

# DOXEY TRIAL MOVED TO GATES

## Cranmer Sustains Motion Solicitor

### Decision a Severe Blow to Defense Which Was Apparently Confident Court Would Hold for Trial in the Defendant's Home County

Currituck, March 4.—A Currituck jury will not pass on the fate of Willis A. Doxey, arraigned here before Judge Cranmer for first degree murder following the presentation of a true bill by the Currituck grand jury Tuesday afternoon. He will be tried for his life at the spring term of Superior Court in Gates County, which is scheduled to convene on Monday, March 23.

This was decided this morning when Judge Cranmer sustained the motion of Solicitor W. L. Small, made in open court Tuesday afternoon, immediately after the defendant had been arraigned, that the case be moved to some other county for trial, on the ground that there was good reason to believe that a fair and impartial trial could not be obtained in Currituck County.

In support of his contention, Solicitor Small presented affidavits to the effect that sentiment in favor of Doxey had been carefully fanned and nursed by the activities of his friends, that it would be difficult for a Currituck jury to hear the case without prejudice against the State. Among those signing affidavits to the foregoing effect were R. S. Walker, G. A. Doxey, S. A. Walker and J. C. Gallop.

On the other hand, the defense presented affidavits from Currituck officials including Sheriff Bob Flora, Register of Deeds J. A. Taylor, and W. H. Gallop of the Currituck County Board of Education to the effect that there was no reason why a fair and impartial trial could not be had in Currituck County. Affidavits in the same tenor were signed by N. H. Hampton and P. L. Hampton, brothers of Mrs. Willis A. Doxey, and others.

A notable feature of the affidavits offered by Solicitor Small was that they referred to the news stories of the crime and the approaching trial carried by the Elizabeth City Independent as having been used by friends of Doxey to foster sentiment in his behalf.

"It was probably not intended by the writer," the solicitor's affidavits set forth, "to prejudice the State's case, but it has nevertheless greatly prejudiced the same throughout the County."

The affidavits offered by the defense denied that the stories appearing in the Independent were prejudicial to the State's case, declaring that, if some passages might seem so, there were just as truly other passages which might be quoted equally prejudicial to the defendant. It was also pointed out by counsel for the defense that in the history of courts in this district in the last 40 years only once had it been deemed necessary to move a case from one county to another and that in that case, the celebrated Joshua Harrison kidnaping case, the motion for removal was made by the defense without objection on the part of the State.

The defense also presented an affidavit by the defendant himself denying that he was a man of wide acquaintance in Currituck County and representing himself as a man of limited means upon whom the matter of his extra expense of carrying his witnesses to another county would work a severe hardship. The defendant also denied in his affidavit that his friends had been particularly active in his behalf.

"I have heard you patiently, I have considered what you have had to say and the affidavits you have submitted diligently and I hope I am deciding this matter justly," said Judge Cranmer in making decision for the removal of the case.

"I mean no reflection upon this good county but I am convinced that I ought to accede to the motion made by the solicitor in behalf of the State and move this case to some other county. It is sometimes difficult to do one's duty, but one must not flinch from duty because it is unpleasant."

Judge Cranmer then dictated to the court stenographer the formal order providing for a change of venue in this case; leaving the county blank until State and defense could come to an agreement as to whether the case should be tried in Beaufort, Chowan, Gates, or Perquimans. Solicitor Small said that he would be satisfied to try the case in any one of the four counties, and the defense, after an interval of

## CHIEF INTEREST IN REVENUE BILL

Raleigh, March 4.—The chief interest of the State Senate, sitting as a committee of the whole, last night centered on that section of the Revenue Bill providing for a \$2.00 tax on indictments. One amendment to repeal the whole section was lost by a margin of one vote, cast by Chairman Grady of Johnson County.

Amendments were adopted, however, excluding recorder's courts and magistrate's courts from the provisions of this section.

For the third time the House last night deferred action on the bill designed to submit constitutional amendment calling for the creation of a board of pardons. An amendment was introduced by Representative Everett of Durham to make the Lieutenant Governor a member of the board instead of the Attorney General, as provided in the proposed bill.

