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## OTTO WOOD WANTED FOR MANY CRIMES — IDENTIFIED

Probably Wanted in Indiana or Illinois for Murder.

On the shoulders of Otto Wood, held in Guilford county jail for the murder of A. W. Kaplan, police and federal authorities believe they can place the blame for crime after crime committed in and around Greensboro and in other states during the past few years.

Yesterday W. R. Melvin, who was held up July 12 in a garage of the Greensboro Motor company and forced to drive man nearly to Winston-Salem, positively identified Wood as that man. A warrant was sworn out charging him with highway robbery.

Later in the day an agent of the department of justice named Meekins, who has headquarters in Charlotte, produced the picture and description of a man wanted by the department for automobile stealing. He identified Woods as the man described.

Furthermore, Mr. Meekins thinks, though he is not certain, that Wood is wanted in Indiana or Illinois for murder. He is investigating this further.

Chief of Police G. P. Crutchfield, meantime, believes, and now working on the theory that Wood is the man who held up Mr. and Mrs. John T. Rees on the Friendly road some months ago and robbed them of a small amount of money; that he is the man who only a few weeks ago entered the homes of Charles G. Yates, Julian Price and W. M. Montgomery; and that he is possibly responsible for many other offenses in and near Greensboro.

Melvin's identification was the high light of the day. It will be remembered that Melvin was aroused at the Greensboro Motor company garage during the night of July 12th by a man who had a badge and claimed to be an officer. This man and Melvin went through the garage steadily to find why the door had been opened. When Melvin removed his pistol, the man picked it up, pointed it in Melvin's face, ordered him to move out Gus Ward's Cadillac, rifled the cash drawer of \$65.62, forced Melvin to drive him nearly to Winston-Salem, where he himself took charge of the car leaving Melvin on the roadside.

Yesterday Melvin went to the county jail and identified Otto Wood as the man who had forced him to drive the automobile. The night watchman was sure, he said, and he had no difficulty in picking out Wood from the other prisoners. On receipt of that information the police swore out an additional warrant charging highway robbery. Wood is already charged with murder.

Meekins, the government agent, told Sheriff D. B. Stafford yesterday that the description he had of a man wanted for car stealing in Texas fitted that of Wood. He looked at Wood and said he was similar to the picture he had. At that time said Meekins, about two years ago, a man named C. H. Wood, alias Jennings, was traveling with a wife and an 18-months' old girl. Because his alleged stealing conflicted with an interstate law federal agents got on the trail but never caught him. Meekins thinks Wood has a daughter about four years old is regarded as further supporting this view. The Texas man had no left hand.

The government agent also recalled a murder case in Indiana or Illinois, in which he thought, but was not sure that the description fitted Wood. He is trying to get further information on this case.

Police will take finger prints of Wood to see if they correspond with finger prints found in the home of C. G. Yates.—Greensboro Daily News.

St. Paul's Episcopal church will hold services at the Commercial Club rooms on next Sunday morning 11 o'clock by Rev. Floyd Cartwright. All cordially invited.

## 244 TEACHERS ATTEND TEACHERS MEETING FRI. AND SAT.

The teachers' meeting for the county which was held at the graded school building, North Wilkesboro, last Friday and Saturday, was the largest ever held in the county—244 in attendance.

Mr. C. C. Wright presided over the meeting. Prof. Horace Sisk welcomed the teachers. Others made talks Friday afternoon.

Saturday morning Mr. C. C. Faw, chairman of the county board of education, addressed the assembly. He made a splendid address giving not only the teachers of the county food for thought but something that the taxpayers of the county should realize. An outline of Mr. Faw's speech as handed us by one of the teachers without taking notes:

1. Eight month's school term for every child in Wilkes county under a graded system in which there is one competent teacher for each grade taught in a school.

2. An accredited high school, taught by an adequate number of competent teachers, in reach of every child prepared to do high school work.

3. Good, comfortable buildings and adequate equipment for every school.

4. A county-wide system of special taxes for schools to support the proposed improved school system.

He dwelt at length on the fourth and gave much valuable information and outlined a plan that they hoped to pursue.

### Rev. R. Murphy Williams Writes Regarding Barium Springs Orphanage.

"Tell it not in Gath, Publish it not in the streets of Askelon."

As president of the Board of Regents I want to lay the matter of our orphan children at Barium Springs on your heart and conscience. We had a deficit of \$32,000 on October 1st, at which time we had to make our report to Synod. I have no doubt you will ask "Why?" This question is easily answered. Because the Presbyterians in North Carolina did not give us the wherewithal to care for the greatly increased number of children they sent to the home. We made some necessary improvements on the old dilapidated buildings which the Synod ordered repaired, and we are not quite through. This of course cost some money, but you failed to give us as much money as you did the year before, and at the same time we were given nearly one-third more children to care for.

