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Separk and Stephenson Break Jail; Get Away

Two More Prisoners Escape With Them; Bet Out Through Hole Made In Floor Between Jail And Court Room

Robert Separk and Robert Stephenson, charged with the murder of "Mighty" Forsythe near Clayton several months ago, were unwilling to take their chances of coming clear in court and broke jail here early Sunday night along with Paul Adams and Rosser Parker, two other white prisoners, and made their escape, leaving no trace of their whereabouts.

A representative of the Herald interviewed Henry Jernigan and Sanders Davis, two prisoners confined in the compartment with Separk and Stephenson, and they believe that plans for escape were in the making for several days before the thing was accomplished. According to Jernigan and Davis, Separk and Stephenson had a string which they let down from the window to the ground whenever they chose, and it is said that at various times they pulled whiskey up to their cell. It is thought notes were also delivered in this manner. Sunday afternoon the string was thrown out and something was drawn up to the cell, but Jernigan and Davis did not know what.

Some plumbing work, which required a hole cut in the cement floor between the jail and the court room, was the occasion for the prisoners to put into effect their plan for escape. The hole which was made by the plumbers on Saturday did not go through into the court room, but stopped short of the wire screen ceiling which held the plaster. Early Sunday night Separk and Stephenson started their viotrola and then went into the hall where they were wont to carry their bedding on which they prostrated themselves to play cards. The viotrola played to the end of the tune, and when the needle was not thrown off Jernigan and Davis turned to stop the machine. It was then that they discovered something was wrong. They went out into the corridor just in time to see the last one of the four disappearing through the hole in the floor. They had burst the wire screen and plaster, had tied their sheets together and swung to the floor of the court room.

The alarm was given to the trustees, who have the run of the jail, and one of them by passing through a window of the kitchen, got on top of the jail and thus attracted the attention of pedestrians on the street. It is said that just as the prisoners got out of the building that a high-powered car, was heard to start on the street in front of the courthouse and go off at a high rate of speed.

Separk and Stephenson had been heard to complain about their meals and had stated on Sunday morning that they did not expect to endure it much longer.

Some time ago Separk managed to prize the bars over his window far enough apart that he was able to climb out on the roof of the courthouse. He was discovered and for some time thereafter remained in close confinement. Recently, however, he is said to have been given more freedom.

Mr. Jesse Daughtry, the jailer, was at his home near town when the prisoners made their escape, being detained there on account of sickness in his home. Harry A. Watson, Jr., a young boy about 18 years of age, was in charge of the jail.

J. C. STANCIU SMITHFIELD'S NEW POSTMASTER

Mr. J. C. Stanciu, who was recently appointed postmaster of this city, took charge of the post-office last Saturday. Mr. Stanciu has been in New York state for the past several years, though his family lived in this city. He held a position in the prohibition department of the Federal government.

A Western Queen



Miss Blanche Grimes of Sanger, California, ruled supreme as Queen of the California Raisin Festival held this year at Fresno and attended by thousands of visitors.

C. W. Beasley Dies At Rex Hospital

Funeral Is Held at Residence Here Friday Afternoon; Interment in Oakland Cemetery

Smithfield was shocked last Thursday afternoon when it became known that Mr. C. W. Beasley had passed away at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, following an operation. Mr. Beasley had been confined to his bed at his home here for about ten days, but it was not generally known that he was seriously ill until Wednesday of last week when he was carried to Rex Hospital. It was found that an operation was necessary, and even then the physicians held out only a slim chance of recovery. He died about five o'clock Thursday afternoon. The body was brought to this city and the funeral service was held at the home of the deceased on North Second street Friday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church. A large crowd was present to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased, and a beautiful floral offering attested the sympathy which was extended to the bereaved family. Interment was made in the Oakland cemetery. The pallbearers were: J. A. Wellons, R. C. Gillett, Daniel Jones, Dr. A. H. Rose, W. M. Sanders, B. L. Jones, W. N. Holt, F. K. Broadhurst and J. A. Narron.

