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BOLD, SUCCESSFUL RESCUE OF CRIPPLE MAN FROM HOSPITAL

WOUNDED PRISONER RESCUED

Roy Johnson, Under Arrest, Lez in Cast, Taken From 2d Story

Sometime in the early hours of Wednesday morning, two or more men ascended a ladder to the second story of the Roanoke Rapids hospital and quietly spirited away Roy Johnson, a part of whose body and one entire leg was encased in a plaster cast which made movement for him impossible.

As the ancient novel would say, "Whence the villains came and whither they went is unknown." Complete mystery and silence enshrouds the case and Johnson, who was actually under arrest on a bootlegging charge, now faces another charge of escaping while under arrest.

No guard was placed over him as is usually the case when an arrested man is placed in the hospital, because Johnson was helpless with the cast on his leg and could not have gotten out of bed alone without foolishly falling to the floor.

He was brought to the hospital here on the night of February 19th after he had been shot in the leg by officers when he refused to stop on the Weldon bridge. Receiving information that Johnson would pass over the bridge with a load of liquor, officers Gray, Keeter and Reid were awaiting him. When he failed to halt they ran at their command, all fired and one bullet hit Johnson in the leg. Forty gallons of whiskey was found in his car.

He was brought to the hospital by officers charged with transportation and possession of whiskey. For three weeks he has been a motel patient.

At midnight Tuesday, he is said to have told one of the nurses that the noise outside was disturbing him and he was having a difficult time going to sleep. He asked her to close his door which she did. The room was dark and no one entered it until early Wednesday morning.

Then one of the nurses checking up on the patients found an empty room. The window in Johnson's room was wide open and the screen had been unlocked from the outside. A ladder leaning against the wall explained the way of departure.

Because Johnson could not get out of bed without assistance, it is thought one of his friends unlatched the screen sometime during a visit earlier in the day. When the time for the rescue came, his rescuers slipped to the window in the still hours of the early morning, placed the ladder against the wall and at least two of them entered the room and carried the helpless man to the ground. There are different theories as to the way he reached the ground as he is said to weigh a good 150 pounds. Some think the two men held him between them while they descended on each side of the ladder. Others think one man got on the ladder and carried Johnson down on his back; while others believe they lowered him to the ground with a rope.

Anyway, the fact remains he is gone, cast and all, and there is no clue to his whereabouts at this date.

Mrs. W. R. Myrick Dies Suddenly Here

Mrs. Nannie May Myrick, wife of R. Myrick, died suddenly last Thursday afternoon at the local hospital, after an illness of only a few hours. She was 23 years old at the time of her death. Before her marriage she was Miss Nannie Johnson of Weldon.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Roanoke Rapids cemetery with Rev. Leon Hall officiating. Besides her husband she leaves three small children to mourn her loss.

Miss Sylvia Morton of Sydney, N. S. W., shot her fiancé, James Masterton, to death as he was dancing because he told her he loved another girl.

M. C. H. TERM FOR CIVIL CASES ONLY

Attorneys Met Wednesday And Agreed on Cases To Be Tried

The attorneys met on last Wednesday and set the following calendar for trial of Civil cases for March term of court which will begin March 17, 1930. The entire two weeks will be for trial of Civil cases. Judge W. A. Devin will hold this court.

Monday, March 17, 1930, Tillery vs. Johnson et al; Credit Corp. vs. Harper; Bowden vs. Frank et al; Hart vs. Aubson; Marshall vs. Norman et al; Butler Bros vs. Whitaker Drug Co.; Upjohn Co. vs. Whitaker Drug Co.; Knox Glass Co. vs. Whitaker Drug Co.; Biddle Hdx. Co. vs. Whitaker Drug Co.; Carson vs. Bland; Peterson Nut Co. vs. Whitaker Drug Co.; Millikin and Co. vs. Whitaker Drug Co.; Hollingsworth Candy Co. vs. Whitaker Drug Company; Beavans vs. Whitaker Drug Co.; Chattanooga's Medicine Co. vs. Whitaker Drug Co.; Tynes and Co. vs. Whitaker Drug Co.; Bellamy vs. Meyer; Ferguson vs. Carter; Simmons Co. vs. Cole Daniel Hdx. Co.; Clark vs. Braswell; Powell vs. Barrette.

Tuesday, March 18, 1930, Travis vs. Johnson et al; Daniel vs. Shearin; Premier Co. vs. Guldin; Jones vs. Turner; Bugette vs. Barnhill; Johnson vs. E. T. Clark et al; Sherrod vs. A. C. L. R. Co.; Tire and Rubber Co. vs. S. J. B. Co.

