

**HELD IN JAIL AS PROBE MADE OF WIFE'S CHARGES**

**Buncombe County Bus Driver Arrested When Wife Writes Letters to Officers About 1926 Murder**

**SAYS "SPITE WORK"**

**Accused Man Declares He Never Did Get Along Very Well With Wife; Says was Tricked Into Marriage**

Asheville, July 25.—(AP)—A far-reaching investigation of circumstances surrounding the mysterious murder of Mrs. Annie Mae Burgess, pretty young widow, the night of January 20, 1926, was ordered Monday morning by Solicitor Robert M. Wells to ascertain if Wilsey Hensley, Buncombe County bus driver, held in connection with the killing on statements by his wife, was actually implicated, or if her charges were made out of spite as Hensley claims.

The case will be given the most thorough investigation a Buncombe County mystery has ever received the solicitor said. Special Investigator Tilden Dillingham will lead the probe.

The 18 months' old murder case was re-opened Sunday when Hensley was arrested at Democrat. His arrest came as a result of a letter from his wife, now in jail on three larceny charges, to Elsie Brown of the Big Ivy section which said Mrs. Hensley could "tell a lot on Wilsey Hensley and could even tell how he killed Annie Mae Burgess."

Hensley told the Times today the accusations of his wife were made out of her sheer spite.

"She was sore at me for a long time. We never did get along very well," he declared. "She tricked me into marrying her in the first place."

Some weeks ago, Hensley declared, he had fallen out with his wife over her intimacies with other men. At that time she left the Hensley home at Dillingham where she had been living with Hensley and his mother and father and other members of his family.

A short time after she left Hensley said, his car was stolen and he reported the theft to officers. The car was found in the possession of Mrs. Hensley and she was arrested and placed in the Buncombe County jail. It was this incident, Hensley said, that he believes led her to accuse him of killing Mrs. Burgess. Mrs. Hensley is now in the jail on charges of stealing Hensley's car, on a liquor charge, on a charge of stealing a car in Charlotte and on charges of stealing blankets and phonograph records.

"I never had anything to do with Mrs. Burgess," Hensley said. "I don't even know Caleb Ingram or Bonnie Ledford who my wife says were in the party the night she claims I did the killing. I never had murder in my heart and I haven't got it now. I'm not worried and don't care what they do about this thing for my conscience is clear. I haven't any lawyer yet for I don't think I need one. I can't remember where I was the night Mrs. Burgess was killed but I'm not worried about proving I didn't have anything to do with that killing for I'm innocent. Those charges my wife made are just pure spite and they would be laughable if it weren't such a serious matter."

A complicated and involved story of the killing of Mrs. Burgess by her husband, his enforcement of her silence on the subject after he had told her about it and of threats against her life if she "squealed" by members of the Hensley family were told by Hensley's wife, Gertrude.

