

Bobbed Haired Girl Held In Hertford Jail Will Go On Trial There This Week

Mary Howard and Three Masculine Companions Lead Docket in Perquimans Superior Court

OTHERS IMPLICATED Piney Grove Residents Accused of Transaction Involving Transfer of Stolen Automobile

Trial of Northwestern Carolina's first so-called bobbed haired bandit, Mary Howard, and her three male companions, Ernest Wade Hartsell, Sam Lougee and Lewis Powell, alleged to have attempted one of the most sensational robberies in the criminal annals of this week's term of Superior Court in Perquimans County, which opened at Hertford Monday morning with Judge Thomas H. Calvert presiding.

The four were arrested the morning after the robbery attempt, and have been held in Hertford jail since early in the summer, except for a brief interval when the woman and one of her companions were taken to Pitt County to answer charges in connection with several robberies. The charges were dismissed, and they were returned to Perquimans. Then, one member of the party succeeded in escaping from the jail, and enjoyed a few days of liberty before he was recaptured and returned.

It was on a Sunday night early in the summer that a large car rolled up in front of the store of Townsend Chappell, blind merchant of the Piney Grove community in Perquimans. A man and woman alighted, and called out Chappell, asking that he sell them something to eat. He went to the store, accompanied by his wife, and sold them some canned goods and other eatables.

While they were making their improvised meal, Chappell, with that unusual keenness of the other faculties that often accompanies blindness, heard a slight noise at the house, which he had locked and barred. He hastened to investigate. Darkness and light are the same to him, and he made his way to the porch through the inky blackness without difficulty. Feeling his way along the porch, he bumped into somebody. Thoroughly alarmed, he ran to a nearby farm bell and began tolling it.

The man and woman in the store left precipitately. Neighbors, summoned by the ringing of the bell, promptly set out in pursuit and succeeded in getting the license number of the car. Authorities in neighboring towns and cities were notified at once, and the Suffolk police picked up the bobbed haired girl and her companions there a few hours later. They were held for Superior Court after a preliminary hearing in Hertford.

Subsequently several members of the Dail family, also residents of the Piney Grove section, were arrested in connection with the recent trial of the alleged bandit party to Perquimans. The Dails are accused of having had a part in a transaction said to have involved the alleged theft of a Ford Roadster from Ralph Colson, textile worker of this city. They were released under bond, and are to be tried also at the present term of Perquimans court.

SIX KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING

Nahunta, Ga., Nov. 2.—Six were killed and at least 24 children injured when the Atlantic Coast Line's fast New York-Florida train crashed into a loaded school bus at a grade crossing here this morning.

CAN PLAIN LOOKING GIRLS OVERCOME HANDICAP?

What kind of a girl does a man love? Must she have beauty? Can't the plainer girl, whose charm lies perhaps in her splendid character and common sense, attract him?

A very interesting treatment of this problem occurs in Ernest Pascal's novel, "The Dark Swan," which concerns itself with two sisters, one lovely of form and face the other brilliant-minded but plain, and the joys that life hold for each of them. Even the one man who might have loved the charm of the plainer sister, is blinded by the physical allure of the other, but the book is particularly noteworthy because of the unusual development of the plot, which struck Warner Brothers as one admirably suited for translation onto the screen, and consequently the emotional struggle that the "dark swan" makes for happiness will be seen in motion pictures, as well as print, with Marie Prevost.

The picture, "The Dark Swan," will be offered to the enthusiasts of Elizabeth City at the Alkrama Theater today.

COURTS OPENING ALL OVER STATE

Special Term Called in Buncombe County As a Result of Jail Storming

Raleigh, Nov. 2.—In addition to the 12 regular terms of Superior Court opening in North Carolina counties today a special term for the trial of criminal cases has been called by the Governor. Trial of members of the mob that stormed the Buncombe jail some time ago, and of one or more of the negro attackers of white women are expected to come up at this special term.

The term is called for two weeks, beginning today, and Judge A. M. Stack, of Monroe, has been named by the Governor to preside.