The joint finance committee late yesterday re-considered the vote by which it decided to submit a favorable report on the Confederate pension fund from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. However, a minority report had been signed by 15 members last night.

## GIVES PECAN TREES TO RURAL CHURCHES

### C. O. Robinson Also Presents Trees to High Schools of Pasquotank County

C. O. Robinson this week gave to each of the white country churches in the County five budding Stuart pecan trees to be put on their grounds.

These trees in a few years will be bearing nuts as well as giving shade and adding beauty to their surroundings.

Mr. Robinson also gave the high schools of Weckville and Newland each ten of these trees and they are now being set out.

Trees were not given the other County schools because it is hoped that they are not permanent and that there will be consolidations soon making other high schools for Pasquotank County.

## RAILEY ESCAPES INJURY IN FALL FROM WAGON

Vance Bailey, employe of Bray's French Dry Cleaners and Dyers, who lives on West Fearing street had a rather remarkable escape from serious injury when on Tuesday afternoon, after an automobile driven by Charles Crane had run into and injured Spence Spry, 75 years old, as the aged man stood on Colnlock bridge out of the way of passing vehicles.

His nose is said to be broken and he is suffering from loss of blood, a cut in his forehead and from a number of minor cuts and bruises.

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Mr. Spry is said to be an uncle of one or more of the defendants.

## FIVE KILLED WHEN DYNAMITE EXPLODES

Reinsdorf, SAKSOW, March 4.—Five persons were killed today and 38 others were injured in a dynamite explosion in the Westphalian Anhalt Explosives factory.

## Peanut Diet

So that he could save enough money to publish a book, W. H. Pelley, a resident of Knoxville, Illinois, lived for a year on salted peanuts and overripe bananas. His book criticizes present method of law &

## Her Eyes Will Vamp You



Europe has sent us a warning—beware the influence of the eyes of Senorita Marie Dalbocin, famous Spanish beauty, who will soon come to our shores. She is reputed to be the most beautiful woman in Spain and has said "No" to no less than 1000 proposals. While the United States has not, she will interpret the national character of her country.

## BADLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Currituck, March 4.—Bond in sum of \$1,000 each was required by Superior Court Judge E. H. Cranmer here this morning when Charles Crane and brother, Sam Crane, and cousin, St. Clair Crane, were brought before him on a charge of assault with deadly weapon and with operating an automobile on the highway while under the influence of liquor.

The Cranes were arrested Tuesday afternoon, after an automobile driven by Charles Crane had run into and injured Spence Spry, 75 years old, as the aged man stood on Colnlock bridge out of the way of passing vehicles.

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## SHIPPING CHECKS ALL OVER STATE

Carlton Jennings Is Telling Phoenician North Carolina Eastern

Carlton Jennings, manager of the Jennings' Poultry Farm, is busy shipping barred Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island, Red, and White Leghorn baby chicks to different sections of this State as well as other parts of the country, nearly 15,000 having been shipped since the beginning of this season, January 1.

The boys' clubs of Currituck ordered a shipment of these chicks last week and are hoping to win prizes with them and a lot were sent to Alabama Tuesday. In this State the heaviest shipments are made to the Piedmont section.

The Jennings' Poultry Farm has been in operation since 1919 and is making a name for itself and its healthy stock of pure bred chicks. For this season, ending in May, it is expected that the number of chicks shipped will be around 75,000.

## ON TRIP TO FLORIDA

Captain and Mrs. Mitchell Hamilton of this city left Wednesday for Miami, Florida, and are expected to return about the middle of April. Captain Hamilton is an assistant supervisor of this, the Seventh District of the Coast Guard Service, and during this trip will inspect Coast Guard stations on the coast from Miami, Florida, to Cape Henry, Virginia.

## NEW SERIES TO OPEN SATURDAY

### Albemarle Building & Loan Association Will Sell Stock Maturing Three, Six and Ten Years

The twentieth series of the Albemarle Building & Loan Association will open Saturday, W. Ben Goodwin, Secretary of the association announced Tuesday.

