

PRISONERS CUT OUT JAIL LIGHTS

Locks Have Been Repaired
But Prisoners Continue
To Be Unruly

TRIO AGAIN IN MISCHIEF

By **BIGNALL JONES**
County officials have repaired the locks on the jail doors, and prisoners can no longer wander at will over the prison, but the bad boys in the local bastille just will not be in spite of all efforts of Jailer C. E. Lovell.
Monday night, locked in a cell and believed to have been placed beyond mischief, they beat a strip from a tub kept in their cell for bathing purposes since they tore up the water fixtures. They reached through the top of the cage, pulled down the light conduit enabling them to reach the electric light bulb. The piece of wash tub strip was pushed into the socket and the entire jail building was plunged into darkness from the resultant short-circuit.

A hurry-up call was sent up the street for Mr. Lovell who had now assumed the role of Night Policeman. The officer found an electrician who went down and placed in a fuse. Mr. Lovell and the fuse-fixer returned up the street. Again the lights went out. This time Wilson, the electric power man, left a bunch of fuses for the Jailer.

Mr. Lovell suspected that his prisoners had caused the damage. He warned them that if the lights went out again they could stay in the dark. The jail was plunged into darkness for the third time. Mr. Lovell disconnected a wire leading to their cell, placed another fuse in the block and had no more trouble. The next morning the bad prisoners confessed that they blew the fuses with a brick on the Jailer and on the other prisoners.

The public may be breathing easier since E. Hardy, Louis Junyers and Francis Shebaski, white men charged with robbing a filling station at Nodine, were placed in the county jail, but the troubles of Jailer Lovell have multiplied there.

The first evidence that they were not as other men came several weeks ago when they tore up the water fixtures in the jail. Several days later they tore a lock off a cell. Their next misbehavior was rattling up the tin plates in which Jailer Lovell carried them their food. They told him the reason for this was because they did not like the prison fare, and that they wanted beefsteak, like other jails had served them.

Monday they blew out the fuses. Now they have been separated. They are not quite so bad as formerly, the Jailer said. "They just holler and raise all the noise that they can."

For weeks the trio of bad men have tormented Jailer Lovell and worried county officials, who were unable to take drastic measures to curb their misbehavior because of humane prison laws passed for jailers and guards less kindly disposed than is Jailer C. E. Lovell.

Their day of reckoning is coming for within a few weeks they come before a Superior Court judge at the January term of court when their action in the local jail will be taken into consideration in passing out sentences.

Mrs. Fate Weaver Dies At Axtelle

Mrs. Fate Weaver, 54, died at her home at Axtelle at 6:15 o'clock on Monday morning. She had been ill for several months. Cancer was the cause of death.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse and the Rev. J. A. Martin. Interment was in Fairview cemetery at Warrenton.

Mrs. Weaver is survived by her husband, two sons, Numa and Ira Weaver, four daughters, Mrs. Charles Frazier, Mrs. Anna Fuller, Mrs. Louise Fleming, and Miss May Weaver. She is also survived by three brothers and two sisters who live in Davidson county.

Man Fined \$10 On An Assault Charge

Johnnie Harrison was fined \$10 and cost in Recorder's Court at Warrenton on Monday morning when he was found guilty on a charge of assaulting his wife. The only other case on the docket, *Walter Taylor, possession of whiskey*, was non-suited.

Theft Turns Stolen Cow Into Beef; Is In Warren Jail

Kate Perry, negro woman of near Warrenton, recovered part of her cow, but it was in the shape of beef, and Henry Hunter, negro, is in Warren jail awaiting trial at January term of Superior court on the charge of stealing the cow.

Kate Perry reported to Constable R. O. Snipes early Saturday morning that her cow was missing. Receiving word that Henry Hunter had been seen leading the animal, the officer went to his home, but found no trace of the missing cow.

Monday, accompanied by Constable Robert Pinnell, Constable Snipes returned to the Hunter home to see "if they were eating beef." Entering the house, the officers found a group gathered around a boiling pot of beef. Charged with the theft, Hunter is said to have admitted his guilt.

A search of the house revealed almost the whole carcass of the animal stored away in a large trunk.

Hunter was brought to Warrenton and given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate W. C. Ellington, who found probable cause and bound the negro to Superior court under \$300 bond.

