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## PRISONERS ESCAPE LOCKED JAIL CELL

Make Their Way By Circuitous  
Route From Top Story of  
Court House To Freedom

### NO CLUE IS YET FOUND

Tuesday morning about one o'clock three men who were locked in a cell in the jail here made their escape and have not yet been apprehended. The men were Oliver Baker and Ben Pollard, of Clayton township and Walter Evans, of O'Neals. They were in jail awaiting trial, charged with larceny. Baker is said to have remarked that he could catch a train moving at 25 miles an hour and be safe. He has the reputation of being an expert jail breaker and a railroad hobo. He is the same man who escaped several weeks ago by jumping from a transom upstairs and catching on the railing of the stairway several feet below.

From all indications the prisoners made their escape through a hole in the ceiling which they made during the night. It is supposed that a hacksaw, pliers and chisels had been smuggled into the cell and with these tools they cut through the plastering, which was put on steel laths. They also had to cut through heavy screen wire. Coming out between the ceiling and roof of the court house, they crawled into a ventilator pipe and slipped through to the ceiling below where they cut another hole through the hall of the jail. They then went to ceiling and dropped down to the main hall of the jail. They then went to the south window where they found defective guards over the window and succeeded in pulling the steel bars of the wall enough to allow them to raise the window and pass through. It is thought that they probably knew of the defective guards at the window and had made their plans to escape through it. After getting through the window they evidently walked on the stone boxing around the top along the window sill until they reached the court house and crawling out on top of the court house, went to the east end, broke out a window and stepped inside the court house. They had nothing to do then but walk out of the court house.

One of the prisoners who was a trusty heard the noise when they pulled out the steel bars and asked what they meant, but the escaping prisoners advised him with oaths to keep quiet and threatened to kill him if he gave an alarm. It is reported that on going out they said they were leaving Smithfield by auto.

As soon as they left, the trusty gave the alarm by calling for help, finally attracting the attention of the night policeman, who aroused the jailer. The escaped prisoners ran to a garage, according to the trusty, at the back of the court house belonging to Mrs. Alice Cole, but finding it difficult to enter and hearing the alarm upstairs, they ran. Bloodhounds were called and were on the scene in about three hours but they could find no definite trail. It is thought that perhaps the fugitives boarded a fast train.

## DUKE UNIVERSITY BUILDING PROGRAM GETS UNDER WAY

Durham, Feb. 19.—The initial step in the extensive \$6,000,000 building program of Duke university was made known here today with the arrival of five carloads of trial granite. Each carload represents a different kind of stone. Engineers will begin, in a short while, to erect walls for the various types of granite in an effort to ascertain, by comparisons in perspective, just which kind will be the most suitable for use in the erection of the new building. The walls will be built, it is announced, on the old athletic field, a portion of the campus which is not now in use.

It is the plan of the builders and architects to make the entire group of buildings, both new and old, conform to a uniform scheme of architecture and no efforts will be spared to decide upon the final selection of the stone to be used.

## Now Heads Labor



James Duncan, of Boston, First Vice-President, now becomes head of the American Federation of Labor to fill the unexpired term of the late Samuel Gompers. Mr. Duncan was former head of the Granite Workers.

## TWO NOTED SPEAKERS FOR COMMENCEMENT

Rev. A. P. Bagby To Preach The  
Commencement Sermon; Dr.  
C. C. Taylor To Make Address

The Smithfield High School is particularly fortunate this year in having two notable speakers for the commencement exercises. Rev. A. Paul Bagby, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist church, will preach the sermon to the graduating class on Sunday evening May 31. Rev. Mr. Bagby is one of the foremost preachers of the Baptist, or any other, denomination in North Carolina, and although he has been in the state only a short time, he is already one of the most forceful and influential leaders of his church.

Dr. Carl C. Taylor, Dean of the Graduate School of the North Carolina State College, has accepted the invitation to make the commencement address, which will be on Tuesday evening, June 2nd. Next to O. Max Gardner Dr. Taylor is probably the most popular commencement orator in North Carolina. Smithfield has tried several times to get Dr. Taylor before this, but each time he has had all of his time filled with commencement speaking dates.

