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Federal Officers High-Hat Stokes

Stokes County Deputy Sheriffs Arrested Sam Wilkins Without Help From Revenue Officers Who Claim Prisoner—Danbury Reporter Investigates Situation.

The last issue of the Reporter, published last Friday, contained the following item:

"Sam Wilkins who, it is alleged is a notorious manufacturer and dealer in illicit liquor, is in Danbury jail.

"He was arrested by county officers, Cleve Lawson, Burke Smith, Carl Ray, and others, assisted by federal agents."

On Sunday following the Winston-Salem Journal and the Greensboro News, respectively, published the following dispatch under a Greensboro headline dated December 17:

FEDERAL AGENTS SEIZE

STOKES COUNTY STILL

"Sam Wilkins, 65, of the Sandy Ridge section of Stokes county, was jailed by federal investigators Friday in Danbury and is being held for trial.

"Agents J. F. Ratledge and A. R. Williams said they seized Wilkins as he was operating a 75-gallon copper still southeast of Sandy Ridge. They destroyed the still, 13 barrels of mash and two gallons of whiskey."

Since there was so much divergence between the report as published by this newspaper and the dispatch appearing in the Winston-Salem and Greensboro dailies, the Reporter took particular pains to obtain the true facts in the case, as our report was given on hearsay shortly after the arrest of Wilkins.

The facts as given the Reporter by an eye-witness are as follows:

The arrest was made by Stokes county officers without any assistance from federal officers, two of whom sat in their car 200 yards distant from the scene, and never even saw Sam Wilkins before or after he was arrested by the Stokes officers, hand-cuffed and brought to Danbury jail.

Wilkins has the reputation of being a determined and dangerous man, who defied arrest. After he was safely put in Danbury jail the federal officers reported to the daily newspapers the statement as above, then came and claimed the prisoner. He was given into their hands. He was taken to Wentworth, Rockingham county jail, which has been adopted as a place in which federal prisoners are incarcerated pending trial.

NOW FOR THE FACTS

Thursday, Dec. 15, five Stokes county deputy sheriffs went to the home of Wilkins. They had received a report that he was manufacturing and retailing.

The officers were as follows: Everette Wagoner, Carl Ray, Bert Smith, Cleve Lawson, and Raymond Stewart. They informed Wilkins that they had a report on him, and had come after him and his outfit.

He said: "Yes, I've got a still. Yonder it is." He pointed it out to the officers. It was situated near the house. He also said he had a quantity of whiskey and six barrels of beer, but he added: "You can't get it. I bought and paid for it all and the first man that lays his hands on it, I will kill him. I've got a 30-30 rifle and a 44-pistol."

The officers, who were not at this time armed with a warrant, decided that they would have to kill Wilkins, or he would kill one or more of them, as he had five grown boys with him at the house. So they left him undisturbed. This was about 2:30 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

On Friday following about the same hour—around 3 o'clock in the evening—the following officers returned to Wilkins' place: Everette Wagoner, Carl Ray, Bert Smith, Cleve Lawson, Raymond Stewart, Joe Hooker and Lon Sisk. All these are Stokes county deputy sheriffs.

In the meantime they had called federal officers at Greensboro and asked their assistance. Ratledge and Williams, revenue officers, came to Danbury and accompanied them, but stopped at a tobacco barn 200 yards from Wilkins' home, sat in their car and never came closer.

The seven officers last mentioned, having now in their possession a State warrant charging Wilkins with assault and resisting officers the day before, immediately went to the Wilkins home, and entered. Carl Ray and Raymond Stewart called Wilkins out in the yard.

Carl told him: "We have come after you."

Sam reached for his gun—a 44-S. & W. Carl grabbed one of his hands and Raymond Stewart the other. During the scuffle, Bert Smith took Sam's gun off him.

Sam hollered for his boys, "Come out, they've got me."

The boys at this time were in the house, and Wagoner and Cleve Lawson had quickly seized all guns in sight in the house, a 30-30 rifle and a shotgun.