The deceased was forty-nine years of age. He was a native of Johnston county but he went to Norfolk, Va., where he lived for a time. About fifteen years ago he came back to Smithfield and bought a half interest in the brick yard, across the river, from Mr. W. M. Sanders. The firm was known as Sanders and Beasley, and Mr. Beasley had active charge of the business until his death.

He is survived by a wife and two sons, Messrs. Clifton and Charles Beasley.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Jesse Meacham recognized his name last issue.
Today's Tantalizer:
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Cotton Co-ops To Receive Payment

About One And a Half Million Dollars Will Be Distributed in Final Settlement

RALEIGH, June 3.—Approximately one and one-half million dollars will be distributed this month in the final settlement with members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, according to General Manager U. B. Blalock.

All of the 120,000 bales delivered to the association last season (1926) has been sold, and the last shipments are now going out from the warehouses, Mr. Blalock explained in a report to the members today, and the office force is now working day and night to make the necessary calculations of the amounts due each member.

Thirty-eight per cent of the 1926 crop was sold directly to mills, 33 per cent exported and 29 per cent to merchants and exporters. The average netted members for short staple cotton was 12 1/2 to 13 cents.

Although one-fourth less cotton was delivered to the association last year than in 1925, the operating expense per bale was increased only four cents, Mr. Blalock points out, the operating cost in 1926 being \$1.98 as compared with \$1.94 for 1925. The carrying charge for short staple cotton was reduced from \$3.59 per bale in 1925 to \$2.32 in 1926, he explained, so that the total expense cost per bale in 1926 was \$4.30 as compared with \$5.53 in 1925. The total expense includes the operating cost and the carrying charges.

"We have practically cut the total cost per bale to half what it was in 1922," said Mr. Blalock. "In 1922 our total expense was \$8.11 per bale as compared with \$4.30 last year. This reduction has been made possible by increased efficiency of our personnel and by the reduction of interest rates from 6 to 4 1/2 per cent.

"We have been able to borrow money for our members at 4 1/2 per cent, and we have reduced storage and insurance rates from 50 cents per bale to less than 35 cents," Mr. Blalock said.

With exception of 1925 when the cotton cooperatives were caught on a declining market, the average netted members for the five year period has been as much or more than the outside prices after paying all operating expenses, Mr. Blalock declared, and more important than that has been the placing of a premium on quality cotton and the elimination of country damage.

"We set up a fifteen-sixteenth inch pool for the first time last fall and we are paying our members 88 points or nearly a cent a pound more for 15-16 inch cotton than for 7-8 inch. We are paying a premium of a cent and a half for all inch staple, which is an achievement never before attempted on a systematic scale," Mr. Blalock said today.

JAILER DAUGHTRY RESIGNS

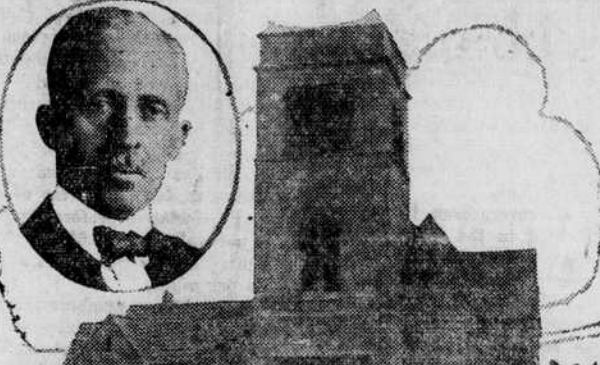
As we go to press, we have reliable information that Jailer Jesse Daughtry has tendered his resignation to the sheriff. It is unofficially reported that the next jailer will be R. E. Holt. Mr. Holt was city night policeman until June 1st.

SMOKEHOUSE ROBBED

Mr. Arthur Batten, who lives on Smithfield, route 2, was in the city Saturday and told us of his smokehouse being robbed of over 700 pounds of meat. The robbery took place Friday night, and the recent rain made it easy to discern tracks around the smokehouse out to the road. Car tracks were also visible, but there seems to be no clue that is likely to identify the robbers. Not a single piece of meat was left in Mr. Batten's smokehouse.