An interesting feature of this series is the decision of the directors to receive stock not only to mature within six and one-half years, but five, four, three and one-half years or less.

For instance a shareholder who wishes to buy \$100 in stock has three different methods of paying for it. By paying 12 and a half cents per week, the stock will mature with ten and a half years; by paying 25 cents per week the stock will mature within six and one-half years, and by paying 50 cents a week the stock matures within three and one-half years.

## DAVES SAYS RIGHTS PEOPLE OVERLOOKED

Washington, March 4.—Reform in the rules of the Senate is demanded by the people and by the "conscience of individual Senators," Vice President Dawes declared in his inaugural address today. "Under the present rules he said the rights of the American people are overlooked."

## INDICTMENTS FOR BORGUM AND TUCKER

Atlanta, March 4.—Indictment charging larceny from a house, simple larceny, and malicious mischief, were today returned against Gutzon Borgum, treasurer and sculptor of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial by Judge J. C. Tucker, Borgum's superintendent of construction, was indicted on charges of simple larceny and larceny from a house.

## SIGNS BILL FOR BIGGER SALARIES

Washington, March 4.—The President today signed the legislative appropriation bill carrying increased salaries for members of Congress, cabinet and Vice President.

## BORTELEGGER WAS READY FOR COURT

Placed in the stocks at Court today, the defendant was ready for trial.

Currituck, March 4.—While Judge Cranmer is here for the first time in Currituck County, he is not without a few interesting incidents. One of these was the case of Bortellegger, a defendant in a larceny case, who was placed in the stocks at Court today. Bortellegger was a man of about 40 years of age, who had been in the County Jail for some time. He was charged with the larceny of a pair of shoes from a store in Currituck County. The case was heard by Judge Cranmer this morning. Bortellegger's attorney, Mr. Small, moved for a continuance of the trial until the next day. Judge Cranmer granted the motion. Bortellegger was then placed in the stocks until the next day.

Down in the little neck of woods lying between the Albemarle Sound and the State highway about 250 yards from the courthouse, Tom had a big hole ready for retailing. Constable George Bright of the north part of the county in the act of filling his part of the hole and getting ready for customers. Tom thought probably to advertise his business by letting the small hole of his hole stand across the main hole. At any rate, the hole as it was, he was charged to press that hole and let the officer straighten it out himself.

## FUNERAL HERE FRIDAY

The funeral of W. W. Fearing, 66 years of age, who died at a Portsmouth hospital, Tuesday night, will be at 8 o'clock Friday morning at the Episcopal Church, immediately after the arrival of the 12:16 train by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson and Rev. G. F. Hill, pastor of the church.

## LINDSAY WARREN DELEGATION WHIP

### Returns to Home Town After Attending Democratic Caucus at National Capital

Washington, March 4.—Congressman Ellet Lindsay C. Warren has returned from Washington where on Saturday night he attended the Democratic caucus. Mr. Warren spent four days in the Capital shaping his views and affairs in preparation for the next session of Congress, which however does not meet until next December.

## TICKETS ON SALE FOR HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS

Tickets are on sale and seats may be reserved at Seig's for the plays to be given at the high school Thursday evening by the dramatic clubs.

## FUNERAL MRS. FORBES

The sudden death of Mrs. Alice Gregory Forbes, widow of the late W. L. Forbes of Tallahassee, last Saturday night was a shock to relatives and friends. She had been in failing health for some time but seemed brighter than usual Saturday night when the family retired. She was taken ill at 11:30 and lived only a few minutes.