Wednesday, March 20, 1930, Weaver Piano Co. vs. W. H. Allen; Sherwin vs. Jenkins; Smart vs. Forest vs. Smith.

Friday, March 21, 1930, Whitehead vs. Lawrence; Pope vs. Lawrence; Roberts vs. Bobbitt.

Monday, March 24, 1930, In re Will J. E. Pepper; In the Matter of the Will A. G. Green.

Tuesday, March 25, 1930, Boyette Motor Co. vs. Thomas; Foreman Machine Co. vs. Glover; Soda Fountain Service vs. Shell; Connell vs. Rosemary Mfg. Co.

Wednesday, March 26, 1930, New Era Motor Co. vs. Bunting; J. J. Crews, Agt. vs. Pruden; Mitchell vs. White and others.

Thursday, March 27, 1930, Hardy vs. Norinsky et al; McLemore vs. Mabry and Grady; Coker vs. Pittman, Moore vs. A. C. L. R. Co.; The New Bakery vs. A. C. L. R. Co.; W. H. Ivey, Adm. vs. Eastern Cotton Oil Co.; J. H. Evans vs. Pittman; Wynn vs. Household of Ruth Travis and Travis; Williams vs. Jenkins.

Friday, March 28, 1930, Burroughs-Pittman-Wheeler vs. Bradley.

Sale of Pulp Wood To Local Paper Mill Breaks all Records

Halifax Paper Corporation has received more wood in the last thirty days than it has ever received in the same length of time before since it has been in operation. The wood measurer, Mr. J. W. Medlin, said that on Feb. 27, he received and measured 491 loads. On March 6, there were 577 truck and wagon loads of wood received. 1925 cords were received during the first week of March. As the mill uses 300 cords per week there is an increase of over 1,500 cords above what is used weekly. They are so much overstocked that they will not buy any more wood for the next 90 days. The farmer will find that it pays to take care of the forests, as the money received for the wood the company has just bought will go far toward helping them take care of the farms.

NEW MINISTER ARRIVES

Hugh Blake Bradley arrived on Tuesday morning at the local hospital for an extended visit to the Twin Cities. He weighs 8 pounds and both mother and son are doing nicely. Parson Hugh Bradley, proud papa, is out making whoopee.

Miss Essie Marshall Former Lodge Keeper Passes Away Suddenly

It is with deepest sorrow that the friends of Miss Essie Marshall, who for several years lived here, having charge of Rosemary Lodge, heard of her sudden death Monday. She had been ill only a few days. Miss Marshall had a great many friends in Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids, and while living here was an active member of All Saints Church and in the various clubs of the town. She was endowed with a most pleasing personality and her return visits have always been looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure. She was a cousin of Mrs. Job Taylor and has visited her often.

POWER CO. COOKING SCHOOL

Demonstrations by Local Company for House- wives Next Week

The remarkable progress that has been made in the art of cooking by electricity, will be demonstrated to the housewives of Roanoke Rapids—Rosemary—Weldon, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by a home economic instructor with the Westinghouse Electric Company. The demonstration is sponsored by the local branch of the Virginia Electric and Power Co. and will be held in the sales office of the Electric Building on Gannock Avenue.

The Westinghouse electric range, the widely advertised "ones with a clock" that actually turns itself on at any designated hour, and turns itself off when the food inside has been cooked, will be used during the demonstration.

This new range enables housewives to prepare complete meals and attend to other duties and find the meal completely cooked and piping hot when they return. It is considered a great labor-saving appliance. The mechanism that works this range is simplicity itself. A simple alarm clock on the top of the stove is set at a certain hour, say five o'clock in the afternoon, when the evening meal is usually started. Then the raw food is placed in the oven and the housewife forgets about it. Promptly at five o'clock the alarm clock springs a switch and the oven begins to heat. When the right temperature has been reached, the stove automatically cuts itself off, finishes the cooking operation and keeps the food hot until wanted.

What is known as a thermostat, cuts the juice off when the right temperature for cooking the food in the oven has been attained. A chart showing what temperature should be secured for the preparation of every variety of food is furnished with each range.

The instructor who will be in charge has had many years experience in the demonstration work and is a cooking instructor of renown. In addition to demonstrating the electric range, she will give cooking instructions free of charge to all who attend.

Mr. Goodman, manager of the sales department of the local Virginia Electric & Power Co., is especially interested in having a large number of women attend these demonstrations.

