

SENIOR PLAY IS UP TO STANDARD OF CLASS OF '26

Bill and Company Thoroughly Enjoyed by Large Audience at High School Last Night

CLASS NIGHT TONIGHT

Commencement Week Is Moving Happily Along and Climax Comes on Thursday Night

With Mary Owens as leading lady, starring in the role of Nannette Bonet, a vivacious modern flapper, the senior class play, "Bill and Company," made a decided hit Tuesday night before an appreciative and attentive audience that nearly filled the high school auditorium.

Playing opposite Miss Owens, Joseph Kramer, as William Burnside, a youthful, ambitious New Yorker, was "the whole cheese" in the firm of Bill & Company. He admitted that he was both the "Bill" and the "company." He conducted his business on the principle that advertising pays and his original ad read "Bill will handle anything."

The old Frenchman told Bill that "all it takes now-a-days for a man to win a girl is a little gas, a little slang and a little dancing." So "Grandpere" and Bill, after much argument, made a verbal contract—that the latter should propose to Nannette continuously for seven successive days in an effort to make her give up Cecil.

After it appeared for a time that the plans of Bill & Company and the old Frenchman had simply made bad matters worse, Bill turned his luck and brought the play to a happy ending by admitting the "frame-up" and then making a successful proposal to Nannette as her grandfather listened with satisfaction as the couple supposed he was sleeping in a chair in the corner of the room.

Evelyn Jennings successfully played the role of Bill's stiff necked stenographer who wasn't over-enthusiastic over the career of her boss. As Bill's mother and father, Clarence Pritchard and Iva Fritchette, brought roars of laughter from the audience as they escorted Bill for his fool ambitions.

PAIR FIGURING IN HEARING PUT UNDER ARREST

Judge Grady Orders Grand Jury Investigations of Allegations Against Cherry and Newbern

ENDING UNEXPECTED

Young Woman Figuring in Case Offers Dramatic Denial of Testimony Tending to Wreck Reputation

Taking a wholly unexpected turn late yesterday, proceedings instituted before Judge Henry A. Grady in Superior Court here with a view of having put into effect a suspended sentence of two years in jail imposed upon Vernon Cherry, of Powells Point, at the March term of Superior Court in Currituck, resulted in Cherry and W. S. Newbern, also of Powells Point, being put under bonds of \$250 each for their appearance before a grand jury at the next term of Currituck court.

The hearing was opened late Monday, and was resumed shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Newbern's arrest followed an allegation by Cherry that Newbern had stood for 50 gallons of liquor which he had purchased a year or more ago from boatman from East Lake, at a price of \$3 a gallon. Cherry asserted he had since partially repaid Newbern.

On the stand in his own behalf, Newbern denied ever having financed a liquor transaction for Cherry, or anybody else, and also denied allegations by Cherry that a young woman whose name was mentioned frequently in the course of the hearing, had ever beaten him over the head with a slipper after having upbraided him for not having taken her to ride, as testified to by Cherry.

The young woman herself appeared unexpectedly at the hearing yesterday and offered a dramatic denial of the allegations reflecting upon her reputation. She told that on the Saturday night after the court term at which Cherry was put under the suspended judgment, she had called at Cherry's home and had met her at the door, had knocked her down by a blow in the eye, and had kicked and beaten her until his wife made him desist.

She testified that she did not know why Cherry had committed the alleged attack, adding that she had visited at Cherry's home on numerous occasions before that time, and knew of parties having been given there, at which drinks of the suspended sentence, and in the afternoon of the hearing, she had been served. She said she referred to was corn liquor and stated incidentally that she did not know of Cherry having sold any whiskey since the March term of court. Cherry admitted having slapped her, asserting it was the only way he could "make her behave."

Dave Jarvis, colored tenant on Newbern's farm, testified that he had bought liquor from Cherry three times since the imposition of the suspended sentence, and added in response to a question from J. C. B. Ehringhaus, representing Cherry, that he had come to the hearing upon Newbern's request. Cherry denied having sold liquor to Jarvis or anyone else since the court term.

