

BODY OF GEORGE WATERFIELD FOUND

Lying In Boat Where He Sought to Make Escape From Sheriff and Posse

Coroner's Jury Impanelled to go to the Spot Where Body Found and Make Investigation of Cause of Fugitive's Death

The body of George Waterfield, alleged self confessed slayer of Bertha Ansell, 17-year-old Knotts Island girl, was found in his own boat near a little island in Black Bay on the north end of Knotts Island at 11 o'clock this morning, according to a long distance telephone message from Currituck Courthouse received by The Daily Advance shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Indications were, according to reports reaching Currituck Courthouse, that Waterfield had been dead for some time but apparently not more than a few days. He has been missing three weeks.

A coroner's jury is now being impanelled to go to the spot where the body was found and hold an inquest over it with a view to ascertaining the cause of Waterfield's death. The body, reports from Currituck say, has not been touched or examined in any way since its discovery and it is not known whether the investigation of the coroner will show that Waterfield came to death by violence, by his own hand or otherwise, or whether death was the result of natural causes.

The discovery of the body, it is said, came about purely as the result of accident. Joe Litchfield of Knotts Island, employe of one of the Currituck shooting clubs, was engaged in some work in his boat in the marshes this morning and seeing the boat adrift investigated and found Waterfield's body.

Discovery of the body of Waterfield Tuesday afternoon brought to an end a search for him that began in the gray dawn of Wednesday, July 14, when a sheriff's posse came upon the body of Bertha Ansell, her head almost afloat in a pool of blood in a wheel rut of the road in front of Waterfield's home and her feet at the edge of another pool where 10 hours earlier had lain her sweet heart, Willie Tatem, the blood pouring from a wound as big as a man's fist in the back of his neck. Tatem was later removed to a hospital and recovered.

Tatem and Miss Ansell, according to reports of the shooting current on Knotts Island, went to the Waterfield home shortly before 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, July 13, to remonstrate with Waterfield about certain reports of a damaging nature to the character of the Ansell girl, in which her name was linked with Tatem's to the discredit of both. Evidently, Waterfield about spreading these reports about a girl of good character and motherhood, Tatem is said to have threatened to let daylight through Waterfield if his slanderous remarks about the girl were repeated.

As Tatem made the foregoing threat, it is said, Waterfield reached in the corner of the fence of his yard, in which he was standing at the time, and brought forth the automatic shot gun which he used as a duck hunter. Shooting down Miss Ansell first, he then shot down Tatem, the lead grazing the young man's shoulder. Then as Tatem started to rise Waterfield shot again, the wound this time taking effect in the back of Tatem's neck. After that Tatem rose no more until Waterfield was out of sight.

Waterfield had stalked by the bodies of his victims as they lay in the road no less than four times before he disappeared that night. A crack shot and armed to the teeth, he made his getaway without opposition, none daring to molest him.

DR. POTEAT TO RETIRE FROM PRESIDENCY 1927

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—Dr. W. L. Poteat will retire from the presidency of Wake Forest College next June, he announced yesterday. His resignation is taken as meaning that he believes he has been completely vindicated in his fight over the teaching of evolution at the college. He had often stated that he would not resign "under fire." His retirement comes, therefore, he declares, "on the pole consideration of my age and no other." Dr. Poteat will be 69 in October.

One thing wrong with the United States is the Atlantic Ocean isn't as wide as the Pacific.

COUNTY BOARD TO TAKE INSPECTION TRIP OVER STATE

Commissioners to View Other Courthouses Before Deciding on Design for New One Here

TO LEAVE TUESDAY

Uneasy Over Prospect of Indictment, Members Apparently Determined to Complete Project

A trip of inspection through the eastern part of the State is to be taken by the Board of County Commissioners next week, with a view to determining upon the type of courthouse to be erected here. At the regular meeting of the board yesterday, a motion was passed constituting all the members, or such part of them as would go, a committee of investigation.

The commissioners plan to leave Tuesday in automobiles, and expect to go to Wilson, Raleigh and other points, perhaps traveling, as far as Fayetteville before returning home. The expenditure of close to a quarter of a million dollars on a new courthouse here is contemplated, and the commissioners take the stand that they should familiarize themselves with what other counties have done along the same line, before arbitrarily deciding upon the design of the new structure.

Definite steps toward the building of a new courthouse here were taken last March, when Judge Henry A. Grady, in Superior Court, supplemented a recommendation by the grand jury that a new courthouse be built, with a letter strongly calling the attention of the commissioners to their legal obligation to be guided by the grand jury's suggestions in that and other matters.

