

SENTIMENT AGAINST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT INDICATED AT TRIAL

Thirty-four Per Cent. of Veniremen Examined in Murder Case Oppose Legal Killing.

A clean-cut illustration of the growth of the sentiment against capital punishment in North Carolina, was furnished in Judge James L. Webb's court in Newton Wednesday, when 34 per cent. of the veniremen examined for the Bowman assault jury, declared they were opposed to legal killing by the state.

Judge Webb, it is said, kept careful tally of the answers of the 112 men examined for jury duty the first day of the trial, and at the conclusion of the day announced the surprising fact that well nigh half of the number were opposed to the old time form of punishment.

Newton, Feb. 3.—The entire day was taken up in Catawba Superior court in the selecting of a jury for the trial of Major Wade V. Bowman. In addition to the regular jury of 12 men, a venire of 100 men had been summoned by the sheriff and the entire number was exhausted by 4 o'clock this afternoon and only 10 jurors selected from the entire number. Solicitor Huffman then moved the court for another venire of 40 men, returnable tomorrow morning, and the order was promptly made by Judge James L. Webb.

Judge Webb kept a close tab on the large number of men examined as prospective jurors and when the venire was exhausted he announced that 34 per cent of the entire number had stated that they were opposed to capital punishment. Two or three of the men examined stated that they had formed and expressed an opinion that the defendant was not guilty and they were excused. Eight or 10 stated that they had formed and expressed an opinion that the defendant was guilty and they were likewise excused from jury duty.

The state and the defendant have been moving very cautiously in the selection of a jury in the trial of this case. Solicitor Huffman examined the jurors on behalf of the state and W. C. Feimster, of counsel for the defendant, made the examination on behalf of the accused.

For the first time, Major Bowman's wife came into court this morning with him and remained at his side all during the tedious hours of examination of jurors and evinced considerable interest during the progress of the examination by the solicitor and the defense counsel.

POULTRY RAISING IN THE STATE

"Agriculture and industry," published at State College, reports steady progress in the poultry the past 25 years.

The census data shows that in 1900 there were 3,871,858 head of poultry on the farms in North Carolina. These were valued at \$1,434,150. In 1910 we had 5,953,870 head, valued at \$1,924,606. In 1920 we had 7,293,161 head, valued at \$6,685,645. Perhaps this last value needs some explanation, since it has made such a large increase this partly due to the war period of inflation.

In 1900 this State produced 17,000,000 dozen eggs, valued at \$1,810,000. In 1910 it produced 23,560,000 dozen, valued at \$4,265,000. Of these eleven million dozen were sold at two million dollars. In 1920 we produced 24,850,000 dozen, valued at \$10,400,000. There was sold that year eleven million dozen, valued at close to \$4,000,000.

The average (or weight) price of eggs increased from 19 cents per dozen in 1900 to an average of 25 1-2 cents per dozen in 1923. They averaged 40 cents per dozen in 1919 and 1920.

Poultry prices at the farm rose from an average of 10 cents in 1920 to an average of 18 cents in 1923. They averaged 29 cents per pound for the year 1920.

Close to sixty-five per cent of the poultry and eggs that are produced annually are consumed at home. In other words, out of a total egg production in 1923 of 24,000,000 dozen eggs, thirteen million dozen were used at home.

Eight million chickens valued at \$2,689,000, were produced in 1900; 14,000,000 chickens valued at \$4,946,000, in 1910; 15,227,000 chickens valued at \$9,970,000 in 1920. This represents a combined value of \$2,373,000 for the poultry and eggs produced in 1920.

It usually takes three generations to get from the country back to a country club.

It isn't called the "Ponzi development" in Florida. He was developed before he went there.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

I will offer for sale, at public auction for cash, at the residence of the late Fannie Putnam in Waco, N. C., on Saturday, February 6th, 1926, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following articles of personal property: All household and kitchen furniture belonging to the estate of Mrs. Fannie Putnam, deceased, one mule about 15 years old, and lot of farming tools. This January 13, 1926.

A. J. PUTNAM, Admr.

CLEVELAND NATIVE HAS ANOTHER PLAY

Hatcher Hughes Has Released "Marriage Made in Heaven." Will Portray Southern Life.

New York.—Hatcher Hughes, well-known North Carolina playwright, has released to the Player's Guild production rights on his latest play, "A Marriage Made in Heaven" before its Broadway opening this spring, he announced today.

In granting the premiere rights to the Player's Guild, Mr. Hughes who is on the New York Advisory Board, has been actuated by his enthusiastic interest in the possibilities of the company as a group of players which will ultimately become distinctively Southern, with the primary idea of producing the best plays of origin or local; comedy drama or otherwise.

He is particularly interested in the possibilities of having a professional group portray through the theatre and the romance, beauty and tragedy that can be found in the South.

Miss Edith Russel and Miss Margaret George, who are not only officers of the company but also members of its cast, are very much pleased with the prospect of opening in North Carolina with a play by a North Carolinian. They will probably use it as the opening feature of their program.

