

ORAL TESTIMONY IN YOUTHS' CASE TO START TODAY

Fixing of Degree of "Moral Turpitude" May Be Method

INSANITY PLEA IS BEING DISCUSSED

Death or Life Imprisonment For Chicago Boys seen

Chicago, July 22.—Fixing of the degree of "moral turpitude" may be the legal method by which may be determined the ultimate fate of Nathan Leopold Jr., and Richard Loeb, Jr., who kidnapped and killed young Robert Franks for a thrill.

Upon the development of this question, legal experts say, will hinge whether they shall hang or go to the penitentiary. First steps in arriving at a solution of the question will be taken tomorrow when the youths, who yesterday pleaded guilty; will appear in court for a hearing preliminary to their formal sentences.

Admission of the crime by the two sons of Chicago millionaires before Judge John R. Caverly wiped out the possibility of a plea of insanity, at least until sentence has been fixed. The defense asked permission to present evidence in mitigation of punishment based upon the youth of the defendants and their "degree of mental responsibility." Attorneys agreed however that if mental responsibility is linked in this case with the question of "moral turpitude," it will be the first such instance in the history of Illinois courts.

Clarence S. Darrow and Benjamin Baerbach, attorneys for the defense, were non-committal in their discussion of this phase of the case.

"We can go as far as we like in the presentation of insanity evidence and we probably will," Mr. Darrow said.

Robert E. Crowe, State's attorney, however, has declared he will not agree to the presentation of any evidence tending to show the boys insane, except before a jury. He spent today in seclusion, busied with last minute preparation of the statement which he expects to open proceedings tomorrow. He expects to finish his statement during the morning session and perhaps will start presenting oral testimony before adjournment for luncheon.

The court room where will be decided the punishment to be meted out for one of the most startling and sensational crimes in Chicago's history, was given over today to carpenters and wire men who were busy installing benches, telegraph circuits and seats for one of the largest assemblages of writers in the history of local courts. Nearly 100 press tickets have been issued.

No less than 81 witnesses will be called by the state to inform Judge Caverly of the facts developed by the prosecution unless the court decides he does not need all this detail.

The oral testimony, according to plans, will begin tomorrow with the calling to the stand of Jacob Franks, father of the murdered boy. It was he who identified the body of his son after it was found, stuffed into a culvert in a "Southside swamp."

Mr. Franks will talk about the ransom letter which he received and the telephonic calls by which

W. M. U. Annual Meeting Palm Fork Church July 25, 1924

Devotional Services—Mrs. Belle Metcalf.

Words of Welcome—Pastor L. O. Roberts.

Response—

Roll Call of Societies.

Recognition of visitors and pastors.

Reports.—Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. R. Elmore; Mission Study, Mrs. Ralph Morgan, Personal Service, Mrs. L. R. Williams, Stewardship, Miss Della Huggins.

Talk by Superintendent.

Discussion—(1) Bible and Mission Study, Mrs. C. J. Biggers. (2) Enlistment, Mrs. A. C. Hamby, Soul Winning, Mrs. N. B. McDaniel, Personal Service, Mrs. W. A. West. (3) Gifts Reports, and Prayer, Mrs. E. J. Roberts and Mrs. Carrie Phillips.

Talk—State & Home Missions Foreign Missions—Rev. R. P. McCracken.

Christian Stewardship, Miss Della Huggins.

Periodicals—Mrs. J. R. Owens. Appointment of Committees.

Noon.

Afternoon in charge of Young People, Miss Parnell Davis presiding.

Devotional Service—Mrs. Crawford Bryan.

Roll Call of Societies.

Talk—College Y. W. A. Girl and Her Local Church—Mrs. Abbie Boonsteel.

The Y. W. A. Standard and How to Reach It—Mrs. E. G. Coats.

Talk—Importance of Fostering Y. P. Societies—Miss Mary Warren.

W. M. U. Special Funds—Mrs. C. A. Klutz.

How Shall We Reach Our Associational Standard of Excellence?—Mrs. A. C. Hamby.

Obituary Service—Mrs. L. C. Roberts.

Our Mountain Assembly. Reports of Committees.

he was instructed when, where and how to deliver the \$10,000 demanded, by the defendants.

After the father's testimony will come the statements of a coroner's physician as to the body itself. The state expects to follow this with testimony by hotel clerks and bank tellers identifying both youths as impersonating "Morton D. Ballard," in whose name a room was taken at a downtown hotel by Loeb and a bank account opened by Leopold.

It is doubtful whether the first day's hearing will go beyond this stage of the case. Subsequent testimony will deal with Leopold's ownership of a portable typewriter, the purchase of a chisel and rope and a bottle of acid which the youths intended to use in the slaying.

