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Homer Brown Is In "Pen" Again After Escaping

Wife-Slayer Caught In Greenville And Carried Back to Raleigh. Carver Begins Sentence

Homer Brown, 30, who is serving a life sentence at the penitentiary in Raleigh is back behind the bars after being caught at Greenville, S. C., about ten days ago, after his second escape from the prison.

Railroad detectives caught Brown for hobnobbing and suspecting him got in touch with Sheriff Welch who went to Greenville and brought Brown back here. The wife-slayer was kept in jail here until Monday and then carried back to Raleigh along with Roy Carver who began to serve his 10 to 15 years of abductions of a 13-year-old girl here last summer.

Brown was convicted of first degree murder, but was found to be insane and was given a life sentence by Governor Ehringhaus.

Schools Of County Close On Friday

Attendance Is Far Better This Year Than Last Year, Superintendent Messer States

The schools of the county will close Friday for the Christmas holidays. It was announced by Jack Messer, superintendent of education yesterday. The work will be resumed on Monday, January 7th.

The Central Elementary school closed Monday of this week due to a new plumbing system which is being installed in the building.

"The attendance thus far this year is much better than last year," Mr. Messer said. "We have been behind the attendance and the welfare department has aided greatly in the work and have been a great assistance. The establishment of lunch rooms in practically all the schools also accounts for an increase in attendance."

W. C. Miller Injured In Fall Thursday

The condition of W. C. Miller, who had a fall on his way home for lunch Thursday, is much improved. Mr. Miller following his accident was taken to the Haywood County Hospital and spent two days there, but was able to be removed to his home on Saturday.

While his injuries have been very painful they have not been considered dangerous and his many friends will be glad to learn that he will be out in the near future.

BRONZE TABLET TO BE ERECTED TO LATE REV. R. A. SENTELLE

At the meeting of the Haywood County Teachers Association held in the Central Elementary school building on Saturday, a special committee was appointed to solicit contributions from the teachers of the county for a bronze tablet to be placed in the Haywood county court house, in memory of R. A. Sentelle, who was the first county superintendent of schools and filled the office for thirty-three years. The minimum of \$75.00 was set for the total pledges.

The following will compose the committee that will obtain the necessary funds: E. J. Robeson, chairman, Miss Harriet Boyd, Miss Bonnie Francis, Miss Lois Harrold, C. F. Owen, C. C. Hanson, and Miss Pearl Justice, who will serve as the treasurer of the group.

Local Firm Gets State Contract

Martin Electric Company was recently awarded the contract for electrical wiring in the new state prison camp that is being built in Transylvania county at Rosman.

For the past two weeks they have had three men at work on the job, and expect to have the work finished by January first.

The local company made competitive bids against several companies in the state.

The Weather

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WAX INFANT USED WHERE CHRIST WAS BORN



This is a photograph of the wax infant which has been used for centuries in the Christian service at the place of Christ's birth in Bethlehem.

Teachers To Get \$11,000 On Friday

The teachers of Haywood County are sure that there is a Santa Claus. Sometime Friday or before, checks totaling \$11,000 will be given teachers of the county for the past month's salaries. This was made known by Jack Messer, superintendent of schools.

Veterans Receive Semi-Annual Pension Check, Gifts

Haywood Chapter Of U. D. C. Entertain Veterans And Widows Of Veterans At Luncheon

The semi annual gathering of the veterans and the widows of veterans of the War Between the States was held in the office of W. G. Byers, Clerk of the Court on Saturday. Mr. Byers distributed the state checks which are paid each July and December. The Haywood Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy served a lunch and presented each veteran and widow present a Christmas gift with fruit and candies.

Mrs. Leon M. Killian, as chairman, with the following committee, had charge of the arrangements for the day: Mrs. R. R. Campbell, Mrs. O. R. Martin, Miss Nancy Killian, Mrs. W. L. McCracken, and Mrs. W. A. Hyatt.

While all the veterans and the widows could not be present Saturday the gifts and checks are gradually being sent for and delivered to those who are unable to come for them.

