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ROBBERS OF DICKEY HOME GET 8-12 YEARS

EARLY CHANGED STORY ON THE
STAND AND SOUGHT TO
PROTECT ROMINES
AND DISSPAIN

George Romines, Joe Disspain and Luther Early, charged with robbing the Dickey home at Ranger on June 30th, were found guilty and sentenced to from 8 to 12 years each, in the state prison, by Judge John H. Harwood, in Superior court here this week.

Luther Early, the youngest of the trio, who confessed to his part in the crime and implicated Romines and Disspain at the time of his arrest, changed his story to some extent when placed on the witness stand, and sought to protect his partners by stating that he implicated them in order to give the two men who helped him commit the robbery, a chance to get away.

Carl Dickey, whose home was robbed, identified the trio from the witness stand, and some of the gold coins which were recovered. He also identified the gold watch which belonged to his mother and which was taken by the robbers and recovered by officers.

When taken into custody by the officers shortly after the robbery, Luther Early confessed to the robbery and named Joe Disspain and George Romines as his partners. On the witness stand he stated that the two men who helped him and who actually did the robbing were from Nashville, Tenn., and that he named Romines and Disspain as his partners in order to throw the officers off the trail and allow them to get away. When arrested, Early stated he turned State's evidence, naming Romines and Disspain, in order to even the score with them on the division of the loot and under promise of officers to let him off lightly. According to his story, he received thirty dollars of the spoils. When arrested, Early also stated that he was 17 years old, and on the witness stand he stated he was 16.

Romines and Disspain, on the witness stand, denied that they took part in the crime or that they knew anything about it. It was in a closet by the home of Romines that about \$130 of the gold and the watch was found by the officers.

The State's evidence rested on the connecting of Romines and Disspain with the spending of the gold coins, and the license and color of the automobile used in making the get-away, and also upon the identification by Carl Dickey of the trio from the witness stand.

Lovingood Announces For Commissioner

James M. Lovingood, prominent and widely-known school teacher of Marble, announced himself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the County Republican Convention to be held the first Monday in September, which is September 2nd.

Mr. Lovingood states that he is announcing for the nomination at the instance and urgent requests of his friends from all sections of the county, and if elected, will serve the people to the best of his knowledge and ability.

For the past forty years, Mr. Lovingood has been a teacher in the public schools of the county, and state, or connected with the public school system.

At one time he was county superintendent of schools, and also has served as County Examiner of Teachers.

He entered upon the teaching profession when he was about twenty years old, and taught up until last year. He has served on several occasions as precinct judge of election.

Visiting Pastors To Occupy Baptist Pulpit In Andrews Sunday

Former pastor of the First Baptist church in Andrews, Rev. L. P. Smith, and John R. Jester, of Winston-Salem, will visit Andrews this week. Dr. Jester is pastor of the First Baptist church in Winston-Salem. It was announced in "The Reminder," church paper, that it is probable that both these men will occupy the pulpit while there. One will speak at the morning hour and the other at the evening worship.

Rev. L. P. Smith was pastor of the church here about five years ago and was the promoter of the interest in the building of the new and magnificent place of worship the Baptist people of Andrews now have.

Script Dance Held At Hotel Regal Thursday Night, August 7th

The first of a series of dances to be held at the Regal Hotel, was given Thursday night, August 7th. A large and ardent group of dancers were present to dance to the strains of "Mitt" Williams and his Emory University Collegians. This was the first dance to be held in quite a few months and the first time that a dance has been given in the lobby, which makes an ideal place to dance.

The orchestra played only the latest dance tunes, and from all appearances, the people on the floor seemed to thoroughly enjoy the numbers offered, by this group of college boys.

Many prominent citizens of Murphy, as well as a large number of couples from out of town, were present, to make the first dance a success.

An even larger crowd is expected to attend the next dance at the Regal, on Thursday night, August 21st. Live music will be played for the occasion by the same orchestra, playing only the latest and most popular dance numbers of the day.

"No, No, Nanette" At The Bonita Theatre Friday and Saturday

Bernice Claire and Alexander Gray
Head Cast In A Picture Produced
With Artistry Rarely
Equalled

In bringing the delightful musical comedy, "No, No, Nanette," to the talking screen, First National has set a brilliant pace for other Hollywood Studios to follow. This lavish spectacle made partly in simply gorgeous Technicolor, will open Friday, August 15th, at the Bonita Theatre in Murphy, for two days run.

