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### MANSEL RESCUED AT LAST MINUTE BY THE GOVERNOR

Sentence Commuted to Life Imprisonment Following Appeals From Many Asheville Citizens

EVIDENCE REVIEWED

Attorney Who Defended Mansel Makes Stirring Argument for the Negro Boy's Life

Raleigh, July 9. - The death sentence of Alvin Mansel, 17 year old negro youth, was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor the Governor had visited the con-

Mansell was to have been elec-

demned man in the death cell.

Mansell was to have been electrocuted this morning on the charge of attacking a Buncombe County woman.

It is doubtful if a case was ever gone into any more thoroughly or investigated more carefully than was the case of Alvin Mansel by Governor McLean. Not only did the Governor McLean. Not only did the Governor fead the records of the case four times, in order that he might be familiar with every plase of it and every bit of evidence offered, but he went personally out to the State Prison yeareday afternoon and talked intimately and personally with Mansel before making his decision, in an effort to arrive at the correct facts in the case. What effect his conversation had in influencing the Governor to make the decision he did is not known. It is believed that this is one of the very few times, if not the only time, a Governor of North Carolina ever went to talk to a condemned man the day before the date of his execution, in order to determine whether or not a commute his

the day before the date of his execution. in order to determine whether or not a commute his sentence or pardon him.

The case of young Mansel, not quite 18 years old, has aroused much interest over the State and since his conviction, the opinion of people generally over the State has been to the effect that the boy was in reality a victim of circumtance and mob psychology and ant under different conditions and surroundings he would not have been convicted. And as a result of this belief, a concerted effort was started in Asheville some two months ago, headed by two months ago, headed by

ack as shoe polish. It has been pointed out that it have been almost a physimpossibility for Mansel to made the attack on the prosition in the manner in which it described. Inasmuch as he did the necessary physical size itrength.

Ittle more than a week ago jovernor held an open hearing hich Hall Johnsten of Ashe, who defended Mansel at the there, presented the new evise and made a stirring appeal he boy's life, calling attength he fact that the trial wis ha it rial" in which the defense not been allowed sufficient opresence of the intense feel-th that the time and the presence he court room and outside the time and the presence he court room and outside the throuse of the troopers of the last Guard. Mansel had really

ourthouse of the troopers of the Natinal Guard, Mansel had really not had a fair trial, and that now in light of the new evidence, he should not be permitted to die.

Since that time it is understood that the Governor has been in receipt of dozens of letters from people in Asheville, who, realisting that Mansel did not get a fair deal, asked that he not only be spared the death penalty but that he be given a complete pardon, rather than a commuted sentence.

That the Governor realised that there was grave doubt of the guilt of the negro youth is evidenced in the extensive investigation he made into the case through Pardon Commissioner H. Hoyle Sink, who went to Asheville to conter with the trial judge, Judge A. M. Stack with regard to the matter, and the fact that the Governor chance with the trial solictor, come from Asheville to Realising to the Realising to discuss the case the him.

A few days ago



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From Home of Mrs. Clay
Foreman Thursday
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# TAKEN IN DARING Proves Expensive EARLY ADOPTION

Dogs Follow Trail Into Colored Community; Unidentified Negro Seen Leaving Foreman Home

The theft of a handsome diamond bar pin from the home of rs. Clay Foreman, 209 Western Leaving Foreman, 200 Western Leaving Foreman L

# OF ZONING PLAN

Should Not Stop With Formation of Planning Commission, City Manager Tells Woman's Club

CITES OTHER CITIES

Constantly Tearing Away and Rebuilding Where Shortsighted Policy Was

## An Air Flivver DIAMOND BAR PIN Sabbath Joy Ride FEREBEE URGES Devil Fish Fights for Three Hours COOLIDGE TRYS



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So Rumors Spread About President's First Day of Sport That Official Announcement Is Made

### FISH UNIDENTIFIED

Presidential Prize Thrown Into Pail With Common Fish and Taken to White House Kitchen

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1928, by The Advance)
Paul Smith's, New York, July 9.
Incredulity often attaches to a six story and the tale of those he accompanied President Coolings on his first venture with rod not red into the still waters of

was rewarded after an hour of patient waiting.
Mr. Coolidge went unannounced. He had hinted that he
might go fishing but the newspaper men and photographers were
taken by surprise. Nor did he exhibit the usual boastfulness of the
newcomer. He modestly said nothing about it and this, too, despite
the fact that a year or so ago he
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