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PRISONER SETS FIRE TO BEDDING IN COUNTY'S JAIL

Near-Panic Among Other Prisoners Results; Very Little Damage Done

More than fifteen prisoners in the Martin County jail here were terror stricken early last evening when Roy Strawbridge, one of their number, set fire to his mattress, causing a stifling smoke to fill the second and third stories of the building.

After the alarm was sounded and before the jailer could reach the unit where Strawbridge was confined, the blaze had almost blocked one hallway, and the smoke was pouring from all the third story windows.

Strawbridge, arrested yesterday afternoon for threatening the life of Harvey Gardner, white man of near here, went to jail very calmly. Officers, remembering the damage he effected to the water system in one of the cell blocks more than a year ago, placed him in an inside room without company.

Following the excitement created by his first act, Strawbridge, about 9:30 tore the radiator from the wall and broke it into many pieces, retiring when he could do nothing more than scratch the walls with his fingernails.

When the first scene was nearing its close, Strawbridge told officers that he burned the mattress to aid the cotton growers, that the county should buy cotton mattresses and replace the cheap ones now in use in the jail.

Several years ago, Strawbridge moved to South Carolina and is said to have got along very well. Later, however, he was placed in the State Hospital at Columbia for treatment.

THREE CARS IN MINOR CRASHES

No One Hurt and Property Damage Small Result of Accidents Monday

The Willys car, belonging to Mr. Walter Gurganus, crashed into the front of Harrison Brothers' store here yesterday morning and broke the marble border. The bumper of the car missed the plate glass window by a few inches.

Miss Elsie Gurganus, with several children, drove the car to the street curb in front of the store and left the engine running while she went into the shop. She had been in the store a few seconds when one of the children accidentally hit the gear lever, and the car bounded over the sidewalk and into the store front.

Later in the day, two Fords, one driven by Mr. W. H. Adkins, of Robertsonville, and the other by Leman Johnson, crashed, but very little damage resulted.

Farmers Are Urged to Throw Away Lower Leaves Tobacco

In an effort to limit the tobacco production in the bright belt this year, movements have been instituted to pull the bottom leaves from each stalk and throw them away.

A wide practice of the method, it is believed, will pay the farmers well. The quality of the remaining weeds will be bettered, and the production will be limited, the two combined being recognized as price boosters. It is also believed that much expense can be eliminated in handling the crop by pulling off and throwing away the few bottom leaves.

In certain sections of the tobacco belt, the movement will be largely practiced, it is understood, and it is the honest opinion of those who handle tobacco that Martin County farmers will do well to give the matter serious thought.

The season is progressing rapidly, and the crop as a whole is doing well in this county, according to reports. The United States Tobacco Association meets in Asheville this week, and the opening dates for the markets will be announced late Friday, it is understood.

Officials Definitely Establish Identity of Scissors-Grinder Killed on Fill Last December

LIVED IN SMALL PENNSYLVANIA TOWN FOR TIME

Had No Near Relatives in This Country; Was Born in Germany

The identity of Charles ScLong, run down and fatally injured on the Roanoke River fill near here the early part of last December, was made certain last week following a long investigation carried on by Sheriff Roebuck by means of much correspondence with newspapers and individuals in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Williams recalls selling three ties to a stranger late last year, but has no idea who the person was. Last week a letter was received from Rudolph E. Hope, of Souderton, Pa., in which he had the following to say:

"I, personally, can give you the information that you need, in regard to this Charlie ScLong. Last summer this man lived for some time in an abandoned barn in Souderton. My two boys got acquainted with him and pitched him, and through them I gave this man a blue suit, some shirts, and three neckties. I can also tell you that this man has no near relation alive. He told me that both his wife and two children were dead, also that he was born in Germany."

ScLong's body was prepared for burial and held by Coroner Biggs for several days. Failing to get in connection with any of the man's relatives, authorities buried the body near the county home.

