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## EIGHT ESCAPED CONVICTS STILL ELUDE CAPTURE

One Other Escapee Taken Near Deep Gap; Luther Moretz Shot By Convict; Flees Scene and Leaves Car Stolen from Bristol Man

Eight of the ten convicts who escaped last week from the local prison camp are still at large, and have successfully eluded prison guards and other officers who have conducted practically a day and night search throughout this section.

The second one captured was Dearman Williams, who was taken into custody near Deep Gap. Two others escaped from the officers. A. G. Kiser was captured a few hours after the break on a wooded hillside near town.

Luther Moretz, resident of the Rich Mountain section, was shot by one of the three men who last Monday stole an automobile from

## DUCKETT SURRENDERS TO MADISON OFFICERS

Doyle Duckett, one of the two ringleaders in the mass escape from the Boone prison camp surrendered to authorities in Madison county Tuesday, according to Superintendent Carter Farthing, and will be returned here Thursday.

Duckett was serving a 30-year sentence for second degree murder in Madison county, and he and Dearman Williams, who has been captured, are the two who are said to have overpowered the guards and disarmed them, paving the way for the mass escape.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cecil of Bristol, after he had assisted them in getting the stolen car on the road and had provided the food they demanded. The bullet from one of the revolvers taken in the escape ploughed through the flesh of Mr. Moretz's left arm, but the injury is not serious. The three men were traveling in the stolen car late at night when they asked young Moretz to help them with their stalled car. He obliged, and when food was demanded, a meal was prepared. Information is that the men had liquor, and that after the meal was consumed, became boisterous. Mr. Moretz is said to have ordered them from his house. They complied and the shot which took effect was fired through a window. Meantime, someone had let the air out of some of the tires on the auto, and the prisoners escaped on foot. Officers arriving later were unable to locate the convicts. The stolen car was returned to Boone.

## 634 STUDENTS NOW ON CAMPUS

Enrollment at Appalachian College Includes Students From Eleven States

Six hundred and thirty-four students have registered for the fall quarter at Appalachian College, with the expectation on the part of officials that the total will reach 650 by the end of the first term.

Out of the total now enrolled, 32 are from out of the state; Virginia, Pennsylvania and South Carolina being the leading states. Other states represented are Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee, New York, Ohio and Alabama.

Enrollment is approximately 200 less than last year, with the greatest loss being among the male section. At present 170 men have registered for the fall quarter. The drop in men students is easily explained by the constant demand of the army and defense projects upon the manpower of the nation. In addition, many girls failed to return to Appalachian due to defense work.

Despite the curtailed enrollment, the administration has expressed satisfaction at the present total, with the national situation as it is.

**WANTED BY DRAFT BOARD**  
William Vincent Shelton, registered under the selective service act from Tamarack, cannot be located by the local selective service board. Anyone knowing of his whereabouts is asked to communicate with the local board.

**CEILINGS**  
Definite plans are being made to place a price ceiling on live hogs, with similar action expected in the near future on cattle, according to a recent OPA announcement.

## Arabs Take to Air



Arab workers at a U. S. army air force station in the Middle East are given a discussion on aeronautics by an American officer. The natives get along very well with Americans, and are fast learning American slang.

## REVIVAL STARTS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Arthur Fox, Widely Known Minister, to Start Meeting Here on Sunday

Dr. Arthur Fox, former pastor of Morristown, Tenn., and other southern cities of several states, is to be the preacher in a series of revival services beginning at the First Baptist church next Sunday.

Dr. Fox has for the past several years been engaged in evangelistic work throughout the south. He is a forthright preacher of the old-time Gospel without apology or compromise. Recently he held one of the greatest meetings in Georgia that has been in that state in many years. He has also held meetings in the First church, Gastonia; West Jefferson, Mountain City and many other nearby towns.

The pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, has been making preparations for this meeting for some time. Many people of the Baptist church are praying and expecting a great revival and the conversion of many souls.

