

# BELIEVE MAN FOUND DEAD NEAR CITY TAKEN \$10,000 PAYROLL

## WEATHER

Generally fair Friday; Saturday showers and somewhat cooler.

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# FORTY WOMEN AND TOTS DROWN AS BOAT CAPSIZES

## CLAIM "UNDUE AND IMPROPER INFLUENCE" IN WILL CASE

### Captain And Members Of Crew Arrested Following One Of Most Terrible Lake Mishaps

#### Women and Children Were Out for Three Mile Ride to Escape Terrific City Heat; Stories of Heroism are Told; Rescues Wife and Child and Mother Drowns in Arms

CHICAGO, July 28 (AP)—The Favorite was raised tonight by dredges and 5 more bodies, 3 children and 2 women were discovered in the back part of the upper cabin. When the boat is pumped out, so it can be more thoroughly investigated, other bodies may be found, it is believed.

CHICAGO, July 28 (AP)—The total of 64 persons were known to have been aboard the ill-fated Favorite when it sank in Lake Michigan late today. Twenty-six are dead, 18 rescued and 20 others missing.

CHICAGO, July 28 (AP)—Upward of two score persons, mostly women and little tots out for a boatripe to escape the city's sweltering heat which ranged up to 95 degrees were drowned late today when the "Favorite," a small excursion boat, capsized in Lake Michigan about a mile from shore during a squall.

Early tonight 22 bodies had been recovered and at that hour the coroner said he believed there were almost that many more in the vessel itself. He based his statement partly on an investigation by a president of a Chicago radio corporation who went down in a diving suit to explore the vessel.

The Favorite, a 2-deck gasoline boat, 44 feet long, with a capacity of 150, left the Lincoln Park pier early in the afternoon for a cruise to the municipal pier three miles distant. The boat was about a mile from the pier and a half mile off shore when the squall came up.

The captain and members of his crew were arrested. He said the passengers caused the boat to capsize when they became terror-stricken at the storm. Little tots who had never been in the water fought for their lives alongside their mothers and a few men, as the waves, rising with each gust of wind, swept over the decks and then partly submerged her.

One small life boat was cut loose and three small boys made shore in it. Other children and women clung to life preservers and to the side of the boat.

The work of rescue was underway "now" before the boat had settled. The few men aboard the ship fought to save women and children while nearby scores of small craft also tried to reach the scene, removing many children from the sides of the boat where they hung on for dear life.

A negro band aboard the boat played jazz music when the storm came and as the boat listed the musicians left their posts, tossed away their instruments, and jumped overboard. All were saved.

Opel Milton, 14, a boy from Oklahoma, was hero of the disaster. The girl managed to save four children, including the 10-year-old daughter of the ship's captain before becoming exhausted herself.

The dead were not immediately identified. As there was no list of passengers and hours after the accident, persons whose children or women had not returned home clamored at morgues seeking knowledge of loved ones, whom they fearfully believed might be dead or missing.

Several investigations of the tragedy (Continued on Page Two)

### MANY FLIGHTS NOW PLANNED

#### Score of Aviators May Fly Across Atlantic in Next Six Weeks

NEW YORK, July 28 (AP)—Continuation of the present unfavorable weather for long distance flying increased the possibility that during the next six weeks a score of aviators may all be flying over the Atlantic at the same time, more than half of the westward bound for Europe.

At present plans are well under way for trans-Atlantic crossings in ten planes, each carrying from one to four men. The only woman aviator who has announced intention of attempting the Atlantic flight, the German ace, does not plan to embark on her adventure until next year.

The flights which might begin at the same time should the weather cause short delays are as follows:

Captain Frank Courtney, British ace; Maurice Droughin, French flier will be ready in 10 days to pilot Charles Levine back across the course flow in the eastward direction in the same plane by Levine and Clarence Chamberlin; Leon Gibon, another Frenchman; three German planes are expected to attempt hops to America within the next few weeks. Besides these six planes which might compose a great race over the westward course, two planes are completing preparations for flights from this country to Europe and two other from Canada to the Continent.

### DR. WILSON GOES TO DIRECT SOUTHERN LIBRARY INSTITUTE

CHAPEL HILL, July 28—Dr. Louis R. Wilson, University of North Carolina librarian, has gone to Atlanta to direct the Southern Library Institute for the Southeastern States being held there this and next week under the auspices of the American Library Association and the Carnegie Library of Atlanta.