Some of the boys said "You can't take our guns," but offered no resistance.

When he hollered the boys went out of the house and Wagoner followed them out.

Just then a girl (a wife of one of the boys) came out of the house and said "One of the boys is coming with a double-barrel shotgun."

Cleve Lawson levelled a high-

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RALPH WILSON SHOT AT KING

BERT SALES IN DANBURY JAIL CHARGED WITH THE CRIME—INJURIES NOT SERIOUS—MARRIAGE ON ROUTE 2—NEWS AND PERSONALS.

King, Dec. 21—Ralph Wilson, young farmer son of Peter Wilson, who resides three miles east of King, was shot with a double-barrel shotgun in the hands of Bert Sales last Thursday during an argument between the two men.

Wilson was rushed to the King Drug company here where doctors treated his wounds. He received two loads of shot in his hip and back. His injuries while very painful were not considered serious. Sales was placed in Danbury jail to await a hearing.

Harvey Spainhower has moved his family to a farm which he recently purchased near High Point.

Everette Caudell of Fries, Va., is spending a few days here the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. B. Delp, on Pine street.

Dorothy, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Law, is quite sick at their home here.

George Badgett of Mount Airy and Mrs. Charlie Campbell of R. F. D. 2, King, had their tonsils removed in the Stone-Helsabeck Clinic Friday morning.

The following college students have arrived here to spend the holidays: Miss Rebecca Rains, of Greensboro; Frank Stone, of High Point and Junior Stone and Frank Rains of Chapel Hill.

Thomas Sprinkle, planter of the Mount Pleasant section, was a business visitor here Saturday.

The King high school closes today for the Christmas holidays and will reopen January 2nd.

The stork had about an average week's work last week. Five new births being recorded. They were: To Mr. and Mrs. Tannie Duggins, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hall, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heath, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bolejack, a son; and William E. Spainhower, a son.

Charlie McCannless, of the United States Army, and who is stationed at Fort Bragg, has returned to his post after spending a short furlough with relatives here.

S. P. Wright, who holds a position with the Southern Railway Company as station agent at Troutman, and who formerly resided here, informs your correspondent that he has just slaughtered a porker that weighed 570 pounds. Not a bad pig, eh?

Miss Thelma White has about fully recovered from a recent illness at her home on Forest Grove avenue.

Edwin Caudle, a Spanish-American War veteran of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here

Farm Demonstration On Land Of S. A. Flinchum.

Farmers who are planning to convert croable land on their farms to new pasture next spring, can get several months ahead of the game by preparing their land during the winter when work is slack, according to R. P. White of the Soil Conservation Service Camp near Madison.

Since moisture is an important factor in establishing and maintaining a good sod on upland pastures, the construction of contour furrows to reduce run-off will be of considerable benefit on most soils by retaining moisture in the ground. The furrows can be constructed in the process of preparing the land.

By controlling run-off, the furrows will protect the land from erosion while vegetation is being established. Broad, flat-bottom furrows with sloping sides have been found to be the most effective type, particularly on moderate slopes. Furrows are recommended only on land that absorbs water readily.

Contour furrows of the recommended type can be constructed with a turning plow leaving balks on the contour 8 to 12 inches wide to be broken out with a light disc harrow or other suitable implement that will leave some loose soil in the bottom of the furrow and spread soil on the sloping sides. The furrows should be from 4 to 6 feet apart and laid out parallel to staked contour lines or terraces similar to laying out rows.

Constructed over the entire surface of the pasture, furrows of this type will form a series of low ridges and broad furrows, over which a mowing machine can be operated. A good illustration of furrows of this type can be seen on the farm of S. A. Flinchum of the Danbury community.

Who IS This Tight Danbury Man?

It is reported that a Danbury man falls out with his girl just before Christmas to keep from having to give her a present.

Who is he?

