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SATURDAY NIGHT SPREE ENDS, JAIL

ZEB SMITH, BROTHER SMITH, BILL RHODES LAND IN LOCK-UP AFTER WILD JAUNT IN WHICH THEY LEARN STOKES OFFICERS NOT ASLEEP ON JOB—VIRGINIA SORTIE NOT SUCCESSFUL.

Zeb Smith, Brother Smith and Bill Rhodes are languishing in Danbury jail after a Saturday night spree in which they found out to their sorrow that Stokes county officers are not asleep on the job.

Brother and Bill were caught Saturday night, near Sandy Ridge and locked up. Zeb escaped, but Monday night he, too, was brought in from Roanoke by Sheriff John Taylor and Deputy Sheriff Cleve Lawson and Lon Sisk.

The trouble started Saturday night about 10 o'clock when the trio Zeb, Brother and Rhodes arrived in Danbury looking, apparently, for trouble.

They rode around the square, blowing their horn blatantly in front of Deputy Lon Sisk's place. Zeb was at the wheel.

Stopping at Marion Stevens' beer joint, they proceeded to fill up on Red Top and Schlitz.

J. B., who some time ago had a rippet with them, set them up. So bystanders say. They were apparently good pals with J. B. now, but soon trouble started with somebody else.

Deputy Sheriffs Bert Smith, Cleve Lawson and Lon Sisk were nearby, and threw a flashlight.

"Who in the g—d d—h— is that throwing a flashlight on us. We've got flashlights, too."

This quoth Zeb, who the report goes, had stated he wanted to get John Taylor and the other officers in front of his car once.

Soon the chase started. Be it said finely to the credit of Bert Smith that he did not shirk his duty. Zeb and Brother were his brothers, children of his own father and mother.

But Bert is true grit. No doubt if hurt his heart, but these boys were violating the law. He had sworn to do his duty. He stepped on the gas. The Zeb car went out of town like a rocket and around the curves a mile south, took a right turn to the mountains.

Bert, driving the law car, sped on to Walnut Cove where the trail grew cold.

The violators had escaped.

Bert returned to Danbury, and here it was found the Smiths and Rhodes had returned.

They were in Danbury again.

The race began once more. Zeb headed for Sandy Ridge, with Bert and the officers in full pursuit.

When near J. M. Hill's beyond Sandy Ridge, Zeb quickly locked his car, taking the key with him, and got away through the woods.

Death of Miss Minnie Pepper At Christiansburg, Va.

Miss Minnie Pepper died at her home at Christiansburg, Va., Friday, April 23, 1937.

She was a daughter of the late Dr. W. R. Pepper, of Christiansburg, who was the oldest son of Dr. John Pepper, Sr., who died at Danbury in the year 1890.

The following account of Miss Pepper's death is taken from the Christiansburg News Messenger April 28.

Miss Minnie Pepper, 78, member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families in this section, died at her home here Friday following a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Richardson funeral home Friday at 10:30 o'clock and burial was in Sunset cemetery.

Miss Pepper is survived by one brother, Colonel J. W. Pepper, retired business man of Christiansburg.

Dr. Robert L. Kinnaird, pastor of the Christiansburg Presbyterian church, conducted the services.

The pallbearers serving were: Lilburn Dunlap, Archie E. Cromer, J. C. Grimes, W. S. Aaron, B. M. Hagan, Bently Hite and Geo. W. Foster.

Brother and Billie were taken and brought to jail, but not until Brother had been hit by a black jack by Cleve Lawson.

Sunday night the officers with the addition of Carl Ray to their party, went to W. H. Smith's, the father of Zeb, near Sandy Ridge, in search of Zeb, but it was learned he had returned to Roanoke.

Monday afternoon Sheriff Taylor, Deputy Sheriffs Cleve Lawson and Lon Sisk went to Roanoke. Bert was left behind through consideration for his feelings. With the full co-operation of Virginia officers, Zeb was arrested and transported to Danbury jail, where now he awaits trial. He did not demand extradition papers from Virginia.

It is generally said that the Smith boys are good clever fellows until they get liquor, then they become fussy and quarrelsome. Zeb is considered a dangerous character when drinking.

Seven warrants are in the hands of the officers for Zeb, four of them for driving drunk. He is a good mechanic and is employed regularly at the Geo. Fulton Ford place. Occasionally he takes a notion to come back to North Carolina for a spree. Generally he comes by Sandy Ridge, picks up his brother, Brother Smith, and usually visits Danbury, nearly always for a rucus.

