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BLOCKADER FIGHTS COUNTY OFFICERS

Resists Arrest After Peach Brandy Is Found In His Home; Now In Jail

Deputies T. E. Talton and J. O. Ellington of this city and Chief J. H. Griffin of Selma had quite an interesting experience Tuesday night after receiving a tip to go to a certain location in Pine Level township in search of a still which was to be in operation at that time.

They set out immediately and after a long search in the rain found a trail which led to the location in question, but upon arrival they found that the still had been moved. Following another trail that led to a house nearby, they went in. The man living there, Bob Woodard, gave them permission to search his house, and on the kitchen table they found fruit jars containing twelve gallons of peach brandy. Several jugs were on the floor, and a quantity of wine was discovered.

Woodard was arrested and brought here to jail. During this time the officers were informed that the man who made the whiskey lived in Boon Hill township and that his name was Add Wilkins.

After placing Woodard in jail the officers went in search of Add Wilkins, and at his home they found four gallons of apparently the same peach brandy. When they attempted to arrest Wilkins, he struck Chief Griffin on the head, stunning him. Deputy Ellington was on the outside keeping watch, and Mr. Talton had his hands full trying to get Wilkins, a great bulk of a fellow, under control. Wilkins was trying to reach his gun when he found that he could not, he commanded his wife to get it. She ran to do his bidding and stopped only when Mr. Talton threatened to shoot her if she got it. After a severe struggle the man was placed under arrest and brought here to the county jail.

Both men are still in jail in default of bonds. Woodard's bond was fixed at \$500 and that of Wilkins at \$700. They will be tried in Recorder's court here Tuesday.

SHORT COURSE FOR NEGRO BOYS AND GIRLS

The boys and girls short course held at A. & T. College for Negroes at Greensboro came to a close Friday night, August 5. Over 200 boys and girls were in attendance. Through the kindness of the board, fourteen negro boys and girls of Johnston county were able to attend this meeting.

State Agent Hudson had a regular course mapped out for them. The boys were taught to make rope halters, pig troughs and steps. The girls made a dress and each one a hat.

This was in many respects the best short course that has been held.

McKAY McNEILL, Agent.

Cotton Pests Damage Crop.

Mr. R. E. Whitehurst, who has charge of 800 acres of cotton in Johnston county, states that the boll weevil and red spider have damaged the crop fully one-third. Recent rains have helped to destroy some of the red spiders, but boll weevils are thriving on this damp, cool weather.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one deciphered 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.

(Miss) Dixie Johnson recognized her name last issue.
Today's Tantalizer:
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Flying School' Marm



MILDRED DORAN, Michigan school teacher, who flew from Detroit to California and is now making ready for a flight to Honolulu for a \$35,000 prize.

Eastern N. C. Dry Agents Lose Jobs

Reports Say They Drank and Supplied Liquor to Friends —Seven Fired

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Seymour Lowman, secretary of the treasurer in charge of prohibition enforcement, today fired Arthur McDuffie, deputy administrator at Fayetteville, and six of his agents. Lowman said these men were "dropped for the good of the service" for an improper use of seized liquor.

Discharged along with McDuffie were Agents James Rouser, Roger Horton, Alexander Adams, James Pearson, Elmer Cobb and J. Hall Shaffer.

Early today the writer heard that an investigation of the acts of certain North Carolina dry agents had resulted in an unfavorable report for the men.

Mr. Lowman was asked about it. His reply, at that time, was that the inquiry was not complete. An hour later, however it was announced that the men involved had been dismissed.

The report coming here is that the North Carolina prohibition agents involved in the case drank or distributed to personal friends "real" liquor they had taken in the course of their work for the government.

Mr. Lowman said this afternoon that the men in the prohibition service must walk the chalk line. They are no better than other people when a question of law enforcement arises, he said.

The details of the Fayetteville case were not made public. Improper conduct was the general allegation.

It was explained that R. Q. Merrick, prohibition administrator for Virginia and North Carolina, with headquarters at Richmond, had full authority to name the successors to the men discharged. Only three agents remain in McDuffie's old district.—H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Observer.