Uneasy over the prospect of indictment in the event they failed to act on the recommendation, the commissioners promptly went to work, first threshing out the question of a site. W. T. Love, Sr., chairman of the board, expressed himself as strongly in favor of locating the new structure on the Overman property, a six acre tract several blocks from the present courthouse site, on the grounds that it was better suited to the purpose, and that the present courthouse property could be sold for enough to pay the Overman tract and apply a substantial amount on the new courthouse as well. This suggestion finally was voted down, the commissioners deciding to rebuild on the present location.

In view of large recent County expenditures for roads and other purposes, and by reason of much larger city outlays for various improvements, a growing sentiment is manifesting itself in both city and County, against too hasty action in authorizing a large appropriation for a new courthouse. There are many who freely express the opinion that the County should wait a few years, and "catch its breath," before undertaking any further large projects.

There is a strong feeling, too, that if the commissioners rendered a full report, setting forth that they had made a thorough investigation, and had decided it was inadvisable to put up a new courthouse at present, that report would be accepted by court and grand jury as evidence that they had done their duty in the matter, and no steps would be taken to prosecute them.

Having gone so far as to employ architects who have submitted tentative designs for the new courthouse, however, the commissioners are evidencing a disposition to carry the project through to completion, though individual members of the board express themselves as flatly opposed, personally, to undertaking it at the present time.

FIVE STATES HOLD PRIMARIES TODAY

Kansas City, Aug. 3.—A haze of campaign oratory on prohibition, Ku Klux Klan, World Court, farm relief, and varied sectional issues lifted today over four Western and one Southern state as voters invaded primary election polling places to select Congressional and state office nominees. Elections in Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Montana and Virginia.

COUNTY CLUB COUNCIL WILL MEET ON SATURDAY

The County Council of the Home Demonstration Clubs will meet Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rest rooms. Matters of special interest will be discussed and all members of the council and all interested club members are asked to attend this meeting.

Flappers Held After Killing



These two 18-year-old girls are being held in jail at Greenville, N. C., as a result of the murder of Charles Scott, proprietor of a soft drink parlor where they were waitresses. One Phillips deftly admits the shot that killed him, police say, while Cora McNeal rightly is held as a material witness against her chum.

Mike Smith Going To Polo Grounds

Mike Smith, South Norfolk slugger and outfielder, who starred in the Carolina League during the season just closed, hitting well above .300 and leading his team mates at bat, is scheduled for a tryout at the Polo Grounds Thursday, the Elizabeth City nine having disbanded last night after Hartford forfeited the deciding game in the championship series which began Monday a week ago.

Smith, who also made an outstanding record as a member of the William and Mary College baseball nine last spring, hitting .598, was brought to the attention of Manager McGraw, of the Giants, by Pratt Frazier, of this city, a former league baseball player and still a close follower of the game. McGraw arranged several weeks ago for this promising young outfielder to join him in conference immediately after the baseball season closed here.

With the season over, the management of the Elizabeth City Baseball Association is beginning a complete check up of assets and liabilities. It is obvious already that the latter exceed the former by a substantial sum—just how much, the baseball directors promise to announce in a day or two, when they have finished some over the accounts.

Mike Smith had attractive offers this week from two major league scouts, one representing Detroit and the other the New York Yankees. Having promised, however, to see McGraw first, he declined both.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHAKES CITY TOKYO

Tokyo, Aug. 3.—An unusually severe earthquake shook the city at 6:25 yesterday evening. The populace was badly frightened and every one indoors ran into streets. Thus far no damage has been reported.

The quake seems to have affected Tokyo district principally. Several bridges were damaged and there were numerous landslides. Communications also were interrupted.

COOLIDGE ENJOYING ANNIVERSARY TODAY

Calvin Smith, New York, Aug. 3.—Calvin Coolidge today began his fourth year as President of the United States.

The anniversary found him enjoying his long vacation at White Pine Camp in a quiet manner.

SYD CHAPLIN REAL HERO HAVING COSTUME FITTED

Syd Chaplin has passed the supreme patency test, and another virtue may be credited to him.

In the women's wardrobe, of the Warner Brothers' West Coast studios, Syd stood for long hours being fitted for the 15-milimetre apparel he wears in "Oh! What a Nurse!" which is showing at the Alhambra Theater today and tomorrow. The procedure was especially difficult, as Miss Margaret Whistler, who is responsible for the "errations" Syd wears in this picture, declares, because fitting a man for women's clothes is more difficult for both the fitter and the fitted.