Looking to the meeting which begins next Sunday, Rev. Mr. Canipe will be speaking over the local radio station WDRS all this week at 11 a. m. All the people of the community and county are invited to attend this meeting which the pastor and church hopes will be a blessing to all. Last Sunday in the church bulleting the pastor urged the members to think, pray, act! The pastor with many other ministers and Christians believe that the war can best be won by a real return to God and righteousness. The revival will be a serious effort in that direction.

## Dames Club Serves Breakfast to Selectees

On Thursday morning, September 17, the Faculty Dames Club served breakfast to the 45 young men who made up the September selective service quota from Watauga county.

The men assembled at the Red Cross canteen room at 6 a. m. where they received doughnuts, sandwiches and coffee. As the draftees entered the buses they were each given a bag of homemade cookies. A bushel of apples were placed in the bus for the boys' enjoyment.

## RAF CONTINUES RAIDS ON OCCUPIED FRANCE

London, Sept. 22—RAF Boston bombers, flying so low they passed between the twin smokestacks of one power station target, raided the industrial areas of Lille and Lens in North France and an iron works at Ijmuiden in Holland today despite thick rain clouds that dogged them over the channel. One pilot who bombed the power station from less than 150 feet said he saw debris hurled up through its roof and "when we came back we saw flames and smoke belching from the holes."

Another power station was hit in the Lille-Lens area and the bombers set a number of fires in the target area at Ijmuiden.

The German radio said small numbers of British planes raided Helgoland light and the Schleswig-Holstein coast last night and reported from Sofia that unidentified aircraft caused several alarms in Bulgaria. The German broadcast said German night fighters shot down three raiders in the night, where the Nazis have an important military and naval station on Helgoland island.

## REPUBLICANS IN CONVENTION NAME COUNTY TICKET

Kenneth Linney Heads Slate for Senate; Tom Miller Runs for House, while C. M. Watson is in Sheriff's Race

The Republicans of Watauga county gathered in convention at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, and without dissent named Kenneth B. Linney, hardware merchant and a member of the city council, as their candidate for the state senate in the district embracing Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties.

Thomas Miller, manager of the Southeastern Motor Lines terminal here, was the choice of the convention as a candidate for the lower house of the general assembly, and Charles M. Watson, prominent farmer and local business man, was nominated for sheriff without a ballot. Earl D. Cook and Thomas Miller, both candidates for the nomination in the spirited pre-convention campaign, stepped out of the way to give Mr. Watson the nomination unanimously.

J. V. Caudill, local mortician, was the unanimous choice for coroner, having been previously endorsed by the Democratic convention.

Iredell Bumgarner is the candidate for surveyor, winning over W. T. Vandyke and Joe J. Miller.

Thirteen candidates were placed before the convention for county commissioners, and the following were named on the first ballot: H. O. Aldridge of Shulls Mills; W. C. Greene of Laxon and William Winkler of Boone.

No candidate was named for clerk of the superior court, the executive committee having been given authority by the convention to fill this gap in the ticket.

The following were named on the executive committee:

Bald Mountain township, Wade Norris; Beaver Dam, Spencer Warren; Blowing Rock, J. E. Young; Blue Ridge, Elmer Miller; Boone, Elbert Vannoy; Cove Creek, T. B. Wilson; Elk, Ailie Church; Laurel Creek, O. J. Harmon; Meat Camp No. 1, Carl Byers; Meat Camp No. 2, Wayne Miller; North Fork, Frank Main; Shawneehaw, A. C. Miller; Stony Fork, Joe Coffey; Watauga, Fred Hatley.

## Western Carolina Kraut is Assured Sale in Barrels

Raleigh, Sept. 22—Western North Carolina kraut plants which have been closed because of tin shortages are assured of a sale for their product and government price support "if kraut is packed in barrels." R. B. Ethridge, chief of the markets division of the state department of agriculture, said yesterday.

