

Stabbing Near Mount Airy Is Fatal To Negro

Joseph Penn Dies From Cuts Received In Altercation Over Five-Cent Coin

Mount Airy, Feb. 19.—Joseph Penn, 24-year-old Negro, was cut to death late Saturday night after an argument over a 5-cent piece, which occurred during an "entertainment" at the Westfield colored school house, ten miles east of this city. After a coroner's investigation held at Westfield Sunday afternoon by Dr. R. E. Smith and Sheriff J. D. Thompson, James France, the alleged wielder of the knife, was lodged in jail and given a preliminary hearing.

The slain man had engaged in a drunken argument with several other Negroes over a nickel, for which they had been matching, the eyewitnesses told officers. Penn then went outside and was spoken to by France, who was not involved in the first argument. He struck at France with a stick, they said, and France stabbed him through the heart with a pocket knife. The dead man's open knife was found open in his pocket, together with half a bottle of liquor. France was involved in a serious cutting affray on the same spot two weeks ago.

Three white men of the neighborhood were summoned to the scene of the cutting, where they performed a perfunctory examination of the wounded man with a flashlight. They informed the crowd of about one hundred colored spectators that "you need an undertaker, not a doctor," and looked up to see the panic-stricken Negroes fading into the darkness. The scene was practically deserted immediately and most of the Negroes were not seen again until some twenty of them were rounded up by officers and brought to the investigation Sunday afternoon.

Judge R. L. Kirby, Grayson Lawyer, Is Claimed By Death

Judge Robert L. Kirby, Independence, Va., who for many years was one of the leading members of the legal profession in Grayson county, died yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon in Galax hospital, where he was taken Tuesday suffering from pneumonia.

Judge Kirby was, at one time, judge of the Grayson county court, before the formation of the twenty-first judicial circuit of Virginia, of which Judge Horace Sutherland, Galax, is now the presiding judge. Since that time he has practiced law in Independence, for the past few years having been engaged in practice with his son, Robert L. Kirby, Jr.

The deceased attorney is survived by the widow, one son, Robert, Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. Ruth King and Miss Jean Kirby, all of Independence.

Funeral plans had not been announced when this issue of the Times went to press, although it was regarded as certain that funeral and interment would take place at Independence.

Two Slightly Injured In Auto Mishap

Miss Madge McMillan and Leo Irwin were slightly injured Saturday night when the car in which they were riding left the highway and struck a large tree. The accident occurred west of Sparta at Richardson's shops.

The automobile, which was driven by Miss McMillan, was almost completely demolished. The two young persons escaped with bruises and slight cuts.

TENNESSEE DEFEATS EFFORT TO REPEAL "MONKEY LAW"

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 18.—Tennessee today refused to give up its "monkey bill."

The house of representatives debated more than two hours the attempt of 22-year old Cecil Anderson, Vanderbilt law student-legislator.

Mysterious Fire Destroys Barn Sunday Morning

A barn, belonging to A. A. Woodruff, prominent farmer of the New River community, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Two horses, two mules, and two sheep, as well as a large quantity of feed and a number of farming tools, were destroyed in the fire.

The blaze, which is thought to have been of incendiary origin, was discovered about five o'clock but it was then impossible to rescue the animals. Blood hounds were brought from North Wilkesboro and Sheriff Walter M. Irwin also led a posse of men in an attempt to track the guilty person or persons, but all efforts to find a trail failed. This failure to find tracks has led to a theory adopted by some that some person sleeping in the barn accidentally started the blaze and perished along with the animals.

Americans May Never Jingle Gold Again

World Has Apparently Turned To Currency Policies Based On A Bullion Reserve

Washington, Feb. 19.—In view of the decision of the United States Supreme court handed down Monday sustaining the New Deal in the all-important gold cases, it is probable that never again will gold coins jingle in the pockets of Americans, observers here said tonight.

The only apparent alternative is a return to the old standard gold dollar, which is viewed as practically impossible. The world has apparently turned to a policy of national currencies based on a bullion reserve. Even in France, which is still on the gold standard, gold coins are not circulated.

Meanwhile President Roosevelt, freed by the decisions of one main obstacle to his new deal prices and a dollar pegged at a sustained purchasing level, discussed legislation to clinch the government victory with Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings.

Cummings, government pleader in the momentous cases, said the legislation was still in the discussion stage and that no decisions had been reached.

The legislation was believed intended to head off possible suits by American gold clause bondholders in foreign countries who might be able to collect damages under the Supreme Court's interpretation in the liberty bond gold clause case if they could show actual loss in terms of a foreign currency. Officials believed, however, that such suits would have only a remote chance of success.

Student Strike At Boone Ends; Strikers Win

Boone, Feb. 19.—Students at Appalachian State Teachers college here celebrated last Wednesday night what they believed was a victory in their strike for greater social privileges. At a mass meeting held faculty members of each college class and five members of the faculty, which will act as a board to settle disputes and grievances among the students.

