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JERRY DALTON CAPTURED AT PERRINE, FLA.

Notorious Macon Fugitive Faces Return to Prison

Jerry Dalton, central character in the most notorious murder case on Macon county's criminal records, who escaped about a year ago while working as a trusty on the new state prison camp near Franklin, was captured Monday at Perrine, Fla., according to information received here. Perrine is about 25 miles south of Miami.

Neither Sheriff A. B. Slagle nor Lawrence Ramsey, superintendent of the Macon county prison camp, received any official notice of Dalton's arrest and they did not know whether he had been returned to North Carolina. They said they thought he probably would be sent to the state's central prison at Raleigh, rather than be returned to the camp here.

Convicted of Murder

Dalton was sentenced to die in the electric chair on August 27, 1919, for the murder of Maud Grant, his sweetheart. The trial here attracted statewide attention. Dalton, in a fit of jealous anger, was alleged to have fatally shot Maud Grant and Merrill Angel when he saw the girl riding with the latter at Aquone one Sunday morning.

Before the death penalty was executed Dalton escaped and fled to California, where he lived for several years. But he could not keep his identity a secret. A deputy sheriff learned by accident that he was wanted as a fugitive from justice in this state and that a big reward had been offered for his capture. He arrested Dalton and notified North Carolina authorities, who took him back to state's prison. The California deputy, however, never received the reward, for it had expired.

Sentence Commuted

After a large delegation of prominent western North Carolina citizens appeared before Governor Morrison in Dalton's behalf, the governor commuted his sentence to 30 year's imprisonment.

When Dalton escaped last summer he had served 12 years of his sentence. Deputy Sheriff Desmond Kelly, of Dade county, Florida, who captured Dalton, was quoted as saying that Dalton told him: "I thought I had paid society enough for the crime, so I just walked out."

P. F. Callahan Goes To Washington

P. F. Callahan, employed for the past year in the mechanical department of The Franklin Press, left last Saturday for Washington, D. C., where he formerly lived for a number of years. He took with him his son's wife, Mrs. Troup Callahan, and children, who will join their husband and father at the capital. The younger Callahan, for a number of years employed in Ashear's store, recently went to Washington to accept a position in the census bureau.

Everyone on The Press staff regrets Mr. Callahan's leaving, but wish for him the best of success in Washington.

Dance To Be Held Here Friday Night

A script dance will be given at the Scott Griffin Hotel from 9:30 till 1 o'clock Friday night with music furnished by Peck's Bad Boys.

George Was Peeved



NEW YORK . . . Maybe it was the strain of having his famous flying wife, Amelia Earhart, aloft for fifteen hours in a 2100 mile hop from Mexico City. Anyhow, George Palmer Putnam (above), Amelia's hubby, said "he never saw such disgraceful scenes," when thousands broke police lines here to greet her.

MANY ATTEND REVIVAL HERE

Dr. J. M. Haymore Con- ducting Meetings at Bap- tist Church

The revival services which began at the First Baptist church Sunday are being well attended. Dr. James Haymore, of Decatur, Ga., who is conducting the services, is preaching this week on "The Doctrines of God, the Holy Spirit."

The services are to continue for two weeks or more, according to the Rev. E. R. Eller, pastor of the church.

Next Sunday morning Dr. Haymore's sermon topic will be "Going Back to Bethel." Mr. Eller urged that all present and former members of the church attend.

"The public," he added, "is most cordially invited to this and all services, but the membership of the church is especially urged to hear this message. The members who have cars are requested to provide transportation for those members who live too far away to walk or who are unable to walk."

16 Scouts Promoted At Court of Honor

Sixteen Boy Scouts from Franklin Cherokee and Sylva received promotions at a scout court of honor for the Smky Mountains district held Monday night in the Methodist church. H. P. Crowell, of Sylva, chairman of the court of honor, presided.

The tenderfoot investiture was conducted by Scout Executive A. W. Allen, second class awards made by A. M. Adams of Cherokee, first class by Dr. W. E. Furr, of Franklin, merit badges by Rev. C. C. Herbert of Franklin and the star Scout award made by W. E. Ensor of Cherokee. The Franklin troop, under direction of Assistant Scoutmaster Hauser, put on a short skit following the ceremonies.