Mr. Hughes has had two plays on Broadway, "Hell Bent for Heaven" and "Ruin." Both are portrayals of mountain life in North Carolina, and the announcement that he has written a comedy of Southern life is received with interest. The locale of the new play is Southern, not strictly North Carolinian. Its particular setting is the national highway. Mr. Hughes says that this might be North Carolina as well as anywhere else. North Carolinians add that might be better.

Wife of Maj. Jones Dies in Columbia

Columbia, State, Tuesday: Mrs. Isabelle Dean Jones, wife of Maj. John F. Jones, collector of internal revenue, died at the Baptist hospital yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock after an illness of three months. She had been at the hospital for 11 days. Mrs. Jones was born in Claremont, N. H., but had been living in South Carolina for the past 30 years, making her home in Blacksburg for many years, and in Columbia since 1922. She was a woman of high character and was known throughout the state for her kindness and love for charity as well as her literary attainments. She had a large circle of friends who mourn her death. She was an Episcopalian, a member of the Church of the Atonement of Blacksburg. She was 77 years of age. Mrs. Jones is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Morris M. Freeman and Mrs. Thomas W. Fry of Claremont, N. H., seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; also by one brother, J. W. Dean of Asper, Colorado. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Dunbar Funeral home, 1527 Gervais street. The funeral party will leave Columbia by train later for Claremont, N. H., where interment will be.

TIME MAY COME WHEN KIDS OBEY PARENTS MUST STAGE COME BACK

New York.—"The man who came back" must be Father.

And Mother must come back with him.

Parents must stage a complete come back and once more convince their children that judgment of one's elders is to be relied upon, and that the idea of obedience is worth taking seriously.

At the close of fifty-three years of work as teacher and principal in New York City public schools, Miss Katherine A. McCann, about to retire at seventy from her desk at Public School 17, foresees the return of the parent to power.

Young People Alert

"Young people are alert as never before. But there is something lacking in their lives," she says.

"This unsettling period of transition through which we have been passing for several years, during which the young person has been considered a problem, will inevitably lead to a revival of good moral training in the home. Parents must once more assume responsibilities toward their children.

Children May Yet Obey

"I foresee that children will yet obey their parents."

Criticism from authorities of one sort or another in whom they have confidence will do much toward making parents believe they should be good examples to their children, Miss McCann declares.

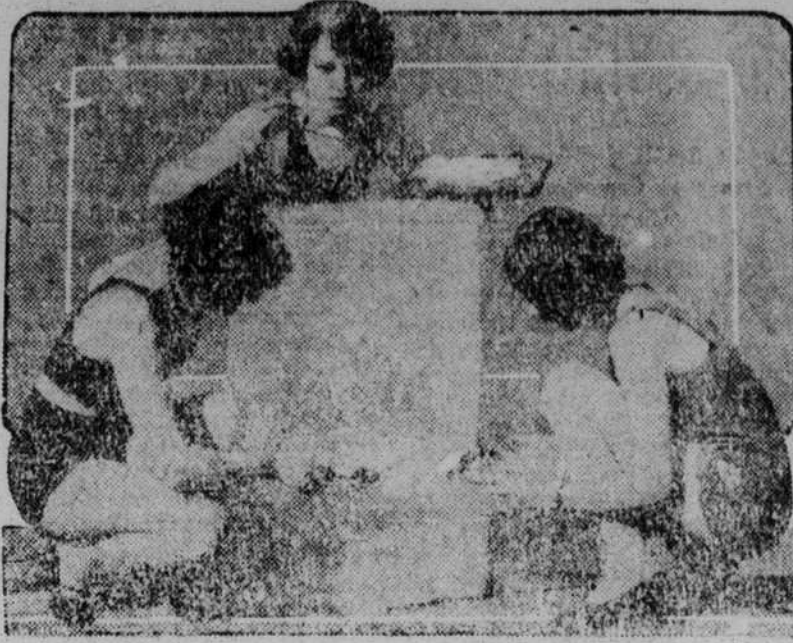
"When strong outside forces check up on general home conditions men and women will once more see the value of creating a good home atmosphere.

"They must look back to find this, to earlier days when homes were greatly valued. This will be the best way to go forward."

And then Mr. Hoover, we could make over a lot of frocks and save fabric for tires.

"Is that your own face or are you breaking it in for a friend?—Judge.

Used Ice Cream for Mortar



June DeVaney, Helene Best and Ruth Moe were the maids who used a cake of ice for the cornerstone and ice cream for mortar to dedicate a Lee Angeles (Call)

ESKRIDGE TO PHOTO SCENES IN BERMUDA

Mr. Charles Eskridge, of Shelby, who sells the Ford phenomenon in these parts, is preparing to look about the world. On the thirteenth of this month he is going to sail for Bermuda, in the tropic seas. And later early in March, he is going to Detroit to go over the Ford plant.

On the Bermuda trip Mr. Eskridge will take his moving picture camera. The taking of motion pictures has become quite a hobby with him. "I don't know what I will find to photograph over the sands," he said to The Star, "maybe the mermaids." He will fish and bask in the sea air of the island. It is likely a friend from Shelby will go along with him, to give the once over to the one piecers.

On the thirteenth of March, in company with a group of Ford dealers Mr. Eskridge will go to Detroit. The party will travel in a special train out of Charlotte. In the Michigan city they will inspect the entire Ford plant.

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