

WEATHER

Shows Friday, Saturday fair. Not much change in temperature.

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SUICIDE NOTE BARES STRANGE LOVE TRIANGLE

Authorities Keeping Close Watch On Increase In Cases Of Flu In Goldsboro Schools

DATA TO BE GIVEN COMMITTEE TODAY FOR STUDY AS TO ADVISABILITY OF STARTING HOLIDAYS NOW—ABSENCES INCREASING MARKEDLY

While the mild form of influenza which has necessitated the closing of the most of the colleges of the state is increasing in Goldsboro, the situation is not alarming. Nevertheless a careful check is being kept by local school and health authorities for immediate action to prevent the spread of the disease.

In the city schools today a count of all absences will be made and the number compared with the absences of early in the week. This data will be turned over to a committee of the school board, and with local physicians called in, will be given careful study. If the facts seem to warrant it, schools may be suspended in the city until after the Christmas holidays.

There were absent in the schools yesterday some 250 children, it was learned, a marked increase in the number since Monday. On the latter date there were 180 out of school, on Tuesday 190 and yesterday about 250. Not all of those absent are ill, it was said, but the increase in absences has been so marked as to warrant consideration.

No alarming reports have as yet come from the rural schools. J. E. Kelly, chairman of the county board of education, who was in the city said yesterday.

"I would suggest," said Dr. L. W.

Corbett, county health officer yesterday "that all frequenters of soda fountains use only paper cups during this period of caution. Of course we have a sanitary ordinance permitting the use of glasses when properly sterilized and of course this is done, but it will be safer for everyone if paper cups are used entirely at this time."

"And I wish The News would say," he went on, "that children who have any form of cold, running nose, sore throat, or pronounced cough would be kept at home. They should not be permitted to go visiting or to receive visitors. This applies also to the grown-ups. Your friend may be sick and you may feel it your duty to drop in, but this dropping in may spread the germ more.

"Get all the fresh air possible, plenty of sunshine, see that rooms are properly ventilated. Don't let the system become clogged. Avoid fatigue; get plenty of sleep. If you do these things, you will be in better condition to throw off the germ.

"And don't forget to call your family physician into consultation. The deaths in influenza generally come from failure to see a physician in time and to carry out his orders about remaining quiet and taking proper care."

Killed for Slap



Miss Flossie Carter (above), 27, Detroit, Mich., school teacher, whom "Jimmy" Deacons, 15, confessed killing because she slapped him three years ago. The juvenile killer, who says he "never forgave the insult" was to be sentenced after pleading guilty to murder in the first degree.

GIRL WHO SHOT COAL OPERATOR ENDS HER LIFE

Her Husband Was Taking Her To Authorities At Time She Killed Self

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Mrs. Margaret Heldman, 21, of Lorain, O., confessed in a suicide note tonight that she was the young woman who killed Vernard E. Pearn, coal operator, here last Thursday. She then ended her own life by shooting herself while in an automobile on a road just outside of Canton.

The woman's husband, W. O. Heldman, who told police that she had confessed the slaying to him, was bringing her to Canton from their Lorain home to turn her over to authorities when she suddenly drew a .38 caliber revolver and shot herself through the heart.

Examination revealed that it was the same weapon she used in killing Pearn whom she called to the door of his home and shot.

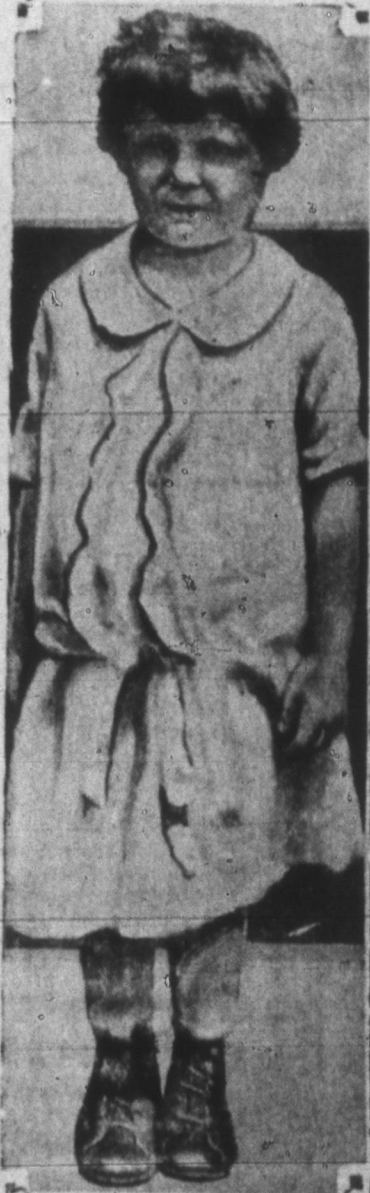
Heldman said his wife had planned to end her life and had left him a suicide note which he discovered in their home at Lorain this morning. Because he knew that she had been acquainted with Pearn and had "gone out with him" on several occasions Heldman previously had suspected her of the slaying, he said.