J. S. Stancel Funeral Held at Jackson

The funeral of Mr. J. S. Stancel, who died Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at his home on Franklin St., was held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. E. Kirk pastor of the Rosemary Baptist Church, and interment was made in the family burying ground near Jackson, N. C., in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The deceased was 47 years old and had been in poor health for the past 12 months. His death was caused by a complication of diseases. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Emma Gay of Jackson. The deceased has lived here for a number of years and has many friends who will regret to hear of his death.

NEW PILL ROLLER

Mr. Carl Hales of Goldsboro has accepted a position as junior druggist with the Rosemary Drug Company. He will arrive here Monday morning.

TOMORROW NIGHT IS MINSTREL

Parade Friday Noon and Show Friday Night At High School

Well, folks, the big night is almost here. With final rehearsals tonight, "Minstrel Mimics" is just about ready for the public this Friday night when the Kiwanis Club entertainers make their first public appearance at the High School auditorium.

An old time minstrel parade, headed by a twenty six piece band, will arrive at Rosemary at 12:05 Friday noon; at Roanoke Rapids at 12:15; and at Weldon at 12:40. Then the boys go home to rest until the curtain goes up at 8 o'clock.

A Kiwanis Club committee will ask all stores in town to close 20 minutes to eight Friday night so their employees may go to the minstrel.

Frank Wilson, chairman of the committee, reports a good sale of tickets in advance, which is unusual in this section. Most encouraging are reports from Rocky Mount, Emporia, Weldon, Halifax, Scotland Neck and Enfield, where clubs are selling tickets and theatre parties are arranging to come here for the show.

Director Lyle Wilson of the John E. Rogers Production Co. is pleased with the way the show is being put on. The orchestra accompaniment is a splendid six piece orchestra chosen by headmaster M. J. Hester. It consists of Messrs. Lewis Jones, Gerald Sims, Rudy Guma, Ann Williams, James Lewis and Miss M. Wilson. The orchestra accompanied the first two entire shows.

Of the black-face comedians who will entertain in the Minstrel first part none will arouse more enthusiasm than Sam Peace, Nabe Smith and Roland Johnson. These boys are plenty good as are the other three shines on the end. Joe T. Chase and his bevy of 20 male singers will give you more real music than has been heard in the Twin Cities for many a day. They are a racy outfit.

Popular songs in the minstrel are Alabama Snow, Sunny Side Up, Aren't We All, Outside, Singing in The Bathub, Your Mother and Mine, My Wife Is On a Diet and Dixie Jam-boree. Others are Home in Carolina, Sleepy Valley, Heaven is Like Dixie, Come on Down South, and When You're Smiling.

Forty people take part in the entire show. In the Second Act, the following young ladies play important parts in song and dance skits: Virginia Armstrong, Lillie Mae Matthews, Virginia Akers, Constance Barron, Lurline Hardy, Margaret Dunwoody, Josie Chase, Edith Elmore, Ella Brown, Otley Cranwell, Hilda Hines, Julia Crutchfield. Specialty numbers are Dancing Melodies by Gladys Steinburg and Banjo-ology by Russell Burton and Crawford Britton.

A screaming farce on a cannibal island brings forth the following players as they appear on the stage: Ned Manning, Agatha Moore, Marjorie Collier, Hurley King, Bob Myrick, Dick Martin, Carroll Wilson and Roland Johnson. Beautiful island belles are Pauline Brewer, Annie Fitts, Dorothy Daughtry, Arline Batten, Sybil Sims, Mary Allen, Audrey Hardy and Margaret Anderson. Songs in the skit are Funny What Love Can Do, The Bamboo Babies and I Want to be a Blooming, Blushing Bride.

As told before, all the net proceeds of the show go to the Kiwanis Club fund for its years work with the underprivileged and crippled children of the community.

HOSPITAL NEWS

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clements on March 11. Hospital patients in the last week are Mrs. W. J. Bridges, Conway, Julius Wrenn, Bill Harris, Weldon, Mrs. Cleve Loman, Algia Dickens, W. C. Davis, Van Cook, Seaboard, Mrs. P. E. Fowler, Mrs. Roy Livingston, Mrs. C. T. Butler, Seaboard. The following attended the 8th District Nurses Association at Greenville, March 11: Mrs. Anna H. Moore and Misses Clara Ruth, Henrietta Reed, Irene Clark, Avah Wood, Mesdames J. B. Dickens, Davis Dickens, H. Rook.

C. O. Byrd Announces For Representative

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Lower House of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic Primary, June 7, 1930.

