

Ballard To Die July 30
For Fatal Shooting Of
Young Officer In Gates

Defendant Receives Verdict Without Visible Show of Emotion; Spectators Listen Tensely

HEBE GIVEN 20 YEARS

Cora and Sallie Mary Ballard Get Two Years in Jail Each; Two Others Held For Trial

Gatesville, N. C., June 27.—Jim Ballard, negro, was sentenced last yesterday to die in the electric chair July 30, for the murder of Deputy Sheriff W. Vernon Eason, of Gates County, at Ballard's home in "Little Africa," three miles from here on the night of May 5. Jim's brother, Hebe, was given 20 years in hard labor in the State prison after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in connection with the killing of the young officer.

Cora Ballard, Jim's wife, and Sallie Mary Ballard, a sister-in-law who made her home with him, were sentenced to two years in jail each, after they had pleaded guilty to charges of resisting an officer on the fateful night of May 5. All four had been charged jointly with murder in connection with the death of Eason until yesterday, when the State accepted a trial as to all save Jim Ballard, who had accepted full responsibility for the killing in his testimony the day before.

Five other negroes had been indicted as accessories to the shooting. Of these, three were released yesterday, and two were held for the next regular term of Superior Court in Gates County, which convenes July 23. Those freed were Isaac Hare, Lucy Ballard, wife of Hebe, and Allen Wynn. Their cases were not pressed with leave by the State. John Clark and Jacob Wynn were held.

A proviso was attached to the jail sentences imposed upon Cora and Sallie Mary Ballard to the effect that the Board of County Commissioners might hire them out for the length of their terms to any one paying their share of the court costs.

Three other negroes held as suspects in connection with the killing were ordered released. These were Daniel, Joe Key and Oscar Ballard, arrested in the general roundup which followed the tragedy, but whom evidence subsequently failed to connect definitely with it.

Jim and Hebe Ballard are in the State prison at Raleigh today. They left Gatesville for the State capital last night, less than an hour after sentence had been passed upon them, in the custody of Sheriff Rouse and Deputy Sheriff Z. D. Eure, who carried them in an automobile to Coffield, in Hertford County, and there boarded an Atlantic Coast Line train for Raleigh. Johnnie James, negro given a three year term on a robbery charge, accompanied them.

This closed the most sensational case tried in Gates County in many years. If he pays the death penalty imposed upon him yesterday, Jim Ballard will be the first person sent from Gates to the electric chair.

The case went to the jury yesterday afternoon at 5:20 o'clock, and the verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was returned 27 minutes afterward. Judge Henry A. Grady, presiding over the court, then announced a recess until 6:20 o'clock, when court was reconvened and he announced his judgment. Counsel for the defense made the usual motion to set aside the verdict. This was overruled, and the defense attorneys entered notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Verdict Calmly
Jim Ballard accepted both the verdict and the sentence without the slightest show of emotion. He was less concerned, apparently, than the spectators who thronged the courtroom to overflowing, and who listened in tense silence as the doom of the condemned man was announced.

Jim's brother, Hebe, however, was able to muster no such self control. His face twitched and his eyes roved wildly as the court pronounced his sentence.

"I didn't do a thing," Hebe is reported to have said in a low voice, following his 20-year sentence. Local sentiment since the hearing at the courthouse immediately after Hebe was captured has been that Jake Wynn, still in jail awaiting trial, was more to blame for the shooting than any

State To Let Contract
For Canal Bank Highway

Hardsurfacing of the Canal Bank Road, from South Mills to the Virginia line, will be begun at an early date, according to word received by Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, from Highway Commissioner W. A. Hart, of the First District.

Mr. Hart has notified Secretary Job that he authorized Chairman Page, of the State Highway Commission, to let contract for the construction of this road at the earliest possible date. The authorization was given at the meeting of the Highway Commission in Raleigh last Wednesday.

