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A BAND OF BURGLARS ROUNDED UP BY POLICE.

The City Police Department
Makes a Big Haul.

A DOZEN VICIOUS NEGROES SENT UP TO CHAINGANG.

For Several Months Past They
Had Been Plying Their Ne-
farious Trade in This City
—Many Homes and Several
Business Houses Have Been
Entered and Robbed.

One of the prettiest and most commendable pieces of work that has been accredited to the Henderson police department in a long time was the rounding up during the latter part of last week of an organized band of burglars and thieves that have infested this city for several months past, and as a direct result of this good work about a dozen worthless and vicious negroes are now serving terms of from five to eighteen months on the chaingang. Nothing has happened in Henderson lately that has caused more general satisfaction and universal approval.

Two or three of these negroes were captured and sent up several days ago, but the real den of thieves was not discovered and broken up until last Friday and Saturday, when seven or eight more were apprehended by the police, tried in the Recorder's Court, convicted and sentenced to the roads as follows: Joe Reavis, fifteen months; John H. Perry, five months; Will Satterwhite, twelve months; Silvestus Roberts, twelve months; Will Johnson, six months; Tom Johnson, sixteen months, and John Harris, eighteen months. The evidence against them was conclusive, practically all of them being "found with the goods on them," and they took their medicine without offering to appeal to the higher court.

A very simple thing led to the detection and rounding up of this notorious gang. Policeman Champion, who has for some time been keeping a close watch-out for some clue to the many burglaries and robberies that have been taking place here, happened to notice a suspicious negro with a new watch and at once took him into custody. He said he got the watch from another negro, and the other negro was promptly arrested. The blame was passed on to a third negro and he was arrested. In this way John Harris, one of the gang, was finally apprehended. The evidence against him was all sufficient and he was sentenced to the chaingang for a term of eighteen months.

Policeman Champion was satisfied that Harris could tell a great deal if he only would, and so kept urging him to make a clean breast of the whole affair. At first Harris showed little inclination to give away his pals. But when the officers started with him to the chaingang where he was to serve an eighteen months sentence, he handed Mr. Champion a list of the names of the whole gang and told him of different places where he would find stolen goods that had been taken from the Watkins Hardware Company's store about three weeks ago and from another store more recently. Warrants for all the negroes named by Harris, and also search warrants for their quarters, were at once secured. The arrest of the negroes and the search of their premises followed immediately.

Besides finding a considerable bunch of the stolen goods at the home of James Swett, who had received and stored them knowing them to be stolen, practically every one of the negroes was found to have a nice pistol and other articles on his person, the same having recently been stolen from the Watkins Hardware Company's store or some other store in town. The negroes and the stolen articles were at once brought into the Recorder's Court, and Recorder Powell made short work of the whole business, passing sentences on them

as above stated. To Policeman Champion is due most of the credit for this good work.

For several months past Henderson has been infested with an organized band of burglars and thieves who have been operating in one part of the city or another with marked frequency. During all the summer and fall they have been plying their trade, and many homes and several business houses have been entered, plundered and robbed. Sometimes two or three homes would be entered the same night. It seemed next to impossible to gain any clue to the identity of the perpetrators. For this reason they had become so emboldened that they did not hesitate to enter private sleeping apartments to carry on their plundering, and the people of the city had come to feel little security from them. The police department seemed powerless to do anything, and was severely censured by many.

About three weeks ago the Watkins Hardware Company's store was entered one night and a number of pistols and other articles were taken, by whom nobody knew or could even guess. A few nights later one of the Jew stores was burglarized and various articles were appropriated. But most of these articles were found in the raid last Friday and Saturday by the police department. There were pistols, watches and jewelry galore, along with numerous articles of personal apparel, all of which were promptly identified by the proprietors of the stores robbed.

Of course it is not definitely known that this is the same gang that has been burglarizing residences for several months past, but it is so believed by many. And while this is quite a good haul to start with, it is believed that there are still others who have not yet been apprehended and brought to justice. It is therefore very important that the police department keep up its vigilance until the last burglar in the city is run down.