The following promotions and awards were made: Tenderfoot, Julian Poliakoff and J. C. Cunningham of Franklin and Isaac Welch of Cherokee. Second class, Ned Wolfe, Cherokee. First class, Billy Blaine and Bobby Porter of Franklin and Glenn Frady of Sylva. Merit badges: Charlie Slagle, Franklin, Andrew Jones, Franklin, Bobby Porter, Franklin, Eugene Furr, Franklin, Bob Brown, Franklin, Charles Hunnicutt, Franklin, Jefferson Thompson, Cherokee, Walter Swayney, Cherokee, Mark Reed, Cherokee, William Harris, Cherokee and Glenn Frady, Sylva, Bob Brown of Franklin Troop 1 was promoted to the rank of Star Scout.

BACK FROM RALEIGH

Miss Laura Jones, a member of the high school faculty in Raleigh, arrived Wednesday night to spend the summer vacation with relatives in Franklin.

Methodists Plan Series Of Meetings During June; Rev. Mr. Huggin To Preach

Special services will be held at the Franklin Methodist church during the week of June 2 to 9. Each evening during the week at 8 p. m. there will be preaching by the Rev. James G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the Methodist church in Mount Holly, N. C.

An outstanding feature of this week of services will be a sermon on Sunday morning, June 2, by Dr. C. C. Herbert, pastor of Trinity Methodist church in Sumter, S. C., and father of the pastor of the Franklin Methodist church. Dr. Herbert is one of the distinguished leaders in South Carolina Methodism, and has been pastor of the leading Methodist churches in that state. It is expected that his sermon will be heard by a large congregation, and will make a splendid beginning for the week of special services.

Has Fine Record

The Rev. Mr. Huggin, who will arrive in Franklin on Monday, June 3, and will preach for the first time on Monday night, is a preacher of extraordinary power. He is a graduate of Wofford College, and has studied at Emory University in Atlanta and at Duke University in Durham. He received his bachelor of divinity degree from Duke in 1929.

For a time Mr. Huggin was assistant pastor at the First Methodist church in Charlotte, where he preached regularly to the largest Methodist congregation in North Carolina. Since then he has served as pastor of the Methodist



REV. JAMES G. HUGGIN, JR.

church in Mathews, N. C., as pastor of Asbury Memorial Methodist church in Asheville, and he is now pastor of the Methodist church in Mt. Holly.

Vivid and compelling gospel messages characterize Mr. Huggin's preaching. He is a young man of unusual charm of personality, and easily ranks as one of the outstanding younger preachers of the Methodist church in North Carolina. Mr. Huggin conducted a meeting this spring at the First Methodist church in Gastonia with excellent results.

Everyone is cordially invited to all the services.

Claude Russell To Succeed R. F. Henry as Police Chief

ALUMINUM CO. THREATENS TO ABANDON PLANS

Arthur V. Davis, chairman of the board of the Aluminum company of America, of which the Nantahala Power and Light company is a subsidiary, told a congressional committee in Washington Tuesday that his company might abandon its development program in North Carolina and Tennessee if proposed expansion of the Tennessee Valley Authority's activities is carried out.

He said that legislation now pending in congress would give the TVA authority to determine whether the Aluminum company could go ahead with plans to build dams on the Little Tennessee river.

The TVA, he continued, had acquired two small tracts of land in the area that would be flooded by one of its proposed dams (the Fontana dam). "I don't know what they have in mind," he added, "but I assume that they want to get in good trading position." He evaded questions as to whether he thought TVA was attempting to block the company's program, but added that the firm had not gone ahead with additional land purchases after TVA acquired the two small tracts.

"We want to see what the future brings forth," he explained. Mr. Davis objected to inclusion in TVA legislation, already passed by the senate, of a provision that would give the authority the right to approve the construction of dams and related works on the Tennessee river and its tributaries that affected navigation, flood control, or public lands or reservations.