There have been five alleged attacks made by negroes in Buncombe County within the past two months. The first assault has never been apprehended. The second, Alvin Mansel, alleged to have attacked a nurse on Sunset Mountain, was the object of the mob which stormed the jail. He was spirited away by the officers.

Preston Neely, officers state, was recognized by the woman he is alleged to have attacked in an Asheville store, and was shortly thereafter arrested and taken to Greensboro for safe keeping.

Another case was one of simple assault, and the assailant has been tried and sentenced. The fifth instance was an alleged attack upon a negro woman.

In addition to the special criminal term called for Buncombe County, the regular two-weeks civil term also opened this morning, the two terms being held in different court rooms. Judge John M. Oglesby, of Concord, will preside at the civil term.

In Perquimans County, Judge Thomas H. Calvert, of Raleigh, opened a one-week mixed term in Wilson, with Judge P. H. Cranmer, of Southport, presiding.

In Northampton, the two-weeks term will be devoted to the trial of both civil and criminal cases. Judge N. A. Stinclair, of Fayetteville, is presiding.

A two-weeks term opens in Lee County. The first week will be devoted to trial of both civil and criminal cases, while the last week nothing but civil cases will be tried. Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, is presiding.

Judge F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, will preside at the two-weeks civil term opening in Pender County.

A two-weeks term, also for the trial of civil cases, opens in Durham County, with Judge H. A. Grady, of Clinton, presiding.

In Guilford County, Judge Michael Schenck, of Hendersonville, is holding a two-weeks term for the trial of civil cases only.

The one-week term in Scotland will be confined to the trial of civil cases. Judge P. A. McKelroy, of Marshall, is presiding.

PLUM PUDDING IS NO LONGER BRITISH

London, Nov. 2.—Viewing with patriotic alarm disclosures that the ancient, honorable and wealthy Christmas puddings of old England are not British at all, but composed of about 85 per cent of American and Near Eastern fruits and spices, the Australian fruit growers have opened a campaign to give the English housewife a real British product this Yuletide.

It appears that about the only thing the British can point to with pride in the Christmas dessert is served is the delicate blue alcoholic flame of burning brandy, but the Australians wish to go much further toward making the national delicacy an all-British affair.

They have girded themselves for an advertising battle against California and Mediterranean products and in full page layouts in the newspapers are singing the praises of imperial raisins, spices and other ingredients, printing recipes telling how to prepare an superb rich, tasty concoctions that will please the most patriotic palates.

The Australian-dried fruit board believes the Australian fruit can compete successfully with California and the Levant in prices, quality and quantity of its products.

DOG TAX MIXUP ENLIVENS BOARD SESSION MONDAY

Elusive Canines Escape List Taker But Not the Watchful Eye of Township Tax Collector

MUDDLE DISCLOSED

Commissioners Deliberate at Length on Perplexing Question of Feeding Hogs At County Home

A dog tax muddle in Salem Township and the moot question whether a couple of hogs at the County Home should be fed corn for fattening now, or whether the feeding of corn should be postponed a month, occupied much of the time of the Board of County Commissioners, in their session Monday morning. The tax mixer was left to J. C. James, list taker in the township, Tom Bell Wilcox, dog tax collector, and County Commissioner C. B. Munden, of Salem, to straighten out. It was decided finally that the extra feeding of the hogs had better be delayed until December 1, inasmuch as they were not to be slaughtered until after Christmas.

Incidentally, the purchase of the Children's Home at Nixonton was announced officially through the reading of the deed for the property. The purchase price was \$2,500, or slightly under the price of \$2,625 asked for it by Milton B. Sample, the owner.

The dog tax situation in Salem Township, in which Weeksville is situated, was the occasion for a visit by a good sized delegation of residents of the township. Among those present were J. P. Eves, Sr., Walter Berry, R. L. Jackson, Sr., tax collector, Wilcox, and Sam Brown, a colored man. Brown stated he was charged up with five female dogs, taxable at the rate of \$2 each, whereas he only owned one.

Mr. Jackson, it transpired, owned two dogs, but had none listed. The list taker, he said, hadn't said anything about dogs, and he hadn't thought about them when he gave in his property for taxation. He explained that he had paid the tax later, when reminded of the oversight.

