

A. W. George Is Freed by Governor

New At His Home in Elkin—Bank Cashier Served Three Years and Eight Months.

J. W. George, ex-bank cashier of Elkin, has completed paying the state for his violation of the banking laws by serving three years and eight months in the state penitentiary at Raleigh.

The Elkin Tribune, published in the home town of Mr. George, had the following to say of his return:

"After serving a prison sentence for violation of the state banking laws, A. W. George, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of this city during the final years of its existence, is now at home with his wife and children and his aged mother.

"July Fourth was Independence Day in the strictest sense to the former school teacher and banker who on that day was given his freedom by the Governor of North Carolina, his term having been shortened from five years to three years and eight months.

"In his haste to get back to his home and loved ones, Mr. George did not forget to bring along a package of priceless treasures which he would never willingly part with, a huge packet of letters from former pupils, men who knew him in his youth, and who never lost faith in him, even in the days of his life behind the bars.

"One of the most appealing letters among the thousands in the packet came from Louis K. Biringi, who drifted into western North Carolina from his native land when but a boy of tender age and learned his alphabet under the instruction of Mr. George.

"While grievous errors were perhaps made by the ex-cashier and many have had to suffer from the consequences, it is the opinion of many that he profited not a single dollar by his mistakes. During his prison days, Mr. George was given every consideration possible by Superintendent Pou and was permitted to come home many times, without escort."

Jacksons Say Now is the Time to Buy.

R. E. Jackson returned from the northern markets last Saturday, where he went to purchase goods to offer the buyers in the big summer sale of Jackson Bros. Department Store.

"This store has recently secured the services of Miss Blannis Frazier, of Hickory, who will have supervision of their ready-to-wear department on the second floor. Miss Frazier has had considerable experience with this line and comes to our city highly recommended."

COUNTRY CLUB OFFICERS NAMED

Stockholders Adopt By-Laws and Elect Officers and Directors.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Mount Airy Country Club was held last Thursday night when the by-laws were adopted and the charter accepted.

The following officers and committees have been elected: E. H. Kochtitzky, president; J. G. Harrison, 1st vice-president; Dr. E. C. Ashby, 2nd vice president; H. M. Foy, secretary and treasurer.

Directors: E. H. Kochtitzky, J. D. Sargent, J. R. Smith, Dr. E. C. Ashby, H. M. Foy, A. P. Turnmyre, J. F. Weather, W. Fulton, J. G. Harrison.

Membership Committee: J. F. Prather, W. F. Carter, Jr., G. C. Lovill.

House Committee: Dr. E. C. Ashby, E. M. Linville, John Sobotta.

Golf Committee: J. G. Harrison, A. P. Turnmyre, C. R. Merritt.

Tennis Committee: W. Fulton, Z. M. Smith, Dr. John Ashby.

The club is composed of the following members and stockholders:

C. W. Andrew, Dr. E. C. Ashby, Dr. John L. Ashby, Geo. A. Bailey, Dr. John E. Banner, J. H. Banner, T. C. Barber, Fred Deane, Martin Bennett, Dr. H. Bernard, Criss Binder, W. J. Byerly, W. F. Carter, Jr., W. W. Carter, W. H. Carter, J. Sanford Chilton, W. W. Christian, D. H. Cooke, T. G. Fawcett, H. M. Foy, W. Fulton, E. D. George, W. B. Hadley, S. M. Hale, J. G. Harrison, F. L. Hatcher, W. E. Haymere, Dr. H. E. Hoge, W. B. Hines, Dr. J. D. Hogan, W. H. Holcomb, Dr. W. M. Hollingsworth, J. Will Hollingsworth, Miss Edna C. Homet, R. E. Inman, W. M. Johnson, E. H. Kochtitzky, L. M. Lamm, E. M. Linville, H. H. Lewellyn, G. C. Lovill, J. W. Lovill, Dr. Moir S. Martin, Geo. E. Marshall, C. R. Merritt, Will D. Merritt, W. E. Merritt, Jr., O. K. Merritt, E. A. Mickey, Dr. R. C. Mitchell, W. B. Partridge, M. A. Pendleton, J. F. Prather, J. Will Prather, John W. Prather, H. R. Robertson, T. R. Robertson, J. D. Sargent, J. R. Sargent, J. R. Smith, J. D. Smith, J. D. Smith, Jr., F. W. Smith, Miss Irene Smith, Z. M. Smith, E. G. Smith, John Sobotta, M. H. Sparger, William Sydnor, Gray B. Sydnor, A. P. Turnmyre, A. G. Webb, C. M. Whitlock, C. L. Whitman, H. O. Woltz, J. F. Yockey, O. H. Yockey, J. B. Yockey.