Ten of the following widows were present: Mrs. Rachel Clark, Mrs. M. C. Hogle, Mrs. Martha Hoyle, Mrs. L. Y. Jolly, Mrs. Rachel Lewis, Mrs. Laura Owen, Mrs. Jane Robinson, Mrs. Jessie Rogers, Mrs. Lucretia Rogers, Mrs. Jane N. Townsend, Mrs. Sallie Trull, Mrs. Martha White, Mrs. Arty Reed Arrington, Mrs. M. L. Birchfield, Mrs. J. W. Blanton, Mrs. E. E. Boyd, Mrs. Lucinda Brashaw, Mrs. Barthany Caba, Mrs. S. C. Chambers, Mrs. Cordelia Clark, Mrs. Amanda Cook, Mrs. Laura Curtis, Mrs. Sarah Ferguson, Mrs. W. R. Ferguson, Mrs. Mary C. Fie, Mrs. Ellen Fowler, Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Hassie Killian, Mrs. Mattie Littlefield, Mrs. Mary MacFayden, Mrs. O. E. Mann, Mrs. Addie Maney, Mrs. N. V. Mills, Mrs. Ella Muse, Mrs. Laura Noland, Mrs. Mattie Platt, Mrs. Douisa Scott, Mrs. Margaret E. Sharp, Mrs. Margaret Smathers, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, and Mrs. Lucinda Warren.

The following veterans of the thin gray line that grows less each year, were present to receive their checks in person: J. H. Allison, J. H. Paxton, A. C. Singleton, James M. Stamey, James Swayngim, Merrick Trantham, R. L. Underwood, (now of Asheville), J. B. Wyatt, W. A. Yarborough, W. H. Rathbone. Those who were unable to attend were: J. W. Caldwell, J. A. Collins, Alden Howell, Sr., who is in Los Angeles, California, W. L. Massey, Daniel Levi Mathis, Andy West, J. M. Wood, and John Hoyle.

Play Will Be Given Sunday

A Christmas play will be given at the Methodist church, Sunday, Dec. 23, at the regular vesper service at 5 o'clock p. m. The play, "Where Lies the Child," will be presented under the direction of Helen Medford. It will be under the auspices of the Epworth League.

"We are all very enthusiastic about the play, for the theme is such that it will touch each and every one of us, whether old or young, man or woman. It is the story of a plain ordinary family on Christmas Eve and the message brought out in this way is worth, fully, the time and attention of everybody," a member of the church said.

Special Service At St. John's On Christmas Eve

Public Invited To Attend Special Mass At Midnight. Rev. H. V. Lane Will Preach

(Contributed)

Plans are well under way for special Christmas services at St. John's Catholic church here. There will be a midnight Mass beginning at 12 o'clock Christmas eve on Christmas morning. Special Christmas music consisting of the ancient Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. Matney with several friends of the community assisting. The sermon, preached by Father Lane, the topic of which is "The Desire of All Nations." A fine Christmas crib is being arranged for the church, and the children and their parents are invited to come and see it. The church will be open every day until the end of the Christmas season, which is the 13th of January.

We get our term, Christmas from the service itself—Christ-Mass. Certain customs and practices with singular appropriateness attach themselves to our principle church feast. One of these is the popular association of the crib in Christmas. One can hardly visualize the Christmas Mass without including the crib. It sets before us in a most vivid manner the scene of Christ's birth and the attending circumstances. It expresses in a tangible way the central thought of the Christmas season. The association of the feast and custom is so natural that it finds a spontaneous response in us. Hence the crib has become inseparably linked with Christmas.

Very probably the real stable, the place of Christ's birth at Bethlehem was a cave. At the present time a church is erected over the spot and in the grotto the exact location where our Savior was born is marked by a silver star surrounded by an inscription in Latin: "Hic Jesus Christus was born of the Virgin Mary." Tradition tells us that the place of Christ's birth served as a shelter for beasts of burden, so the usual representation of the birth-place of our Redeemer as a thatched stable may not be very inaccurate.

The custom of erecting a crib in the church for the Christmas celebration has long been universal, but we are indebted to St. Francis of Assisi for popularizing the devotion. St. Francis conceived the idea of re-

Fannie Howell Wins Santa Claus Letter Contest At Ray's

Fannie Howell's letter to Santa Claus in the letter contest staged by C. E. Ray's Sons was judged as the best of about 75 letters received by Santa who is spending a greater part of his time in the toy department of C. E. Ray's Sons this week.

Little Miss Howell will receive five dollars in merchandise at the store for her letter.

The next five letters will be given fifty cents each. They were: Winifred Rogers, city; Rosemary Herman, city; John Richard Jackson, city; Donald Morrow, city; and Frances Patton, route one.

The winning letter will be found in the Letters To Santa column this week.

The judges were: Mrs. Woodson Jones, Dr. R. P. Walker and W. C. Russ.

PRETTY ELECTRIC STAR

One of the most unique Christmas displays in town is the electric star in front of Martin Electric Company. The star was made in the shop of the company and is lighted with a number of red and white lights on the points of the star which is constructed of steel wire.

