

**WEATHER**  
Rain with rising temperature in east and central and colder in extreme southwest portion Friday. Saturday generally fair and much colder.

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## THINK NEWTON GROVE MAN WAS MURDERED, THEN BURNED JOSHUA HERRING DIES FROM HIS WOUNDS

### Body Is Found Burned to Crisp

Leon Weeks, 30, Had Disappeared From His Home Day Previously

### CLAIM REVENGE WAS MOTIVE OF KILLERS

The News to Send Staff Correspondent to Gather Full Details Today

His body burned to a crisp, Leon Weeks, age 30, a married man of Newton Grove was found Wednesday in a woods a mile from his home by a searching party when he failed to return to his family, according to word received here last night.

The general belief of the community is that Weeks had been killed and taken to the spot where the body was found, and after his clothing had been saturated with kerosene or gasoline fire was applied. The body was burnt almost beyond recognition when found and smoking, trash and rubbish was scattered about the place.

The News was informed that Weeks was operator of a whiskey still and that the crime was thought to have been committed for revenge, by parties with whom he was said to have had trouble.

The Newton Grove section was reported as greatly stirred by the occurrence, various parties organizing citizens groups in an effort to aid officers in tracking down the murderers, if murder it proves to be, or in solving the mystery, declaring that no means would be spared in investigating the case.

Information reaching Goldsboro last evening was of the latest sort, but it indicated that a crime may have been committed that will shake the state.

The News will this morning send a staff correspondent to Newton Grove to gather full particulars of the happening, and this story will appear in tomorrow's issue.

### PLANE CRASHES KILLING THREE

Former Star Athlete of Texas Was Killed in The Catastrophe

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Three men were killed here late today when a cabin monoplane crashed from 100 feet at the municipal airport.

Those killed were Al Henley, Ft. Worth, pilot; Chick Shytles, Ft. Worth, manager of the Majestic theatre; Don Fransee, Ft. Worth, former star athlete at Texas Christian University.

Henley and Shytles were killed outright. Fransee was dead when an ambulance reached the field.

Witnesses said that the crash occurred apparently tried to land with the wind. He was near the administration building about 100 feet up when a gust of wind caught the ship and hurled it to the ground. The plane hit on its nose and was demolished. Henley was an experienced pilot. He was an entrant in the Dole race to Hawaii but did not make the flight.

They were here to attend the opening of the new airport.

### Question Mark To Hop Off at 7 A. M.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Capt. Ira Eaker, commander of the army tri-motored monoplane Question Mark announced tonight shortly after arriving here that the ship, weather permitting, would hop off at 7 a. m. tomorrow on a non-stop flight to Bolling Field, Washington.

### KILLED AT CROSSING

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Frank Moore, of Rosemary, N. C., was killed and his son, F. Moore, also of Rosemary, was seriously injured when their automobile truck was struck by an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train at Grizzard Crossing near Pleasant, N. C., about noon today.

### Fatally Wounded by Father Who Mistakes Him for Housebreaker

Wounded Early Yesterday Morning and Died in Hospital at 7 Last Night

FUNERAL TO BE HELD AT 2 THIS AFTERNOON

Lad Was Entering Home by Window About 12:30 Yesterday Morning When Shot

Joshua Herring, aged 14, died at a local hospital at 7 o'clock last night from wounds inflicted by his father, Jim Herring of North Carolina street. Mr. Herring had mistaken his son for a burglar as the lad climbed into the house by a window at 12:30 yesterday morning.

Funeral will be held from the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon and burial will be made in the family burying ground near Seven Springs. Rev. Peter McIntyre will be in charge of the service.

The family was last night in a pitiable condition as a result of the fearful tragedy, both Mr. and Mrs. Herring on the verge of a nervous collapse and requiring medical attention.

Awakened by some noise at the front of the house early Thursday morning, Mrs. Herring called to her husband and said that somebody was trying to break in. Mr. Herring secured his pistol and moved toward the direction from which the noise came. In the half light of the night he saw a figure framed in the window, and fired.

