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 Weather
 Cloudy followed by rain Thursday and Friday not much change in temperature.

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PARDUE RELATES ALLEGED CONFESSION TO JUDGE

Gatlin Case Defense Claims Confession To Pardue Not Competent

Judge Asked to Rule That Evangelist's Story Cannot Go To Jury
TO MAKE DECISION ON THIS MORNING
 Pardue Recounts For Judge How Mrs. Gatlin Told Him She Killed Father

WENTWORTH, Feb. 15—(AP)—The question whether a minister's story of a penitent's alleged confession of murder in competent evidence was raised today for the first time in the courts of North Carolina.

Taking the stand as the first state witness in the case of Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin, charged with the axe murder of her father, Smith Petty, the Rev. Thos. F. Pardue, was asked to relate his story that the girl confessed to him at one of his revival services.

Instantly defense attorneys entered and objection moving that the preacher's story be declared incompetent. Two hours of intense argument followed with the jury absent from the courtroom and at the conclusion of the verbal tiff, Judge McRae announced he would take the matter under advisement and could make no decision before tomorrow morning. Court then adjourned for the day.

A courtroom crowded almost beyond available standing room heard the minister relate for the information of Judge McRae the circumstances under which he says Mrs. Gatlin confessed the murder of her father.

"I had preached on confession of sin and then asked those who wished to come up for prayer. Mrs. Gatlin came up with the others. She lingered on her knees after the rest had gone. Finally I went to her and said Alma I don't understand this. Why do you linger. Why do you linger. Then I told her Alma you are still undecided. You know something that stands between you and God and it comes between you and God. I then went over to talk with some other members of the congregation and later she came to me and said I want to speak to you personally."

"This was in the choir loft, Pardue said, and then he declared Mrs. Gatlin as a:

"Mr. Pardue, I'm guilty of two of the biggest sins in the world. Do you think I can be forgiven?"

"I told her," continued the evangelist, "that as far as I knew there was no sin that cannot be forgiven except the unpardonable sin mentioned in the Bible."

"She said I am guilty of murder. I dropped my head intending to say 'no more. Then she said it is not what you think it is."

"I asked her whether it was a child or grown person."

"A grown person," she said "I killed my father."

Pardue was about to continue but the judge interrupted saying he had heard enough for his information.

Defense counsel then insisted that it was alleged other parts of the confession were obtained at a different place and several days later. Defense counsel asked Pardue if he did not invite Mrs. Gatlin to supper at his home a few days after the alleged confession at the church.

Pardue said he did and explained that he did not know the circumstances and wanted to "get her right with God."

LAST RITES FOR E. L. MIDDLETON

Number of Relatives and Friends From Goldsboro At Service

DURHAM, Feb. 15—Funeral service over the remains of E. L. Middleton, deceased secretary of North Carolina Baptist Sunday school work, was held at the First Baptist church, Durham, Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock with Dr. C. C. Coleman, pastor, in general charge of the service.

Other prominent ministers of the State who assisted in the service include Dr. C. E. Madry, Dr. R. T. Vann, Dr. Livingston Johnston and Dr. S. H. Templeman, Winston-Salem, with local Baptist pastors attending in a body.

Mr. Middleton was at one time teacher in this city, having been the president of the Baptist Female Seminary, operated here in the early nineties, and later teacher in the public schools here. His whole life, since his graduation from Wake Forest College in 1889, was devoted to leadership in the religious and educational life of the State.

He died at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem after an illness of several months and the body was brought to Durham to the home of his widow who has moved to Durham from Raleigh since the beginning of his illness.

Hundreds of denominational leaders and friends from all parts of the State were here to attend the service.

A number of relatives and friends from Goldsboro were present.

FOLLOW CLUES REDDICK CASE

Thomasville Officers Seeking Negro Who Shot Policeman On Duty

PITTSBORO, Feb. 15—(AP)—Chief of Police Smith and Sheriff Sink of Thomasville were here today for the purpose of running down clues in connection with the slaying of policeman Reddick at Thomasville last week.

The visiting authorities had planned to visit Burlington, Reidsville and probably Lumberton in the same case.

Brings Suit Against Goldsboro Lumber Co.

