

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Friday. Possibly rain on the coast Saturday, generally fair.

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MRS. SNYDER DIES IN CHAIR

Precedes Judd Gray To Chair By Two Minutes; "Forgive Them," She Cries as Straps Are Placed

Justice Levy Late Yesterday Afternoon Had Voted Stay of Execution Granted Wednesday; Had Conferred With Attorney General

GRAY DIES MUTTERING INAUDIBLE PRAYERS; HE HAD WALKED INTO CHAMBER UNASSISTED

Priests Administer to Mrs. Snyder As She Walks Along Into Death House and Minister Is Present to Repeat Prayers For Her Par amour; Mrs. Snyder Died Almost Instantly.

SING SING PRISON, OSSINING, New York, Jan. 12—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray died in the electric chair here tonight, she crying out for forgiveness and he muttering inaudible prayers.

Mrs. Snyder was pronounced dead at 11:09 o'clock and Gray at 11:16.

Both had been announced resigned to their fates by their spiritual advisors shortly before the time for the execution. They walked to the chair without assistance. Neither had been given stimulant of any sort.

As each sat in the chair, a priest for Mrs. Snyder, and a minister for Gray, murmured prayers. The executions were carried through without the slightest hitch.

Just before 11 o'clock, Warden Lawes called the official witnesses, four doctors and 20 reporters into his office and told them that the time had come.

Briefly he outlined the procedure to be followed, then all started for the death chamber. The way led outdoors across the prison grounds into a walled court and so through a door directly into the death chamber.

This is a large, bright room about 50 feet square with four doors, four short benches for witnesses, and the chair. There are no other furnishings. The plaster walls are a light cream and the floor stone. It is a room giving no impression of sadness but for the central chair with its straps and metal fittings.

Besides the official witnesses, seven doctors, half a dozen guards, the executioner and his assistants and the warden were the only ones in the room.

After all had entered, and scarcely before the witnesses had seated themselves or found standing room along the walls, Mrs. Snyder was brought in.

She entered through a door behind a chair, over which a large sign, bearing the one word, "Silence," was fastened.

At first her utterances were incomprehensible beyond the fact that she was calling on the Deity.

"Have mercy on my soul," were the first words plainly distinguishable.

As she was strapped in the chair by four guards, the matrons stood between her and the witnesses. As the prison priest murmured prayers, she was asked if she had any last words.

Then she suddenly seemed to realize to the full the imminence of death and pulled herself sharply erect. Her voice came in a shrill treble and her hands clinched in tense emotion.

"Forgive them father," she cried in this strange unnatural voice "for they know not what they do."

She was silent then, and, as if at some unseen signal, the black mask was placed over her face and the executioner, Robert Elliott, standing in a little alcove, pulled down the switch.

It seemed to watchers that death was so sudden it must have been entirely painless. There was no struggle and no outcry. Gray immediately followed and the process repeated. When he was asked if he had any word, however, he made no response, merely continuing his soundless prayers, and the mask was strapped in place.

The warden stood about ten feet to one side of the chair during both of the executions, but he kept his head bowed and, so far as could be told, he did not once look at either prisoner.

As soon as Gray had been pronounced dead, the warden opened the door into the court and the solemn procession of witnesses back to the warden's office began.

When the office was reached, the main door was thrown open. "All right, boys," a guard called to reporters among the witnesses and all dashed to their waiting cars.

There was a mad race of roaring engines then for half a mile to the roadhouse where two score telegraph wires had been installed to carry the news of the executions to the world.

Through Rocky Mount Today



En route to Havana, Cuba, where he will address the Pan-American Congress, President Calvin Coolidge will pass thru Rocky Mount and Wilson today.

Mr. Webb served in the war between the states and was a member of Congress. Charles M. Stedman, Greensboro.

OLD RAILROAD WILL GO OUT EXISTENCE

CHICAGO, Jan. 12—(AP)—The second largest and one of the oldest railway systems of the country, the Old Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul system, officially will pass out of existence Sunday night and the Chicago Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad will have a new set of directors and a new financial structure will take its place.

