

Jail Keys Stolen, 3 Prisoners Freed

Sparta.—Thieves broke into the office of Sheriff Dewitt Bryan sometime Sunday night, stole keys to the jail from his desk and turned three prisoners out of the Alleghany county jail on the second floor of the courthouse.

Sheriff Bryan discovered the breaking and jail delivery yesterday morning about 7:30 o'clock. He said the delivery occurred sometime between midnight when he left the jail and yesterday morning.

The prisoners were listed as Earl Dixon, of Edmonds, jailed early Sunday night on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated; Bert Hendrix, of Hare, awaiting trial on a charge of drunkenness, and Bertha Atwood, 19, of Sparta, awaiting trial on a charge of vagrancy.

Sheriff Bryant said the trio and those who aided them in escaping, stole Dixon's car from a storage shed near Sparta and fled. He said he confiscated Dixon's car when he was arrested.

The escaped prisoners left no trail so far as has been learned. Sheriff Bryan said.

The thieves who entered the sheriff's office broke open a window. The keys to the jail were removed from a desk drawer where they are left during the night. Sheriff Bryan said.

Nothing was disturbed in the sheriff's office and the breaking was apparently for the purpose of the jail delivery. Bryan stated.

So far as could be learned, none of the three prisoners were apparently strangers.

Several other prisoners occupying cells on the second floor jail were not disturbed.

The Atwood woman was the only female prisoner in jail. Sheriff Bryan said.

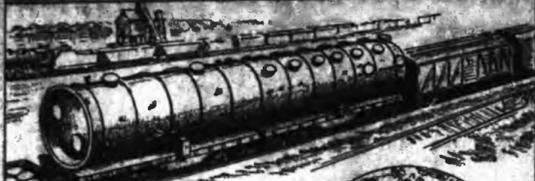
Compregnated Wood A New Material

Representatives of the army, navy, and aircraft manufacturers have followed with interest a process of compregnating wood, which may be useful in producing a smooth, tough, and durable material for fuselages and wing covering for airplanes, that has been developed at the Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis., a research unit of the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In making this product thin sheets of wood were treated with resin forming chemicals and then compressed by means of heat and pressure into a material impossible to make by the old method of treating wood so that it can be molded. The new method differs from ordinary gluing in that the resin chemically binds together the wood cells when the wood is pressed.

The Forest Products Laboratory test samples showed the new material to be as smooth and as hard as glass and practically free from warping and shrinking. Although machining much harder than wood, but easier than steel, it can be tooled to any desired shape. Chemists at the Laboratory report that the material is highly resistant to alcohol and water, indicating it being more

Rail oddities



TO AN OIL REFINERY FRACTIONATING COLUMN, OR "BUBBLE" TOWER, GOES THE HONOR OF BEING THE HEAVIEST PIECE OF FREIGHT EVER MOVED BY THE RAILROADS. IT WEIGHED 483,200 POUNDS AND WAS SHIPPED IN 1938.



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resistant to weather than paint or lacquer.

The smoothness of the material as well as its good molding properties increase its potential value in plane construction because of the constant effort to get great speed by reducing wind friction. The material could be used to advantage in making propeller blades varying in specific gravity from one end to the other or even in molding the propellers to their final shape. There is a distinct possibility that the propellers can be molded to the finished dimensions, thus eliminating the exacting lathe work that has been necessary heretofore.

Several other types of uses are also possible for this new material. It should be highly satisfactory for flooring and paneling in houses. The hard finished surface should be very resistant to marring and grain raising. The upkeep cost should be negligible as no finish, other than the high polish obtained in the molding, is necessary.

Plywood with compressed faces could be used to advantage in furniture manufacture. The possibility of refinishing by merely sanding and buffing is also of considerable importance.

More Profits Seen In Hogs This Year

A steadily increasing demand for pork in the National Defense Program means that hogs will be more profitable for North Carolina farmers this year, says E. V. Vestal, swine specialist of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

In recognition of the importance of pork in feeding the nation, the Government has announced a program which will support hog prices at \$9 per 100 pounds, Chicago basis, until June 30, 1943.

With this floor under hog prices, Vestal is urging growers to make a special effort to produce

not only pork for the market but for family use as well. Right now surplus corn and other grains can be fed profitably to animals intended for market.

Likewise, temporary pastures may be planted at this season for hogs. Alternate rows of soybeans and millet or Sudan grass will furnish excellent grazing for sows and their litters, as well as for growing pigs.

An acre of this pasture will supply most of the feed necessary for 10 or more growing pigs if the soybeans are permitted to reach 8 to 12 inches before the animals are turned on them.

A few ears of corn daily will increase gains considerably and the addition of one-tenth pound of tankege or fishmeal or a small amount of milk per pig each day will make the gains even more economical, the State College specialist advised.

Plenty of cool clean drinking water at all times should be a "must" in the swine grower's program. Similarly, minerals should be available for growing pigs as well as other hogs. The mineral mixture should be placed where the animals may have access to it at all times.

A Parking Problem For Mr. Wilson

Denver.—As C. C. Wilson drove up to his house he saw a man walk in his front door. Wilson hastily parked his car on the wrong side of the street and gave pursuit.

Not a policeman was in sight. The surprised burglar ran through the house and down the alley. Wilson chased him for a couple of blocks and then gave up.

When Wilson returned there was a police sticker attached to the car windshield.

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Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGET NICHOLS, et al.

ANOTHER PARK CABIN

A few weeks ago we wrote a few lines about the Caudill cabin in the bottom of the gorge in Bluff Park. We have since learned that there is another interesting cabin near the northern boundary of Bluff Park and within 50 yards of the Parkway. It is the Martin Brinegar cabin and is reputed to be the oldest existing cabin in them thar hills.