The suicide note which Heldman discovered before his wife intended it to reach him made no mention of Pearn but so aroused the young husband's suspicions that he grilled her for 48 hours before she confessed that she was the slayer, Heldman told authorities.

He quoted his wife as saying that Pearn had made her life a "hell on earth." Heldman turned over to the police the letter which his wife had written him.

It read:
"I am leaving your life forever and I truly am sorry for all the trouble I have caused you and rather than try to go through the rest of my life under a lie I am taking this means to tell you the truth. I can't face you and tell you this so I am leaving this to explain the thing that you don't know—how he made my life a hell on earth. He came to my life when we lived at Poets (name of a woman with whom Mr. and Mrs. Heldman formerly lived at Canton.) He threatened to expose me if I did not do as he wanted me to. That day you kicked me out because that fellow was there and you didn't know him, for I don't think you have met him. I can't stand the worry any longer, and to be away from my baby. So I do hope you can forgive me and give your baby a good home. Love him ever if you don't me for I do surely love you."
(Signed), "Margaret."

Fiend's Victim



Here is an old snapshot of Julia Barnes, 61, Negro, wife of Hand Barnes of the Rosewood section. This is the first report of a death from influenza in the county this year.

SCOUT MASTERS ARE ORGANIZED

John Norwood Named President of Round Table at First Meeting

For the purpose of stimulating interest in their work and in providing cooperation among the various units, the Scout Masters of Wayne county set at the Memorial Community building last evening and organized the Wayne County Scout Masters Round Table.

John Norwood was elected president and Henry Well, secretary, of the organization.

Plans for a Scout Master's course were discussed and it was decided that the Round Table would meet six times during the year. Following the organization meeting, an oyster roast was enjoyed.

The following comprise the membership of the Round Table: Guy E. Whitman, C. W. Twiford, Henry Well, John Norwood, C. F. Dees, Jr., J. C. Pate, W. W. Rivers, and D. S. Hartshorn of Goldsboro; L. E. Warrick of Mt. Olive; C. W. Warrick and L. C. Davis of Pikeville; and R. L. Miller of Fremont.

Twenty Children Hurt, But None Seriously, When Bus Of Fremont School Turtles

BAORD INVESTIGATING REPORT DRIVER WAS DRINKING AND IF IS ACTION WARRANTED WILL LAUNCH PROSECUTION—OCCURRED ON STRAIGHT ROAD

Some 20 children were injured, ten of them to such an extent that they required medical attention, when a bus of the Fremont public schools turned over near the residence of Charles Pippin on the northeast suburb of Fremont early yesterday morning. Ben Aycock, chairman of the Fremont school board, told The News last night that reports that the driver of the bus, Loyd Wiggs, 30, had been under the influence of whiskey were being investigated.

"If they are substantiated," said Mr. Aycock, "Wiggs will be prosecuted." He indicated that the school board had already begun a careful investigation as to the causes of the accident.

The children most badly hurt: Mooring boy, arm broken; Perry girl, cut on forehead which required ten stitches; Davis child, severe bump on the head with some loss of blood, but no fracture of skull; Crawford, cut on forehead; Joe Newsoms, injury to head.

Wiggs, driver of the bus, suffered a painful leg injury. The gas pipe on the truck was broken and one piece of it stuck into the flesh of his leg.

Ten of the children were so badly hurt that they were not able to attend school yesterday, but none were so injured as to require hospital treatment.

Mrs. Charles Pippin was reported as having heard a crash and looking from her home saw what happened. She hurried to telephone the business district and in a moment every available automobile had hurried to the spot, about a half-mile from the uptown section, and with them the three doctors of the town, Benton, Rand, and Hayes.

It was a pitiable sight which met the eyes of those first on the scene. Screaming hysterically, the children most of them from the bagginses room, had crawled out from the shattered sides of the truck. Many of the children were bleeding from numerous cuts. Those most severely hurt were hurried to the offices of the local physician and the children moved among the other children, quieting them.

The accident occurred on a straight stretch of road. The investigation being conducted by the school board will seek the truth in the report that tracks of the bus for some distance prior to the crash showed that it had been proceeding in a zig-zag fashion, and that even before the accident the children had taken fright at the manner in which the truck was being operated and started screaming.