"That was my bad luck," he concluded, "but somebody's dog has killed one of my sheep. The county will have to pay for the sheep, and that will be your hard luck."

The dog tax collector for the township stated that one former resident of the township, M. McHeagan, had moved to Nixonton Township, but was charged with one dog in Salem and two in Nixonton, whereas he and his wife owned two dogs altogether. The collector expressed the opinion that one dog had been listed twice.

Female dogs are taxed annually two dollars each, and males one dollar. Double the forgoing tax is collected when the owner fails to list his canines. Hence the confusion in Salem over the apparent confusion in the listing of dogs.

Dr. C. B. Williams, County health officer, in making his monthly report, asked that additional doors be installed at the County Home, in order to add to the general convenience of the institution. His request was granted. He recommended also that the interior of the County jail be repainted or whitewashed at once. No action was taken as to that.

The question of feeding the hogs at the County Home was brought up by Keeper Harnson, of the institution, and was discussed at considerable length. He suggested that additional corn be bought with which to fatten them for slaughter December 28. The commissioners finally decided to forego the extra swine rations until nearer the time for killing the animals.

SEEK TO KEEP PASTOR ON THE MOYOEK CIRCUIT

Presiding Elder C. B. Culbreth of the Elizabeth City district has received the following letter from the Moyoek charge asking that Rev. C. T. Thrift be allowed by the North Carolina Conference to remain on that field another year:

"We the members of the Fourth Quarterly Conference, of the Moyoek charge, now in session at Moyoek Church, this 12th day of October, 1925, do hereby petition and ask you to use your every influence at the coming annual Conference in securing the re-appointment of Rev. C. T. Thrift for the Moyoek charge for the coming year.

"Brother Thrift is doing work on the Moyoek charge that no other preacher has ever attempted to do, and the charge is doing excellent work under his leadership, therefore we can't afford to give him up until he has served this charge the full time limit of five years and more if possible."

The letter is signed by the following stewards: R. O. Bagley, W. H. Sanders, Thos. W. Baxter, J. W. Sanderlin, J. J. Ferrebee, and G. C. Boswood.

As "Corn" Goes Down Sewer Old Topers Watch Thirstily

Sixty gallons of corn liquor, distilled to sparkling clearness in the fastnesses of the Great Dismal Swamp, not many miles from Elizabeth City, poured gurgling into the thirsty maw of a sewer pipe in front of fire-headquarters late Saturday night, while a small crowd of firemen and others looked on with mixed emotions. The firemen, of course, approved the procedure. They fight fire—not fire water. But others in the crowd could be observed futilely wiping away a tear or two as the highly odorous stream leaked apparently for Pasquotank River.

Apparently it is right. The liquor, perforce following the line of the sewer, gurgled and added into a small pond in the drainage canal back of the fire station, into which that particular sewer empties. The pond emptied beyond their powers of resistance several in the crowd, and it wasn't long before several were on hand, with dippers and bottles, to savor what they could. At least, that's what Daine Rumor says.

The liquor, in 12 five-gallon jugs, was seized by Federal Prohibition Agents King and Lankford, Sheriff Carmine and Deputy Sheriff Pritchard near the home of Mark Temple, about half a mile beyond Newland Methodist Church. With it, the raiders nabbed a Buick roadster bearing a Virginia license. The car is being held here.

Applied of the approach of the raiding party, the driver of the roadster ditched his car, abandoned it, and fled across Mr. Temple's yard. Pursuit was futile. The seizure occurred Saturday night about 10 o'clock.

PRISONERS ARE WELL GUARDED

Courthouse Cleared by Judge Stack as Negroes Go on Trial

Asheville, Nov. 2.—Surrounded by a detachment of National Guard troops and deputy sheriffs, Alvin Mansel and Preston Newley, negroes charged with criminal attacks on white women, were today arraigned in Superior Court here.

Shortly after Judge A. M. Stack took his seat on the bench he ordered the crowded auditorium of the court house cleared and told deputy sheriffs to refuse to admit the audience.

