

### Escaped Convict Walks Into Arms Of The Law Near Beulaville

Three Patrol officers early on Friday morning captured an escaped convict after an hour of intensive search which began Tuesday morning.

Lester Johnson, 21-year-old Lumberton negro, was taken into custody at 8 a.m. Friday near Beulaville on N. C. Highway 24 by State Highway Patrol Corporal H. C. Johnson and Patrolman Alvin Cox of Jacksonville and Patrolman R. E. Nutt of Richlands. Johnson emerged from the woods where he was hiding virtually into the arms of the waiting officers, it was reported.

Over twenty patrolmen had sta-

ged an intensive search for the escapee since Johnson broke away from a road gang in Onslow county at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. Officers combed woods and swamps near Trenton and in the Hargett's Store section during the three-day search.

Johnson broke away from the road gang in Onslow County on Tuesday morning. Prison guards said they were afraid to shoot for fear of hitting the road foreman as the convict dashed into the nearby woods. The Lumberton negro was sentenced to serve three to five years for forgery in Robeson County last April.

### Employers Urged To Allow Soldiers' Leave For Camp

Capt. W. M. Buck, commander of Co. M 119th Inf., unit of the North Carolina National Guard, today appealed to employers to release their men who are members of the company for a period of National Guard encampment to be held at Ft. Jackson, S. C., during the period of 14-28 August.

Capt. Buck cited the following item from the current issue of the National Guardsman, official publication of the National Guard Association of the United States: Just about this time some thousands of your fellow-citizens will

have begun a sudden transformation. They will have shed their aprons, overalls, business suits and donned khaki once more. They will have abandoned their tools, desks, etc., to manhandle heavy guns into towing position behind prime mov-



SCRIPTURE: Psalms 32; 51, 86:5; 130:1-5.  
OPTIONAL READING: I John 1:12-2:2

### Right With God

Lesson for July 24, 1949

"GET RIGHT with God" is an expression which has been sometimes used by people. It is not a coarse or cheap idea. It is the most important thing you can do. Think what it means to be wrong with God! That means to be out of harmony with his will, going "across the grain of reality" as the old Greeks used to say. To be wrong with God means to be a rebel against reality, to have the power of the universe working against you, and so to be headed for sure destruction. Wrong with God, you cannot win. Right with God, you cannot lose. To be right with God means to be in line with the purpose that runs through all things; it means in the simple language of the Bible, to live as a child of God.



Dr. Foreman

**Mule or Man?**  
THERE are two ways in which a man can come into line, so to speak, with God. One is by being whipped into it, and the other is by a free act of will. The poet of the 32nd Psalm begs his readers not to be like mules or colts (Ps. 32:9). These animals can be broken and controlled by their masters. But they do not understand what is going on, and if left to themselves they would never serve.

They have to be caught, harnessed and driven. But God does not want to treat human beings like that. Getting right with God is not a business of getting into harness, being beaten into walking on the right road.

That is not God's way. He pleads with us through his inspired poet: Be not as mules—be men!

**Facing Up to Yourself**  
THE short good Bible word for being wrong with God is Sin. The very first step toward being right with God is to see yourself as you are. No one ever went to a doctor till he at least suspected he was sick. No one ever went to school of his own accord who thought he knew everything. And no one will come to God who thinks he is as good as he needs to be. When life goes hard with us, when everything about our life seems twisted and rotten, we make all sorts of excuses for ourselves, we lay the blame on our parents or our friends of the social and economic system in which we live (doubtless all these have a share in creating our troubles), but we hate to look at ourselves in the mirror of truth.

This comes first: recognizing our own wrongness, not just weakness but wrongness. When we reach the point where we can say with the Psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me," then we are on the right road.

**"Hide Thy Face"**  
THERE are two things we never hear about in the Bible. One is that God never forgave anyone who did not repent, and the other is that he refused to forgive any one who did repent. But repentance is not merely regretting that a wrong was done; still less regretting being caught. Repentance, the kind the Bible describes (as in these Psalms for example), means a complete change of attitude, it means coming over on God's side and seeing sin the way he sees it, seeing life the way he sees it.

God's forgiveness is not of the grudging, remembering, reminding kind. But condoning and forgiving are still a world apart. Condoning means saying in effect, It is all right, it makes no difference, you can go on sinning for all I care.

Some human "forgiveness" may be like that, but not God's. His forgiveness is based on real repentance, and the aim of it is to save the sinner from his sin.

**Pitiless in Mercy**  
THE Psalmists saw clearly what a kind of God we have. He is not like the holder of a mortgage waiting till the first time some payment is deferred gives him a chance to pounce down and evict his tenant. We are not criminals against whom God is a prosecuting attorney, trying to pile up evidence against us. "If thou shouldst mark iniquities, who shall stand?" We are children, lost and wandering children, rebellious and disobedient children, but still children; and God holds open the door of mercy.

