

WATERFIELD HUNT UNAVAILING

Girl's Alleged Slayer Believed to be Miles Away from Island Now

Sheriff Bob Flora Returns to Currituck Courthouse Weary and Empty Handed, After Having Run Down Available Clues

Empty handed, and wearied by many hours of unavailing search, Sheriff Bob Flora, of Currituck, returned to Currituck Courthouse at noon today on his way home from Knott's Island, after having run down every available clue to the whereabouts of George Waterfield, sought in connection with the fatal shooting of Miss Bertha Ansell, aged 17, and the wounding of her escort, William Tatem, in front of Waterfield's home early Tuesday night.

In a long distance telephone message to The Daily Advance here this afternoon at 1 o'clock, E. R. Johnson, of Currituck Courthouse, merchant and member of the State General Assembly from that county, stated that Sheriff Flora went directly from the boat which had brought him from Knott's Island to a waiting automobile, and left apparently headed for his home in Shawboro. Others in the party stated that no definite trace of Waterfield had been found.

Hiding in Virginia? It is believed now that Waterfield made his way in a small boat from the island to the Currituck beach, and probably later crossed back to the mainland in Virginia. His boat is said to be missing from the landing at which he kept it moored. It is a small craft, without a motor.

Reports from the Coast Guard station at Falscape, 10 to 12 miles from Knott's Island, state that a small boat of the general description of Waterfield's was sighted in Currituck Sound, near there, but was not observed to make a landing. This lends color to the theory that the alleged fugitive made his way to the mainland.

Persons familiar with the territory around Knott's Island say that it would have been next to impossible for Waterfield to have made his way across Currituck Sound, and that his escape from the island to the north would have been blocked by Great Marsh, a deep morass. They declare, however, that, being thoroughly familiar with the shallow waters around the island, he could readily have made his way eastward to the beach, and thence would have gone north to the head waters of Currituck Sound, where he could have reached the mainland without difficulty.

New Light on Motive Late reports from Knott's Island tend to cast additional light on the motive behind the shooting. It is claimed that Waterfield's wife had carried a suitcase filled with clothing to the home of the slain girl's father, Samuel Ansell, and that later William Tatem, of there, accusing Miss Ansell of having had something to do with it.

Tatem and the girl are said to have gone to the Waterfield home on the late afternoon of the shooting, to "have it out" with Waterfield over the episode. Waterfield was last seen in his little boat, headed for the beach, according to reports current at Currituck Courthouse. These reports are given little weight by many at the courthouse, however, the doubters inclining to the theory that Waterfield made his way into Virginia as quickly as he could.

In returning from the island, Sheriff Flora was accompanied by his son, Deputy Sheriff Will Flora. A thorough search of the island and the waters around it was made by the posse, according to Clerk of the Court Baxter B. Bell, who returned home today by way of Norfolk. After having spent most of the day with the searching parties, Mr. Bell crossed to the beach and visited all the Coast Guard stations between Knott's Island and Virginia Beach, inquiring, if anything, had been seen of Waterfield. Other than the report that a small boat answering the description of Waterfield's had been observed near Falscape, he (Continued on page 4)

PLAN TO FINISH HOTEL FINANCING SUGGESTED NOW

Hostelry of Thoroughly Modern Type to Cost Half Million; More Money Is Badly Needed

BOND ISSUE LIKELY C. O. Robinson, President of Corporation, Would Let Wings of Hotel Carry the Burden

Plans for the new Virginia Dare Hotel near their final stages, it is becoming apparent that to erect a hostelry of the thoroughly modern type desired will require the expenditure of half a million dollars, instead of the \$350,000 which it was thought at first would be sufficient, according to C. O. Robinson, president of the Elizabeth City Hotel Corporation, which will build and manage the hotel.

The corporation is determined to construct a hotel which in architectural design and interior appointments will be a real credit to Elizabeth City for many years to come. Mr. Robinson says, instead of skimping in various ways to keep the cost within the amount subscribed in the huge community financing campaign conducted during the spring. In all, \$355,000 was raised in the drive.

At a recent meeting, the board of directors of the hotel asked the hotel executive committee to submit a plan whereby the additional money needed may best be raised. The committee has not reported yet.