Wiggs, the driver, is a man of family and three of his children were (Continued on Page Four)

END CLASSES ACCOUNT FLU

N. C. C. W. Duke and Wake Forest Added to List On Yesterday

ATLANTA, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Thousands of students of colleges in the South were tonight at home or en route a week to ten days before they anticipated their expected vacation, caused by the spread of an epidemic of mild influenza.

Public school students in various sections of the South also drew an extra vacation as health authorities recommended suspension of classes to curb the spread of the disease.

Alabama Tech, Greensboro College, Duke University at Durham; Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., and Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., today were added to the list that had suspended classes until after the regular Christmas holidays because of the spread of influenza. Wesleyan College at Macon, Ga., will close Saturday.

Public schools at Savannah and Augusta, Ga., also ended classes today until the disease is checked. In each instance the announcement of suspension of classes was accompanied by a statement that the step was precautionary, not because of the great number of cases developed.

For the most part in North Carolina only smaller institutions are in session the others having dismissed students earlier.

Though the disease is widespread health officers declared that there was no cause for alarm, as the malady was much milder than the epidemic of 1918 and so far the death rate in the South has been negligible.

Theatres have been closed, so far as present reports go, only at Columbus, S. C., though several meetings scheduled have been voluntarily suspended.

\$500,000 GEM IN COURT AT GOTHAM IS WELL GUARDED

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Guarded even closer than the most dangerous criminals, a diamond was placed before the bar in customs court yesterday in a suit to decide its right to free entry.

The stone, known in the middle ages as the "Cyclopan eye of the God Siva in a temple at Nasak, India, weighs more than 80 1/2 carats and is valued as high as \$500,000. It was carried to court in a special car and throughout the proceedings was flanked by armed guards.

Local Weed Market Will Close Dec. 19

The Goldsboro tobacco market will close for the Christmas holidays on December 19 and will remain closed until January 8. It was announced yesterday. Approximately 43,000 pounds of weed were sold here yesterday, bringing the total to 6,707,230 pounds. Official sales through Wednesday as reported to The News were \$1,664,230 pounds for which \$1,583,847.96 have been paid. This is more than 500,000 lbs.; less than the amount of tobacco sold at the same time last year.

KING GEORGE SOME BETTER

Note of Renewed Hope Characterizes Yesterday's Announcements

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Two brief bulletins issued at Buckingham palace told the loyal subjects of King George that their monarch had satisfactorily withstood the shock of yesterday's operations. So naturally weak and exhausted the King has not lost ground and his physicians tonight even recorded a slight improvement.

It was also said in the 8:15 P. M. official statement that the local condition remains satisfactory. The morning announcement stated that the pulse was steady.

In view of the extent to which the royal patient has been tried by three weeks of illness, these reports save joy to the public. Should another day pass without any untoward development, the people will begin to breathe more freely and to hope that the real crisis has been successfully passed. Tonight's bulletin was worded as follows:

"Though the King is still suffering from exhaustion, there is slight improvement in his condition this evening. The local condition remains satisfactory."

The note of satisfaction and even of hope, expressed also in outside medical circles, notably in the Lancet, which in its edition tomorrow will say:

"The position of the King's case is so far satisfactory, and those who are conversant with the course of the symptoms and their significance in these cases, will recognize that we have here a foundation for the renewal of legitimate hopes.

SHRINERS PLAN WINT'R MEETING

Goldsboro Sudan Members Will Take Part in Mid-Winter Ceremonial

Elaborate plans for the entertainment of visiting shriners at the annual mid-winter ceremonial and business meeting of Sudan Temple, to be held in New Bern January 9-10, have been made by the New Bern Shrine club.

In the past, it has been the custom to devote the mid-winter meeting largely to business sessions, leaving the summer meeting to provide social and entertainment features. This year, however, there will be two dances, sailing trips on the cutter Pamlico, a parade, oyster roast, barbecue dinner, fireworks and a band concert and exhibition drill by the Army patrol in addition to minor entertainment features.

A committee composed of Harry Paterson, chairman, C. A. Seifert and Allice Cook has been named by the local shrien club to supervise details of the program.

Among the business to come before the meeting will be selection of a patronate to succeed Harry S. Storr, of Raleigh.

Santa Claus To Attend Formal Christmas Opening Of Merchants At 7 This Evening

Many a youngster in the city last night did not get to sleep as soon as usual on account of visions of the visit which Santa Claus will pay to the city this evening for the formal Christmas opening scheduled by the Goldsboro Merchants Association and the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce.

James J. Hatch, who has always believed in Santa Claus and for many years has been an intimate of the jolly saint, will introduce his friends to the children of the city from the northern steps of the courthouse at 7 o'clock this evening. "and I know that they will love him," said Mr. Hatch yesterday, "for his heart is full with kindness for all." The children will personally deliver to Santa letters announcing what they want him to bring them on Christmas and naming the store where they have seen the article. Stationery dealers said yesterday that they had sold hundreds of packages of

letter paper for writing to Santa Claus.

