

Breakdown of Home Is Given As Reason For Increase In Crime

Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported early this week that crime increased 7.5 per cent last year and warned that that is evidence "the old gangs are regrouping."

He also had these comments on mounting lawlessness:

1. While the nation is nearing normalcy, the effects of the spirit of wartime abandon have not run their course.

2. Law enforcement agencies still do not have adequate trained personnel.

3. The juvenile delinquents of the war years are graduating from petty thieves to armed robbers and into the field of more serious crime.

4. The gradual breakdown of the American home is beginning to be reflected in the national behavior pattern and is a real cause for alarm.

Hoover's report was based on data from police agencies which showed that in 1946 more persons were arrested and fingerprinted — 645,431 men, women and juveniles — than in any other year of record.

Hoover's final analysis showed: There was an 18.3 per cent decrease in arrests of women in 1946, compared with 1945. The 68,742 women arrested and fingerprinted represented 10.7 per cent of the total number of persons arrested.

More persons aged 21 were arrested than any other age group for the first time since 1938 followed by the 22, 23, 24 and 20 year-olds.

Arrests of males increased 25.4 per cent over 1945. There was a 32.1 per cent decrease in arrests of girls under 21, but these arrests still exceeded the pre-war period by 40 per cent.

A total of 106,787 persons under 21 were arrested in 1946. They represented 16.9 per cent of the total arrested.

Crimes in rural areas increased 14.1 per cent, contrasted with a 7.4 per cent increase in urban communities.

Previous records were reported for 54 per cent of all persons arrested. Offenses showing a high percentage of repeaters were — narcotics 77.6 per cent; forgery and counterfeiting 65.7 per cent; embezzlement and fraud, 62.7 per cent; robbery, 61 per cent; burglary, 57.4 per cent; larceny, 54.9 per cent; rape, 44.8 per cent, and homicide, 42.3 per cent.

Persons arrested were in these groups — White, 478,211; Negro, 159,172; Indian, 5,700; Chinese, 432; Japanese, 140; and other racial groups, 1,776.

Although automobile thefts decreased 4.8 per cent, these increases were noted in the more serious types of crimes: Murder, 23.3 per cent; negligent manslaughter, 7.2 per cent; rape, 5 per cent; robbery, 15.7 per cent; aggravated assault, 12.9 per cent; burglary, 11.3 per cent; and larceny, 8.5 per cent.

The value of the loot per crime averaged \$160; contrasted with \$147 in 1946 in robbery cases; \$133 against \$118, in burglary; \$59 against \$54 in larceny, while stolen automobiles had an average value of \$638 in 1946 against \$605 in 1945.

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SUNDAY and MONDAY

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Navy Has Amateur Radio Drill Circuit

Amateur radio operators in the Sixth Naval District, which covers North and South Carolina and Georgia, are invited to membership in the Navy-Amateur Emergency Communications Net of this district. It was announced recently by Rear Admiral L. T. Dulose, USN, Commandant of the Sixth Naval District.

This Net is now being organized and will be composed of amateurs residing in the district, who are willing to accept Navy Communications traffic in an emergency. It is purely a volunteer organization, having no official status whatever, and is not connected in any way with the Naval Reserve, either Organized or Volunteer. It entails no duties or responsibilities in a military sense.

The Sixth Naval District Amateur Emergency Communication Net is organized solely to move official Navy radio traffic in an emergency when all other means of radio traffic handling fail, such as in the event of a hurricane, flood, or other major disasters.

It is anticipated that the Net will be controlled from Charleston, using a frequency in the 80 meter band. Drills will be held weekly on Tuesdays from 8 p. m. until 9 p. m. Attendance is not compulsory, but any member who does not attend a reasonable number of drills will be dropped from membership.

Those who participate in the Net are not involved in any commitments, either legally or morally, to the Navy, and any member is free to withdraw at any time he so desires.

Those interested may write to the District Communication Office, Naval Base, S. C., for further details.

PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED FOR ARMY WEEK, APR. 6-12

Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 20 — "A strong America is a peaceful America" has been selected as the national theme for this year's observance of Army Week, April 6 to 12, Lieut. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, commanding general of the Third Army announced today.