The story—the comedy fable of a very unsophisticated millionaire, who imagined he could buy clothes for pretty girls just out of pure good nature and get away with it—it very funny. The special scenic musical scenes, including dazzling trips to Holland, Japan, New York and Mars, are very very beautiful. "Nanette" is mirthful, melodious, and produced with an artistry never excelled and rarely equalled in the annals of the screen.

It is impossible not to rave about the music, "King of the Air," the big song number, has a swinging, virile tune that will live for a long time. It is sung by Alexander Gray, the youthful leading man, in a way that will make it stick to your memory.

Other song numbers are "The Japanese Ballet," "The Dance of the Wooden Shoes," "Dancing on Mars," and "Pretending." They are all of the tuneful quality that causes you to whistle them while taking your morning shower or riding in the moonlight. "I want to Be Happy" and "Tea for Two," hits of the original stage musical comedy from which First National adapted the screen production, have been kept in the picture; and they sound as well as ever.

Bernice Claire and Gray portray the leading roles very effectively. Miss Claire, a new personality from the stage, playing her first picture, will no doubt be one of the musical talkies' best bets hereafter. She has youth, the beauty, the sparkle and the voice demanded for such roles. Gray, who was first heard in "Sally," is also a coming star if he maintains his present pace.

The comedy is upheld merrily by the clever Louise Fazenda and Lucien Littlefield. Lilyan Tashman and Bert Roach are also prominent in the fun-making. Other well known players are Zasu Pitts, Mildred Harris, Henry Stockbridge and Jocelyn Lee. The acting throughout is excellent.

"No, No, Nanette" was directed by Clarence Badger. It must have a colossal task to direct this big musical show, but Badger has done a noteworthy job. Don't miss "Nanette."

Also on the program with this picture is a delightful talking vaudeville act, "Papa's Vacation." The writer has personally heard this act, and I believe it is one of the funniest comedy act ever heard. It deals with a much over-worked postman getting a much needed vacation, and then having his wife drag him on a long hike to the mountains. Don't fail to see this program. It is a wow.

Burke county farmers have ordered a car of ground limestone to be used in demonstrations with growing legumes for feed and soil improving purposes this winter. Most of the lime will be used under alfalfa.

Ants may be driven from a dwelling by applying sodium fluoride around all places where the insects are observed coming into the kitchen or pantry.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY STORM HERE SATURDAY

HAIL AND WIND DAMAGE CROPS,
TREES BLOWN DOWN, TOWN
WITHOUT LIGHTS

A severe rain and windstorm swept over Murphy late Saturday afternoon, causing much damage to crops and several trees were blown down across power lines, which threw the city in darkness up until a late hour. Part of the town was without lights all night Saturday night and Sunday night.

Much damage was done locally, and from reports, the damage extended along a narrow strip of territory, covering the vicinity of Murphy and extending up into Clay county.

The extent of the damage could not be estimated. However, streams were swollen quickly by the heavy deluge of rain, and one bridge in Beal-town was washed away; a chimney to be blown off by the wind; and corn blown flat on the ground.

The big hollow oak on the C. B. Hill property, better known as the Hitchcock home place, across the Hiwassee River, was blown down—broken completely off just above the ground. This tree is said to have been one of the oldest in the city limits, and was hollow at the ground. One of the oldest citizens tells the story that it was used as a hiding place by him, from his dad, when he was a boy, and he says it looked then like it did at the time it was blown down. The tree fell across the tracks of the L. & N. Railroad and across the power lines.

The storm lasted for about a half hour, and was one of the most severe to visit this section in several years.

VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT DIED THURS. NIGHT

Miss Ruth Hayes, who was run over by a car near Ranger, Monday night, August 4th, died at a Ducktown hospital Thursday night, August 7th, from injuries sustained in the accident. The car which hit Miss Hayes was driven by Franklin Smith, of Peachtree.

