

TURKEY RAIDERS FIRED UPON BY ANGERED OWNER

Occupants of Roadster and Truck Escape After Having Abandoned 28 Stolen Birds Near Davis Bay

CHASE IS UNAVALING Elisha Coppersmith, Latest Victim of Thieves, Fires Four Shotgun Loads Over Heads of Fugitives

Flouring a shotgun fusillade from the indignant owner of 28 Christmas turkeys they had loaded on a motor truck in the woods of the morning, two unidentified turkey roost raiders effected their escape early today after a foray on the flock of Elisha Coppersmith, farmer living on the Weesville highway, about five miles from this city.

Some 200 turkeys have been stolen in the last few weeks, and many owners of the big birds in that vicinity have been sitting up nights in the hope of exacting summary retribution upon the thieves. Thus far, their hope has been unfulfilled.

Mr. Coppersmith was awakened by a light flickering upon his bedroom window by telephone about 4:30 o'clock. Arising to investigate, he discerned a small roadster and a motor truck parked near his house, at a bend in the road. He hurried out with his shotgun, and when he was midway of the yard, the two cars started off past his house in the direction of Weesville. He fired into the air twice, reloading and fired twice again directly over the top of the passing roadster. It and the truck were gathering speed all the time, and quickly left the neighborhood.

Currituck Farmer To Take Long Trip

W. S. Newbern, widely known Currituck farmer living near Powells Point, will leave on a real sea trip Saturday. He is going to Nassau, in the Bahamas, and to Havana, Cuba, as the guest of Commander Haynes, of New York and San Francisco, commander of the yacht Nahab. The trip is expected to require about a month.

Commander Haynes was in charge of the recent expedition out of New York which undertook to recover millions of dollars' worth of treasure aboard the sunken Spanish steamer Merida, off the Virginia Capes. The expedition was unsuccessful, but attracted much attention throughout the country.

The yacht Nahab is said to have belonged formerly to the German Kaiserin, late wife of former Emperor William II. Mr. Newbern met Commander Haynes recently in Norfolk, and is accepting his invitation upon the condition that, if he wishes, he may leave the yacht at Savannah or elsewhere before leaving the seaboard of the United States.

"I haven't any real idea of leaving her before we finish the trip," Mr. Newbern commented smilingly, when asked about it today.

These are busy days for the W. H. Weatherly Company, of this city. North Carolina biggest manufacturers of hard candies, the companies is hitting it along at the rate of 7,000 pounds of candy for each ten hour day—three tons and a half—and is working overtime to supply rush orders for the holiday trade.

BROKEN PAIR TO TRY FLORIDA

Sailstads Allowed to Quit Prison to Seek Health and Peace

By C. H. KEYSER (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance) Fond Du Lac, Wis., Dec. 16.—Imprisonment within a penitentiary of public attention with curious eyes watching them from every side, has so broken the spirit of Edward J. Sailstad and his wife, formerly Dorothy Anderson, the "sunshine girl" who figured with him in one of the most gruesome death houses on record, that they have obtained permission of the authorities to flee their open air jail and seek peace in seclusion.

Stirred to pity by the pleas of the broken pair, Governor J. J. Blaine established a precedent by setting aside the regulations of the state board of control which prevented them from leaving the state during their period of probation, and authorizing them to seek shelter elsewhere from the white light of publicity that beats about them and their "love nest" in this part of the country.

Sailstad and his wife will go to Florida where they hope the sunshine and seabreezes will restore the sunshine girl to her former self, and where they hope, under cover of an alias to build a new life.

Sailstad former wealthy phonograph manufacturer eloped with Dorothy Anderson, his stenographer, five years ago. Before leaving they burned Sailstad cottage, first placing within it the skeleton of a dead man, which they hoped would be taken for Sailstad's remains.

Challenges Elizabeth City Man's Figures on Camden's Tax Rate and Tax Values

Register of Deeds in Camden Would Correct What He Considers Erroneous Impression Conveyed by Figures for Consolidation Two Counties Cited by This Newspaper

Inaccuracies as to the tax rate in Camden and as to the total revenue from local taxation in that county occurred in the figures given out by an unnamed citizen of Elizabeth City and published in The Advance last Saturday, according to J. B. Seymour, register of deeds of Camden County, who was in the city Wednesday.

"This citizen," said Mr. Seymour in a statement given The Advance for publication, "was not willing to have his name appear as the author of the figures in question, and I do not blame him, for his figures are inaccurate and do the county of Camden a decided injustice."

"The author of these figures, for instance, gives the tax rate in Camden as around \$2. I will say in answer that as a matter of fact the tax rate in Camden County is \$1.69. He says that the \$2 tax rate yielded a revenue of \$70,000. I say that the tax rate of \$1.69, together with some incidentals, produces an annual revenue of around \$85,000. This makes considerable difference between the Elizabeth City authority and me. Unless he both divulge his name, I claim to be as good or a better authority as to county revenues in Camden than he."

"Another thing. Property valuations in Pasquotank are higher than in Camden. In 1921 the Board of County Commissioners in Camden gave a horizontal reduction of 20 per cent on the inflated valuations of war times. What cut, if any, did the Pasquotank Commissioners give? At any rate, I am confident that if tax valuations in Camden were on a par with those in Pasquotank, Camden's tax rate would be still lower than the present rate of \$1.69.

