

TWO NEGRO BOYS JAILED FOR SILER CITY EXPLOSION

John Campbell and Hobart Brooks Confess That They Fired Dynamite in Pipe

John Campbell and Hobart Brooks two young negro men, were jailed last week on the charge of firing the dynamite near the Siler City post office, which resulted in quite a commotion in that city and broke window panes and damaged an automobile.

The boys when arrested on the charge confessed that they had perpetrated what became an almost serious prank. They slipped the dynamite charge in an iron drain pipe beside the post office building and ran, expecting on a big boom. They had not calculated upon the explosion bursting the pipe, which it did, hurling pieces for many yards and one through the window of Richardson and Siler's meat market.

Without knowing the uproar they had raised, they immediately went to a store and bought other dynamite and went out in the negro section of town and were playing the noisy game more. This raised suspicion and led to their arrest when the confession was forthcoming.

CAMPAIGNING FOR RELIEF OF NEAR-EAST SCHOOLS

DURHAM, N. C.—Lt. Governor J. Elmer Long, State Chairman of the Near East College Association in North Carolina has just notified Mr. D. L. Bell of Pittsboro who is chairman of the campaign in this county that the campaign is getting under way and that North Carolinians are responding very liberally to the funds now being raised in this state to provide for the educational needs of thousands of needy boys and girls in the Near East who are not able to help themselves.

Chairman Long points out one fact in connection with this appeal which is most worthy of thought and attention by all. "For years," says Mr. Long, "America has been sending succor into the Near East that thousands of orphaned boys and girls might have food to eat and clothes to wear, the adult refugee problem too has been a very serious one for the world to contend with and to solve." Says, Chairman Long, "The work of the schools include in this appeal is of such character that they are training men and women for leadership, natives who have the confidence of their own people and who alone can stabilize those lands known as Bible Lands to the world." Mr. Long states that in order to help those people in the Near East we have spent many millions in relief work and make them self sustaining, it is necessary that they be fitted for leadership. This will mean that in a very short time the need for further relief work will be unnecessary.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of S. G. Burke, late of Chatham county, I hereby warn all persons holding claims against the estate to present them duly proven on or before the first day of January 1929, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons owing the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This 27th day of Dec. 1927.
MRS. LILLIE A. BURKE,
Administratrix.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by a certain deed of trust executed in my favor by W. V. Farrell and wife, Florence Farrell, bearing date April 1st, 1927, and duly recorded in book "G. N." at page 81 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham county, North Carolina, and by reason of default in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and at the request of the owner and holder of the note secured by said deed of trust, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on Thursday, January 26, 1928, at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door in the city of Pittsboro, N. C., that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Center township, Chatham county and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

1st tract. All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Center township in Chatham county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands belonging to the late William O. Farrell, said tract or parcel hereby conveyed, beginning at the W. O. Farrell land and so running as to include within its boundaries the house and barn as nearly as possible, the center of the tract herein conveyed.

2nd tract. Beginning in the McClenahan line, running north 29 poles to the big road; then south road to Burke's line; thence south 28 1-2 poles to a red oak; thence east 189 poles to the first station and containing 75 1-4 acres more or less. For full description see deed from James R. Farrell and wife Catharine Farrell, to Joseph S. Farrell, said deed dated October 30, 1871, less about 40 acres on south side mortgaged to J. C. Scoggins.

This the 26th day of December, 1927.
R. P. READE, Trustee.

HICKMAN CONFESSES

Young Hickman, who when first captured at Pendleton, Oregon, confessed to kidnaping the little Los Angeles girl and delivering her mutilated body to her father and obtaining \$1500 ransom money, but said that another had killed her, when taken to Los Angeles confessed the whole matter, stating that he killed the girl the day after her capture for fear she would be heard, and then with thread and wires fixed her neck and eyes so as to make her appear alive.