## BOLL WEEVIL SURVIVES

New York, Feb. 22.—The winter survival of boll weevil in the Mississippi valley was the highest recorded any year since it first appeared in the cotton belt, in 1892, according to the American Cotton association. In urging war against weevil on a larger scale, Col. John W. Thompson, vice-president of the association, warned against the danger of another short cotton crop in 1925, which he said would disorganize the producing and manufacturing ends of the industry.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS WILL MEET IN GREENSBORO

Five Sunday school specialists of continent-wide reputation have been secured to speak at the annual State Sunday School Convention which will be held in Greensboro April 28, 29 and 30, according to information received from D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

These are Dr. Charles W. Brewbaker, Dayton, Ohio, general secretary of Sunday school work for the United Brethren church, who will deliver several addresses at the convention; Charles Darsie, St. Louis, Mo., will do special work in the convention along the line of the Organized Adult Bible Class; Dr. Percy R. Hayward, Chicago, Ill., will be in charge of the special conferences for workers for young people; Miss Meme Brockway, Philadelphia, Pa., who will be in charge of the cradle roll department workers, and Thomas S. Evans, who will work in interest of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

## DISMISS SCULPTOR STONE MOUNTAIN

Officers Mks Big Whiskey Raid  
In Wake County; Fourteen  
Arrests Made

### ILLINOIS SENATOR DEAD

Work will be held up, temporarily on the Confederate Memorial on Stone Mountain near Atlanta because of trouble which has arisen between the Stone Mountain Memorial Association and the sculptor, Gutzon Borglum and his superintendent, J. G. Tucker. It has been the hope of the association that the work be concluded within the next three years. Warrants for Borglum and Tucker were sworn out Wednesday night by the association which charged them with malicious mischief in connection with the destruction of work in progress and models for carving the memorial. Borglum has been dismissed as directing sculptor. The association asks that bonds of \$25,000 be fixed for each defendant.

What is said to be the biggest liquor raid ever staged in Wake County occurred Wednesday night when fourteen persons were arrested, charged with having whiskey for the purpose of sale and selling whiskey. Solicitor W. F. Evans engineered the raid and he was aided by ten Federal prohibition agents. Those arrested include Harry Jones, president of the Jones Bottling Works, and Mat Veal, vice-president of the Safety Coach Bus line between Raleigh and Greensboro, and more than a hundred pints of whiskey in a Safety Coach bus were seized. The raid was made without the knowledge of Sheriff Harrison, it being stated that he had refused to serve bench warrants issued a year ago for a similar raid. The raid started when two Federal agents stopped the Safety Coach bus headed for Greensboro and arrested a former Safety Coach driver and a former driver for the U. S. line. The bus was seized and twenty-seven pints of whiskey were discovered in the tool case among the baggage of the passengers.

Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois, was found dead Wednesday in his apartment at a Washington hotel. The body will be taken to Chicago for burial today or tomorrow. Physicians differed in their opinion as to the cause of his death, dilation of the heart being given by one, and gastric hemorrhage by another.

W. O. Saunders, publisher of the Elizabeth City Independent, has been made associate editor of Collier's Weekly, a national publication. Mr. Saunders has been connected with Collier's for more than two years.

A heavy earth shock began at Anchorage, Alaska, Wednesday morning at 8:51 o'clock and continued ten seconds. A lighter shock had occurred at 8:26. Earthquakes which occurred Monday from one end of the Alaska railroad at Seward to the other, at Fairbanks, and which rocked buildings at Anchorage for 19 1/2 seconds, were followed by three lighter shocks. Two minor shocks and tremors were felt there Tuesday morning.

## President's Secretary Protests Against Increasing His Salary

Washington, Feb. 24.—The House voted today to increase the salary of the President's secretary from \$7,500 to \$10,000 a year over the protest of Representative Sanders, Republican, Indiana, who will hold the post after March 4.

Mr. Sanders was absent from the floor when the House, considering the deficiency appropriation bill, adopted an amendment providing for the increase. He later appealed to his colleagues to reverse their action, but his request for unanimous consent for re-consideration of the amendment brought objections from a half-dozen or more members.

Although re-consideration of the amendment which was introduced by

## SMITHFIELD HIGHS DEFEAT MAYSVILLE

Game Played at Kinston And Is  
Third Championship Victory  
For Local Team

### TEAMWORK ENTIRE OUTFIT

Smithfield high school cagers trounced Maysville on the Kinston court in a fast game Wednesday night by the score of 27 to 11. This was a championship game and is the third game of the series that the "White Jerseys" have taken. The Maysville team was balked throughout the game and trailed their opponents at the end of the first half, 13-4. Gobs of dope was upset by the result of this game. The sporting editors of the dailies in that section of the state had conceded the game to "The Wonder Team" by a large score. The Maysville boys have won 25 out of 27 games played this season, losing to Wilmington by 5 points and to Smithfield by 16 points.

