

SLAYERS OF BOBT. FRANKS GET LIFE IMPRISONMENT

The Boys Laughed and Joked and Offered to Bet on the Sentence; Judge Cawley Says Sentence in Line With Modern Thought and Precedents in Illinois Court Records.

Criminal Court Building, Chicago, Sept. 10.—Sentences of life imprisonment for the murders of fourteen-year-old Robert Franks and 99 years for kidnapping the boy were meted out to Leob and Leopold by Judge Cawley today. The youth of the defendants, 18 and 19 years, saved them from the noose. It would have been the path of least resistance to impose the extreme penalty of the law, said the judge. In choosing imprisonment instead of death the court is moved by their age. It is not for the court to say it will not enforce capital punishment, but it is within the province of the court to decline to impose the sentence of death on persons who are not of full age. This seems to be in line with the progress of criminal law all over the world, and in accordance with the precedents in this case. The records of this state show only two cases, to which the court is not inclined to make any additions.

After sentence had been pronounced Nathan Leopold, Sr., father of one of the defendants, said that he would never attempt to obtain the release of his son from the penitentiary. When asked if that was his attitude, he answered "surely."

"It was what we could have expected," said Clarence Darrow. There will be no appeal. I do not regard it as a victory except one of Justice."

Said Benjamin Bachrach, the defense counsel, "Do not congratulate me personally."

Nathan F. Leopold, Sr., sat silently smiling. He nodded his head when friends grouped around him and whispered to him.

Thomas Leopold, Nathan's older brother, who had been in the courtroom when the sentence was passed, crowded around him. Allen Leopold, brother of Richard, beamed smiles but said nothing.

Leopold remained silent, although he relaxed visibly after sentence was passed and watched Leopold and Leopold, the defendants were taken to their cells. Then as the court room emptied rapidly he refused to talk to newspaper men but said, "They are waiting let's go."

Nathan Leopold, Sr., recovered his composure and passed cigars to the members of the group as they filed from the court room.

Edwin Graham, uncle of the murdered boy, was the only member of the Franks family in the court room. He shook his head when asked the Franks version of the sentence. Mr. Darrow was commenting upon the possibility of parole when Leopold interrupted. The defense counsel chief said that parole could be applied for after two and a half years, but thought it required 37 1/2 years under a sentence of 99 years.

Judge Cawley remained in his room about three quarters of an hour after sentence was passed. When he left it was through a private entrance and he was surrounded by guards.

The two youthful defendants arose at 6:30 after a night of unbroken slumber. "I am glad the strain of the trial is over," Leopold said. Leopold made no statement.

Throughout the night extra guards waited in the judge's room and at dawn the ropes were lowered, and the armed men had instructions to be in the square. On the last night of their fate they did not appear worried. They ate heartily and rested at the o'clock in excellent spirits.

Leopold offered to wager on Judge Cawley's decision. "I'll bet we hang or I bet we don't. Take your choice."

AMERICANS GETTING SHORTER

Dr. J. H. Kelling, of Battle Creek, Mich., is quoted as saying that the modern habit of "sat-downism" has caused the average height of Americans to drop two inches in the last 50 years.

We don't know whether the loss is to be deplored or otherwise. Statistics show that the height of Americans has increased during the past 50 years. A man is said to be entitled to being longer and living longer, or having shorter and living longer.

Truth of the matter the American public has been informed so regularly that we are surprised that the loss has not been greater. We do not credit the fact rating high with as much honor as the fact that in weight this would speed to bound to us you.

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What a Depositor Ows His Bank

By V. R. Patterson, in the Southern Banker

When public improvements are contemplated by a city, calling for a large outlay of money, the average citizen is not the least perturbed, taking the position that the city pays for it. When questions of various kinds present themselves for solution bearing upon the income and disbursements of a city, county, state or nation, as a rule we take the position that it is all right and will not cost the individual anything. We fail adequately to grasp the results of such a position. We should realize that cities and nations are but aggregations of individuals. Each citizen is vitally affected by the acts of his respective government.

