

Caddell Is Questioned About Harnett Slaying

Self-Styled "G-Man" Under Abduction Charges Here Grilled by Officers On Sunday

REPORTED REMOVED TO GRANVILLE JAIL

Story Is He Attempted to Break From County Jail Sunday Evening; Officers Quote Him as Saying He "Knows Plenty About" Slaying of Woman.

A preliminary hearing in recorder's court today for J. H. Caddell, self-styled government agent, on a charge of abduction of Mrs. Robert Watkins, wife of a Vance county farmer, was postponed, and there were reports, not confirmed by officers, that Caddell had been removed to the Granville county jail in Oxford after a reported attempt to break from the Vance county jail last night.

Caddell was questioned at great length over the week-end by Sheriff J. E. Hamlett, of Vance county, and Sheriff W. E. Salmon, of Harnett county, in connection with the slaying of Mrs. W. W. Mason, wife of a Harnett county stockkeeper, in an alleged robbery and hold-up at the store near Pine View, the night before Thanksgiving. Mason was brought here yesterday to look at Caddell with a view to identifying him as a member of the slaying party, and a report said that he identified Caddell as one of the group. Officers would not confirm this, however.

Sheriff Hamlett, before leaving here late Sunday afternoon for an unannounced destination, said Caddell had admitted that he "knew plenty" about Mrs. Mason's killing, but refused to be specific. The departure of the two officers was understood to be in investigation of clues developed by the questioning of Caddell. Sheriff Hamlett was still absent from town today.

Mason was brought here ten days ago to view two itinerant showmen supposedly falsely arrested by Caddell when he posed as a Federal agent, charging they were implicated in the Harnett slaying. Mason did not identify either of them, however, and both were released.

Caddell was arrested at a hotel in Greensboro last Friday night, where he and Mrs. Watkins are alleged to have been staying. Caddell was charged with abducting Mrs. Watkins from her country home near here. No charge was brought against her. Sheriff Hamlett brought both back here placing Caddell in jail and taking Mrs. Watkins to her home, where her husband and their children gladly received her. Caddell is said to have stated he was "guilty of his part of it" in connection with the disappearance of himself and Mrs. Watkins.

Along with a Henderson story about Caddell's return here, the Greensboro Daily News on Sunday carried the following story:

CADDELL ALIAS CAPES, HAS LENGTHY CRIMINAL RECORD (Greensboro Daily News.)

James H. Caddell, 21, alias James H. Capes, hoaxer par excellence, who

was arrested here in a small hotel Friday night with Mrs. Robert Watkins, who disappeared from her home in Henderson at the same time Caddell left for parts unknown after posing as a government agent, will get a chance to display his repertoire of tricks in Vance Superior court, where he will be brought to trial for seduction and probably for false arrest, assault and impersonating an officer.

Caddell was removed from the city jail here to the jail at Henderson by Sheriff J. E. Hamlett, of Vance county yesterday morning. Sheriff Hamlett arrived here late Friday afternoon, and joined Sgt. D. E. High and Detective E. L. Myers in apprehending Caddell. The woman was not detained. She stated she was out of funds, however, and requested Sheriff Hamlett to take her back to Henderson to her home and four children, one of whom was ill with pneumonia when she left home. The officer complied with her request.

Mrs. Watkins gave no motive for leaving home other than she was "not herself." Local officers who have talked Caddell and checked up on his past record, are inclined to the opinion that Caddell, or Capes, is not quite "himself" either.

What has puzzled the officers here and elsewhere is why Caddell should pose as a federal agent and have two innocent men, "Doc" Cowan and J. E. Dunningham, locked up in the Henderson jail as suspects in the fatal shooting of Mrs. W. W. Mason in Harnett county only to skip out immediately afterward with still another man's wife.

It was learned by officers here that Caddell at one time did some undercover work for federal authorities, although he was not commissioned to do the work nor did he receive any remuneration for his self-imposed activities, it was stated.

Last year Caddell was in Farmville, Va., and hinted that his neck had been broken in an automobile accident. An ambulance was called from Danville and the "injured" man taken to a hospital in the latter city. Physicians probed and prodded, examined him thoroughly but were unable to find any dislocated vertebrae. It developed that Caddell was able to throw his neck out of joint, or at least to give the appearance of a broken neck. The hospital officials caught on to the trick and Caddell was tried for perpetrating a fraud on the hospital. He was convicted and sent to the city farm, from which he escaped and was never caught.

