

Oil King's Millions Massed Behind Assault on Age-Old Curse of Carolina Swamps

Rockefeller Foundation to Establish Laboratories at Edenton in Campaign Against Malaria

EXECUTIVE BODY ACTS

Director and Assistants Expected to Arrive in Next Few Days; Will Study Mosquito's Habits

Systematic warfare on malaria, the age-old curse of the swamp country, is to be waged by the Rockefeller Foundation from laboratories and a bureau of research to be established in Edenton this spring. Edenton is 30 miles west of here via the Atlantic Coastal Highway, and is closely adjacent to thousands of acres of lowlands which skirt the southern rim of Albemarle Sound.

Decision to establish the research bureau at Edenton was reached by the executive committee of the Rockefeller Foundation at a meeting in New York a few days ago. Dr. Mark J. Boyd, attached to the International Health Board of the Foundation, is expected to arrive in Edenton in the next few days, to begin arrangements for establishing the laboratories and research department.

Dr. Frederick F. Russell, general director of the International Health Board, and Dr. John A. Ferrell, director for the United States, were in Edenton in January, investigating conditions, and it is understood that the selection of the town by the executive committee was upon their recommendation.

While in Edenton, the officials stated that it was intended to study the malarial mosquito from every angle and to discover, if possible, a workable means of exterminating the insect, as well as to investigate conditions conducive to malaria with a view to correcting them. It was stated also that a general survey was planned which would require from two to three years.

The staff at the research station is to comprise a director, four investigators and three laboratory assistants the year around. In summer, a group of 15 field workers will be added, it is announced. The whole cost of the investigation is to be borne by the Rockefeller Foundation.

In a recent visit to Edenton, Dr. Boyd stated malaria had been driven from the coast lands of the United States from Virginia northward, and that extensive work along the same line had been done in Georgia. He left the impression that the campaign to eradicate malaria along the Atlantic Seaboard would be completed in North Carolina, from the Edenton station.

Before deciding upon Edenton, the investigators are said to have examined conditions around Suffolk, Va., and to have found that the territory nearby was not so well suited to their work as that in the vicinity of the North Carolina town.

News that the Rockefeller millions are to be massed behind an organized assault on malaria, one of the most dreaded foes of health along the Carolina coastal plain, is received with high elation in this section. Edenton residents eagerly awaiting arrival of Dr. Boyd and his assistants.

VISIT CHIEF HOLMES

Officers O. B. Dunn and E. M. Snyder, attached to the motorcycle squad of the Portsmouth police department, were here Thursday on a visit to Chief Holmes and members of the local force. They returned to Portsmouth Thursday afternoon.

KITCHEN ROOF FIRE

Firesmen were called out Thursday afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock to extinguish a kitchen roof blaze at the home of George Pool, colored, on Shepard street. The damage was slight.

CAUGHT BENEATH TRACTOR, MAN IS SERIOUSLY HURT

Caught beneath a heavy road tractor as it overturned, Willie Jones, employed with maintenance forces of the State Highway Commission, was seriously hurt while at work on the Acorn Hill Road late yesterday. He was taken hurriedly to the Elizabeth City Hospital, and is under the care of Dr. C. B. Williams there.

Jones is said to have sustained internal injuries, and is in a serious condition today, according to Dr. Williams. One of his legs is declared to have been punctured.

FLAMES SWEEP NEGRO SECTION; 5 HOUSES BURN

Early Morning Blaze on Edge Street, Near State Normal School, Causes Damage of \$7,000

MUCH EXCITEMENT

Two Colored Women, Returning to Blazing Homes, Narrowly Escape Death; Wind Blowers High

Five houses occupied by colored residents were totally destroyed and three others damaged early today in one of the fiercest storms here, which has been reported in Elizabeth City in a general way as a "blizzard" and "blizzard" of rain, which was accompanied by a high wind which blew from the north. The storm was accompanied by a high wind which blew from the north. The storm was accompanied by a high wind which blew from the north.

The fire originated from an undetermined cause in a house owned yesterday by the Turner. This house and others occupied by Mary Miller, Charles Turner, Frank Bryant, and Robert Copeland were destroyed. Others occupied by W. B. Durham, Peter Perry and John Brown sustained damage ranging from \$200 to \$200.

Chief Flora estimates the total loss at \$6,500 to \$7,000. Two colored women narrowly escaped death from the flames, according to Chief Flora. One, Mary Miller, returning to her home to get a sum of money which she had left behind, was trapped on the second story by the rapidly ascending flames, and leaped to safety in the arms of Tom Glover, colored, who was standing on the ground below. Another, whose name has not been learned, went into her burning home and rescued three children. Thinking a fourth child was still in the building, she returned, and after a hurried, desperate search, found that the child had left by that time the house was in a mass of flames. She rushed out, carrying with minor burns.