The state witnesses will also include Eben England, chauffeur of the Leopold family, and his wife, who will testify that the Leopold car in which the boys said they were riding on the day of murder was in the garage all day.

Whether the boys themselves will take the stand is uncertain. By entering guilty pleas and submitting themselves to a hearing to determine the degree of punishment, the youths are subject to be called by the State; the defense or the court itself. Their names are not on the state's list of witnesses made public today but it is possible that the state may place them on the stand later.

Semi-Monthly Farm Note For North Carolina

The ground hog must have come out a second time early in June, resulting in all of this rainy weather. According to over one hundred special crop notes reports received, covering the first half of July, the excessive rainfall is general all over the state. Western counties have had least unfavorable conditions. The soil is wet, resulting in grassy crops and general inability to carry on cultivation. Hand labor by hoe work has been much more than usual and very expensive. The farmers are justly greatly discouraged.

The cotton and tobacco outlooks are anything but favorable. They are still complaining of poor labor, low prices of farm products and high prices of goods bought. Tobacco plants are uneven in growth more than in stands. Crop stands in general vary from poor to good. Labor is reported as sorry and scarce from all parts of the state.

Several mention that no labor is available except from farm families. During recent travel over the state it was quite common to see children, mostly girls, as young as eight years old, hoeing in the fields. Small boys were seen plowing. Some of the general remarks were "Need of sunshine;" "poor outlook;" "fighting grass;" "too much rain."

The tobacco outlook is quite variable, it being a fair balance between poor and good as shown by the 51 such remarks. Most of the damage seems to be by rain. While the color is good, the quality will be light and variable. The texture will naturally be affected, as well as the weight. Continued wet weather after July 15th will more seriously lower the outlook.

The corn outlook is perhaps the best of any crop. This is due to its being a grass plant. The best fields are to be found on uplands for many bottom lands have been flooded. Wheat may not turn out as good as was expected, due to the bad weather during harvesting conditions. Both wheat and oats are reported as sprouting in the fields, while similar reports note that these crops are rotting, due to too much rain. Decreased acreage this year is generally recognized.

The fruit outlook is good, in spite of adverse winter conditions and spring lateness, followed by a long period of wet weather. The quality of peaches is good in size but poor in flavor and keeping qualities. The evidence of curculio and plant disease is less than might be expected. Heavy drop of apples during June was reported from the large commercial orchards in western counties.

The truck crops are generally good to fair. Only nine reports of poor truck conditions. Cantaloupes are very unsatisfactory due to lack of sunshine primarily. Peaches have had poor flavor.

Livestock in general is average in condition. Only one case of cholera among hogs in a southeastern county. Low prices are complained of, especially among cattle. Interest in dairying is as usual.

The Best Thing

A Cherryville school teacher, some time ago, asked her pupils what they regarded as the best and most valuable thing in this community. The children wrinkled their brows, looked perplexed and some of them answered the question. But they were all wide of the mark.

The teacher indicated the answers were wrong as each pupil made his or her supreme effort to find the correct answer to the knotty problem. Finally the teacher, when they were all expectant and very much excited over what really was the best thing in this community, told them that they themselves were the best and most valuable.

It was somewhat of a jolt for little folks, especially those with a keen imagination, who had conjured up many wonderful things. The teacher's answer brought them back to earth, but it gave them a sense of their importance in the world.

It should also give every person living in the community, regardless of whether they have children in the public schools, something to think about, when we think along lines of community development.

For we cannot build for the future any better than by making better boys and girls who will be come better men and women and make this a better community in the next generation.

We can build for the future, not alone by teaching children at home how to live right, but by supporting the teacher, the school authorities, and the whole public school system to the best of our ability and to the limit of our means.

We cannot hope for our community to rise any higher in the future than our public school system.—Cherryville Eagle.

Hogs Double Profits On Corn

Corn raised on land that will produce forty bushels per acre will cost around 70 cents per bushel to produce charging for man labor at 30 cents per hour. If sold as corn on the farm at 1.00 per bushel there is a profit of 30 cents per bushel, or \$12.00 per acre.

When this corn is properly supplemented with balancing feeds and fed to hogs; the hogs sold at \$8.25 per 100 pounds, delivered at the farm, and the cost of the supplemental feeds then deducted, the returns for corn will be about \$1.30 per bushel. The profit per bushel is thereby doubled, and the plant food value of about 15 cents per bushel, will remain on the farm, thus paying handsomely for the trouble of selling the corn in this way.