Roger Horton and Alexander Adams have done considerable work in Johnston county. They have been called upon a number of times in the interest of prohibition in this section of the state.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. will be in charge of Group 2 next Monday night with Mrs. Vernon Moore as leader. The following program will be given: Scripture reading, Miss Annie Lee. Introduction and part one, Mrs. Carlon Stephenson. Part two, Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson. Part three, Miss Ruth Wilson. Part four, Miss Virginia Wilson. Part five, Mr. Jesse Coates. Part six, Mr. Walter Huntley. Special music by Mr. Julian Booker.

Recorder's Court Has Full Docket

Many Criminal Cases Are Tried and Disposed of Here This Week

Recorder's court met here in regular session Tuesday, and the following criminal cases were disposed of:

Stephen Hoff was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for possessing whiskey.

George Green received a sixty-day road sentence and was required to pay the cost of the action for larceny.

Argo Watson was convicted of larceny. He was sent to the roads for six months and required to pay the cost.

Lewis Holder was found guilty of transporting whiskey. He was sentenced to the roads for 60 days and taxed with the cost, but gave notice of appeal.

Eddie Hodges was found guilty of operating a car while intoxicated and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road sentence was suspended upon the condition that the defendant goes back to his father, S. T. Hodges, and makes a good law-abiding citizen for the term of two years. He was forbidden to operate a car again in six months.

Paul Jackson was sentenced to the county roads for six months and taxed with the costs of the action for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The road sentence is to be suspended upon condition that the defendant is sober and of good behavior and that he stays under the control of his father for a period of twelve months. He is not to operate a car again in six months.

The court failed to convict J. E. Stephenson, who was charged with the violation of the prohibition law. J. V. Allen, who was charged with assault, was found guilty and was sentenced to the roads for three months. The road sentence was suspended upon the condition that the defendant does not have in his possession wine, cider or whiskey or any intoxicant within the next two years, and further that the defendant does not violate the prohibition law in any form and that he is of good behavior for the next two years.

For violation of the prohibition law, Ernest Richardson was sentenced to the roads for four months and taxed with the cost. He gave notice of appeal.

Kerney Richardson was charged with violation of the prohibition law; nol-pross with leave.

Sir William Baker was convicted of abandonment and non-support. Judgment was suspended upon condition that the defendant is of good behavior for the next twelve months.

Jim Atkinson was sentenced to the roads for six months for abandonment and non-support. The sentence was suspended upon condition that the defendant provides adequate support for his wife and children. He took an appeal to Superior court.

Allen Bennett, Wid Lynch and Bennie Stanley were charged with transporting and possessing liquor. Bennett and Stanley were convicted on both counts and Lynch was found guilty of possession. Each was sentenced to the roads for 30 days and taxed with one-third of the cost each, the road sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine each and one-third the cost each.

Young Men's Club Entertains.

The Young Men's Social club gave a delightful supper at Holt Lake Wednesday evening. For some time after the guests arrived, boat-riding and bathing were enjoyed. Later punch, sandwiches, weiners and watermelon were served. After supper dancing was enjoyed for quite a while. About thirty-five were present for this pleasant occasion. The Young Men's Social club is a new organization and this is the first social event given by its members. Ten young men have been enrolled by this club.

The easiest road to wealth is to have a rich relative die and leave you a fortune.

Special Term Of Court Is Granted

Governor Consents to Extra Session of Criminal Court Upon Petition By Bar Association

When Solicitor Clawson L. Williams of Sanford was in Smithfield on Saturday of last week, he had a conference with the Johnston County Bar Association, and it was decided to petition the Governor for a special term of criminal court for Johnston county. The petition was accordingly forwarded to Governor McLean, and the special term has been granted.

The term is scheduled to begin on September 12. There is some uncertainty as to the judge who will preside over this term as all available judges in the eastern district will be busy at that time holding regular terms, but the governor's announcement states that this will be worked out in due time.

Anarchists Given Few Days Respite

Date of Execution of Sacco and Vanzetti Postponed Until the 22nd August

BOSTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Warden Williams Henry of the State's Prison announced at 11:25 that Nicola Sacco, Bartoleomeo Vanzetti and Celestino Maderios had been granted a respite to and including August 22.

Warden Henry said he had received the information from Secretary William Reed, of the Governor's council. He left immediately to notify the condemned men of the respite. The prisoners received the news with no show of emotion. Warden Henry reported a few minutes later. The only one of the three to comment was Vanzetti, who remarked that he was "pleased."

Sacco and Maderios said they had no remarks to make. Early tomorrow the three will be removed from the death house section of the prison, where they were confined until a few days before the date set for their execution.