Cherry's parents were the first witnesses called to the stand yesterday afternoon, both testifying that they saw no evidence of Newbern having been knocked unconscious by their son. The mother corroborated various minor details of the encounter between Cherry and Newbern, as related to her by Cherry and his wife. The father told of having been employed by Newbern in cutting wood at the latter's home on the day of the affair, and stated that when Newbern returned from Cherry's home, he paid him off and discharged him. The elder Cherry said he observed no blood on Newbern's clothing, or other evidence that he had been treated roughly.

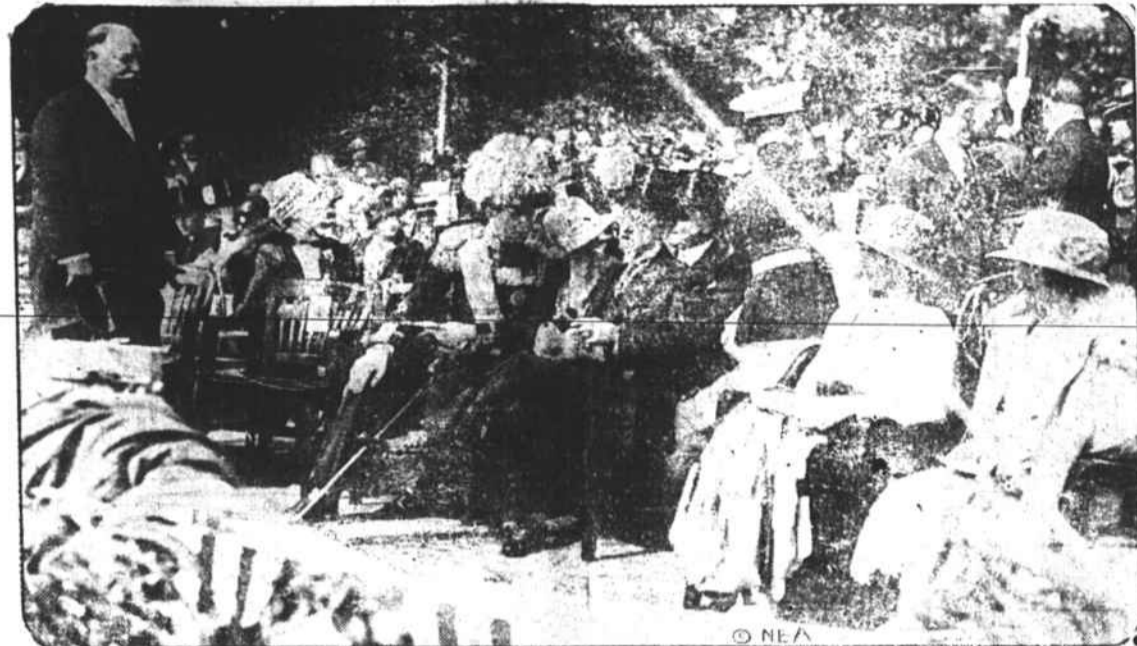
"Come in Mad Rage" "All at once he came in a mad rage," the witness related, "and said he would go up there and kill the d— rascal. He drove his car up to where the road was a little wider, and turned it around, but stopped again."

Cherry's mother said she saw Newbern drive past her home in his car about an hour and a half after the mixup with her son.

In offering the younger Cherry for a question, Mr. Ehringhaus told the court he would admit to having been drinking, and that there was an altercation, but that he denied having struck Newbern with a bottle, as Newbern and his companion, N. W. Poynor, had alleged the preceding afternoon, contending that Newbern injured his head when he fell against his car.

Under rigorous cross-examination by Solicitor Small, Cherry admitted he had been discharged from the Elizabeth City police force some eight or ten years ago, and that he was in the city at the same hour.

FOREMOST AMERICANS AND CROWN PRINCE



An unusual grouping of first magnitude celebrities here is shown at the exercises of unveiling the John Ericsson memorial, in Washington. Chief Justice Taft is standing at the left. Seated then in order are Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, President Coolidge, Mrs. Coolidge and the Crown Princess Louise. What the Crown Prince said when he leaned over to address the President the camera did not record. This photograph is the first taken in America in which the Crown Prince appears in his regal plumes and medals.