In discussing the situation, Mr. Robinson stated that he felt sure the money could be raised without in any way jeopardizing the interests of the original stockholders—in fact, he offered positive assurance that their interests would not be jeopardized. He offered a plan whereby the proposed arcade from the hotel to Main street, and stores, a hotel garage and a filling station on the Poinddexter and Pearing street sides of the hostelry, might be made the security for a bond issue to supply the additional funds required.

Mr. Robinson figures that an investment of \$100,000 in these properties, separate from the main hotel building, would bring in a yearly revenue of \$12,000 to \$14,000, thereby taking care of the interest and retirement of the bonds, and contributing substantially to the income of the hotel also.

In detail, Mr. Robinson estimates that the stores and offices in the Main street arcade should bring in \$7,000 to \$9,000 a year, on an investment of \$60,000. On the Poinddexter street side, the hotel corporation has received options on the entire property, from the McCabe & Grice department store to the intersection of Pearing street, at a total of \$27,500. Mr. Robinson declared a building housing three stores and a hotel garage can be built for \$12,500, making the total investment there \$40,000. In addition, he believes the corner could be rented for a filling station, and the entire property should bring in at least \$400 a month, or close to \$5,000 a year. Thus a total revenue of \$12,000 to \$14,000 annually would accrue from that original investment of \$100,000, he says.

Clayton Smith, former prisoner under Cranford, was the witness who told of the alleged cruelties inflicted by the "foreman" during cross examination Smith admitted he was a relative by blood or marriage to a number of the State witnesses and said all but one of them came to Stanley chain gang at one time from Montgomery county.

POWER HOUSE MEN IN SUBWAY STRIKE

New York, July 15.—The subway strike, which the Interborough Rapid Transit Company announced Tuesday was ended as far as they were concerned when all strikers were crossed from the payrolls, showed new signs of life today.

At strike headquarters it was announced that 105 men had walked out from the subway at the Fourth street power house and had thrown their lot with the strikers.—Service, however, according to officials, is still on practically a normal basis.

FREIGHT CARS ARE BADLY DEMOLISHED

Statesville, July 15.—Seven freight cars were demolished and an engine derailed when one Southern Railway freight train crashed into the rear of another three miles west of here early today. No one was injured and early trains were re-routed until the tracks were cleared.

TAX CASES HEARD

Charged with failure to list their taxes, Braxton Barber, known as "Rabbit" Willie Davis and Peter Mullen, all colored, were required to pay the taxes and costs in recorder's court Thursday morning.

HOMELESS REFUGEES



An improvised tent by the road leading from Tricker left Denmark, New Jersey, with a family that had been displaced in the explosion and bombardment which wrecked their home along with the Navy ammunition depot there. The picture shows, left to right the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rich; Mrs. Norris; Lucy and the father and mother.

Radio Party Leaves Bright And Early On WRVA Trip

Bright and early Thursday, a party of Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton residents left on a pilgrimage to Richmond to broadcast from Station WRVA Thursday night, in a program to comprise an address on the resources and advantages of the Albemarle section, and a number of musical selections by the section's most talented artists.

The party left here at 8:20 o'clock in a specially chartered motorbus, "sponsored" by Secretary Job, of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce. They expected to arrive in Richmond by 1 o'clock, in ample time to rest up thoroughly before the radio program. The latter was to begin at 8:45 o'clock, and close three hours later. WRVA is a 1000-watt station, of 256 meters.

Besides Secretary Job, member of the party included Walden's Orchestra, Mrs. J. Wesley Ferguson, Harold C. Foreman, Arthur Padgett, Bobbie Pearing, Harry G. Kramer, W. W. Woodley, Jr., and J. Evans Blades, all of this city; George Goodwin, Jr., W. J. Daniels, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Thomson and Charles H. Wood, all of Edenton, and L. W. Anderson, of Hertford.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of this city, who is to deliver an address on the Albemarle section, also was a member of the party. They are expected to return home tomorrow.

FINAL EXERCISES VACATION SCHOOL

The Daily Vacation Bible School commencement will be held Friday night at eight o'clock in Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church annex.

