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DR. PEACOCK MADE ESCAPE FROM PRISON DURING THE NIGHT

Thomasville Slayer Saws Way To Open and Slides Down Bedclothing Rope to Liberty

LEFT NOTE TO HIS KEEPER

"I Hate To Leave On My Vacation Without Telling You Goodbye," Note To Guard In Insane Department of State Prison Declared; Escape Was Made Sometime Between Dawn Of Wednesday.

Dr. J. W. Peacock, of Thomasville, who April 16, 1921, fired a load of buck shot into Chief of Police J. E. Taylor from a second story window and then went down and filled the officer's body full of bullets from an automatic pistol and who on June 23 of the same year was brought to the department of criminal insane of State Prison here to be confined for life to expiate what a jury of his peers considered cold-blooded murder or the act of one morally irresponsible, has decided not to wait for the pardon which his friends have been urging. He left his cell on the third floor of the penitentiary sometime between midnight and dawn of Wednesday morning, standing not on the order of his guards, but sliding down a rope made of bedclothing.

The doctor left a new hack-saw, for which he has no immediate future use and a note to Keeper Bridges of the criminal insane department. The note addressed to Mr. Bridges says: "I hate to leave on my vacation without telling you good-bye, but my retreat is so hasty and unexpected that I haven't the time. I may see you in the spring or maybe sooner. Best wishes. J. W. P."

Outside Cell

The cell in which Peacock was confined is exactly like those occupied by the other inmates of the department. In a hotel they would all be termed outside rooms, for the solid doors of the cells necessitate ventilation from the great outdoors. He used the hack-saw, which came from nobody connected with the penitentiary, knows where to saw through the bars of his window.

At what time either; but there are day and night shifts of guards and when a night was discovered at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning it was conjectured that he left sometime after one o'clock.

The description of Peacock furnished by the prison authorities follows: Forty-eight years of age; slenderly built, weighing 147 pounds; clean-shaven; dark, sandy hair, grayed at the temples; scar from a burn on top of head; thin, narrow face with blue eyes.

Story of Crime

Dr. Peacock's trial for the killing of the Thomasville chief of police shared with the conviction and electrocution of J. T. Harris, of Ridgeway, the center of the crime stage in North Carolina. There was evidence tending to show that Taylor had caught Peacock with the goods on him as a violator of the liquor laws. Peacock accused the policeman of burning the former's garage.

The shooting, however, came out of almost clear sky—if a second-story window may be termed that—and shocked the entire State. The sheer brutality of it added the alienists in establishing their theory that Peacock was insane at the time of the commission of the crime.

Serving Life Term

The sentence of the court following the verdict of the jury of insanity was life imprisonment in the criminal department of the State Prison. It is safe to say that the common run of folks thought the matter would end there, but within the past two months there has been put on as much of an organized movement as it was possible to collect together to secure a pardon for Peacock from the Governor. About all the circulation of a petition did, however, was to redirect attention to the prisoner. It has been apparent that the movement was getting nowhere.

Supt. George Ross Pou and the rest of the prison authorities are extremely busy broadcasting the word of Peacock's escape, together with his description. They know that Peacock has relatives in or near Raleigh, Fla., and they are attempting to head him off in every possible direction.—Raleigh Times.

MR. WILLIE TUCKER DEAD.

The remains of Mr. Willie Tucker, an ex-service man, who died in Oteen hospital at Asheville, was brought to Louisburg Wednesday afternoon where it was taken in charge by many of our citizens and local organizations, and members of the family and taken to Mt. Gilead and interred in the beautiful little cemetery, the services being conducted by Dr. W. B. Morton. Mr. Tucker was 24 years old and leaves quite a number of relatives and friends who have the sympathy of the entire public.

