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3 ARE JAILED FOR ATTACK ON AGED MAN AND WOMAN

Trio Lodged in Jail Here Believed To Have Been Drink-Crazed

VICTIM 75 YEARS OLD

Reuben Davenport, Paralytic, and Wife Attacked by Herbert Page, Buck And Chester Terry

Apparently crazed with drink, Buck and Chester Terry and Herbert Page entered the home of Reuben Davenport, near Bear Grass, last Friday night and assaulted the elderly man and his wife. The three men were arrested by Sheriff Roebuck, who placed them in jail. Bond had been arranged for Buck Terry and Page, but Chester Terry remained in jail yesterday in default of a \$300 bond.

According to the information gained here the three men went to the Davenport home Friday night and knocked on the door. Davenport, confined to his bed with paralysis, was unable to answer the call, and before his wife could get there the three men knocked the door down and walked in. When Mrs. Davenport questioned them, one of the three knocked her to the floor. Leaving her there, the trio is said to have gone to Davenport's room and assaulted him. A bed was turned over and smashed. Going outside, one of the party took a pole and smashed the window lights, the glass falling on the bed where Davenport lay helpless. Angered at their action, Davenport, 75 years of age, is said to have gotten out of his bed for the first time in several weeks and protested with his walking stick in hand.

Hearing on Automobile Accident Is Postponed

An official hearing scheduled as a result of the William Hopkins and Capt. Bonds automobile-car wreck on the Conine Creek bridge Saturday night a week ago was postponed yesterday when the State's witnesses were unable to attend court. Charlie Jordan, injured in the wreck, continues dangerously ill, according to reports received a day or two ago. Other parties in the wreck are reported to be recovering gradually.

The hearing is scheduled to be held the first Monday in January. Hopkins and others were in Windsor yesterday to appear at the hearing scheduled to be held at 10 o'clock that morning.

Mash Reported Frozen By Ozark Moonshiners

Mincy, Mo., Dec. 23.—Real walls of anguish are coming in from the Ozark hills in the wake of the sudden cold snap of the last four days. For many, all joy has been taken out of the Christmas season.

To make a long story short, this Christmas will be remembered as "the year the mash froze."

Manufacturers of the illicit beverage, so the report is, had just "bid out" their mixtures of sugar, corn and yeast, or whatever the ingredients may be, when the mercury skidded dizzily to zero or thereabouts.

Thousands of gallons of mash have been "killed" by freezing and the majority of the makers "plum ruined," to use their own expression.

Tax Collections Go Forward Very Slowly

Tax settlements in this county are few and far between, it was learned at the collector's office here yesterday morning. With payments made at par until February, no large amount of receipts is expected until the penalty is applied. Although the receipts have been somewhat limited so far this month, the October and November settlements were greater than is usually the case, causing the collections to be far ahead of those in past years for corresponding periods.

V. E. P. Co. Finishes Its First Year Here

One year ago last Thursday, the town closed down its light and power plant, turning over to the Virginia Electric and Power Company the task of lighting the town and furnishing power. The town's light and power problems were apparently settled at that time, as an unbroken service has been rendered during the twelve months by the power company. Savings amounting to hundreds of dollars have been reported by light and power customers as a result of the reduced rates offered.

JOS. B. AYERS DIES MONDAY

Well-Known Resident of Cross Roads Victim of Paralysis

Joseph Blount Ayers, 60-year-old farmer, died at his home in Cross Roads, near here, yesterday, following an illness of several years duration. For a number of months he was an invalid, paralysis causing death.

Funeral services will be held from the home today at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of the Robersonville Christian Church, conducting the last rites. Interment will be made in the family burial ground.

The son of the late Stanley Ayers and wife, Joseph B. moved here around 1905 and started carrying the mail in May of that year. He was the first to travel R. F. D. No. 4, that route being established at that time. For ten years or more he served the patrons on the route, resigning the position to go to Virginia. His operations there proved a failure, and he returned to his old home in Cross Roads Township, where he engaged in farming until his health failed him.

He is survived by his widow and several children.

