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CONVICTS GANG GUARD; 2 SHOT

Attempted Escape Foiled; 2 Wounded Men in Hospital

Two convicts are in the Angel hospital as a result of an attempted escape by six prisoners working on highway 28 near Corundum Hill late Saturday afternoon.

Virgil Green, 24, Bakersville, was shot in the back by Jack Cabe, one of the guards, as he attempted to escape into the woods. Jesse Brigman, 24, McCall, S. C., was shot in both feet and an ankle by Jack Berong, another guard, who aided Cabe in stopping the break.

Disciplinary measures are being meted out to the other four convicts, James Whitmire, Montgomery Weaver, George Collins and Ernest Campbell. None of these escaped, with the exception of Collins, who was caught Saturday night below Phillips Bridge by George McGee and Steve Worley.

Cabe Attacked

According to officials, the convicts suddenly attacked Cabe and, using shovels and wheelbarrows as weapons, knocked him off a bank above the road. Jumping to his feet, Cabe fired at the escaping Green, who was found several hours later in the woods suffering from loss of blood.

Jack Berong, guarding another group of prisoners 300 yards down the highway, was summoned by Tom Johnson, superintendent. Hurrying to Cabe, Berong shot Brigman as he was escaping into the woods.

During the fight, Whitmire was clubbed over the head by Cabe, who was using the butt of his gun as a weapon.

Pitts Praises Guards

Informed of the incident, Oscar Pitts, acting director of the state penal division, Raleigh, stated that he would come to Franklin and investigate the affair, adding that "too much credit cannot be paid the guards for blocking the escape of five of these men. Their records show they are bad and dangerous."

Four of the prisoners were graded as "C" and two as "B."

Had Bad Records

Green, convicted in Mitchell county October 7, 1930, was given two and one-half to five years for larceny. He has escaped four times and has been in solitary confinement eight times.

Brigman was convicted in Scotland county during May, 1933, given seven to ten years for assault with intent to kill. He had escaped in October, 1934.

Convicted of highway robbery in Buncombe county, February 19, 1934, Whitmire was sentenced from three to five years. He has been in solitary confinement twice, once for aiding in a fake gun escape last year at the Caledonia prison farm.

Collins had been given ten to 15 years in Rowan, May 25, 1935, on charges of breaking and entering and possessing burglar's tools. He had been convicted once previously.

Campbell was convicted in Guilford county July 14, 1934, and was given five years for robbery with firearms. He had tried to escape last December, and has been in solitary confinement four times, once for helping two other prisoners in an attempted escape.

Weaver was given 15 to 17 years for conspiracy and robbery on January 25, 1932. He has been in solitary confinement seven times, having escaped once and attempted to escape on four other occasions.

McGaha-Tippett Reunion To Be Held Sept. 14

The McGaha-Tippett descendants will hold their annual reunion Sunday, September 14, at the home of Charles McGaha at Oak Grove.

Cattle Sale To Be Held at Stockyard Next Wednesday

The Franklin livestock market will open Wednesday, September 11, with an auction sale of cattle at the stockyards near the depot. The auction is to be conducted by Bob Davis and Bob Patton, who announced this week that they expected buyers from many sections to attend.

The sale, it was stated, will start promptly at 11 o'clock in the morning, but farmers are asked to bring their offerings to the stockyard early in the morning so they can be weighed and marked. All classes of cattle are to be sold.

Mr. Patton and Mr. Davis said this would be the only sale they will hold here this year.

COUNTY FILES WPA PROJECTS

\$62,839.50 Asked for Road Improvements; Town Asks \$11,000

A proposal for widening, draining and surfacing 64.4 miles of roads in Macon county has been approved by the district office of the Works Progress administration in Asheville and sent to the state WPA office in Raleigh for approval, according to information received here. Cost of the work has been estimated at \$62,839.50, the greatest part of which is to be supplied by the federal government out of the four million dollars allotted for WPA projects in the 11th congressional district.

The road improvement proposal was the largest of four projects suggested for this county at a meeting in the courthouse Monday afternoon. Attending the meeting were county commissioners, M. D. Billings, superintendent of schools; Herman Plemmons, district WPA engineer, and citizens from various sections of the county.

If this project is finally approved it will put hundreds of men in the county at work on roads used by school buses and mail carriers. Other projects proposed for the county are:

Repair of rural school buildings and construction of sanitary and water supply facilities for rural schools—\$1,200.