SIDE LIGHTS OF THE WEST

Your scribe after two pleasant days visiting in Ashland, Ky., started at 1:30 p. m. for Chicago, arriving there at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Went thru Jackson Park in the morning, saw the play grounds for the city, 100 tennis courts, 25 baseball diamonds, besides the golf links, and all of them occupied. Begun our trip at 10 o'clock p. m. in three sections, carrying 450 lawyers including their families to the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in San Francisco on Aug. 9th to 11th inclusive. All day of Aug. 1st we were speeding thru the grain and corn sections of Iowa and Nebraska. Such fields of corn were never seen before, on both sides of the track as far as the eye could reach just a sea of green corn that would make from 50 to 100 barrels per acre. The landscape dotted with prosperous homesteads, good hard-surfaced roads with magnificent school houses, showing the value those hardy citizens attached to education. As I passed thru the several states I tried to investigate and study the different systems of taxation that prevailed among this happy and prosperous people. I was told by a prominent lawyer from Fort Scott, Kansas, that they not only made every dollar in the state bear its equal burden of taxation, but they actually levied a tax upon the U. S. bonds in the hands of the individual holders, and which the Supreme Court of Kansas had recently declared unconstitutional. I also found upon investigation that the tax on real estate was less by about one-half of what the farmers and landowners pay in North Carolina, the chief reason because there was no exempted wealth in the state. On Aug. 2nd we arrived at Colorado Springs where we made our first stop. By this time your scribe had met everybody on his train and many on the other sections at the stops for watering and icing the coaches. On my coach "N," were representatives from Mass., Maine, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas and South Carolina, about one-half ladies and a brighter jollier crowd I never saw. Not a dull moment at any time. Every appointment was made by the management, not a hitch, even our thinking was done for us. Upon our arrival we were put in automobiles for Crystal Fork 6000 feet above the Springs in the valley, on a narrow jagged road. I said to the driver looking down more than a 1000 feet just 3 feet outside the wheel track, to be careful, that this Tar Heel wanted to return home. He said "I am a Tar Heel too" and I said "where from?" He said "I am from the son of God. Mine and Father's N. P. Park were taken thru the Cave of the Winds, where we walked three-fourths of a mile, seeing the wonderful fountains in the different sections of its windings. Neallacitis and stalagmites formed of chloride of lime from the trickling water of numberless centuries. At Hair Pin Point was a label. "All women who want a husband, drop a hair pin here and we will guarantee you one." It looked like there was ten bushels there and I asked the guide how many there were, and he said a million. Then we went through the Garden of the Gods and Manitou Springs. At the latter was a spring of pure Apollinaris water. After lunch at the Autter's Hotel we took a trip to top of Pike's Peak 14,140 feet above sea level. We went up the cogged railway. Eleven and one-half miles long and up. Wild and weird was this trip and ended above the clouds with snow around its top. Many of the tourists were affected by the rare atmosphere, some of them couldn't walk. Your scribe was made dizzy just as if there had been no Volstead and his inconveniences. On our return to the dining room of the Autter's Hotel, given by the Colorado Bar Association. After dinner and the speeches we all retired to our trains for rest and sleep. One thing that struck your scribe all along the route was the Cooperative Association especially of the fruits and farm products. They all say they never knew what prosperity was until they began to cooperate, and now they can not live and exist without it.

W. M. PERSON.

(To Be Continued.)

CIVIL COURT

The regular August term of Franklin Superior Court was convened on Monday morning with Hon. C. C. Lyon, Judge presiding. Judge Lyon is making a fine impression upon our people as a jurist of no mean ability, and has ruled over his Court with impartiality and fairness. This being a Civil Court no great amount of interest has been manifested. No cases of importance has been tried. Among the cases disposed of were several between Allen, Meadows and others, which were settled by agreement and two cases of Genie Foster vs. Insurance Companies, which were won by the plaintiff.

HOUSE BURNS

Franklin County lost a tenant house on the County Home property on Thursday evening of last week, by fire. The origin is unknown. The loss is estimated at about \$750.00.

Opportunity often finds the door-bell broken.

