

Otto Wood, in "Death Row," Wins Sympathy of Flappers.

Raleigh, February 24.—Otto Wood has written his last piece for the papers and given his last interview for a long time.

Prison officials advised today that the state's champion jail-breaker, just back from his fourth A. W. O. L., wouldn't be at home to newspaper interviewers any more. While out in the open spaces he had ample opportunities to express himself in print, and he did it some. Now that he has returned to his old quarters, he will be accorded all the rights of privacy.

It's like this, Superintendent George Ross Pou explained. Everybody knows what Mr. Wood will say any way. He will say that he is a good boy at heart and that the prison authorities do not understand him. He should not suffer like this just because he ran away to see his wife and children. Anyhow, if Governor McLean will discharge Mr. Pou he will promise to be law abiding forever more, amen.

That at any rate was all he ever said when every newspaper column in the state was open to him. And more publicity along that line, Mr.

Pou feared, will only serve to increase the volume of mail coming to the prison from sentimentalists all over the state.

Otto Wood has broken more feminine hearts than any prisoner who ever slipped a penitentiary gate.

The announcement from the prison that his confinement hereafter would be solitary enough to insure his safe-keeping brought a storm of tear-stained appeals in the delicate hand writing of the weaker sex. The writers could not bear to think of the dear boy being put in a dark cell where he couldn't see the sunshine nor read the news of the day.

Of course, Mr. Wood is not in such solitary quarters as that; and Mr. Pou led the press around to Death Row so the world might see just how he is fixed up.

The cell is just like any other cell in the prison, except that he is denied the companionship of the prisoners in the yard. His row holds a dozen other men, all of them up for murder, but they are under sentence of death, whereas Wood, up for murder, too, may still hope to get out some day.

Mr. Wood, so Superintendent Pou said gets the same kind of mattress

BABY IS LEFT IN CAR OF DUNN RESIDENT

Girl Child, Apparently About Four Weeks Old, is Well Developed and Weighs 12 Pounds.

Dunn, March 6.—Baby girl apparently, about four weeks old, was left in the car of I. V. Snipes, well known Dunn business man, while the car was parked in the driveway at his home early last night. The child is well developed and weighs about 12 pounds. Local officers have been unable to find any clue as to who placed the infant in the car.

The baby was wrapped in two new blankets and with it was found a bottle of milk. The bottle bore the name of a Fayetteville drug store. It was while Mr. Snipes was at his evening meal that the baby was placed in the car. Members of the family heard the baby crying and upon investigation were much surprised at their finding of the infant. The baby was taken to Erwin and placed in the Good Hope hospital and later will be turned over to the county welfare department.

to sleep on that 1,800 other prisoners get, he gets the same food, the same opportunity to write letters to his relatives that other prisoners in his grade have and the same opportunity to read, but he can't get out into the yard to play.

There are too many gates about. He has a knot hole view of the front lawn and flower garden through the narrow barred windows of the "row." Every morning and every evening he is taken out for exercise, having the run of the "row" to limber up his legs, but after each period of exercise he must go back to his stall.

Wood, it was said, may hope to get out some day, and Mr. Pou disclosed that arrangements are being made now to find a job for him. The prison is organizing a camp for incorrigibles who will be put to work in a quarry. Wood qualifies for a place in that camp. Half hundred prisoners who can't be trusted without watching, and who do not like to work when watched, will share in the job.

A contractor has agreed to take all the rock they may break. He will not pay for the men by the day but by the load. The regular force of prisoners are worked by the day, usually at the rate of \$2.50 per man, but the incorrigibles are too uncertain in their output. Besides, they need a close guard, as Otto has demonstrated.

The new camp will be organized in the next 60 or 90 days. Until then Otto will have plenty of time on his hands just sitting around in his cell. He may write another book if he wants to, but he will not write anything for the newspapers. Sales of his first book, incidentally, continue to pile up. His escape gave good advertising to the little volume that purports to tell of his life and which stands out as the best seller among North Carolina literary productions.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate. North Carolina, Surry county. By virtue of authority vested in me in a certain deed of trust executed the 21st day of December, 1923 by W. F. Ward and wife Ila Ward to Fred Folger, Trustee for Folger, Jackson and Folger to secure an indebtedness of \$50.00, said deed of trust having been assigned to E. F. Ward, and said deed of trust being duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry county in book 58, at page 13, default having been made in the payment of the notice thereon secured and at the request of the hold-

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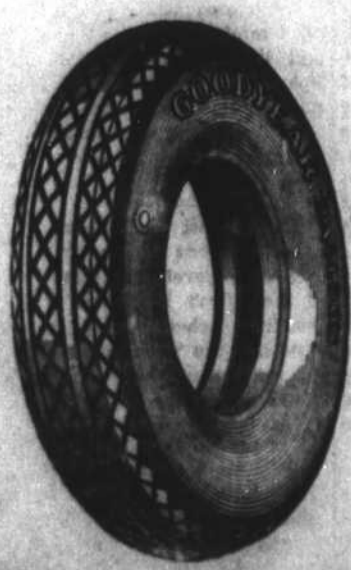
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