Merchants Association Preparing Rating Books

Blank forms for the rating of customers are now in the hands of the members of the Merchants Association of this city and as soon as these can be filled out a rate book of more than 6,000 people who live in and around Mount Airy will be issued for the benefit of the members.

Secretary Wolts says the books will not be ready for use for a month or more and in the meantime he suggests that customers make an effort to straighten up their accounts where such have been long past due and make an effort to get an A-1 rating.

Heavy Rainfall in This City.

Rainfall amounting to 2.3 inches fell here Friday in the early afternoon according to the official gauge kept by the city water department. No damage was done by the rain, which seemed to be local, practically no rainfall occurring at the same time just a few miles from town.

Two Martinsville, Va., Youths Brought Here for Auto Theft

If you think you are having a hard time think for a minute of the lot of two young fellows, seventeen or eighteen, sweating down in the city prison in this city on these July days. To appreciate their predicament call for a story that may be a lesson to some young folks in these days of automobiles and a search for pleasure.

Some weeks or months ago a citizen of this city found his automobile missing one morning when he wanted it. About the same time two young men, the same being the young fellows down in the city prison, were talking about their home in Martinsville, Va. A young fellow came along with an automobile and they made talk with him.

To make bad matters worse, about this time some noise was heard that

failed to sound good to the man with the automobile, and he vanished into the darkness leaving the two boys alone with the car filled with gas and the station broken open. They were promptly arrested for breaking into the gas station, and their account of it sounded too fishy to the courts in that part of the country. The two were sent to the roads for three months and the authorities here notified.

Their term of imprisonment has just ended and last week Chief Police Lawrence, of this city, went and brought them both here to answer to the charge of stealing the automobile. The case was due to be heard last Monday, but they had no witnesses and no lawyer. Now they are going to try to show next Monday by citizens of Martinsville that they were both at home in that city at the time of the theft of the automobile in this city.

Moral: Let all and sundry be careful how they accept free rides about the country with rank strangers. You may be riding with a thief and he may skip and leave you with stolen goods on your hands. Such may have been the lot of the two boys sweating in our city prison today.

A Name is Wanted

E. A. Mickey and Millard Terry have recently opened up a new filling station on the Fancy Gap road just beyond the new concrete bridge and they are at a loss for a suitable name. In an advertisement in this issue of The News they propose to give a tank of gas to the party who drives out there, looks over the station and hands in a name that is later selected as the most suitable.

Mr. Mickey has leased the ten-acre field opposite the filling station to be used for a landing field. He is expecting to receive his airplane in a few weeks and secured a lease on the strip of land for his use.

Mrs. Creasy Suffers Broken Hip

Mrs. Edith Creasy, one of our most beloved townswomen and also one of Mount Airy's most elderly women suffered a fractured hip Wednesday evening when she fell out the back door of her home on the concrete pavement or porch. Mrs. Creasy who is nearly eighty years of age has been in feeble health for several years and after an X-Ray picture was made of the injury at the hospital which revealed the location of the break, it was found that her heart was not strong enough to permit her to be under an anesthetic long enough for the limb to be put in a plaster cast.

Mrs. Creasy's accident occurred a week ago and her many friends will be glad to know that she is holding her own and had a fairly good night Tuesday and was resting well Wednesday morning. Her daughter Mrs. B. J. Overcash, of Charlotte, has been here since the day following the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Kochtitzky Going Abroad

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kochtitzky leave Sunday for New York from which city they will sail on the Berengaria of the Cunard Line on the 19th for an extended trip to Europe. They will land in Southampton and will motor through England, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, and Germany, where they will join Mrs. Sobotta for a visit to her mother. They will also visit France, Switzerland and Italy, sailing from Naples to reach home October 10th.