The children have not suffered at the home for any of the necessities, because we borrowed money, on faith in our people, to support the Institution. The reason I am writing this letter is to arouse you to the emergency which faces us. We must have \$100,000 as a Thanksgiving offering if the Institution is to be supported as it should be and the banks paid the money which was borrowed. If the Presbyterians in our Synod will half-way do their duty and give to their own ("He that provideth not for his own, is worse than an unbeliever") the children will be amply cared for and there will be no cry of a deficit a year hence.

These are the facts in the case. The Board of Regents are counting on you. What will the answer be?

Most sincerely,  
R. MURPHY WILLIAMS,  
President Board of Regents.

### "And Home Came Ted."

"And Home Came Ted," a play presented last Friday evening at the Orpheum theatre under the auspices of Co. "A" 105th Engineers N. C. N. G., directed by Mrs. W. R. Absher, was well rendered and enjoyed very much by the large crowd in attendance. North Wilkesboro is lucky in having such an accomplished director. All characters participating are to be congratulated.

## WATAUGA POTATO GROWERS INITIAL SALE OF SEED SPUDS

South Carolina Produce Association Purchases 2700 Bushels at \$4,590.00.

Last week's Watauga Democrat gave the following news item regarding the Irish potato crop of that and Avery county:

Friday Mr. John W. Garity was in Boone and bought 2700 bushels of potatoes from the Potato Growers' Association. Mr. Garity is representing the South Carolina Produce Association, and was returning from a trip through Maine, New York, New Jersey and other states, where he had bought thirty thousand bags of seed potatoes to be planted by his Association. When in Boone he was still in need of 10,000 bags and would have bought that amount from our growers if we had had them to sell, as he stated that the potatoes inspected here were better than any he had found in any of the northern states. The potato growers association sold him 1,000 bags, 500 to be shipped from Watauga and 500 from Avery.

Mr. Garity said his association in South Carolina planted every year about forty thousand bags more than 100,000 bushels, and that they would much prefer to buy their seed from the Mountain Potato Growers' Association than to buy them in the State of Maine as they had done up to this time.

Mr. Garity contracted to pay \$5.75 per bag for certified seed, \$5.25 for "good seed" not certified, and \$4.50 per bag for No. 2 potatoes. Mr. Steele that after the freight, bags and other incidentals were paid this would net the farmers approximately \$1.70 per bushel for certified seed, \$1.55 for "good seed" not certified, and \$1.20 per bushel for No. 2's. Mr. Steele also said that the Association in this county was saving about 500 bags to be shipped to the farmers in the eastern part of the state where they have a trade already established.

### Names of Children on the Honor Roll of the Wilkesboro School—2nd Month.

First grade—Nell Hendren, Gladys Melville, Eva Lee Gairrie, Jack Henderson, Opal Steelman, Rosa Milson.

Second grade—Marjorie Dala, Nellie Mitchell, Alice Lenderman, Clegg Culler, James Garwood, Arthur Pharr.

Third grade—John Hayes, John Wellborn, Turner Lenderman, Lois Church, Billy Weaver, Lucile Hart.

Fourth grade—May Gibson, Nellie Hutchens, Laura Louise Carlton, Lolita Harris, William Carrigan, Jack Spainhour, Clyde Michael, Addison Joins, Warner Miller, Donald Melville.

Fifth grade—Geneva Church, Helen Linney, Margarite Miller, Milton Dimmette.

Sixth grade—Ida Vivian Weaver, Evelyn Leckie, Blanche Lowe, Jewell Henderson, Eleanor Smoak, Lucile Garwood, Hadley Hayes, Beatrice Swanson, Fannie Mitchell.

Seventh grade—Masie Hamilton, Blanche Johnson, Eula Lowe, Beula Lowe, Margaret Smithey, Nora Bell Yates.

Eighth grade—Louise Melville, Alma Jennings, Ella Mae Watson, Edwin Jennings, James Weaver, Hugh Revia.

Ninth grade—James Lowe, Alma Anderson, Eula Brock, Annie Ruth German, Louise Hix, Louise Hix, Alta Lowe, Elmira Sidden, Marvin Ashley, Ralph Dockery, Charlie German, Vaughn Jennings.

Tenth grade—Nellie Brock, Vernie Duncan, Nell Winkler, Hope Hendren, Lacie Prevette, Nell Pardue, Alton Guthrie, Howard Gilreath, Grace Sheets, Minnie Smoak, Wrenn Duncan.

Eleven grade—Marie Smithey, Annie Duncan, Edith Foster, Agnes Surratt, Elizabeth Blevins, Rena Pennell, Eva German, Grace Gilreath, Mary Sheets.

