxey, father of William Doxey, has made no move to employ private prosecution to assist Solicitor W. L. Small. In fact G. A. Doxey is quoted as saying that Willis Doxey has the desired relation that gossip-

AT CONVENTION HERE



J. H. Engle of Lansing, Michigan, executive secretary of the Michigan Council of Religious Education, is one of the teachers in the County Sunday School Convention at City Road Church this week.

GUTZON BORGLUM TO FIGHT EXTRADITION

Will Also Confer With Wealthy Friends About Financing of Memorial.

Greensboro, March 2.—Gutzon Borglum was arrested here Saturday night and later released on habeas corpus bond and departed for New York.

He will fight extradition to Atlanta where he is charged with malicious mischief for alleged destruction of models of the Stone Mountain Confederate memorial. Raleigh, March 2.—Rafaela to rot in jail in defiance of his ideals. Gutzon Borglum, sculptor, is preparing for the "fight of his life" in connection with the Stone Mountain Confederate memorial which he said today should be completed because it is the greatest project of the North ever conceived.

Borglum said he would confer with wealthy friends who had promised to back him to the limit. He expected to return to Greensboro, North Carolina, in time to participate in the habeas corpus proceedings Saturday which followed his arrest there Saturday night on charges made by Georgia officers.

Raleigh, March 2.—A hearing will be granted Gutzon Borglum before extradition papers are honored if the case develops to the extent, Governor McLean today indicated.

HUNDRED AND SIXTY DEAD IN EXPLOSION

Constantinople, March 2.—One hundred rebels and 60 townspeople were killed in an explosion Sunday of a munitions depot at Kharup, Turkish Armenia, while the town was being pillaged by rebels.

Nick Longworth Arrives In Spite Of Handicaps

Had to Endure Being Called Crown Prince but Lived That Down and Won House Speakership So May Now Go on Into the Senate as Did Gillett

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Washington, March 2.—After a number of set-backs in which he sacrificed his own political ambitions for those of his friends, "Nick" Longworth finally has arrived. He has lived down a great handicap for it was freely predicted when he married "Princess Alice" Roosevelt at the height of the Roosevelt reign in the White House, that henceforth Representative Longworth would be known to the world as T. R.'s son-in-law, his own modest identity being completely swallowed up in the light of glory beaming so brilliantly about the distinguished father-in-law.

They tried to tie the title of "crown prince" to Nick, those who thought him worth tying anything to, just as later no many political antagonists endeavored to fasten the same sobriquet upon William Gibbs McAdoo when he married the daughter of President Wilson.

But Nick Longworth, refusing to be discouraged, has stuck to his knitting. He has been a cool soldier. He has fought the good party fight. When his father-in-law threw a large sized sabot into the machinery of the G. O. P. in 1912, Nick suffered along with the other patriots and was defeated for re-election to the House, the only time he has tasted defeat at the hands of the home folks out in Cincinnati in 20 years of Congressional service. Some of the cynics are declaring today that after all the speaker-ship doesn't amount to anything any more; that the "chair" has been shorn of all its powers; that the days of the czar are over. Well, Nick has never wanted

PLAN TO REPEAL COURT REFORM LAWS

Committee in House of Representatives to Repeal Court Reform Laws

CHICAGO, March 2.—The House of Representatives today voted to appoint a committee to study the court reform laws and to make a report on their value to the country.

Dr. C. B. Williams appeared before the House of Representatives today and urged the repeal of the court reform laws. He said that the laws had done more harm than good and that they had increased the cost of litigation.

Tonight at the meeting of the City Council Mr. Engle will ask for a committee from that body to cooperate with the commission's committee.

WITCHELL REPLIES TO SECRETARY WELLES

Washington, March 2.—Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant adjutant general, today flatly contradicted Secretary Welles' statement that he had disobeyed the President in publishing certain military articles without the War Department's approval.

"It would seem that if I had violated orders my attention should have been called to it long before the present time and action taken accordingly," he said in a letter to the House aircraft committee.

MUSCLE SHOALS IS LOST FOR SESSION

Washington, March 2.—All prospects for the passage of the Muscle Shoals legislation were lost today when members of the conference report failed to call up the report for Senate consideration.

TWO MEN KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN

Richmond, Va., March 2.—Ben Morgan and Ed Morgan, brothers, were killed today when a freight train struck the automobile in which they were riding at Alta Vista.

TO DEVELOP PLANS NATIONAL DEFENSE

Washington, March 2.—Rail transportation and business leaders met with the War Department officers here today to develop plans for national defense by "winning" wartime endeavors of business transportation and government may be coordinated into a workable unit. Both Secretary Weeks and Major General Hines declared it would not be possible for immediate co-operation of army and railroads in case of war unless plans were worked out in advance.

CONVENTION HAS SPLENDID START

Sunday School Workers Heard Fine Addresses by J. H. Engle, D. W. Sims and Miss Daisy Magee.

The Sunday afternoon session of the Paquotank County Sunday School Convention held in the City Road Methodist Church was attended by a large number of people.