CRAMMING NOT EDUCATION SAYS THIS STUDENT

Floyd Simonon of Kansas City Has Declined the Honor of Phi Beta Kappa Membership REFUSES TO PLEASE

By J. P. WRIGHT (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance) Lawrence, Kansas, Dec. 16.—In order to call attention of the college-world to his standing opposition to "cramming" and efforts to please teachers rather than gain real knowledge, Floyd Simonon, of Kansas City, Mo., honor senior of the University of Kansas has refused membership in the Phi Beta Kappa, honorary college fraternity.

Simonon's action is in unusual contrast to the general eagerness of college students to win Phi Beta Kappa membership, in most cases voted by faculty members. For years such membership has been the goal of undergraduates in all leading American universities.

Pleading a professor, getting good grades and filling one's head with information only in order to pass an examination is not obtaining a genuine education, Simonon contends.

In a public announcement of his stand, he says in part in a letter refusing the honor. "I appreciate deeply the honor but I do not subscribe to the ideal of the high grade which I understand is the ideal of Phi Beta Kappa. I honestly believe that in the circumstances of our state universities today, with their large classes and unindividualized treatment of students, to strive for high grades is detrimental to the best interests of scholarship. To get an 'A' grade requires a degree of docility and useless industry that is fatal to the independence, initiative and spirit of adventure which are the very life blood, it seems to me, of the true scholar and scientist.

G. W. BROTHERS, SR. DIES AT NEW ORLEANS

Body Brought Here Thursday and Buried Friday at Blackwell Memorial

News reached this city today of the death of George W. Brothers, Sr., formerly of this city, at a New Orleans hospital Tuesday morning.

The telegram came to Mrs. C. D. Gallop from Mr. Brothers' daughter, Mrs. Sam Loftin of Jacksonville. Details were lacking but the message stated that the body would reach Elizabeth City on Thursday and the funeral would be conducted from Blackwell Memorial Church on Friday.

Mr. Brothers is survived by the following children: Mr. Sam Loftin and George W. Brothers, Jr., of Jacksonville, Florida; Mrs. Kate Bronson, of Durham; Mrs. C. C. Spencer, Mrs. Earl Smith and Miss Blanche Brothers, of Norfolk; Mrs. Mattie Matthews, of New Orleans, and James Clifford, of Jacksonville, an adopted son.

Active pallbearers will be: C. D. Gallop, J. H. Wilkins, Dr. R. L. Kendrick, C. W. Stevens, M. E. Davis, H. C. Long, A. F. Foxey and C. L. Whitehurst. Honorary pallbearers will comprise the Board of Deacons of Blackwell Memorial Church, as follows: E. F. Aydtlett, J. W. Modlin, C. W. Ward, E. V. Javenport, M. P. Gallop, W. S. Chesson, Dennis Vanhorn, H. G. Godfrey, N. T. Aydtlett, C. H. Brock, R. T. Venters, J. B. Ferabee, C. E. Overman, D. C. Martin, R. F. Pritchard, M. R. Pritchard, and C. N. Morgan.

THE BATTLES OF BUSINESS REAL THO BLOODLESS

Steel and Lumber Are Fighting, and Chain Groceries at War With Independent Merchants BANDED TOGETHER

Business Men of Some Sections Combine to Fight Chain Stores and Their Cutting of Prices

By J. C. ROYLE (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance) New York, Dec. 16.—Business battles have just begun in widely separated lines of endeavor and are being waged with no less bitterness because they are bloodless. Steel men in the Pittsburgh district are endeavoring to replace wooden construction in dwelling houses with structural steel, and are being vigorously opposed by the lumber interests.

Independent grocers in some sections have banded together to fight with combined capital against the cutting of prices by chain stores. One of the largest steel companies is preparing shortly to market a steel beam of minimum weight but great strength, which would be used for floor joists and end roof rafters. These beams range from six to ten inches in height and are different from the specifications for I beams now on the market and in some instances they will require special machinery for rolling and will be considered a special product.

The first producer, in fact, plans a distinct sales force to market this commodity. The beams will be given a special appearance of which will differentiate them from the ordinary beams, probably by use of aluminum paint.

WALSH NAMED ON SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Dec. 16.—John H. Walsh of New Orleans was today nominated to be member of the shipping board. He is now serving under recess appointment.

FAIL TO REACH VOTE ON MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, Dec. 16.—The House rules committee failed to reach a vote on two resolutions designed to carry out President Coolidge's recommendations for disposal of Muscle Shoals today. The matter will be taken up again Friday.

JURY IS DEADLOCKED IN NORWOOD TRIAL

Greensboro, Dec. 16.—Deadlocked for more than 12 hours the jury trying J. D. Norwood, Salisbury banker, charged with intent to defraud, was still out at one thirty this afternoon.

SMITHSONIAN REPORT WEIGHTY VOLUME THIS YEAR

By CHARLES P. STEWART (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance) Washington, Dec. 16.—The Smithsonian institution's report for the last fiscal year, just out, is a weighty volume—mentally weighty, that is to say, its avoirdupois isn't so very considerable.

TEXAS FARMERS HOLD TURKEYS FOR PRICES

Fort Worth, Dec. 16.—Texas farmers are holding their Christmas turkeys for higher prices and none are being marketed. As a result Texans are paying high for birds and many believe the price will hit \$1 a pound in Texas at Christmas.

APPOINTED FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER

Paris, Dec. 16.—Senator Paul Doumer was appointed minister of finance today.

GOOD LUMBER YEAR

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—Manufacturers of lumber in the South have had a fine year. Pine output has been around 4-5 per cent heavier than in 1924 when it was 5,440,000,000 feet. Sales for 11 months have been the largest on record and there are no burdensome stocks.