W. W. Breazil was arrested in connection with ScLong's death, and was tried in a Bertie County court, but evidence was insufficient to convict him, and he was cleared of the manslaughter charge.

Small Child Dies at Home Near Here Early Friday

James Gilbert Gardner, three years old, died at the home of his parents, Willie W. Gardner and wife, Florence Moore Gardner, in Williams Township early last Friday morning. The little fellow had been in feeble health all his life. Pneumonia was the ultimate cause of his death.

Funeral services were held from the home Friday afternoon by Rev. E. T. Harris, of Washington. Burial was in the R. B. Gardner cemetery, near the home.

Hoke County Farmer Buys First Combine

J. D. Mason of Raeford, has purchased the first combine to be used in Hoke county.

\$6,000 NOTE TO BE SOLD BY TOWN

Made Necessary By Postponement of Property Tax Sale

In anticipation of revenue from the collection of the remainder of 1930 taxes, the Town of Williamston plans to sell a \$6,000 note next Monday, it was learned at the treasurer's office yesterday morning. The proposed sale of the note has been approved by the State Local Government Commission, and it is believed the money will be available after next Monday.

Commenting on the proposed sale of the anticipation note, Treasurer N. C. Green stated yesterday morning that it would not have been necessary for the town to borrow had the sale of taxes been made June 1. Of the \$41,000 town levy, approximately \$30,000 have been collected so far, leaving more than \$10,000 for floating the note. Several large property owners are included in the number who have not paid their taxes and who are expected to make settlement before their holdings are advertised later in the year.

"Considering existing conditions, the town's finances are in unusually good shape," Treasurer Green stated.

UNION SERVICES DURING SUMMER

First Service To Be Held at Presbyterian Church Next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday evening and continuing through the summer months at local churches, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Christian, will combine their evening programs and hold a weekly union service, it was announced last Sunday evening in the several churches. Rev. C. H. Dickey will preach at the first union service to be held under the recent arrangement. It was announced yesterday. The several religious bodies will meet in the Presbyterian church for the first service next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Union services have been held here during the summer months for the past several years, giving the ministers an opportunity to visit the others churches and at the same time affording larger congregations during the months of warm weather.

Judge Harris To Address Kiwanians Tomorrow

A unique and interesting program has been arranged for the regular Kiwanis meeting here tomorrow, it was announced this morning. Judge W. C. Harris, presiding over the superior court here this week, will attend as honor guest of the body and he will make a brief talk to the Kiwanians. His subject has not been announced. A musical program by local talent will be offered during the course of the meeting, it was stated. A large gathering of Kiwanians is urged.

Small Child Dies in Bear Grass Sunday

Pennie Elizabeth, the one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bowen, died at the home of her parents in Bear Grass Township early Sunday morning of pneumonia.

The funeral was conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Elder Ben Cowin, of the Primitive Baptist church. Interment was in the Bowen cemetery, near here.

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME THEME OF JUDGE'S CHARGE

Says People Should Not Hide Crime From The Courts

"So long as individual citizens are respecters of special privileges and particular crimes, we need not expect the courts to function properly," Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, stated in his charge to the Martin County grand jury here yesterday morning.

The judge, devoting only a few minutes to his remarks addressed to the grand jury, did not deal with any one crime, but centered his talk on the trend toward crime and the great need for community citizens to join in crime suppression. "People should not hide crime from the courts," he said in urging the individual to so order community life that every person might have a change, and that they might be taught the effects of law-breaking on themselves and upon the communities in which they live.

Judge Harris scored parents for not being more diligent in teaching their children the difference between right and wrong. The visiting jurist, coming here for his second court, praised the influence of the church and the school, stating without these two prominent influences, our courts, by working day and night, could not keep the criminal dockets clear.

In bringing his talk to a close, Judge Harris stressed the importance of education, stating that very few criminals who have ever been in high school find their way into the courts, "and many of the criminals can neither read nor write," he added.