Maynard Gets Commission

Mr. Clyde Maynard of Moncure was recently commissioned second lieutenant U.S.A.R.C., and assigned to the 316 Field Artillery, 81st Division.

Lieutenant Maynard saw service with the 30th Division over seas and engaged in several big battles. He was severely wounded Sept. 29, 1918 when the 30th helped break what was supposed to be the impregnable Hindenberg line. He was sent to England, where he spent several months in hospitals. We congratulate Lieutenant Maynard upon his new honor.

Christian Chapel

At the usual hour Christmas morning the little Sunday school at Christian Chapel met. While our number was small we felt it good to be there and were glad to have with us Messrs. J. D. McIver and W. Jeffrey, who made good talks on Sunday school work and what Christmas should mean to us.

Sunday was the day we expected to decide whether to run the school during January and February, but as there were so few present we decided to postpone the decision till the second Sunday in January, our regular preaching day.

This is an important question for little community. Can we close God's house and worship there only when it is convenient to us?

Mrs. London Honored

The heart of Mrs. H. A. London, friend of the Confederate veterans, has been made glad by the several visits of veterans recently, but particularly by a memento presented her Christmas Eve by the Winnie Davis Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. London, after organizing and presiding over the destinies of the chapter for many years, has resigned the presidency, and as a token of esteem and appreciation the members of the chapter presented her with a beautiful fountain pen. The presentation was at the home of Mrs. London Saturday evening, when a few of the ladies gathered for the purpose. The presentation was made by Mrs. Peterson, secretary of the chapter.

Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service on Christmas evening was well attended, both by those who sang and as well as those who came to listen to the lovely songs that grow sweeter and seem to have a deeper meaning as the years go by.

The group of singers was composed of children first grade on through the high school age as well as men and women of mature years. It was indeed a community sing, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Music Department of the Woman's Club feels indebted to Mr. Strong of the Carolina Power and Light Co., for the beautiful electric light under which the carols were sung.

The chairman of the Music Department wishes to thank all who helped make the second Carol service a success, especially the choir leaders of the several churches, Mrs. W. B. Chapin, Mrs. Henry Bynum, Miss Carrie Jackson, and Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse.

FARRELL-POE

Mr. Tommie Farrell and Miss Bessie Poe were married Saturday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Fulton Johnson, pastor of Hanks Chapel church. The marriage was a quiet affair, being witnessed by only a few friends of the contracting parties.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Poe and attended the Pittsboro high school up to a year or two ago. The groom is a son of the late James Farrell and is a promising young farmer. They are living with Mrs. Farrell, mother of the groom.

LITTLE FOLK ENTERTAINED

BY MR. AND MRS. FARRELL

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Farrell delightfully entertained the little folk of the Methodist church with a Christmas tree, at their home, Wednesday evening before Christmas.

Some of the children were mystified upon their arrival by seeing no tree in evidence, but they were kept busy writing letters to Old Santa until to their surprise, a door was opened and they beheld a beautifully illuminated and tastefully decorated Christmas tree, around which they quickly gathered in delight.

The hostess was assisted by some of the larger children in distributing the fruit, candies, and gifts, all of which was happily received. The host and hostess also remembered, in a nice way, the mothers who were there to chaperone their young daughters and sons.

NEW CHEVROLET

Most Spectacular Low-Priced Car of All Time Announced for New Year

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Promising the most spectacular low priced automobile of all, the Chevrolet Motor Company announced today that a complete new line of motor cars will be introduced to the public on January first.

In confirming reports that Chevrolet would very shortly introduce a new car of surpassing interest, W. S. Knudsen, the president of the Chevrolet Motor Company, declared that the official announcement covering all the details of Chevrolet's sensational new product would come Sunday January the first. No details will be available until that time, he said.

Chevrolet assembly plants have been in production of the new car since December 12. Factories in Flint, Mich., Tarrytown, N. Y., St. Louis, Mo., Oakland, Cal., Buffalo, N. Y., Jeannville, Wis., and Norwood, O., have been humming with activity preparing for the highways the first of the new cars that promise to make motor car history in 1928.