TALKS ON "GOD OF BETHLEHEM"

Methodist Pastor Delivers Interesting Christmas Message Sunday

At the Methodist Church Sunday evening, Rev. D. A. Petty delivered an interesting sermon on "Bethlehem's God." It was appropriate from two points of view: It was a Christmas message, and it was calculated to satisfy many doubts in the minds of people. The following are brief extracts from the discourse.

"What kind of God do we have at Bethlehem? He is a God of nature. Yes; he is the God of all nature. Paganism claims a god for each realm in the universe; but Christianity teaches that the one God has dominion over all the universe. Bethlehem identifies God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the Master Mechanic of creation. Christianity's claim is not weakened by the discoveries of science; it is rather strengthened, for when science discovers a universe that is far greater than that conceived in the past, Bethlehem declares that it is not controlled by an impersonal force, but by the God of our Lord Jesus.

"Some people believe in a God of physical power, merely; others trust a God of love. Some say they believe in neither. Bethlehem holds to both: God of love and of power.

"The God of Bethlehem is ruler of a spiritual realm. He sends as His messengers angels, spirits incorporeal. The universe consists of more than measureless matter and an infinite God. If all visible substances and the energy that lies back of them should be destroyed, God would not be a dethroned monarch. He is a ruler of a spirit realm with a kingdom antedating the world we know. The material universe is not essential to His existence.

"The God of Bethlehem is the God of mankind. The spirit realm does not absorb all His thought. Man seems to be God's supreme interest. As the child is more to his parents than lands, houses, stocks, and bonds, so man is greater in the eyes of God than oceans, continents, planets, and systems of worlds. Some today flaunt as ridiculous egotism the belief that man is God's chief concern; but Bethlehem proclaims this truth.

"This revelation at Bethlehem swept away Israel's false assumption that they alone were God's people. The wise men from the East were not Hebrews. The Son of Bethlehem's commission was to all people."

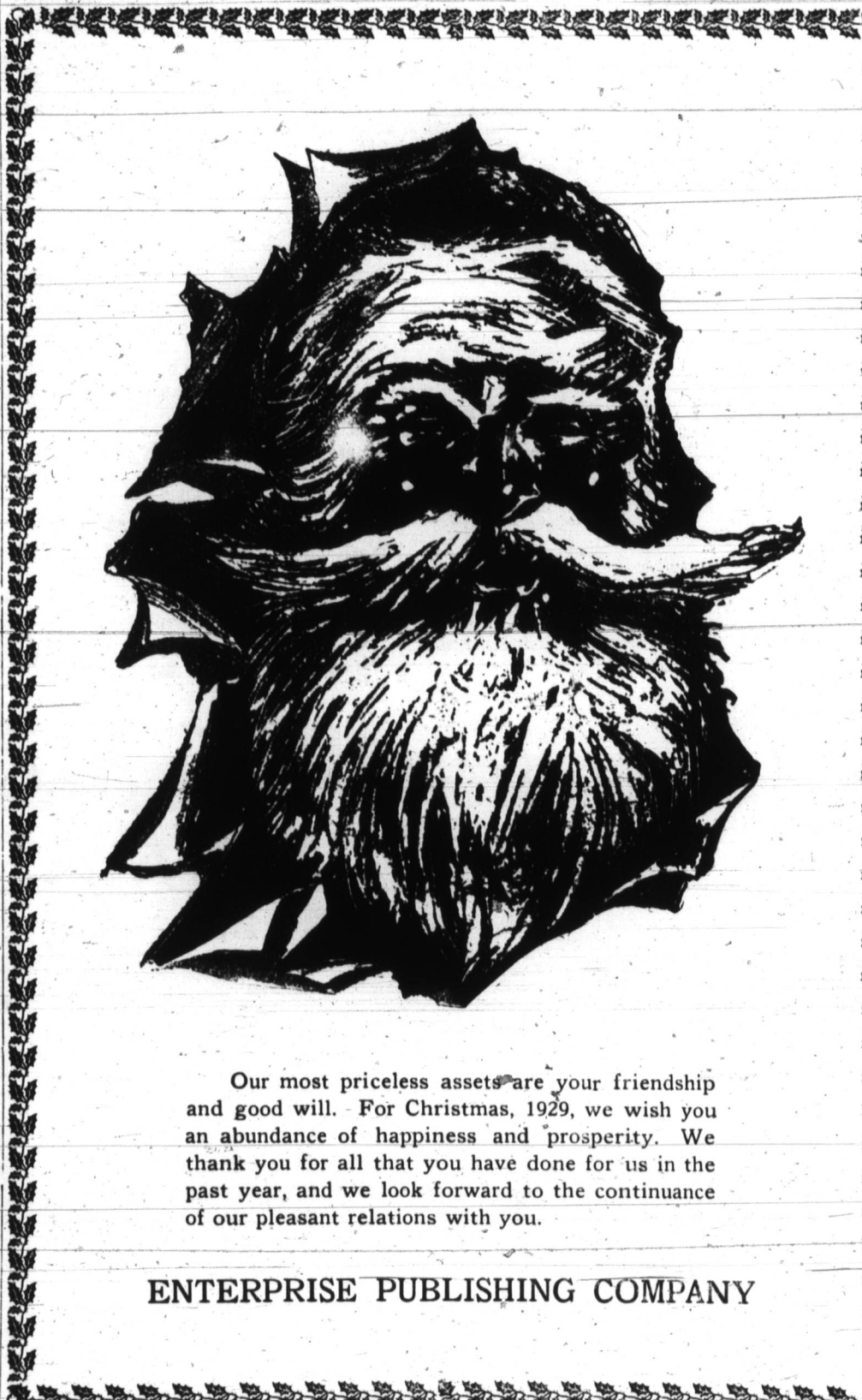
Makes Profit of \$300,000 On Sale of Yo-Yo Tops