This reasoning applies with equal force to the customers of banks. The ability of a bank to render satisfactory service to the public as a whole depends almost wholly upon the attitude each customer takes toward his bank and the demands he makes upon his financial ally. Each depositor is vitally interested in just what he owes his bank in the way of proper consideration as to whether or not his demands are just and reasonable and in what position his banker would be placed should every depositor assume the same attitude.

As to Business Reputation

As we progress in the study of the subject, What A Depositor Ows His Bank, other considerations present themselves for careful thought. Not the least is the fact that as a depositor I owe it to my bank to say nothing of my obligation to myself, to maintain at all times a flawless business reputation in all that the word implies. The worst thing that can happen to a man is to lose his reputation. My conduct and connection with my fellowmen should be above suspicion. Nathan, too, does the same.

As to Financiality

I should be punctual in all my dealings with my banker, especially in the matter of caring for my obligations at the note window. Punctuality is a powerful endowment, a valuable virtue, and yet one easily possessed if one only makes up his mind to practice and cultivate this all important asset. I sometimes feel that a look at the note books of representative banks would impel a stronger desire on the part of customers to cultivate more freely this necessary and, at times, neglected virtue.

As to His Time

I owe it to my banker to be thoughtful and considerate of his time. I should not require such special attention as will necessitate undue time in having my wants properly and quickly cared for. My conversation during banking hours should be on the business at hand, realizing that my bank has other customers to serve besides myself. I do not mean by this that I should be strictly business to the exclusion of personal friendship, which means great deal in the life of a business; but I should so regulate the time necessary for my banker to serve me that none will be unduly delayed by my thoughts disregard of this valuable commodity in trade which we call time.

As to His Mistakes

I owe it to my banker to be charitable concerning the question of mistakes made by the bank. Bankers are human, after all, and mistakes will occur, and I should be willing to be governed by this fact. If a deposit is posted wrong, or a check charged to me that I did not draw, I should be willing to give the bank a chance to correct the error without allowing my displeasure to reach the boiling point, and possibly close my account without bringing the error to the attention of some one in authority who is really more hurt than I am on account of the error.

As to His Profits

I owe it to my banker to carry proper and profit paying balances on which he can make a reasonable profit. I expect my banker to maintain his expenses, few, if any, of which were thought of a few years ago. My banker cannot meet these demands and render adequate service unless he makes money. If my bank does not make money on me, I am being denied by other depositors who have more consideration for my banker than I have. This is not in accordance with my views, for I believe I should carry my proportionate part of the costs of doing business. Anything less than this would close me as an undesirable bank customer.

As to His Confidence

I owe it to my banker to have such confidence in him that I can trust him to do his best for me. I do not mean that I should be



Our Next President

CONTENDS FOR STATE PORTS

Says North Carolina Is Only
State Failing to Develop
Waterways.

Elizabeth City, Sept. 9.—"Either all other states in the Union with facilities for water transportation are consummately foolish and North Carolina is only wise or else North Carolina is unspeakably foolish and these other states are wise," General E. E. Glenn told his Elizabeth City audience in his address here in behalf of the state port and terminals measure which is to be the issue of a referendum submitted to the voters of this state in the November elections, "for North Carolina potentially greatest in such facilities, is the only state of them all that has done nothing to develop its water transportation."

This measure which is to be submitted to the voters in North Carolina in November, the speaker went on to say, "does not provide for the construction of terminals at any particular point. It is not a Wilmington project or a Southport project or a New Bern project. It is a state project."

At and proper location or terminals both ocean and inland. That's all that is possible and all that it is necessary for the state to do, for the federal government will not permit the state to provide channels for commerce into and out of these terminals, but is itself obligated to provide channels where there are terminals.

"You people in this section are very

much interested in the completion of the Norfolk to Beaufort section of the Norfolk to Beaufort section of the Atlantic Inland Waterway. Senator Simmons has been working on this project for years, but progress is

painfully slow. I asked the senator

about it on a recent visit to Wash-

ington and he told me that the stamping block was the board of engineers of the war department at Wash-

ington. I went to see the head of

that board and here is what he said to me:

"You folks down there are talking about potential commerce, but we can't recommend appropriations on the basis of potential commerce."

