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that," was the reply.

Macdonald replied briskly, "Yes, I

made the damning admissions.

e killed her?"

knows his rights."

to talk things over.

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yer, killed himself in jail where he on the best of terms and frequently have no reason was placed after he confessed to were seen walking hand in hand, sometimes I think Payne killed his killing his wife and injuring a child. through the streets. On June 27, wife and then, again, I feel he did His method of suicide was a diaboli- Lawyer Payne went to his office, not. The authorities have the same cal as the slaying of his wife. All miles distant from the home, at the feeling, but 90 per cent of the peoreaders do not know the inside story usual time in the morning and bus- ple of this city suspect Payne. There of how Payne was trapped and jed himself with his practice, while is not a shred of proof." Macdonald made to confess the mystery of his Mrs. Payne and one of the children, said: "Well, there is no doubt that wife's death. This information is during the forenoon, took the family Mrs . Payne was murdered. given in the following article by car and went for a spin along a must have been a motive? Marlen Pew in Editor and Publish- country road. The woman had not wanted her out of the way? Who blast, the car exploded. Mrs. Payne Payne had carried heavy insurance Newspaper readers of the mid- was killed and the child was badly on the lives of his wife and three west have recently been thrilled by hurt. The car was torn to bits. An children. Double indemnity was ofinvestigation revealed that the ex- fered in case of death by accident. with a young Kansas City reporter plosion was caused by a charge of This might be a motive, but Macin the role of Sherlock Holmes and dynamite which had been concealed donald says he did not then believe good old Gene Howe, editor of the in the car. Lawyer Payne exhibited the financial urge sufficient. Amarillo (Tex.) Globe and News, intense grief, offered \$5,000 reward as the faithful Dr. Watson. The re- to anyone who would solve the mys- case," he suggested,

local authorities had admitted ut- prosecutor and police officials and suggested. ter bafflement, and made a county some citizens sought to unravel the prosecutor and a town police de- mystery and after a month's invespartment look dumb and silly be- tigation confessed complete frustrafore the populace. It was a classic tion. All believed Lawyer Payne was bit of newspaper work and deserves sincere in his story of complete ing at his cheeks and chin. a permanent place among the choic- ignorance of any enemy or reason thought there was a cruel nature est archives of the craft. I am tak- to account for the ghastly crime, behind that leathery face," the reing the facts more in detail than Insurance detectives came to Ama- porter now recounts. "I never for an Macdonald asked. they have heretofore been reported, rillo to report on the case, because instant believed he was innocent from Mr. Macdonald's "own story" the lives of Mrs. Payne and the after I laid eyes on him." children were covered by policies had ready answers to all questions or Ernest Thompson will see A. D. Payne was a highly respect- but soon left town saving the mysed and fairly prosperous lawyer of tery was beyond their power to aged 14, came into the room, look-Amarillo. He had been a college solve Howe offered a reward of \$500, ing frightened, Macdonald thought. graduate, school teacher and city and one day wrote an editorial Last March Mrs. Payne had opened commercial interests, appeared a high school principal. Once he took paragraph, half in jest, saying he a closet door and a shot-gun exa correspondence course in crimin- thought of having himself appoint- ploded, wounding her in the hand, newspapermen related erence brought Payne to the editor's been jarred off a shelf. The reporter "Gentlemen, this calls for action.

office on an unexpected visit. interest. He spoke of his "dear from Sunday school and Macdonald made public his offer of \$5,000 re- was telling about the events of the and sign it in the presence of witward. Nothing which he said caus- fatal morning when her father ed Howe to change his opinion, but abruptly stopped her, saying, "Why, confront him with her confession, his manner did not ring true. He no, honey, seemed unnatural. After Payne left, way: don't you remember, it was all confess, when caught." Howe sat thinking long of the man, this way" and thereafter led her rewondering whether it was possible cital. Macdonald thought the man that a fiend was concealed behind coached these children and that that rather agreeable exterior. Per- both realized and regretted that Howe's doubts impelled him to com- The girl once burst into tears as a skilled stenographer had been faith in the power of the newspaper municate with the editors of Kan- he went along agreeing with every- summoned. The mayor ordered a desas City Star, George Longan and thing her father Roy Roberts, experienced newspa- recognized the unnaturalness of this fice within ten minutes. He did so per men and old friends. Howe ask- situation. Some instinct, born, of Immediately she started to make a ed them to send a skilled reporter newspaper experience, whispered to long confession of a love affair with

On August 2 Macdonald, clear-EAST TEETHER MEDICINE CO.

Westminster, S. C. train. For hours the two newspawoman?"

afraid, stepped off the evening straight out, asked.

have you been enamored of another him, take everything off of him, throw him into the 'tank' (jail dun-

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NOTICE OF CANDIDACY

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To the Voiers of Cleveland County:

Having been selected by the Republican executive committee of Cleveland county.