### Sixty-six Per Cent Of Duplin Is Woodland Help Make It More Profitable

Sixty-six per cent of Duplin is in forest land - there is no reason why the citizens should not be conscious of the fact that many families are dependent upon our forestry products, and wood using plants for a living.

In order to keep the forest land of Duplin at maximum production, we must practice good management and keep FOREST FIRES at a minimum.

We are still faced with a housing shortage throughout the country - so, in order to supply the present need and take care of future needs, we must timber as fast as we use it. During last year 3,785 acres of forest burned in Duplin which resulted in great damage to young and growing trees - 90% of these fires are caused by man, and usually through negligence.

If we were to take as much interest in our forest as we do our other crops, there would be few fires and little damage to forest lands.

The real opportunity of adding to the national woodpile through good forestry management is knocking at the door of every Duplin County farmer. What are you going to do about it?

In Duplin County, there is a Farm Forester who is ready to work with you at any time concerning your woodland management. Mr. D. E. Coleman, Jr. can be reached at the Waccamaw Bank Bldg., in Whiteville, N. C. Feel free to call on him at any time.

"Matches have heads, but no brains. When you use their heads use your brains."

### Football Schedule

Coach C. L. Fouts has announced the following schedule for the Faison high school football team:

September: 16—LaGrange; 27—at Mount Olive; 30—at Clinton; October 7—open; 14—Wallace; 21—at Warsaw; 28—Burgaw; November 4—Jacksonville; 11—at Selma; 18—at Smithfield.

ers. to heave duffle bags and field ranges and other martial gear into GI trucks or baggage cars.

No, the cold war hasn't turned hot - It's the preparation for the National Guard's annual field training period.

Mrs. Faulkner screamed. She had 13 clubs. And each of the other ladies had a perfect hand - 13 hearts and 13 diamonds. Then all four screamed for witnesses. The chances of dealing a similar hand are one in 515,829,600.

### B. F. Mallard Dies In Wilmington

Ernest Franklin Mallard, 66, died in James Walker Hospital Wednesday night, July 13 after a short illness. He is survived by one daughter Mrs. H. T. King, Jr. of Wilmington; and one son, E. McClure Mallard, also of Wilmington; two sisters, Mrs. Jesse Fussell, Rose Hill, and Mrs. Mamie Hollingsworth, Faison; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Chapel of the Ward Funeral Home Friday at 11 a.m. by Rev. Willam Crowe with interment in Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington.

### LOOK WOMEN - - - A Perfect Record

HILTON VILLAGE, Va., July 13. The Indies' faces at the Hilton Village bridge club lit up when the hand was dealt and each glanced at the door of every Duplin cheerily at each other - like a cat smiles at a mouse.

Then Mrs. William Faulkner of Newport News opened the bidding with seven clubs. Four sets of eyebrows knitted into frowns.

Then Mrs. Robert Biener of Newport News bid seven spades. Three sets of eyebrows immediately shot up again in wonder. Mrs. William Horne of Newport News and Miss Helen Ridell of Philadelphia looked troubled.

Mrs. Biener laid down 13 spades.

### VOTE Saturday - JULY 23

As a producer of flue-cured tobacco, you have the privilege of voting in a referendum to determine whether you want marketing quotas continued in 1950. You can vote for three-year quotas . . . you



can vote for one-year quotas . . . or you can vote against quotas. Make your opinion count in deciding this vital issue . . . get the details on this issue from your local committee and cast your ballot on Saturday, July 23.

I. J. SANDLIN COMPANY  
BEULAVILLE, N. C.

## Saturday JULY 23



### FLUE-CURED TOBACCO REFERENDUM

Saturday, July 23, has been set as the date for the referendum to determine if marketing quotas are to be in effect on flue-cured tobacco.

This is the democratic way of deciding an issue . . . let the people who will be affected vote at the polls. Quotas will not be in effect unless approved by growers themselves. It requires a two-thirds majority to approve quotas.

This is a question for flue-cured tobacco growers to decide. Every person who has an interest in the 1949 crop of flue-cured tobacco is eligible to vote. The decision of the growers will be expressed at the polls.

MAKE YOUR OPINION COUNT - BE SURE TO

### Vote In The Referendum

## Saturday JULY 23

# J.O. STOKES

KENANSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

### Mr. Flue-Cured Tobacco Owner-



What does the future hold for flue-cured tobacco? You can have a voice in deciding. On Saturday, July 23, growers will vote at convenient polling places on whether they want marketing quotas continued after the 1949 crop. You can vote for a 1-year plan, a 3-year plan or vote against quotas.

### VOTE YOUR OWN WAY - BUT VOTE! FLUE-CURED TOBACCO REFERENDUM

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