It was also agreed that a greater social freedom would be given a trial and men would be allowed to accompany women to two athletic or social functions to determine the administration's policy on the mingling of students at such gatherings.

The action followed a strike among students in protest against what they regarded as unreasonable restrictions placed upon the students in regard to men and women in attendance at athletic or social events, etc.

REYNOLDS CASE IS SET FOR HEARING MARCH 11

A court hearing on a proposed "family settlement" of the Z. Smith Reynolds estate has been definitely set for the superior court term beginning March 11.

Sanders-Coolidge Marriage Is Rumored



WASHINGTON. . . The closest friends of the Coolidges, back in their White House days, are now whispering that "early this Spring" Mrs. Grace Coolidge (above), wife of the late president, will become the bride of Everett Sanders (above), one time Coolidge secretary at the White House and later chairman of the Republican National Committee. Mr. Sanders has a 500 acre estate in Maryland. He is a widower, 53 years old. Indiana is his native state.

Tax Substitute Is Opposed By Power Companies

Senate Passes Bill To Outlaw Operation Of Slot Machines In State

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Slot machines were outlawed in North Carolina today when the state Senate passed, without a dissenting vote, a House bill to make their operation illegal.

The joint finance committee took up again the study of the McDonald-Lumpkin substitute for his sales tax. Before it appeared representatives of four major power companies and of insurance firms to protest increased

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Doughton Calls Townsend Public Enemy Number 1

Alleghany Congressman Says Townsend Scheme Has "Poisoned" Minds Of Many People

Washington, Feb. 19.—America has a new public enemy number one, according to Chairman Robert L. Doughton of the House ways and means committee.

The new public enemy is not a Capone, a Dillinger or a gangster or kidnaper. He is a gray-haired California doctor by the name of F. E. Townsend—known throughout the country as the author of the famous Town-

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Through State Capital Keyholes

By Bess Hinton Silver

AUTO TAGS—It's now recognized as a foregone conclusion that automobile license tags are going to be cheaper when you decorate the mahogany of the State Revenue Department next January. The Joint roads committee of House and Senate have already agreed upon reducing the rate per hundredweight from 55 cents to 40 cents with a minimum tag costing \$9 instead of \$12.50. By the time you read this the bill may have become law by passage through the General Assembly.

LOW DOWN—News is seeping down from Washington that the AAA is not so hot for legislation controlling the production of potatoes. Tar Heels and other representatives of potato-producing States put the bee on the AAA boys but it now appears that Secretary Wallace's crowd put one over on the potato men. They drafted a bill that bids fair to classify many potato farmers as criminals if they violate technical provisions of the act. Congressman Lindsay Warren has promised to look after North Carolina potato men with the proper amendments before the bill becomes law.

MODERN STEP—Wild old-age pensions and unemployment insurance as well as other social-security legislation coming along to relieve old-fashioned county homes of much of their burden, State Senator Julian Allsbrook, of Halifax, thinks it might be a good plan to turn over the county home buildings to the care of neglected children. Many counties in North Carolina have modern buildings constructed as "poor houses" that will be vacant if the aged and unemployed are supported by government money. Senator Allsbrook is considering introducing proper legislation to carry out his idea.

NOT SO FAST—People who would divert highway taxes to the support of various and sundry causes are not getting along so well with the present General Assembly. Probably that is because many members live on secondary roads that have created a financial surplus by a maintenance deficit. At any rate the Legislature lost no time appropriating \$3,000,000 for immediate repair and improvement of roads of the State.

KNOWS SCHOOLS—Legislators are generally agreed that Senator Lloyd Griffin, of Chowan, know his schools. Senator Griffin was chairman of the senate education committee that drafted the first eight months school machinery law in 1933 and heads the same committee this session. The manner in which he answers questions regarding the State-supported schools is a marvel to many interested lawmakers.

GOVERNOR—The guesses are still going around Raleigh as to who will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor next year. One week the news is that Congressman R. L. Doughton will run and the next week the grapevine reports that he will not choose to be a candidate. But few people doubt that Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby Democratic silver-tonguer, and Lieutenant Governor A. H. (Sandy) Graham are going to try for the honor. At all odds, a good time is likely to be had by one and all.

SPEED—Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, chairman of the House finance committee, and Senator Harris Newman, of New Hanover, chairman of the Senate money group,

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Jury Finds Bruno Hauptmann Guilty Of Murder And His Punishment Is Fixed At Death In Electric Chair

FFA BOYS VISIT FARM IN ALLEGHANY

With C. C. Tucker, instructor in vocational agriculture at Independence high school, county agents, and others, members of the Independence FFA chapter visited the farm of Ed Hawthorne in Alleghany county, North Carolina, last Tuesday to learn about the operation of Mr. Hawthorne's trench silo. The visitors were very much interested in what Mr. Hawthorne had to say about his silo.

Several of the boys expressed the possibility of such a silo being constructed on their home farms.