Every precaution was being taken to prevent violence against the prisoners. Members of Troop F, North Carolina Guard, in command of Major E. F. Jones, mobilized yesterday and remained under arms all night. The troops passed through the business section this morning and a detachment of ten troopers went to the jail to accompany the prisoners into the court room.

Half a dozen deputy sheriffs swelled the body guard, all heavily armed.

In charging the jury Judge Stack said he intends to see that the defendants receive an impartial trial. If a defendant is found guilty when it is manifest to the court he is not guilty the verdict will be set aside, the judge said.

The court, ordered a special venire of a hundred men from which the jury to try Mansel will be chosen. The jury was ordered to report to the court Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 when Mansel's trial is expected to open. After the prisoners were brought into court three guardsmen seated themselves beside the negroes.

TWENTY-ONE DIE IN WEEK-END ACCIDENTS

Atlanta, Nov. 2.—Traffic accidents in southern states claimed a toll of at least 21 deaths and 50 injuries over the week-end. The slippery condition of the pavement in cities, due to a general rain over the South, is blamed for a large portion of the accidents.

North Carolina reported the heaviest toll of death. Dunn reported four killed and three injured. Greensboro reported four dead and eleven injured.

HELD FOR MURDER OF YOUNG WOMAN

Hickory, Nov. 2.—Pearl Childers Green, aged 21, was shot and killed last Saturday night in her room at a local boarding house in Brookford suburb. W. M. Pyrtle, employe of a mill was arrested and is being held without bond on the charge of murder of the woman.

FUNERAL J. W. CARTWRIGHT

The funeral of John W. Cartwright, who died at his home, 306 Cedar street, Monday morning, will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home by Dr. S. H. Templeman, assisted by Rev. F. H. Scattergood and burial will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

TRIAL BECOMES LEGAL WRANGLE

Representative Reid and Colonel Winship Star in Mitchell Matter

By ROBERT T. SMALL.
Washington, Nov. 2.—The Mitchell court martial up to 105 times has been largely a battle between Representative Frank B. Reid, of Illinois, special counsel for the flying colonel, and Colonel Blanton Winship, the law master of the court. Representative Reid has proposed a legal wrangle. It has been too much for the average soldier. He has looked on more or less apathetic. But Colonel Winship has grasped every situation not only grasped it but throttled it. He has been a stirring example of military efficiency and preparedness. After every knotty argument, between contending counsel, Colonel Winship has immediately announced, and rapidly and he is given much to slatter. He addresses the army court as "You People." He explains things "right off the reel." He speaks of the court "taking him on." He has referred to the court as "greater than God himself and has characterized the whole proceedings as an attempt to lynch a truth teller." As the trial has progressed the Illinois Congressman has grown bolder and bolder and at the last sitting could scarcely conceal the evidence of his contempt for the whole proceedings.

Colonel Winship is soft-spoken, having the tongue of the South. He is easy of moustache but there is only a sprinkling of white hairs on his head. He has kindly but keen gray eyes. A graduate of the University of Georgia, he entered the Army during the Spanish War. During the world War he served as judge advocate general of the first American Army in France. He wears on his breast the ribbons of the distinguished service medal and the distinguished service cross. He is one of best lawyers in the Army and that is why he was selected to keep the members of the Mitchell court straight on their legal devoirs.

Of course there is also a more or less continuous duel between Mr. Reid and Colonel Sherman Moreland, the judge advocate, acting as prosecutor. Colonel Moreland is a graduate of the law school of Cornell University and served for eight years as a judge of the Supreme Court in the Philippine Islands. The arguments against Colonel Mitchell have come from Colonel Moreland, but the decisions have come from Colonel Winship and so the real "scrapping" has been across the court martial table.

Representative Reid is trying to make the court as uncomfortable as possible with his threats to call President Coolidge and Secretary of War Davis as witnesses to face Colonel Mitchell, since they have been recorded as the chief accusers of the aviator. He also has objected to the court proceeding under the regular court martial manual, because he says the court took itself out from under that manual when it decided the Mitchell case was different from all other cases and had to be treated in a different manner.