N. C. to fill a vacancy on the Republican county ticket to be voted for at the November election for the office of county commissioner for said county, caused by the resignation, or withdrawal, of an original nominee. I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of commissioner for Cleveland county. N. C. If elected, shall do all in my power to protect and conserve every interest of the county and to reduce the running expenses of the room and conserve every interest of the county and to reduce the running expenses of the room and conserve every interest of the county and to reduce the running expenses of the room and conserve every interest of the county and to reduce the running expenses of the room and to reduce the running expenses of the room and to reduce the running expenses of the room and to reduce the running expenses of the room and to reduce the running expenses of the room and to reduce the running expenses of the room and the room

signed.
This, July 30th, 1930.
YATES BROOKS, Administrator

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reading in the Sunday morning papers how A. D. Payne, Texas, lawyer, killed himself in fail where he law and three children and three children published locally. Howe told him: 'I have told him: 'I have told him: 'I have to see her.

After Verona had told her story payne was suddenly brought from they came to see her.

Verona had told her story payne was suddenly brought from they came to see her. with a terrific would benefit?" Howe related that

porter is A. B. Macdonald of the trey and the police and newspaper this seemed absurd. A month of in staff of Kansas City Star. By sim- men went to work on one of the vestigation had revealed no such ple, skillful deductions, supported by strangest mysteries the state had clue and all the neighbors recalled wife. "Well, let's go and see Payne Editor Howe and his staff, the and get down the cases," Macdonald

> Payne received them cordially. Macdonald first noted the man's nervous tension, fidgeting and pullon which Payne was beneficiary, He referred rather too often to his through this damnable situation and "dear wife." His oldest daughter, do something." He telephoned to the got the notion that it had been a My God, you have evidence enough Near noon Payne's younger to convict Payne. What do you want Payne thanked Gene Howe for his daughter, Bobbie Jean, came home me to do?"

him that Payne was cleverly cover- Payne. While she was talking the

"No," he replied, "I was never un- geon) and let me examine his stuff. true to my dear wife in deed, or Say nothing to anyone." Payne was

yer to give him a list of the steno-graphers who had worked in his

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This Sept. 2, 1930.

41 Sept. 3c. MRS. C. D. MINTZ. ious girl if she had ever heard there ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have this day qualified as Administrator of the estate of Samuel Brooks, deceased, late of Cleveland County, N. C. All persons having claims against said estate will present them to me properly proven for payment on or before July 30th, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. house prior to the death of Mrs. of the estate of Samuel Brooks, dec'd Ryburn and Hoey, Attys.

6t—Aug. 6C Taken Verona on automobile trips to nearby towns. The trail was getting By virtue of the power vested in me as executor of the last will and testament of isabella Elliott. I will sell to the highest older at the court house door n Shelby.

less.

Terms of sale: One-third cash; one-third January 1, 1931 and one-third January 1 and one-third January 1, 1932, with the privilege of paying all cash. J. L. MARTIN, Executor of the will of Mrs. Bells Elhott. ness and she accompanied as steno-

for his own. It was a transparent at-"Give me the names of the hotels tempt to explain the missing eleyou stopped at," the reporter de-ment in Payne's defense. Another document was a statement which "Oh, we didn't do anything like the attorney had prepared for the district attorney, sheriff and detec-She then blurted-"Do you think tives to sign, to exonerate him and

when Howe and Macdonald reached lic officials in a row, each with an ple of this community were glad to the street they felt they had locat- ugly look upon his face. Verona sat ed the woman in the case. Later at a desk, with a curious sneer on get the refreshing rain which came and Mrs. Carl Blanton. self and Payne never to tell. She came convulsed with fear and be short in this community. Corn could not explain why she had shame. He knew he had been found and feed crops as well as cotton Roberts over the week-end. He was on the point of making a opening fast. Howe and Macdonald went to po- full confession, then and there, that lice headquarters and reported their he had planted a dynamite time- children of this community are at- H. Q. Kendrick. They found the sheriff, bomb in his car and induced his tending will close Friday so that police chief and prosecutor incredu- wife and child to take a ride. He the children may help in picking children, and Mr. and Mrs. Cellus ous. The latter agreed, however, to wanted the insurance and be free cotton bring the Thompson woman in for a to marry Verona. However, news There was a fine crowd at church and Mrs. R. B. Francis Sunday aft- ed Cleveland county cotson fields talk the next day. The district at that Payne had been arrested had Sunday. Our pastor. Rev. W. F. torney, according to Macdonald, re- spread around town and a menac- Lowe, was present and preached a marked, "there probably isn't any-ling crowd had begun to assemble. A very impressive sermon thing to it." The following day Howe livnching was feared. Mayor Thompand Macdonald went to hear the son ordered Payne removed by a visited Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Norman authorities question Verona, but the rear door and rushed to jail in an near Kings Mountain Friday police chief said: "We have decided adjoining town. There, that night, Mrs. H. Q. Kendrick and children The fact that the wretch started his confession visited Mrs. Edna Jackson awhile Payne had lunch with her means and continued to write for 20 hours. Saturday afternoon. nothing. Anyhow, we are not going using 54 pages of legal cap paper Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Guffey and Payne's attitude of love toward his to try this case in the newspapers, to tell the shameless story of his children spent awhile Saturday You have no proof that Payne kill- betrayal and crime. In truth, he had night with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blaned his wife. He is a lawyer and made several unsuccessful attempts ton of the Earl community. The jealousy of the officials, Macdonald says, was apparent. He and walking the streets with her hand home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Bor-Howe returned to the Globe office in his. He had planned the "perfect ders. After he had confessed. "Isn't there an official in this Payne asked to be executed immedtown big and fair enough to question this girl and lead up to Payne,