Dr. J. H. Thayer, pastor, who has been at the head of the Daily Vacation Bible School movement in Elizabeth City, requests that every child who has even attended be present Friday night.

The pupils will assemble in the various departmental rooms at 7:45. Their hand work will be on exhibit, and they will also present short, interesting exercises.

A special invitation to parents is also extended by the pastor and faculty.

JOHN T. WYNN DEAD

John T. Wynn died at his home on Second street Tuesday night after a short illness. Mr. Wynn is survived by his wife, Mrs. J. T. Wynn; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Harris; and three sons, Emmett Wynn and Oscar Wynn of Elizabeth City, and Oscar Wynn of Norfolk; also two brothers, W. W. Wynn and H. W. Wynn of Norfolk.

The funeral will be conducted at the home at four o'clock Friday afternoon, by Dr. J. H. Thayer. Interment will be made in Hollywood cemetery.

TWO MEN ROWING NORFOLK TO BOSTON

Norfolk, July 15.—In their swag-like double wherry craft as frail as a canoe and in a dizziness which their light rowing clothes offered no protection two men prominent in Harvard athletics, Doctor Thomas K. Richards and Ed. A. Waechter, started early today from here on a scuttling trip of more than 500 miles. The men plan to row to Boston.

COOLIDGE ONLY PERSON KNOWS; HE WON'T TELL

Friends of the President Active in His Behalf for Third Term, But Mr. Coolidge Says Nothing

STILL, HE'S HUMAN That's Why His Friends Believe That Having Tasted Power He Will be Loathe to Retire

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Washington, July 15.—About the only person in the world who can tell definitely whether Calvin Coolidge will be a candidate in 1928 for a second term is Mr. Calvin Coolidge, and he "won't tell." But now that Senator Cummings of Iowa has publicly predicted that he did not believe Mr. Coolidge would wish another term and that he will have had enough of the job by 1928, it may be said the friends and advisers of the President do not share that view and every thing is proceeding politically in exactly the same manner as if Mr. Coolidge were an active candidate today.

Nobody has ever heard from the President's lips a statement as to whether he will or will not be in the 1928 race. The nearest anybody has come to learning what is in Mr. Coolidge's mind has been a comment now and then that the future can take care of itself and that 1928 was not a matter of importance at this time so much as doing the Presidential tasks of the hour in a creditable fashion.

But Mr. Coolidge is human. So his friends guess that having tasted power and especially having earned a popularity in the clerical college which has rarely been approached, he will not at his relatively young age be willing to retire. The President is 54 years old. Most Presidents are about 65 when they take office. Mr. Coolidge shows no signs of physical fatigue, in fact he hardly ever shows the strain of responsibility.

Naturally the friends of such outstanding figures as Herbert Hoover, Charles Evans Hughes and Charles G. Dawes are hoping that Mr. Coolidge will not be a candidate. It has been suggested that Mr. Coolidge might do as did the late President Roosevelt, namely, select a man from his cabinet to make the race throwing the entire Coolidge strength to him.

Indeed, even if Mr. Coolidge had today made up his mind not to run, there is every political reason for withholding such an announcement or any intimation of it until the last moment. This is because Congress pays little attention to a retiring President, whereas the possibility that a President might be a candidate for reelection keeps the party from being torn with factional strife developed by rival candidates and otherwise maintains a solidarity in the relations between the executive and legislative branches of the Government.

Mr. Coolidge has not hesitated to cultivate political friendships and maintain alliances which by every token seem to indicate his desire to make use of them in another Presidential campaign. But politics is second nature to him. He might be doing all this because it is his natural way to carry on in politics.

Only one thing might dissuade Mr. Coolidge from becoming a candidate again and that's the attitude of the Republican party toward him. And the party will not feel kindly if Mr. Coolidge is the subject of widespread criticism and if it is apparent that the third term idea and other items would make victory doubtful. The party wants to win. Mr. Coolidge wants the party to win. If he were an obstacle he might consider withdrawing. But if his record is as strong as it is today he alone will have made it and he and his friends will feel that Coolidge is the logical man to make the race. So who ever he faces political and economic conditions in June 1928 can say another circumstance will favor another nomination for Mr. Coolidge. Judging by present signs, Mr. Coolidge would certainly have the support of those state delegations which constitute a substantial majority in a nominating convention.