**Boasting Bandit Hollers For Help**

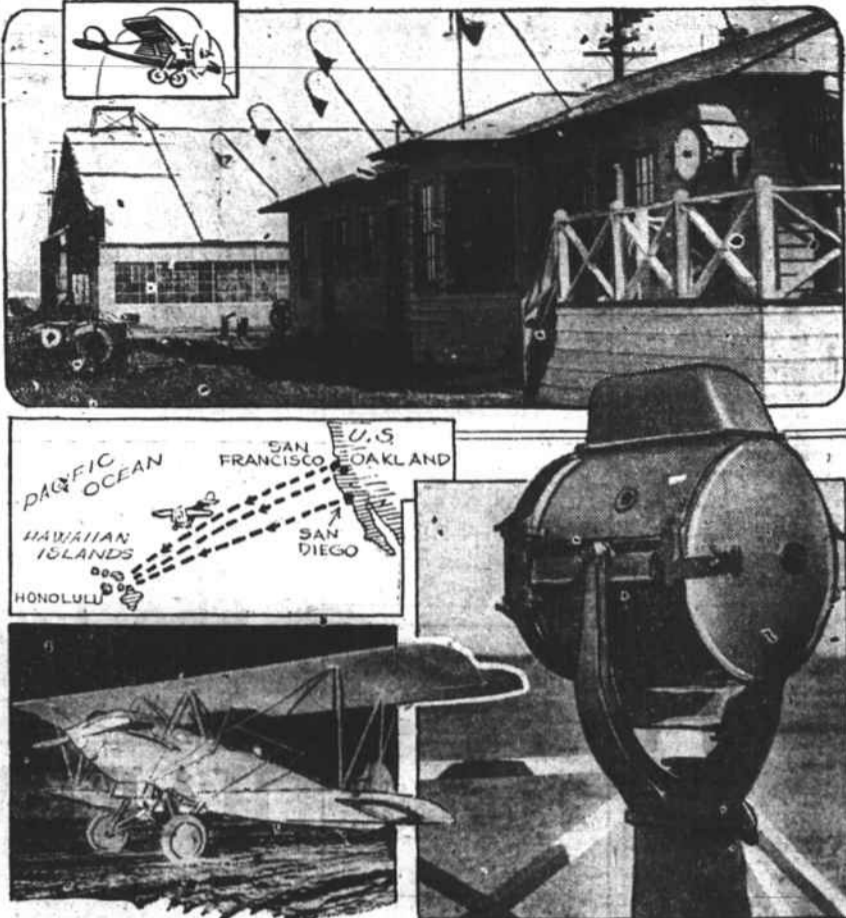
Benton, Ill., July 25.—(AP)—Charles Birger, leader of a formidable band of southern Illinois gangsters who once boasted that no law was strong enough to hold him looked today to the state Supreme Court to save him from the noose of the hangman.

Convicted yesterday, along with two of his former henchmen, for the murder of mayor Joe Adams of West City last December, Birger paced his cell in the county jail, the strain of 15 days of trial showing plainly on his haggard countenance.

**PLANS CELEBRATION FOR 108TH BIRTHDAY**

Asheville, July 25.—(AP)—"Granny," Rachel Riddle will celebrate her one hundred and eighth birthday at the home of her son in law, W. M. Fox, of Barnsdale, on Tuesday. Her family is making preparations to make the occasion a memorable one for the woman, said to be the oldest woman in Western North Carolina. The Rev. R. J. Bateman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville, will speak and a musical program is being arranged as well as a birthday dinner.

**SAN FRANCISCO'S NEW AIRPORT**



Top—Hangar and depot at San Francisco's municipal air port, which will be christened by planes which start from there in the Dole air race for Honolulu. Right—One of the combination spread-flood and arc lights on either side of starting line. Left—Making a night-time test take off under rays of flood lights on new air field.

**Unusual Corn Case Ends In Release Of Defendant**

A matter of fifty roasting ears, gathered surreptitiously Sunday morning in a cornfield cultivated by J. F. Belanga near the Lowry farm, just outside his city in the Corinth community, prompted the appearance of John Barnett, colored, in recorder's court Monday morning. John lives in Elizabeth City, and is fairly well known to police.

Belanga testified he had occasion to be in the field Sunday morning, and upon hearing a suspicious rustling noise in the cornfield, went to investigate. A colored individual departed hurriedly as he approached, he said, and disappeared in a car headed toward Elizabeth City, driven at reckless speed by another negro, decidedly lighter.

The witness declined to identify Barnett as the one fleeing from the field. Two other witnesses, Dave and Beatrice Johnson, colored, also were obscure on the point. They live near the Belanga farm, and saw the car pass, they said, but were uncertain as to the identity of its occupants. The corn is valued at 60 to 75 cents at current wholesale prices here.

The defendant was released under a nol proin leave by C. E. Bailey, acting trial justice in the absence of P. G. Sawyer. It was Mr. Bailey's first appearance on the bench since his appointment at the beginning of Trial Justice Sawyer's second term.

There was also a question of proprietorship of a home made bed quilt for the court's adjudication Monday morning. Aunt Sarah Jacobs, colored, the complainant, alleged that one Hattie Ann Barnes, also colored, had appropriated a quilt made of bed ticking by Aunt Sarah's daughter, now deceased.

Barnes woman denied the accusation vehemently. In the absence of testimony to corroborate Aunt Sarah's tale, the acting trial justice found the defendant not guilty.

