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THREE PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM CAMP

MISUNDERSTANDING OVER RESPONSIBILITY LEADS TO TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF A. G. SISK, NIGHT WATCHMAN — STATE TO MAKE INVESTIGATION THIS WEEK.

TWO RECAPTURED.

Sunday night or rather early Monday A. M., probably about 3:00 o'clock, three negro prisoners at the State convict camp, two miles east of Danbury, escaped from their confinement by prizing loose boards in the roof of their cell.

Those who made the get-a-way are as follows:

Robert Fisher of High Point, under 6-year sentence for burglary. He had served more than 5 years of his imprisonment.

Odell Jones of Winston-Salem, sentenced for 30 months for larceny and receiving. Had served 5 months.

James Norris, of Winston-Salem, under 90-day sentence for larceny.

At the time of the escape the prisoners were under charge of A. G. Sisk, night watchman.

Without waiting for an investigation by State prison authorities, which is expected this week, Superintendent of the Camp P. H. Hanes requested Mr. Sisk to accept a suspension from his duties for a few days, pending developments, which the latter promptly agreed to.

A representative of the Reporter visited the camp headquarters Tuesday with the view of ascertaining facts as to the escape.

The prisoners are kept confined at night in wooden quarters built like a box-car, with a double deck of tiers or bunks on either side. The size of the room is 10x30 feet. It is constructed of pine boards, and of a flimsy pattern for the confinement of desperate criminals.

There are bunks for the accommodation of 16 prisoners per room. Three of these rooms or cells, set at right angles, converge upon the front chamber in which the guard or night watchman sleeps.

On Sunday night Mr. Sisk was on duty as usual, and did not at any time sleep, as he says, but he sat and read some 25 feet away from the place of escape. He admits that he nodded occasionally.

A couple of prisoners lying on the top bunk may easily reach the ceiling or the roof of the cage with their feet. It is conceivable that two pairs of stout heels could soon kick a hole through the roof which is constituted of short pieces of pine board: six inches wide nailed at each end with one 8-penny spike, covered over with paper roofing.

A theory freely expressed is that the caged negroes were dancing and singing till late, keeping up a lively racket, while one or two inmates worked to make an opening at the corner of the roof farthest away from the guard.

MRS. S. G. SPARGER ENTERTAINS CLUB

FINE ARTS ORGANIZATION OF DANBURY HOLDS JULY MEETING — HISTORICAL PROGRAM RENDERED — SOCIAL HOUR, WITH REFRESHMENTS, FOLLOWS.

The Danbury Fine Arts Club held its regular July meeting with Mrs. S. G. Sparger on Thursday afternoon.

The president, Mrs. H. M. Joyce, presided over the meeting, which opened with the club collect, followed by the club woman's hymn.

As July is the historical month, in answering the roll call each member gave a historical event.

Following a short business session, in which a report was given from the year book committee, a historical program was rendered.

Reading — "Historical Halifax," Mrs. G. T. Pettay.

Reading, "Newbern First to Observe July 4th"—Mrs. Har Allison.

Poem, "Recessional," Mrs. W. R. Givens.

Song—"America." A historical contest was then given with Miss Nell Joyce winning the prize.

The meeting concluded with a short social hour in which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Stokes Represented At Appalachian State Teachers' College

Stokes county is represented here by: Lela Brown, King; Eleanor Carson, Germanton; Pearl Johnson, Stokes; Christine King, Dilmon Lawson, Pinnacle; Rebecca Mabe, Walnut Cove; Dennis G. Spencer, Hallie Spencer, Harford Spencer, Lawsorville.

"Lend me five dollars, old man. I promise you, on the word of a gentlemen, to pay it back tomorrow."

"Bring the gentleman around and let me see him."—Montreal Star.

Young Smith Comes Home

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith and family returned Thursday from Morganton bringing home their young son, who has been staying at the hospital suffering with a nervous breakdown. The young man is much improved now, and the friends of Mr. Weldon and family rejoice with them at his return home.

TWO CAUGHT.

Since the above was written news comes of the re-capture of two of the prisoners, Odell Jones and James Norris. Jones was arrested near Wilson's Store. The arrest was made by Paul Lewis Reid Forrest, Tom Christian and Travis Tuttle.

Norris was caught going down a road a-foot near Germanton. He had broken in the home of Press Tatum and had secured a shotgun. The arrest was made by Reid George and Deputy Sheriff Wagoner.