"Oh, father, you have shot me," were the words that followed the pistol shot, and the boy fell forward into the room.

Early in the evening his mother had told the youth that he might go visiting, and as he had not returned when the other members of the family retired, the house was locked up for the night. Finding the house locked when he returned, and not caring to awaken his parents, Joshua raised a window and started to step in when he was shot.

### STORMY ROW PROHL FUNDS

To Place \$24,000,000 in Hands of President For Prohibition Enforcement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Signaling the approach of a storm of debate over the proposal to place \$24,000,000 in the hands of the president for prohibition enforcement, Democratic members today made an unsuccessful attempt in the house to learn when the deficiency bill carrying this amendment would reach the floor.

The formal announcement that the senate had passed the measure had hardly died away before Representative Hastings, Democrat of Oklahoma, asked Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the Republican leader, as to his plan for calling the bill up in the house for consideration.

Representatives Garner and Blanton, both Texas Democrats, joined in pressing the inquiry and urged that ample notice be given the house in order that members who were interested in the legislation might be present.

"I am asked the gentlemen from Indiana, Mr. Wood, who is the ranking member of the appropriations committee, to give me a day's notice before calling it up," Tilson said.

### MENINGITIS IS CAUSE OF DEATH

No Truth to Report That Johnston County Lad Had Been Beaten by Mates

Reports current in the northern part of the county yesterday afternoon that an eight-year old school lad of Micro Johnston county town, had been so seriously beaten by school mates that he died in a Smithfield were last night denied as untrue by Mr. Moore of Micro in a long distance telephone conversation with The News.

A son of Bertie Watkins, Mr. Moore said, was taken ill at school and sent home by his teacher. He lapsed into unconsciousness and when he was taken to the Johnston Memorial hospital in Smithfield, his trouble was diagnosed as spinal meningitis. This caused his death several days later Mr. Moore said.

Mr. Moore told the News that the report that he had had been severely beaten by playmates was also current in Johnston county but that there was nothing to it. The story was that the lad had been beaten and left helpless in the school basement for several days, that when found and hurried to a hospital he regained consciousness long enough before his death to tell how he had been assaulted.

### CRAMER SEES HOOVER

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 24.—Stewart W. Cramer, North Carolina textile manufacturer, was invited to luncheon with Mr. Hoover today. Mr. Cramer is in the Miami territory for his vacation, and one of the Southern men who it is reported has been under consideration for a cabinet position.

### CONVICTED IN SECOND DEGREE

Jury Deliberates Hour and Seven Minutes When The Verdict is Returned

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Esther Evans Wilson, big game hunter and Washington society woman, today was convicted of assault in the second degree for shooting her husband Dallett H. Wilson, lawyer and Republican politician.

The jury in general sessions court deliberated an hour and seven minutes and when the verdict was returned Judge Charles C. Nott, Jr., committed Mrs. Wilson to Jefferson Market Women's Prison for sentence Tuesday.

"Your verdict was in conformity with the facts and the law," the judge said as he discharged the jury. "The excuse that when a woman shoots and then forgets has been given too often in the past."

Mrs. Wilson had testified she did not remember the shooting.

### Tentatively Named for Cabinet



When President-elect Hoover departed from Washington for a rest and vacation he left behind the conviction that he already had decided, tentatively at least, just who should be invited to join his cabinet. Among those deemed most certain of portfolios are, l. to r. at top, William M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture (retained); Curtis D. Wilbur, secretary of the navy (retained); William J. Donovan, attorney-general; and Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury (retained), and, below, Julius Klein, secretary of commerce, and Dwight W. Morrow, secretary of state.

### SCORES WASTE OF RESOURCES

Wade H. Phillips Addresses The Fifth Annual Newspaper Institute

CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Needless waste of North Carolina natural resources was heavily scored by Major Wade H. Phillips, director of the department of conservation and development, who addressed the fifth annual newspaper institute at its afternoon session today.

Reminding the newspaper folks of their power to make conservation effective, Major Phillips said that the prosperity of any nation depends on the wise use of its natural resources.