He worked something of the same trick at Henderson and had better success. During his period of "convalescence" he made his home with Robert Watkins, the man whose wife he abducted, and who was found with her in Henderson.

Caddell, formerly a resident of Greensboro, was arrested here a few years ago under the name of Capes for aiding and abetting in prostitution at a small hotel. On April 30, 1932, he was held for investigation in Washington. At Raleigh, during 1933, he was convicted of immorality and given six months. It was June 12, 1934, that he was tried on the Danville charge under the name of James Jefferson Capes. Two months later he was tried in Richmond, Va., on a charge of larceny and given three months.

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Around Town

No Figures Ready—No final figures on the Salvation Army's Home Service Appeal campaign, which ended last Saturday, were available today. Fred B. Hight, chairman of the campaign, said today he hoped to have a full report ready by tomorrow.

Tags To Go On Sale—Henderson's new city automobile license plates for 1936 will go on sale in a few days, or as soon as proper records for the registrations have been furnished by the printer, City Clerk S. B. Burwell said today. The numbers start at 1,091 and run to 2,200 for a total of 1,209 in all.

WAS WIFE OF WORKMAN AT NEW HIGH SCHOOL; SHIP BODY TO GEORGIA

Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Cooper Strand, 20, wife of Peter Strand, brick mason employed at the new Henderson high school here, died of pneumonia at Martin Parish hospital early today after an illness of eight days. The couple had lived here for the past four months, during which time Mr. Strand worked on the high school project.

Mrs. Strand was a native of Winston, Ga., where she was born June 1, 1906. The body will be shipped early tomorrow to Winston for burial.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at Barnes Funeral Home, in charge of Rev. A. S. Hark, pastor of the First Baptist church here. The deceased had been a member of the Baptist church at Winston, Ga., for 15 years.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Strand is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Cooper, of Georgia, the former being a native of Folkston and the latter of Ludowick, Georgia. Surviving also are two brothers, Willie and James T. Cooper, both of Ocean, Fla.

TWO COUPLES GET MARRIAGE PAPERS

Two colored couples secured license to wed at the register of deeds office Saturday. They were from Henderson. The couples were Robert Williams and Mary Warren, Haywood Vaughan and Beatrice Dorsey.

H. T. Morris Resigns On ABC Board

No Reason Given in Letter to Chairman Watkins; He Is Still Serving, However.

Henry T. Morris has sent his resignation as a member of the Vance County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to Chairman Samuel M. Watkins of the Vance Board of County Commissioners, it was learned today. He has been requested by Mr. Watkins to continue in office until the January meeting of the county commissioners, when his successor will probably be chosen.

Mr. Morris is one of the three members of the ABC board named by the commissioners to manage the ABC store authorized by the voters of the county last June, and which was opened for business on Monday, July 15. The other two members of the board are T. H. Crudup, chairman, and George A. Rose, Sr.

Mr. Morris has had strong hopes all along that the county-owned and operated liquor store was a step toward better control of the liquor situation. At different times since the liquor store was opened, various arrests have been made of defendants charged with the illegal handling of liquor, and in nearly every instance jury trials were called for in the recorder's or police courts and acquittals resulting. While it is understood that this condition was not pleasing to Mr. Morris, the extent to which that may or may not have been a factor in his resignation from the board was not learned.

When asked today about rumors about town that he had resigned, Mr. Morris only replied that "you can hear anything." Mr. Crudup would not state that Mr. Morris had resigned, but said he met with the ABC board at a session this morning.

HOLD MEETING ON OLD AGE PENSIONS

S. G. Daniel, of Littleton, Tells of Meeting in Raleigh January 10.

A meeting in the interest of enactment of a State measure to parallel the Federal social security act is to be held in Raleigh on Friday, January 10, according to a message from S. G. Daniel, Littleton attorney, received here today. His form letter said he was acting as secretary to a local club in his county, and stated that "we will ask for \$10 to \$15 per month to begin payment promptly."