A negro either crazy or drunk tried to raise the devil up at Boomer last Saturday when arrested by the Greer boys and others, officers, and lodged in the county jail. He might be thankful he is now getting his breath.

## THE LIME SPREADER GIVES OR SEEMS SATISFACTORY

Yes we heard from it last Thursday—that lime spreader. Mr. A. G. Bungarner, or Mr. Arthur Bungarner of Wilkesboro R. F. D. 1, phones us from his residence that it does well and that he is going to buy and that he is perfectly willing to have some one else try it. Readers of the Hustler will remember it as the Michigan experiment station's design to save extra money required for a much higher priced spreader—the difference being about \$50 made here by Gould & Lewis.

Mr. Bungarner may not be what one would call a "limited farmer" but he is reliable to say the least.

In testing it he drilled a ton to the acre requiring two hours each acre.

### Fox Race Near Boomer.

On Wednesday night of the past week the same aggregation of fox hunters that were present at Boomer on the third of the month when the fox so successfully eluded pursuit met again near W. E. Minton's home. They were there for the express purpose of redeeming themselves from the disgrace of letting one escape out of a possible hundred.

Mr. Minton had ordered two foxes and he broadcasted the news to the fox hunters of the community and the surrounding neighborhoods that he would liberate one of the foxes on this night. At nine o'clock the fox was set free and given a start of one hour. The dogs were then turned loose and a beautiful race lasting for about an hour ensued. At the end of the hour the fox climbed a tree. After the dogs had been tied he was pushed from the tree and given a start of about fifteen minutes.

The dogs caught him on the ground about fifteen minutes later. Anyone doubting the truth of these statements are respectfully referred to the following visitors who were present and heard the race: J. C. Reins, E. C. Barkley, Dr. Casey, J. T. Prevette, Arthur Caudill, Wiley Nichols, all from N. Wilkesboro, and H. A. Granor and W. E. Minton of Wilkesboro.

The other fox was being saved for another race on Saturday night, but to the regret of all the fox escaped from his cage on Friday night. Mr. Minton immediately notified his neighbor neighbors of the calamity and they gathered in rapidly. The dogs were put on the trail and treed the fox in about a half an hour. After this he was given a twenty-five minute start of the dogs and ran three quarters of an hour and was caught.

These fox hunters report that they would be glad to hear from other gentlemen of the same profession in the next issue of this paper.—Reported.

### Mrs. Martha Carlton Greer Died Nov. 9th.

Mrs. Martha Carlton Greer, of Caldwell county died Friday, November 9th, at her son's home near Lenoir, Mr. M. L. Greer. She was 94 years of age, and the widow of the late Jesse F. Greer, member of Co. B, 22nd N. C. Calvary, who died July 22, 1864. She was born on Beaver Creek, Wilkes county, daughter of Thomas Carlton and Ruth Burch, and lived all her life in Wilkes and Caldwell except a few years in Watauga. Her grandfather, Thomas Burch, served through the whole Revolutionary war.

There are five generations of her family living, her sister, Mrs. Eller of Ashe, representing her own and the other four as follows: She has six children living and three dead. As far as we can make out, the six living are Mrs. Reuben Ests of Idaho, Mrs. Thomas F. Nelson of California, Mrs. Alonzo Laxton of Caldwell. Thirty-five grandchildren living and 17 dead. Eighty-nine great grandchildren living and two dead. Twenty great-great grandchildren living.—Lenoir News-Topic.

Mr. W. J. McNeill, of Ferguson, was in the city Tuesday.

## SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED DEATH OF DOG WILES

Mr. Dock Wiles died at the Wilkes Hospital at about 9 o'clock last Thursday morning many friends were very much saddened to learn. He died from ulcer of the stomach which had made a hole through it permitting leakage into the system of his body.

He became very sick on Saturday at his home while out at his wood pile chopping.

He leaves a wife and 7 small children. He was married to Miss Carrie Myers, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Myers, of North Wilkesboro R. F. D.

He had been a city delivery carrier since quitting the Rural Route near four years ago—the duties of which he had always discharged most efficiently and accommodatingly to the patrons and had always made very high marks in the examinations put up by the department.

### North Carolina Farmers' Union Meets in Raleigh To-day and Tomorrow.

The regular annual state convention of the North Carolina Farmers' Union will be held in Raleigh November 21 and 22. In a letter just sent to the Progressive Farmer by President R. W. H. Stone of Greensboro, he announces that the following subjects will be discussed:

1. What could the government have done to prevent the collapse in prices of farm products in 1920-1921?

2. What can the Government do now in behalf of the farmers?

3. Are farming lands and farmers bearing more than their share of the taxes and if so what is the remedy?

4. What can be done to organize the farmers of North Carolina so that their voices will be heard and their rights assured?