The funeral was conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. E. F. Hudson, "On the Sweet Bye and Bye" was sung by a quartet from Shiloh Baptist Church. The pall bearers were: W. F. Leary, M. P. Leary, John J. Forbes, Jr., Lyle Forbes, P. B. Gregory, Dennis Moore, C. M. Griggs, and H. Staples. Rev. Mr. Staples, who were the same who served for her husband about a year ago and were their nephews. The flower bearers were: Miss Katharine and Mrs. E. P. Forbes of Shawboro and Evelyn and Elsie Leary of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Forbes was a charter member of Pleasant Grove Church and an active member in Sunday School and church work. She is survived by one daughter, Miss Nellie Forbes, one son, W. F. Forbes, two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Moore, and Mrs. J. P. Williams of Norfolk; and one brother, W. E. Gregory of Indianapolis.

## Coolidge Inaugurated In Simplest Of Ceremonies

### But, Owing to the Radio, the Greatest Audience Heard Inaugural Address That Has Ever Listened in to Speech of This Sort in the World

## RELIGIOUS CENSUS TO BE TAKEN HERE

A citywide religious census will be taken Sunday afternoon, March 8, according to a statement made by a member of the central committee of the Men's Federation Tuesday morning. An effort will be made to secure the names, the church relation or affiliation of every white person in Elizabeth City.

The committee met in the Junior Order hall Tuesday morning for the purpose of making plans for the proposed union revival service to be held in Elizabeth City beginning March 15.

Meetings will be held in each of the churches at eight o'clock. A committee has been appointed to arrange for the rotation of the pastor of each of the churches. Representatives of the men's and women's federations will also visit the different church services.

Remembering the Master's words, "Without Me ye can do nothing," Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson said "that every citizen who could take part in it, let the people be willing at the day of His power."

The March sun which had promised to flood the ceremonies with its glorious light was overcast, gathering clouds as the hour of the inauguration arrived and the prospect of a crisp bright day had slowly turned to threat of cold rain.

For the first time not only the thousands who gathered in Washington heard a President deliver his inaugural address, but millions throughout the United States and probably many elsewhere, heard the address by radio. President Coolidge spoke to probably the largest audience, seen and unseen that ever has been addressed by any man in the history of the world.

With all its studied simplicity and lack of display, which was at the express direction of the President, the ceremony was in marked contrast with the event of 19 months ago, when, raised from obscurity by the sudden death of President Harding, Mr. Coolidge took the oath of office administered by his father in the glow of an oil lamp in a Vermont farm house.

The only Vice President since Roosevelt to be elected to the office by popular election, President Coolidge renewed his oath before Chief Justice Taft, the only President to take it before a former President. The ceremony was the traditional one, and was carried out on a platform built at the east front of the Capitol, before the crowd steps leading to the building, a spot selected in the historic compromise of generations ago when the House and Senate each contended that the inauguration should take place within its own precincts.

While Congress was winding up its eleven-hour business, the official Congressional committee called at the White House to escort the President to the Capitol. This was soon after 11 o'clock. Pennsylvania avenue, despite the restricted program which cut down the show, was packed as the President, escorted by a troop of cavalry and guarded by secret service men, passed along. At the Capitol he went at once to the President's room adjoining the Senate chamber and busied himself disposing of acts of Congress which either became laws by his signature, or which under the Constitution not "pocket vetoes" if he chooses not to sign them.

The prelude to the inaugural procession for the President's journey to the Capitol is always the same part of the actual ceremony, was quite different from that of four years ago, for President Coolidge had no outgoing President to accompany him. Four years ago, Warren Gamaliel Harding was the outgoing President.

## GENERAL PERSHING IS ILL AT HAVANA

Havana, March 4.—A statement issued from the American Embassy last night announced that General Pershing was ill at his hotel here. The nature of the ailment is not known, but he is suffering from the effects of his long journey.

General Pershing said a quiet night and physicians said his illness was not serious.

## CAPACITY HOUSE TUESDAY

A capacity house was present at the Alkrama Tuesday night when the special feature, "The Sea Hawk" was shown here for the first time.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, March 4.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 25.8, May 26.15, July 25.25, Oct. 25.40, Dec. 25.52.

New York, March 4.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 24.05, points unchanged. Futures closing: March 25.44, May 25.92, July 26.07, Oct. 25.37, Dec. 25.33.