Shipments of the new cars to dealers have been leaving the various assembly plants since December 15, so that the vast country-wide dealer organization may be prepared for the introductory next Sunday. Unbridled enthusiasm is being displayed over the new cars by Chevrolet field sales officials, who have been milling into Detroit for private showings of the new line.

Practically every Chevrolet dealer in the United States will have cars ready for public inspection January first. From Bangor, Me., to San Diego and from Miami to Vancouver there will be simultaneous exhibitions of the new car that has caused so much discussion in the last few months.

This gigantic distribution of supplying thousands of dealers with cars in such a brief space of time was made possible through the farseeing policy of the Chevrolet organization and the tremendous resources and production facilities of the Chevrolet Motor Company. Never in the history of the industry will so many new models of one make have been placed in dealers' hands in such a limited space of time.

Cars will be ready for the boulevards and highways immediately after the first of the year. Production at the various assembly plants throughout the United States is racing along as fast as precision manufacturing will permit.

Unofficial reports from the Chevrolet offices here say that the new car will embody many improvements in design and construction. New standards of beauty are promised. Easier handling and smoother riding qualities are heralded as some of the outstanding features of the new Chevrolet line.

Many unlooked for changes have been made in the appearance of the car, according to reports, providing the new Chevrolet with a beauty and style appeal, unexampled in the low price field.

Without disclosing details, Chevrolet officials declared that the new cars would embody the results of 13 years experience and progress in the building of low priced transportation. Lessons learned from millions of miles of testing on the General Motors proving ground have brought to bear on the new product, officials declared. In fact all the resources of General Motors have been employed for months to design and build the car that is heralded to be by a wide margin the greatest automobile ever offered by Chevrolet.

More than 5,500 newspapers across the entire country will assist through their advertising columns in broadcasting the announcement, that will take the form of one of the most comprehensive advertising campaigns ever attempted in the automobile industry. Every city, town and hamlet in the country will read the details of the 1928 Chevrolet on New Year's day.

Messrs. Ernest and Jarvis Boone visited their brother John in Raleigh Monday.

BACK FROM FLORIDA

The Record erred in ascribing the free trip given by a liberal Yankee to Mr. Henry Howard. Mr. Algie Johnson was the fortunate man and he came in last week on his arrival and enabled us to correct the error and to hear of the trip. Mr. Johnson was gone three weeks, 17 days of which was spent at Palm Beach at the expense of the gentleman, and received \$50 and a railroad ticket home. On the way down he stopped at Savannah and Jacksonville, reaching Palm Beach late the night after the one spent at Jacksonville.

This was Mr. Johnson's first trip to Florida and it was highly enjoyed. Few get such opportunities as he had. Those who read the former item will recall that a tourist whose car he helped get out of a ditch a few miles below Pittsboro gave him the trip.

He brought his mother, Mrs. Henry Johnson, two cocoanuts which he picked from the tree. He found it quite different weather on his return from that which permitted bathing at Palm Beach. A 560-pound shark was caught at Palm Beach a few days before he reached there.

Washington Letter

Republican Presidential Possibilities—Taxes Cut—Flood Relief, Farmers' Relief

By WILLIAM P. HELM, Jr.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—High lights and shadows flit swiftly these days across the screen of national affairs.

Dramatic events in the realm of politics featured the week. In these the name of Herbert Hoover loomed large. Against him his opponents are lining up in a pre-convention fight to divert Republican sentiment to another candidate for the presidential nomination.

Just as Hoover has great strength, so has he strong opposition. That opposition is groping for a big man to put up against him. It has made deft overtures to William E. Borah, the unfettered Senator from the Far West, but three times has Borah declined to meet in secret confab the gift-bearing interests who would groom him for the Presidency. Mr. Borah may or may not want the Presidency, but certain it seems that if he does he will not train for the race in the camp of the moneyed crowd who would back him.