306 Is Telephone No. Of Editorial Dept.

The telephone number of the editorial department of The News is now 306, this for news stories telephoned to this number will be appreciated.

Circulation, Advertising and business departments are reached at the old number of the paper—813.

Residence and Household Furnishings George W. Albrighton Burned Wednesday Night

A fire of unknown origin, which is said to have been one of the most damaging blazes to occur in that section in some time, completely destroyed the home together with the household furnishings of George W. Albrighton, of Calypso, Wednesday evening about eight o'clock.

The entire family was said to have been away from home at the time the fire broke out, the blaze not being discovered until it had gained such headway as to be beyond control of firemen.

The estimated damage was said to run into the thousands. It could not be learned as to whether any of this damage was covered by insurance.

"LONGER SKIRTS" FOR WOMEN THIS SPRING

NEW YORK, Jan. 12—(AP)—Women of fashion will wear longer skirts next spring—fully one inch below the knee—if the models displayed at the semi-annual style review of the Garment Retailers of America are followed.

There are new colors for spring wear independence blue, a light navy blue, water blue, a blue with a greenish tinge, and natural beige, a grayish tone of beige.

There are other nations, tolerance of conflicting opinion—these are our articles of political faith.

"When we follow these we succeed. We should follow them now."

14 CHILDREN ARE INJURED

School Bus Completely Demolished in Wreck Near Whiteville Yesterday

WHITEVILLE, Jan. 12—(AP)—Fourteen students of the Hallboro high school were injured, one seriously, today, when a school bus in which they were riding turned over near Hallboro. The bus was demolished.

Three physicians assisted by trained nurses, set up an emergency hospital here rendering aid to the injured, all of whom were brought here after the wreck.

Annie Laurie Odum the most seriously hurt, was knocked unconscious when her head struck the side of the bus. She also had a finger severed by flying glass. Internal injuries were feared.

The other children escaped with more or less serious cuts.

ALEXANDER S. WEBB DIES AT AGE OF 87

RALEIGH, Jan. 12—(AP)—Burial services were conducted here today for Alexander S. Webb, 87, Confederate veteran and prominent Warren Plains citizen who died at his home yesterday.

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DR. WINTERS TO LECTURE

Meeting To Be Held At Belfast School This Evening At 7:30

"Community Cotton Improvement" is the topic which Dr. R. Y. Winters, Director of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station at Raleigh, will discuss before a strictly farmer's meeting at Belfast school this evening at 7 o'clock.

County Agent A. K. Robertson yesterday mailed invitations over the county urging farmers from various communities to be present for the meeting, and he has added a word of month justification in his travels over the county this week.

Dr. Winters is one of the best posted agricultural experts in the south," said Mr. Robertson yesterday "and no doubt he will give information at Belfast Friday night that would mean many dollars to Wayne county if the folks would be present and then decided to practice what he will preach. We ought to have several hundred out to hear him. It is not often that an agricultural speaker of such recognized authority comes to the sections."

Reports yesterday were that announcement of the talk by Dr. Winters had created much interest among farmers of the county and that a large audience was promised.

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Goldsboro Gives Big Babe Royal Welcome On Appearance Here

SCHOOL HONORS BIG BAMBINO

By Action Student Body He Is Made Honorary Member of High School

George Herman "Babe" Ruth, is the latest newcomer to enroll in the Goldsboro High school, for the student body of that institution, took it upon themselves to elect him to honorary membership yesterday—appointing one from their number to notify "Babe" of his election.

Gary Metz, member of the senior class and circulation manager of the High School News, was the spokesman and Gary, with all the enthusiasm of any of the hundreds of youngsters throughout the country, prepared to make the official announcement to the new member.

A committee composed of the presidents of the different classes drafted a letter to "Babe" advising him of the place he was occupying in the hearts of the boys and girls of Goldsboro High school. As an ideal of the boys and girls of Goldsboro, they wanted him to know that they would count on them for all the while of a successful record during the coming season.