Captain Beupre of the State police left the State House at 11:30 for the State Prison with the official respite for the three men.

The news of the respite spread rapidly along the police lines outside the jail and less than half an hour after the warden's announcement demobilization of the heavy armed force around the institution was begun.

The mounted State constabulary galloped off first, the machine gun and bayonet squads left and announcement was made by Police Superintendent Crowley that the guarding force would be reduced immediately to the detail of the past few days.

Demonstrations have been staged in all parts of the world within the past few days in an effort to save the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti, internationally known anarchists, who were convicted seven years ago for holding up and murdering a paymaster and his guard.

ARMY OF POLICEMEN ON GUARD AT STATE PRISON

STATE PRISON, Charlestown, Mass., Aug. 10.—(AP)—An army of 250 police, including a machine gun squad, three squads armed with rifles and fixed bayonets and the rest made up of regular foot and mounted officers, mounted guard over the prison tonight in addition to the augmented force that has been on duty for the past few days.

A police boat began a patrol of Miller's River, a small stream which runs behind the jail. The boat was under orders to clear the stream of all boats.

KIWANIANS TALK SMITHFIELD HOTEL

J. U. Gunter of Sanford Tells Local Club How the Sanford Hotel Was Built

The members of the Smithfield Kiwanis club, ever on the alert to do things and promote things that will add to Smithfield's progress, talked as they ate at their usual weekly luncheon held on Thursday here in the Woman's club room. The club's shoulder is at the wheel this time toward the erection of a modern hotel building for Smithfield.

The club had secured the attendance of Mr. J. U. Gunter, a prominent business man of Sanford, to attend the luncheon meeting at this time and to discuss plans by which a movement could be launched here which would result in the building of the long needed and much talked of hotel for Smithfield. Mr. Gunter's was a pleasing speech, and the club was delighted at it.

In his speech Mr. Gunter discussed very thoroughly the value of a hotel to a community. He directed nothing to the Smithfield Kiwanians, stating that every community would have to be governed in the erection of its hotel by the various things that make the town. Among the things which are advantages in Smithfield's favor for hotel building, as seen by Mr. Gunter, are its splendid agricultural surroundings, its location at the intersection of number 10 and 22 highways, and its distance from other leading centers such as Goldsboro, Raleigh, Wilson and Fayetteville. These are some of the things that are bound to receive favorable reckonings in this project. He stressed other things as prerequisites to the undertaking, among these being the proper kind of management, which under all circumstances must be a kind and courteous and sensible management that shall feel a keen interest in the entertainment of every guest that shall take shelter in the building.

Mr. Gunter referred to his home town, Sanford, as a town that was once under poor accommodations from a hotel standpoint. He told how one man assumed the responsibility of erecting a modern 100-room building and how this was later taken over under a contract by a company of Sanford business men. The town put its heart into making this a good hotel. Not only did they boost it, but they saw to it that in its entertainment of guests that it lived up to its pretensions, and so thorough has become the service of this hotel that traveling men from many states, north and south, patronize and boost the hotel for them. The hotel now is one of the most permanent institutions in a town.

The speaker did not represent the hotel as an institution of direct money-making. On the other hand, he stated that some five or ten years would probably elapse before any income from the investment could be realized, but he contended that a good hotel in Smithfield would mean more to its material development than could be stated in dollars and cents.

The meeting was presided over by Geo. Y. Ragsdale, who in introducing the speaker of the occasion, stated that Smithfield had been in an unsettled state of affairs on the subject of the hotel proposition ever since a bond election was carried here some two years ago, the purpose of which was to finance the undertaking. Mr. Ragsdale stated that he had two of the best attorneys in eastern North Carolina, namely, Kiwanians H. B. Marrow and N. C. Shepard, to delve into the legality of a bond issue for such a purpose, and the two attorneys had expressed the opinion that bonding companies would never purchase bonds issued as a result of the election.

Kiwanian Shepard made a short talk in which he stated that he and Mr. Marrow would not be willing to make a definite statement without first submitting the matter to the supreme court.