When fed to hogs we have a per acre profit of \$24.00 and a return per hour for human labor devoted to producing the corn of slightly over \$1.00 or \$10.00 per ten-hour day. This is one of the reasons why properly fed live stock is more profitable than the customary method of figuring shows states, W. W. Shay Swine Extension Specialist for the State College of Agriculture.

Notice!

During the hot weather the Friaby Fashion Shop will be open only from 7 to 11 A. M. Gingham dresses \$1.50 and up, during July and August.

Laurel Branch News

Rev. Wade White and family have been visiting their parents and friends here for a few weeks. They returned Monday to Morristown, Tenn. Wade is principal of an eight teacher school in Morristown. This is his third year down there. He is planning to go to Carson-Newman College next year.

There is a wonderful Revival going on now at Laurel Branch Church. Rev. J. D. Quinton of Morristown is preaching powerfully and is a great Spirit-filled, Man of God. About 50 have already been restored and converted.

With best regards to News-Record and readers.
 (A Subscriber)

A Letter

Mr. Homer Henry,
 Supt. Pub. Instruction,
 Marshall, N. C.

Dear Mr. Henry:

Your telegram is received. Glad schools have opened. Dr. A. L. Wooten, one of our State School Dentists, will leave for Madison first of the week and should reach there to begin work around the middle of the week. We are sending him to you for two months and hope that Madison will be greatly benefited by the work he will do for the children.

With best wishes, I am
 Yours very truly,
 J. C. JOHNSON
 Field Supervisor of Dentists.

RE-UNION

On Sunday, July 20, many relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Corn for the first re-union of that family. Every member of Mr. Corn's family was present, including his mother, Mrs. Elissa Corn, who is more than eighty years old and who had a son and daughter, nine grand-children and eleven great grand children present. A bountiful dinner was spread on the lawn under a large weeping willow and the many good things enjoyed by all. Those present were Mrs. Elissa Corn, Miss Lillie Corn, Mr. and Mrs. George Corn, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Clark, Mr. Claxton Corn, Miss Thelma Corn and Mr. Marrion Buckner and his son Ernest all of Bull Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Corn and family and Mrs. Hubert Corn and family of Asheville, Mrs. Carol Phillips and children of Mars Hill, Mrs. S. Myers of Stockville, Miss Halie Silver and Mr. Clyde Teague, of Marshall.

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State Fair Will Show The State

Raleigh, N. C., July 21, 1924. The State Fair is living up to its slogan "It Shows North Carolina," according to General Manager E. V. Walborn, who states that seventy-three counties participated in the premiums offerings last year which is six more counties than in 1922.

When Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt took over the reins four years ago she determined to make it a State fair in deed as well as in name, and she has set the goal this year for representation by one hundred counties. It is to be one hundred per cent a State fair, with every county taking part.

Twenty-two thousand dollars is offered in premiums, which is divided so as to bring out a wide variety of exhibits as well as the best exhibits. It is divided, too, so that all sections of the State have a chance to participate in the prize money if worth while exhibits are furnished.

Exhibitors from the seventy-three counties last year have been invited to repeat; but the invitations will not stop here. Provision is being made to take care of the others expected to take part from the remaining twenty-seven counties.

While showing the State what it can produce and manufacture, the State Fair aims this year to give special emphasis to the many opportunities for development that exist. Educational exhibits will be one of the big features this year.

Priority of claim for space can not be honored after July 31st, it is announced, and prospective exhibitors are urged to send in their applications at once.

San Carlo Grand Opera Company

Asheville, N. C., July—Indications are that music lovers from practically every section of North Carolina will attend one or more of the renditions of nine world-famed grand operas which are to be given at the City Auditorium in Asheville the week of August 11th by the San Carlo Grand Opera Company under the auspices of the Asheville Festival Association.

At the headquarters of the Association, numbers of letters are still unanswered by reason of the inability of the committee to meet the unexpected demand for particulars of this event. It was not anticipated that the interest would be so widespread, hence the unpreparedness to take care of the avalanche of inquiries which have arrived with increasing numbers daily during the past week.

The City of Asheville is making a record in giving standard Grand Opera at the lowest known price, believing that this will work to ultimate advantage by attracting larger numbers to Western North Carolina during the summer months. The nine operas scheduled to be given are as follows: "Aida," "Madame Butterfly," Lucia, "Carmen," "Rigoletto," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Pagliacci," "Faust" and "Il Travatore." Over a hundred artists will be in the cast, including some of the most famous international operatic stars.

The acoustics in the City Auditorium in Asheville are said to be splendidly adapted for the rendition of grand opera and the stage sufficiently large to accommodate the large organization carrying the car loads of scenery which are necessary for these gigantic productions.