The Institute continues through August 6 and deals primarily with library administration and book selection. Dean C. A. Hibbard, of the University College of Liberal Arts, is a member of the staff in charge of the Institute.

While in Georgia, Dr. Wilson, representing the American Library Association, will visit the summer library school of the University of Georgia.

### Negro, 19, Charged With Carnal Knowledge Girl 6

LUCIAN JEFFERSON, 19, negro, of 213 South James street, will be given a preliminary hearing before Judge W. G. Britt at 4 o'clock this afternoon on a charge of having carnal knowledge of Eloise McKinnie, 6, negro.

The crime is alleged to have been committed several days ago, and the child is described as having contracted a venereal disease as a result of the experience. She was carried in arms yesterday as her mother sought the warrant. Two physicians have examined her, it was said, and are willing to testify that she has been violated and that she has contracted the venereal disease.

Jernigan was held in Wayne county jail yesterday pending the preliminary hearing today.

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### IS WANTED BY FEDERAL AGENTS

#### OFFER REWARD IN LANE CASE

##### Administrator of Estate of New Bern Banker Offers \$1,000 Reward

NEW BERN, July 28—A reward of \$1,000 is offered by the administrator and family of O. W. Lane for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties responsible for the killing of the former New Bern banker near Mayesville during the night of July 22 last.

Announcement of the reward was made today by Wilson H. Lee, the administrator, and W. B. Blades and Paul Mengel, brothers-in-law of the deceased. The advertisement is published in the Sun-Journal this afternoon over their signatures.

Offering of the reward came as a result of a coroner's jury verdict last Monday which blamed the theory offered by some that Mr. Lane had taken his own life while sitting in his car alone on a side road four miles from Mayesville. The jury rendered a verdict that the case was one of murder and not suicide.

Dr. J. C. Bell, of Mayesville, acting coroner who investigated the case, has repeatedly stated that the matter was a closed incident in so far as he was concerned. However, it was learned here last night that the family had planned to have an investigation made in an effort to clear up the mystery surrounding the death.

Mr. Lane was last seen alive by L. T. Gillette and Charlie Meadows, according to testimony at the inquest. The two had left him about midnight Friday in his car at the spot where his body was found. The car had become stuck in the muddy road and Mr. Lane had refused to leave it. About 4:30 Saturday morning, Gillette and George Meadows, with whom the former had spent the night went back to the scene where the car and Mr. Lane were left, and upon arriving found the New Bern man dead at the wheel with a pistol containing two empty and two loaded shells lying on the right leg.

The coroner's jury, in its verdict, held that the bullet entered the left side of the head instead of the right. So far no clue as to the guilty party has been uncovered.

The announcement offering the reward signed by Messrs. Lee, Blades and Mengel, reads:

A reward of one thousand dollars will be paid to any person or persons who will furnish information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the killing of O. W. Lane, near Mayesville, on Friday the twenty-second day of July 1927.

All information concerning the same, or any incident pertinent to this inquiry, can be sent or communicated to either of the undersigned in New Bern.

### Valuable Watch on Person Discredits Any Theory of Murder with Robbery as Motive; Inquest not Deemed Necessary as Officers Believe Poison Liquor or Suicide Brought Death; May Hold Up Burial

G. Grenier, 35, native of Cambridge, Mass., but lately residing at Carolina Beach, found dead 25 yards from the highway at the curve approaching Peach-a-rena farm at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, had been sought for alleged embezzlement of funds of the coast guard service at Long Island, N. Y., where he is said to have been paymaster, said officers reaching The News last evening.

Norris Found Body  
Captain Dan Norris of the local police force was making a trip to Mt. Olive with Mrs. Norris, and friends yesterday morning. As they whizzed along Mrs. Hattie Hinson, one of the party, remarked "There is a man out there under that tree."

"I suppose he got sleepy and lay down for a nap," replied Captain Norris, "but if he is there as we go back we will stop and see if there is anything the matter with him."

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### Ten Nephews And Neices Join In Caveat Attempting To Set Aside Will Late J. M. Wood

#### GEORGIA MARTS OPEN TUESDAY

##### Eastern Carolina Tobacconists Trek to Georgia Over Week End

Eastern Carolina tobacco men are preparing for their annual trek to Georgia over the week end, while eyes of tobacco growers are adjusted for a far southern glance to determine the trend of opening prices when sales commence in Georgia next Tuesday.