MOTH BALLS ARE FATAL TO PESTS

Watauga Gardener Finds Cheap Method of Killing Bugs and Worms

The following clipping from a recent issue of the Watauga Democrat, of Boone, will doubtless prove interesting to Martin County gardeners, dealing, as it does, with the most common of all garden pests, insects:

"Watauga County gardeners bring the information that insect pests have appeared this season in ever-increasing hordes, and the news of a distinctly new weapon with which to combat them will be gladly received. Mrs. W. L. Stansberry, of Vilas, is authority for the recipe for bean beetles, cucumber bugs, 'tater' bugs, or what have you, and the formula is exceedingly simple. Two moth balls are pulverized and placed in one-gallon of water, allowed to remain overnight so that the solid matter may become thoroughly dissolved, and the solution is sprinkled over the bean rows. In her garden, Mrs. Stansberry applies the liquid through a tin can with perforated bottom. A larger vessel is carried filled with the deadly poison, and only a few minutes is required to cover the usual garden patch. The pestiferous Mexican bean beetle has been annihilated by this mixture in different gardens, and Mrs. Stansberry has yet to find an insect on any kind of plant which can survive an application. The moth balls may be secured at your drug stores, are sold in bulk, and the cost is so low as to be negligible.

Nearly 400 People Lose Lives When Ship Sinks

More than 400 French people lost their lives last Sunday afternoon when their excursion boat sank off St. Nazaire, France. The steamer ran into a squall and was knocked over on its beam ends. The terror-stricken passengers, approximately 500 of them, rushed to the opposite side and caused the craft to capsize in a very short time. A few of the passengers, grabbing life belts just before the boat went under, were picked up by rescue boats an hour later nearly exhausted. There were many women and children on the boat.

Wheeler Manning Buys Interest in Shoe Shop

Wheeler Manning, the hustling young son of Mrs. Bell Manning and the late Simon Manning, recently purchased a one-half interest in the Willard Shoe Shop here. In making the purchase the young boy assumes half management in the concern.

Young Manning has been with the firm for some time, taking an active interest in the business that later made possible an opening in the firm for him. He was graduated from the local high school last month.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HIGHLY PRAISED

Newspaper Article by Local Minister Read With Interest Here

Volunteer fire departments in general, and the local one in particular, were paid a unique tribute by Rev. C. H. Dickey in his column, "Small Town Musings," appearing weekly in the News and Observer. Using a fire department and the attention it attracts as a yardstick in measuring the size of a town, Rev. Mr. Dickey goes on to point out the conditions surrounding the small town and its volunteer fire-fighters.

In praising the work of the local company, the minister said, in part: "Our local fire department is a source of boundless wonder to me, anyway. How, at any hour, day or night, they can be rounded up so quickly I have never been able to understand. I have heard our siren go off in the still hours of the late night—on a cold winter's night—and before it ever stopped I've heard the trucks start up.

We have a great group of men on our engines. And it's a group of men who are not sufficiently appreciated. I fear. They love their sleep and their soft beds as much as we. Yet, let that alarm go off and in no time at all, day or night, winter or summer, they come pouring out of their several homes and before I'm through rubbing my eyes, wondering where the fire is, whose house and so forth, they are off and arrived at the place and working like Trojans to head it off.

"For this service they get, if I'm not mistaken, the magnificent sum of \$2.50 each month. Well, it's just another group of men who are willing to do something without being paid for it. There are a lot of people like that. Of course, men have to have their daily bread; but men don't live on bread alone; and always there are many who will put themselves out in your behalf without money and without price.

"Our little town owes a lot to these boys. They are our guardian angels. Nothing stops them. They're quicker than lightning. They serve, practically without pay. It gets so it isn't a bit funny being called out at all hours of the night, chasing all over town, throwing water and sometimes having it freeze on you, carrying out heavy furniture and exposing yourself. But our boys do it and do it well.

"I like a fellow like that. One who is willing to serve you when he can. He asks no questions. He simply goes when that alarm goes off. I feel better when I sleep better because I'm watched over by a group of fellows like that. There's no better fire department than ours."