5. Which is the best to get cooperative buying among farmers?

In addition to transacting the general business of a state Farmers' Union meeting, the convention will hear interesting addresses by Chief Justice Walter Clark of the State Supreme Court, by Miss Mattie M. Berry, who is doing such excellent work in promoting rural credit unions, by Benjamin C. March of the Farmers' National Council, Washington, D. C., and by Miss Adna Edwards of Salisbury, N. C.—Progressive Farmer.

### Ferguson Items.

A series of meetings were held at Beaver Creek church during the past week. Rev. J. A. Downs, who is the pastor of the Adventist church in Charlotte, together with Rev. J. F. Craig, conducted these meetings. Mr. Craig is the pastor at Beaver Creek and other churches of this circuit.

Rev. Mr. Brady, the new pastor for this circuit, filled his regular appointment at Ferguson M. E. church Sunday afternoon. Mr. Brady is a very able preacher and the congregation enjoyed his sermon greatly.

Mr. C. L. Hartley of Buckner, Va., visited his father, J. H. Hartley, who has been critically ill for some time.

The faculty of Ferguson High School attended the teachers' meeting in N. Wilkesboro last week-end.

Miss Beulah Ferguson made a business trip to Statesville last Saturday. Mrs. S. H. Jones who underwent a serious operation at Davis' Hospital, in Statesville, recently, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. J. R. Hix and family visited Mrs. Hix's mother, Mrs. L. C. Ferguson, Sunday.

The new road from Beaver Creek to the Caldwell county line and connecting the state highway is almost completed.

### Reported.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. G. M. Burr Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members and prospective members are urged to be present.

## BOONE TRAIL TO GET 13 MILES OF NEW CEMENT ROAD

Hard Surface From Forsyth County Line Through Town of Yadkinville.

Bids have been called for by the state highway commission on the construction of a hard surface road on highway No. 60, known as the Boone Trail, from Yadkin river at the Forsyth county line, through the town of Yadkinville.

This important information on the next big highway project to be undertaken by the state in this section was obtained from Alex S. Hanes, highway commissioner of the seventh district.

Mr. Hanes also stated that if the bids received are satisfactory the state will let the contract for this new highway on the 27th of November, when the next meeting of the commission will be held at headquarters in Raleigh.

The state commission is calling for bids on concrete construction. This means that the Yadkin county link of highway No. 60 will be an extension of the splendid concrete highway that is now almost completed from Winston-Salem to the river near Enon.

The length of the Yadkin county link for which bids have been asked is thirteen and one-half miles. Commissioner Hanes says this will carry the new concrete construction through the town of Yadkinville.

With the building of that link nearly 13 miles of the Boone Trail will have been hard surfaced from Winston-Salem west. Traffic is heavier on this thirty-mile section than on any other part of the great thoroughfare between Winston-Salem and the Tennessee line.

Just when the state commission will be able to let the contract for other hard surface, construction on highway No. 60 west of Winston-Salem is not known, but it is understood that the plan is eventually to hard surface it all the way to Tennessee.—Winston Journal.

### The Kind of "Persimmons" Sam Johnson Grows.

Progressive Farmer: Last week we gave the amount of money Sam Johnson had taken in from the sale of "persimmons." Of course these were Japanese persimmons. We ought to grow more of them. If the native or wild persimmon will grow on our land, then the large and beautiful Japanese varieties will also grow. A Japanese persimmon tree in full fruit is as beautiful as an orange tree in fruit. The large yellow fruit and dark green leaves of the persimmon are, in fact, very similar in appearance to the orange.

The culture of the Japanese persimmon is simpler than that required by the apple or pear, since it is remarkably free from disease and insect pests and will thrive on almost any well drained land. The two varieties that are most successfully grown are the Hyakume and Tane-Vashi.

The F. D. Meadows shop has contracted to install water and light plants in a number of houses in West Wilkes—for Dr. A. J. Eller, of Reedy Branch, Dr. W. R. Triplett of Ferguson, Mr. A. E. Wingler, and in the southeastern outer-edge of town for the store house of Miller & Brooks at the Statesville-Boone-Trail Forks, and for Mr. John Len. Whittington, of Union township. With some of these houses, if we are not mistaken, the contracts are already fulfilled and these country residences have use of the light and water.

Our town aldermen are to issue bonds to the amount of \$85,000.00 for a power house and machinery if no petition is filed against it in 30 days from date, November 6th. It is proposed to thus supplement the water power in dry times with a gasoline-engine-dynamo perhaps when water is low as during the recent few months.