Three major kraut plants, located at Boone, Mount Airy and Cranberry, will be affected, Ethridge said.

## SOVIETS CLING TO MOST OF STALINGRAD POSITIONS

Moscow, Wednesday.—The Red army, fighting fiercely in the wreckage of Stalingrad, yielded two more streets to the battering attack of reinforced German troops Tuesday, the Soviet high command announced today as the great battle entered its 30th day.

In other parts of the burning, smoke-filled city, however, the Russians were said to be holding their ground against the attackers, inflicting tremendous losses as the Germans poured an apparently endless stream of new men into the great and bloody battle.

The midnight communique said the Red army was counterattacking northwest of Stalingrad, where 3,000 Germans were said to have been killed in two days. This apparently is an effort to cut communications of the Germans now in that city, for it was from this area that they first broke through the defenses.

Meanwhile, the communique said, the Germans launched a heavy attack with two infantry regiments against the southern outskirts of Stalingrad in an attempt to penetrate the city from that direction. Russian mortars, however, opened up on them and wiped out about a battalion, frustrating the attack.

In the street fighting in which the Germans made their two-block gain, one Russian formation killed more than 300 Nazi officers and men, damaged ten tanks and destroyed nine motor vehicles, the communique said.

The body of an adult man contains more than one gallon of blood.

## Photo of Jap Officer Visiting His Time



The idea was to scare the U. S. internees. That's why Japanese military press officer Matsuda paraded the prisoners and read to them the news of the fall of Singapore. Nobody fainted. All knew that the U. S. would come out at the bell for the next round. This is one of the photos published in "Freedom," Jap propaganda magazine published in Shanghai in the English language.

## Watauga Men With The Colors

### Visits Relatives

Pvt. Jacob J. Miller, U. S. army, Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga., left Sunday after spending a short furlough with relatives on Boone Route 2. Private Miller has been in the service since June, 1941.

### Visits Home Folks

Pvt. Stanford C. Coffey, U. S. army, Fort Knox, Ky., has been spending a seven-day furlough with his wife and mother at Foscoe. Pvt. Coffey has been in the service since April, 1942.

### Jack Hodges a Visitor

Jack Hodges, pharmacist's mate, U. S. navy, Norfolk, Va., returned to his post of duty Monday, after a brief furlough with home folks here.

### On Foreign Soil

Mrs. C. R. Dotson of the Shulls Mills section, has received word that her son, Kenneth, of the U. S. army, has arrived safely in England.

### Visits Mother

Hubert Pitts of the navy, Norfolk, Va., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Orpha Pitts of Shulls Mills.

### Visits Homefolks

Private Glenn Carlton left Saturday for Fort Bragg after spending a few days visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Carlton, of Deep Gap.

### In State of Washington

Staff Sergeant Clint Cannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cannon of Valle Crucis, who has been stationed at Tampa, Fla., for some time, is now in Walla Walla, Wash., where he is with the base ordnance office. Before going to Washington, Sergeant Cannon was in the state of Oregon for a while.

## Red Cross Canteen Room Is Now Open

The Red Cross Canteen room for the entertainment of men in the armed forces and selectees, is now open in the Earl Cook building on Depot street. The room will be open all day Saturday, Sunday afternoon, and Monday morning.

## Guernseys of Local Dairy Take Prizes

The New River Dairy won three prizes in the twelfth annual Guernsey Cattle Show held in Morganton last Wednesday, and which was attended by Mr. W. M. Winkler, owner of the dairy, Bernard Dougherty and County Agent Harry Hamilton.

The local dairy won third prize in the senior heifer calf class; second in the junior yearling heifer class, and first in the senior yearling heifer class.

## Directors Named by Blue Ridge Coop

At a meeting of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation in Lenoir recently, directors were elected for the coming year.