The matter was by no means dismissed with today's discussion, and the Smithfield Kiwanis club

Visitor Addresses Selma Kiwanians

H. J. Oberhoser Also Makes Talk at Baptist Church Sunday Morning; Book Club Entertained

SELMA, Aug. 9.—Selma has been particularly fortunate for the last few days to have in her midst some very distinguished visitors. Last Thursday evening the Kiwanis club was entertained on the lawn of Dr. R. L. Shirley with Mesdames Shirley, H. D. Broadway and C. A. Jacobs as joint hostesses. Tables and chairs had been placed on the lawn and appetizing refreshments in two courses were served. The climax of the evening came when the chairman of the program committee, Supt. F. M. Waters, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Oberhoser, of South Africa, who, while a student at the State College, won the medal in Los Angeles, Cal., in a nation wide contest in oratory. Mr. Oberhoser's remarks on Thursday evening made a profound impression on his listeners and made them glad that they were citizens of the United States and subjects under such a wonderful constitution. Dr. S. S. Mayerberg, of Dayton, Ohio, was also present and made a short and interesting impromptu talk. Other interesting impromptu talk. Other delightful numbers on the program were solos by Mr. Eric Massey and Mrs. M. R. Wall and a reading by Mrs. H. D. Broadway. The stunt program was peppy and mirth-provoking. The next meeting will be held on Dr. I. W. Mayerberg's lawn with Mrs. Mayerberg and Miss Anne Noble as hostesses.

While at the Kiwanis meeting Thursday evening, Mr. Oberhoser consented to make a talk on Sunday morning in the Baptist church. His subject was "Peace," and was listened to with closest attention by a large and appreciative audience. A union service was held on Sunday evening at Edgerton Memorial Methodist church with Rev. A. C. Sellman, southern field representative of the Brooklyn Jewish Mission, occupying the pulpit.

Mrs. Mamie Tuck Candler entertained the book club and a few other friends Saturday afternoon complimentary to her guests, Mrs. S. C. Robertson and daughters, Misses Cecile and Eugenia, of Long Beach, Cal. An interesting program was enjoyed and delightful refreshments were served on the lawn. Mrs. Robertson, who has a wonderful voice, favored the guests with a solo. On Sunday morning at Edgerton Memorial church she sang "My Redeemer Liveth" and at the evening service she sang the Twenty-Third Psalm.

NEW COTTON PLATFORM
TO BE ERECTED IN SELMA
Selma is soon to have a new cotton platform which will house 300 bales, according to reports reaching here this week. It is to be located near main street. Mr. E. G. Hobbs, cotton buyer there, states that about 800 bales have been handled in Selma during the past four months. Mr. Hobbs buys cotton from the merchants and farmers.

Birthday Dinner.
On Sunday, August 14, the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sanders in Elevation township are requested to meet at their home at the usual dinner hour with well filled baskets to celebrate Sister Sanders' 64th birthday.

Elder W. Y. Moore will be on hand and preach at one o'clock. Everybody is invited.
J. Q. BAKER,
Four Oaks, N. C.

Enjoy Family Reunion.

Relatives of Mr. Joe Johnson and Mrs. Easter Clifton met at their home near the county home last Sunday for a family reunion. Relatives for miles around gathered for a day of fellowship. At the noon hour a long table in the yard was loaded with good things to eat which were thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd. About 150 guests were present.

Edison Today

A SPECIAL camera study of Thomas A. Edison as he appeared this week at Department of Commerce offices where he discussed the rubber industry—in his attempt to find a plant substitute. Mr. Edison was 80 February 11.

S. S. Convention At Kenly Church

Pennant to Be Given the
Church in Johnston County
Having the Largest Delegation
A program of practical plans for Sunday school betterment will be presented at the annual Johnston County Sunday school convention to be held at the Presbyterian church in Kenly on Thursday and Friday, August 25 and 26.

The convention is inter-denominational, and all Sunday schools in the county are urged to attend. Mr. C. E. Younger, county president, and Miss Margaret Etheridge, county secretary, are requesting the cooperation of all pastors, Sunday school superintendents and all teachers in making this the most successful convention yet held. A pennant will be given the Sunday school having the largest delegation present.

It is the desire of the promoters of this convention that all Sunday school officers attend and take part in the discussions.