C. O. BYRD,
41-pd-4-3 Rosemary, N. C.

ROB MAIL BOXES HERE

Two mail boxes at the Roanoke Rapids postoffice have been entered recently by unknown persons, presumably children, and Federal officers are investigating. Parents are urged by Postmaster Robinson to warn their children not to tamper with boxes other than their own, or they will be getting in serious trouble.

BELOVED WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Miss Anna Elmore Dies at Age of 37 at Her Home Here On Tuesday

Miss Anna Sarah Elmore, much beloved woman of this city and member of one of our oldest families, died Tuesday night at the age of 37 years. The family moved here many years ago from Alberta, Va., where burial services were held Wednesday afternoon. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Leon Hall of the Methodist church, Roanoke Rapids, where the deceased had long been an active and faithful worker. Many people from here attended the funeral in Virginia.

Surviving the deceased are a mother, Mrs. E. A. Elmore, who lives here, and four brothers, O. R. Elmore, W. C. Elmore, T. O. Elmore, and E. W. Elmore, all of this city; and three sisters, Mrs. Bush Hax of this city, Miss Vergie Elmore, this city, Mrs. H. E. Sanford, Alberta, Va.

Mr. Lafayette Shaw Passes Away in New Hope Community

Mr. Lafayette Shaw, age 78, died Sunday night, March 2nd, at his home in New Hope community in which he has lived for many years. Mr. Shaw had been ill for some time. He was a man of splendid character, a friend to everybody and loved by those who knew him, and his friends will regret to hear of his passing. He was a devoted member and one of the oldest members of the New Hope Methodist Church and was an active member as long as his health permitted him attending services. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Virginia Hale Shaw; three daughters, Mrs. Charlie Langford of New Hope, Mrs. E. S. Shaw of New Hope and Mrs. Sam Vincent of Washington, D. C., ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, March 4th, at his home with Rev. C. T. Thrift officiating. Interment was made in the Shaw cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Welfare Department Helps Needy Families

The Welfare Department of the Roanoke Rapids Womens Club met Monday afternoon at the home of the chairman, Mrs. T. M. Jenkins. A number of families were reported as having been helped since last meeting, and several conditions have been investigated.

Miss Winifred Beckwith, chairman of the "Good Will Bag" movement reported that she had distributed 32 bags. This department is hoping that those who take these bags will not forget to put their own outgrown clothing or anything else that they do not need in them. A committee composed of Mrs. T. W. M. Long, Mrs. A. E. Akers and Miss Winifred Beckwith was appointed to find a suitable vacant room to be used by the department for the storage of garments collected in these bags.

Those present were, Mesdames C. N. Wheeler, W. L. Long, A. E. Akers, T. W. M. Long, W. C. Lynch, C. P. Ogletree, J. V. Womble, Leon M. Hall, T. M. Jenkins, and Miss Winifred Beckwith.

KEETER-EMERY WEDDING

Miss Peggie Emery and Mr. Harrington E. Keeter were married at Lawrenceville Friday night. The bride is the manager of Hale Beauty Shop at Rosemary and will continue her work there for a time. The groom is the owner of the Sunshine Cleaners Co. of Littleton. Mrs. Keeter has been here for the past five months. She is a native of Elizabeth City.

LOCAL MAN CHARGED WITH MAKING, PASSING FAKE 20'S

HIGHEST TRIBUTES FOR TAFT

Noted Citizen Is Buried With Highest Honors In Land He Served

Along the broad streets of the nation's capital the body of William Howard Taft was borne Tuesday first to the Capitol to lie in state then out along the Avenue of the Presidents for the funeral services and finally to his burial place on a gentle slope in Arlington National Cemetery.

The machinery of the government was stilled. Although it has been 17 years since Mr. Taft left the White House, the hours that were given him in death are in keeping with rites for a president who has died in office. The universal high regard in which he was held, his occupancy of the two highest offices in the land, his straight-forward method of living, have earned for him this generous tribute from the nation he served for two-score years.

The bright caparisons of military pomp accompanied the former President to his grave, but the funeral services were severely simple. Mr. Taft asked that eulogies be omitted and poetry will take their place. The remaining solemn phrases of Thompson and Wardsworth furnished the requiem.

All week, however, eulogies of Mr. Taft came from every hand. Perhaps the most impressive was from Assistant Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, who said: "We have lost a great man, a man of high character and of high ability. He was a man of the highest order of intelligence and of the highest order of integrity. He was a man of the highest order of character and of the highest order of ability. He was a man of the highest order of intelligence and of the highest order of integrity."

"On Saturday last, just as we were expecting him at a conference of the justices, we were informed that our brother, Mr. Justice Sanford, had become unconscious pending a slight operation. Five minutes later we received word that he was dead.