He said he was writing similar letters to others in the State.

"I am writing to you," the letter began, "with the confident desire that you can and will help out in the enactment in the next legislature of some law to form a receiving line in accord with the Federal law, which will be paid to the persons entitled, when the State General Assembly provides a law and makes a way to pay it, which can and would be done provided we elect men to the next legislature who really favor it. I am pleading to you to come to the relief of we old and worn out workmen, who are fast passing life's last milestone."

"You can do this if you and some others from your county will meet others in Raleigh at the Capitol, for the purpose of organizing a Statewide committee to put in action a force in this great State who wants the old age pension law to put North Carolina in a position to get what the government has for us, when we prepare to receive it. Why allow our money to go elsewhere. Help us."

"Can you come or send two good men to a meeting at Raleigh at 12 o'clock January 10, 1936, to attend a group of people to organize a fighting force—Come."

BRICK WORK ABOUT ENDED FOR SCHOOL

Windowpanes Being Placed On Front and Side; Structure Is Pushed

Nearly all of the brick work on the new Henderson high school has been finished, and in a part of the building window frames have been placed, together with the sash, and windowpanes are now being put in at places on the front and side.

The huge limestone slab over the second story at the main entrance has already been put into place, bearing the inscription, "Henderson High School."

The brick walls to the rear, where will be located the auditorium and the gymnasium, have almost been completed.

The contractors are endeavoring to have as much as possible of the building finished and closed in before the severe weather of the winter sets in. If that stage of the construction program can be reached, the inside work can be carried on despite the cold and the snow and rain.

There has been general hope and expectation that the building will be finished in time for the holding of the high school commencement exercises next spring. It is believed that this can be done.

MRS. STRAND DIES AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

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SCOUT HONOR COURT BE HELD TUESDAY

The Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held Tuesday, evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Episcopal Parish House. An interesting program has been arranged and all scouts, scoutmasters, and friends of scouting are urged to come. We invite especially the parents of the scouts that they may see something of the type of work in which their sons are engaged. The presentation of awards will follow immediately after the program.

At five o'clock in the Parish House the members of the Scout Council will meet with Mr. Humphries, the executive. As there are some business matters of importance to be discussed all the scout officers are expected to be present.

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

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1. Above what lake at Ithaca, N. Y. is Cornell University?
 2. Where is Alcatraz Island Penitentiary?
 3. In which state is the city of Painesville?
 4. Has the amount of silver in United States coins been changed within the last few years?
 5. Who were the founders of the International Working Men's Association established in 1864?
 6. What is the term of an American patent?
 7. In which state is the city of Corning?
 8. For whom was the John Day River in Oregon named?
 9. Where were the famous Paisley shawls made?
 10. What is snuff?

Tobacco Break Is Unusually Big One

While no official figures were available, it was evident that the break on the Henderson tobacco market was a very large one, and it was thought that there would be a blocked sale for the day. Tobacco for sale today began coming to town on Saturday, and several of the houses were well filled by the hour for the start of the double sales today. Judging by the number of automobiles parked adjacent to the business section of the city, and the number of people in town, it was one of the largest breaks in recent weeks on the local market.

Sales will cease with the close of business next Friday and a four week holiday will be observed over the Christmas-New Year period. Sales will resume again on Monday, January 13, 1936, according to the schedule.

WALLS FINISHED ON NEW ROSE BUILDING

Rapid Progress Being Made On Warehouse For Large Chain Company

All of the brick work has been completed on the new warehouse property of Rose's 5-10-25c Stores, facing on Breckenridge street, and the roof is now being placed.

The building fronts 100 feet on Breckenridge street and runs back 200 feet to connect with a lot that extends back in from Winder street opposite the rear of the large three-story Rose building in which are located the chain company's Henderson store and the home offices of the corporation.

B. H. Mixon is the contractor for the construction program, and expects to have the entire building completed and ready for use by the Rose company around the first of the year.

The company plans to transfer its warehouse on East Montgomery street to the new building, and also the warehouse quarters on the third floor of the main Rose building here. The stock room for the Henderson store will then be moved from the rear of the second floor to the third floor, and the general offices here will occupy the entire second floor of the building.