A librarian and assistant librarian for the Franklin and Highlands public libraries, and funds for repairing, rebinding and cataloging books.

The fourth proposal asks \$17,000 for employing 100 women in making garments for the needy.

Approximately \$11,000 has been asked in an application submitted by the Town of Franklin for street improvements.

Miss Davis Resigns As Relief Director

Miss Rachel Davis has resigned as director of Federal Emergency Relief in Macon county to accept a teaching position in the Franklin school. Mrs. G. A. Jones, case worker, is now in charge of relief activities.

Announcement has been made in Washington that direct relief will end on October 1 and meanwhile the ERA is working with a skeletonized staff. J. E. Lancaster, of Franklin, who for some months has been district relief administrator with headquarters in Sylva, has been transferred to Asheville.

Father of Mrs. Sloan Dies in Virginia

Mrs. W. W. Sloan was notified Sunday of the death of her father, E. F. Daniel, at his home at Charlotte Courthouse, Va. Mr. Daniel had visited his daughter in Franklin several times and had a number of friends here who will regret to learn of his death.

Dr. H. E. Wheeler Elected Director of Highlands Museum and Laboratory

(Special To The Press-Maconian)

HIGHLANDS, N. C., Sept. 4.—The annual meeting of the Highlands Museum and Biological Laboratory was held in the laboratory at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Dr. E. E. Reinke, of Vanderbilt University, resigned as director of the museum and Dr. H. E. Wheeler, of Birmingham, Ala., was elected to succeed him.

The room was filled with a number of visitors and eminent scientists, including Dr. Craig Barrow, of Savannah, Ga., head of the Alumni Association of the University of Georgia; W. T. Couch, of the University of North Carolina Press; Dr. Harmon Caldwell

and Dr. John Wade, of the University of Georgia; Dr. Clifford Pope, herpetologist of the American Museum of Natural History, New York; Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Alexander, of Atlanta; Edward Rowan, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. L. R. Hessler, of Vanderbilt University; Dr. Harper, of the biology department, Alabama State College; Dr. H. E. Wheeler, of Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. E. E. Reinke, of Vanderbilt University; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Foreman, Washington, D. C.; Prof. W. L. Lippincott, of Clemson College; Prof. T. G. Harbison, botanical department, University of North Carolina; Miss Albertina Staub, Miss Mary J. (Continued on Page Seven)

Saturday Ends Extra Vote Offer in Press Campaign

PLAN JAMBOREE AT GOLF CLUB

All-Day Program Expected To Attract Many Visitors

Plans were announced this week for an all-day jamboree at the Franklin country club on Thursday, September 12, starting with a handicap golf tournament at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and winding up with a big dance that night.

The day's program features a wide variety of events, and in each event prizes will be awarded—more than 50 in all.

Invitations are being extended to golfers, swimmers, tennis fans and sports-loving folks in general from all over Western North Carolina to attend and take part in the jamboree. The committee in charge of the program is planning plenty of amusement for everybody, regardless of whether they play golf or tennis.

Improving Course

The club's golf course is being put in first class condition for the tournament. Eighteen holes will be played, all in the morning; but that won't end the day for the golfers. For a goofy golf tourney will be held in the afternoon, starting at 2:30. This promises to be one of the high spots in the day's program—at least for the onlookers. Freak hazards will be arranged to give the players a new thrill or another headache.

While the men are playing golf their wives can find entertainment at bridge, provided they are not golfers themselves. There will be a card party, with various prizes offered, starting at 3:15 in the afternoon.

Beauty Contest Planned

At 3:30 o'clock a water circus, with a number of swimming and diving events, will get under way in the club's fine new outdoor pool, a 60 by 120 foot tank unexcelled in this section. A bathing beauty contest is also planned.

A tennis tourney planned to start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon is expected to attract some of the best players in this section of the state.

Arrangements are now being made to get an outstanding orchestra to play at the dance to be held in the large club pavilion starting at 9 o'clock in the evening.

Many golfers, tennis players and others from Sylva, Bryson City, Highlands, Clayton and other nearby towns are expected to attend. A group of tennis players from

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FRANK NORTON FUNERAL HELD

Mack Bingham Charged With Murder as Result Of Auto Crash

Mack Bingham, 20, arrested in connection with the death of Frank Norton from injuries received in an automobile collision about midnight Monday at the intersection of the old Georgia road and highway No. 28, was released from jail today under \$1,500 bond. He waived preliminary hearing on charges of murder and transporting and possessing whisky.