Virtual completion of a macadam road to the State line by Virginia has given rise to much recent discussion as to when North Carolina would meet its neighbor state with a hardsurfaced highway leading out of South Mills. Delay on the part of the North Carolina Highway Commission in acting in the matter has resulted in some criticism, and the assurance of an early letting of contract for the road is received with enthusiasm here.

TAGS WELCOME
VISITORS HERE

Will Be Attached to Steering Wheels of Autos From Elsewhere

Assurance that Elizabeth City is glad to play host to motorist visitors—and all others, for that matter—is being tendered by means of tags signed jointly by the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce. A number of the tags were distributed among members of the police force Saturday, to be attached to the steering wheels of automobiles which could be identified as belong to visitors. On the front, the tags read: "Welcome to Elizabeth City. We are glad to have you visit us and hope you will come often. The Chamber of Commerce invites you to make use of its rest rooms and information bureau, corner Main and Martin streets."

On the reverse side, the tags bear the following: "This card entitles you to park your car as long as you please in Elizabeth City. Park in places designated by white lines. Never mind the time limit. This will not exempt you from arrest for parking in safety zones, near fire hydrants or in alleys. Approved, Board of Aldermen. For our out of town motorists only. *Severe penalty if used by residents of Elizabeth City."

EAGLE BOAT NINE
TOWED TO NORFOLK
Norfolk, June 27.—The disabled Eagle boat number 9 has been found and is being towed to Norfolk.

WHEELER WITNESSES
AGAIN SUBPOENAED
Great Falls, June 27.—Witnesses who appeared before the grand jury which indicted Gordon Campbell and United States Senator Wheeler have been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury at Spokane, Washington, for further investigation.

Promoted
Capt. Richard H. Leigh, U. S. Navy, has to buy some new uniforms. Why? President Coolidge has just advanced him to the rank of rear admiral.



EARLY POTATO
SEASON DRAWS
TOWARD CLOSE

Total From Elizabeth City This Year Scarcely More Than Half of That For Preceding Season
GROWERS MADE MONEY
Profit by Improved Grading and Packing Despite Sharp Reduction Yield; Few Still to Move

The 1925 early potato season is practically over, as far as Elizabeth City is concerned. While the yield has been far below last year's, the growers as a whole have fared considerably better, having sold their stock on a stronger market virtually through the entire season. E. L. Sutton, representative of the Government market news service, discontinued his daily market reports from this city Friday, and left Saturday for New York City, where he will carry on similar work in reporting the vegetable market.

Potato shipments from here have slumped considerably this week according to Mr. Sutton, who reports that the movement began with five to six cars daily, increased to 15 and 18 cars as the week advanced, and showed symptoms Saturday of dropping substantially during the coming week. In all, 878 cars of potatoes had been shipped from Elizabeth City up to Saturday morning, he reported, adding that the season's shipments from the Elizabeth City districts during the period totalled 928 cars. This figure includes all stations on the Norfolk Southern east and north of Edenton.

Mr. Sutton estimated that the season's total potato consignments from this city would run slightly over 900 cars, as compared with 1,700 for June and July of last year, or little more than 50 per cent as many. The growers, however, have fared better with this year's shorter crop on account of the more favorable market, he declared. This season's higher prices are attributed largely to improved grading and packing, which in turn is ascribed to the activities of Federal inspectors who have been on the job here since bulk shipments began.

FLOATING ROAD WAS
INUNDATED SATURDAY

Camden, June 27.—High tide Saturday morning swept a span of water over the Camden paved highway all the way from the State bridge to the last of the filled in section, a distance of more than a mile. The water came up over the fenders of automobiles in the deepest sections and was from one to two inches deep over the first two fills. The Maches Island bridge for a short while was covered with water. The tide began receding a little after noon, however, and the fills and bridge were above water by 2 o'clock.

MOTOR COMPANIES
WILL CONSOLIDATE

Chicago, June 27.—The Chicago Tribune says that the consolidation of the Yellow Cab Manufacturing Company and six other companies of John Hertz, Chicago, with the General Motors Corporation is being worked out and will be announced next week.