"But suppose," I countered, "North

Carolina goes ahead and she sits just in providing terminals for shipping along the route of this proposed waterway?"

"Then the appropriation for the completion of this project would go through on graded wheels," was his answer, "for that would be the best possible evidence of North Carolina's good faith in the claims on which the state is asking for the development of this waterway."

BOY FALLS, IN- STANTLY KILLED

Jack Garris, 14 Year Old Son
of Ashley Garris, a Farmer
of Falkland, N. C.

Falkland, Sept. 10.—A tragic accident occurred near Falkland on Tuesday afternoon of last week when Jack Garris, the 14-year-old son of Ashley Garris, a farmer of Falkland township fell from a tree and was fatally injured. The boy was last seen when he left home on his bicycle about 10 o'clock. When darkness came and he did not return, his mother and the family authorities began a search for him. His mother found the lad lying near a tree in the edge of the woods several hundred yards from the house, and upon coming nearer, discovered the body of her son on the ground under the tree. It is thought the boy climbed the tree for grapes and either jumped out or fell in such a way as to break his neck, instant death being the result. The funeral services were held in the Falkland Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon, interment being in the cemetery at Falkland.

WEDDING INVITATIONS ISSUED

The following invitations were received by friends here during the past week:

"Mr. and Mrs. Abram James Moye request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Nellie Whitehead, to Mr. Sam Christian Manning on Thursday morning, September the eighteenth, at half after ten o'clock, Christian church, Farmville, North Carolina."

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JUDGE HORTON HITS SPEEDERS

Those Who Exceed the Speed
Limit and Also Those Who
Violate the Law Regarding
Stopping at Railroad Cross-

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—"The children need to be and must be protected from the menace of traffic violators," declared Judge J. Loyd Horton at the opening of the criminal term of the superior court yesterday when he called upon members of the grand jury to pay particular attention to the violations of the speed and other traffic laws, particularly with regard to the operation of automobiles by drivers under the influence of whisky."

Judge Horton called attention to the fact that with the opening of the schools the lives of children will be endangered by petty and gross violations of the traffic laws of the state.

"We should instill in the mind and heart of every automobile driver," he said, "the idea that the children are at his mercy and that they deserve the utmost care from drivers of motor vehicles. I am afraid our people are not obeying the traffic laws as they should and it is very important at this time that law obedience should demand more attention from the grand jurors since it is the time that the school children need every protection on the highways."

"No more dangerous weapon has been provided than the man who tanks up on mean whisky and drives his automobile on the highways without regard for the safety of men, women and children," he declared.

The judge's remarks on traffic violations was followed by the submission of 27 cases of railroad stop law violators. Without exception all who faced trial pleaded guilty and each was taxed with the cost of the action.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, PITTS CO. FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN MET YESTERDAY

At a meeting of the Pitt County Federation of Methodist Women met with the president, Mrs. J. W. Lovelace, on Wednesday afternoon of this week in the following members present: Mrs. J. W. Parlor, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Andrews, of Ayden, treasurer; Mrs. W. C. Vincent, Federation vice president, of Greenville Auxiliary; Mrs. R. A. Fields, vice president of Farmville Auxiliary; Mrs. W. M. Edwards, president of Ayden Auxiliary; and Mrs. T. W. Lang, president of Farmville Auxiliary.

Tuesday, October 1, was decided upon as the date for the annual meeting which will be entertained by the local women's organization and the secretary was instructed to invite all the women in the county and to extend a special invitation to Mrs. C. E. Blount of Wilson, the retiring district secretary. A delightful program was outlined after which the body adjourned.

Mrs. J. G. Spencer assisted the hostess in serving delicious fruit gelatine topped with whipped cream and wafers.

When \$25.00 has been paid in work on the building will begin.

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