The occasion for the feminine disguise in this picture is the role of a young newspaper reporter who is called upon to take the place temporarily of the editor of "Advice to the Lovelorn."

TARDY JUSTICE IS EXEMPLIFIED IN HALL-MILLS CASE

Four Year Old Tragedy Again Brought to Light Calls Attention to American Legal Methods

BOOSTER OF CRIME

Has Led to the Unsavory Slogan in Chicago of "A Murder a Day, a Hanging a Year"—Small Wonder

By ROBERT T. SMALL, Copyright, 1926, by the Author. New York, Aug. 3.—The reopening of the Hall-Mills murder case at New Brunswick, New Jersey, after four long years has called attention anew to the tardiness of American justice compared to the speed with which crime is detected and punished in England. Speed of detection and surety of punishment, even if the punishment is not severe as known as the two great deterrents of crime. Neither seems to be very prevalent in the United States.

In Canton, Ohio, where Don H. Mellett was assassinated a little more than two weeks ago, the papers carried the announcement that an "under world" murder case was about to be tried in the local courts. Visiting reporters, desirous of seeing how such cases were conducted in the town which Mellett was endeavoring to clean up, went to the courthouse and learned to their amazement that the murder was five years old. Still they waited for the trial to begin. But instead of the trial there came the announcement that the case would be postponed until some time in the fall.

One of the reporters remarked that with Canton five years behind in its schedule of dealing with murderers, there was little chance for a solution of the Mellett case at any time in the near future.

In the city of Washington recently a Chinese student was tried for a murder seven years old. It had been tried twice before, it is true, but his case had dragged along in the courts and he had languished in jail. After seven years the authorities realized the futility of trying to get a conviction. A number of important witnesses had died. Others had become hazy in their recollection of events and could not stand up under the severe fire of cross examination. So the case against the Chinaman had to be dropped and he was given his liberty. It was only too plain there had been no justice in his case. If guilty, as the government charged, he escaped conviction. If innocent, he lost seven years of his life in an overcrowded jail, standing with in the status of "Freedom" perched high on the dome of the capitol.

Oddly enough, however, the Chinaman thrived in jail and developed from a rather puny, sickly specimen into a well rounded manhood. None of his friends recognized as he appeared in his old haunts. The average experience of the "jail bird," however, is not so fortunate.

This new national commission for the study of crime, headed by F. Trubee Davison, assistant Secretary of War and fostered by Richard Washburn Child, former ambassador to Italy, is finding itself somewhat bewildered by the wealth of material at hand. The material is furnished by the rapidly recurring crimes in all parts of the country. There is plenty of crime to be studied, but the rapidly mounting state of shame to the American people apparently makes the finding of a remedy or a check all the more difficult, if not impossible.

Failure to punish stands out nevertheless, as the great fault of America's machinery of justice. It has led to the unsavory slogan in Chicago of a "murder a day, a hanging a year." In the little city of Canton an investigation showed 48 murders in five years and not a single murderer sent to the chair. Small wonder that the common, imported or local, stood with nonchalance.

It is possible therefore that the Davison Commission will turn its first efforts to learning the reason for the failure to punish. First of all it is endeavoring to get statistics bearing upon this phase of American jurisprudence. Cities and communities are some too desirous that their records shall be published in the world.

COTTON MARKET New York, Aug. 3.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 19 1/2, a decline of 5 points. Futures closing bid: Oct. 17.68, Dec. 17.66, Jan. 17.69, March 17.81, May 18.03.

PONZI HEARING IS POSTPONED A DAY

Houston, Tex., Aug. 3.—Hearing on the habeas corpus application of Charles Ponzi, wanted by the state of Massachusetts to serve a seven to nine year term as a "common and notorious thief" was postponed until tomorrow morning when called in District Court here today.

Following Governor Ferguson's order for Ponzi's extradition yesterday attorneys for the Boston "finance wizard" pleaded that they wanted time in which to review their plans.

KILLS HIMSELF AS OFFICERS APPROACH

Cincinnati, Aug. 3.—A single bullet left in a pistol which authorities claim was used in the mid night killing of Otto Hm, 19, and Mamie Kine Metzger, 20, twice a divorcee, today ended the life of Raymond Ross, 25, farmer of near Pehelis, Ohio, just as he was about to be arrested for the double murder.