Five weeks ago Mr. Batten had the misfortune to be hurt when a Dodge automobile hit the mule and wagon in which he was riding along the road. Mr. Batten was taken to the hospital where he stayed for five days, and he still has to go on crutches.

A Haven for Ministers and Families



The new J. C. Penny Community Home near Jacksonville, Fla., has just been dedicated and thrown open to retired ministers with families, where rent, light and heat are free. Twenty-two apartments which house 80 families, a chapel and civic center make up the community. It is a memorial to Mr. Penny's father and mother, his father having been a Baptist minister. Above is the Chapel; insert it of Mr. Penny; and, below a typical group now living there. It is non-denominational.

Red Cross Flood Fund Is Growing

Local Contribution To Relieve The Distress In The Mississippi Valley Total \$373.75 To Date

The relief work for the flood sufferers of the Mississippi Valley is steadily moving forward. We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions since last week's report:

- A. M. Noble \$5.00
- Smithfield Grade School \$38.25
- Mrs. W. J. Woodard \$2.00
- Mill Creek Christian church \$14.25
- R. R. Holt \$10.00
- Amount previously reported \$309.25

Total amount sent \$373.75
Jim Smith, drayman of Smithfield, conveyed one box of clothing gratis.

The drive for relief is now nationwide, and 600,000 people are depending on public charity for their daily bread. Anyone desiring to make contributions to this cause may do so by sending donations to Judge F. H. Brooks, Ira W. Medlin, C. J. Thomas, E. S. Edmundson, The Smithfield Herald or H. V. Rose. Every penny will be gladly received and acknowledged in this column.

H. V. ROSE, Chairman, Smithfield Chapt. Red Cross.

Bellanca Pilot Lands Safely

BERLIN, June 6.—"For the second time in less than a fortnight an American airplane has spanned the vast Atlantic ocean and landed safely on the European continent.

The non-stop flight of the Bellanca monoplane Columbia, piloted by Clarence D. Chamberlin with Charles A. Levine as his companion ended at Eisleben, Saxony, 110 miles southwest of Berlin at five o'clock this morning (midnight New York Daylight Saving Time) when the fuel supply was exhausted.

WIN NEW RECORD.

The fliers failed to achieve their goal, but they established a new long distance sustained record, having covered about 3,800 miles from Roosevelt Field, N. Y., to Eisleben.

Starting from Roosevelt Field at 6:05 a. m., Saturday they had been in the air 42 hours when forced to land at Eisleben as compared with 33 1/2 hours for Captain Lindbergh's flight to Paris.

E. G. Moore Begins Work In Benson

In Charge of Branch Office of The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce; Celebrate Opening With Banquet

BENSON, June 4.—One hundred business men from Johnston, Sampson and Harnett counties gathered here last night for the formal opening of the branch office of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was marked by a new spirit of co-operation and faith in the possibilities of eastern North Carolina.

The gathering was held as a banquet at the North State Hotel. Dr. A. S. Oliver presided and introduced the speakers, all of whom pledged their support to the chamber-hog program, to which the branch office will devote its attention during the next year. The local office will be in charge of E. G. Moore, a native of Eastern Carolina and a graduate of State College.

N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the national organization, outlined the work which will be attempted in the three counties during the next year. In the course of his remarks he called attention to the progress which has already been made in Eastern Carolina in diversified farming, and prophesied a quickening of interest in the three counties during the next year. Livestock as a sideline will be the chief goal of the branch office, he stated.

The Kiwanis Club of Benson attended the meeting in a body as did the Rotary Clubs of Dunn and Clinton. Representatives from Clayton, Farmville, and Smithfield were also present in good numbers. Many other business men of these towns also attended the meeting.

Dr. Oliver gave a brief history of the creamery which was started at Benson fifteen months ago. With a small beginning, the project has now reached the output of 1,500 pounds of butter each week. The creamery has done much to point out the possibilities of livestock farming in this section, and new cream routes will be established by the local office, it is planned.

Other speakers included George Metts, of Dunn; Dwight Barbour, of Clayton; Howard McKinnon, of Clinton; T. C. Young, of Smithfield; John Holmes, of Farmville; L. A. Bethune, of Clinton; F. Grover Britt, editor of the Dunn Dispatch, and W. M. Gaskin, of the Smithfield Herald.