DOGS NEED CARE SAYS DR. FINCK

Should be Inoculated at Once, or Kept Caged, to Prevent Epidemic

Dogs known to have been bitten by a rabid dog need not necessarily be shot, or otherwise killed, according to Dr. Victor Finck, local veterinarian.

"They can be saved from getting the disease just as human beings can," Dr. Finck explained. "Of course the best plan is to have the dog inoculated ahead of time. But it is possible to save the dog from the disease as long as two days after it has been bitten."

"The dog is treated by injection and of course should be held under observation during the period of treatment. An impression seems to prevail that rabies is a hot weather disease. This is not so. It is more prevalent in hot weather but a dog may become diseased at any time of the year.

"People who are not willing to have their dogs inoculated should keep them tied or caged during an epidemic. Some recommend muzzling but this is punishment to the dog—especially in hot weather.

Politics Taking On Elements Of Life At Last Minute

Though it could hardly be said to have begun to boil as yet, to borrow an ancient and trite phrase, the political pot in Pasquotank County at least has started to simmer merrily, on the eve of the primaries to be held Saturday, to determine the Democratic nominees in anticipation of the November elections.

This merry simmering began when C. E. Bailey, candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney against J. H. LeRoy, Jr., the incumbent, challenged two votes in the Second Ward, on the ground that the registrants were not qualified to vote here. The latter were Misses Nell Pickard and Ocie Kiser, teachers in the Elizabeth City Graded Schools for the last five years.

The teachers contended that, inasmuch as they lived here nine months in each year, they were entitled to claim residence here, and with it the right to vote. After considerable discussion and investigation, the challenges were withdrawn Tuesday night.

J. B. Walston, registrar in the Second Ward, declared Wednesday that the challenges were the first to occur in that ward in the three elections in which he had participated, including the pending one.

On the eve of the election, a political rally will be held at the Cut Rate Drug Store Friday night at 8 o'clock, in which various of the candidates will make speeches, and a rousing time is anticipated. The general public has been invited cordially to attend.

MAY PEA SEASON NEARING CLOSE

Markets Strengthen as Shipments Fall to Minimum

The May pea season in Pasquotank County is drawing rapidly to a close, Norfolk Southern Railroad freight officials reporting that only three refrigerator cars had been ordered for today's shipments. Nineteen carloads moved yesterday.

Commission merchants reported sales today on the New York and Philadelphia markets ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.50, with the markets a little steadier than yesterday, and prospects that good quality stock would sell attractively through the week. They offered the opinion, however, that there would be only scattered shipments after today, the crop having been practically cleaned up.

In general, May pea growers here made little money off the crop this year, mainly because the bulk of it matured at one time, and consequently the Northern market became glutted, with the result that the prices fell to a point that meant losses to many shippers. May peas are exceedingly perishable and must be picked and shipped when they have attained the proper degree of maturity, the dealers explain, regardless of the condition of the markets.

TOBACCO GROWERS CONTINUE DEFENSE

Raleigh, June 2.—With considerable evidence already presented and with the trend of the court's mind indicated, the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association went back into Federal court here today to continue its defense against receivership. The hearing before Judge I. M. Merkins was scheduled to be resumed during today's session with indications that it would not come up until afternoon.

WAS 'PERFECT LOVER' BUT NOW IN PRISON

Philadelphia, June 2.—Instead of play the "perfect lover," Fredrick B. Stanley, known to some of many alleged victims as "Lord Heaverbrook," was in the county prison today serving a year's sentence for embezzling \$8,000 worth of jewelry from the widow of a Philadelphia jeweler. He was sentenced last yesterday.

DANIELS IN OHIO

Columbus, O. June 2.—Jeffersonian principles of government were advocated and two thirds rule of nominating Democratic Presidential candidates and the unit rule binding states to one candidate were assailed by former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels at a statewide meeting of Democratic leaders here today. "The hour has struck," said Mr. Daniels, "for the Democratic party to rid itself of the body of death popularly known as the two-thirds rule. It is a misnomer. It should be called the one third rule. It operates for no good purpose."