NEW BERN, Feb. 15—Attorneys have not finished their arguments in the case of John Moore against J. W. Rawls, the Goldsboro Lumber Company and the Dover and Southbound Railroad, started Monday in superior court before Judge W. C. Harris. Two more lawyers will make addresses to the jury today, before the case is turned over to the jurors. Mr. Moore is suing for \$5,000 damages as the result of injuries in 1925, when two ribs were broken on the skidding machine on which he was loading logs.

Contractors Get Ready to Rush Paving of New Routes

Road builders who have been awarded the contract for hard surfacing the routes from Adamsville to the Greene county line and from Genoa to the Sampson county line at Newton Grove are moving their equipment to the county and it is possible that both new paved routes may be completed before the end of the year, it was learned yesterday.

McGuire is getting settled to start paving in earnest on the route from Adamsville to the Greene county line which will be about 8.5 miles in the county. He also has been awarded the work from the Wayne line into Snow Hill.

A representative of this contractor was quoted yesterday as saying that

FOREST EXPERT IS HERE TODAY

Demonstrations in Forestry Management Will Be Conducted in County

Every owner of timber land in Wayne county is invited and urged to attend demonstrations in Forestry Management to be given Thursday and Friday by Mr. R. W. Graeber, Extension forester of North Carolina, at the following places.

Casey Brothers—10 to 12 o'clock, Thursday February 16th.

Granthams Store—2 to 4 o'clock, Thursday February 16th.

D. H. Pate (Belfast Community)—10 to 12 o'clock, Friday February 17th.

J. D. Hines and C. M. Braswell (Rosewood Community)—2 to 5 o'clock, Friday, February 17th.

Bring a sharp axe, said County Agent Robertson in announcing the demonstrations. At Mr. Pate's farm there will be staged a wood cutting contest with the idea of arousing some friendly competition among those present.

SIMPLE RITES FOR GREAT MAN

Lord Oxford, Statesman, Will Be Buried From Parish Church

SUTTON COURTENAY, England, Feb. 15—(AP)—While eminent men and the press of great Britain praised the Earl of Oxford's life of service and mourned his death, the body of the aged statesman who died at his home here today was carried tonight to the parish church here where it will rest until interment.

The Earl will be buried privately and not in Westminster Abbey as had been expected. This announcement was made tonight by the family in accordance with a special wish expressed by Lord Oxford, sometime ago.

A Memorial service for the former premier will be held in the Abbey at noon February 21.

BOYCOTT BRITISH GOODS

CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 15—(AP)—With the Simon Commission on Indian Reforms due here Monday, the Swarajist and Nationalist leaders of Bengal today proclaimed a boycott of British goods. The boycott effects cotton cloth especially.

LEBRIZ MEETS RICHARD BYRD

Frenchman Tells Him He Could Not Have Landed At LeBourget on Flight

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—(AP)—Commander Richard E. Byrd learned today from expert fellow aviator that even had the commander descended to ward LeBourget when he was hovering "therabout" on his flight to France last summer he could not have landed owing to the heavy fog and rain it was Captain Lebriz, who with Captain Costes had flown the Atlantic and the Americas, who acquainted Byrd with the fact that a landing could not have been effected.

RALEIGH LIONS HEAR LANGSTON

Candidate For Lieutenant Governorship Is Well Received

(Special To The News)
 RALEIGH, Feb. 15—In an illuminating review of the selective service law as it was administered in the nation, particularly in North Carolina, Col. John D. Langston, Goldsboro, delivered a particularly interesting address before the Raleigh Lions club here today.

Col. Langston contrasted the highly efficient and economical administration of the draft law in the World War with the administration, by army officials, of conscription during the Civil War.

Civilians, he said, worked whole heartedly with the military authorities in the World War emergency while in the Civil War the recruiting was left entirely to army officers.

In North Carolina, Col. Langston pointed out, the selective service was administered most efficiently of any state in the union and at next to the lowest cost of any State. This State, he added, also had the distinction of tendering its entire medical society to the government. As director of selective service in the State, and later as aide to General Crowder in Washington, Col. Langston took occasion to compliment especially the lawyers for the sacrifices they made during the emergency.