DODGE IS A DODGE AND NOT A FLIVVER

Raleigh, July 15.—Hear ye, all Dodge owners, and prepare to shed a tear over that \$7.50 that is gone forever. For a Dodge is a Dodge and can never be a flivver, for the Attorney General hath ruled it so.

So it is that the cost of a license plate for a Dodge, even though the horsepower is but one-fourth or one-fifth over the \$12.50 horsepower permitted for the \$2.00 license, in which the vast hordes of Fords in the State belong, the Dodge is still in a different class and must pay the price of its superior "class."

Thus the effort of the many Dodge owners who would that their Dodges were entitled to the lower rates and who last week made a final and soul stirring appeal to the Highway Commission, who in turn passed the buck to the Department of Revenue, from which place said buck was sicked on the Attorney General has come to nought. For it is the business of the Attorney General to receive the buck, and he is hard hearted, and adamant about it.

Come on, you "Dodge" owners, fork over your 29 bucks for a license!

STATE RESTS CASE MRS. NELLIE FREEMAN

Charlotte, July 15.—The State rested its case against Mrs. Nellie Freeman, charged with murder of her husband, at 10:55 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. A. C. Collins corroborated the testimony of Mrs. J. N. Wynn, late today to the effect that Mrs. Freeman had said she would kill her husband if "he didn't change his ways." Evidence on the same subject was corroborated by others before the State rested.

Freeman was killed by his wife when she dashed his throat with a razor. She has maintained that she killed him as he threatened to desert her.

FIRST COTTON BLOSSOM OF SEASON AT GREGORY

Gregory, N. C., July 15.—The first cotton blossom of this section, opened today. It was grown by Thomas Green, a colored tenant on the farm belonging to Zimmerman and Bishop of Elizabeth City.

NAMED PRESIDENT RAINBOW DIVISION

New York, July 15.—Captain Howard G. Smith of Iowa was today elected president of the Rainbow Division of the American Expeditionary Forces. The next convention will be held at Des Moines.

For Coolidge



This turkey is destined to grace President Coolidge's Thanksgiving dinner table, and consequently is being fed on a diet of walnuts to fatten him. He is being raised on a farm at Concord, Calif., and is expected to weigh 20 pounds by the time they put him in the air mill for Washington.

CRIME WAVE IS PASSING THINKS CHICAGO CHIEF

Conditions Still Bad Enough But Police Think They Have Upper Hand and Life Back to Normal

METHODS IMPROVED

Have Tightened the Net About Criminals Through Cooperation of the Police All Over the Country

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Chicago, July 15.—When the International Association of Chiefs of Police meets here next week, the leading police officials will report that the crest of the crime wave which came near to swamp law enforcement machinery in some cities, has now passed.

Such is the belief of Chief Morgan A. Collins, who has had to buck the crime current in Chicago during the time it has been running strongest. He declares that while conditions still are bad enough, police now have the upper hand, and things are getting back to normal.

What the chiefs have principally to struggle with now are technical problems. The preponderance of these problems is indicated by the program of next week's convention which will bring over 500 leading police officials here to consider the growing traffic problem, improved methods of identification, motorization of police officers, patrol problems, the relation of mental disturbances in crime and other involved subjects.

"Improved methods in police work have criminals on the jump at present," Chief Collins says. "We have about caught up with the criminals in motorization and are tightening the net all around through cooperation of police the country over."

"Here in Chicago Major Crimes are decreasing. Murders are down about 20 per cent from last year. Highway robbery has been sharply curtailed, burglary is off and all major crimes are decreasing."

"There aren't any new O'Banions, Gennas, Torrios or O'Donnells coming up to quick millions thru association of murder with the liquor business. The low police characters who a few years ago became millionaires almost overnight aren't blossoming out any more."

"We have those biggest liquor rings smashed. Chances for big fortunes of the kind made by the early gang leaders, are now mighty slim. The forty or fifty worst individuals involved in the real earnings of the liquor business have about completed killing one another off, or have retired."