Miss Ada Daniel won the \$20 gold watch this week for securing the largest number of votes in the Gold Leaf's contest during the past week. Miss Helen Moore won the second prize, a \$5 bamboo music stand, which was given by the Hughes-Smaw Furniture Company.

Great Week For Contest.

This has been a great week for the Gold Leaf's big subscription contest. The number of subscriptions turned in was almost if not quite double that of any former week of the contest. But if the weather is favorable most of the incoming week, we may safely predict that next week's report will be even better. Contestants who are in earnest, and we presume all of them are, can not afford to overlook the great opportunity to pile up votes from now until next Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. It is the best one yet, and the best one that will be at all.

Entertainment.

The young people of Townsville will give an entertainment at the box plant on the evening of December 26th. The entertainment, a comedy—"The Superior Sex"—will be given under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church and will be given for its benefit. Performance will begin at 7 o'clock. Oysters will be served later. Admission: 25 and 15 cents.

Why She Loved Horses.

Pastor—now, look here, my man, your wife does love you.
Parishioner—Why, how do you know?

Pastor—It's an old saying that a woman who loves horses, loves her husband, and your wife certainly loves horses, so—

Parishioner (interrupting)—You bet she loves anything she can drive around.—Gus Williams.

Some people never appreciate a favor until they need another.

SPLENDID NEW BUILDING FOR FIRST NATIONAL.

Work On It Will Be Begun
In the Early Spring.

WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON
STRICTLY MODERN PLANS.

All Plans Are Now Complete and
Contract Will Soon Be Awarded
—Will Be the Finest Building
To Date in Henderson.

Plans have been completed for the very handsome and substantial new four-story building for the First National Bank of this city, which is to be erected next year, work on same to begin in the early spring. This splendid structure will occupy the vacant lot on Garnett street, from which the Rowland old building was removed quite recently. This is a most desirable location, being right in the center of the town. A more convenient site would be hard to find.

The new structure will be strictly modern in all of its plans and arrangements. The dimensions will be 35x85 feet, four stories and basement. In addition to commodious quarters for the bank, it will contain a number of fine private office rooms, and the plans fully indicate that it will be the finest and best building in the city so far. It will be erected at an approximate cost of \$35,000, and will do much credit not only to the First National Bank but to Henderson and Vance county as well.

All of the materials used in its construction will be of the best. The walls will be of pressed brick with stone and terra cotta exterior. It will have tile floors and marble wainscoting and fixtures, and will be a fire-proof building. There will be an electric elevator and convenient and elegant stairways. It will be lighted by electricity and heated by steam from bottom to top, and will have all the conveniences that are found in strictly modern buildings.

This fine new building will be a feather in Henderson's cap, and would do decided credit to a city several times the size of ours. It will furnish the most elegant bank quarters in this section of North Carolina. The First National is to be congratulated on its enterprise and progressiveness in planning this splendid new structure, which is to be the beginning of even a better and more modern class of business houses and other buildings in this city.

Kittrell News Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Barnes have gone to Richmond.

Miss Wallenia Moore, of Florida, is visiting friends at this place.

Mr. V. H. Ballard, of Greensboro, visited Mrs. C. H. Blacknall recently.

Mr. Rivers McNeill, of Chicago, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Mitcher Crudup.

Mrs. C. H. Blacknall and Master C. H. Blacknall left Wednesday for Greensboro.

Miss Lautina Williams is now at home from the Woman's College at Richmond for the holidays.

Mrs. T. C. Harris and children, of Atlanta, have arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams.

Miss Mildred Pirie, who is a student at St. Mary's, after visiting Mrs. T. H. Crudup and Miss Kate Blacknall, has returned to her home at Williamston.

A most delightful meeting of the Book Club was held Saturday at the hospitable home of Mrs. G. A. Kittrell, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

There is something doing in the Gold Leaf office these days. Besides the regular run of work, which is heavy, it requires one printer about half his time to place new subscribers on the mailing galleys and move up the dates of old ones.

What is more unfair than some specimens of the fair sex?