William Badgett of Pilot Mt., formerly editor of the Pilot Mt. News, was in Danbury Wednesday accompanied by his father, Attorney W. R. Badgett.

Saturday. Always glad to see you, Ed. Come again.

J. Nat Roberts, familiarly known here as Dr. Drake of the Chestnut Grove section, was a business here Saturday. Mr. Roberts says he has sold Dr. Drake's pills all over the United States and part of Georgia.

SANDY RIDGE CHRISTMAS NEWS

OAK RIDGE BAPTIST LADIES AUXILIARY GIVES INTERESTING PROGRAM—ALSO INTERESTING PROGRAM AND CHRISTMAS TREE TO BE RENDERED AT DELTA BIRTH—PERSONALS.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Oak Ridge Baptist Church met with Mrs. Rosa Hutcherson Wednesday night, December 14. The following program was well rendered:

Hymn—Group. Devotional—Mrs. C. R. Darr. Introduction of Prayer—Mrs. C. R. Darr. Fifty Years From Now—Mrs. Taze Priddy. Hymn—Croup. Golden Sheaves—Mrs. Bob Joyce. Sentence Prayer.

The hostess served delicious refreshments.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Griffin announce the arrival of twin boys Wednesday, December 14. One lived only a few hours.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

An interesting program and Christmas tree will be held at Delta M. E. Church Friday night, December 23. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Christmas program and tree will be held at Sandy Ridge M. E. Church Thursday night, December 22. The public is cordially invited.

An interesting program and tree will be held at Oak Ridge Baptist Church Friday p. m., at 2:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hicks of King were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dodson have moved into their new home in Amostown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Spencer and family of Walnut Cove were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stevens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemmons have purchased a new Ford V-8.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeShazo have moved to Prestonville in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dodson.

Misses Sarah Oakley and Naomi Priddy have returned home after having spent some time with relatives in Mayodan.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Dodson spent Sunday with relatives near Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Darr and daughter, Joan, were the supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Chapman Sunday night.

The Sandy Ridge high school will close Wednesday, December 21, for the holidays. An interesting program has been arranged for that day. The public is cordially invited. School will reopen

VAN NOPPEN NAMES CHAIRMEN

APPOINTEES TO ACT IN CELEBRATION OF PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY IN COUNTY.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Appointment of community chairmen in this year's "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign was announced by Mr. L. H. Van Noppen, Stokes county, in a communication to Arthur Carpenter, regional director of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday. The community list included:

STOKES COUNTY

Mrs. R. L. Smith, Danbury, N. C.

Mr. Fred Pepper, Walnut Cove, N. C.

Miss Luna Taylor, Pine Hall, N. C.

Mr. H. D. Lassiter, Lawsonville, N. C.

Miss Laura Ellington, Sandy Ridge, N. C.

Mr. J. D. Parker, Jr., Francisco, N. C.

Mrs. S. C. Westmoreland, Pinnacle, N. C.

Mr. Harvey Johnson, King, N. C.

Miss Mildred Small, German-ton, N. C.

"Mr. Van Noppen is to be congratulated in effecting so promptly the organization of his county", Mr. Carpenter said, "I am sure each community will do its share in the drive for funds which begins January 1st and concludes with observance of President Roosevelt's Birthday.

This year's campaign has been broadened to include various activities and individual contributions. Proceeds will be divided equally, one-half remaining in the county for aid to those who have been afflicted with the maiming disease, and the other half going to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to be used for educational and research work.

Committees in each community will probably be named within a few days by the chairman in each community to assist him or her in this great work.

County Commissioners To Meet Tuesday Jan. 3 Instead of Monday The Second.

The board of county commissioners will meet here Tuesday, January 3, instead of Monday, January 3, as Monday is a holiday.

January 2.

Mrs. Ruby Joyce and daughter, Lee Ann, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hawkins.

Mrs. Sam Hill shopped in Winston-Salem Monday.

Misses Leola and Louise Vernon visited Miss Francis Hawkins Sunday.