Thus suddenly the light of a faithful worker, who was born also to charm, went out.

"Afterwards came the news that the late Chief Justice had found relief from his hopeless illness in death. "Such events must be accepted in silent awe."

"A committee of the court, consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice McReynolds, Mr. Justice Butler and Mr. Justice Stone, has gone to Tennessee for the services over the late Justice Sanford, and on Tuesday the whole court will attend the funeral of Mr. Taft."

When the Senate met, Senator Watson, Republican, moved a recess until 11 a. m. Wednesday. Vice President Cullum appointed a funeral committee of 22 Senators.

In the House Chaplain James Shera Montgomery said in his opening prayer: "Our hearts are heavy because he is gone—one of our best beloved and most distinguished citizens. In him was the union of the fine art of living and the grace of life."

Speaker Longworth left the chair to announce the death of Mr. Taft. "As the Representative for 25 years of the Congressional district from which this illustrious citizen came I take upon myself the responsibility of announcing the death as twilight shadows were falling Saturday afternoon of William Howard Taft.

"I shall not undertake to pronounce an eulogy of the President and Chief Justice. His career speaks for itself. He was unique, too, in the universal love which was borne for him."

Piano Recital And Mixed Chorus Monday

Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the High School auditorium, Miss Carrie Faulcner will present her piano pupils in a recital. They will be assisted by the voice students of Miss Mary Scates, the girls Glee club, the boys Glee club and mixed choruses. There will be a very interesting program. There will be no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.

EVIDENCE FOUND IN HIS ROOM

Norman Dickinson Arrested by Federal Officer Wednesday

A United States Secret Service man and a local policeman cornered the man who is charged with raising and passing U. S. Currency in this section and arrested him in one of the stores here Wednesday morning.

Norman Dickinson was arrested in the Rosemary Drug Co. store as he was getting a prescription filled, after U. S. Agent L. O. Padgett and Chief Dobbins had trailed him from his brother's home in Rosemary Mill village. He denied the charge of raising and passing U. S. currency but a search of his room revealed all the paraphernalia he had been using in his work. After the search he maintained a stolid silence.

He was placed in the local jail after a hearing before Commissioner W. O. Thompson who set a bond of two thousand dollars, to await formal charges before a U. S. Commissioner who will arrive here today, after which he will be taken to Raleigh or Charlotte to await trial in Federal Court.

Dickinson was recognized in Henderson where he passed some of his bills last Saturday and Mr. Padgett and Chief Dobbins had trailed him here until evening. It is reported that Dickinson was living with his brother, J. C. Dickinson in the Rosemary village. He has been here off and on for a year. He was a painter by trade and did some odd painting jobs for W. R. Curtis. He also worked a short time in the mills here. Since Christmas he says he has not been employed. He is about 35 years old and is unmarried.

Last Saturday, several Henderson merchants were victimized by a man passing five dollar bills raised to twenties. In North Henderson, a merchant who was one of his victims not only remembered the man but recognized him. Agent Padgett was notified. He followed Dickinson here, lost the trail, picked it up again and arrested him. On searching his room much incriminating evidence was found by the officers.

A pair of new socks was identified as those bought in one of the Henderson stores, where he passed a bill. F. M. Coburns Store identifies a new tie bought there when they received one of the bills two weeks ago. Mrs. Horwitz identified a pair of socks bought from the Rosemary Bargain Store, another victim here.

Five brands of glue, a cut-out pattern of the number 20, several numbers already cut out and ready to paste on, a box of colored crayon, very sharp shading pencils, carbons for copy work, metal instruments for spreading paste, a tiny pair of scissors and a 45 calibre revolver with several clips of ammunition completed the evidence.

Saturday two weeks ago, several stores here on checking up found fake twenty dollar bills: five dollar bills which had been changed by clever pasting of the number 20 over the fives and shading and printing letters to make the bill look very much like a twenty unless examined closely. Coburns, Rosemary Bargain and one of the filling stations reported the bills while a fourth found its way to the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., before being detected.

A week ago Saturday Warrenton merchants found the same fake bills in their cash registers and on last Saturday it was the same story at Henderson, where as told before the passer was recognized by one of the merchants. Manager Lampley of the Carolina Hardware Co here was asked to accept a 20 dollar bill and when he wanted to take the bill out for change the man disappeared. The usual procedure was to buy a small amount of merchandise and get good money for change.

When first arrested on the charge from Henderson, Dickinson denied being out of town last Saturday but later said he had gone to visit his mother who lives at Middleburg.