Interest in tobacco is accentuated hereabout by the fact that curing proceeding of a large scale through the bright leaf belt. Tobacco men here say that the outlook is for an excellent crop with exceptionally good color. They predict that the crop will not be any larger than last year.

After the Georgia markets open next Tuesday, sales will commence on the South Carolina and border markets Tuesday week, August 9. The Eastern Carolina markets, included in the bright leaf belt, will not open until September 5. Already extensive preparations are under way, however, for handling the weed here as warehouses and factories are renovated for the approaching activity.

At least a score or more local tobacconists are expected to attend the opening in Georgia and South Carolina and to be stationed on these various markets during the ensuing season prior to the start of sales here and over Eastern Carolina.

#### FAMOUS STRING QUARTET IN RECITAL AT UNIVERSITY

CHAPEL HILL, July 28—The Elena de Sain String Quartet of Washington, opened the attractions for the second term of the University Summer school with a recital in Memorial Hall last night.

The quartet, composed of two violins, viola and cello, presented a program consisting of representative compositions of four countries—Holland, Bohemia, Russia, and Norway. The alternative prominence of the different instruments gave to the selections a tonal coloring lacking in the performance of any one instrument.

Composing the quartet were Elena de Sain, first violin, who received her musical education under the greatest European masters; Lynch Laquer, second violin; Lydia Brewer, viola and Ludwig Manoly, cello.

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#### Case Expected Be Tried First at Civil Court

##### Involves Estate of \$150,000 to \$200,000; Hold Late Mr. Wood Was Not of Sound Mind at Time of His Will

Claiming that the widow of the late James M. Wood had herself named as the sole heir to an estate valued at from \$150,000 to \$200,000 by "undue and improper influence," ten nephews and nieces of the late James M. Wood have started action in Wayne county superior court asking to have the will set aside. The lawsuit setting forth the claims of the nephews and nieces was admitted to record in the office of Circuit Court J. B. Hooks yesterday.

The case will be heard at the August term of Wayne county Superior Court, beginning August 22, and will take precedence over other civil issues which may be on the calendar.

The co-plaintiffs claim further that at the time of the execution of the will naming Mrs. Wood as sole heir, Mr. Wood was not "of sound and disposing mind" and was not competent to make a will; nor was he competent, the caveat claims, from that time until the day of his death.

The widow of Mr. Wood is now Mrs. R. P. Uzzell of Goldsboro, having married the latter about two years ago.

By reason of the size of the amounts involved and the principal, the case is expected to attract wide attention in this section. Most of the property is in farm real estate and is widely distributed over Wayne county.

#### The Cases

T. H. Wood, Beale W. Hughes, Claudia Wood Metts, Anna J. Wood, Laura W. Swain, Bettie A. Swain, Jacob H. Harper, Clara Ruffalo, Lillie Harper Whitley, and Herbert S. Harper, co-plaintiffs, respectively show the court the following facts:

First: That on the 20th day of October, 1920, James M. Wood died in Wayne county, North Carolina, and thereafter, to wit, on the 20th day of October, 1920, Julia P. Wood presented to the court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said James M. Wood and being in words and figures as set out in the paper writing hereto attached marked exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and as the co-plaintiffs are informed and believe, the said Julia P. Wood, alleged and alleges that the same was and is the last will and testament of the said James M. Wood, and procured the same to be admitted to probate in common form as the last will and testament of the said James M. Wood.

Second: That on the said 20th day of October, 1920, the said Julia P. Wood obtained from the court letters testamentary upon the estate of the said James M. Wood.

Third: That the said James M. Wood left surviving him as his only heirs at law and distributees, his widow, the said Julia P. Wood, who is the only devisee and legatee named in the said paper writing, a brother, Dr. Wood, two sisters, Laura Swain and Bettie Swain and the following named nephews and nieces who are children of Ava Harper, a deceased sister: to wit, Dempsey Harper, Noah R. Harper, Lucy Elliott, Elizabeth Health, Tom Harper, Clara Ruffalo, Herbert S. Harper, and Gladys Harper Whitley, and the following named nephews and nieces who are children of Jonas Wood, a deceased brother.

Fourth: That the said James M. Wood, at the time of the execution of the said will, was of sound and disposing mind, and was competent to make a will; and that the said will was and is the last will and testament of the said James M. Wood.

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