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COOPER GETS HIS FREEDOM

Term in Commutation Gave Him Liberty Before Date That Was Expected

WILMINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—Thomas E. Cooper, former Wilmington banker, his leaving without incident wrote fairs to his New Hanover county prison term today as he turned his back on the county stockade where he had been imprisoned for 14 months.

The commutation of his eight year sentence by Gov. McLean, Monday terminated the sentence several days earlier than had been anticipated.

The term commuted for 14 months with the usual ding off for good behavior made Cooper eligible for immediate release. Cooper when informed he was to be released, retired to his cell where his friends awaited him, called for his pet dog, and departed with a simple farewell to prison officials.

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WALSH WINS HIS UTILITIES FIGHT

Federal Trade Commission Will Investigate Financing of Utilities

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—With a roll call the Senate tonight passed the Walsh power resolution after it had been amended to direct the Federal trade commission to conduct an enquiry into the financing of public utilities corporations.

The vote on the George amendment was 46 to 31. Seventeen Democrats joined 29 Republicans in voting for the amendment, while eleven Republicans joined with 29 Democrats in voting against it.

Senator Overman voted for the amendment while Senator Simmons who was for it was paired with Frazier, Republican, who was against.

SPECIAL TERM CHATHAM COURT

Set To Hear Cases Against Alleged Gang of Robbers Who Operated in State

PITTSBORO, Feb. 15—(AP)—A special term of criminal court in April for trial here of several prisoners held in connection with recent robberies and auto thefts was practically assured today said local authorities.

The presiding judge probably will not be Judge R. A. Nunn, who is understood to be tied up with sessions expected to run past April.

LINDBERGH

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15—(AP)—Aviation has developed more rapidly in the last 25 years than has any other mode of transportation within a similar period. Col. Charles Lindbergh declared today at a luncheon in his honor.

"Ten years ago a flier couldn't be in the air in storm, in high wind, or rain," Lindbergh said. "Today it is possible to fly in any weather. Our only unconquered obstacles are fog and sleep and these will be over me in a few years. Already the radio and beacon are marking the way for transportation through fog."

Effect of Manipulation Of Market on Prices Of Cotton Is to Be Found

Subpoena Authority Vested in Sub-Committee of Senate Given Authority to Act Under Resolution of Senator Smith of South Carolina

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(AP)—Clothing its agriculture committee with the power of subpoena the Senate today directed it to determine by a thorough-going enquiry whether declining cotton prices have resulted from any manipulation of the market or any undue influence.

The enquiry probably will be conducted by a sub-committee headed by Senator Smith of South Carolina author of the resolution enquiry, who declared that it was his purpose to use all the broad power granted by the resolution "to determine whether undue influences from any sources have been responsible for the disastrous prices obtained for the present short cotton crop."

Senator Smith declared his resolution gave to the committee the power to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such documents and to take such testimony as it may deem advisable.

MAKE BIG HAUL IN LOCAL STORE

Thieves Secure Over \$100 in Cash and Quantity of Goods At Gold Star Store

Thieves of unknown identity broke in to the local Gold Star store sometime Tuesday night, making a clean getaway, and carrying with them over a hundred dollars in cash, a quantity of flour and other articles of value, it was learned yesterday.

Entrance into the store was said to have been gained through a transom over a door in the rear of the place, the glass in the transom being found broken when the store opened for business yesterday morning. It is thought by local police that there must have been at least two men, one boosting the other up to the transom, and then waiting on the outside to give the alarm in case anyone should come along.

Up to late yesterday afternoon a complete check-up could not be made and so the exact extent of merchandise stolen, could not be determined. The time, and the circumstances of this last robbery, were said to be similar to the series of store robberies which occurred here several weeks ago.

Police are working on the case.

HILL JURY IN DEADLOCK

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 15—(AP)—The jury deliberating the fate of Harry Hill, Stretator youth accused of matricide today was in a deadlock.

Receiving the case at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury deliberated until 11 o'clock. The jury was brought back into court this morning at 8:30.

