

LATENEWS from the State and Nation

NO TRACE OF ESCAPED CONVICTS

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Penal officials said tonight they had lost all trace of the seven heavily armed convicts who escaped yesterday from the Caledonia prison camp in one of the most daring jail breaks in the state's history.

An automobile which the prisoners commandeered shortly after leaving the camp was found mired in a dirt road near High Point this morning. Another machine was reported stolen there, but was returned to its owner tonight, and officers said it had no connection with the man-hunt.

Asheboro police said they had sighted the stolen machine at 11 a. m. and believed it was occupied by the convicts.

PRESIDENT WOULD AID FARMER

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Roosevelt disclosed at a press conference late today, after he had asked Congress to save the "American dream" of individual farm ownership, that he would propose still further action to aid farmers. He said he would send a message to Congress concerning crop insurance, probably Thursday.

Reporting that it is increasingly difficult for energetic young men to ascend the traditional ladder from hired man to tenant to independent owner, the President proposed to bring federal millions to their assistance.

COUNTIES MAY ACT IN NEXT 30 DAYS

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—County elections on the liquor question within the next 30 days loomed as a possibility tonight after the Senate passed the Hanford bill, which would repeal the state's prohibition laws.

The measure, if ratified, would authorize county boards of commissioners to call special elections on the setting up of alcoholic beverage control stores.

An amendment passed by the Senate, however, specified that at least 20 days' notice of an election must be given in order that voters may register.

LABOR BACKS COURT PROPOSAL

Washington, Feb. 16.—Labor's Nonpartisan League, a group active for President Roosevelt in his re-election campaign tonight swung its support behind his proposals for reorganizing the judiciary and announced a series of mass meetings to arouse public sentiment.

At the same time opponents of the program gained a supporter in Congress when Senator Walter F. George (D), Ga., said that he considered the plan likely to "impair the independence" of the Supreme Court.

FAVORS FREE TEXTBOOKS BILL

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The House finance committee today reported favorably a bill to provide free basal textbooks for elementary school children of North Carolina and Chairman Victor Bryant named a subcommittee to study the machinery revenue act that he introduced this morning.

SURRY MAN ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON POST

Major General Henry W. Butler has been relieved from an assignment of command of the Panama Canal department of the army and has been assigned to the army group in Washington, according to an announcement made last week by the War Department.

Following a rest at Walter Reed hospital, General Butler plans a visit to North Carolina. He is a native of Surry county and a brother of Mrs. J. S. Atkinson of this city, and has many friends here, where he frequently visits.

Miss Ruth Atkinson of Marion, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, on Gwyn Avenue.

MANY CASES TRIED AS SURRY COURT CONVENES MONDAY

Judge Frank S. Hill is Presiding Jurist

LIQUOR CASES FEATURE

Several Are Fined on Charges of Carrying Concealed Weapons

MURDER IS ON DOCKET

The February term of Surry county superior court convened Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock for the hearing of criminal cases, with Judge Frank S. Hill on the bench, and Hon. Allen H. Gwyn, Solicitor, prosecuting the docket.

A large number of cases were scheduled for trial, a good many of which had been disposed of at noon Wednesday. The Grand Jury, which was excused Tuesday until Monday of next week had not made its report Wednesday, but had brought 41 true bills of indictment into open court, with one case of murder, one of manslaughter and one rape listed, besides many other offenses of a less serious nature. A list of the grand jury follows: A. G. Webb, foreman; L. T. Roberts, J. O. Bivins, Edgar R. Lowery, A. R. Whetstone, J. F. Yokely, Oscar K. Merritt, Frank Jackson, E. D. Thompson, W. S. Harris, Roy Lyons, D. H. Odell, S. R. Reeves, J. S. Brown, M. H. Collins, J. S. Greenwood, J. R. McKinney and W. R. Taylor.

Winfield Finney, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, was given a sentence of 60 days to the roads, suspended upon the payment of a fine of \$100 and the costs. He is also to have his driver's license revoked for a period of one year.

Wesley Gwyn, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, and with the possession of whisky, was given a fine of \$50 on the first count, and an additional fine of \$25 on the second count, and is also to pay the costs.

Ira Whitaker, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was given a sentence of four months to the roads, suspended upon payment of the costs and upon good behavior.

Howard Richardson, charged with violating the prohibition laws, was given a sentence of two months on the roads on a charge of possession, and an additional sentence of two months to the roads on a charge of transporting. The two sentences are to run concurrently.

Walter Phillips, charged with non-support, was given a sentence of four months to the roads.

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P. O. S. OF A. HAS DISTRICT MEETING

Seventy-Eight Delegates Present to Hear Talk by National President

PROGRAM IS PRESENTED

Seventy-eight delegates to the district meeting of the P. O. S. of A., were here Friday night to hear an address by Hugh Mitchell, national president, in which he outlined a national program against immigration, and also a program for the schools.

Delegates here were from, in addition to the Elkin camp, Statesville, Mooresville, Cornelius, Long Island and Taylorsville.