Arrested Here On Car Theft Charge

Herman Pait, 20-year-old white man, arrested here on Wednesday morning by Constable R. O. Snipes, accompanied the Chief of Police of Bladenboro to that city yesterday morning. Pait was arrested on a charge of stealing an automobile at Bladenboro on Tuesday night.

Pait brought Furman Calder, employe of the Warrenton Box and Lumber Co., to Warrenton early Wednesday morning, according to the story told local officers. Calder had been called to Bladenboro to attend a funeral. Pait offered to bring him home. He drove to Warrenton in a Chevrolet which it is charged he stole.

MRS. PRYCE T. JONES DIES AT HOME IN HENDERSON

Mrs. Pryce T. Jones, widow of the brother of R. J. Jones of Warrenton, died at her home at Henderson this morning, after an illness of about one month. Paralysis was the cause of death.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Churchill Items

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Magin have returned to their home at Hampton, Va., after spending the holidays in the home of Mr. H. G. Halthcock.

Mr. Frank A. Burrows of Battleboro spent Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Burrows.

Mrs. R. P. Burroughs and son, Milton, spent a few days this week in Danville, Va.

Miss Janet Rodwell has returned to Campbell College after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rodwell.

Mrs. T. W. Duncan and children spent Monday with relatives at Raleigh.

Mr. H. V. Scarborough and family spent the holidays at their home near Churchill.

Miss Bessie Lee Alston of Epsom was the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Bell Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bell and daughter of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Halthcock and daughter and Mr. Henry D. Bell of Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. James Bell of Vaughan spent Sunday in the home of Mr. R. L. Bell.

Misses Dorothy and Jane Parker spent a few days recently with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gardner.

Miss Lizzie Hunter of Raleigh was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nicholson Monday night.

Miss Mary Joyce Shearin of E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Shearin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan of Raleigh were guests in the home of Mr. T. W. Duncan on Christmas Day.

Mr. George Robinson of Norfolk, Va., spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Robinson.

Messrs. Herbert Halthcock and Russell Connor of Durham spent Christmas Eve with their people here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adcock Jr. spent last week at Norlina.

Mr. Jesse Gardner and family and Mrs. Anna Gardner spent Sunday with relatives at Henderson.

Mr. Claude Halthcock spent Monday at Sedgewick, Greensboro.

LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller

AN INDUSTRY CAME FROM AN INDIAN SWEEPER

Shrewd Ben Franklin received a gift of a whisk broom from India. Fastened to the whisps were a few seeds. He planted them—distributed the seeds from the first few crops—started the broom business in America.



Many To Find Work In Building Big Ship

MANCHESTER, Jan. 1.—Approximately 300,000 workers in many trades throughout the world will take part in the building of the proposed 60,000 ton British liner, expected to be the world's largest ship, according to British information contained in a Manchester press report received in the Department of Commerce.

The British information indicates that almost every industry in Great Britain will be able to employ more men during the two or three years which will be occupied in building and furnishing the giant liner.

Marble will be imported from Italy and Norway to be shaped into decorative pillars, floors, swimming pools, ordinary baths and lamp fittings, the British report states. Something like 300,000 pieces of silverware and 60,000 pieces of cutlery will be required, as well as 200,000 pieces of earthenware, china, glass, and similar items. Other materials are to be imported from many different countries, the report states.

It is reported that the British Southern Railway Company have agreed to build a new dock at Southampton of sufficient dimensions to accommodate the new steamer in October, and that the contract for the construction of the liner has been signed.

Inez Items

Miss Mabel Benson who is in training at the Petersburg hospital spent Thursday night and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Benson.

Miss Jessie Lee Pridden of Norlina spent a few days last week in the home of her uncle, Mr. S. W. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Aycock and daughter, Elizabeth, also Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Aycock of Elberon visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Benson during the holidays.

Mrs. Mattie Cullom of Wilson is visiting her brother, Mr. O. F. Clark.

Misses Gladys and Edith Benson visited Misses Mary and Hazel Powell Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrade King and children also Miss Mary Ida Hardy of Rocky Mount visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. King Sunday.

Miss Jimmie Clark visited her sister, Mrs. L. H. Benson, Saturday afternoon.