Colonel Mitchell pleaded not guilty ten times when finally he was arraigned. And each time he added a little emphasis, until the last one sounded like the explosion of a thousand pound bomb.

GADSKI RETURNS TO THE CONCERT STAGE

Berlin, Nov. 2.—Johanna Gadski, for 23 years a prima donna at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, starting principally in Wagner roles, has returned to the concert stage this Autumn in Berlin, the scene of her first triumph. She has not appeared in public since the world war.

Critics found that her voice retains much of the brilliancy for which she was famous during her Metropolitan engagements. Her first evening consisted of an exclusively Wagnerian program in the course of which she sang "Elsa's Dream" from "Lohengrin," "Die Tuschelle," from "Tannhauser" and various selections from "Tristan and Isolde." The Berlin symphony orchestra varied the program by playing the prelude to "Lohengrin" and "Die Meistersinger." Her second program was devoted entirely to German songs.

OPENING OF CLUB POSTPONED AGAIN

Opening of the Elizabeth City Country Club postponed again Friday night to tonight, again was deferred today, as the rain continued to fall in a pitiless torrent. This time it is set for Friday night, with the exception of possible weather postponement.

Members of the club explain that two days of sunshiny weather will put in good condition the road to the property. They are hanging strongly on the hope that the rainy spell will end in the next day or so.

OPTIMISTIC NOTE IN FEDERAL REPORT

In spite of Drought Agriculture Has More Hope.
Raleigh, Nov. 2.—An optimistic note runs through the Monthly Review of Business and agricultural conditions in the fifth Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, in its monthly publication just received here and released for publication today.

Although the outlook of the situation today "looks spots" in various places, notably in the Piedmont counties of South Carolina and in some parts of North Carolina, the bulk of which the long drought and excessive heat of the past summer caused widespread crop failures, it declared that agriculture, on the whole, "has probably been more remunerative this year than in 1924." And it is especially optimistic in discussing other features of the business life of the district.

By the middle of October, it says, fall trade in the district had become "large volume," and the chief business indicators pointed to a further expansion.

But, as agriculture specifically, it points out, that cotton production this year exceeded the production of 1924, and the tobacco crop both in North and South Carolina were larger than the crops of a year ago. "And labor, it continues, has almost fully employed, assuming a high purchasing power among town and city dwellers."

Discussing other phases of the industrial condition in the district, the Review comments:

Orders for individual amounts of clearing lease-backs are running nearly 10 per cent higher than at this time last year, proving the existence of a larger volume of general business activity. Soft coal production in the fifth district is at a very high rate, and West Virginia prospects for 1925 are consequently better than they have been for several years. The situation in the textile field is improving, and forward orders are increasing.

Retail trade in September, while slightly under the volume of trade done in September, 1924, exceeded August trade by a wide margin and also was larger than trade during September, 1923. Wholesale trade, in its seasonal volume, and collections are better than during recent months, on which so much building activity has depended during the past two or three years, continues at a very high level, the number of permits for new work issued in September exceeding the number issued in August. In spite of the seasonal tendency to decrease at the approach of winter."

CAMDEN MOTORIST FINDS JAG COSTLY

Camden, Nov. 2.—Too close communion with Old John Barleycorn proved costly to Lawrence Burgess, of the Old Trap neighborhood, who was in recorder's court here this morning on charges of having been drunk and disorderly and of having operated an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Burgess was fined \$50 and costs, was put under a suspended sentence of three months in jail, conditional upon good behavior, and his license to drive an automobile in Camden County was suspended for three months.

Witnesses testified Burgess was in a highly intoxicated condition, got out of his car there and proceeded to swear vigorously and in considerable detail, finally including himself in the category of those "ensued."

TURKISH TROOPS MOVE ON MOSUL

London, Nov. 2.—A dispatch to daily mail from Beirut, Syria, says that large bodies of Turkish troops are moving toward Mosul from Taurus. The Daily Express has a similar report, which numbered the Turks at 5,000, and alleges that the French have given their permission to cross Syria. The report said that Great Britain approved the action of France.