GERMAN LENER SCRAPPED

Hamburg, June 27.—The Deutschland, a former trans-Atlantic pride of the Hamburg-American line, has been sold to a Berlin firm to be scrapped. The vessel served as an excursion boat under the name Victoria Luise, and after the World War was again put into service between Hamburg and New York as the Hansa.

CHINESE CONTROL STORES

Manila, June 27.—The Chinese control 58 per cent of the retail stores in Manila, the Filipinos 36 per cent and the Japanese 6 per cent, figures compiled by the Bureau of Commerce and Industry show.

CAMDEN JUSTICE FINES
ALLEGED DRUNKEN DRIVER

Camden, June 27.—E. M. Spencer of St. Brines, Va., was convicted and fined \$50 for driving a car while under the influence of liquor, when he was tried before County Judge Overby Saturday morning. Samuel Cohoon and Henry Sorey, also of St. Brines, charged with the same offense were let off with the costs which amounted to about \$30 each.

ROTARY ENJOYS
FEAST AND FUN

Skillful and Strenuous
Labors of Scattergood and
Parker Make Event Big
Success

Planked bluefish and trout, cooked in the open and done to the queen's taste, under the personal direction of Rotarians Frank Scattergood and Sam Parker, made the fish fry of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club at the Pasquotank Children's Home on Little River Friday evening an event long to be remembered in the Rotary annals of Elizabeth City.

Every Rotarian had been to a fish fry, but comparatively few had ever seen cooked or tasted genuine planked fish before. First the split fish were laid on hardwood boards more than a foot wide and 12 feet long until three such boards had been covered. Then these boards were set up on either side of a great oak fire of approximately the same length as the boards, each board at an angle of only a few degrees to the perpendicular, so nearly vertical in fact that the uninitiated expected to see the fish slide down into coals. But they didn't; they stuck to the board and in the intense heat the fat was soon dripping from them on the grass.

Then Rotarians Scattergood, Parker and their assistants applied and laid a slice of bacon on each fish, a hot job of heat, and, in the case of the bacon, quiring some little dexterity as well. From time to time the hot boards had to be lifted from their frames, and the fish shifted about, as those near the center were getting the most heat and those at the ends the least. When all the fish on one board were done to a turn that board was removed from its frame by the fire, laid flat on the grass, and the fish were served piping hot to Rotarians and their guests, who by this time had been supplied with plates on which were heaped generous portions of potato salad and corn bread.

Members of the Boys' Band and everybody at the Children's Home were the guests of the Rotarians and, in addition to the fish, the youngsters enjoyed bathing and the lemonade, sandwiches and the ice cream served as adjuncts to the fish feast by the Rotary Club.

Incidentally this was the first visit of a number of Rotarians to the Children's Home, and they were impressed not only with the natural beauty of the site but also with the happiness of its children and with the efficiency of "Father" and "Mother" Jones, who are in charge. Some Rotarians were heard to express amazement that such an institution could have been put on its feet and set going in Pasquotank as a result, almost altogether, of private enterprise, initiative and hard work.

ADOPT THE FINANCIAL
PROPOSALS CAILLAUX

Paris, June 27.—The Chamber of Deputies has adopted the financial proposals of Finance Minister Caillaux.

BLUE JACKETS TAKE
STRIKERS' PLACES

Hong Kong, June 27.—The anti-foreign strike is still spreading. Ferry boat strikers have been replaced by British blue jackets.

SHEPHERD FREED



William Darling Shepherd was acquitted in the Chicago courts last Friday of slaying his foster son, Billy McClintock, with typhoid germs. The jury was out five hours and 40 minutes.