In the first session Smithfield started fast, shooting two field goals in rapid succession. Maysville retaliated with one field goal and made a free throw good. The score at the end of the first half stood 13-4 with Smithfield at the big end. In the second half Maysville came back determined to win and when they chalked up two field goals in the first minute of play, it looked as if they had struck their stride but it didn't last long. The consistent teamwork of the team as a whole together with the ability of Stephenson and Kirkman, J. to hit the basket almost at will soon put the game on ice, and it ended 27 to 11.

Smithfield played a steady fast game while Maysville was listless, slow, and off the form which they were expected to show.

Stephenson, with 14 points, and Kirkman, J. with eight, were the high scorers for Smithfield. The teamwork of the entire outfit was a feature of the game. Collins, V. made seven of Maysville's 11 points.

Line-up and summary:  
Smithfield (27) Maysville (11)  
Stephenson ..... Collins, S.  
Right Forward  
Kirkman, J. .... Mattox  
Left Forward  
Caudill ..... Collins M.  
Center  
Kirkman, D. .... Jenkins, V.  
Right Guard  
Adams ..... Jenkins, J.  
Left Guard  
Substitutes: Smithfield, Boyette,  
Honeycutt and Watson.  
Referee: Thompson, Rocky Mount.

### ERROR CORRECTED

Our attention has been called to two mistakes which appeared in the Elevation township road statement which was published in the Herald last Friday. In the receipts for May 6, 1920, the amount should have been \$32,645.56 instead of \$3,245.56, and the amount received from the sheriff on May 5, 1924, should have been \$150.00 instead of \$3,245.56.

Sammy Junior—"Fadder, was your peoples well to do?"

Sammy Senior—"No, my son, but dey was hard to do, so dey allus got along."—Wittenberg Wit.

## Mrs. Brogden Visits Kenly Woman's Club

Kenly, Feb. 25.—The Woman's Club held its regular business meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the club room. Plans were made for more detailed work for the Eastern Carolina Exposition. Committees were appointed to plan the selection of Kenly's Queen. The president urged every member to help serve lunch at Smithfield during the Exposition. She further suggested that a fund be started at once by which a lot may be purchased on which to build a club house in the near future.

The chief feature of the meeting was an address by Mrs. W. J. Brogden, of Durham, president of the sixth district of The State Federation of Woman's Clubs. Mrs. Brogden, in her pleasing manner, clearly brought out the importance of a Woman's Club to the community, and the relation of the local club to the district and to the state. She showed how vital was such an organization. The Woman's Club, Mrs. Brogden asserted, was the most democratic organization any town could have. It fills a place in a community that not even a church can fill because it serves all races of people and creeds, besides touching all civic needs.

In the second place, Mrs. Brogden clearly brought out the relationship of the local Woman's Club to the district and to the state. The local club holds a distinct place in the district, turn, receives strength from both district and to the state, in district and State Federation.

After the address, Mrs. Brogden invited the members to ask any questions in regard to the relation of the club to the district. An informal discussion then followed.

On behalf of the club, the president thanked Mrs. Brogden for coming to Kenly and for her instructive message.

## HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Mr. Willis Batten, who lives near Selma, sustained painful injuries in an automobile wreck Wednesday night about eight thirty o'clock when his Ford roadster was struck by a fast-moving big automobile as he was turning in the Smithfield-Raleigh highway about seven miles from this city. The big car did not even stop and Mr. Batten, and his companion, were unable to get the car number. Mr. H. C. Woodall, who was returning home from Greensboro, brought Mr. Batten, who was in a semi-unconscious condition, to the Smithfield Memorial Hospital where medical attention was rendered. It was found that he had sustained a fracture of the right arm and a number of bruises about the body. He is reported as doing very nicely.

## MEN'S PRAYER MEETING

Below is a schedule of prayer meetings commencing Monday, March 2, on Third Street. The time of meeting is 8 o'clock a. m., lasting fifteen minutes.