DR. J. Y. JOYNER

To Speak In Louisburg 3 O'clock Saturday

TO TOBACCO AND COTTON GROWERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, ON CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING

Every person in Franklin County who has signed the Co-operative Marketing contracts and every person who has not signed the contracts are invited to Louisburg on Saturday, September 2nd, 1922 to hear Dr. J. Y. Joyner, a director of the Tobacco Growers Association, and who was much interested in the organization of the two associations in North Carolina the past fall, will tell you about the work the Associations have actually done, how the farmers can hope to profit by being members and why those who refuse to join hands with their brother farmers will regret their action.

Come. It is a public meeting in the biggest sense and you are just as much welcomed as anybody. Your presence is desired as much for your own good as that of the Associations.

Remember the date and hour, Saturday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

SUCCESSFUL SALES BY TOBACCO CO-OPS

South Carolina Growers Urged to Hasten Second Cash Payment by Prompt Deliveries.

Such Successful Sales have been made by the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association to the important leaf dealers and manufacturers that cash advances have been increased on the deliveries of tobacco by South Carolina growers sufficiently within the next two weeks.

The system of marketing which started smoothly at the August opening of the Cooperative warehouses in South Carolina and Eastern North Carolina is now in perfect working order and can handle very heavy deliveries according to T. C. Watkins, manager of warehouses for the Association.

In a letter mailed this week to all South Carolina members, M. O. Wilson, Secretary of the Association urges the growers to aid in hastening the second advance by delivering as rapidly as possible. Secretary Wilson says "Our members have delivered to the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in the South Carolina belt ten million pounds but as the sales department have made these sales and can handle your tobacco as rapidly as you will bring it in we desire that you make your deliveries as rapidly as possible. If you will make the delivery of your tobacco promptly you will have rendered the Association and yourself a service for you will enable your officers to make a second payment at an earlier date and we will save some expense in handling the tobacco.

On a new appraisal that has been made by the Banker committee the advance will be greater than it has been on what has been delivered, but the growers that have delivered will receive the benefit of this advance in the second payment, so that if you will make the deliveries as early as you can get the tobacco in proper condition it will mean an early distribution of the next payment.

Enthusiasm for the new marketing plan is rapidly spreading from South Carolina and the East to the old belt of North Carolina and Virginia where increasing numbers of growers are joining the Cooperative every week.

BARBECUE DINNER

Quite a large number of people enjoyed a bountiful and delicious barbecue dinner at the County Home on Thursday of last week given by Superintendent Joe J. Holden, on the occasion of the regular summer meeting of the County Commissioners. To say that the dinner was greatly enjoyed by all doesn't half express it. Besides the always welcome cure, which was evidently prepared by an expert, there were many other delicious and appetizing dishes all of which came in for their share of the patronage as there was a tooth for every delicacy. Supt. Holden and his good wife were recipients of many good wishes and appreciations for their genial and true Southern hospitality in the enjoyable occasion they had prepared for their many friends.

A sign of a good winter is "Help Wanted."

TO COTTON GROWERS

I have received your Membership Cards and am ready to deliver same to you at once. Call in and get your card.

A. F. JOHNSON

Mr. Editor:

I was talking to a very prominent farmer Monday, who signed up the Co-operative Association and waited to see before he paid.

He said it was a fake and he did not pay the \$3.00. He also said they promised to put Statisticians in every county to ascertain the cost of making tobacco and cotton and had failed to do that. Said they waited until the open markets opened and set the prices before they began to receive the C. O. P. tobacco. He said they signed up with Mr. Taylor to sell their tobacco at a salary of \$90,000.00 for three years; they also employed Mr. C. B. Cheatham at a salary of \$30,000.00 a year to sell to the American Tobacco Company of which he was a large stock holder and said that any set of fools knew he would not pay the high dollar. The Association was to ascertain the cost of production and pay the farmer a small profit; this they would never do. He said they had taken in Bankers and other business men who were directly or indirectly interested in the big companies.

When he finished talking I told him I had only one consolation left and that was "The men at the head of the Association have as much brains as you have."

Now Mr. Editor I wish to know if any of this is true? I never studied the plans of the Association very much. I joined in good faith. I knew I had nothing to lose and all to gain for God knows it could be no worse.

