

### COUPLE ACCUSED IN RACIAL CASE

James Reedy, White, Alleged To Have Married Negress In Virginia.

Woodstock, Va.—Charged with violations of the Virginia statute prohibiting the intermarriage of persons of the Caucasian race with those of Negro blood, James Reedy and Lizzie Copp were arrested by Sheriff L. G. Sheets and Deputy Fred P. Painter and lodged in the Shenandoah County jail here. Their case will be presented to the March term of the grand jury.

Reedy, who is white and whose parents live four miles west of Woodstock, is 19 years old. The girl is alleged Negro extraction, her grandmother said to be of that race. The marriage took place at Hattertown on Friday morning and the arrest followed the return of the couple to Shenandoah county a few hours later. The father of the girl was prosecuted for a similar offense some years ago, and her uncle, on the paternal side, testified recently in court that there was one-fourth strain of Negro blood in the veins of himself and his brother.

er. This is the second case of the character in the history of Shenandoah county. The law provides that persons married out of the state, with the intention of evading the Virginia law, are as guilty as if the ceremony were performed in the Old Dominion.

The arrest recalls one of the most amazing cases of patricide in criminal annals, in which the father of Lizzie Copp and her 14-year-old brother were the principals. The boy is now serving an indefinite term in the State Reformatory for the crime.

The facts as related at the hearing of the boy, charged with the killing of his 66-year-old father, before Juvenile Judge M. L. Walton, Jr. were that Morgan Copp was cleaning a gun at his home in the foothills of Massanutten mountain, three miles east of Woodstock. He handed the gun to his young son, and in the same manner, the load entered the elder Copp's arm at the elbow.

The boy, who was alone with his father, stated that when the wounded man realized the extent of his injuries, he begged the son to "finish the job" and "put me out of my misery." Young Copp then went to the house, procured another gun and shot his father twice.

Milton was charged with murder for his act, but because of his extreme youth there was no indictment. The father of Morgan Copp, who was white, is said to have married Rosanna, a slave woman from Pennsylvania, where they were married, and upon their return to Virginia they were indicted and tried. Because of the failure to prove the percentage of Negro blood in Copp's veins, a hung jury resulted. Since that trial, however, the Virginia legislature has changed the law prohibiting intermarriage when there is even the slightest trace of Negro blood in the veins of one of the parties.

### BACHELORS MUST PAY EXTRA TAX

Nish, Jugo-Slavia. — Bachelors more than thirty hereafter must pay the Nish district government a special tax for the lives of single blessedness.

All adult citizens who are not members of some cultural, educational, charitable and patriotic association must pay an even higher penalty.

At the same time alcoholic drinks and all luxury will be heavily taxed.

### Drug Grown In Backyards Menace To U. S. Youth



"One's sub-conscious ego stands amused by and observes a second ego go through the most ridiculous capers..." Upper left, method of inhaling the drug; below, a deadly backyard crop and a user "rolling her own."

Cannabis Americana, or Marihuana, Deadly In Effect On Users.

(By GRAHAM STEWART.)

New York.—A cult of marihuana-smokers in ultra sophisticated Greenwich Village; hashish Oriental raving those of ancient Oriental days in certain luxurious night-life resorts; haunts in Bohemia where writers, artists, musicians and others gather to "experience" something new in thrills by puffing the deadly leaf of the Cannabis Americana—

Small wonder that the narcotic division of the metropolitan police is waging a desperate fight to stamp out what is considered one of the most dangerous drugs yet to make its appearance in America. But it is not easy task. Though in New York state it is illegal to possess or grow the plant, detectives have discovered the deadly "joco weed" growing hardily in parks, back yards, window boxes and even in cemeteries.

### Grows On Vacant Lots.

Only a few days ago agents visited a vacant lot on East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and found enough of the ripened plant to poison a thousand youthful minds. A hairy plant readily grown in a northern clime, the seeds and tender under-leaves only are harvested for drug purposes. These are crushed, mixed with alcohol

and allowed to dry again. Later they are flavored with red pepper, sugar and sometimes with some aromatic incense. Then they are made into cigarettes.

Marihuana isn't a heart stimulant, but a spur to the nervous system, so powerful that a few months of its use serves to destroy the strongest constitution. A clap of the hand sounds like thunder; one can literally hear a pin drop. Great distances loom before the eyes—step across the room appears like a long journey. A pleasant sensation is long-drawn-out. Seconds seem like hours.

During this phase the smoker enjoys a pleasant and serene sensation of comfort; his mind seems detached from his body, and another personality stands off and whimsically and amusingly notes what appear to be highly ludicrous actions of the corporal self.