PRINTER SNARL IS CONCLUDED

Bids Accepted Yesterday Contracted For State Printing For Biennium

RALEIGH, Feb. 15—(AP)—The State printing commission—printers so called tangle—came to an end today, the state accepted bids from printers in and out of North Carolina to do the work for the biennium and after 8 months of conferences and statements experts figured the new contracts will save the state about \$80,000.

The commission pointed out that the amount of printing for a normal biennium cost about \$250,000. They estimated work let within the state for the present period was \$190,000 out of the state about \$60,000.

Faison Banker Recounts How Truck Market Made

NEW BERN, Feb. 15—Something over a hundred men composing the Kiwanis and Farmers clubs with many invited guests, met at the Jasper Consolidated school last night to hear M. McD. Williams and A. D. Andrews tell about the workings of the Faison truck growing and market facilities.

Horace Hill president of the Kiwanis club, presided over the meeting, and called on L. B. Homan to introduce the first speaker of the evening, Marshall Williams of Faison, a banker-farmer, who for thirty minutes gave to the assemblage a vivid picture of conditions about his home, Faison for the past forty years. He said it was a long and tedious task to get the people to line up with the truck growing program, but by constant attention and persistent work, they shipped last year over 90 cars of a variety of vegetables and fruits, that brought to the section over a half-million dollars.

He told of the struggle in a graphic way, and that it was not all alluring but constant and careful work; that the people had become efficient in growing and packing until now the Faison vegetable crops were in great demand in the big markets of the country.

He told the farmers to be cautious not to put all of their eggs in one basket; to grow a variety of vegetables.

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DENIAL MADE BY FOUNTAIN

Rocky Mount Man Says He Did Not Oppose Barber's Bill

RALEIGH, Feb. 15—"The barbers have got me wrong," said R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, speaker of the 1927 House of Representatives and candidate for Lieutenant Governor, who was in the city Tuesday night.

Mr. Fountain said he never knew anything about the bill to set up a licensing board for barbers until it came on the floor of the House. He had been reported as being a member of the committee that killed the bill.

The Rocky Mount man did not seem to be worried over the report that the tonsorial artists were "organizing" against him and that they intended to throw their support to Colonel John D. Langston of Goldsboro, who also with W. H. S. Barzryn, of Northampton County is opposing Mr. Fountain.

MAN DIES ON TRAIN

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 15—(AP)—Mrs. Alice Isabel Johnson, 73, of Norfolk, Conn., mother of Frank Edward Johnson former assistant secretary of the American Legation Havana, died on board a train here early today.

Mrs. Johnson and her son were on their way to Cuba.

CALL FOR BIDS ON 16 PROJECTS

On March 15 State to Contract For About \$1,750,000 Worth of Work

RALEIGH, Feb. 15—(AP)—Bids on 16 projects calling for 115 miles on concrete and dirt roads in scattered sections of North Carolina and on one bridge in Jones county will be received by the highway commission on March 15.

The total projects will cost about \$1,750,000, it was said.

RADIO FUND IS GROWING

Martha Ivey Is First Contributor To Home Fund On Wednesday

The progress made yesterday in the drive for a radio for the County Home while small met with sufficient success to show that the public of Goldsboro want to see a radio in the Home. Mr. H. B. Parker expressed the fact that he was very glad indeed to see this movement on foot and felt that many others were of the same opinion.

A radio will certainly be a little ray of sunshine penetrating the gloom which must necessarily arise in lives which have been almost lived, the balance to be spent in the humdrum routine of mere eating and sleeping. Music furnished as it will be from the generous hearts of the people of Wayne County will have that heavenly touch that will better prepare for that time after life.

Contribution will be received by any member of the News staff or at The News office.

This is a mighty good opportunity for Sunday School classes with an overloaded treasury to give where it is needed.

Donations received so far:

Ben Carr	5.00
Tom Hamilton	1.00
Misses Clator	1.00
Cash	1.00
Judge Hinds-S. E. class	5.00
Sam Bridges	1.00
C. M. Avery	2.00
Mrs. J. H. Frizell	1.00
Charles Brown	1.00
Miss Martha Ivey	1.00
Cash	1.00
A mother's friend	1.00
Cash	1.00
Farley Clothing Co.	1.00
Mrs. B. F. Winstead	1.00
Dr. L. W. Corbett	1.00