STEAMER BURNS

Southport, N. C. June 2.—The steamer Islander bound from Tampa to New York burned to the water's edge today but the captain and crew of ten were saved.

Latest Photo of Royal Heir



Little Princess Elizabeth of England, first born of the Duke and Duchess of York, and third in line of succession to the British throne. She is shown with her mother.

The Spotlight This Year Has Been Dedicated to the People of Elizabeth City

The Spotlight, High School annual, is off the press and is being read with unusual interest by old and young folks as well as students.

To begin with, the Spotlight, has a different sort of dedication. Instead of being dedicated to some member of the faculty or particular friend of the class, it is dedicated to "The People of Elizabeth City," and this is the for-ward:

"To the People of Elizabeth City: From the pioneers who laid the foundation of our town to the citizens of today whose sons and daughters compose the personnel of the High School, and whose financial support makes the existence of the institution possible, we, the class of 1926, do respectfully dedicate this sixth volume of the Spotlight.

"Because we are proud of our home, of her enterprises, her ambitions, her beauty and her fame, and because we wish you to know, to remember, and to appreciate Elizabeth City as we do, the editors of the Spotlight will personally conduct you—as you turn the pages of this volume—on a trip through our town."

The frontispiece is an aeroplane view of Elizabeth City and the beautiful Pasquotank harbor, and views of the waterfront, the business and residence sections follow. A snapshot of the Vanselder class, the volume, the voyage having been successfully completed, there are pictures of the editors, good looking ones; pictures and choice descriptions of each member of the class; pictures of clubs and so on.

OPENING OF BIDS ON NEW THEATER SET FOR JUNE 18

Postponement Necessitated by Last Minute Changes in Plans for Heating and Ventilating Building

READY NOVEMBER 1

Opening of Entertainment House Tentatively Set for January 1, Allowing Time to Put in Equipment

Due to last-minute modifications in the plans, the opening of bids on the new Carolina Theater, involving an aggregate investment of \$150,000, has been postponed to Friday, June 18. It was announced today. The bids were to have been opened tomorrow. The new theater, which will be used for the combined showing of motion pictures and vaudeville, is being financed by the Carolina Investment & Insurance Company, Inc., a subsidiary of the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, which has purchased from the latter company the rear half of the square whose front half is occupied by the Carolina Bank.

The decision to postpone the opening of bids on the theater was effected yesterday at a conference between officials of the company backing it, and C. C. Benton, of the firm of Benton & Benton, architects, of Wilson, who are drawing plans for the new building, according to the announcement today. Specifications embodying the changes decided upon, and mainly affecting the heating and ventilating systems of the theater, were mailed to prospective bidders today.

It is understood that contract for construction of the theater will require that it be completed by early November, in order that it may be equipped and ready for opening January 1. In addition to the building itself, contract will be let for construction of an arcade entrance through the Carolina Bank Building to the theater from Main street, and for the erection of eight stores flanking the theater, the latter to front on Martin and McMorris streets, four on each side, with possibly one on Matthews street. The stores are to be 20 feet wide and 60 feet deep each.

The new vaudeville and movie house will be operated by the Carolina Theaters, Inc., of Asheville, a corporation which is running a chain of theaters in North and South Carolina. The contract here embodies a ten year lease, with privilege of renewal, under certain specified conditions, for an additional term of five years.

SUFFOLK SEEKS BASEBALL DOPE

Asks That Local Delegation Present League Plans Friday Afternoon

Definite assurance that Suffolk is keenly interested in the prospect of entering the baseball league between Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton, organized at a meeting of representatives of the three towns here Monday night, was received Wednesday in a wire from Secretary Caldwell, of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, asking that a delegation from Elizabeth City meet fans there Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, to discuss the league. Arrangements are under way here to comply with the request.

Fans in Hertford, Edenton and here are exceedingly desirous of bringing Suffolk into the league, largely by reason of the added friendly rivalry which would result, and through the fact by bringing in a fourth club, the present disadvantage of having one team remain idle while the other two were playing would be eliminated. That was the principal difficulty encountered last summer, when Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton had a baseball league similar to that planned for this summer.