The smoker of the weed soon finds he has difficulty in concentrating on anything; his mind leaps from idea to idea. And many times he returns to a first subject after the passage of hours and continues where he left off. It is then that he is verging on insanity.

The time required to render an addict hopelessly insane is placed by doctors at five years, as against twenty or even more of the opium smoker. Hence the drive to kill the drug at its source—the window box gardens at the vacant lot plots.

### SUGGESTS GRADED TAXES FOR FARMS

Commissioner W. A. Graham Declares Farm Taxes Growing More Burdensome.

Raleigh.—In the preface to his biennial report, which was given the members of the general assembly in printed form Thursday, Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham expresses the hope that "whatever is done by the general assembly, especially in the matter of tax reduction, will be done with a view to helping the farmer along with those engaged in other industries."

"The problem of farm taxes is growing more and more burdensome in this state, as well as in other states in the union," he continues. He then makes this observation: "Coming to North Carolina, this state paid, during the year ending June, 1928, the sum of \$225,316,160 into the federal treasury. Most of the gigantic sum came from taxes on manufactured goods, but it will be remembered that these goods were manufactured from raw material grown on the farm. In addition to this, the people of this state paid \$58,819,000 as state and local taxes. In other words, the per capita taxation for North Carolina is \$24.40 for every man, woman and child in the state.

"To show for this tremendous tax burden, we have our elegant schools, superb roads and, at least, creditable institutions for the aged and infirm. We hold over three million have been widely invested and we

are proud of these public properties, but when we look over the record and note that North Carolina ranks first in the union in its bonded indebtedness, carrying a bonded debt of \$54.84 for every man, woman and child in the state, we are forced to ask whether it isn't time to call a halt and try to get some of these debts liquidated."

Following this, Commissioner Graham gives this suggestion:

"The idea has been advanced that farm lands should be graded and classified for taxation purposes. Open lands that have so far lost their fertility as to have been abandoned should not have to pay as much tax as the fertile acres on the same farm. This is what I mean by grading farm lands, the grading representing the difference in productive capacity. The lands might be classified as tillable lands, forest lands, and swamp lands, and take a tax comparable to their income producing capacity."

"The report, which is illustrated with pictures taken on the various test farms, takes each division of the state department of agriculture separately and reviews its work during the past biennium.

### FIRE LOSS IN NORTH CAROLINA LAST YEAR \$4,912,925

Raleigh.—The total fire loss in North Carolina last year was \$4,912,925, a decrease of \$331,162 as compared with 1927, Commissioner Dan C. Boney, of the State Insurance department, announced today. Mr. Boney said the fire loss had been decreasing annually since 1922 when it was \$3,331,736 more than for 1928.

The per capita was \$1.72 as compared with \$1.91 for the preceding year.

### RUTHERFORD FAIR NOT LIKELY AGAIN

Trustee Of Association Says He Will Not Manage Again. Hard Up.

Rutherford Sun.

David Lindsay, trustee of the bankrupt Rutherford County Fair Association, has announced that he will not manage any fair this year, and unless a group of public spirited citizens rent the grounds and take charge themselves there will be no fair in 1929. The County Agent, F. E. Patton, stated that the news and likewise would be to a very large number of people in the county. He thought, however, that there was some chance of a number of men getting together and decide to hold the fair as usual, in other words to underwrite the event and rent the grounds from the association. Mr. Patton said that he intended to get in touch with several prominent farmers and business men, and after a conference with them, he might have something to say. In his opinion, Mr. Patton stated, it might be more advantageous to hold the fair in September rather than a month later, and he was very decided in saying that he thought a larger and better midway would be necessary. "People," said the county agent, "go to a fair not only to see the exhibits but to be amused as well, and it is from the midway and other concessions that the expenses must be met. I certainly will do all I can to see that a fair is held this year."

### Disappointment Expressed.

A well known man was willing to comment upon the announcement that a fair this year was unlikely, but for business reasons would not allow his name to be printed. After reviewing the history of the fair association and pointing out what he considered had been mistakes, he said, "I know that the fair did not make much money last year, but I thought it had more than cleared

all expenses. It will be a great appointment to large numbers of people to have no fair in 1929; that it was well worth while cannot be disputed; it gave the farmers an opportunity to exhibit their livestock and produce, and there was friendly rivalry between the various communities that had booths. With a good midway, a really good one, I mean, and some first class attractions I think the fair would undoubtedly pay its expenses. I would be heartily in favor of a lower admission charge, more people would come and also come oftener. I sincerely hope that Mr. Patton will be able to finance a 1929 fair."

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