DABNEY NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. J. B. Burroughs spent Sunday at Oxford.

Mr. J. E. Ellington spent Sunday at Dexter.

Mr. J. B. Boyd went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Miss Mamie Kimball visited at Mrs. Glover's last Friday.

The weather is getting cold for Christmas which will soon be here.

Mrs. James H. Harris has been very sick lately, but is better now.

Mrs. J. W. Raney is very sick and her friends hope she will soon be well.

Miss Jewell Glover will go off to school after Christmas also Mr. J. D. Glover.

Miss Lottie Hart, Mr. J. S. Roysur, Mayor J. H. Harris, Messrs. U. S. and Nabert Daniel spent Saturday at Henderson.

Mr. E. S. Glover is driving the nicest pair of black mules that have ever been in this county. They are nice, pretty mules.

Misses Mattie Harris, Annie Loyd and Rufus Daniel, of Macon, will be the guests of Misses Mettie and Lillian Harris next week.

Mr. Brodie Wilson has moved from Dabney to the Capt. W. T. Hardy old place near Williamsboro. We wish him much success in his new home.

We now have within one-half mile of the postoffice 133 inhabitants. Dabney now looks like a little town, don't it? Let's incorporate it. Get busy.

Mrs. J. T. Harris, Mrs. W. T. Nichles, Mrs. J. W. Burroughs, Miss Jewell Glover, Mr. J. M. Satterwhite and Mr. Tom Ivey spent Tuesday in Henderson.

Mr. Glover is still wearing the badge for high priced tobacco. He will of course get the prize buggy. We think he ought to have it and we believe he will get it.

Mayor Harris likes Henderson. He says he is going to buy him a train and have a street car line, too, from Dabney to Henderson. He is a man with the right kind of spirit. Let the good work go on. We will get the town incorporated soon if Mr. Harris stays with us. We think he is satisfied here and will stay.

Mr. W. N. Wilborne is moving to Dabney this week. We are glad to have Mr. Wilborne and family with us. We need good people. If we could get rid of all the bad people and fill their places with good ones it would be better. But let's think they are all good and be friendly. That's what we need, to all be friendly and neighborly. We want to live right. Let's do it.

Teach the Children How to Handle Firearms.

(Progressive Farmer.)
Let us call attention to one kind of accident which children should be taught to avoid, and this is accident from firearms. Scarcely do we pick up a newspaper that we do not read with horror of the frightful accidents which befall children from firearms carelessly left about by parents and relatives. In the first place, we as a people might well curtail the use of firearms in every day life. As a means of protection a gun rarely ever protects and is more often a menace to the peace and harmony of communities. Secondly, if firearms are necessary to daily living it is the imperative duty of each adult of the household to see that such are well out of reach of the children. Thirdly, children should be brought up to treat every pistol, rifle or gun as if it were loaded. Hundreds of persons are shot every year by people who are "certain" that their weapons are not loaded.

Suppose you do a little hustling on your own account for your favorite contestant during the next few days and help her pile up votes under the special offer for the coming week. Your help right now will do her more good than at any future time.

There may be people who are beneath flattery, but did you ever see anyone who was above it?

CHRISTMAS OFFER OF 25,000 FREE VOTES TO CONTESTANTS.

Positively the Largest Offer of Free Votes That
Will Be Made During This Contest—Now Is
the Time For All Contestants to Work.

The manager of the Gold Leaf's big subscription contest wishes to give every contestant at least 25,000 free votes as a Christmas present, and it will be quite possible for them to win 50,000 to 75,000 and even a larger number of free votes under the terms of this offer, and it is therefore squarely up to each contestant to get busy and make the best of this offer as it is going to count for much in the windup.

OUR BIG FREE VOTE OFFER FOR THIS WEEK.

For every \$15 turned in on this contest between now and Wednesday evening, December 27th, at 6 o'clock, we will give 25,000 free votes. Under this splendid offer \$30 will secure 50,000 free votes, and \$45 75,000 free votes, and so on. We do not limit you to any amount you may turn in. The more the better for your cause. But we propose to give you 25,000 free votes for every \$15 you turn in, and proportionate votes for all over that amount.