Meanwhile, the management of the baseball association here is going actively about the job of lining up players for the team, with the idea of having them report Sunday and Monday. An exhibition game has been arranged with the Norfolk Police nine for Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, on the diamond here. A second exhibition contest has been arranged for Wednesday with the South Norfolk nine. The present intention is to open the league season on Thursday, June 10.

DEBATES CANCELLED

Charlotte, June 2.—Announcement was made here today by Doctor T. T. Martin, field secretary of the anti-evolution league, that the series of atheist-fundamentalist debates scheduled for every section of North Carolina has been cancelled. No reason was given. The two debates here drew a combined audience of only 500.

DEMOCRATS ARE ACTIVE AS SEE OMINOUS SIGNS

Coolidge Strength Believed on Wane and New Interest in Abolition of Two-Thirds Rule Apparent

ISSUE IS IN DOUBT

Eliminate McAdoo or Al Smith and Sailing be Clear But That Consumption Not Yet Attained

By DAVID LAWRENCE Copyright 1926 By The Associated Washington, June 2.—Whether it is due to a partisan conviction that the popularity of President Coolidge is on the wane or whether it is due to the natural restlessness of the political mortal, the Democratic National leaders are busy people these days. The movement to abolish the two-thirds rule in the Democratic conventions is gaining headway because what amounts to an organized campaign is behind it. In the South where the possibility of the unit rule being tied up to the two-thirds rule might be expected to furnish an obstacle to any change in the existing rules, the reports indicate a shift of sentiment.

Leaders in Tennessee, Georgia and Kentucky are coming out for the principle of a nomination by the majority.

"The South is no longer convinced," says George F. Milton, one of the McAdoo leaders from Tennessee who has been organizing the fight against the two-thirds rule, "that the two-thirds rule gives it a veto. It feels rather than the veto is possessed by the Eastern Tammany group and is a one-way veto."

While it is recognized that there is no direct connection in the rules between the voting of delegations in a unit and the provision that a candidate must get two-thirds of the ballots cast, nevertheless it is recognized that the two will be considered jointly when the matter comes before the National Convention. As the price of agreement to the abolition of the two-thirds rule, the Northern and Eastern Democrats will ask that the delegations agree to abandon the unit system of voting so that individual delegates will count.

It is not necessary for the next national convention to cast a two-thirds vote in order to change the method of balloting unless, of course, the rules have already been adopted and there is a desire to suspend them. In other words, when the committee on rules presents its report a majority vote is all that is necessary. The difficulty at the last convention was that the committee report had already been adopted and it would have required two-thirds to change it just as it would have taken two-thirds to nominate.

The hope of the sponsor of the movement is that they can reach the convention floor with the proposition on its merits entirely divorced from candidates. That's why they are trying to get pledges a long time in advance. Whether these pledges will stand up in the face of a concrete political situation is another question. For, when national committees and committees come, they may have a good deal to say ahead of time, they are not always controlling factors in the state delegations especially under the primary system.

If by the time the next convention is held it becomes apparent that the effort to abolish the two-thirds rule and substitute a majority vote has been abandoned, the McAdoo men are carried forward with the hope of nominating the former Secretary of the Treasury there will be a fight on the convention floor against the change in rules. But the situation will have this difference—that if the McAdoo men have a majority of the delegates they can win. They did not succeed in getting a majority of the delegates during any of the many ballots taken last time.

If the McAdoo champions were to announce their decision not to place him in the race and if the friends of Al Smith were to do likewise the movement to change the rules might be construed as a measure entirely apart from affecting an individual candidate. But both men are in the race and the "favorite sons" who are expected to rust both realize that the one-third vote is a strong lever of influence and they will not give it up without a struggle.

COURT IS ADJOURNED

Holding that it was not worth while to retain many jurors in a busy season, with only three relatively unimportant cases, which could be disposed of during the remainder of the week, Judge Henry A. Grady this morning adjourned the session of Superior Court which opened Monday morning, instructing the jurors to report again for duty next Monday morning. The first two weeks of the court are devoted to civil cases only, and the criminal docket will be taken up Monday morning, June 14.