Former Resident of Mount Airy Dies.

News has been received in this city of Mrs. James Calloway's death in Tennessee July 3rd. Mrs. Calloway was Miss Lucinda Franklin before her marriage. She is the great aunt of Miss Elizabeth Lovill, Jim Grover and Frank Lovill, of this city.

Ararat Section to Have New School Buildings.

Ararat, July 9.—The farmers of this section are very busy working their crops. Most of the crops are looking fairly well, except some of the tobacco is blooming or fixing to bloom. The corn is pretty good. Most of the wheat will be threshed shortly, as we can already hear the threshing machines buzzing up and getting in shape to thresh the golden grain.

As State Superintendent A. T. Allen decided that Ararat needed two new consolidated school buildings the school board is taking an active part in trying to get these buildings erected before the fall school term begins. One of these buildings is being erected over near the Bet Davis place on highway No. 66. The other building to be erected over near Mount Zion Church about one mile from Ararat station.

Mrs. Sarah Shackelford, of Ararat, section, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Peele, near Siloam. May Recover From Serious Wounds in Cutting Alfalfa. Mat Robertson, of this city, stands a good chance to recover from serious knife wounds he received at the hands of his neighbor, Mat Anderson. He is now a patient at Martin Hospital where he was carried immediately after being wounded last Wednesday about night. He was suffering from a bad wound in the abdomen and for several days there was small hope of his recovery.

The trouble between the two men originated ever some trouble between their children. It seems that first children of the two families had a difficulty and later when the two heads of the households met the matter was further discussed with the result that both parties became enraged, resulting in Anderson using his knife on Robertson with almost deadly effect. Anderson was placed under bond of \$500 awaiting trial for assault with deadly weapon. Both men are employees in the furniture factories.

Rev. J. A. Cook is holding a revival at Pleasant View near Spurger Orchard this week.

COCO-COLA COMPANY STARTS NEW HOME.

Will Have Modern Plant in New Building on Moore Street.

Contractor Mat Hines this week started construction on the new brick building on Moore Street that will be used by the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. for their home in the future. Messrs. Herman and Jackson purchased this property several months ago from A. Goldsmith and intend to have one of the most modern bottling equipments in the country when it is completed.

The building will be two-story, fronting 50 feet and running back 80 feet. A basement will be provided for the lower side of the building. A basement will contain the heating plant and the second floor will provide for storage of bottles and the syrup room.

The owners expect to spend \$25,000 in the building and equipment before it is completed.

Local Talent Play Tuesday Night

"Cupid Up To Date," biggest local talent musical comedy in the south is to be presented at the National Theatre Tuesday evening, July 19th under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of Mount Airy.

This play is absolutely unique; it contains a cast of about fifty of the most talented people in town. There are five children's choruses including children from four to twelve years of age. There are seven choruses of beautiful girls of debutante crowd. The music ranges from slow and dreamy waltzes to Charleston and Black Bottom. The dances are both peppy and graceful; and there are over two hundred pieces of beautiful costumes.

The plot is very interesting claiming the attention of the audience from curtain until curtain. The theme as would be expected from the title is Love. The way Cupid has to jump and hurry to keep up with modern fads with his darts brings many interesting and amusing things and situations forward.

The lines are witty and catchy leaving not a place for a tear either in your eye or your heart. Tickets will be on sale this week for the play is to be Tuesday night. Buy your tickets early to be certain of a seat for "Cupid" brings a crowd.

July nineteenth—Don't be late. That's the night for "Cupid Up To Date." "Cupid Up To Date" Oh yes, it's fine There's a laugh in every line!

Boys, are your girls hard boiled? See how Will Steady tamed Dolly Extreme in "Cupid Up To Date." Do you enjoy a family row? Hear Domestica and Bully in "Cupid Up To Date" July 19th.