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—From the sale of yo-yo tops, an ancient Filipino invention, a St. Louis manufacturer has made \$300,000 in the last six months. E. L. Reicholdt, already the president of a window dressing concern, sought an investment for his spare money last June. Noting the yo-yo fad, he decided to put the tops on the market in large quantities.

He was surprised when his factory began to work twenty-four hours a day to supply the demand. He has manufactured more than 3,600,000 tops.

Program of Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector. Midnight service Christmas Eve, starting at 11:45 p. m. Sunday, December 29th: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.



Our most priceless assets are your friendship and good will. For Christmas, 1929, we wish you an abundance of happiness and prosperity. We thank you for all that you have done for us in the past year, and we look forward to the continuance of our pleasant relations with you.

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AUTO IS STOLEN HERE SATURDAY

Bill Spivey Loses Chevrolet Coupe; Police Are On Lookout

A new model Chevrolet coupe, belonging to Mr. V. J. (Bill) Spivey, was stolen last Saturday night, shortly after dark, the thief or thieves leaving an old model Chevrolet coach in the place of the other car. The coupe was parked in front of the A. R. Dunning residence on Main Street.

Finding the old model car parked in the spot where he had left his, Mr. Spivey wired the license bureau at Raleigh and learned that the coach had been stolen from a man in Spring Hope.

Nothing has been heard from the missing car at this time.

Small Fire Sunday Calls Our Local Department

The local fire company was called out last Sunday evening shortly after six o'clock when flames and sparks roaring out a chimney threatened the home of Arnicia Rogers, colored, living near the cemetery. No damage was done, the fire holding to the chimney.

Fire dangers have multiplied since last Thursday, when the cold snap struck here, and caution is urged by the fire chief in building and maintaining fires.

No Issue of Enterprise To Be Printed Friday

With the completion of this issue, The Enterprise closes shop for the remainder of the week, the members of the "force," repairing to their homes for a few days of rest and to enjoy Christmas.

This issue goes to press a few hours ahead of the regular press schedule. According to present plans, we'll be back to close the year with the last issue on the 31st.

EIGHT DEPUTIES ARE ACQUITTED

Yancey County Jury Says Marion Officers Are 'Not Guilty'

Burnsville, Dec. 21.—Eight deputy sheriffs charged with the death of six persons killed at strike disorders at Marion October 2nd, were acquitted of second degree murder here today.

The jurors deliberating on the case since 11:22 o'clock yesterday morning, returned their verdict at 9:32 this morning.

Judge Cowper of Kinston, who presided over the special term of the Yancey county court called by Governor O. Max Gardner, complimented the jury for its careful deliberation of the case.