EXPLAIN HOW
CHINA REGARDS
ALL FOREIGNERS

Two Wealthy and Influential
Chinese Attending
Trade Convention at Seattle Give Interview

PLEASE EXCUSE US
Orientals Most Polite But
Say It Is Just Matter of
Foreigners Minding Their
Own Business

By SUE McNAMARA
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Seattle, Wash., June 27.—The writer was conversing with two Chinese, both wealthy and influential in their own country, here to attend the National Foreign Trade Convention. Lu Pa-Hong, Shanghai industrial magnate with enough high sounding titles to make a who's who all of his own, was speaking mainly through Dr. Sui-Lu-Ku, son of a wealthy Chinese flour and wheat importer of Shanghai, as interpreter.

"China welcomes all foreigners," said Mr. Lu emphatically but with some difficulty over the words; "but—" he turned in his long taupe silk robe and looked at Dr. Ku. "Foreigners must mind their business, if you will please excuse me," added Dr. Ku, and both orientals bowed politely and apologetically as if asking pardon for having had to express themselves so frankly. And there you have it.

The Nationalist movement in China is directed against the Japanese and British none of it being aimed at America, the two men say. "I can assure you," said Dr. Ku, "that no intentional attacks will be made on Americans in China. China has the most friendly feeling for America due to the great amount of charity work you have done in our country."

Briefly, these two prominent Chinese commercial men hold that Japan and England are exploiting the Asiatic republic, Japan being the worst offender, and while leading Chinese may not approve the tactics of the students conducting the nationalist movement they sympathize with the motive—to throw off foreign domination. They state there is no foundation for the belief that bolshevism or Russian teaching of any sort is at the bottom of the trouble.

Asked how students are able to dictate to commercial men, Dr. Ku said: "Sometimes the students become quite rough. They go to a merchant and demand that he support the nationalist movement. Inasmuch as the merchant is tired of being bullied by certain foreign powers he is quite willing to comply."

FRENCH POSITION IN
MOROCCO CRITICAL

Madrid, June 27.—The French position in the Tacunant region of Morocco is described as critical in dispatches reaching here from the war zone.

MAKING EFFORT
RECOVER BODIES

Quebec, June 27.—Efforts are being made today to recover the bodies of nine men, the whole crew of the tug boat, Ocean King, which went down in the St. Lawrence River here when rammed by the Canadian Pacific Liner Marloch. The Ocean King was cut in two by the liner while attempting to tow the Marloch, the boilers exploding as water rushed into the engine room.

STOCKHOLDERS LOSE

Richmond, June 27.—Certain preferred stockholders of the Southern Railway today lost a suit in court here by which the Southern sought to collect \$29,000,000 in back dividends which they claimed were due them from the railroad. Judge Beverly Crump announced the decision against the stockholders today after holding it under advisement since March.

WILL MEET MONDAY

An important meeting of the building committee of Christ church will be held in the parish house Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Final plans will be submitted by the architect. Every member is urged to be present.

COTTON MARKET

New York, June 27.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 23.95, Oct. 23.90, Dec. 24.05, Jan. 23.53, Feb. 23.69, May 23.90.

Proposed New Road
May Open Valuable
Trading Territory

People Living in Northern
Perquimans County Agitating
Project Affecting
Elizabeth City

MERCHANTS MAY HELP
Would Build Highway
Eastwardly from Vicinity
of Whiteston to Mt. Hermon
Road in Pasquotank

A new trade territory for Elizabeth City may be developed through construction of a road proposed to run eastwardly through northern Perquimans County from the vicinity of the Gates County line to the Foreman-Bundy road in Pasquotank County.

Many residents of the Perquimans County section affected already are at work on plans to construct such a road by private subscriptions. Elizabeth City merchants have voiced a willingness to help them.

The new road would be approximately five miles long, and would tap a section in Gates and Perquimans counties at present served inadequately by highways leading toward Elizabeth City by way of Belvidere, to the south, and ultimately by the Diamond Swamp road from Acorn Hill, in Gates County, to the Newland Highway, in upper Pasquotank.