Twenty-five years ago I worked in Louisburg. Stokes & Furgurson's store was the hangout for all the tobacco men in the evening and lots of times I have heard them tell how they beat the old farmer out of his tobacco.

One would go ahead and price the crop. No one was to raise the bid so the farmer took the first bid, then the profits were divided equally. This is true and I can call names of those who did it and am not afraid to. Some of these men are in the tobacco business now but thank God they are not in the Association.

I was in Spring Hope on the opening and saw only one dissatisfied man and he sold in Rocky Mount the day before and was looking for Matthew Sykes to sign up.

C. M. VAUGHAN.

SELLS PART OF COUNTY HOME

A resolution has been found entered on the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners under date of Wednesday, July 19th, 1922 at a meeting held in accordance with adjournment at 5 o'clock p. m. authorizing the sale of and selling to Mr. J. F. Parrish about 20 acres of the County home property at a price of \$25.00 per acre. On roll call the vote stood Joyner and Timberlake against sale, Hudson, Fuller and Wilder for the sale.

COMMISSIONERS MET AT COUNTY HOME

The Board of County Commissioners met at the County Home on Thursday of last week according to adjournment on the first Monday, all Commissioners being present.

The Commissioners made a personal inspection and examination of all live stock, cattle, hogs, etc., and viewed the crops and other personal property, inspected the rooms and houses of the inmates, talked with and examined the inmates with respect to their comforts, treatment and satisfaction, after which they returned to their office in the Court House when and where the following business was transacted:

By a unanimous vote, it was on motion ordered that it be spread upon the Minutes that the Commissioners had made the inspection and investigation and examination above referred to at the Home and found the crops in excellent condition, the live stock, cattle and hogs, well fed and attended to, the inmates properly and duly looked after and administered unto and the premises and houses in as sanitary and good condition as could be expected, and the Superintendent doing all in his power to properly discharge his duties.

It is ordered that Cope Cupton be paid \$27.60 for 920 feet of lumber furnished for bridge across Stallings fish pond in Cedar Rock township.

A resolution was passed to borrow \$25,000.00 with which to renew a note now outstanding.

The Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

TO ASSIST IN BUILDING ROAD

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the Court House on last Friday evening Louisburg citizens decided to assist in building the road connecting Warren and Franklin Counties, a stretch of about a mile or more on the line. Subscriptions amounting to about \$600.00 were taken and assurance that the amount could be raised to \$1,000. When completed this will be one of the most suitable roads for the State Highway in this section of the State in that it is a shorter route south, eliminates railroad crossings and is thoroughly historic, being the road over which Lafayette traveled.

PRES. MOBN AT LEAH'S.

Prof. A. W. Mohr, President of Louisburg College, will have charge of the services at Leah's on first Sunday in September, at 10 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. The regular appointment will be filled at Bunn Sunday night.

REV. RUSSELL C. WHITE

Pastor J. A. McIver, of the Baptist Church announces that a series of meetings will begin at the Baptist Church on Sunday morning at the usual hour, and that Rev. Russell C. White, of Cameron, Texas, will do the preaching. Mrs. White, his wife, who is one of the best gospel pianists to be found anywhere, will assist with the music. Rev. Mr. White is the son of Dr. J. L. White, pastor First Baptist Church, Miami, Fla. The services will be held at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. each day during the week.

Pastor McIver wishes to extend a most cordial invitation to all denominations to attend and help make this a most successful meeting.

DELIVERS FIRST COTTON TO ASSOCIATION

Mr. W. A. Mullen, Jr., of Bunn, was in Louisburg on Wednesday with three bales of cotton, which he left with Mr. J. S. Howell, Warehouseman, to be delivered to the Cotton Growers Association the first thing Friday morning. This makes Mr. Mullen the first to take advantage of the Cotton Association in Franklin County and presents a spirit that we feel all members are going to show—to deliver the cotton at once.

We congratulate Mr. Mullen on his promptness and interest in the organization of the Cotton Growers.