A. & Y. Road's Petition Will Be Heard July 22nd

Raleigh, July 9.—Hearing on petition of Atlantic and Yadkin railroad to discontinue trains No. 32 and 33, operating between Mount Airy and Sanford and to close five stations along the route, was postponed yesterday from July 12 to 22 by the corporation commission. Respondents requested the change in date.

Masons Picnic at Rockyford Church.

An all-day picnic of the Masonic Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 438 will be held at the Rockyford Church two miles north of Kapps Mills Saturday, July 16. The crowd will gather about 10 A. M., and there will be speeches by Rev. W. A. Newell and Atty. J. H. Folger. Dinner will be served on the grounds and everybody is invited to attend and bring a full basket.

Small Boy Celebrates Birthday

Thirty small boys and girls were present at a party at Mrs. W. A. Campbell's in honor of her grandson, Sam Owens' sixth birthday last Thursday evening. After games were played and contests held, the small guests were invited into the dining room which was decorated in lavender and pink. Ice cream and cake were served then each guest was presented with a small lavender and pink basket filled with sweets.

"Billie" McCraw To Be Tried for Murder

Must Show That He Was Not the Cause of Morgan Edwards' Death.

The case of "Billie" McCraw, charged with being a party to the murder of Morgan Edwards a year ago, was called at Independence Monday of this week but owing to absence of witnesses for the state the case was continued until another term of court. Edwards was killed a year ago in a pistol battle with McCraw and Jim Towe, officers under Sheriff Jett, who were at the time making a raid in the section of the country below the mountain. Towe was acquitted last fall in a trial that lasted more than a week and at the time it was thought the case against McCraw would be dropped but the prosecution has decided to place him on trial for his part in the shooting.

Towe was acquitted through the evidence of Billie McCraw and Henry McCraw when they both testified that it was a rifle shot from Henry McCraw that killed Edwards as he was about to shoot Billie. A fellow Harold also testified that he was passing along the road at the time of the shooting and saw it all, and his testimony bore out that of the officers. It is now claimed by the prosecution that new evidence has been uncovered which will throw new light upon the shooting and friends of Edwards are predicting that McCraw will not be so fortunate as Towe in being acquitted.

Following the acquittal of Towe, who was a deputy under Sheriff Jett, Bud Edwards entered the race for the nomination of Sheriff on the Republican ticket and defeated Sheriff Jett by a decisive vote in the primary last spring. In his campaign he pledged himself to stamp out the liquor evil in his county and to wage war against all violators of the prohibition laws. He has contended that the death of his brother was the result of Morgan's activity against the liquor ring that is alleged to exist in the county. Able counsel is being employed on both sides in the court cases, J. H. Folger, of this city, being employed by the McCraws.

New Church Dedicated at Pilot Mountain

Pilot Mountain, July 9.—The dedication service will be held for the Missionary Baptist Church here next Sunday, July 10. The debt of \$4,500.00 has been paid. Rev. J. M. Haymore, of Decatur, Ga., and Rev. W. E. Linney, pastor of the church will have part in the dedication service. It is also expected that a number of other ministers will be present. This service will be the beginning of revival meeting which will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Haymore and the pastor. A great revival is expected.

Regular monthly services were held at the Primitive Baptist Church here Sunday. Elder G. O. Key and Charlie Stone and others took part in the service.

The Daily Vacation Bible school under the direction of Mr. Jones at the Baptist Church here is being well attended. Children and young people from 5 to 17 are eligible.

Several out of town visitors were guests here Monday. The traffic was great but no accidents have yet been reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fulk and daughter Eugenia accompanied by his mother, Mrs. E. M. Fulk, visited relatives near Siloam Monday afternoon. Miss Margaret and Frances Fulk, of this city have been spending a few days the guest of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Fulk, near town.

Returning After Four Years in China.

Ben Hatcher, who has been in China for nearly four years as a representative of the Tobacco Products Co., of New York City, will sail for the States next Saturday. He will visit points of interest on the western coast and will visit headquarters in New York, and his brother in Richmond, Va., reaching his home here about the first of September.

Masonic Notice.

There will be a regular monthly convention of Granite Lodge, No. 222, A. F. & A. M., next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Business and degree work. W. E. Webb, Sec'y. C. Hunter, Treas.