The houses were packed closely together, as is usual in colored settlements, and this complicated the fight for the firemen. All, however, were on the south side of the street, with Hattrington Creek to the rear of them, and the northwest wind fanned the flames away from the buildings on the north side, thereby perhaps averting a decidedly more serious conflagration, according to Chief Flora.

Fremont, working energetically, succeeded in bringing the blaze under control in less than an hour, and had completely extinguished it by 5:30 o'clock. The loss is covered partially by insurance.

MELLON SEES NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Washington, Mar. 4.—The break in the stock market is not regarded by the Secretary of the Treasury as an indication of a general reaction of excessive speculation.

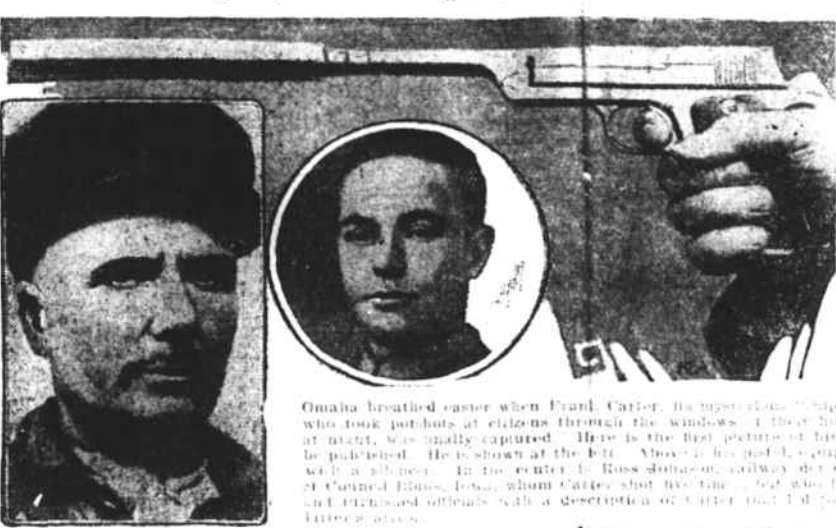
The Secretary's views, outlined today at the Treasury, are that the reaction will have a wholesome effect and that fundamental business conditions and prosperity will not be disturbed. He regarded the slump as an inevitable evening up process, feeling that where prices run to extremes, set backs are in order. Slumps and booms follow each other, the Secretary holds, until the normal position is found. In all periods of prosperity, he contends, temporary setbacks are natural.

COOLIDGE ROUNDS HIS FIRST YEAR

Washington, Mar. 4.—President Coolidge today rounded out his first year as occupant of the White House in his own right. In all he has served more than two and a half years as Chief Executive, his elevation to that office upon the death of Warren G. Harding preceding by 15 months his inauguration last March 4, as President elected by the people.

Like his predecessors the strain of office does not seem to have affected him and he is enjoying fine health.

Omaha Sniper, His Weapon and Man He Shot



Omaha breasted easier when Frank Carter, his opponent, shot him, who took potshots at citizens through the windows of their homes at night. He is shown at the left. Above is his rifle, equipped with a silencer. In the center is Ross Johnston, railway detective at Channel House, Iowa, whom Carter shot five times, but who lived and furnished officials with a description of Carter that led to his capture.

High Court Dismisses Action Against Game Laws Currituck County

State Supreme Tribunal Reverses Judge Webb's Injunction Against Enforcement Legislation

VALIDITY IN DOUBT

Not Brought Into Question, Says Court, and Would Have to be Determined in Case of Violation Law

Raleigh, March 4.—Judge James L. Webb's action in granting an injunction forbidding the enforcement of the Currituck Game Commission of game laws passed by the last General Assembly and relating only to Currituck County was overruled and the action, brought by Moore et al vs. Bell et al in the courts of Mecklenburg County, was dismissed Wednesday by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The case was dismissed, the Supreme Court opinion stated, because of the fact that no irreparable damage or loss was shown. Such damage or loss was held to be a requirement before a restraining order can be issued.

The validity of the law itself was not brought into the question, says the opinion, by this appeal. It's validity could be determined, the court pointed out, in an appeal in case of prosecution for violation of the law or by paying the license fee under protest and then bringing suit for recovery of the amount paid.

The law, which provides special hunting privileges for residents of Currituck County, divides all hunters into three classes; namely, resident hunters, non resident hunters living in North Carolina; and non resident hunters living outside of North Carolina. There is a separate scale of license taxes for each of these classes, the resident hunters being in North Carolina but not in Currituck a higher license tax and non resident hunters living outside North Carolina a still higher tax.