It was built of nicely hewed logs and, weatherboarded. The "kitchen" part of the house is about twelve inches lower on the floor level and there are fireplaces in the "big house" and in the kitchen. It has two picturesque rock chimneys and just below the house is one of the quaintest springs you ever laid eyes on.

In the attic of the old house is a loom which has been set up for all these years and it still has yarn on it. We are informed the park service may preserve the house and employ some mountain woman to operate the loom for the benefit of tourists and visitors who want to see life in the mountains as it used to be.

All of which we think is an excellent idea.

TRAINING FOR ARMY

A mid mannered young man who expects to be inducted into the army later this month was heard greeting an acquaintance with these words: "How in the— are you?", to which the other replied: "None of your (blankety blank) business." We later learned that the first one was merely training.

THE ONLY WAY

We were asked by a young man the other day how anyone ever made any money in the newspaper business. The only answer we could give was to get out of it.

Which reminds of the time when we once stopped an old mountaineer to inquire the way to a certain point back in the hills. After stammering and stuttering for a spell he said: "You know what I'd do if I was going there? I just wouldn't go."

WOULD REVIVE SONG

With steady rains falling over so long a period of time, the old Yarkin became swollen on Monday, filled the banks with whirling muddy water and spread out into the lowest places outside its banks.

Residents in the valley, remembering very well the date of August 14, 1940, were recalling the lines of a popular song a few years ago—"River, Stay Away From My Door."

Junior, Senior Medical Students May Get In Army

Junior and senior medical students in the United States, if physically fit for military service, may be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Corps Reserve. It was announced today by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service. This is in accordance with a policy recently adopted by the War Department.

The policy also provides, General Metts pointed out, that internes may be commissioned as first lieutenants in the Medical Corps Reserve with the understanding that they will be permitted to complete their internship before being ordered to active duty.

General Metts urged all junior and senior medical students and all internes who desire to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain commissions, and at the same time complete their medical preparation, to submit to the War Department applications for appointment. Final approval in each case will be made by the War Department, General Metts stated.

British Develop New "Killer" Tank With Heavy Guns

London.—Britain has a new 16-ton "killer" tank which, the ministry of supply said yesterday, is powerful enough to destroy any machine it is likely to encounter.

It is armed with a Besa gun and a cannon firing a 2-pound shell, capable of piercing any tank "as yet met in any German armored formation," the ministry said, and carries a crew of three at a 15-mile-an-hour speed.

(In both armament and speed the new mobile weapon would appear to be deficient as compared to 60 or 80-ton tanks unless exceptional hitting power is packed into the shells, probably of 37 or 40 millimeter calibre. Larger guns are known to be mounted in medium and heavy combat tanks and their speed ranges up to 30 miles.)

The ministry said that "heav-

Back to Berlin



Among those who will join the exodus of Nazi consular employees, ordered by the government for July 10, is Capt. Frits Weidemann (above), consul in San Francisco. He is one of the most widely known German officials in the country.

ier, deadlier and harder-hitting vehicles are being designed. The "killer" model, which has been named the Valentine, is reported to cruise in open country like a good car on a good road. It is officially known as the Mark III."

Questions Answered By State College

Question: When should corn sorghum be cut for silage?

Answer: Dairy specialists of the State College Extension Service say that crops should be cut for silage when they contain the maximum nutrients and at the same time have sufficient moisture to pack well in the silo. With corn, the grain should be denting and the shuck slightly yellow. This stage of maturity is reached about a week or ten days before the corn is ready to cut and shock. Sorghum should be cut when the seed in the head are firm.

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Thinking It Over

By KAY CAMP

"This is one of the most active extensive and vicious groups we have ever had to deal with," declared J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in commenting on the recent arrest of spy suspects.

These suspects have been closely identified with national defense projects. At least one of them is believed to have been in official position to study the famed bomb sight which is reputed to give the American aviator the most deadly accurate aim yet devised. The secret of this one device, disclosed to an enemy, could easily spell the defeat of the United States in War.

Eighteen of twenty-two alleged spies born in Germany had either become naturalized citizens of the United States or had taken legal steps toward that end. This is suspected to be part of a deliberate campaign of infiltration.

This arrest reveals two important facts: first, the remarkable efficiency of the FBI; and second, the presence in this country of citizens who are apparently giving first loyalty to other nations.

Americans may well be proud of the work of Mr. Hoover and his aides. Officers had worked patiently and persistently for two years before breaking the case. They wanted to catch the "higher ups". And they did!

As to fifth columnists, one does not need to yield to war hysteria. But every loyal citizen needs to be constantly on the alert against suspicious movements anywhere, reporting such promptly for investigation.

One afternoon there walked into an English tavern a man dressed in immaculate English clothes, wearing even the familiar monocle, and speaking flawless English. He asked for a whiskey and soda. Upon being reminded that drinks were not sold at that hour in England, he apologized profusely and walked out. The proprietor suddenly thought to himself, "Why, if that fellow were an Englishman he would know that he could not buy a drink at this hour." He reported the incident to the police, who soon apprehended the stranger and his confederate and found that they had just landed in England as spies.

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Germany Boasts Of the Territory Taken From Soviet Russia

Berlin, July 14.—The German army in two weeks of fighting has seized nearly all the country Russia had acquired since September 1, 1939, D.N.D. said today.

It listed the German gains in west Ukraine, West White Russia, Bessarabia, north Lithuania, a total area larger than all Germany after Germany reduced by the treaty of Versailles.

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