A case in which Grady Felton, colored, is charged with aiding and abetting in immorality was continued to Wednesday morning upon representation by Prosecuting Attorney J. Henry LeRoy, Jr., that one of the state's principal witnesses—the woman in the case—was ill in bed.

In contrast to the general run of Monday morning courts, the session was entirely free from cases involving too large a celebration of the week-end.

**PRIMATE OF HUNGARY DIES AT BUDAPEST**

Budapest, Hungary, July 25.—(AP)—Cardinal Csernoch, Primate of Hungary died here today aged 75, after an illness of six months.

**Crowds At Opening Of Murder Trial In Louisiana**

Franklin, La., July 25.—(AP)—With the time for the opening of the trial for the three alleged murderers of James J. Lehoucq, Morgan City power plant superintendent, advanced an hour and the town thronged, today with visitors, the small courtroom of St. Mary parish was expected to be crowded at every session of the trial.

Aside from court attaches, attorneys and newspapermen the court seats only 250. The state has asked the death penalty for Mrs. Ada Nonner Lehoucq, widow of the slain man, Dr. Thomas E. Dreher, Morgan City physician, James Beadie, fisherman and trapper.

The slaying is alleged to have taken place July 1 while Lehoucq and his wife were out riding in two small boats.

Judge James D. Simon has issued instructions that every one be excluded from the court room after all the seats have been filled.

**Pythians From All Tidewater Section Here Tuesday Night**

Every Pythian lodge in North-eastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia has been invited to send representatives to a Pythian rally to be held in the local Pythian hall, corner Road and Fearling streets, Tuesday night, and a large delegation from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach and Rocky Mount is expected.

Features of the program will be addresses by R. T. Fountain of Rocky Mount, H. W. Furlow, grand master of the grand lodge of Virginia; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, former solicitor of this district and now prominently mentioned as candidate for Governor in 1932; R. C. Job, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce; W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent; and J. A. Jones, superintendent of the city schools.

**Guns On Levee To Salute Mr. Dawes**

Greenville, Miss., July 25.—(AP)—Vice-President Dawes will receive a salute of 19 guns when his train passes over the famous protection levee and enters Greenville Thursday when Mr. Dawes is to address the state convention of the American Legion. Artillery guns will be mounted on the protection levee and drop their shells into the Mississippi river.

A style expert is a person who gets women to pay more for fewer clothes.

**ODD WEDDING TO BE SOLEMNIZED IN NORTH WOODS**

**Four Priests to Officiate at Stillman - Wilson Affair; Society and Lumberjacks to Attend**

**IN RUSTIC SETTING**

**Marriage Will Take Place Outdoors in Forest Camp; Guests Will Dance Old-Fashioned Square Dance**

New York, July 25.—(AP)—Elaborate preparations for the wedding tomorrow of James "Bud" Stillman and his north woods sweetheart Lena Wilson are described in dispatches to New York newspapers today from Grand Anso, Quebec.

Four priests of the Catholic church will officiate at the marriage of the 18 year old French Canadian girl to the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stillman, prominent and wealthy members of the New York society.

The marriage will take place outdoors in a rustic setting at the forest camp of the Stillmans. Lumber jacks and natives of the district will attend as guests together with some of the most prominent society members of the States and the Dominion.

A broad wooden platform has been erected where residents of the three rivers will dance the old fashioned square dances to the music of accordions and violins.

Yesterday young Fowler McCormick, son of Harold F. McCormick of Chicago and prospective best man at the wedding in overalls was swinging an axe and hammering with the other laborers in completing final touches for the ceremony.

The last opposition to the marriage on the part of the Wilsons is said to have been overcome with the signing of "Bud" of an agreement whereby any children of their union would be reared in the Catholic faith.

Father Lamy revealed that immediately after the ceremony the young couple plan to spend three months in England, France and Italy. At Rome he said they will try to obtain an audience with the pope.

**Snake Bite Victim Showing Little Improvement**

Little or no improvement was reported Monday in the condition of Paul Pritchard, under treatment in a Norfolk hospital as a result of having been bitten by a poplar leaf snake at his home on the Creek Road, near this city, late Friday night.