Miss Annie Miles Harris of Louisville spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris.

Miss Annie Lee Powell of E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent the holidays with her parents here.

Mr. James Harris, a student of Chapel Hill, spent the holidays here with his parents.

Miss Mary, Hazel and Blanche Powell also brother, Stanley Jr., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Benson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Benson and family were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Clark Monday.

BUSINESS WORLD SHOWS CAUTION

Phophets Sound Note of Optimism, But Are Not Reckless in Predictions

FACTORS IN THIS PERIOD

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—At this time optimistic predictions on the New Year are in order, but with the false optimism of the beginning of 1930 in mind, business men are making very cautious statements as 1931 gets under way.

Notwithstanding their caution there is a note of optimism buried deeply. The majority cannot help but tinge their remarks with hope for the New Year. The consensus is that the present business depression has run longer than the ordinary backward cycle and precedent is due for a turn.

Factors in which this period differs from a year ago are:

1. Plentiful money at low rates for all purposes including business and the stock market. Rates were stiffer a year ago.

2. Complete deflation in commodities, stocks, bonds and industry. The deflation was only partial at the end of 1929.

3. Buyers have allowed stocks to dwindle where they are now operating on a hand to mouth basis so that any demand would immediately bring out orders to the manufacturers.

4. Comparisons in business will not have the disadvantage of being made against 1929, the peak year, as they did in 1930.

5. Elimination of the weaker elements in many lines of business through failure or merger. The field is open for many other mergers in 1931 which should strengthen many units.

During the first part of the year, as in the past, a seasonal pick-up should be discernible in the steel industry. There was rather too large an expansion a year ago and the subsequent decline was unrelenting.

If the uptrend in this giant industry continued into the second quarter, as many authorities are now predicting, the whole country would at once feel the influence of it. The spring should bring out buying of automobiles on a large scale. Railroads are now in the market for equipment that will keep steel mills busy for some time. Building is expected to advance. All of these lines work for the benefit of the steel industry.

Experts in various lines have pointed out repeatedly that a decline in business comes much more rapidly than an advance. Hence it is not to be expected that the gains will be of the sensational variety. Observers look for a quiet, irregular process, so far as industry is concerned.

The stock market still has many difficulties to overcome before it can set out on a real advance. It lacks the support of the small trader that will not come until a genuine and protracted rise is under way. It has not discounted fully very poor earnings reports that will come in the middle of this month. It is still faced with prospects of divided reductions by many companies whose earnings have been impaired.

James J. Phelan of the investment and commission firm of Hornblower and Weeks today stated that better times are ahead in 1931.

"Personally," said Phelan, "I believe that we have during the last 60 days been turning—though admittedly slowly, still surely—into the road of better times. The signs pointing this way are hardly discernible, but should be quite apparent sometime during the first six months of the new year, perhaps by early April or May. That the movement will be in the right direction, various indices, by which we judge the future commercially, point.

"The two great obstacles, that for some time concerned action to a market degree has been working to eliminate, are those of fear and unemployment. Just so soon as we may be able to eliminate from the minds of the American people the unnecessary fear that seemingly has possessed a large part of our population for some time, and we get the unemployed who are willing to work, back to their jobs, our country as a whole will be well on the way to normal conditions."

H. Brigman of James H. Oliphant and Company, stated that "most of the forecasts of the new year will probably call for slow, but sure recovery and perhaps it is one of the infrequent occasions when the majority will be right. Something difficult to reckon with is the emotion."

Mr. Bob Watkins has returned to his home in Baltimore after spending some time here with his sister, Mrs. M. V. Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lambert of Roanoke, Va., were in our town awhile Christmas day.

Mr. Johnnie Paschall was in Henderson on Monday.

School Re-Opens; Christmas Season Unusually Quiet

The John C. ...
Miss Carrie Broughton ...

While faculty members enjoyed the holidays at their homes, the pupils of the local school joined with visitors from other places and students from preparatory schools and colleges in celebrating the holidays. The Christmas was unusually quiet in that there was little spending of money, but many dances and informal parties enlivened the two weeks. There has been much hunting, but, according to reports, the luck has not been as good as in past seasons.