The first address was given by Mr. J. H. Engle of Lansing, Michigan, executive secretary of the Michigan Council of Religious Education. He spoke on "Sunday School Sense" and said in part: "There is common sense in religion and there are five senses the Sunday School worker should have."

"First, the worker should have a Physiologic Sense. The pupil has a body that must be cared for. It must be kept warm in winter and cool in summer. The child cannot be taught when either too cold or too warm, neither can the child listen to a lesson if it is hungry. Distracting noises must also be removed. To adjust all these physical conditions the teacher must have a physiologic sense."

"A Psychologic Sense is also necessary. The child carries the same graded load to Sunday School that he has for the other days of the week. He cannot unweave his head on Sunday. The Sunday school teacher must know the laws of the mind and what lessons can be comprehended by the child as well as the public school teacher honors these facts."

"The third essential sense is the pedagogic sense. There is a true way of teaching, a right way to present the lesson, the pedagogic sense will direct the teacher in the use of the right way of teaching."

"Because the child has neighbors, friends and companions in the world the teacher may direct the child in his social relations with others."

"The last and most important sense is the Spiritual Sense. The teacher who fails to have this sense is a failure. Jesus must be made to the child the world's greatest hero. He must become to him an object of affection and loyalty."

D. W. Sims, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association spoke on "Lesson Preparation." As usual his address was exceedingly interesting. Miss Daisy Magee, children's division superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association was the last speaker and gave very helpful suggestions on the Daily Vacation Bible School. The Sunday night session was attended by still a larger crowd than the afternoon session. Up to the present 82 Sunday School superintendents, teachers and officers have attended the sessions.

The address on "The Halt that Catches and Holds Men and Women" delivered by D. W. Sims at the night session was very helpful. The whole address was built around the one word "work." The speaker insisted that while it is comparatively easy to send children to Sunday School, and while young people possibly may like to go to be with others of their age, the adults go best when they are given a definite task. In mentioning the different lines of work the speaker suggested that after providing teachers and officers, experience has shown if the other adults were all could have a definite task, they would not only enjoy the service, but they would also build up the school they attend, and do considerably worth-while service in the community.

Miss Magee spoke on the subject, "A Three-Fold Aim of the Religious Education of the Child." She stressed the importance of Sunday School workers having a clear conception of the aims of religious education and then definitely planning and working to accomplish the aims.

"There is a threefold aim for religious education with which every Sunday School worker should be familiar, and which they are striving. This aim is: First, to give fruitful knowledge. Religious life has an intellectual side, and religious knowledge is the right of every person. It should be knowledge that can at once be incorporated into life."

"Fruitful knowledge would include giving to the child the right conception of God. As far as it goes, the child's conception of God must be essentially true. The harm of a false impression cannot be overestimated."

"Knowledge of the church should be a part of a child's religious education. The child should know that the church is the instrument of religious life and that the Christian church bears with the followers of Christ, that it has and is doing much good and that it is worthy of our deepest love, appreciation and loyalty."

"Right attitudes set up in the child is a part of the threefold aim of religious education in right living. This is an aim to which

WILL INVESTIGATE FERTILIZER TRUST

Washington, March 2.—Department of Justice investigators will be sent immediately to Georgia and other Southern states to investigate the increased cost of fertilizer to determine if a fertilizer trust exists. The Attorney General today notified Senator Harris of Georgia who made the complaint.

THE BODY OF EBERT IS LYING IN STATE

Berlin, March 2.—The body of Friedrich Ebert, Germany's first president, who died Saturday, lies in state today in his study. Burial will be made Thursday.

RECEIVES HEAVY FINE FOR POSSESSION WHISKEY

George Spivey, colored, for possessing and transporting liquor was fined \$25 and costs in police court Monday morning. Spivey also received a fine of \$10 and costs for speeding.

D. E. Webster, who runs a filling station on North Road street, was fined \$25 and costs for being drunk and using profane language.

OBEY DRY LAW CRANMER URGES

Judge Says Man Who Deals in Liquor Doing More Harm Than Storebreaker or Defaulting Cashier.

Currituck, March 2.—Opening Superior Court here at 10 o'clock this morning, Judge E. H. Cranmer was reminded that it was at Currituck five years ago that he held his first court and that he qualified for the office of Superior Court Judge before C. W. Old, who happens to be foreman of the Currituck grand jury at the present term of court.

Judge Cranmer's charge to the grand jury was brief, but abounded in scriptural quotations which the judge used to press home the points that he sought to emphasize.

"You are the watchmen upon the walls of Currituck County," Judge Cranmer told the members of the grand jury, "and within those walls are the homes of Currituck, looking to you for protection." He stressed the duty of the grand jurors to see that the county's poor were properly provided for; saying that the fact that they were not in inmate in the County House, according to his information, spoke well for the county, but that that one inmate was entitled to the best care that the county could afford.

"The day of poorhouses in North Carolina has passed," said Judge Cranmer. "The care that any community takes of its helpless and aged is an index of its enlightenment."