EXPORTS TOBACCO SHOW INCREASE

GAIN OF 65 PER CENT. OVER FIRST HALF OF 1933 REPORTED FOR THIS YEAR—ALL TYPES ADVANCING.

Washington, Aug. 3.—A notable improvement in United States tobacco export trade during the first half of the current year is reported by the tobacco division, department of commerce.

Preliminary data show that sales abroad during the six months were valued at \$45,336,350, an increase of 65 per cent, and 46 per cent., respectively, over the corresponding periods of 1933 and 1932. The 1934 exports, it is pointed out, were within 29 per cent. of the total tobacco exports of the first half of 1929.

Exports of all types of leaf tobacco during the first six months of 1934 were in advance of those for the first six months of 1933 in volume by over 23 per cent.

Those of the corresponding period of 1932 by nearly 15.5 per cent, and were only 8.3 per cent. under those of the first six months of 1929. The volume of leaf tobacco exported during the 1934 six months was 207,271,928 pounds, the 1933 period 168,411,377 pounds, the 1932 period 179,504,546 pounds, and that of the 1929 period 226,095,946 pounds.

Exports of manufactured tobacco products during the first six months of 1934 increased in volume and value over those of the corresponding period of 1932. Cigarettes increased nearly 55.5 per cent., chewing tobacco over 5 per cent., smoking tobacco approximately 35 per cent., and other products 17 per cent. Total shipments during the 1934 period amounted to 1,652,631,000 cigarettes; 845,700 pounds of chewing tobacco; 531,343 pounds of smoking tobacco; and 79,451 pounds of other products. The total value of manufactured tobacco products exported during the 1934 period was \$4,016,786 as against the 1933 period value of \$3,117,949, an increase of approximately 28.8 per cent.

The return to American leaf tobacco shippers during the first six months of 1934 amounted to \$41,319,564, an increase of 70 per cent. in income over the income from leaf business during the first six months of 1933, approximately 51 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1932 and approximately 22 per cent. under the value of leaf shipments during the first six months of 1929.

Bright flue-cured tobacco represented 66 per cent. in volume of all types of tobacco exported and accounted largely for the increased tobacco exports in the first six months of 1934.

Ball Game Restores Son Lost 30 Years. Dramatic True Story of Child Kidnaped at Last Restored to Parents, in The American Weekly, the Magazine which comes on August 12 with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Buy Your copy from your favorite newsboy or newsdealer.

CHAIRMAN NEW STARTS CAMPAIGN

HEAD OF THE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE HERE WITH CLERICAL FORCE TO INSPECT REGISTRATION BOOKS AND OBTAIN LIST OF QUALIFIED VOTERS.

T. G. New of King, chairman of the Republican county executive committee and candidate for the legislature, appeared in the office of the Clerk Superior Court here Wednesday and requested the use of the registration books from which to make a copy of the certified voters of the county.

Mr. New was accompanied by seven or eight lady clerical workers.

Clerk of the Court Tuttle readily turned over the books to Chairman New, who offered either that his forces would do their work in the Clerk's room or upstairs in the court house.

Later, there was some question in regard to the Clerk's responsibility in allowing the books removed from his office, so that Mr. Tuttle was advised to recall his order allowing the privilege requested by Mr. New.

Mr. McLendon, chairman of the State board of elections, was called up over the telephone at Greensboro, to decide the matter. Mr. McLendon decided in favor of Mr. New's request, so that Mr. New was allowed to secure the list of names.

Walnut Cove Items.

Walnut Cove, Aug. 8.—Delitha Whitener, has returned home after a visit to her grandmother's in Greenville, S. C.

Miss Luna Taylor, of Danbury, spent several days last week in Walnut Cove.

Julia Pepper spent Friday in Danbury.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Scott spent the week-end in Durham.

Miss Catherine Nicholson spent the week-end in Winston-Salem.

Misses Nell and Catherine Whitener have gone to Greenville, S. C. for a week's stay with their grandmother.

Miss Elizabeth Russell and her mother, Mrs. E. W. Russell, spent Friday here with Mrs. E. P. Pepper.

Ellen Kate Pepper, of Danbury, spent Saturday here with Julia Pepper.

Hugh Pinnix spent the week-end at his home in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitener spent the week-end visiting in Greenville, S. C.

E. S. Zimmerman returned home Saturday from the hospital, and is recovering rapidly.

Marjorie Pepper, of Danbury, spent the week-end here with Emorie Pepper.