Another fire that has been lighted under the Hoover boom concerns his long stay in Europe just prior to our entry into the world war. The constitution provides that no man shall be President who is not a native American and who has not resided in the United States for 14 years prior to his election. It does not say 14 "consecutive years." Many Hoover opponents wish it did. Anyhow this provision is looming larger in discussion as to his eligibility.

The Hoover opponents say that he King of England wanted Hoover to become a British subject and accept a title. "Good," his friends retort, "and what did Hoover say?" And then they point to an alleged report made to President Wilson by Ambassador Page in which Mr. Page quotes Hoover as replying:

"I'll be damned if I give up my American citizenship—not on your life."

So that's that. It's Hoover against the field, as Washington sees it today. The field consists of:

First, Frank O. Lowden, former Governor of Illinois and possessor of Pullman millions, gentleman farmer and advocate of McNary-Haugen principles of farm relief. Extremely popular in certain sections, but unpopular in some Eastern centers because of his agricultural views.

Second, Charles G. Dawes, vice-President of United States, wealthy Chicago banker, co-author of the Dawes plan for stabilizing German industry, staunch supporter of Lowden and picturesque in his choice of language. Says he doesn't want it.

Third, Charles Curtis of Kansas, United States Senator and one of the first announced candidates. Popular in Kansas and some other Western States but not taken over seriously by Eastern party leaders.

Fourth, Frank O. Willis, Senator from Ohio, ardent dry, tall, handsome and a hard worker of serious demeanor. Has not yet fired the popular imagination. Hopes to win as a dark horse in case Hoover, Lowden and the rest deadlock.

Around those five names revolve the thoughts of G. O. P. leaders concerned with the Presidency. None of them has set the Eastern leaders on fire. Charles D. Hilles, New York, has started a movement to draft Coolidge anyhow and make him run. Mrs. Coolidge has embroidered a spread for the Lincoln bed in the White House: "Calvin Coolidge, 1923 to 1929," and says she is sure she won't have to change the dates.

Congress divided public interest in politics. The House passed a tax reduction bill of upwards of \$290,000,000—or \$65,000,000 more than the President thinks safe. Mr. Coolidge hopes that the Senate will reduce the amount. It won't. The chances are that it will increase the total. If so, Mr. Coolidge will have it cut squarely up to him—change your figures or veto. The prospect is that by that time the figures of the estimated treasury surplus will be increased. It would be a graceful way out for all concerned.

Advocates of a bigger and better army, led by Secretary Davis, sprang their annual sensation last week by declaring that there wasn't ammunition enough in the government's arsenals to last 1,000,000 men an hour. "What of it?" asked the small army crowd. Bigger and better navy advocates are peevish at the provision of the big navy bill that would permit the President to hold up the program in his discretion. "Just what we want," reply the middle-of-the-roaders.

Congressman Haugen's farm relief bill is ready and hearings start January 16. It still contains the provision for the equalization fee—to which the President objects. Mr. Haugen wants a revolving fund of \$400,000,000. Sen. McNary thinks \$250,000,000 enough. Congress probably will enact some sort of measure at this session.

The Mississippi Valley is up in arms at the proposal that it share in the heavy expense of curbing the Father of Waters. Uncle Sam should do the job, say Valley members of congress. A report filed by General Jadwin calls for the spending of about \$300,000,000 for the work over a 10-year period, with the states paying a portion. Briefly, it calls for stabilizing the channel and the strengthening of levees. It rejects the proposal to build reservoirs and

General News

The death of forty sailors in a submarine sunk by a collision with another war vessel was one of the grievous incidents of the week, and is causing criticism of the naval officials for giving such orders as brought the underwater vessel into the path of the floating war ship.