The importance of the same respect for and observance of the prohibition laws as any other laws was emphasized by Judge Cranmer, who bluntly told the jurors that the man who does not obey the prohibition law is not a good citizen. "I don't understand and I don't hope to understand," he said, "why a man who observes other laws will wilfully flaunt the prohibition laws, when those laws were passed only after prohibition had been written into our Constitution by 46 of the 48 states in the Union. The man who is dealing in liquor is doing more harm than any one man I know of. I sometimes find it my duty to try a bank official for misuse of funds that did not belong to him and the people who have lost money through his fraud clamor for a severe penalty. But sometimes the same men will laugh at violations of the liquor laws which are destroying not property, but the bodies and the souls of our young people."

Referring to the law against carrying concealed weapons, Judge Cranmer said that the only man who carries a pistol is a fool or an coward—and that fools and cowards are dangerous men to trust with such weapons.

Thirty-four out of the 36 jurors drawn for this term of court answered when their names were called immediately after the opening of court—a marked contrast to Currituck when only 11 jurors answered to their names and court had to adjourn without the trial of any cases on account of an epidemic of influenza in the county.

gathering of religious knowledge and a setting up of right attitudes are but secondary. The final test of religious education is higher and better living by the pupils. The religious knowledge given the pupil should play a clean, fair game and lead a helpful and useful life."

"Mr. Engle was the last speaker of the evening. His subject was 'Jesus the Master Teacher.' Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 Miss Magee will conduct a session in City Road Methodist Church for the teachers and other workers with children. All cradled, beginners, primary, and junior workers are urged to be present. Any one else will be welcome also."

"Tonight's session convenes at 7:30 in City Road Methodist Church.

BIT EXCITEMENT ON SOUTH ROAD

Difficulty Between Two Student Roanoke Institute Culminates in Shooting and Hospital Case.

Martin Burfoot, colored, is in the Elizabeth City Hospital suffering from a broken leg, caused by a bullet wound alleged to have been inflicted by Sam Knox, colored. Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock in the corner of Body Road and South Road streets, Sam Knox, has not yet been captured by local police. He is a young black negro between 18 and 20 years old, is about five feet nine inches tall, and weighs about 130 pounds.

No one seems to know just what caused the shooting. But it is known that the two negroes were in an argument one day last week and on Friday night Knox is said to have hit Burfoot in the back with a brick and to have drawn a pistol on him. The two are said to have been in a fight on the Roanoke Institute grounds following which Knox is said to have told Burfoot that he would blow Burfoot's brains out the next time he saw him. Maggie Knox, mother of the fugitive, said after the shooting that Burfoot had hit her son near the eye and that the blow had caused him considerable pain.

Witnesses of the shooting disagree as to the number of times that Knox shot at Burfoot. Some say that he shot at Burfoot five times and others remember hearing only three shots. The shooting started as Knox reached the north corner of the Overton Filling Station on South Road street. Burfoot was running from him and fell about ten feet from Overton's garage when the last shot struck through his leg bone, entering in the back of his leg and coming out half way between the knee and thigh and Burfoot will be in the hospital for about six weeks under normal conditions. In the opinion of Dr. Howard Combs, who was summoned when the negro was shot.

Willis Weeks, colored, who lives on Pearree road, got a slanging match on his shoe from the first bullet fired at Burfoot by Knox. He was limping from a stunned toe Sunday night but the bullet did not go through his shoe.

Both Martin Burfoot and Sam Knox are students at Roanoke College Institute here. Burfoot extends on Morrisette's Lane which is 20 years old. Knox lives on Bell street in the Sawtooth section of the city.

That block of South Road street about Overton's filling station was black with negroes immediately after the shooting and police were promptly on the scene. There was no disorder, however, the crowd turning out from idle curiosity and without any desire to make or get into trouble.

ELEVEN OF FLIERS ARRIVE AT MACON

Miami, Fla., March 2.—Eleven of the dawn to dusk fliers who left Macon today arrived here at 12:30. The twelfth plane had not arrived.

LAST OBSTACLE GONE CHOWAN RIVER BRIDGE

A telegram from Congressman Ward to J. P. Job, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, late Saturday afternoon announced that the bill permitting the construction of a State Highway Commission of a bridge across the lower Chowan River had been passed by the House.

The bill had previously passed the Senate, and the State Legislature having authorized the issue of bonds for the project, the last obstacle in the way of immediate construction of the bridge has been removed.

STONE TAKES OATH AS JUSTICE TODAY

Washington, March 2.—Harlan P. Stone today resigned as Attorney General and took the oath as associate justice of the Supreme Court.

FIVE DROWNED IN GALE OFF COAST

Boston, March 2.—Five persons were drowned when the coal barge James M. Hudson off the way from Norfolk to Boston, foundered last night off Boston light in a gale.

INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF TRAFFIC IN OFFICES

Washington, Mar. 2.—Charges of trafficking in Federal offices in Georgia and South Carolina have been made the subject of inquiry by the Department of Justice.

OFFTON MARKET

New York, March 2.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 24.50, an advance of 70 points. Futures, closing bid: March 25.70, May 25.95, July 26.10, Oct. 25.60, Dec. 25.61.