Mrs. Bill Fulton and daughter, Barbara Ann, spent Friday in Danbury with Mrs. S. G. Sparger.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Southern visited Danbury Sunday.

George Fulton, Jr., returned to his home in Roanoke, Va., Friday, after a visit with friends here.

H. N. Scott visited King Monday.

COUNTY HOME TO LET AUG. 20.

PRESENT MANAGER JOHN BRIM, HAS RESIGNED — COURT HOUSE SQUARE TO BE CONSERVED — OTHER MATTERS BEFORE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

John Brim, who has managed the county home for some years, has resigned, and this county institution will be re-let at a special meeting of the county commissioners on August 20.

The matter of depredations committed on the court house square by children, loafers and other impedimenta was brought to the attention of the board by Magistrate P. C. Campbell. The board of commissioners, which was in session at the court house Monday, instructed that notices be posted forbidding further depredations under penalty of the law.

There was no further business transacted by the board with the exception of payment of routine claims, tax releases, etc.

Serious Affray At Meadows Sunday Evening

A man by the name of Price was seriously injured Sunday afternoon by J. L. Boyd, who struck Price on the head with a stick, knocking him unconscious. Price was taken to the hospital.

The affair occurred at Meadows where both of the men are tenants on the land of Riley Turner. Boyd was drunk. There had been a fight.

Deputy Sheriff Bert Smith, accompanied by Justice P. C. Campbell, found Price lying down with blood oozing from his mouth, nose and ears, and in a semi-unconscious condition. He was quickly conveyed to a Winston-Salem hospital. It is learned today that he has since improved to such extent that he was brought home.

Boyd, who is a half brother of Price, was arrested and placed under bond for his appearance at a hearing before Justice Campbell at Danbury on the 13th.

Bethesda Meeting Closes With Nine Accessions—Next Sunday's M. E. Church Services

The M. E. Church meeting at Bethesda closed last Sunday with nine accessions to the church. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Needham, conducted these services. On Sunday the attendance was estimated at 300.

Rev. Mr. Needham's appointments for next Sunday are as follows:

Davis Chapel, 11 A. M. Danbury, 8 P. M.

He Qualified.

Motorist—"I want a chauffeur who can think quickly in an emergency."

Applicant—"That's me, sir! I never smashed a car yet that I couldn't think up an A-1 excuse in five seconds."—San Diego Union.

HAIL-HIT FARMERS ASK AAA HELP

JOHN L. CHRISTIAN, FOR STOKES, AND JOHN H. FOLGER IN BEHALF OF SURRY, SURVEY DAMAGED CROPS AND WILL REQUEST AID OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT — MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED CROPS IN TWO COUNTIES INJURED — AVERAGE DAMAGE OVER FIFTY PER CENT.

John L. Christian in behalf of Stokes farmers, and John H. Folger, acting for Surry tobacco growers, are co-ordinating and consolidating their efforts to the end that the Federal government may lend aid to the hail-hit farmers of the two counties.

At Reynolds' school last Saturday Mr. Christian held a meeting at which a large number of tobacco growers were present. An effort was made to make a general survey of the situation as a result of the recent destructive hail storms in practically all of the western sections of the county. A list of 198 Stokes farmers was compiled, showing an estimated damage of probably \$100,000. The average damage was found to exceed 50 per cent. Many crops were injured 85 to 95 per cent. The greatest destruction occurred in that region of Quaker Gap township extending from Reynolds school to Pilot Mountain.

It was learned that in Surry the number of damaged farmers was listed at 235, with an estimated loss around \$100,000.

The federal government is known to be coming to the rescue of drouth-ridden western farmers. Messrs. Christian and Folger will at once begin negotiations with the AAA or the federal relief administration, looking to succor for those who have had their tobacco and corn crops either destroyed or damaged in a great measure.

Duggins Family Reunion Fourth Sunday in August

The ninth annual reunion of the Duggins families and friends will be held on the lawn at the home of Rufus Duggins on the fourth Sunday in August two miles north-west of Walnut Cove, on the Piney Mountain road at which time all relatives and friends are invited to bring a basket and come out and take part in the picnic dinner which will be spread on the lawn at 12 o'clock and enjoy the fine program that is being arranged for the day, of string music, quartet singing and speaking. All musicians and quartets who wish to take part in this program and be guests at the picnic dinner are invited to attend. The program will begin at 10 o'clock A. M., and last until 3:30 P. M. We want to make this a real day of enjoyment and pleasure.

CHARLES R. DUGGINS, Recording Secretary and Entertainment Committeeman.