In addition to President Mitchell's talk, talks were made by a number of district officers. S. O. Maguire, president of the local camp, welcomed the delegates, and M. S. Sharp, and Turner Robertson, both of Statesville responded.

Members of the district were urged to meet with the Mooresville camp the first Saturday night in May at Mooresville, and to bring their wives and sweethearts.

Following the program string music and refreshments were enjoyed.

Officials of the local camp are: J. R. Windsor, past president; S. O. Maguire, president; G. W. Masten, vice-president; Fred Masten, master of ceremonies; E. E. Hayes, conductor; C. H. Day, chaplain; J. E. Bell, secretary; S. E. Shumate, treasurer; H. F. Laffoon, guard; W. D. Holcomb, M. R. Bailey and E. E. Hayes, trustees.

A meeting in which a schedule of games and pairings will be arranged, will be held at the new Elkin high school building February 24 at 4:30 p. m.

Photos of Interest in Alleghany County Tragedy



Pictured left is a snapshot of Elva Brannock, 16-year-old victim of a murderous assault, whose body was discovered the latter part of last week at a lonely spot near Dividing Ridge school, center, where the attractive young girl was a student. Right is Sheriff Walter Irwin, who is leading the search for the fiend who criminally assaulted and then strangled the Alleghany school girl. Several arrests have been made in the case. —Photos courtesy Winston-Salem Journal

WARNING ISSUED BY FIRE WARDEN

Due to Heavy Rainfall, Fire Hazard Up to Present Has Been Little

DRY WEATHER DANGER

J. R. Norman, county fire warden, stated Wednesday that due to the large amount of rain that has fallen there has been very little fire hazard up to now, but that with the approaching of drier weather all farmers are warned not to set any fire for any purpose until all adjoining land owners have been notified, and they are also warned to watch all fires until all danger has passed. Any failure to do so will be a misdemeanor, and will be subject to prosecution by law.

Mr. Norman further stated that townsmen will be on duty after March 1st, or as soon as dry weather sets in, and will remain on duty during dry weather. All fires are to be reported to the nearest towerman, or to R. S. Johnson, Smoke-Chaser, phone No. 2100x, Mount Airy, or to county warden, J. R. Norman, at Mountain Park. The Elkin towerman's phone number is 1304.

MOVING OFFICE OF DR. E. G. CLICK

Work on New Elkin Postoffice Not Expected to Begin Within Six Weeks

PLANS ABOUT COMPLETE

Work of moving the small brick office building of Dr. E. G. Click from its present site to a site adjacent to Lawrence Dry Cleaners in order that the space may be used in construction of the new Elkin postoffice, has begun.

Work on the postoffice building is not expected to begin within six weeks or two months. Plans for the new building, while in process of being drawn, have not been completed. Once completed the government must advertise for bids over a period of 30 days.

Final papers concerned with the sale of the lot to be occupied by the new postoffice were only signed last week.

E. A. SUTHERLAND NEW MANAGER AT PENNEY'S

E. A. Sutherland, formerly with the J. C. Penney Co., of Bristol, Va., has arrived here and taken over the management of the local J. C. Penney Co. store, succeeding A. L. Griffith, who managed the local store during the past four years.

Mr. Sutherland is making his home at Hotel Elkin until such time as he can arrange to have his family join him.

Mrs. Errol Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Freeman left Wednesday for Raleigh, to attend the wedding of Miss Nell Hamlin to Dr. Townsend, both of Chevy Chase, Md. Miss Hamlin is a native of Rockford, Surry county, and formerly lived here. The wedding will be solemnized at 12:30 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ira Tuttle, in Raleigh.

Make Another Arrest For Questioning In Death of School Girl

IS PAUL EDWARDS

Three Other "Suspects" Eliminated From Case

SEARCH GOES ON

Sparta, Feb. 16.— Sheriff Walter M. Irwin tonight announced the arrest of Paul Edwards, a resident of the Saddle Mountain section, for questioning in connection with the slaying of Elva Brannock, 16-year-old school girl, whose body was found 15 miles northeast of here last Friday.

The sheriff said Edwards was offering an alibi and that deputies were checking his story. "I am very hopeful, but the case is now status quo," Irwin said.

Edwards was the fourth person arrested in connection with the investigation into the death of the girl, who doctors said died of strangulation after she had been criminally attacked.

Others arrested were Everett and Deltor Fortner, brothers, and Sam Fipps. The Fortner brothers were released today on \$300 bonds on an "old assault charge." Fipps is being held in jail in lieu of bond on a charge of violating the prohibition law.

EARLIER REPORTS

Sparta, Feb. 15.— Information was given out today by Sheriff Walter M. Irwin, of Alleghany county, at Sparta, that he has "good clues" in the criminal assault-murder of pretty Elva Brannock, 16-year old school girl whose body was found Friday morning in the Saddle mountain section of the county after she had been missing since last Monday.

The place where the body of the girl was found is located near the junction of Alleghany and Surry counties, in North Carolina and the Virginia line, approximately ten miles south of Galax.