In no case, Gen. Griswold emphasized, will Army Day or Army Week be "celebrated." The purpose of the observance, he states, is to "honor American soldiers living and dead, who did so much to make peace possible; to inform the public of the new peacetime pattern of national security which is being developed and of Army assignments at home and abroad.

In all activities in the Third Army Area—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee—it is planned to acquaint the citizens with the relationship between an adequate Army and national security and the role of the entire Army, which includes the National Guard, Organized Reserve Corps and Officer's Training Corps. These form the national security establishment for the maintenance of peace which has been won at so great a price, the general said.

April 6, traditionally observed as Army Day, is Easter Sunday. Therefore, Monday, April 7, has been designated as Army Day. Churches throughout the seven southeastern states have been invited to include prayers for the Army in the services on April 6.

Many Army post and installations will hold "open house" at some time during the week and in numerous cases Army troops will join veterans' organizations, patriotic societies and youth units in colorful parades. Civic bodies in numerous cities and towns have expressed their intentions to hold luncheon and banquet observances.

Greenville P. C. A. Shows Steady Growth

According to the 13th annual report of the Greenville Production Credit Association, the total earnings and member capital of the association amount to \$137,789. The association's net worth is \$180,289. The report showed the association has 920 members and loans totaling \$1,104,000 were made to farmers in 1946.

NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA, Pitt County IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

FLOSSIE FARROW

VS. FARNELL FARROW

The defendant, Farnell Farrow, will take notice that an action as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce from the defendant on statutory grounds; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County in the Courthouse in Greenville, North Carolina, within 30 days after completion of publication herein, and answer or demur to the complaint in said notice, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 23rd day of March, 1947. D. T. HOUSE, Jr., Clerk Superior Court Pitt County.

Wm. J. Brandy, Attorney for Plaintiff. (23-24-46)

WALSTONBURG NEWS

Friends will regret to learn that Miss Betty E. Green, of the high school faculty, is ill at her home in Rocky Mount.

Miss Gliese Gardner was a Saratoga and Rocky Mount visitor, Monday.

Mrs. A. R. Gay and son, Malcolm, were Wilson shoppers Monday.

Miss Rayonelle Bailey, of E. C. T. C., Greenville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bailey, during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gay and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Taylor, of Saratoga, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Letchworth and family, Sunday.

Friends will regret to learn that Miss Betty Helen of the high school faculty is leaving. Miss Helen will be replaced by Miss Eloise Forest, of E. C. T. C., Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vinson, of Clayton, visited Mrs. Vinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. S. Dixon, during the week end.

Friends will regret to learn that Jimmie Marlowe is quite ill at his home here.

Mrs. H. E. Gay, of Saratoga, visited friends here Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gay and son were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Shirley, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bason and daughters, Patsy and Judy, of Snow Hill, visited Mr. and Mrs. I. J. House and family, Sunday afternoon.

William and Luther Whitley, of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitley.

B. L. Davis, of Snow Hill, was in town on business, Monday afternoon.

D. Harold Bailey was a Rocky Mount visitor, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Letchworth, of near Snow Hill, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mercer and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lang spent last week end in Morehead City.

THE BYRD EXPEDITION

The present Navy-sponsored expedition to Antarctica, under the command of Rear Admiral Byrd, who pioneered scientific research in that vast region, is a significant illustration of the enormous changes that are taking place in the world. It is a distinct possibility that, if another war comes, it may be fought in part in the arctic and antarctic. The current expedition, therefore, is designed to test men and machines under simulated combat conditions in extremely unfavorable weather and terrain. And it is further designed to carry on metallurgical, and other explorations which may prove to have great economic as well as military importance.

Some discoveries of moment have been made. It has been found, for instance, that the combat efficiency of a man declines about 2 per cent for every degree of temperature below zero. At 50 below, therefore, his efficiency is reduced to nothing—all his mental and physical processes must be devoted to the basic job of keeping alive.

It has also been found that weapons reacted differently in the antarctic under extreme cold than they reacted under artificial test conditions at the same temperature. Apparently there is a different chemical reaction when cold is prolonged, as against when it is of only brief duration.

The expedition is a distinct contribution to hemisphere defense—and the facts produced will help make possible the long-range planning which is the principal duty of our military establishments in time of peace.