From these license taxes are derived about \$18,000 annually for the Currituck County road fund. In another opinion, Judge Daniels' order restraining the city of Wilmington from issuing not to exceed \$100,000 in bonds for the purpose of constructing public docks and terminals was upheld, on the ground that such expenditure is "not a necessary expense."

Other opinions handed down Wednesday follow: Virginia-Carolina Power Company vs. Taylor, Northampton County, new trial.

Yansa vs. Yansa, Northampton, no error.

Mill Supply Company vs. House, Halifax, no error.

Stiterson vs. Stiterson, Hertford, no error.

FINDS POCKETBOOK A pocketbook, evidently the property of a woman, was found on the Weeksville Highway Thursday morning by Highway Engineer Jess Ford. It contained a sum of money which Mr. Ford, not being in the millionaire class, regarded as sizeable, to say the least. The name of the owner was conspicuously absent. Mr. Ford is holding it, awaiting a claimant who can describe it.

If it wasn't for prohibition we could send the children down to get a quart for breakfast.

CHOWAN BRIDGE ERECTION WILL BEGIN APRIL 1

Pouring of Concrete Pile-Under Way at Contractor's Work Camp on Shore of Edenton Bay

LARGE CREW BUSY

Test Piling Driven Preliminary to Actual Construction Discloses Unexpected Conditions

Construction work preliminary to erection of the Chowan Bridge is in the hands of the contractor, who has been busy pouring concrete piles under way at a contractor's work camp on the shore of Edenton Bay. A large crew is busy pouring concrete piles under way at a contractor's work camp on the shore of Edenton Bay. A large crew is busy pouring concrete piles under way at a contractor's work camp on the shore of Edenton Bay.

Early Return of Locks On Currituck Waterway Now Strong Probability

COOLIDGE CALLS LAST HIS FIRST YEAR OF OFFICE

Not President in Own Right Till Last March and Dates Responsibility Administration Then

PLEASED WITH RECORD

Particularly Proud of Tax Reduction and What He Regards as Achievement in Economy Government

Washington, Mar. 4.—President Coolidge today rounded out his first year in office. From the time he left during the vacation months of 1925, the President's record in his predecessor's policies.

These are significant in the viewpoint because it means that Mr. Coolidge is ready to be held accountable politically for his act of commission and omission for one year. Some of his friends emphasize this because in 1925 they will regard him as having in some sense served a single term and therefore eligible for re-election.

Mr. Coolidge takes pride in his first year. He feels particularly that for the fiscal side of the Government has been well taken care of that taxes have been reduced and Government expenses kept down.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the Coolidge administration thus far is the extent to which power has been delegated to the heads of the executive departments. This has not only saved the time and energy of the Chief Executive but it has given momentum to the Government's policy.

Navigation interests were declared to favor the return of the locks because, since their removal, the tide has run so strongly through the canal that vessels have often been forced to tie up in stormy weather to avoid being dashed against the banks.

Representative Warren went to Munden's from this city accompanied by Solicitor Walter Small and W. T. Colpepper, Elizabeth City business man. He returned to Norfolk Wednesday night on his way back to Washington. Examination of witnesses at the hearing was conducted by him, with the assistance of Solicitor Small.

In connection with the prospect for early passage of the bill, Mr. Warren stated that it already had been advanced two and one-half years on the Congressional calendar, and probably would be passed in the early future.

School children living at South Mills, the southern terminus of the George Washington Highway through the Great Dismal Swamp, are forming an association sponsored by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce with a view to erecting a suitable monument at the canal bridge there, commemorating George Washington's part in the building of the waterway, and other historic events.

Secretary Job, of the local Chamber, went to South Mills Thursday afternoon to assist in organizing the pupils of the high school there.

ANTI-VALSTEAD COMMITTEE RE-ELECTS ITS CHAIRMAN Washington, March 4.—With Representative Bill, Republican, of Maryland unanimously re-elected chairman the unofficial House committee for modification of the Volstead act will hold its own opening hearing on March 31 preliminary to drafting a bill to reverse the prohibition law.

COTTON MARKET New York, March 4.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 19.24, May 18.65, July 17.93, Oct. 17.33, Dec. 17.07.

New York, March 4.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 19.55, closing bid: March 19.20, May 18.72, July 18.05, Oct. 17.33, Dec. 17.05.

Caught Sniper

Clamant that he had been shot upon and "beaten" by a crowd of neighbors after disturbance in a colored cafe on North Bailey street at Cox Lane, which appeared as prosecuting witness against Clifford Jordan, colored, charged with assault. Jordan was fined \$5 and costs and Dr. J. J. King, D. M. D., declared that he had a friend, both more or less under the influence of liquor, went to the cafe in quest of more, and that both had some sort of an altercation with the proprietor Jordan, he said, "burst in" on the street, and struck him in the face. Davis and his friend left the restaurant and the friend, sending trouble back to his heels and made a clean getaway.