Monday, March 2, City Clerk's Office  
Tuesday, March 3, Austin's store.  
Wednesday, March 4, Jordan-Edmundson Co. Store.  
Thursday, March 5, J. W. Moore's store.  
Friday, March 6, Turnage & Talton store.  
Saturday, March 7, Spiers' store.  
Everybody is cordially invited.

## CHURCH PAYS DEBTS

Last Sunday the Methodist church raised \$999.90 in almost less time than it takes to tell about it, to pay off a debt gradually accumulated over a period of years for various causes. The pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker, announced after his sermon, which was appropriate to the occasion, that he wanted to raise a thousand dollars in five minutes. In just about that time the amount reached within ten cents of the desired amount. This was a cash collection and put the church entirely out of debt.

Watch the date on your label and renew when your time expires.

## BENSON CHOOSES A LEAUTY QUEEN

Special Guests At Kiwanis Meeting; Mrs. J. H. Rose Entertains Club

### PERSONAL MENTION

Benson, Feb. 25.—At a mass meeting held in the school auditorium Tuesday evening, Miss Irene Hudson was elected as Queen to represent Benson in the Eastern Carolina Exposition to be held in Smithfield April 13 to 18. In the absence of the Mayor the meeting was presided over by Dr. W. T. Martin. The following young ladies were nominated: Misses Ethel Hall, Wilhelmina Utley, Mary Lee, Irene Hudson, Blanche Martin and Sarah Turlington. The voting was by ballot and two were eliminated each time. The first ballot eliminated Ethel Hall and Wilhelmina Utley. The second ballot Blanche Martin and Sarah Turlington, and the last ballot Mary Lee, Irene Hudson being the winner. Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Exposition was present and gave an outline of the program for the Exposition. Mesdames J. W. Whittenton, R. C. Wells and Dr. H. H. Utley were appointed as a committee to look after the Baby Show for Banner township.

Henry Shaw was in charge of the program at the Kiwanis luncheon Tuesday evening. President Oliver announced a bill had been introduced in the legislature for a county-wide road system for Johnston. Preston Woodall was given praise for his efforts in this issue. N. G. Bartlett was present and spoke on the Exposition for Johnston County. Mr. Homer H. B. Mask, of the U. S. Field Service N. C. Cotton Growers Association, was an invited speaker. His subject "Intermediate Credits" was very interesting. L. D. McLean, of Aberdeen, was also an invited speaker. His subject was "Orderly Selling." Both speeches were instructive, and timely as this was Farmers' night. A delightful menu was served the Kiwanians by the North State Hotel.

Mrs. J. H. Rose was hostess to the members of her club and several other invited guests on Friday afternoon at 3:30. Mrs. M. T. Britt, president of the club, presided over the meeting. After a brief business session and roll call, answered with a current event, the program for the afternoon on Sydney Lanier was rendered in a most interesting way. Mesdames J. B. Faircloth, W. D. Boone, and A. T. Lassiter had charge of the program. The living room was decorated in keeping with George Washington's birthday. Carnations and roses were used. At the conclusion of the program the guests were turned over to the hostess, who had planned a delightful social hour for them. A tree with a notch on it had been previously drawn on cardboard and placed on the wall. Each one was blindfolded and given a hatchet to try their luck in putting the hatchet in the notch. This afforded much amusement. Mrs. W. D. Boone, being the lucky one, was presented with a box of candy. A salad course, angel cake, coffee, pink and white mints in attractive baskets were served. A color scheme of red, white and blue was carried out in the napkins, decoration, salad, etc. The favors were hatchets and flags. Mrs. L. L. Levinson assisted Mrs. Rose in serving. The hostess had as her special guests: Mesdames: Mesdames J. W. Parrish, M. A. Peacock, L. L. Levinson, W. T. Martin, C. C. Canaday, G. E. Parker, Jr., and Frank Woodall.

Mrs. J. F. Martin went to Smithfield Wednesday.

Misses Eunice Martin and Ella Mae Nixon spent the week end in Raleigh. Misses Ruth Poindexter and Caroline Fitzgerald spent the week end in Raleigh.

Mrs. W. T. Martin attended a meeting of the pageant committee in Smithfield Wednesday afternoon. The following were in Raleigh Monday: Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt, Mrs. J. H. Rose, Miss Mary Lee, Mr. and Mrs. George Holland, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Faircloth, Dr. A. S. Oliver, C. T. Johnson, Preston Woodall, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Canaday.