The proposed road, it is declared, would place Whiteston and Nicanor, in Perquimans County, and adjacent points in Gates, Green and Hobbaville, Greenville, and approximately eight miles nearer Elizabeth City than by any other route. The road would cost approximately \$400 a mile, since only grading is proposed at present.

An area of thousands of acres of high land in northern Perquimans County at present virtually without roads would be opened up by the projected highway, which would roughly parallel the Suffolk & Carolina Railroad, and incidentally would mean practical utilization of the Foreman-Bundy road as something more than an outlet for a comparatively small section of Pasquotank and Perquimans counties, it is pointed out.

Elizabeth City merchants have been discussing the project for many months, and in the last few days several of them most interested in putting it across, have been in conference with residents of the territory affected. The local merchants have expressed themselves as not only highly in favor of it, but as willing to contribute liberally toward the cost of construction.

Whiteston and Nicanor have been dissatisfied with what they regard as an unwillingness on the part of the Perquimans Highway Commission to give them adequate consideration in the matter of roadbuilding. With the assistance of the Elizabeth City merchants, they believe they can raise enough money in the townships affected to meet the cost of cutting a satisfactory road to the paved highway in Mt. Hermon township, which will give them the outlet they desire.

Police Search for Boy
While His Foster Mother
Mourns and Denies That
She'll Adopt Another Son

By OWEN L. SCOTT
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Chicago, June 27.—A Huckleberry Finn turn is now seen in the life of Jack Durand, adopted waif and heir to the millions of Scott E. Durand, who preferred the uncertain life of the streets to the quiet attractions of a rich home.

But instead of the yearning for the simple things of existence that caused Mark Twain's famous character to forsake a comfortable home, young Durand, so police claim, has taken to the excitement offered by a career of crime. He has forsaken all of the advantages, luxuries and the security offered, just through the rigid requirements of society, to in ward urge to break through the world.

By the time the police captured the young North Shore gang which, its members admitted, had staged a number of daring robberies in the home of millionaires in the district, Jack Durand was out of the city. His former associates claim that he was in the "brains" of their robber clique.

"We did everything in the world we could for young Jack," Mrs. Durand said. "Nothing, though, seemed to restrain him after he had become associated with a group of bad boys. So last November we had to send him away."

Police on the Pacific coast are looking for him there. The last the Durands heard of him he was travelling up the coast from Los Angeles with no regular work.

Young Jack was adopted when three years old. He has had all the advantages and all the care and protection that millions can give. Out of all the waifs in the land he apparently was the luckiest. There were millions to be inherited if only he took advantage of his opportunities.

"Contact with other wealthy youths who had too much time and money on their hands, caused Jack to turn bad," Mrs. Durand explained. "He wouldn't listen to reason and as much as we loved him we finally had to send him away. He is a man now, and must face the penalty if he has done wrong."

With Jack gone, there was a report that the Durands were to adopt another waif. This Mrs. Durand denied today. The experience in raising one adopted son to be an heir proved enough.

COAST GUARD CUTTER
CAPTURES SCHOONER

Mobile, June 27.—A Coast Guard cutter captured a liquor schooner and six small boats with a cargo of whiskey estimated to be worth \$25,000 yesterday.

PRISONERS ESCAPE
GOVERNOR'S ISLAND

New York, June 27.—Police headquarters were notified today that three military prisoners armed with rifles had escaped from Governor's Island in the harbor.

COOLIDGE VISITS
AROUND BOSTON

Swampscott, June 27.—The President's program for today included a jaunt into his old stamping grounds around Boston. After an early start by motor he and Mrs. Coolidge plotted their course along the shore line towards the capital and Cambridge.

HEARS CROWE'S SPEECH

A telegram to friends in the city from C. R. Pugh who has been attending the Kiwanis International Convention says that he heard the closing plea of State's Attorney Crowe in the prosecution of William Darling Shepherd yesterday afternoon. Telegraphic dispatches from Chicago to the newspapers Friday told of how the crowds fought for admittance to the courtroom in the closing hours of the trial.