County Agent To Hold Corn-Hog Meets Next Week

Contracts Now Ready For Farmers Of This County To Sign. Time Limit Is March 2

Corn-Hog contracts for 1935 are now ready for farmers of Alleghany county to sign, according to W. B. Collins, county farm agent. Mr. Collins says the contract is more liberal this year than last and, in many ways, better suited for this county.

The hog contract calls for a reduction of 10% from the average number of hogs raised and sold during the years of 1932 and 1933. For this reduction, \$15 per head will be paid.

Farmers growing more than ten acres of corn can sign the corn reduction contract, agreeing to reduce their crops not less than 10% nor more than 30%. For this reduction, farmers who sign will be paid 35 cents per bushels on the estimated number of bushels that would have grown on the land taken out of production.

In order that every farmer in Alleghany county may have an opportunity to sign the Corn-Hog contract, Mr. Collins is to spend the week of February 25 to March 2 assisting farmers in filling out the contracts. Meetings are to be held during next week as follows:

Sparta, county agent's office, Monday, February 25; Stratford, Tuesday, February 26, from 9 to 12 a. m., and at Scottville from 1 to 4 p. m. the same day; Whitehead, Wednesday, February 27, from 9 to 12 a. m., and at Laurel Springs from 1 to 4 p. m.; Piney Creek school, Wednesday night, February 27, at 7 o'clock; Blevins Cross Roads, Thursday, February 28, from 9 to 12 a. m., and at Edmonds from 1 to 4 p. m. the same day; Glade Valley, Friday, March 1, from 9 to 12 a. m., and at Cherry Lane the same day from 1 to 4 p. m., and Saturday, March 2, at Sparta, in the county agent's office.

All Corn-Hog contracts, if signed at all, must be signed by Saturday night, March 2.

All farmers in the county who have been raising a large number of hogs, or planting a large acreage of corn, according to Mr. Collins, should investigate this contract and see if they can sign it to their advantage.

Bill Would Amend Election Laws For Alleghany County

A bill was introduced on February 15 in the State Senate in Raleigh, and sent to the Committee on Election Laws, which would increase the per diem compensation of election officials in Alleghany county to \$2, and the per diem pay of members of the Alleghany county Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education to \$3.50.

The measure is known as Senate bill 195 and is intended to "amend sections two and three, chapter 127, of The Public, Local and Private Laws of 1933, relating to compensation for election officials and County Commissioners of Alleghany county."

Long, Drawn Out Trial Ends And Prisoner Is Now In Death House. Stay Of Execution Expected

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 19.—Conclusion of the long, drawn out Hauptmann trial here was reached at a late hour last Wednesday night when the jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree without a recommendation for mercy, making the penalty of death in the electric chair mandatory. After deliberating the case for more than eleven hours, the jurors reached a decision at 10:31 Wednesday night.

Justice Thomas W. Trenchard pronounced sentence on the defendant, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, at once, and set the week of March 18 as that in which the sentence was to be carried out in the death chamber of state prison in Trenton.

However, Hauptmann's New Jersey counsel, openly defiant of Chief Defense Counsel Edward J. Reilly, Brooklyn, carried an appeal from the death sentence to the state's highest court today, and a stay of execution was indicated by the appellate action.

Moving swiftly, C. Lloyd Fisher, of Flemington, and Frederick A. Pope, of Somerville, went before Chancellor Luther A. Campbell, applied for and were denied a writ of grace to carry the appeal to the state supreme court, and thus threw their case automatically into the court of errors and appeals.

Earlier, the lawyers went before Justice Trenchard and obtained an order requiring Hunterdon county to pay the costs of printing the 1,600,000-word record of the six weeks' trial and the voluminous briefs necessary in an appeal.

Only one more step was needed to insure a postponement of at least seven months in the execution of the sentence, and that was to be made within the next day or so when Pope presents a writ of error to the clerk of the court of errors and appeals. That automatically results in a stay of sentence.

There was a possibility that execution of sentence might be still further delayed if the attorney is successful in obtaining a postponement of argument before the court from the May to the October term. Even though the court should rule against such a postponement and the arguments be heard at the May term, there would still be a delay in execution since the court would not render its decision until September, and the probable appeal to the court of pardons would not be passed on until October.

Wednesday night, when sentence was pronounced, Hauptmann received the words of his doom calmly, and was soon returned to his cell in the Hunterdon county jail.

The scene in the courtroom when it became known that the jury had reached a decision, and during the formalities that surrounded the making known of the decision, was dramatic.

Hauptmann was taken to Trenton Saturday and placed in the death house.

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- "They who are often at the looking glass seldom spin."
- FEBRUARY
- 19—Knights of Pythias organized at Washington, 1894.
 - 20—Cuba revolts against cruel Spanish rule, 1895.
 - 21—Congress authorizes coinage of \$3 gold piece, 1852.
 - 22—Woolworth opens first "five and ten" store at Utica, 1879.
 - 23—First free library in U. S. opens, Dublin, N. H., 1822.
 - 24—Indiana introduces colonists as pop-sans, 1820.
 - 25—Hiram Blevins, first native senator, takes office, 1875.