Ross, a suitor for the affections of Mrs. Metzger, shot himself through the head as Sheriff Crosswell of Champaign County and Marshal B. Edward of Pelety approached his house.

Council Names Committee To Investigate Spending Of City's Money of Late

MYSTERY STILL SHROUDS DEATH OF W. H. ELLIS

Further Investigation Tends to Remove Suspicion of Two Negroes Who Passed in Lightless Truck

FEW ATTEND FUNERAL

No further developments were reported today by the coroner and others engaged in investigating the mystery surrounding the killing of William H. Ellis, non-accusatory and former assistant of Parsonage County, who was found near Old Weckeville late Saturday night, bearing indications that he had been run over and his body dragged to the side of the highway.

Sheriff Carline stated today that further questioning in the Weckeville section had tended to remove the suspicion which had attached to Sam Brown and Jack Gibson, negroes who admitted having passed along the Gallberry Road, on which Ellis was killed, in an indented truck near the hour at which the tragedy is believed to have occurred.

According to such evidence as the authorities have been able to gather, Brown and Gibson left Old Weckeville toward this city, and did not return by that road, which is the ear or truck that is believed to have ended Ellis' life apparently while he was traveling southward toward Old Weckeville.

Burial services for Ellis were conducted in the Episcopal cemetery halfway between Old and New Weckeville yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by the Rev. W. T. Phipps, pastor of the Episcopal Methodist Church. Only a small group of close relatives and residents of the Weckeville section attended.

I would also ask that they investigate all other contracts and all purchases made by me since I have been city manager.

In connection with the motion, Councilman Davis reminded his fellow members on the board that he had been mentioned in City Manager Ferebee's affidavit alleging an attempt on the part of I. H. Culpepper, of this city, to use undue influence in placing the recent contract for 25,000 to 40,000 tons of gravel for street surfacing. He said he felt he had been placed in an improper light before the public, and that he wished the matter probed thoroughly.

Upon the request of M. W. Sawyer, districtman living on Ehringhaus street, the Council voted to invite Dr. H. E. Miller, of the State Board of Health, to visit the city at some future date and investigate milk conditions here with a view to recommending practical regulations regarding its sanitation.

In presenting the request, Mr. Sawyer stated he was seeking protection for dairymen here who were observing strict sanitary measures in handling their product. It was hoped that Dr. Miller might be able to come in the next month or six weeks.

Unhygienic conditions on Fleetwood street, in the vicinity of the Elizabeth City Hosiery Mills, were brought to the attention of the board by Dr. Zenas Fearing, city health officer. Dr. Fearing declared there was one serious case of typhoid fever on the street at present, and that there had been serious epidemics of it in past years which he traced partly to vent contracts for street surfacing. He was empowered to take such steps as he thought necessary to correct matters.

Handling various minor routine matters in record time, the Council adjourned shortly after 9 o'clock, having disposed of everything on the calendar. Perhaps the hot weather had something to do with the early adjournment. The crowd of onlookers was appreciably smaller than ordinarily.

SALEM CHURCH TO ADD SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

Salem Baptist Church, of which Rev. J. M. Everett is pastor, is planning to build 16 additional Sunday School rooms and to remodel the church. The cost is to be \$6,000. The work is to be completed in November and to begin after the close of the revival services now in progress. The building committee, Elisha Coppenbath, Wiley Coppenbath, John Brown, Seth Scott and Walter Berry, have been authorized to go ahead with getting the material ready and begin building as soon as practicable.

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Barco's Prospects To Live Brighter

Prospects are brightening for the recovery of William H. Barco, who was injured critically when the truck he was driving was run into by a Norfolk Southern yard engine at a crossing on the outskirts of this city Friday morning.

Word received by Barco's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Owens, on West Church street, early today was in effect that, although he had spent a bad night, the attending doctor felt that every indication was in his favor. He was reported still to be in a semi-conscious state.

Barco's skull was fractured in two places and he sustained other injuries in the accident. The crash was attributed to his having failed to observe the approaching engine until too late to avoid an accident.

CLUBS PLANNING PICNIC The Home Demonstration Club are planning to have a picnic at John A. Cartwright's beach, Route One, Weckeville, on August 13.

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Classified Ads Are Telling Today:

- that a delightful vacation trip to Hendersonville, in Western North Carolina is to be had. (Classification 1).
- that prices are slashed on kid pumps. (Classification 27).
- that home sewing, ladies' and children's plate and fancy clothes, is done by an Elizabeth City woman. (Classification 25).