Cotton Crop In Texas Promising

C. P. Johnson, of Paris, Texas, Formerly of Paris, Texas, Tells of Crop Conditions There



T. R. Hood has received a letter from C. P. Johnson, of Paris, Texas, who formerly lived near here, enclosing clippings from the Dallas Morning News giving an account of crop conditions in Texas. From the following report it appears that the cotton crop in that state is very good this year:

"Hot, dry weather prevailing generally throughout the State during the last week has done wonders for the cotton crop, which shows a marked improvement in many districts which had been suffering from too much moisture. Conditions are improved, also, as to the insect ravages which have markedly decreased during the dry spell. Indications point to a crop above normal in most counties of the state, with a slight decrease in some sections owing to reduction in acreage."

"Picking and ginning is under way in some sections. It is estimated there will be more than 100,000 persons engaged in the fields in Texas at the period when Central Texas is finishing its harvest and West Texas is starting to gather its crop."

Surveys are being made by the United States Farm Labor Bureau in Texas with a view to organizing the available labor so that efficient distribution will be possible during the stress weeks. Picking is almost completed in the Rio Grande district and the workers have been moved to the Corpus Christi sector.

NO MORE MOISTURE NEEDED.
"A survey of all sections of the state reveals that, with few exceptions, no more moisture is needed. A continuation of the present hot, dry, sunshiny conditions is called for to bring the blooms to maturity and hold back the insect infestations. Damage from boll worms and boll weevils is comparatively slight, taking the state as a whole."

"In Eastern Texas, ravages of weevils and worms have been greatly decreased and it is hoped for continued dry weather. Rains of the previous week were beneficial to late cotton. Early cotton will produce well. Some counties report a short crop. Picking will be general in this district by the middle of the month."

In the northeast counties, the fields are reported clean with cotton improving under the hot sun. Insects are still plentiful but the ravages are being halted and there is good prospect for a crop around normal. Some cotton in the section is shedding fast but the plants generally are heavily laden with blooms. The stalks are well fruited. The crop is progressing seasonally and no additional rainfall is needed.

"Reports from the north central section are that the cotton on height land is suffering from the heat, but the plants in sandy soil are holding up well. Rain is needed in Hood and Somerville counties. Some counties in this section report about two-thirds of the crop maturing satisfactorily with the balance infested with weevils but the crop still has time to make. Some counties have started ginning and general picking is expected to start about next week."

NORTHERN CROPS ADVANCED
"Insect ravages are reported in some of the northern counties. The plants are fruiting well and the crop is far enough advanced to make. Some rain fell during the last few days but not enough to do much damage. Continued hot, dry weather is needed. Damage from weevils and boll worms is heaviest in Grayson county, although nearly identical conditions

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TYPEWRITERS LANDED
FROM BIG AIRPLANE
RALEIGH, Aug. 9.—Two hours later, the Royal Typewriter Company's "Air Truck," bound from Hartford, Conn., to Havana, Cuba, with a consignment of Royal Portable typewriters, landed Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock here at the Marshburn-Robbins Airport.

The plane, which has three Wright Whirlwind motors of the type that Lindbergh's plane, "The Spirit of St. Louis," had, was late in leaving Langley Field this morning, and caused hundreds of Raleigh people, who stood for hours under the broiling sun, to be disappointed, for a large part of the morning crowd did not return in the afternoon.

The plane, designed by the Stout Metal Airplane Company and built by the Ford Motor Company, is the largest heavier-than-air commercial airplane ever constructed. It was the largest plane ever to visit the Capital City.

Fifteen of the 173 Royal Typewriters, taken on Monday morning in Hartford, were left here with R. R. King, president of the Carolina Typewriter Company, local dealers for the Royal machines.

Enjoy Family Reunion.

RELATIVES OF MR. JOE JOHNSON
AND MRS. EASTER CLIFTON MET AT
THEIR HOME NEAR THE COUNTY HOME
LAST SUNDAY FOR A FAMILY REUNION.
RELATIVES FOR MILES AROUND GATHERED
FOR A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP. AT THE
NOON HOUR A LONG TABLE IN THE YARD
WAS LOADED WITH GOOD THINGS TO
EAT WHICH WERE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED
BY THE LARGE CROWD. ABOUT 150
GUESTS WERE PRESENT.

NEW YORK POLICEMEN
KEEP WATCH ON SUBWAYS
NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The vigilance of the city's entire police force, 14,000 men, was centered today in protecting subway and elevated lines, public buildings, churches and homes of officials and prominent persons as New York awaited eventualities in the Sacco-Vanzetti case. No acts of violence were reported.