One of the jurors said that the ballot was 10 to 1 last midnight. The courthouse bell rang shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, calling Judge Cowper to the courtroom. Court ordinarily opened at 9:30 o'clock.

The early call from the jury was supposed to mean that it had reached a verdict and was anxious to be released.

Only a few persons were in the courtroom when the judge arrived. He ordered the jury into the courtroom and Sheriff Honeycutt opened court.

The judge asked the jury if they had reached a verdict and they nodded their heads. Then the judge told the clerk of the court to receive the verdict.

"Have you agreed on a verdict?" the clerk asked, and the jury answered "yes." The jury then answered that it is "not guilty."

Says Opportunity for Farmer Is Best Ever

After farming for 40 years, G. W. Owenby, of Candler, in Buncombe County, says the opportunity for the young farmer is greater than ever before.

BURLEY PRICES RISE STEADILY

Season's Average at Lexington in Second Week Is \$23.14

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 14.—The Lexington tobacco market, opening two weeks ago with prices which were much lower than were expected by the growers, has climbed steadily since the opening, and the prices received this week were more encouraging to the farmers.

According to figures given out today by Ben Bosworth, sales supervisor of the Lexington Tobacco Board of Trade, a total of 5,016,480 pounds of burley passed over the breaks here this week for \$1,175,136.08, an average of \$23.43 a hundred pounds.

The first week's sales totaled 1,896,615 pounds for \$420,925.34, at an average of \$22.19, and the season's total so far is 6,897,400 pounds, which sold for \$1,596,048.89, with a season's average of \$23.14.

Although the tobacco outlook is encouraging with the rise in prices, the average remains far below that of last year, when the second week brought an average price of \$32.66 a hundred. A total of 5,727,000 pounds sold for \$1,870,711.15 this week a year ago.

But One Service at Baptist Church Here Next Sunday

Due to the holiday season, there will be but one church service at the Baptist church next Sunday. This will be a communion service at 11 o'clock. Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. will meet at the usual hours; but there will be no mid-week service.

This church is glad to have home so many of the young people who have been away to the various institutions of learning, and wishes them all the joys of the season.

The pastor and the church members in general wish to thank the people for their cooperation during the past year, and to wish all a joyous Christmas season.

OFFICERS RAID IN FREE UNION

Get Two Stills and Capture One Man Last Friday Afternoon

Raiding in the Free Union section of the county last Friday afternoon, Officers Street and Roebuck found two manufacturing outfits on the same ground, Newsum D. Boston, young colored man, was busily engaged in the manufacture of a kettle and a boy named James was hard at work manufacturing liquor. Young James, it was stated, was paying all his attention to the firing of the still, while Boston limited his work to that on the kettle. Boston had cut the copper and was getting ready to solder the bottom when the officers made their appearance upon the scene.

Young James, spry as rabbit, trotted to his escape, while Boston fell in the hands of the law. He was brought here and required to raise bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of Federal court to be held in Washington in April.

The still in operation at the time was of about 200-gallon capacity. It with other plant equipment was confiscated.

ESSAY CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

\$5 For Best Essay in Each County Offered to School Pupils

A school essay contest on "The Aims of Forest, Fish and Game Conservation" was recently announced by Geo. A. Nicholl, assistant State Game Warden, for the schools in this and adjoining counties. A prize of \$5 will be offered each county winner and \$10 for the best paper among the county winners.

Rules of the contest follow: Essay must be original work of contestant.

No limit is set on length, but preferably should not be more than 3,500 words. Typed copy is preferred as neatness and legibility will be considered.

Pupils from any grade may compete.

Winners of last year's contest cannot receive a prize this year. Essays must be submitted by March 15, 1930.

County Superintendents of Public Instruction will be asked to judge papers submitted in their county. Officials of North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development will judge the papers from the counties to determine the winner of the capital prize.

200-Gallon Still Captured In Bertie County Raid

A 200-gallon capacity still was captured last Sunday by Federal prohibition agents raiding in the Sans Souci section of Bertie County. The plant was not in operation at the time, and no arrests were made.

Officers state that the plant was adequately equipped with all devices for modern operation.