He was the first speaker on the afternoon program. The morning session had been devoted entirely to a business session of the North Carolina Press association, during which Senator Walsh's bill before Congress relating to second class postage was declared unnecessary and the services of a field secretary were suspended for the next five months, owing to a shortage in the treasury.

Other speakers on the afternoon program were W. E. Page, president of the R. W. Page Corporation, owners of a chain of newspapers, who discussed the pros and cons of newspaper consolidation and valuation; and Cleveland Baber, superintendent of the mechanical department of the Asheville Citizen, who discussed the mechanical side of newspaper making.

### 650 Gallons of Whiskey Found

Six hundred and fifty gallons of whiskey buried under a load of lumber on a box car at Bridgetown was found this afternoon. It was shipped as lumber and consigned to Rayman Lumber Co., Jersey City, N. J., by R. Kirkman. The names are supposed to be fictitious. The stuff was stored in 13 coca cola barrels.

### Balloonist Dies In Chute Jump

NEW HALL, Calif., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Leta Wishart, 28, professional parachute jumper was killed while making a double parachute jump with her husband here this afternoon during the filming of a motion picture. Reports from the sheriff's office said that the young woman's parachute failed to open. Hoot Gibson, motion picture cowboy, who was playing the leading part in the film was on the ground watching the double jump when the tragedy took place.

### Get Sheriff's Booze Then Start to Brawl

Seven convicts confined in the Greene county jail at Snow Hill broke through their cages into the store of whiskey seized in sheriff's raids on Wednesday night, according to word reaching here yesterday. Then the fun began. The crowd fell to brawling about who would have the next drink, or something like that, and pop bottles, half gallon jars, and lumps of coal were freely exchanged among them in a never-say-die spirit. Snow Hill doctors yesterday had to take 140 stitches in various parts of the various persons in order to repair the damage.

### DIPHTHERIA IS FATAL TO BOY

Ben Evans, Jr., Third Child in Family of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Evans Lost

Ben Evans, Jr., two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Evans of 712 North William street, is the first 1929 victim of diphtheria in Wayne county. Funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. Mr. Butler, of the Pentecostal Holiness church and burial was made in the Willowdale cemetery.

This is the third young child which the Evans family has lost in recent years, it was said yesterday.

Ben junior contracted diphtheria from exposure to Mrs. Rosa Strickland of 716 North William street, a neighbor. It was learned. Mrs. Strickland has been severely ill with the disease, her body broken out from the effects as if she had some kind of fever.

### Defendants Found Not Guilty

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 24.—(AP)—At 6:30 tonight the jury trying state Senator E. J. Bennis and his six co-defendants to violate the national prohibition act brought in a verdict of not guilty.

### Warehouse Destroyed With Cotton Gin

APEX, N. C., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a warehouse and cotton gin here tonight with estimated damage of \$22,000.

Fire trucks from Raleigh were called to the scene but arrived too late to save the building.

### Proposes Formation Power Policy for State of N. Car.

RALEIGH, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Sponsored by a Republican who described himself as a "great admirer" of Alfred E. Smith, democratic nominee for president in the recent election, the house had placed before it today a proposition that the general assembly name a committee to investigate the waterpower situation in the state and adopt a power policy.

Representative Klutz, of Catawba was the author of the resolution. It would have three members of the house and two members of the senate designated by the speakers of each to do the investigating. It was referred to the committee on internal improvements.

"There is a widespread sentiment in this state that under the present laws the benefits of this great natural resource (hydro-electric power) accrue most exclusively to private in-

terests rather than to all of the people," the resolution read.

"There is a great need for a thorough going study of the entire problem so that this state may adopt a waterpower policy based upon the facts of the situation and which will secure to the people of the state the maximum benefits from the resource."

The Catawba representative said he had in mind formulation of a policy somewhat similar to that instituted in New York state when Alfred E. Smith was governor. Under his resolution the investigating committee would have power to summons witnesses before it and compel the power companies to produce their books for examination.

Beyond the Klutz resolution the house received little new matter of statewide importance today.