Recorder's Court Has Full Docket

Several Criminal Cases Tried Tuesday And Wednesday of Last Week

Several criminal cases were tried in Recorder's court here last week, the following being disposed of:

Harvey McKeller entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging operating a car while under the influence of whiskey. He was sent to the county roads for a term of 60 days and was required to pay the cost of the action. He was also forbidden to operate a motor vehicle again within the next 90 days.

Richmond Sanders was in court for operating a car while intoxicated and for assault. He entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to the roads for 60 days. He was also taxed with the cost and forbidden to operate a car again in 90 days.

Joe Tedder and Wiley Morris were charged with larceny. Joe Tedder pleaded guilty and was sent to the roads for 30 days. Wiley Morris was convicted of aiding and abetting, and he received a 60-day road sentence.

Clyde Hunter, Joseph Haley, Robert Haley and John Oliver were found guilty of larceny. Clyde Hunter was sent to the roads for 30 days and required to pay one-fourth the cost. Joseph Haley, Robert Haley and John Oliver received a 90-day road sentence each and were taxed with one-fourth of the cost each.

Ed Jemette was found guilty of possessing beer. He took an appeal from a 60-day road sentence.

Walter Liles, Jesse Temple and Horace Phelps were charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Walter Liles entered a plea of nolo contendere as to operating a car while intoxicated and was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, the road sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and one-third the cost on condition that he does not violate the prohibition law again in twelve months. He was forbidden to operate a car again in North Carolina in the next 90 days. Jesse Temple and Horace Phelps entered pleas of nolo contendere as to being publicly drunk. Both defendants were fined \$70 each and required to pay one-third of the cost each.

Probable cause was found in the case against William Henry Morris, who was charged with inebriation, and he was bound over to Superior court. In default of a \$2,000 bond, the defendant was committed to jail.

J. Q. Tart was convicted of violating the prohibition law. He was given a 60-day road sentence, the road sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost, and on condition that he does not violate the prohibition law again in twelve months.

The state failed to convict Hubert Pulley, who was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and in a careless and reckless manner.

For vagrancy E. C. Baldwin was sent to the roads for thirty days and was taxed with the cost.

For operating a car while intoxicated, Starling Coates received a 60-day road sentence, the sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and cost, and on condition that defendant does not violate the prohibition law again in 12 months. The defendant was required to pay the prosecuting witness, W. E. Crowe, the cost of repair to his car, \$21.55. The defendant was forbidden to operate a car again in 90 days. He was also found guilty of assault.

For vagrancy, Beatrice Holland and Etta Holland were sent to Samarcand for a term of from one to three years.

Joe Hockaday was found guilty of non-support and abandonment. He was sent to jail for a term of six months to be hired out by the county commissioners. Three-fourths of the hire or proceeds from the hire are to be paid into court for the use and benefit of Ms. Joe Hockaday and children.

Four Auto Wrecks Is Sunday's Record

Officers Capture Whiskey Still

Brand New Very Complete Outfit—Among The Captured; Two Men Arrested And Peppers Out For Another

Johnston county officers were active in capturing whiskey stills last week, three being the record. On Thursday afternoon, W. W. Stewart and T. E. Talton captured what they considered one of the most perfect outfits ever brought into the Johnston county courthouse. It was a brand new seventy-gallon still. It measured three feet square and eighteen inches high before it began to bulge. The still was found on Little river in Boon Hill township, and was running full blast when the officers appeared on the scene. Two men who were at the still ran when they saw the officers, but Turn to page four, please

Four Medals In Annual Contest

Class Day Exercises Friday Evening; Dr. T. W. Lingle of Davidson College Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon

The commencement exercises of the Smithfield school have held right of way during the past week, beginning Thursday evening with the annual contest in essays, declamations, recitations and orations. The contestants were pupils of Mrs. A. R. Wilson, Expression teacher, and they did both themselves and their instructor credit. The number taking part in the contest was not as large as might be desired, but the quality of the program was very gratifying.