Miss Hayes was about thirty years old, and the daughter of John William Hayes. She was returning from church at the time of the accident, and became frightened at the approach of the car. In her excitement she darted from one side of the road to the other several times, according to witnesses, and in trying to miss her, Mr. Smith drove his car out upon an embankment.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Shady Grove, conducted by the Rev. N. O. Kilpatrick, in the presence of a throng of friends and relatives.

She is survived by her father, one sister, Miss Ada Hayes; three brothers, Pearl, George and Fred Hayes, all of Ranger.

Songs Old and New Will Be Heard In "No, No, Nanette"

The screen production of "No, No, Nanette," which opens at the Bonita Theatre, Friday, August 15th, for a two days run, will contain song hits from the original stage show as well as many new numbers which have already attained great popularity since the recent release of this colorful First National Vitaphone picture.

"Tea for Two" and "I Want to Be Happy" from the footlight production will be heard in the Vitaphone edition, sung by a chorus of 150 and the two featured leads, Bernice Claire and Alexander Gray. These two songs were among the country's best sellers when "No, No, Nanette" was having its sensational success on Broadway.

The big number of the picture, however, is "King of the Air," by Eddie Ward and Al Bryan, one of Hollywood's most harmonious song writing teams. Three other numbers based on lavish scenes in the film are "Dancing on Mars" by Michael H. Cleary, Ned Washington and Herb Magidson; "The Japanese Ballet," by M. Jerome and Herman Ruby; and "The Dance of the Wooden Shoes," by Cleary, Washington and Magidson.

And also there are "Pretending," by Ruby and Jerome and "As Long As I'm With You," by Harry K. Akst and Grant Clarke.

"No, No, Nanette" is one of the most lavish pictures ever produced at

Rev. H. P. Powell Gives Lecture In Andrews Sunday

Rev. Powell, pastor of the First Methodist church, Murphy, gave a splendid lecture on his trip to the holy land, on last Sunday evening at the Methodist church. A large crowd enjoyed the interesting things told by Mr. Powell. The young people's organizations of the other churches met only a few minutes in their churches so as to go to the Methodist church to hear Mr. Powell, which is another fine example of the Christian spirit which prevails in Andrews.

Andrews Baptists Complete Course In Study of S. S. Work

The First Baptist church, of Andrews has just completed a week of study in Sunday school work, the course being directed by Rev. R. W. Prevost, pastor. The attendance has been good and the interest high.

During this course a great number of changes have been planned in the Sunday school. It was found that the Baptist Sunday school alone had one thousand and two possibilities. To reach this number and take care of them in the Sunday school the present teaching number of teachers will have to be doubled and a more adequate system installed.

Those taking this course in Sunday School work will meet at the church on Thursday of this week for the review and a final examination. Mr. Prevost states that the week has been a most profitable one.

FORMER BAPTIST PASTOR VISITING MURPHY FRIENDS

Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Sasser and little son, Tom, of Reidsville, N. C., are visiting Murphy friends this week. Mr. Sasser was formerly pastor of the Murphy Baptist church and during his five years here he made many friends who will be glad to welcome him and his family back on their first visit since leaving some two years ago. He is now pastor of the First Baptist Church at Reidsville, one of the largest churches in the state.

Mr. Sasser will preach at the morning services at the Baptist church, here.

EIGHT DANCES PUT "SNAP" IN "HIT THE DECK"

Fantastic spring steps, primitive "snake's hips," lowly buck and wing, jazz gymnastics, in fact the entire routine of the terpsichorean art has its inning in Radio Pictures' "Hit the Deck," which opens for a two days run at the Bonita Theatre, Monday, August 18th. Pearl Eaton, RKO dance director, is largely responsible.

Eight different sequences placed at vantage points of the film, rates "Hit the Deck" as the dance novelty of the season.

The first dance stars Polly Walker, the nimble Follies beauty, in the "coffee shop" scene. Miss Walker also sings "Looloo," supported by a dancing and singing chorus of 16 sailors.

Jack Oakie is at his best in the next number, "Sez You, Sez Me," in a street number with eight pretty girls. The elaborate "Shore Leave" number follows, utilizing 24 girls, 24 men and all the principals.

Then there's "Hallelujah" a sequence dealing with a Negro spiritual meeting. Eighteen negro girls and eight men participate in "Snake's Hips," a number with a choral background of 100 negro voices.