"The prohibition law is hard to enforce, but we have made big advances strides. Suppression of narcotics dealers is another difficult problem which police are devoting more time to. Vice requires constant attention."

"But the problem of growing importance now, is traffic regulation. Here in Chicago 424 persons have been killed in automobile accidents this year. Over 39,000 are being killed in the whole country each year."

"Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, will address the chiefs on a model motor vehicle act and will stress the importance of uniform traffic laws to help cut down accidents. This problem will receive a good share of attention from the chiefs."

These gatherings of chiefs of police, with the coming one of this year, result in exchanges of experience and acquaintance among police officials that is most helpful in providing cooperation in law enforcement.

ON EXCURSION TODAY The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church is enjoying its annual excursion to Virginia Beach today.

PROSPERITY IS RIGHT ALONG BY THE DAIRY COW

Dr. Clarence Smith, Milk Specialist, Deplores Small Per Capita Milk Consumption in State

MEANS HARD WORK

As Long As Men Can Scatter Cotton Seed and Set Out Tobacco Plants They Shun Dairy Business

Raleigh, July 15.—That North Carolina is ideally favored, both by climate and soil, for the production of milk and dairy products, and that it has been the experience of countless farmers in many states that prosperity follows the dairy cow, was the declaration of Dr. Clarence E. Smith, Associate Milk Specialist of the United States Public Health Service, who has just arrived in Raleigh from his headquarters in Montgomery, Ala., to spend a period of three months in this State assisting the Milk Sanitation division of the State Board of Health in making a survey of dairy herds, farms and creameries in North Carolina.

The fact was mentioned by Dr. Smith North Carolina had a very small per capita consumption of milk about half a pint per person a year, and that the normal consumption, according to good health standards, should be not less than a quart per person a year. But to increase the consumption of milk, it is first necessary to improve the quality and grade of milk. When this is done, the demand automatically increases, as does the consumption.

"Our attention, then, must be first directed to the source of the milk supply, the farms and dairy herds. When these meet the specifications of the uniform milk law, then the demand for more milk will at once begin. But until people can be assured of getting only the best milk they will not drink milk at all," Dr. Smith said.

The uniform milk law in North Carolina, which requires the grading of all milk, has already been in effect for some time. It was to that it assures every user of milk of getting a standard, unvariable grade of milk at all times. This same milk law is now in effect in 11 states, and is accomplishing much good both for the milk producer and the milk user.

"When this law was first proposed, it was vigorously fought by the farmers, who at the time could not see that it was to their advantage. Their cotton and tobacco is sold according to grades, as is their grain and hay, the price varying according to grade. Why then, should not milk also be sold according to grade? But because it had never been done before, and because of a farmer could get just as much for milk full of trash and filth, as for that which was clean and sanitary, he opposed it. But now it is different. The farmers have found that by keeping their farms and herds clean and their utensils sanitary that they can command a higher price for their product, than the careless, dirty dairyman, with the result that the latter class is fast disappearing."

"The reason why so few people in North Carolina have used milk is that heretofore it has been milk, good and bad, and indifferent, and most of it bad. It is true that nothing is more unappetizing than poor, dirty milk especially if it is not cold. But as a result of grading the milk, the quality has increased, as no people are getting to demand only the highest grade milk, which is always uniform both in cream or butter-fat content and in flavor. People are also discovering that there is a more delicious food or beverage than good, cold, rich milk."

When asked why so little milk was produced in North Carolina, and why milk and butter was shipped into the State in large quantities, Dr. Smith replied:

"Lots of Hard Work Cotton and tobacco. These two crops have done more to ruin the farmer in North Carolina than anything else. But as long as he can scatter a few cotton seed in the ground and set out a few tobacco plants and let them grow, he will not bother with a dairy herd, for a dairy herd means work and lots of it. Yet, it has been found in numerous cases that a herd with its constant income, 12 months in the year, will pay the running expenses of a farm and show a good profit besides."

"In Mississippi, where the boll weevil has wiped out cotton growing, dairying has come into its own and the farmers are now making twice as much money with their milk and cream as with cotton, and they realize that the (Continued on page 4)