THIS WILL BE YOUR BEST OPPORTUNITY.

Positively this is the largest offer of bonus votes that will be made during this contest, and we guarantee the fulfillment of this promise. This offer is made to contestants in consideration of the fact that this is the Christmas season and as a special inducement to them and their friends to work during the holidays. We hope every contestant will take full advantage of this great opportunity to pile up votes against the final day of the contest, which is now not very far off.

The contest manager or anyone in the Gold Leaf office will take pleasure in explaining this offer fully to any contestant who might not understand it or any particular feature about it.

RELATIVE STANDING OF CONTESTANTS THIS WEEK.

	BOBBITT.	
Miss Clara Young	201 950	
	WATKINS.	
Miss Kate Bobbitt	173 250	
	RIDGEWAY.	
Miss Helen Moore	252 250	
	HENDERSON.	
Miss Miriam Smaw	185 800	
Mrs. J. C. Champion	268 000	
	HENDERSON R. F. D. NO. 1.	
Miss Ada Daniel	274 125	
	HENDERSON R. F. D. NO. 3.	
Miss Rosa K. Parham	254 500	
	KITTRELL.	
Miss Florence Stone	85 250	
	TOWNSVILLE.	
Miss Hazeltine Harris	220 125	
	DABNEY.	
Miss Ethel Ellington	25 750	

Notes from Hawkins Avenue.

Prof. E. M. Rollins spent last Sunday with Mr. J. W. Coghill.

Mr. W. H. Finch, of Bobbitt, spent last week with her father, Mr. J. A. Gill.

Miss Sue H. Watkins spent part of last week with Miss Florie Kittrell.

Mr. E. O. Pardue and children visited his sister, Mrs. J. W. Coghill, Sunday.

Mrs. P. H. Gill spent several days of the past week with her sister at Roanoke Rapids.

Miss Addie Ellington will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Ellington.

Mr. Clarence Gill has returned home after having spent several days with relatives at Raleigh.

Mr. S. P. Brummitt attended the Farmers' Convention, which was held at Wilson the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Parks and little son, Joseph Kittrell, spent part of last week with Mrs. J. W. Coghill.

Miss Carrie Gill, who attends the State Normal College, is at her lovely country home spending the holidays with her father, Mr. J. A. Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gill and children left Thursday for Wilmington, where they are to attend the Taylor-Johnson marriage, and also spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Hereafter contestants will make their reports privately to the contest manager, one at a time, and others will be given no opportunity whatever to ascertain what any contestant has accomplished until it is announced in the paper. This is for the purpose of safe guarding the interests of each and all the contestants.

Axe Handle Contest Closes.

The axe handle contest, which has been conducted by the Watkins Hardware Company since the first of September, closed yesterday, and the prizes were awarded to the successful contestants. Seventy-five farmer boys, under nineteen years of age, in Vance and adjoining counties, took part in the contest and sent in seventy-five nice hickory axe handles that they had made with such tools as they had on hand. The prize handle sold for \$1.00. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Jack Oakley, of Henderson, first prize—\$25.00 Stevens Shot gun.

Howard Jones, of Elberon, second prize—\$15.00 Winchester rifle.

J. R. Wortham, of Oxford, third prize—10.00 Texas riding saddle.

P. C. Eastwood, of Townsville, fourth prize—\$3.50 hunting coat.

Samuel Hunt, of Kittrell, fifth prize—\$2.00 beauty razor.

Clarence Johnson, of Bobbitt, sixth prize—\$1.00 Boker pocket knife.

The judges were, Messrs. T. H. Aycock, Ed. Finch, W. P. Gholson, D. I. Langston and Henry Polston.

Much interest has been taken in this contest ever since the beginning, and the Watkins Hardware Company gave away some valuable prizes to the successful contestants. Some of the winners were very young boys, one only fourteen years of age, and all went home rejoicing over what they had won and the trade that they had learned.

Mrs. Wallace Phelps and little daughter, Elizabeth, of Oxford, are visiting relatives in the city.