He will have to stand a heavy charge at July court, if reports are true.

At hearing Tuesday night by Magistrates Campbell and Martin all bound over to court. Bonds: Zeb, \$500; others \$300 each.

THE BATTLE OF LAWSONVILLE

BOARD OF EDUCATION RETAINS PRINCIPAL LASSITER AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE — LARGE DELEGATION ATTENDS MEETING HERE—CHARGES AND COMPLAINTS HEARD BY BOARD—STATUS QUO IS MAINTAINED.

Principal Lassiter of the Lawsonville high school, together with the district's committee composed of John Tucker, Terry Oakley and Al Wall, were retained by the Stokes county Board of Education.

This decision was reached by the Board in its monthly session here Monday. The board is composed of Dr. G. R. Stone, Chairman; P. O. Fry and J. W. Priddy, with Superintendent of Schools J. C. Caron.

Not only were the principal and the committee held intact by the board, but they were entirely exonerated of any charges of unfairness or incompetence as alleged by the anti-faction.

The school disturbance at Lawsonville high school has created quite a commotion in Peter's Creek township, and has engaged the serious concern of the school authorities.

It appears that a fight had been brewing several months against Principal Lassiter, growing out of dissatisfaction or resentment from the friends of certain teachers who failed to get employment in the high school. These facts are told the Reporter by disinterested parties in Peter's Creek township.

In order to reach Lassiter it was necessary to remove the committee which was supporting him in his management of the school. John Tucker, Al Wall and Terry Oakley are among the county's best citizens, and it was very difficult to get a start on their removal.

But the antics induced other good men, too, to allow their names to be used as a new committee. These were W. G. Tucker, J. T. Lawson, Nick Stevens, Gene Pringle or others.

Trivial charges were brought against Lassiter, for instance, that he had incorrectly reported certain sums received by the school for entertainments, etc.

Early Monday a crowd of half a hundred people assembled around the doors of the Board of Education, seeking admittance.

Among those who were contending for a removal of Lassiter and his committee were R. L. Lawson, W. G. Tucker, Tom Spencer, Gene Pringle, Jim Rierison Lawson, Nick Stevens, N. D. Oakley, Georgia Sisk, Roy Joyce and others.

Those who were opposed to a change and who were supporting the present school regime were Calvin Mabe, Noel Lackey, Alford Robertson, Zack Sheppard, B. O. Sheppard, Ham Stevens,

AUDITORIUM FOR PINNACLE

DELEGATION VISITS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION — "RED HEADED STEP CHILD" TO BE GIVEN AT PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT.

Pinnacle, May 5.—A delegation of citizens from Pinnacle met with the Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners in joint session Monday for the purpose of securing funds for the erection of a much needed auditorium for Pinnacle High School. The county officers plan to make a tour of the county, visiting all schools, Thursday, in order to get first hand information as to the needs of the schools.

Stacy Brothers, who are paving Highway 52 through Pinnacle and King, are making fine progress and with favorable weather expect to complete the job by July 1st.

Mrs. E. F. Stone, who underwent a major operation at Baptist Hospital recently, has returned home and is improving rapidly.

Miss Mary Lou Christian and Mrs. C. C. Wright have returned from Boone where they attended the graduation of Mrs. Wright's sister, Miss Argie Wilburn of Wadesboro, N. C.

The friends of Mrs. Lester Brown will regret to learn that she is confined to her home with illness.

Gilmer Watkins, Chas. Moore, Rober Moore, Ralph Sheppard, Jno. T. Tucker, Wilbur Tucker, Jno. N. Tucker, Terry Oakley, Al Wall, Cleve Lawson, Frank Robertson, Homer Yost, Banner Young, Dixie Wood, Branscombe Young and others.

When the Board of Education opened its doors, the room was quickly crowded.

There was very little order, and only when Chairman Dr. Stone invited the crowd to be quiet, and state its wants and contentions, did any system begin to reign.

When Dr. Stone asked that the reasons for the disturbance be stated, somebody in the crowd yelled:

"Tom Spencer."

This caused a laugh, and then each side began to speak.

One person would say we "have no school." Another would testify: "I see no reason to complain. I think we have the best school we have ever had."