The committee worked hard on the letter, because they wanted the "Babe" to feel his election keenly. The boys formulated questions which they hoped the baseball idol would be considerate enough to answer. The boys desired to know "Babe's" life history; starting from the time he first entered the ranks of professional ball.

They wanted his advice as to what should constitute good training, how they could keep physically fit for participation in athletics, and various other things of interest to the average high school boy of today.

According to Gary's account of the interview, which Babe willingly granted, the big boy was "all there."

"He was glad to see me," said Gary. "He looked over the heads of all the men who had gone to his room to see him, and called me over to sit on the end of the bed with him. I was surprised, but not a bit scared. I told him that I wanted to ask a few questions. He told to fire away. With note book in hand, I fired away and jotted down his replies."

On being questioned concerning Babe's acceptance of honorary membership in the high school student body, Gary informed his friends that the "big boy" seemed very glad. "I told Babe that the students had elected him as an honorary member, and he asked me to carry back to them word that he appreciated the honor very much."

Gary handed Babe a copy of the high school newspaper and informed him that he would be put on the mailing list to receive a complimentary subscription.

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Entertained at Dinner and Then Addresses Mass Meeting at Community Building

SHAKES HANDS WITH YOUNGSTERS OF CITY

And Youngsters Make An Endless Chain of Affair Until Their Names Found

Baseball royalty came to Goldsboro last night in the person of George Herman Ruth, Sultan of great, and baseball fans to the number of 2,000 gave Ruth a royal welcome.

The Bambino talked to New Bern school children at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and then hurried to the waiting automobile to be whisked away to Goldsboro. The schedule called for the New Bern party bringing the Big Bambino to the Wayne capital to meet the Goldsboro welcome delegation at Fort Barnwell. The point was reached ahead of time and it was decided to go on to Winston. Meantime the welcome arrived in Fort Barnwell to wait and wait and in vain.

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And it was Babe Ruth in person, still wearing the same quiet brown suit that he had worn in New Bern when he went down in New Bern to shoot ducks, geese, rabbits, and to get acquainted with C. C. C. (Chase county collards.)

"I am going to see if we can't grab some collards in our garden out in the Bronx," Ruth was quoted as saying when questioned as to his point.

The Big Babe got a Queen Elizabeth reception at the Hotel and was escorted off to a private dining room where a banquet was served. The route up to the dining room was lined with eager-eyed youngsters who brought baseballs that they wanted autographed. As planned a wild bunch of the good natured big fellow stepped to give the boon asked.

Gary Metz, reporter for the Goldsboro High School News, was granted a private interview with the Sultan, and came away saying that he sure was surprised to find that the Babe was as big as he is.

Accompanying Ruth to Goldsboro was a party of New Bern business men, representatives of the civic clubs of the Craven county.

The banquet at the hotel was gone through with without formality or speaking and in a short time the Big Babe was headed toward the Community building.

Crowds had been gathering at this point for two hours, and when the Babe walked onto the platform folks were crammed like sardines into every inch of space in the auditorium.

Ruth was presented by Senator Royal and Ruth was up Ruth in person. He didn't have any trouble getting attention. It was at the time worn admonitions that Ruth stressed "When you do anything, do it with all your heart, but to the crowd who looked at Ruth it sounded as if Demosthenes was putting on one of his snappiest exhibitions.

"You fellows don't have any trouble getting balls, mitts bats and the like to play with," said the Bambino addressing himself to the boys of the audience, but when I was growing up we played with rags rolled up in the shape of a ball. Ruth told the crowd that he got his first baseball practice at the age of six in a Catholic orphanage. When he became a professional ballplayer he drew \$25 a week to start with, he related.

"And when you do anything, do it with all your heart," he again admonished and sat down and the crowd did some great stunts at cheering.

Ruth is going to shake hands with some of the little folks," announced Senator Royal, and the cheering redoubled.

The big fellow took a place near the Greensboro highway.

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