

Yadkin Man Confesses Robbery At Cylce



Christmas

It will be almost the same Merry American Christmas enjoyed so often in the past. The house will be filled with the scent of good things cooking and the sound of children's voices . . . and though there will be perhaps an empty place at the dinner table it will be with pride, not sadness, that we think of those far from home. Make this Yuletide a time for prayer as well as joy. And midst neighbors and friends and the homespun sincere greetings of those you know will be found renewed faith in the true spirit of Christmas . . . and the belief that "peace on earth . . . good will toward men" shall once more live in the hearts of all men everywhere. To the countless wishes that come your way we should like to add ours to wish you a truly, Merry Christmas, and Victorious New Year.

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C. G. Poindexter

Sheriff of Wilkes County

Winston-Salem.—You've got to know the thugs you are dealing with or they will gyp you plenty, according to Johnny Dobbins, 25-year-old Yadkin county man, who Friday night confessed to Sheriff A. L. Inscore of Yadkin county, that he had a hand in the gun-and-automobile robbery of Mrs. Bessie Myers at Cylce several weeks ago when approximately \$1,500 was taken.

Dobbins, who admitted he served as an outpost while the robbery was being committed, said "the other man" in the case gave him only \$150 as his "half" of the loot.

"If he really got \$1,500 he short changed me plenty," Dobbins said ruefully. He said further that in his rambling here, in Greensboro and at Washington, D. C., he had blown all of his swag.

As he signed for his valuables at the office of the desk sergeant at the police department, before Sheriff Inscore left with him for Yadkinville, he explained about all the criminal exploit had netted him—a new overcoat and hat and a brand new billfold.

Sheriff Inscore brought his prisoner here shortly after noon Friday for complete fingerprinting and "mugging." He had arrived from Washington, D. C., only late Thursday night.

Sheriff Inscore declined to indicate who was the "other man" in the case, if he knew. Neither did Dobbins discuss his name. Sheriff Inscore stated definitely that he was not yet under arrest.

Sheriff Inscore left Winston-Salem between 2 and 3 o'clock Friday afternoon before he had obtained his confession from Dobbins. Apparently Dobbins was under the impression the sheriff was going to leave him here indefinitely for safekeeping, possibly until he softened up and talked.

Just before the sheriff pulled out, Dobbins indicated he wanted to come to an understanding.

"If you'll take me back to the Yadkin jail, I'll tell you something," the sheriff quoted him as saying.

The sheriff told him he would take him back to Yadkinville if he would "talk here."

"I'm going out of town, but if I possibly can I'll come back for you tonight," he told the prisoner. Upon his return Dobbins told the whole story. Dobbins said he expected to get a stiff sentence, the sheriff said.

According to Dobbins' story and the story Sheriff Inscore picked up from Mrs. Myers and others, the crime was about as follows:

Mrs. Myers returned from church well along in the evening and put up her automobile. Douglas Johnson, who resides in the neighborhood, dropped in at about the time she arrived at her store, filling station and apartment combined. A customer dropped in and bought some groceries and departed.

Then the man with the gun appeared with the lower half of his face masked. He made speedy work of requiring Mrs. Myers to open the cash register and safe. He took all of the money from her and then demanded his victim's automobile key, still keeping Johnson and the woman covered with his gun.

He then got in the car, promised to leave it unharmed "just over the hill" and roared away. It was "just over the hill" that Dobbins joined him and they split the haul, according to Dobbins.

Dobbins has been in the Yadkin county courts for reckless driving and public drunkenness. He was arrested here on a liquor charge a little over a year ago and did four months. He has a brother, Camellus Dobbins, alias "Will," alias "Bad Eye", alias "Wiley," who lives at Greensboro who has spent a great deal of time in the pen and on the roads. His offenses have ranged upward to highway robbery.

The youthful prisoner was most agreeable as he prepared to return with the Yadkin officers to Yadkinville. Sheriff Inscore said he did not regard it necessary to handcuff his prisoner.

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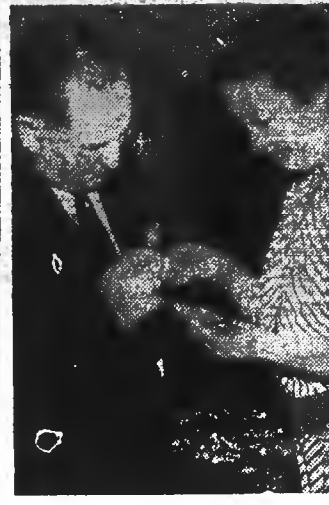
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Charleston W. Va.—Fourteen coal miners took a terrifying 50-mile-an-hour ride down a mountainside on a man-hoist out of control at a cost of three lives and injury to 10 men.

The only miner to escape remained with the speeding car to the bottom of the 1,620-foot incline from the Wyratt Coal Company's mine at Laing on Cabin Creek.

All the others jumped and were either killed or hurt.

Dr. Robert Bear of Charleston, who treated the injury, said:

"They were pitched all over the hill and some of the injured weren't found for two hours."

INCREASE
The number of combines in Greene county increased from 24 to 34 this year, according to J. W. Grant, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Station.

PARASITES
Internal parasites are taking a heavy toll in large numbers of poultry farms in Beaufort county, according to a recent report from W. G. Andrews, assistant farm agent.

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