RATE TOO HIGH ON CAROLINA TOBACCO

Washington, Nov. 2.—An increase of five cents a hundred pounds on the export rate of tobacco moving from Carolina territory to Newport News for storage and warehousing en route is unjustified, the Interstate Commerce Commission held today and the railroads which proposed to revise the schedules were ordered to maintain the existing rates.

EUROPEAN STEAMERS

Philadelphia, Nov. 2.—The Baltimore and Carolina Shipping Company has purchased from the shipping line of the steamers of between 2,000 and 2,500 tons, the Guarro, Garibaldi and Chausse, which will be reconditioned and renamed and placed on the Philadelphia - Baltimore - Miami run.

Activity this Week Among Workers in Advance Drive Likely Reach New Levels

Only Two Weeks Now Remain of First Voting Period, After Which Will be Sharp Decline in Vote Earning Subscriptions, and Work of Next Two Weeks May Decide Who'll Get Hudson

ROANOKE FAIR OPENS TUESDAY

Lasts Four Days and Promises Interesting Exhibits and Program

Williamston, Nov. 2.—Roanoke Fair of Williamston will open Tuesday, November 3, continuing for four days. This fair has been looking for four years and is now as large as any district fair in the State.

The agricultural department will have exhibits from five counties. The home economies will be in charge of Miss Pauline Smith, district agent for Eastern Carolina, and will have exhibits from the agents of several counties consisting of several thousand jars of canned goods. In connection with this department, Miss Evelyn Flagg, the world's greatest exponent of canning arts, will give demonstrations daily.

The races will be a big feature, with 70 entries from such stables as Pittman, Thomas, and other noted blood horses. All lovers of good races will be pleased with the card offered.

Nine fire acts are on the program, and McDonald's Royal Scotch Highlanders, a band of national repute, with a great tenor singer will give daily concerts. A great display of fireworks is given each night, and Saturday Maple City Air Circus and Auto Races will hold the grounds.

Wednesday night the Ku Klux Klan will parade and have a celebration.

More than a hundred birds have already been entered in the poultry show.

HIGH OFFICIALS ASKED TO TESTIFY

Washington, Nov. 2.—Colonel William Mitchell, on trial by court martial as a result of his criticisms of the conduct of the Government's air service, today asked the court to summon Secretaries Davis of War and Wilbur of the Navy as witnesses.

Several other high officials of the two departments, several members of Congress, and more than 40 Army and Navy officers were also named by the defense in the list of those it would like to question. The name of President Coolidge did not appear. The defense decided not to try to summon him.

BANDIT IDENTIFIED AS CHAPMAN'S PAL

Manassas, Md., Nov. 2.—The bandit slain here Saturday night after he had shot and fatally wounded Charles Hammond, city detective, was positively identified today as "Dutch" Anderson, noted thief and pal of Gerald Chapman.

MISS RACHEL EVERETT TRANSFERRED CURRITUCK

Currituck County in July made an appropriation for home demonstration work and the division is transferring to that county Miss Rachel Everett who, for one year, was agent in Henderson County. Miss Everett goes to the position with six years of teaching and six years' experience as home agent in Maryland, in addition to her work in the western part of the State. — Farm Extension News.

SOON CHESTNUT WILL BE ONLY A MEMORY

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 2.—The chestnut as an American delicacy is facing extinction. Plant pathologists and foresters at Cornell University say the reason is a serious blight communicated from tree to tree by the wind, a contamination which has been unhampered during the last 20 years.

The disease, which these pathologists describe as incurable, makes the situation more serious. The blight was first discovered in a Brooklyn park in 1904, but it was not until two years ago that it was discovered in other parts of the country.

FLOOD OF BEER IS SWEEPING COUNTRY

Washington, Nov. 2.—Prohibition enforcement officials today sought to aid the taxing power of the Government as a means of checking what they described as "a tremendous flood of high powered beer sweeping the country."

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 2.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 19.00, Jan. 18.31, March 18.65, May 18.72, July 18.35.

New York, Nov. 2.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 19.96, an advance of 50 points. Futures, closing bid: Dec. 19.37, Jan. 18.79, March 19.82, May 19.15, July 18.72.