Due to a last-minute break down in the stabilizer on Santa's cabineted Falychild monoplane—which he is using in his pre-Christmas tour—he will not be able to land on the courthouse as originally planned, but will have to use the city airport. This is the second breakdown reported from Santa's expedition in the last two days. On Wednesday his plane developed motor trouble and he had to borrow another from the Pitcairn aviation company. The stabilizing device which went bad yesterday is the latest plane invention. Harnessing the principle of the gyroscope, it enables the largest planes to land on small buildings.

As it will be necessary for Santa to use the airport, he will make a stop at the Odd Fellows Home en route to the courthouse and pay a visit to the children there. The band of the Home will precede him to the

courthouse, acting as an escort of honor.

Santa having been presented to the children and having received their letters, the band will again strike up and move west on Walnut street where stops will be made for the crowd to inspect the windows decorated for the occasion. Merchants were busy yesterday working out colorful effects and the appearance of the stores of the city tonight will be most beautiful.

Yesterday small pines were placed in the flag-pole holes along the business district. Care was taken in obtaining these trees to secure them where their removal did not harm to the natural supply of evergreens. They were selected at points where the growth was too thick or at points where they could not have been expected to mature. Merchants are asked to decorate these trees for the opening tonight.

Mother of Twenty Is Dead Of Influenza

Influenza was ascribed yesterday as the cause of the death of Julia Barnes, 61, Negro, wife of Hand Barnes of the Rosewood section. This is the first report of a death from influenza in the county this year.

Julia had been married for 37 years and was the mother of 20 children, 12 of whom, with her husband, survive.

She will be buried Saturday in the family graveyard.

PRETTY GIRLS ARE ABDUCTED

Mexican Bandits Line Up Village's Women and Pick Out Good Looking

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The kidnapping by insurgents of 20 of the prettiest young women of Jilotepec, state of Jalisco, is related by travelers arriving from Jalisco today.

According to the accounts, the insurgents invaded the town last Friday, dynamited the municipal buildings, invaded homes, and satisfied their appetites and then surrounded the motion picture show where most of the townspeople had assembled.

While the men were lined up on one side of the theatre, their hands up. Others of the party selected 20 of the prettiest women in the audience. When the insurgents departed for their mountain lairs they took the women with them.

BRAZIL CHEERS HERB. HOOVER

Thousands At Railway Stations As Train Pulls Into Capital

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The special train bearing Herbert Hoover and his party reached this city from Santiago, Chile this evening at 7 o'clock.

For more than an hour before the train reached the city it passed over a route more than 30 miles long lined with thousands of cheering flag waving people. There was a veritable outpouring of humanity at every suburban station near the city and the demonstrations ranked with those given the president-elect during the campaign in the United States.

CARROLL JURY DEADLOCKED

Nine Stood for Acquittal On Charge of Immorality At End of 87 Hours

RALEIGH, Dec. 13.—(AP)—After deliberating more than 87 hours, the jury was dismissed here today when they were unable to agree in the suit of the State Board of Charities and Welfare, seeking to revoke the license of Highland hospital. The suit had been on trial in Wake Superior court for two weeks and four days. Dr. R. S. Carroll director and chief owner of the institution was charged with "gross immorality and criminal neglect."

It was unofficially reported that the jury stood 9 for acquittal and three for conviction on the immorality charge. All agreed on the other charges in favor of the defendant.

During the trial defense attorneys attempted to have the action dismissed. They claimed that the suit had been decided before the Supreme Court several years ago. Judge W. C. Harris, presiding, disagreed, and the case continued.

Many witnesses from other states were brought in by counsel for both sides. Miss Gertrude Corbett of Trenton, N. J., was the chief witness for the plaintiff on the immorality charge. S. S. Lambeth, Jr., of Bedford, Va., testified that he had been neglected and cruelly treated while a patient at Dr. Carroll's sanatorium.

Character witnesses were brought in by both sides. The plaintiff introduced 12 who testified that the character of Dr. Carroll and his hospital was "bad." Defense attorneys came lack with 30 who were equally positive that the character of Dr. Carroll and the institution was "good."

Somewhat of a sensation came during the trial when Mr. Lambeth collapsed on the stand during a merciless examination. He had just finished a tirade against Dr. Carroll and the institution when he collapsed.

The jury reported several times they were unable to agree but were not released until they told Judge Harris late today that they were hopelessly deadlocked.

SUMMERALL CHOSEN LEADER OF PARADE WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Major General Charles F. Summerall, chief of staff of the army, has accepted the post of grand marshal for the inauguration of Herbert Hoover.