Those chosen from Watauga county were Clarence Newton, Clyde Perry, Bert Mast and Avery Greene. Others named were C. B. Graybeal, A. B. Hurt, R. E. L. Plummer, J. C. Goodman, Van Miller, C. C. Poovey, C. W. Sullivan, D. F. Sturdivant, C. G. Collins, A. G. Beach and D. R. Moore.

The directors re-elected the following officers: G. W. Sullivan and Clyde Perry, vice-presidents; A. G. Beach, secretary-treasurer, and G. F. Messick, superintendent.

## JURY SELECTED FOR TRIAL OF DOLPHUS THOMAS

North Fork Man to Be Tried for Life in Fatal Shooting of Cousin; Jury Completed at Noon Today; Other News of Superior Court

Adolphus Thomas, prominent citizen of North Fork township, is on trial for his life this (Wednesday) afternoon in Watauga superior court for the fatal shooting of a kinsman, Bon Thomas, during the month of December, 1941.

Mr. Thomas was tried at the spring term of court, but a mistrial resulted when the jurors failed to agree upon a verdict. Yesterday afternoon he was arraigned on the murder charge, and sheriff's officers summoned a venire of 75 men. This morning work of selecting the jury moved rather rapidly, and before noon the twelve men had been selected, together with a thirteenth juror, to act in case of an emergency.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville, is presiding over Watauga superior court, while L. S. Spurling of Lenoir, is prosecutor for the state. Defense counsel in the Thomas action consist of Trivette & Holshouser and W. R. Lovill.

Other cases which have been disposed of by the court, which convened Monday, are as follows:

Hardy Bolick, driving drunk. Fined \$100 and the costs. Driving license revoked.

Mrs. Bessie Phifer, driving drunk. \$50 and costs. Driving license revoked.

Jimmy Justus, larceny. Plead guilty to forcible trespass. Must pay for pistol, and costs of the action.

A. C. Williams, Jr., forcible trespass, prayer for judgment continued, with the stipulation that defendant enter the army.

Paul Klutz, driving drunk. \$50 and costs. Driving license revoked.

Frank Norris, driving drunk. \$50 and costs. Driving license revoked.

Carl Field, driving drunk. \$50 and costs. Driving license revoked.

Morris Fletcher, breaking and entering, larceny. Three to five years in state prison.

Susan Price, assault on officer. Prayer for judgment continued for 12 months.

Chas. Greene, public drunkenness. Costs.

Burl R. Watson and Wade W. Miller, false pretense. One-half the costs.

Louise Rich, resisting officer. Sent to Samarcaud School for Girls.

Tom Coffey, giving liquor to minor. 60 days on roads.

Stanley Love, forcible trespass. Placed on probation.

Ray Snyder, driving drunk. \$50 and costs.

G. C. McMillan and Gwendolyn Coffey, prostitution. Former to pay \$25 and the costs. Prayer for judgment continued as to the latter.

Marvin Miller, driving drunk. \$50 and costs.

Obie Broyhill, driving drunk. \$50 and the costs. Driving license revoked.

Romy Storie, driving drunk. \$50 and costs. Driving license revoked.

Kermit Wilcox, driving drunk. \$100 and costs. Driving license revoked.

Chas. Cornett, driving drunk. 60 days on roads.

## KNIT GARMENTS URGENTLY NEEDED

Red Cross Chapter Asks Early Completion of Garments; Workers Badly Needed

The local Red Cross chapter asks that all who have knitted garments on hand to please complete them at the earliest possible time.

The following paragraph from a letter from Red Cross headquarters will explain the urgency of this request:

"Sometime ago the Red Cross agreed to furnish to the army by September 1, a total of 100,000 each of sleeveless and turtle-neck sweaters, mufflers, wristlets and helmets. There was some delay in securing the yarn and because of this we realize that chapters have not been able to complete the entire quota by this time. However, to date we have received less than 50,000 of the total quota of 400,000 accepted by chapters."

The local chapter has quantities of sewing material and several hundred pairs of air raid squad mittens to be crocheted. Workers are urgently needed for this work.