Town Board Votes To Re- tain Geo. Dean As Clerk

Claude B. Russell was elected chief of police, succeeding R. F. Henry, at an executive meeting of Franklin's new board of aldermen Saturday night.

Mr. Russell's salary was set at \$70 a month, \$5 more than had been paid Chief Henry.

C. D. Baird, who has been serving as "undercover" night policeman for several months, was reelected and his salary raised from \$40 to \$50. Ralph Welch, who also had been on duty as night officer for several months, was not reelected.

The board reelected George Dean as town clerk, tax collector and treasurer at a salary of \$75 a month.

A. C. Pannell, street cleaner, also was reelected, but his pay was cut from \$115 to \$100. Mr. Pannell is required to supply his own truck for hauling trash and garbage and to pay helpers out of his own pocket. He also is required to carry indemnity and liability insurance on his truck.

John C. Cunningham was chosen as chief of the volunteer fire department, succeeding Derald Ashe. The job carries a salary of \$10 a month.

The new appointments are effective June 1.

J. O. Harrison was elected mayor pro tem to act in the absence of Mayor George Patton.

The board deferred selection of town attorney, plumber and health officer until a later meeting.

On Monday the board met again and set bonds for the various officers as follows: Town clerk, \$2,500; police chief, \$2,000, and night policeman, \$1,000.

Street and water committees also were named, as follows:

Streets—W. C. Wilkes, chairman; George E. Brown, J. A. Palmer.

Water—H. S. Higgins, J. O. Harrison, T. W. Angel, Sr.

MRS. O'BERRY REQUESTED TO HOLD HEARING

Murray Accepts Her Offer To Probe Relief Complaints

Sam J. Murray, a member of the April grand jury, made public Wednesday a copy of a letter to Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state relief administrator, expressing the hope she would grant an early hearing on complaints of inefficiency in the administration of relief funds in Macon county.

The letter was in reply to a communication recently received by Mr. Murray from Mrs. O'Berry in which she stated that the relief organization "is always glad to have an investigation of its work." She also offered to have Macon county relief funds re-audited. Mrs. O'Berry's letter was prompted by a statement signed by Mr. Murray and 15 other members of the April grand jury charging inefficiency in the distribution of relief funds and expressing the opinion that too much money was being spent for salaries and automobile mileage for case workers and white collar employees.

Mrs. O'Berry said in her letter to Mr. Murray that she expected to visit the district relief headquarters in Sylva "within the next few weeks" and "I will be delighted to talk with any group of citizens you select concerning the relief program." As far as could be learned, she has not yet visited Sylva.

Answering a statement by the state administrator that "the rural rehabilitation program offers a splendid opportunity for the recovery of rural North Carolina," Mr. Murray wrote, "in our opinion you will respect more fully that part of the scripture which tells us of 'the blind leading the blind' at the conclusion of your investigation and audit."

Murray's Letter

Mr. Murray's letter follows in full:

Dear Mrs. O'Berry:

Please accept our thanks for yours of recent date regarding the recommendation of the Grand Jury of Macon County, asking for an investigation of the activities and management of the Welfare Organization for Macon County.

Your attitude and promise of having these complaints fully investigated are very much appreciated, which will if carried out, fully satisfy our citizenship that they have a privilege to enjoy the protection of our new square "Deal."

Replying to that part of your letter referring to the Rehabilitation Program, in our opinion you will respect more fully that part of the scripture which tells us of "the blind leading the blind" at the conclusion of your investigation and audit.

Upon further investigation to obtain information to substantiate the allegations set forth before the Grand Jury of our County, we find a probable cause for many other cases for thorough investigation.

All that will be requested of you is to notify me when you could pay us a visit here in Macon County with accordance of your letter allowing me sufficient time to get in shape these people to answer with evidence as to the correctness of these complaints, also, that the one in charge of the Welfare Organization be present with the records at the hearing you allow.

Trusting you can find a way which will give us an early hearing and audit in a way that will be explicit enough to be understood and satisfying to our citizenship.