Memorial Service For The Late Rev. Sentelle Is Sunday

Dr. R. L. Moore, President Of Mars Hill College Will Be The Principal Speaker Of Occasion

Final details have been completed for the memorial service, which will be held Sunday afternoon at Bethel high school auditorium for the late Rev. R. A. Sentelle at 2 o'clock.

The program as given out by those in charge is as follows:

Music.
Invocation, Dr. R. P. Walker.
R. A. Sentelle, an educator, Jack Messer.
R. A. Sentelle a Minister, R. P. McCracken.
R. A. Sentelle a Citizen, W. G. Byers.

What the life of R. A. Sentelle was to other denominations, J. T. Bailey. Establishing a Permanent Memorial to him, Dr. R. L. Moore, President, Mars Hill College.

Haywood Farmers Vote To Retain The Kerr-Smith Act

The barley vote cannot be completed by the 25th due to the fact that the ballots reached Western Carolina two weeks latter than they should. More than 600 votes have been cast to date. Only two negative votes have been cast.

The people of Haywood county are voting 99 per cent for the present law and retention of the Kerr-Smith Act. Farmers who have expressed themselves say that the tax of 25 per cent is too low. They feel that it should be raised to 40 or 50 per cent. They claim that the contract signers must be protected as they have made the sacrifice which resulted in the better prices, it was pointed out by W. D. Smith.

Changes Are Made In Telephone Rates

Reduction Made Here In Business Telephones. No Changes Are Made For Residences

W. L. Lampkin, manager of the local unit of The Southern Bell Telephone Company, had not received official notice from headquarters regarding the change in local rates when interviewed by The Mountaineer.

The change as carried in an article by the Associated Press showed the business rate here for one party lines would be cut from \$3.50 to \$3. Two party lines would be changed from \$3 to \$2.50.

There will be no changes in residential rates.

Mr. Lampkin said he expected official notice within the next few days.

Community Xmas Tree Will Be Held Tuesday Afternoon

The community Christmas tree, which custom was inaugurated several years ago by the Woman's Club of Waynesville, will be held on Christmas afternoon at four o'clock in the court room of the court house. An attractive musical program has been arranged by Mrs. Horace Keener and will be directed by Miss Grace Crocker and Mrs. Lucile Foy.

The distribution of the gifts made possible by the generosity of Mr. Oscar L. Biggs, and members of the club and others, will close the program. As the gifts go only to the needy of the community an effort has been made this year by Mr. Biggs to get in touch with all families who could not buy toys.

3 Local Sportsmen Bag Three Big Deer

What is believed to be almost a record for local hunters was the feat of W. A. Bradley, W. L. Hardin Sr., and Tillman Powell, who went on a deer hunt last week and each of them brought down a buck, each weighing about 125 pounds.

The three hunters were on the Waynesville Rod and Gun Club grounds. The two that Bradley and Hardin got had nine point, while Powell's had eleven.

The deer were so heavy that the hunters were only able to bring out one that day, but hid the other two and the next day carried a crew of men back with them and brought them out.

FLEMINGTON, N. J.—Bruno Hauptmann, Lindbergh kidnap-slayer suspect, has gained three pounds in the past two weeks.

MEMORIAL SPEAKER



Dr. R. L. Moore, president of Mars Hill College will be the principal speaker at the memorial service Sunday for the late Rev. R. A. Sentelle.

Special Edition To Be Published Here Saturday Afternoon

In order that Christmas greetings may be published for the many firms and business houses in Haywood county, The Mountaineer will go to press again Saturday noon with a special edition.

That issue of the paper will be printed on colored paper and will have much Christmas news features in it. Plans now are to put it in the mails Saturday night.

Those having news or advertisements for the special Christmas edition will please get them to this office not later than Friday night.

Commissioners In Meeting Monday

The board of county commissioners met in their regular third Monday meeting and after disposing of general routine of business made several orders, one of which was the appointment of W. M. Green as constable of Coel township, providing he could make proper bond.

The appointment came after the regular duly elected constable failed to appear before the commissioners. Mr. Green was named after a petition was filed with the board by citizens of the township requesting that he be named.

The board also recommended to the State Highway officials that the road beginning at a point in the Rattell Cove road, designated as Frank Leonard's home and extending about half a mile to the home of J. B. Gaddy over the old road way or as the State commission saw fit to be worked on.

Jarvis Allison, who has been critically ill, was able to be in attendance at this meeting Monday. Although not fully recovered, Mr. Allison was able to be in his office a short time this week. He is secretary of the National Farm and Home Loan Association of this county.