The new structure was made necessary because of the rapid growth and expansion of the organization, which is now operating 87 stores in five southern states.

Decorations For Christmas Being Erected in City

Last of the decorations in the shopping district of the city were being placed today, and it was considered certain that the job would be completed and the illuminations turned on by either tonight or tomorrow night.

The lights, owned by the city, are being placed by J. R. Carter, Jr., local electrician, while a Richmond concern is placing the galax streamers and wreaths and the banners and pennants bearing Christmas sentiments.

Funds for the decorations were donated by business houses, and the money was solicited by representatives of the civic clubs.

ANOTHER ROOF FIRE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

A fire on the roof of the home of Joe Renn in North Henderson at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon did an estimated damage of \$10 before firemen could extinguish it with the aid of the booster pump on the fire engine. The alarm was telephoned to the station.

Santa Claus To Visit Henderson

Coming By Plane December 19, On Pre-Christmas Visit Sponsored By Local Business Concerns.

Santa Claus, that genial old gentleman from the North Pole will drop down from the clouds and pay Henderson a visit on Thursday, December 19, according to a message received here today. Santa will arrive by plane and leave in the same manner it was stated.

The purpose of this visit, which is being sponsored by a group of local merchants, is to give Santa more first hand information about Henderson prior to his regular visit on the night of December 24. Santa is coming in advance just to look around and see what's what, and get a line on the local situation in order that he may not have to waste time when he gets here Christmas Eve night. It was also stated that he wanted to check up on certain little boys and girls in and around Henderson whose behavior has not been so good recently.

Santa sent word that he wanted to see all the children when he gets here on December 19, and extends them a cordial invitation to listen for his plane when it arrives and come down the street to meet him. He will make a personal appearance on the stage at the Stevenson Theatre and will also make personal visits to the various stores sponsoring his visit here.

The plane bearing Santa to Henderson will be piloted by a veteran transport pilot and will be landed at some point near the city, where Santa will be met by a large group, after which he will head a parade through the business streets of the city before visiting the theatre and the stores.

STREET SALESMEN MUST GET PERMITS

Welfare Officer and Police To Co-Operate in Curbing Practice.

Mrs. E. R. Austin, Vance county welfare officer, made it very clear today that it was against the law of North Carolina for children to sell candies and the like on the city streets, for boys to shine shoes and for blind and cripples to sell there without first obtaining permits from her to do so.

She stated today that some of this was being done, and with the Christmas season just beginning, she was expected this form of unlawfulness to increase. She made this statement today, and has the cooperation of Chief of Police J. H. Langston in putting a stop to such tactics.

Teachers To Get December Checks Before Holidays

Vance county teachers will get their pay checks for the month of December before they go home for the holidays, it was learned today at the office of the superintendent of schools. The funds will be made available here by the State School Commission in time for distribution of the checks prior to departure of the teachers.

The month will come to a close on Tuesday, December 17. School will close for the holidays on Friday following that date, or December 20, and will resume on Thursday, January 2. About 16,000 to \$17,000 will be distributed by the schools to the teachers and others connected with the organization.

COTTRELL CAPTURES 25 GALLONS LIQUOR

Seizure Made at Wesley Hughes But Officer Makes No Arrest

E. A. Cottrell, Vance ABC officer with the aid of State Highway Patrolman T. E. Cooke, Jr., and Deputy Sheriff J. M. Mitchell, captured 25 gallons of bootleg corn whiskey Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock at Wesley Hughes place in North Henderson. Cottrell did not arrest Hughes for possessing the whiskey, merely telling him to come to see him today. Cottrell said he would not arrest Hughes until something had been done to make it possible to get a conviction in court.

The whiskey captured was placed in the sheriff's vault at the court house along with the 111 gallons taken from George Perry last week.

Group To Attend Scout Meeting In Raleigh Tonight

A group of Boy Scout officials and workers went to Raleigh this afternoon to attend the annual meeting of the Oconeechee Council, to be held there tonight. Officers for the year are to be elected at the meeting, and plans for the work in 1936 are to be discussed.

The meeting embraces all of the territory in the Oconeechee Council, which includes Henderson, Durham, Raleigh, Oxford, Louisburg, Dux, Sanford, and Wake Forest.

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