Earlier in the day Sheriff Irwin, aided by Deputy Sheriff Perley Rainey and a posse from Surry county, along with Deputies R. C. Jennings and J. M. Beshears, of Wilkes county, arrested Everett Fortner, 22, and Deltor Fortner, 24, brothers, on assault and prohibition charges.

Both men were subjected to close questioning throughout the day Sunday in connection with the case.

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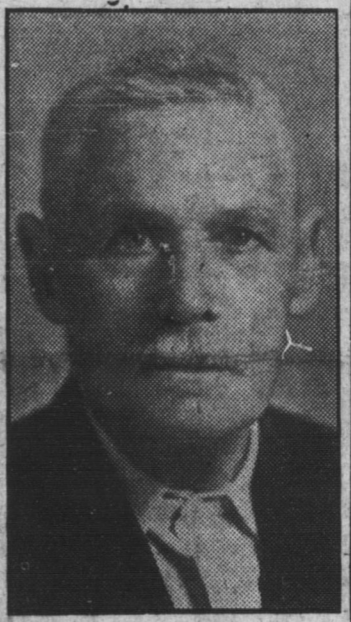
JR. O. U. A. M. TO HOLD MEETING MONDAY

In observance of Washington's birthday and as part of a drive for new members, a special meeting of the Jr. O. U. A. M. will be held in the Kiwanis room of Hotel Elkin next Monday night.

An interesting program has been arranged, a feature of which will be an address by Hon. E. L. Gavin, state councillor, of Sanford. A musical program, including string and vocal music, will be presented.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend the meeting.

Dies Suddenly



Harrison Franklin Gray, pioneer Elkin business man, who passed away Sunday following a heart attack.

MRS. J. M. SISSELL CLAIMED BY DEATH

Fairview Woman Passes After Illness of Year; Husband Survives

RITE AT UNION CROSS

Mrs. Sarah Bates Sissell, 82, passed away at her home at Fairview, Thursday afternoon, following an illness of a year, which became critical a month ago. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bates and was a member of Fairview Baptist church. She was a woman greatly beloved in the community.

She is survived by her husband, J. M. Sissell; two daughters and four sons, Mrs. E. D. Burch and M. A. Sissell, Union Cross; C. F. Sissell and Mrs. Mary Flanry of Winston-Salem; T. G. Sissell, Booneville; A. C. Sissell of Canton, Mo., and one sister and one brother, Mrs. E. L. Burchette, of Rusk, and Henry Bates, of Coburn, Va. Thirty-five grandchildren and 59 great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at Union Cross Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The rites were in charge of Rev. E. B. Draughan, Rev. T. S. Draughan and Rev. Mr. Stanley. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson Shaffner

Funeral services were held Saturday morning for Mrs. Wilson Shaffner.

She is survived by her husband and two children, Jerry and Jeanette, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Badge Pardue, and eight brothers and sisters.

The rites were in charge of Rev. J. L. Powers, pastor of the deceased.

PIONEER CITIZEN OF ELKIN PASSES SUDDENLY SUNDAY

Harrison Franklin Gray Heart Attack Victim

WAS BUSINESS MAN

Had Been Prominently Identified With Industrial Life Of Town

FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

The entire town of Elkin was saddened Sunday at the passing of Harrison Franklin Gray, almost eighty, the last of Elkin's pioneer settlers and one of the town's leading business men. Mr. Gray succumbed to a heart attack which he suffered only three hours before his passing about 12:30. He dressed as usual Sunday morning and was seated in the living room of the home with his family when the end came. For several years Mr. Gray had suffered with a heart ailment and five years ago he was forced to retire from active business.

A native of Yadkin county, he came to Elkin 69 years ago and during his residence here had been prominently identified with the industrial and business life of the town. He was an important stockholder in the Bank of Elkin, Elkin Furniture company, the Highland Orchards and other enterprises. He joined the Methodist church in early boyhood and was a valuable and active member of the church. Outstanding in the characteristics of Mr. Gray were his high sense of honor and integrity in his business dealings and his cheerful and friendly disposition.

He is survived by one son, Worth M. Gray, two daughters, Misses Jennie and Auba Gray and a niece, Mrs. L. G. Greene, of Statesville. His wife, Mrs. Mary Minnish Gray, preceded him in death eighteen years ago and another son, George Gray, for whom the local post of the Amer-

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W. R. G. MARTIN IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Prominent Jonesville Man Passes Away as Result of Heart Attack

FUNERAL RITES SUNDAY

William Robert Gordon Martin, 79, aged and highly esteemed citizen of Jonesville, passed away about 7:45 Friday night from a heart ailment. Mr. Martin had been to the home of a son and died enroute to his home. His body was discovered about three hours after his death, the family not having noticed his absence, thinking that he had retired. He had been in his usual health and

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MAN BOUND OVER ON NUMEROUS CHARGES

William Harvey Hayes, of Greensboro, tried on numerous counts including robbery and theft of an automobile, has been bound over to court following a hearing in Wilkes county last week.

Hayes was arrested about two weeks ago as the result of an epidemic of crimes at Ronda and in that vicinity. A companion, thought to have been involved in the crimes, made his escape.



GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS USUALLY LANDS A MAN ON TOP.