ORDINANCE

Authorizing Withdrawal of \$15,588.95 from the Capital Reserve Fund of the Town of Farmville, North Carolina, for improvement and extension of the Water and Sewer System of the Town of Farmville.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Farmville, North Carolina:

Section 1. That pursuant to the Municipal Capital Reserve Act of 1948, withdrawal from the capital reserve fund of the Town of Farmville in the amount of Fifteen Thousand and (\$15,000.00) Dollars principal, and Five Hundred Eighty-eight and 95/100 (\$588.95) Dollars, accumulated interest, for necessary expense in the extension of the water and sewer facilities for the Town of Farmville, is hereby authorized.

Section 2. That the source of moneys in said capital reserve fund for said withdrawal is unappropriated surplus revenue and unaccumulated balances, as follows: viz: Receipts from revenues derived from sources other than ad valorem taxes, specifically revenues derived from the operation of the water and electric light systems of the Town, which are not pledged or otherwise applicable by law to the payment of existing debt.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its first publication unless in the meantime a petition for its submission to the voters is filed under said act, and in such event it shall take effect when approved by the voters of the Town at an election as provided in said act.

This ordinance was read and was first published on the 14th day of March, 1947. Any action or proceedings taken during the validity of said ordinance shall be deemed to have been taken on the 14th day of March, 1947.

C. E. TAYLOR

Our Chapel

More and more people, in recent years, have availed themselves of the use of our chapel, rather than have a funeral conducted in their own homes. Here is an atmosphere of quiet and solemnity, where friends may call and where services can be conducted with dignity and without confusion. There is no charge for the use of the chapel. It is part of our service.

FARMVILLE FUNERAL HOME
— Day Phone 383-1 —
Mr. Edwards 405-6 — Night Phone — Mr. Joyner 398-1
AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Survey Is Made Of Public Begging

Mayor J. W. Joyner and Chief of Police L. T. Lucas were among representatives of Pitt County public and private agencies who met last Thursday night in the City Hall at Greenville and organized a committee for a county-wide survey on "Individuals Soliciting Alms For a Livelihood," or in the vernacular of the man on the street, "Public Begging."

It was pointed out in the meeting that various persons preferred public begging rather than accept some plan offered them for their rehabilitation. Consequently, they leave their home county and tour the State begging in counties where "business" is good.

Others attending the meeting were Vance Perkins, county commissioner; K. T. Futrell, county welfare officer; Mayor Jack Boyd of Greenville; Mrs. W. F. Taylor, Red Cross; Mrs. Cora S. Powell, Greenville Merchants' Association; and Police Chief Jim Tanner.

PENDER

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| GREEN BEANS | White Dairy Cut No. 2 Can | 18c |
| VINEGAR | Red Mill Quart Bottle | 18c |
| RITZ CRACKERS | Nabisco 1 lb. Pkg. | 29c |
| TOMATO SOUP | Hurt's No. 1 Can | 3 for 25c |
| BUTTER KERNEL GOLDEN | | |
| CORN | Whole Kernel No. 2 Can | 2 33c |

HEINZ

TOMATO SOUP
11 oz. Can 12c

Triangle Self-Rising FLOUR
10 lb. bag 87c
PLAIN 10 lb. bag 87c

Stokely's Diced CARROTS
2 No. 2 1/2 Cans 25c

Georgia Inn Cookies, package 43c
Sliced Treat Mayonnaise, pt. Jar 41c
Triple-Fresh Bread SANDWICH
24 oz. loaf 17c

STEP INTO OUR GARDEN

FLORIDA PASCAL

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| CELERY | 2 Stalks | 25c |
| Cauliflower | lb. | 17c |
| Spinach, Texas Savoy | 2 lbs. | 27c |
| Beets, Green Top | 2 bchs. | 15c |
| White Potatoes | 10 lbs. bulk | 43c |
| Mesh bag | 10 lbs. | 48c |
| APPLES | Virginia Winesap 5 lb. bag | 71c |
| | 2 lb. bulk | 27c |

PENDER GUARANTEED MEATS

FRESH, LEAN, TENDER—PICNIC STYLE

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| PORK ROAST | lbs. | 47c |
| LEG-O-LAMB | A or A.D. | 59c |
| SLICED BACON | Armour's White Label—lb. | 65c |

Stokely's Diced CARROTS
2 No. 2 1/2 Cans 25c

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MEDIUM
PINT 50c

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