"and one we can depend on. May-Reporters everywhere should study this case. It has some signithe office in about 15 minutes. The Payne mystery on August 2 always alogy. As a member of the bar, he ed deputy sheriff to give his whole Payne spent an hour explaining this happened. Mayor Thompson's eyes wise to call for outside aid. Mr. time to the murder riddle. This ref- incident, holding that the gun had were snapping. Incisively he said: Macdonald's direct methods were tangled the case at the vital points, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blanton spent nerve, and of course he came from Guffey. wife." He tendered assistance and engaged her in conversation. She have her make a written statement Macdonald's deductions were sim- with Mr. Hill Lowery ple and reasonable. A dull-minded Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Kendrick had nesses and then bring in Payne and cop or time-serving detective make as their dinner guest Sunday Mr. it didn't happen that which makes him out a liar. They little slips which Payne made would A few minutes later the newspa- affection for his wife, coaching the

not have attracted their attention, such as his excessive protestation of children and sly attempt to divert permen were accompanying the mayor to police headquarters, whith attention from Verona by declaring were telling falsehoods, er the sheriff, district attorney and her unattractive. The case refreshes said. Macdonald tective to bring Verona into the of- Finally, there is no "perfect crime."

Vaccine For Fowls.

ing up and that there was a strange mayor called in a policeman, an old Agent J. W. Sanders to control an woman in the background. When personal friend. "John," he said, outbreak of fowl typhoid in a stand eyed, alert, direct-mannered, un- the men were alone Macdonald, "go out and get Payne, at his office ard bred flock owned by A. J. Cheek search of Vance county.

throw him into the 'tank' (jail dun- Buying Cows From Drought Area.

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to murder his wife, meantime cail- Mrs. Cliff Lowery and children

ing her "dear," and ostentatiously spent Saturday afternoon at the Mrs. Tom H. Lowery and daugh-

ter visited her sister, Mrs. Jesse G iately. His brother came on the Dycus of Shelby awhile Saturday scene and, on the theory that the afternoon. awyer is insance, proceeded to make Mr and Mrs Amos Gantt. Mr and Mrs. Cellus Gantt visited in

> Shelby awhile Saturday night. Mr. Horace Camp of Albemark spent the week-end with his par-

> Mr. Wells Lowery spent Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Kendrick of Shelby spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. H. Q. Kendrick. Little C. G. Blanton, jr., son of

without hesitation. He had plenty of last week with his aunt, Mrs. Ervin an office where courage is fostered Mr. Frank Cornwell spent Sunday

no study of human behavior and the Kendrick's mother, Mrs. L. I. Ken-

drick of Shelby.

sons, of Charlotte visited Mr. and Blacksburg Sunday afternoon. Mrs. C. E. Camp and Mr. and Mrs.

R. B. Francis Sunday. Misses Johnnie Mae and Beatrice will be in the senior class this year. Lowery had as their dinner guests Mrs. C. C. Putnam and daughters Sunday, Misses Hellah Roberts and attended the reunion at Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. H. Q. Kendrick had noon. as their dinner guest Sunday Mr. L. I. Kendrick and Mrs. W. B. Lowery Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Guffey and daughters spent Sunday with Mr

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roberts of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Kendrick and

The No. 3 school of which the Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. \$35,576,000, or a gain of \$3,403,000 Mr. and Mrs. Tom H. Lowery and

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lowery and provement work being done.

Gantt visited at the home of Mr.

|children, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lowery Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Francis and and little daughter visited in

Miss Helen Roberts started back to school at Shelby Monday. She Mrs. James Allen's Sunday after-

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