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LOCAL OFFICERS TAKE HOG-GANG SUSPECTS

Arrest 3 In Pig-Car Here Today

BULLETIN—Latest news tonight in the Hog Case is that Northampton county farmers identified six of the hogs in Henderson late this afternoon as being from their own pens.

The Harrises will be tried Friday morning before Judge Thompson on warrant from Heathsville served by deputy sheriff Gray and Friday afternoon at 2:30 by Mayor Jenkins on a warrant from a Roanoke Rapids man who says he identified one of the pigs as his own.

Three men and a boy were arrested here this morning on a charge of wholesale robbery of hogs over a great part of Eastern North Carolina. At the time of the arrest they were in a "hog car", the likes of which has never been seen in these parts before.

Those held in Roanoke Rapids jail tonight are L. R. Harris, Lonnie Harris and Leonard Harris, three brothers, who now live in the mill section of Henderson where part of them work. Held also is a 14-year-old boy, Lewis Harris, son of L. R., who was with the party at the time of arrest.

The three men will be charged with the robbery of as many as 100 hogs at various times during the past several months in Halifax, Northampton and other Eastern counties. At their home today, police Massey reported a pen of 14 hogs, while neighbors led officers to at least a half dozen other pens in and near the mill village, each the residence of from six to ten porkers.

The officers phoned Mayor Jenkins this afternoon that several of the hogs had died from cholera, while others looked puny. The news was dispatched to all places using hog-meat and close examination was made by all barbecuers during the day. Owners of stands and cafes are making every effort to keep any of the meat from usage and so far as could be learned tonight, all Roanoke Rapids stands were free of any diseased 'cue.

Another "Bad Man" Bites The Pavement



JOHN DILLINGER
Notorious killer and jail breaker for one short year who was shot and killed Sunday night by agents of Uncle Sam. Dillinger reached for his gun and out with it when cornered near an East Chicago theatre, but two bullets from quick-shooting sleuths ended his short, stormy career.

Officers arresting the alleged hog gang were C. L. Massey, deputy C. H. Jordan of Northampton, Carl Green, Collins Fitts and Federal Collector Jeff Welch. Warrants were sworn out by John Parker of Murfreesboro, and J. H. Floyd of Camps Store. A barbecue-size animal of about 50 pounds was stolen from these men.

As the news of the arrest spread, farmers began reporting thefts over a period of months and some are on their way now to Henderson to try and identify their lost pigs if same are still on earth.

The "hog-car", as it was named on the Avenue, was parked all day in front of City Barber Shop and was the object of intent scrutiny by hundreds of persons, who held their respective noses and viewed the interior.

It was a '28 or '29 model Buick sedan, in delapidated condition. The back seat had been pulled forward to make the rear end into a sort of truck body and into this the porkers were pitched. How many had ridden in that back seat may never be known but the upholstery was

—TURN OVER—

Aurelian Springs Boy Competes



Eight contestants, the largest number ever to enter the Eastern district essay contest of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, competed in Tarboro for first place and the right to compete in the State final contest for grand prize of a one-year college scholarship.

Miss Celeste Spivey, left, was the winner. Others competing, reading left to right, were: Grace Mewborn, Snow Hill; Evelyn Brown, West Edgecombe; Kenneth McIntyre, Red Oak; George Thorne, Aurelian Springs; Adelle Norman, Saratoga School; Hubert Jones, Bethel; and Virgil Sutton, Hertford. The cute little girl in front is Deborah White, of Hertford, whose recitation was an added feature of the contest.

The essay contest, now in its seventh year, is in charge of M. G. Mann, secretary-treasurer of the cotton association.

Young Thorne, a student at Aurelian Springs High School, won third prize.

MAY LOSE EYE FROM INJURIES

Car Turns Over At Curve On Hiway Near Here Late Tonight; Three Hurt

Three were hurt, one seriously, when a car left the road at the curve just this side of Jim Gurlins late tonight. Vernon Daughtry, 18-year-old Northampton County boy, may lose the sight of his right eye as a result of severe facial injuries.

Andrew Wrenn has a shoulder injury and Ashley Smith, Camp Store boy and driver of the car, suffered minor lacerations.

Smith failed to make the turn in time and the car headed off the road and turned over. It had been recently repaired and was stiff and hard to manage, according to the owner.

FATHER OF LOCAL MAN

John Edward Barnes, 75, father of David Barnes of Roanoke Rapids, died at Seaboard Sunday. Interment was there Monday afternoon.

\$70,000 COTTON CHECKS

(Special to The HERALD)
\$70,000 in cotton checks for the cotton farmers of Halifax County arrived last night in the office of the County Agent, according to an authentic message received after The Herald went to press tonight.

All Halifax County farmers, therefore, will bring their cotton contracts to the office of County Agent Davis and receive their checks, after proper identification.

A total of about \$90,000 will be received from the government by Halifax farmers who signed the acreage-cut agreement. Checks for the other \$20,000 are expected daily.

This newspaper congratulates Halifax County farmers on their good fortune. That bunch of checks, amounting to approximately \$70,000, now reposing in the county seat, should help us all out materially. And just remember, the Herald circulation drive lasts two more weeks.

UP AND DOWN

The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

Low Bidder

Mrs. Ione T. Emry was low bidder on bids called by the Postoffice Department on lots for a site for the proposed Federal Building for Roanoke Rapids. The lots are located at Roanoke Avenue and 7th Street, near the Roanoke Rapids Hospital and adjoining lots on which the proposed City Hall and Fire Dept. may be built. Her bid on the 110 foot frontage requested was \$1,300 less than the next low bidder. The Emry bid for the site was \$2,200.

PROPOSED PHONE LINE

The Merchants Association and Kiwanis Club are trying to aid the community of Aurelian Springs in obtaining a dial system telephone connection with Roanoke Rapids, Weldon and Halifax. A delegation from here and the Springs called on Mr. Porter at Tarboro, vice-president of the phone company. If the communities will build a line at an estimated cost of between \$1,000 and \$1,500, the phone company agrees to furnish service at what was considered a very fair rate. It could be given to subscribers on party lines at a rate of about \$1.50 per month, which would retire the indebtedness in less than 5 years, and also take care of maintenance costs.

Speaking of the Dog Show to be held in Roanoke Rapids in September, reminds us of the old saying that "every dog has his day." Looks like all the dogs are going to have a day. Should be a lot of fun for everybody—except the dogs.

Asphalt top has been laid on the Avenue for two blocks from the Junction. One block is now open to traffic and the second block will be open tomorrow. The first of next week will see traffic traveling to the Citizens Bank corner, while the first of the following week should see the entire business section, doing business as usual. Three-way traffic on the new Avenue is a simple matter, while four can squeeze by. We do not, however, recommend the latter course.

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