There was no blowing of the fire siren and little ringing of church bells to welcome the new year. Remembering the experiences of other years, the town had placed guards around the boxes. The younger crowd contented itself with racing automobiles, with fire from Roman candles, and the noise of hundreds of pop-crackers.

The teachers have returned, school has reopened, many visitors have gone to their places of business, students are returning to their colleges, merchants are completing inventories, and next week the usual routine of business will hold sway, following a quiet but enjoyable Yuletide season.

Club Boy Produces 124.6 Bushels Of Corn to The Acre

James Lutz, 10-year old 4-H club boy of Newton, Catawba county, won first honors in the North Carolina corn club for the past season by producing 124.6 bushels of corn on his acre of land and clearing \$159.35 above expenses on the project, announced L. R. Harrill, club leader at State College.

Young Lutz's corn was valued at \$124.60, but he also grew 200 worth of hay and roughage on the acre and won \$74 in premiums at local fairs. The expenses of growing the crop amounted to \$85.35. As state prize winner, he will get a gold medal and a district prize of \$25 donated by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau.

Second place and a silver medal was awarded to Clarence Ives of Pasquotank county with a yield of 125 bushels an acre but with a net profit of only \$84.70. Third place and a bronze medal went to Clyde Meads of Pasquotank county with a yield of 107 bushels and fourth place went to Easton Brickhouse, also of Pasquotank, with a yield of 113.8 bushels.

Mr. Harrill says the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau offered \$350 in cash to district winners as well as the medals for the State winners. The money prizes were awarded in each of the five extension districts as follows: first prize, \$25 second, \$20; third, \$15 and fourth, \$10. Winners are as follows: Northeastern district, Clarence Ives, Clyde Meads, Easton Brickhouse and Alvin Sample, all of Pasquotank county. Southeastern District, Abraham Haddock, Daniel Kennedy, Henry Clay Harper, Lovet H. White all of Lenoir county. Piedmont district, James Lutz of Catawba, William Heavner of Catawba, James Alexander of Mecklenburg, and Gilbert Hutchens of Yadkin. Central District, Rufus Terry of Durham and Walker Thomas of Lee. Mountain district, Bertha Wood, Melville Powell, and Euell McCombs, all of Polk county.

Relief Personnel Committee—S. E. Burroughs, chairman, Miss Lucy Leach, J. Edward Allen, R. H. Bright, Mrs. Kate P. Arrington, Mrs. Lewis Thompson, Al Blalock, Jesse Gardner, Colby Perkinson, Mrs. J. K. Marshall, E. E. Gillam, Dr. T. J. Holt, H. A. Moseley, G. B. Gregory, Mrs. C. R. Rodwell, Mrs. C. E. Foster, J. P. Pippen, Mrs. R. L. Capps, Sam King, Weldon Davis, Bignall Jones, Wm. Hunt, L. C. Kinsey, John Bell, W. A. Connel Jr., Paul Bell.

Central Committee—C. R. Rodwell, chairman, Miss Lucy Leach, John Clay Powell, R. T. Watson, C. A. Tucker, J. B. Davis, L. C. Kinsey, J. E. Allen, S. E. Burroughs, R. H. Bright, Mrs. Macy Pridden, Dr. H. H. Foster, Dr. W. D. Rodgers, L. H. Justice, J. K. Marshall, G. E. Cheek, Mrs. Lewis Thompson, W. H. Paschall, E. H. Russell, W. N. Boyd, J. C. Hardy, J. L. Aycock, C. J. Fleming, Mrs. J. F. Hunter, Jesse Gardner, Dr. G. H. Macon, Mrs. Wallace Mustian, Henry Wall, Boyd White, Colby Perkinson.

MRS. JOE ROBERTSON IS BURIED AT MACON
Funeral services for Mrs. Joe Robertson, who died at her home on December 22, were held at the Macon cemetery the following afternoon by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse. Mrs. Robertson had been in feeble health for a number of years. She was about 60 years of age. Surviving are her husband and several children.

MOVE INTO NEW HOME
Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Rodwell and family this week moved into the home on Main Street formerly owned by the late Miss Eliza Tannerhill. Mr. Rodwell has made several changes in the home, adding a porch that extends across the front of the house and renovated the interior.