ATTENTION CONFEDERATE VETS AND SONS OF VETERANS

You Veterans who wish to attend the N. C. Reunion at Asheville, Sept. 26, 27 and 28th, 1922, will please meet at the Court House on Saturday the 9th of September and give your name to the Secretary. And all sons of Veterans who have already joined and those who wish to join please meet at the same time and complete the organization by the election of officers on that day, and give the names of all who expect to go to Asheville.

By order of P. G. ALSTON, Brigadier General Second N. C. Brigade.

TO ESTABLISH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

At 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, Sept. 16th, there will be a meeting of all the people in Sandy Creek and Gold Mine townships at the Centreville school building. At this meeting plans will be discussed for arranging a Central High School for the boys and girls of Sandy Creek and Gold Mine townships. Men and women are cordially invited to be present.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Sen. Paul Jones, of Tarboro, was a visitor to Louisburg Saturday.

Prof. R. B. White, of Wake Forest, was in attendance at Court this week.

Mrs. Lula Macon Branch, of Tallapoosa, Ala., is visiting Mrs. W. L. Macon.

Mrs. M. S. Fink, of Greensboro, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Harris.

Sen. W. M. Person returned Saturday from a trip through Western United States.

Judge J. S. Manning, Attorney General, of Raleigh, was in attendance at Court Wednesday.

Mr. R. P. Snells and family, of Raleigh, visited their aunt, Mrs. Agnes Mumford, near town this week.

Miss Fannie Mumford, after spending several weeks vacation with her family here returned to Henderson.

Mr. W. W. Webb and children William and Elizabeth, went by automobile to Abingdon, Va., this week to visit his son E. B. Webb at that place.

Sen. Paul Jones and Editor A. F. Johnson went over to Warrenton Saturday to attend a Co-operative Meeting. Senator Jones made the speech on that occasion.

Y. W. A. MEETING

The Young Woman's Auxiliary of Mock Spring community met with Miss Edna Byron Thursday afternoon, August 24. The roll was called and minutes of last meeting read and approved. After which the following program was rendered: Song—To the Work. Prayer—by Mrs. J. L. Byron. Scripture Lesson, Proverbs 31:10-31 by Hazel Wilder.

A woman who trusted in God—by Irene Card. Recitation—Song of the Old Minister—by Mattie Wilder. Story, Sereny's Life—by Myrtle. A cake was served. The following were present: Mrs. J. L. Byron, Misses Edna, Bessie Lee and Mable Byron, Hazel and Mattie Wilder, Margaret Harris, Lillian Young, Mattie Lee Hicks, Dannie and Irene Card, Myrtle Strickland, Winnie Cheaves and Emma Place.

GIVE YOURSELF A FAIR START!

Get a high school education. It is the foundation of success. Without it you will be everlastingly handicapped; with it you will be far better prepared to make your mark. You must learn if you wish to earn. Rewards are paid for knowledge. The high school is your opportunity to get a fair start towards success.

DR. BURRELL AT BUNN.

Pastor M. Stamps, of the Bunn Baptist church informs us that he has Dr. W. R. Burrell, of Monroe, and a former pastor of the Louisburg Baptist church, assisting him in a revival meeting this week. Everybody is invited to go out and hear this noted divine.

GETS LAW LICENSE

The many friends of the family extend congratulations to Mr. C. P. Harris, Jr., in his successful passing the Supreme Court law examination the past week. Mr. Harris is a most capable and congenial young man and stood high in his classes and with his faculty and fellow students.

U. D. C. MEETING

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. J. L. Palmer, at 4 p. m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. This is the first meeting since being disbanded for the summer, and a full attendance is earnestly requested.

Mrs. C. K. Cooke, Prigg, Miss Louisa E. Jarman, Sec'y.

BANKS TO CLOSE

The banks of Louisburg have announced that they will observe Labor Day next Monday by remaining closed that day. All having business with these institutions will bear this in mind.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY

Rev. John Hartley, D. D., will preach at St. Paul's Sunday at 11 a. m. and also at 8 p. m. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Where are our dead?" Regular Morning Prayer services with sermon and Evening Prayer and sermon at night. A cordial invitation is given to all to attend.