The two contesting for the essayist medal given by Mr. W. N. Holt, a member of the school board were Misses Mattie Lee Grimes and Frances Massey. The subject of Miss Grimes' essay was "Our Home Town", the subject of Miss Massey's being "Home". The judges awarded the medal to Miss Mattie Lee Grimes. The essays were judged fifty per cent for subject matter and fifty per cent for delivery.

The declamation contest had three contestants, Joseph Stancil, who rendered "Americanism," Winfield Jordan, who gave "The Constitution," and Durwood Creech, who declaimed "The Man With The Hoe." Durwood Creech was the winner in this contest, and was awarded a medal given by Hood Brothers, Winfield Jordan was commended for his clear enunciation and interpretation.

Four young ladies took part in the recitation contest. Miss Ada Ruth Stevens recited "The Straying Sunbeam"; Miss Nellie Hood Grimes, the "Garden Plot"; Miss Gladys Johnson, "Tommie's Prayer"; Miss Dixie Johnson, "Bettie at the Baseball Game." The medal in this contest was given by Mrs. W. M. Sanders in memory of the late W. M. Sanders and was awarded to Miss Gladys Johnson. All of these contestants did well, showing splendid interpretation.

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The defendant was taxed with the cost.

Joe Hockaday plead guilty of assault in court during February and a four months road sentence was suspended upon the condition that he refrain from violating the prohibition law again within two years. He was brought into court last Wednesday on a capias. The court found that the defendant had violated the former suspended sentence. Capias to issue for a term of four months upon failure to comply with the judgment in the former case.

Mrs. W. E. Albman, of Raleigh, Is In Johnston County Hospital In Serious Condition

Four automobile wrecks were Johnston county's record for Sunday, according to T. E. Talton, highway traffic cop, and as the result of one Mrs. W. E. Albman of Raleigh, is in the Johnston County Hospital with serious injuries. The wreck in which Mr. Albman was hurt occurred last Sunday afternoon on highway 2 near Micro. She, with her husband and four children, was on her way to Kenly to visit the family of her brother, Mr. J. W. Darden. They were riding on a Studebaker six. A Ford car, driven by Edges Dixon of near Princeton, came into the highway, and the Studebaker in swerving to keep from hitting the Ford, turned over. According to eye-witnesses at a court view camp near by, Dixon was driving slowly while the Studebaker was going at a good rate of speed. Mrs. Albman suffered a broken thigh and internal injuries. She was brought to the Johnston County Hospital. Dr. Royster was called from Raleigh Sunday evening to consult with local physicians. Blood infusions were given yesterday, but her recovery is considered hopeless. No one else was hurt. The Studebaker car was a most a complete wreck, but the Ford was practically intact. Dixon was arrested and placed under \$200 bond which he gave. A son of Mrs. Albman was summoned from Raleigh, who made the trip in 21 minutes.

Another wreck took place just this side of the overhead bridge near Selma when two cars had head-on collision. W. J. Daniel of Goldsboro, was driving a Ford coupe, and Arthur Jackson, of Selma, was driving an Oldsmobile eight. Both cars were badly damaged but no one was hurt.

A third wreck occurred in front of the Johnston County Hospital when Alice Taylor, a negro woman of Smithfield, ran into Paul W. Werner, of Selma, who was riding with his wife and two children. The fronts of both cars were torn up. Alice Taylor was arrested but she gave bond for her appearance in court.

The fourth wreck, which was minor one, occurred near Princeton.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW STILL IN FORCE

Mr. C. W. Lindsay, who is official standard weights and measures inspector for Johnston county, informs us that the old law is in force until there shall have been time to acquaint the public with the new law passed by the recent legislature. Mr. Lindsay thinks that with the passage of the new law his job was over, but upon writing to the commissioner of agriculture, W. A. Graham, he received the above information.

There were 13,274 club women and girls in North Carolina last summer who canned 940,210 quarts of vegetables, fruits and meats to use during the past winter.

A woman begins to sit up and take notice when other women notice things about her husband. Aimee Semple McPherson had had her hair bobbed—and the Sampson—the Temple falls.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me-



"My ole man kin do de damage to de cyar and de least hisself."