After numerous failures to drop bombs upon the Yackin bridge that is doomed to destruction, the airmen became better marksmen and made several exact hits, blowing the end off the structure allotted to them to pieces. The artillery was then turned upon the other end and several shots hit the mark Saturday, but did no damage. The artillery attack was to be renewed this week. The placing of these army tests at this time unnecessarily, it appears, kept many soldiers and officers in camp during Christmas, while the inhabitants from a large area were forced to clear the territory during the artillery tests. The tests have proved of great military value, it is thought, and have certainly proved the reliability of the type of concrete bridge.

The division between Western and Eastern Republicans on the Farm Relief measures proposed grows more marked. The factions find their personal representatives in Lowden and Hoover, respective candidates for the Republican nomination for the presidency. Unless a farm relief measure passes Congress and receives the President's signature, there is in sight a pretty war between the factions.

Young Hickman, captured after a long chase, confessed that he kidnaped the little Parker girl in Los Angeles and delivered the mutilated body to her father receiving \$1500 ransom money; but declares that one who called himself Andrew Kramer killed and cut up the little girl. However, it developed that the only Andrew Kramer to be found was in jail when the crime was committed. Hickman still contended that a man calling himself that killed her. The wretch is only 19 years of age. He claims that he wanted money to go to college. He told a long story of his exploits as a bad man the past six months and at first was rather boastful and self-confident. But when the Los Angeles officers reached Pendleton, Oregon to take him back to Los Angeles, he lost his courage. A speedy trial is expected. Insanity will probably be pleaded. Even if another killed the girl little sympathy should be wasted upon the fiend that took money from a father and rewarded him with the mutilated body of his child when he was assured that she was safe and sound.

Mrs. Lindbergh was persuaded to go to Mexico to spend Christmas with her son, who was being lionized down there after his successful flight of 2000 miles to the City of Mexico. The mother, too, went by airplane, but took it by stages. Both mother and son are still retaining their admirable poise and showing that good sense which has made them as much loved as the son's marvelous flight across the Atlantic made him admired for his courage and skill.

Rev. Archie Ray, a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, is home for the holidays.

Misses Emily and Pauline Taylor entertained a number of their friends Tuesday evening at bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lassic Sturdivant, of Apex, visited Mrs. Sturdivant's parents Christmas and Mr. Sturdivant greeted his old Pittsboro friends on Tuesday.

RABBITS THEN AND NOW

Fifty years ago Dec. 17 according to an item reproduced in the Raleigh Times from a paper of that date, a two-horse load of dressed rabbits from Chatham county were sold in Raleigh, going at 10 cents a piece or three for a quarter. Now rabbits are sold to dealers at 25c and 30c each and in Durham cost the consumer probably fifty cents. But the increase in prices of rabbits is hardly greater than that of chickens, pork, etc. A hen that would have gone begging at 20 or 25 cents a third of a century ago now sells for a dollar. Not so long ago a year's subscription to this paper would have bought a 12 or 15 pound ham or 15 dozen eggs; now it will buy only 6 lbs of ham and three dozen eggs.

Impound flood waters at their source. Spillways and a parallel floodway from Cairo to New Madrid, Miss., are included.

Just before recessing, until January 4, the Senate voted against the plan to investigate the big power interests. This was a blow to Senator Walsh of Montana, the daddy of the Teapot Dome revelations; also to Gifford Pinchot who has urged such an inquiry.

The so called exposures of William Randolph Hearst leave the capital cold. Somebody has either perpetrated a million-dollar swindle on the Mexican treasury or got \$16,000 of Hearst's money for spurious documents—such is the general opinion. Nobody believes any American official got any Mexican money for the propaganda.

From this and other topics, Washington has turned its attention during the week to Santa Claus. The government clerks got two days off with pay.

H. D. GUNTER HOME IS TOTAL FIRE LOSS

Burned Tuesday—Loss Estimated \$7,500; \$4,000 Insurance—Bryans Also Suffer

The large 8-room house of Harvey Gunter was burned Tuesday about noon. The fire started in the ceiling of the second story, possibly from a faulty chimney flue. It had made little headway when discovered out the location of the flames made it impossible to stop it with the chemical engine of the fire department.