No Session of Recorder's Court To Be Held Today

With many of the court attendants, witnesses, and defendants busy with the Christmas rush, the session of the recorder's court scheduled to be held here today was called off. The court will hold its last session of the year next Tuesday, it is understood.

Eleven cases had been filed for hearing yesterday, and the happenings during the remainder of the Christmas season will likely flood the docket for the next session of the court.

Chinese Ship Sinks in Gale; Many Are Dead

Hong Kong, China, Dec. 23.—The Chinese steamer Lee Cleong with her Chinese officers and crew and 250 Chinese passengers, including many women and children, sank late Saturday night with practically all on board.

The vessel was caught in a violent storm shortly after leaving Swabue Saturday afternoon for Hong Kong and went down at midnight swamped by huge waves. Two seamen clinging to wreckage were picked up yesterday and brought here.

First Snow of Season Does Not Last Long

The first snow of the season here fell last Sunday, the flakes falling for several hours. Only on the housetops and other untraveled places did the snow stick, a rain that followed melting the little that remained.

LARGE NUMBER OF NEEDY CASES ARE REPORTED

Woman's Club Will Have Cared for All of Them By Tonight

CLOTHES IN DEMAND

Food Is Purchased for Few by Welfare Committee, But Most of Requests Are for Wearing Apparel

The two dozen or more needy cases in this community have been or will have been cared for before the day comes to a close, according to a report made this morning by the chairman of the Woman's Club welfare committee. While the welfare agents have purchased food for several their work has had to do more with the distribution of shoes, coats, and other wearing apparel.

During last Saturday, the appeals came thick and fast, each case carrying with it a pathetic need that almost brought tears to the eyes of those handling the work.

An aged colored woman, calling at the hall last Saturday afternoon, wept with joy when members of the committee loaded her down with shoes and other wearing apparel. With tears in her eyes she told her story. She had raised 24 children; not one of the number was hers, but with an unselfish heart she had taken them in and managed to eke out an existence for herself and the foundlings until this year. Adverse conditions offered a situation beyond her power and humbly she entered a plea for help.

With several winter months just ahead, such cases as have been reported will necessarily demand attention for three or more months.

The nature of many of the appeals sent in so far has been pointed. A typical one follows, in part:

"Dear friend: I want to tell you we are in hard luck. We want you to help us if you will. We haven't got shitting clothes. I sure do hate to ask you, but I hope you won't think hard of me. We have seven children, and you know it is a hard time. They haven't got any shoes, just a few old rags. My wife will be glad to get some old bed sheets to make the baby some things. We have two babies, one is two years old and the other is two months old. We got two boys, one five years old, and one seven years old. We have two daughters, one 19 years old and one 11 years old. They have not been to school a day. I sure do hate it some bad."

The appeal continues, describing this Christmas as the first that his family will not have anything.

Methodists Announce Program of Services

Dwight A. Petty, pastor. New year message at 11 a. m. Theme: "Between the Years." At 7:30 the pastor will preach on the theme, "Dare We Be Christians?" Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—R. A. Pope, superintendent. Prayer service Wednesday, 7:30. High League, Wednesday, 7 p. m. Senior league, Monday, 7 p. m.

Sixteen Men to Spend Christmas in Jail Here

Sixteen men will spend Christmas in the Martin County jail here, according to a check of the records in the sheriff's office. The number is unusually large, it is understood.

Sale of License Tags Reaches 350-Mark

The sale of automobile license tags at the local license bureau reached the 350 mark yesterday afternoon. While the sale is increasing, the gain is limited, indicating that a last-minute rush will follow.

Flock of Wyandottes Net Profit of \$2.51 Per Bird

W. F. Bowman, of Flat Rock, in Henderson County, reports that his flock of 114-White Wyandottes paid him a net profit of \$2.51 a bird during the past year.

Wide Range of Gasoline Prices Shown by Survey

Gasoline ranges in price throughout the world from 18.3 cents a gallon in parts of the United States to 65 cents a gallon in Bolivia.

Number Marriage Licenses Issued in Past Few Days

According to reports, a number of marriage licenses has been issued in the office of the register of deeds here during the past few days, three couples applying for papers last Saturday after closing hours.