The friends of the principal and the committee had an overwhelming advantage in numbers.

The Board appeared to see but little relevancy in the complaints and contentions of the opposition but promised to give due consideration to the matter.

The crowd slowly dispersed. Before adjourning the Board voted to retain the principal and the committee, and the tempest in the Lawsonville teapot gently abated.

Westfield Boy Killed By Car Driven By Miss Josephine Shaffner, WPA Supervisor.

Albert Joyce, 11-year-old Westfield boy, was killed Wednesday of last week by a car driven by Mrs. Josephine Shaffner of Winston-Salem, work supervisor for the WPA in Forsyth, Stokes and Surry.

The Joyce youth, along with several other school children, had alighted from the school bus just in front of the home of A. M. Wilson near the Chestnut Ridge negro school. The boy dashed from behind the bus, which was driven by Tommy Collins, Westfield high school senior, and was struck by the car before he reached the opposite side of the road.

Miss Shaffner stated that she had slowed down upon sighting the bus but moved on as the bus started up. She estimated that she was driving about thirty miles an hour when the car struck the child.

Miss Shaffner went to police headquarters in Mt. Airy, where she was placed under \$1,000 bond for hearing this week.

The Joyce child was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ves Joyce, of Mt. Airy Route 2.

Francisco News.

The Three Tobacco Tags, George, Luke and Reid, will be at Francisco school house on Tuesday night, May 11, sponsored by the school. A grand time is expected by all. Everybody invited to come and see these radio artists.

Tobacco plants are reported to be short in most localities. Perhaps we will have a natural shortage without cutting purposes.

As for voting a wet law in the different counties, I think we had better study ways and means of drying the laws we already have a bit. There's already liquors and beers enough to whiten the head of many a mother. There is a probability of liquor being purer but it's poison enough at the best and a mouth that drinks good liquor in excess is just as bad as one who drinks mean liquor. Maybe he can live longer drinking the so-called "good likker."

W. E. C.

Life Begins At Eighty.

J. B. Reid was here Monday from Dillard section. Mr. Reid is 81 and going strong yet.

Stokes county has so many 80-year old boys—the climate must agree with them. Danbury has several 80-year old youngsters. All feeling fine and mostly in good health, thank you.

Early Planting.

J. D. Booth of Moore's Springs was planting tobacco Monday. This was the first set-out of this section.

DICK HUTCHINS DIES AT H. POINT

HE WAS A FORMER CITIZEN OF KING — KING TIGERS LOSE TO LEWISVILLE — STORK BUSY—TONSIL OPERATIONS AT STONELHLSABECK CLINIC.

King, May 5.—Joe Moore, retired railway section foreman of Dalton, has purchased from L. J. Kiser an eight room dwelling and lot on Depot street and has moved his family here.

Relatives here have been notified of the death of Dick Hutchins at his home in High Point. Mr. Hutchins was reared here, going to High Point several years ago.

Dallas Lane of Pinnacle was here Saturday looking after business matters.

Work is nearing completion on a new home for Herman Newsum on East Broad street.

The Duke Power Company has a force of men here overhauling their power lines in King.

J. Lee Hartman, Charlie Sharpe, Albert Blake and Joseph Pickett of Miami, Fla., stopped over here a couple days last week. They were on their way to Washington, D. C. Mr. Hartman was reared here.

Mesdames John McGee and P. H. Newsum shopped in Winston-Salem Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Jessup is confined to her home on Broad street by illness, her friends will regret to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Keiger have returned from Dayton, O., where they spent several days the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Schaub.

The King Tigers lost to Lewisville in a game played in the King ball park Saturday. Final score 11 and 5.

The stork was kept busy here last week, the following births being recorded: Mr. and Mrs. Hermy Moore, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fowler, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Holt Stone, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. David Horton, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Slawter, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Michael, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. John Tucker, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Leake Lineberry, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Will Harris, a son.

Charlie Fowler of High Point formerly of King is spending a few days here.

The following patients underwent tonsil operations in the Stone-Helsabeck Clinic last week: Mrs. William Fowler of King Route 2; Miss Mildred Hall of Capella; Miss Peggy Jean Clark and Carlton Zimmerman of Rural Hall, and Mrs. Ray Alexander of King.

Music.

Mick East is here this week with his banjo on his back. The "refrain" of Mick's tunes is very restful and soothing.