Funeral services for Norton, one of the best known men in Macon county, were held at Asbury Methodist church, near Otto, Wednesday morning. More than 300 persons attended the rites despite inclement weather. The Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., pastor of the Macon county Methodist circuit, was in charge of the services. Burial was in the church grave yard.

2 Cars Collide

Just before the accident occurred Norton had come to town to bring two friends whose automobile had gotten out of commission near Norton's home below Otto. He was traveling eastward on highway 28, after he had taken the two stranded motorists to their homes, when a car occupied by three young men, started to cross the road. Norton's car hurtled through the air, turning over three times, and landed in the yard of J. E. Potts' woodworking shop. Norton was thrown through the top of his automobile and was found about 20 feet from the wrecked machine.

Taken to Angel hospital by people living in the vicinity who were aroused by the crash of the two automobiles, Norton was found to be in a dying condition, his chest crushed, skull fractured and suffering from internal injuries. He died at 7:45 a. m. Tuesday.

Whisky Jar Found

Mack Bingham was alleged to have been the driver of the other automobile. Charlie Jones, of Franklin, and Davis Y. Layden, of Elizabeth City, a member of CCC Camp NC F-9, were also in the car, in which officers reported finding a broken whisky jar. Jones was arrested and placed under \$200 bond on a charge of possessing and transporting whisky. No charges were placed against Layden.

2 Arrested

Bingham and Jones were arrested in a drunken condition, officers reported, about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. The identity of the third occupant of the car was not learned until later in the day. Bingham told officers he was drunk and that someone else was driving the car, but Jones and Layden, officers stated, told them that Bingham was driving at the time of the collision.

All of the boys, it was stated, fled from the scene of the accident without attempting to give assistance to Mr. Norton.

Bingham suffered minor cuts and bruises, but no serious injuries.

Surviving Mr. Norton, whose wife died about two years ago, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Norton, of Smith's Bridge township; three brothers, Ed, Jess and Earl Norton, and five children, Norvel, Coy and the Misses Ruth, Dean, and Betty Lou Norton. All of the children are minors.

Pallbearers at the funeral were John Norton, Roy Carpenter, Claude Bradley, Arthur Kinsland, Harley Cabe and W. T. Moore.

Mr. Norton for a number of years was deputy sheriff of Macon county. For the past two years he was employed in the offices of the Nantahala National Forest, which closed out of respect for his memory Wednesday morning. He was a member of the Junior order.

Workers Striving Hard To Corral Subscriptions This Week

Members of The Press-Maconian Salesmanship Club have been advised that this week marks their last opportunity to get thousands of extra votes on each subscription through the final extra vote offer on \$30 clubs. As a result, much activity is being shown by those who are really serious in their desire to win the big first prize, using every effort to corral as many subscriptions as possible to turn in this week.

After Saturday night vote values take the biggest drop of the entire campaign and a subscription this week counts more than three times as many votes as the same subscription will count next week. This, of course, is sufficient incentive to those who wish to win even second or third prize, to make their standing more secure this week while they can still get the extra votes.

Subscribers Asked to Help

Present subscribers to The Press-Maconian are being notified this week of the fact that they have an opportunity to help some deserving woman win a prize by sending in their subscriptions at once to The Press, signifying just which of the members they wish to give credit for their renewal. Members of the Salesmanship Club will be duly advised as to who sends in subscriptions for them, and it is hoped that the loyal subscribers in every community will stand by their favorites by mailing their subscriptions either directly to The Press office or to Club members without delay.

All Members to Report

Every member who wishes to remain on the list of active contestants should make a report not later than Saturday night of this week. This is necessary in order to ascertain just who is still active, so that subscribers in their territory may not hold up subscriptions for them in case they have stopped

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Funeral Held at Andrews For Mrs. Lula Porter

A number of relatives from Franklin attended the funeral at Andrews last Friday of Mrs. Lula Porter, 85, who died Thursday, August 29, at her home in West Asheville.

Mrs. Porter, widow of Stephen Porter, was the mother of T. W. Porter, Franklin postmaster. Other surviving children are R. S. Porter, Andrews; J. Q. Porter, Asheville; Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Emma Huskins, both of Asheville; and Mrs. R. H. Waldrop, of Bryson City.