During the technicolor sequences, aboard the battleship, Wallace McDonald and June Clyde, pretty little Radio Pictures' ingenue, combine to sing and dance "Nothing Could Be Sweeter," supported by a chorus and the three Brox Sisters. A finishing number features a galaxy of mermaids being dragged aboard by sailors—a unique dance in technicolor.

"Hit the Deck" was directed by Luther Reed and photographed by Robert Kurlle—the team largely responsible for the success of "Rio Rita." The cast includes Polly Walker, Jack Oakie, Roger Gray, Marguerita Padula, Ethel Clayton, June Clyde, Wallace McDonald, Harry Sweet and Geo. Ovey, black face comedian.

the First National Studios. Four of the big sequences—the Holland, Japan, New York, and Mars episodes—each costing more than the entire original stage production.

MERONEY GETS TWO YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER

CONVICTED MAN GIVEN PER-
MISSION TO REMAIN FOR
TRIAL OF CIVIL CASES

Richard Meroney, young member of a prominent Murphy family, was convicted late Friday of last week of manslaughter, and sentenced Saturday morning to a term of two years in the State prison by Judge John E. Harwood, who is presiding.

The jury received the case Friday morning about 11 o'clock, and after several hours deliberation, brought in a verdict of manslaughter. Young Meroney was charged with second degree murder in connection with the death of Ruth Mallonee, 16-year-old Murphy high school girl, who was struck by Meroney's car last December 31st and almost instantly killed.

Meroney will not begin his term immediately, having been given permission to remain here, pending disposition of three civil actions in which Richard Meroney, his father Dr. B. B. Meroney, and his brother, Felix P. Meroney, secured an injunction to prevent the First National Bank of Durham from foreclosing three mortgages against the property of the three men.

Richard Meroney alleges he was charged an illegal rate of interest. Dr. Meroney avers that he did not sign the mortgage against his property, and that his wife's acknowledgment was not taken privately as required by law. The allegations in the case of Felix P. Meroney are similar to those in the Dr. Meroney suit.

The Mortgage company asserts that if Dr. Meroney and his son did not sign the mortgages, someone forged their names, that the papers were properly acknowledged before a notary public. The charge of illegal interest rate is denied.

The cases were expected to come up next Thursday.

Rev. W. H. Ford Wins Southwide Prize

A message has just been received here, from Nashville, Tenn., saying that Rev. W. H. Ford, formerly pastor of the Andrews Baptist Church, is the winner of the First Southwide prize in the essay contest promoted by the Baptist Student Union of the South. Mr. Ford not only won the North Carolina prize of \$150.00, but also won the southwide prize of \$100. This is the first time this honor has ever come to North Carolina, the prize last year having been won by a student from Arkansas.

The friends of Wake Forest and of Mr. Ford are rejoicing over this honor, which has come to the college and to him. Mr. Ford is a Junior in the college next year. He is an outstanding student, having ranked as an "A" student in his scholastic work for the past term. He is now president of the Ministerial class of the college and has been chosen as one of the anniversary debaters for next year.

The theme of the essay was "The Principles and Precepts of the Christian Life, as Portrayed by John Bunyan in Pilgrim's Progress, Holy War, and Abounding in Grace." The papers were 10,000 words in length and students from eleven states participated in the contest. Mr. Ford's paper was judged as the best one among all those entered.

In a letter from one of the southwide judges, the following statement is made: "You richly deserve this prize. You have real literary genius. This is a magnificent paper, worthy of a high place among the best literary productions."

The friends of Mr. Ford in Andrews and Western North Carolina rejoice with him in this signal achievement. He will attend the Southwide Baptist Student Conference in Atlanta this fall as a representative of Wake Forest College.

The upland corn in Wilkes county is dried beyond all hope, but the lowland corn will produce a fair crop reports A. G. Hendren, county agent.

After plowing under a field of sweet clover and planting the land to wheat, C. S. Martin, of Iredell county harvested an average of 22 bushels as compared with eight bushels an acre before using the sweet

Four acres of Irish potatoes produced 634 bushels of marketable tubers on the farm of John J. Ratchfield of Catawba county. Considering the prevailing drouth, this is considered an excellent yield.