Bus Station Now In Way. Pharmacy

The bus station is now located at the Waynesville Pharmacy. It was formerly in the Haywood Garage.

The change was made a few days ago.

Tickets are sold at the Pharmacy and facilities have been provided for a waiting room. The local bus line is owned and operated by the Smoky Mountain Motor Stages, Inc.

Visitors Allowed At Jail Two Days

Robert V. Welch, jailer of the Haywood county jail, has announced that visiting hours in the jail will be permitted only on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons between the hours of two and four o'clock.

Many people have been making visits at all hours which greatly inconvenienced the officers with their work, so the visiting days and hours will be adhered to.

Chief Warns About Shooting Fireworks

Chief of Police J. L. Stringfield told The Mountaineer yesterday that all those desiring to shoot fireworks would have to do so fifty feet from any building and off Main street.

"All those failing to adhere to this ordinance will be prosecuted," the chief said.

Arkansas Sheriff Carries Man From Here For Trial

Crint Cochrane, Alleged To Have Participated In Robbery-Murder, To Face Trial In February

Crint Cochrane, 24, in the custody of Sheriff A. G. Albright, of Jackson County, Arkansas, is en route to that state where he will go on trial in February for his life on charges of participating in the robbery and robbery of an old man there last May.

Sheriff Albright arrived in Waynesville Wednesday morning from Raleigh where he obtained extradition papers Tuesday for the return of Cochrane, who was brought to Haywood county jail about ten days ago and turned over to Sheriff Welch for safe keeping after being arrested in Clay county.

Cochrane's brother, Paul, 28, is sentenced to die in the electric chair January 25th for his part of the murder and robbery.

Sheriff Albright, a young, energetic officer, told The Mountaineer in an interview Wednesday morning just before his departure for Arkansas, how he had solved the mysterious murder robbery.

"Back in May," Sheriff Albright began, "an old man by the name of B. P. Mitchell, who was respected and liked by everyone was found beaten to death in his bed in the farmhouse in which he lived. He is reported to have kept several thousand dollars in his home since he had lost heavily in bank failures. The house was broken into and the old man was found by his daughter, who lived across the road from him.

"After sixty days of endless searching, we found that three young men who lived about seven miles from the scene of the murder had plenty of money on them. I questioned the boys and Paul had about six hundred dollars on him. He finally made a confession as to the robbery and murder and involved his brother Crint.

In Arkansas the boys go by the name of Nel on. I understand they changed their names because of some trouble they got into before leaving North Carolina.

"Two weeks before I arrested Paul, the boy Paul after here, left and came back to North Carolina. Paul was tried in November and found guilty and sentenced to die January 25th. When on trial he denied the confession, on the implication of Crint.

"The money we found on Paul was turned over to the estate."

Sheriff Albright said he did not get any trouble with the boy going back over the 700 mile trip. An attendant of the sheriff drove the car and Cochrane (Nelson) was securely handcuffed.

Cochrane was arrested by Marshall Bradshaw, of Georgia about ten days ago and brought here for safe keeping.

Last week The Mountaineer interviewed Cochrane and he made a stronger denial of even knowing anything about the case but later told of minute details. Cochrane and his family previously lived in Clay county.

Just before leaving Sheriff Albright said he wished circumstances would permit him spending some time in this section, as he had "fallen in love with it."

Purebred Stock Has Arrived Here Ready For Sale

A carload of Guernsey heifers and cows have just arrived from Chester, S. C. These animals were hand picked by F. R. Farnham, dairy extension specialist and W. D. Smith, county agent, during the past two weeks. These animals have all been tested for T. B. and found disease before they left the farms in South Carolina. They are all high grade or registered.

These animals will be sold at auction Saturday, December 29th. The auction will be held at Brandlett's Stable on Depot street. Mr. Farnham and other dairy specialists will be here from State College. Mr. J. C. Bates of the Guernsey Cattle Club will be the auctioneer.

Any farmer or dairyman who is interested in seeing these animals before the sale can do so by seeing the county agent or any one who is in charge at the stable. "Farmers should make plans to get as many of these animals as possible as there is a shortage of milk cows over the entire United States. The shortage is particularly bad in this section."

"The dairymen are coming here for this sale from all the surrounding counties. We want our people to be alert to the situation and buy one of these animals in this county. We need 500 milk cows in this county now to supply our local milk needs. We will have more detailed information about this sale in next week's issue," Mr. Smith said.

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