BLOOD HOUNDS CAUSE ARREST

Young Negro Is Jailed for Breaking in Home of Columbia Man

Charged with entering the home of Mr. J. E. West in Columbia late last Saturday night, a seventeen-year-old colored boy was trailed by bloodhounds and arrested near here early Sunday morning. Mr. W. H. Allen, of Enfield, owner of the bloodhounds used in trailing the burglar, stated that the boy admitted entering the home after his father, a respectable old colored man of the community, had told him to tell the truth, whatever it might be. Prior to that time, the boy denied entering the home. Mr. Allen, reaching here Sunday morning on his return trip to Enfield, stated that Mr. West had fired at the boy but failed to hit him. Mr. Allen and his dogs were summoned a short time later, and after reaching the West home a chase of one and one-half miles was made, the arrest being effected shortly before 8 o'clock.

Famous Dancing Team At Beach Opening This Week

The famous dance team of Rosita and Ramiro will be seen at the Casino, Atlantic Beach, Morehead City, at the formal opening dance Wednesday night, June 17. These team will be seen in their original Cuban Rumba and Argentine Tango Dances. They will also dance a fast Spanish Poso Doble and the latest ballroom version of the bolero. Rosita and Ramiro have recently appeared at the Royal Casino, Havana, Cuba, the St. Regis and St. Moritz Hotels, New York, and also in the Hollywood and Janssens' Restaurants, New York, as well as having recently been featured with the Chateau Sevilla Cuban Rumba orchestra.

Superior Court Term Began Here Monday

CLEAN-UP WEEK

That the "Paint-up and Clean-up" movement advanced here this week by the Woman's club will meet with much success between now and Saturday was made certain yesterday when many turned their attention and labors to the task of cleaning up their premises. Many vacant lots have been untouched so far, but before the week is spent that work will have been handled in many cases, it is believed.

The beautifying phase is being greatly stressed in the "Paint-up and Clean-up" movement, but since the week is now only in its second day, that type of work cannot be detected just at this time. The civic committee of the club is very anxious that everyone who possibly can do so, beautify the grass plots in and around the individual homes.

GARDEN NOTES FOR MONTH JUNE

Home Agent Gives Some Timely Tips for Alert Gardeners

By Miss LORA E. SLEEPER (Home Demonstration Agent)

1. Plan now for a good crop of straw berries next spring. Bar off the old bed to a narrow row of plants and keep well cultivated on both sides of the row so that new runner plants may take root as they form. Plants formed during June, July, and August will produce twice as many berries as those formed during September and October. The new plants should not be spaced closer than 6 to 8 inches apart in the bed. For the very largest and finest berries root the earliest runners about 12 inches apart in a single or double row.

2. Now is the time to start sweet potatoes from vine cuttings. Vine cuttings are usually free from disease, and therefore offer a means of producing disease-free potatoes. Higher yields of No. 1 potatoes will be produced if the plants are set as close as 12 inches apart in the row. On soils of average fertility, use 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre of an 8-4-4 fertilizer.

3. Set tomato plants for the late summer crop. Plants set at this time should have their roots placed deep in order to reach the moist layers of soil. If the plants are tall and spindling, lay them horizontally in the bottom of a deep furrow and cover all but 2 or 3 inches of the top. Sow seed now for the fall crop.

4. Keep up the supply of sweet corn by making successive plantings every three or four weeks. Early maturing varieties may be planted as late as 10 weeks before the usual date of the first killing frost with fair assurance of a crop. Main crop varieties should be given not less than three months in which to mature. As soon as the plants are well established, hurry them along by side dressing with a fertilizer high in nitrogen.

5. Plant bush beans every three weeks in order to have a constant supply of fresh, tender snaps. Start the fight on the bean beetle early by spraying or dusting with magnesian arsenate as soon as adult beetles are found on the plants. For spraying, use magnesian arsenate at the rate of 1 pound to 50 gallons of water, or 2 level tablespoons to 1 gallon. For dusting use 1 pound of magnesian arsenate to 4 pounds of hydrated lime. The spray or dust material should be applied to the under side of the leaves.