It was stated at the hospital that the swelling in Pritchard's arm had moved upward into his shoulder, and was causing him considerable pain, but that he spent a fairly comfortable night. Mrs. V. B. Pritchard, his sister-in-law, quoted an attending physician as having declared he probably would recover, since he had survived the snake's bite this long.

Pritchard was bitten on the knuckles of the right hand. According to Mrs. Pritchard, who visited him Sunday with her husband, the arm is swollen to three times its normal size.

The poplar leaf snake is regarded as one of the most poisonous species encountered in this part of the country. It is scarce in Pasquotank County, being rarely encountered except in remote, heavily wooded regions, but is said to be exceedingly plentiful in the swampy wilderness of Tyrrell and Dare Counties, on the south side of Albemarle Sound.

**WILMINGTON MAN IS FATALLY HURT AT CHAPEL HILL**

Chapel Hill, July 25.—(AP)—D. C. Page, Wilmington, for the past two years a resident of Chapel Hill, was fatally injured here this morning when struck by a car driven by J. E. Mansess, Durham. The man, taken immediately to a hospital, died without regaining consciousness.

Page was crossing a street when Mansess, who witnesses say was driving at a moderate rate of speed, averted his car to avoid hitting him. Page it is said, seeing the car bearing down in his direction stepped directly into its path.

A coroner's inquest is being held.

Page, a construction foreman, is survived by a wife and child, who live in Chapel Hill, and a brother, J. A. Page, also of Chapel Hill. The body was taken to Wilmington this afternoon for burial.

**DR. WILLIAMS BACK**  
Dr. C. B. Williams returned Monday after spending the week-end at Virginia Beach with his family.

**Getting Along Nicely, Thank You**



Shirley O'Hara is her name and pretty is her face, so she should get along in the movies, don't you think? At any rate, she is. Shirley recently was signed to be Adolphe Menjou's leading lady in his next production.

**Name For Tag's Pony Is To Be Chosen Soon And To Appear In "Freckles"**

Everybody loves Tagalong, it seems. And everybody reads the comic strip, "Freckles and His Friends."

Not many days ago there appeared in this comic strip an inconspicuous notice, "Boys and girls, here's your chance. Tagalong wants a name for his brand new pony. What would you suggest? Send the name you think best to this paper. Don't forget to write your name and address plainly. Let's go."

The Advance staff was so busy looking after Chowan Bridge, Kill Devil Hill, Lindbergh, Commander Byrd, automobile accidents, police court, society, weddings, baseball, Dempsey and Sharkey, that poor little Tagalong might have been neglected had it not been for his little friends who read about him every day in The Daily Advance. But they were right on the job. Letters kept coming faster than they could be kept up with. The Advance started out to publish them and was swamped with the big pile of letters. The editor appealed to NEA, that wide-awake feature service which supplies this newspaper with "Freckles," "Our Our Way," "Moon," "Pop" and "The Penny Princess," as well as with cartoons and news pictures,—and has just received this reply:

"In Freckles strip in the next two weeks Tagalong will tell about all the letters he is receiving from all over the country, and the name suggested by the most children will be chosen as the name for the pony. Rush your letters and tell the children to read The Advance every day and watch for Tagalong to name his pony."

So hurry them in, children, as fast as you can. We shall not be able to publish them all, but each and every one shall be sent promptly to Tagalong's headquarters, NEA, Cleveland, Ohio, and the name for the pony will be selected at an early date. Let's have a hand in naming Tag's pony. Send your letters to The Daily Advance, and this newspaper will see that they reach Tag.

Whereas the Chowan Bridge celebration is now history and was a gigantic undertaking entrusted to the various committees made up of members from all parts of the Albemarle section; and Whereas, the celebration has received the approbation and praise of the great host of people that were present on that occasion; and Whereas, the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce recognizes the splendid and unselfish work done by Hon. J. L. Wiggins, general chairman, and all of his associates in this great enterprise; and the success of the undertaking; and Resolved, that the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce do felicitate the various committees on the Chowan Bridge celebration and rejoice in their accomplishment with them in their everlasting gratitude of all the people throughout Northeastern North Carolina.

Resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all the newspapers published in the Albemarle section of North Carolina.

**Discharged In Trial For Death O'Higgins**

Dublin, Ireland, July 25.—(AP)—George Plunkett, son of Count Plunkett, and the nine men arrested with him on a charge of assassination of Vice-President Kevin O'Higgins on July 19, were discharged this morning, no evidence being offered against them.

**FOUND FATALLY SHOT IN BALTIMORE HOME**

Baltimore, July 25.—(AP)—Howard E. Miller, 49, president and treasurer of the International Syndicate, a newspaper feature service with offices here, was found fatally shot in his home last night, with indications pointing to suicide. He died before a doctor could reach him.

Mr. Miller had been in ill health members of his family told police.

**JOHN EARLY IS NOT REGARDED AS DANGEROUS**

**Far-Famed Leper Now Encamped Near Home Folks in Polk County Less Menace Than Many Sick**

**DISEASE FEARED**

**Rarity of the Malady Also Excites Attention, While Many Fatal Diseases Take Toll Unnoticed**

Raleigh, July 25.—(AP)—Hungry for his native Western North Carolina mountains, John Early, who escaped from the Carrollville, Louisiana, Federal Leprosarium recently, and remains encamped near his home folks in Polk County, State health authorities here were advised today.

The more than 50 year old victim of leprosy, in a mild stage at present, with his gloves concealing the only remaining marks of the dread disease on his person, will submit to Federal authorities soon—in about two or three weeks, authorities believe.

For Early has a \$150 a month Spanish-American war pension and to obtain it, he must establish a residence and he cannot do this if he remains on paper in the status of an escaped leper.

So Early will return when the weather cools to fill out several years he has to serve in Carville.

Meanwhile Thomas J. Harkins, Asheville, Federal district attorney, telegraphed Hugh Cummings, United States surgeon general, at Washington, that Early could be located if he inquired of Sheriff MacFarland of Polk County and the head of the United States Public Health Service wired Dr. Charles O. H. Laughinghouse, State health officer, the substance of the message. The State health authorities acknowledged the advice and reminded the Federal authorities to go ahead, if they desired.

At the same time it was pointed out here that in the last 15 years, there has been 30 deaths in the State from hydrophobia, many deaths from other diseases, but that John Early's case is the one known to the State health authorities.

Early's case, however, is not dangerous but the fear of the disease, as old as the Bible, and its rarity combined to excite public notice. "There are at least 100 men in any city of the State more dangerous to the public health," one State health official said.

**Arranging Match For Championship**

Chicago, July 25.—(AP)—Arrangements for the heavy weight championship match between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey in Soldier Field stadium here probably will be concluded this week. Tex Rickard arrived Thursday for a conference with Chicago officials.

Mayor Thompson, the State Athletic Commission and George F. Getz, minister head of the mayor's civic activity committee will meet with the New York promoter and lay plans for handling a crowd of approximately 150,000 and gate receipts of more than \$2,000,000.

Since boxing was legalized in Illinois, 14 months ago, the largest gate has been about \$80,000 although championship matches have been held in each of the major league baseball parks but none in the stadium.

Edward J. Kelly, president of the South Park box which built and controls the huge horseshoe in Grant Park, returned from the Dempsey-Sharkey fight, with renewed hope that the Dempsey-Tunney match would be landed by Chicago. He said he'd welcome it. Rodeo track meets, many exhibitions and all sorts of spectacles have been staged in the stadium, which seated comfortably 100,000 persons at the Army-Navy football game last fall.

The big floor, approximately 80 yards wide and 15 long will be filled with seats for around 50,000, park officials estimated.

The park boxing law provides that promoters must be residents of five years duration in the state before they can be granted licenses but Mr. Getz said he would solve that problem by applying for the license himself with Rickard as his "advisor."

**MR. PARSONS BETTER**

Much improvement in the condition of G. W. Parsons, well known Elizabeth City business man, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis Saturday at Ocean View, was reported by relatives Monday morning. W. Ben Goodwin, son-in-law of Mr. Parsons, returned home from Ocean View Monday, bringing the news that Mr. Parsons was decidedly better. Mr. Parsons is remaining with him.