Unfortunately, too, an electrician who happened to be near cut the wire that operated the automatic water system, thus cutting off a water supply that might have been utilized to a good effect. The pumps of the neighboring homes were frozen up. Thus there was little to do but watch the home burn up.

However, the furniture on the lower floor was saved, but that on the second floor, including that of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bryan, who lived on the second floor, together with clothing, etc., was a total loss.

The house itself is estimated by Mr. Gunter to have been worth seven or eight thousand dollars. It contained 8 rooms, pantry, two bath rooms equipped, etc. The closets were cedar lined and the pantry was protected by specially prepared walls and the home was equipped with an automatic water system, with attending plumbing and septic tank. The insurance was to the extent of \$4,000.

Mr. Gunter was in Bynum when notified by telephone that the home was afire. He hastened home to find it falling in. He and his wife and child are domiciled with Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Hunt for the present.

It was only recently that Mr. Gunter suffered a loss by explosion and fire at his Lockville filling station.

JOHNSON-MOSES

Miss Mildred Johnson and Mr. Dewitt Moses were married in Sanford Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, by Rev. W. L. Williamson, pastor of the Sanford Christian church.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. D. Johnson of Goldston and is well known in Pittsboro, where she took the Teachers' Training course three years ago. She is a charming young woman. The groom is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moses of this county.

The young couple will make their home in Sanford.

SILER CITY HAS A ROTARY CLUB NOW

Siler City now has its Rotary club. It was organized last Thursday evening. The organization was celebrated with a banquet at the Hadley Hotel. The organization was under the auspices of District Governor Luther Hodges of Spray. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Hodges, Messrs. C. Thayer, J. E. Spence, and E. J. Hilder of Asheboro, and Henry Owen of Leaksville-Spray.

J. Dewey Dorsett, former clerk of court of this county, is president; Rev. J. C. Canipe, vice-president; J. Q. Seawell, sec-treasurer. The directors are Dewey Dorsett, J. Q. Seawell, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Van B. Elkins, and C. B. Thomas.

HE DESERVES CONGRATULATIONS

The editor had the pleasure of meeting the bride of Mr. C. J. Morris, RFD carrier at Bynum, in Pittsboro with her husband the other day.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris were married on Thanksgiving day, but some way or other we failed to get a report of the event. The bride is a professional nurse and had been working for the past two years in a New York hospital. The marriage was at Graham, the ceremony being performed by the Presbyterian pastor of that town, and was on the seventh anniversary of the couple's first meeting. Evidently, Mr. Morris is to be congratulated on his good fortune.

RANDOLPH'S MASTER FARMER

If Chatham has not yet had a master farmer designated, it has come next to it, since Mr. B. S. Lawrence of Seagrove, Randolph county, who married two Chatham county girls, was one of the two dozen men in the state to receive the honor of being so listed. Mr. Lawrence's first wife was Miss Hettie Brewer; his present one is Miss Nora Bray.

Mr. Lawrence is only forty years old, and has been farming only seven years. Lespedeza, Guernsey cows and Hampshire hogs are Mr. Lawrence's chief reliances, according to a story in the Asheboro Courier. During the first seven months of this year \$2100 worth of milk, cream, chickens, eggs, and truck was sold from the Lawrence farm.

KIMBALTON NEWS

W. S. Meade is spending this week at Oakmont shooting club.

Harmon Cook spent last week at the club. They are killing a great many more birds than last year.

N. J. Dark spent some time in Greensboro last week.

Tom Burke moved from the High Peoples' place to Siler City last week.

Murphy Oldham moved from Siler City to the High Peoples' place.

Ernest Brewer and family were in town Sunday.

Floyd Siler made a business trip to Sanford Saturday.