Davis declared he was less fortunate. He claimed a crowd of neighbors chased him, overtook him on a highway not far from the cafe and gave him a beating. He was unable to identify any of his alleged assailants, except Jordan. The cafe is said to be run by William Window, colored.

Oscar Stroud, charged with being drunk, was fined \$5 and costs.

As Old As Man Is Sordid Story Told In Court

A sordid, tragic story of a wrecked life was told by a 29-year-old girl in recollection court here Thursday morning, in the course of a hearing in which she and one L. L. Nash, after L. L. Nelson, were charged with two offenses involving a breach of the moral conventions. The girl was given an indefinite term of one to three years in Stateward. Nelson was sentenced to a year in jail. Both are said to be natives of Wayne County.

The two were arrested in a rooming house on North Point street Wednesday night, and were placed in jail, accused of having falsely registered as man and wife, and of an act of fornication. Both pleaded guilty to the charges. Nelson admitted he had a wife and three children living in Goldsboro.

The girl told police that she was an orphan and had been the ward of an uncle in Goldsboro. When she was 18, she said, she wished to marry a young man living there, but her guardian blocked the wedding. Matters went from bad to worse in a way as old as mankind. For four months past, the couple admitted they had been living as man and wife. Both were afflicted with a serious disease, police said.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE ARE SAUFORD & BROOKS, OF BALTIMORE, NORFOLK AND CHARLESTON. CONTRACT FOR THE STRUCTURE WAS LET BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY COMMISSION LATE IN DECEMBER. IT WAS AUTHORIZED THROUGH AN ACT PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1925 PERMITTING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 IN BONDS, TO BE REPAID BY COLLECTION OF TOLLS. WHEN THE BONDS HAVE BEEN REPAID, THE TOLLS ARE TO BE REMOVED.

THE ELIZABETH CITY SCHOOL IS CONGRATULATING ITSELF TODAY, SAYS Supt. S. L. Rhee, "that although practically all colleges in the State have sent home anywhere from 50 to 100 freshmen because they failed to pass a sufficient number of studies at the end of the first quarter to allow them to be retained under the college rules, yet none have been sent home who were graduates of the Elizabeth City High School."

THE HIGH SCHOOL HAS THE HIGHEST RATING GIVEN ANY SCHOOL BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

WITH THE GREAT INCREASE IN COLLEGE ATTENDANCE IN THE STATE, THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE MAKING THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION VERY MUCH MORE STRICT AS WELL AS REQUIRING A HIGHER AND MORE THOROUGH SCHOLARSHIP. NOT ONLY IS IT MORE DIFFICULT TO GAIN ADMISSION, BUT IT DEMANDS THE PASSING OF HIGHER TESTS AND COMMUNICATION WITH HIGHER GRADES IN THE STUDENT EXPERTS TO REMAIN IN COLLEGE. IT MEANS OUR SCHOOLS MUST REQUIRE MORE THOROUGH PREPARATION OF ALL STUDENTS.

PARENTS WOULD DO WELL TO NOTE THESE NEW CONDITIONS IN THE COLLEGES AND COOPERATE WITH OUR TEACHERS IN REQUIRING MORE HOME STUDY, AND THAT LESS TIME BE SPENT AT MOVING PICTURES, IN SOCIAL PLEASURES AND LOAFING ON THE STREETS. UNLESS PARENTS TAKE MORE RESPONSIBILITY AND COOPERATE MORE GENERALLY WITH THE TEACHERS IN THIS MATTER, FAILURES WILL RESULT NOT ONLY IN THE HOME SCHOOL, BUT IN COLLEGE AND THEREAFTER IN WHAT EVER THE STUDENTS MAY UNDERTAKE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER LEARNED WHAT CONCENTRATION, PERSISTENCE AND SACRIFICE OF PLEASURES MEAN IN FORMING LIFE'S HABITS.

SAUNDERS IMPROVING The condition of W. S. Saunders, editor of the Independent, who has been suffering from pneumonia, is said to be decidedly improving. He was expected to get today for the first time since his illness because of the way he apparently was on the way toward recovery.

ONE OF THE GREATEST ADVANTAGES OF HAVING A HOME OF YOUR OWN IS YOU CAN GET SOME SYSTEM IN YOUR LOYSTER STEW.

FEDERAL MRS. EDWARDS Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Edwards, who died suddenly Monday at her home on Hill Street, were conducted at 11:30 a. m. at the Will Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. A. H. Outlaw. The service was held in the church. Burial was in Hollywood cemetery.