6. Spray cantaloupe, cucumbers, and watermelons with Bordeaux mixture for the control of leaf blights. The best insurance is to keep the vines covered with the spray material, although two or three applications will give reasonable control in an average season.

Can Get Civil Service Blanks in Washington

Under a new arrangement, blanks for civil service commission examination for applicants desiring to enter training in the government hospital, St. Elizabeth's, Washington, D. C., are available through the civil service commission, Washington, only, it was learned here this morning. For further information those desiring to enter the service are directed to correspond with Mr. F. E. Wynn, local secretary, at the post office here.

TEN TRUE BILLS RETURNED BY JURY FIRST DAY

Most of Indictments Are For Stealing in One Form or Another

Opening here yesterday, the Martin County Superior Court, Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presiding, called ten cases during the day, the docket as a whole attracting very little attention.

Yesterday, the grand jury returned ten true bills, and at noon today, with the exception of a few minor details then to be handled, it had completed its work. True bills returned into open court by the grand jury yesterday include the following: John Henry Edwards, colored, housebreaking and larceny; John Page, Hubert Page, and Lestery Terry, housebreaking and larceny; James Ridley, housebreaking and larceny; Holton Hyman, housebreaking; Marshall Andrews, Julian Roberson, and James Stanton Godard, larceny and receiving; Daniel Wynn, house burning; Thomas Rynes, carnal knowledge; William Everett, assault with a deadly weapon; and John Hadley, larceny and receiving. This morning the grand jurors had around 18 more cases to consider, in addition to inspecting certain county properties.

The first case called in the court was the one charging N. S. Godard with seduction. Papers were issued for the defendant, and the case was continued. In the case charging Mote Mills and Furney Coley with assault with a deadly weapon, Coley failed to answer and papers were issued, judgment of the court being nisi scilicet.

Charged with an affray and carrying a concealed weapon, James Collins and Clarence Purrington pleaded not guilty at first, but once the State's evidence was in, they pleaded guilty of an affray. The court sentenced them to six months on the roads.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging P. L. Baker with reckless driving and assault upon the defendant paying the costs of the case and the cost of repairs to damaged wagon.

John Henry Edwards, colored, pleaded guilty to housebreaking and larceny, and was sentenced to the State prison for not less than one year and for not more than four years. This was the heaviest sentence imposed by the court during the first day of the two weeks' term.

At the conclusion of the evidence in the case charging George Taylor with an assault with a deadly weapon, the court ordered that a verdict of guilty be entered. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the court costs by the defendant.

The case charging C. M. Barber with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued.

Holton Hyman was found guilty of housebreaking, but sentence had not been passed up until noon today.

The case charging Golden Godard with cruelty to animals was ordered redocketed, and capias issued for the defendant. This action followed when it was learned that the case had been not prossed at the March, 1931, term. Starting late yesterday afternoon on the case charging W. D. Wynn with houseburning, the court completed the evidence this morning. Argument required much time and the jury was out for a long while before returning a verdict of guilty. Judge Harris had not passed sentence at noon today, the accused man's family displaying a marked grief in the halls of the court house in awaiting the judge's action.

One other case only was before the court this morning and that one charged J. D. Ridley with entering a store in Parmele a few months ago. Ridley is said to have told a good story, but the evidence was not considered very favorable for his release. The jury took the case about one o'clock when the court adjourned for lunch.

Court attendants are of the opinion that the criminal proceedings will continue through tomorrow and well into Thursday with the possibility that the work will run practically all the week. While there are no capital cases on the docket, the criminal proceedings are attracting packed audiences daily.

Control of Boll Weevil Is Discussed in Bulletin

How to control the cotton boll weevil by dusting with calcium arsenate is discussed in Extension Circular 186, by C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College. Copies are free for the asking.