

Last Of Bank Robbers Surrender As 23-Year-Old Edward Tappen Gives Up

A few days after his woman companion had surrendered for her part in the June 14th Calypso bank robbery, 23-year-old Edward Tappen of Hampton, Va., walked into the Norfolk, Va. police station and confessed to his part in the armed robbery.

Monday of last week, Shelby Jean Sutphin, 18, also of Hampton, Va., surrendered to police in Newport News, Va., and Saturday, Tappen came out of hiding to surrender.

When he turned himself in Tappen was carrying approximately \$2,000 of the \$2,287 taken in the holdup. Asked what happen to the rest of the money, officers said that it was a long story which he would relate later.

The Sutphin girl has been placed under \$5,000 bond and is being held in a Virginia jail, awaiting transfer to the Raleigh jail in default of bond. A preliminary hearing for Tappen was set for yesterday.

A few days before the Sutphin girl surrendered, the F. B. I. cracked the Fremont bank robbery, which took place June 24th, by arresting two Goldsboro youths, Lemuel Carr Tyndall, 19, who confessed to holding up the bank for approximately \$18,000, and Edgar Ellis Nelson, charged with aiding Tyndall in his escape.

Pink Hill Couple Complete School

Mr. and Mrs. Chaney R. Turner of Pink Hill have announced that their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Stroud, will graduate from the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead at graduation exercises to be held in Toronto, Ontario, July 23, as a special feature of a five-day Bible convention of Jehovah's Witnesses to be held in that city July 21-25.

Mr. and Mrs. Stroud are former residents of Kinston. Mrs. Stroud is the former Dolly Lou Turner. They served as ministers in Kinston for a year and a half before being last January for advanced instruction and missionary training at the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead at South Lansing, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Stroud are part of a class of 116 students from nine countries including Austria, England, Canada, Chile, United States, Ireland, Philippines, New Zealand and Switzerland.

Stroud has served 12 years and his wife three years as full-time ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses and will be assigned as special representatives within the United States.

Kenansville Native Dies In Richmond

Robert Edward Pearsall, age 60, died in a Richmond hospital Monday. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at his residence on Old Gum Road, Middleton, Va. Interment was in Hollywood cemetery in Richmond.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Ora Floyd Pearsall; one daughter, Mrs. William Keyhoe of Richmond; three sons, Robert Edward, Jr. of Richmond, William of Oklahoma and Thomas C. of Richmond; one brother, Kirby F. Pearsall of Richmond and five grandchildren.

He was the son of the late Joseph Fletcher and Minnie Fennell Pearsall of near Kenansville. He was born and raised at the old Pearsall home between Kenansville and Dundee Williams Crossroads.

Mr. Pearsall was president, board chairman and general manager of the James J. McGraw Co., Inc. of Richmond. He had been with the company since 1920.

Miss Marilyn Stroud Entertains Friends With Program of Piano Solos

Miss Marilyn Stroud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stroud of Pink Hill, recently entertained a group of friends and relatives with a program of piano solos at the country home of her music teacher, Mrs. W. T. Byrd. She was assisted by Miss Nancy and Audrey Carolyn Alphin, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Alphin, Jr. of the Bethel community.

Miss Stroud played compositions, Schumann, Chopin, Debussy, Rameau, Scott, and concluded her program with pieces that are old time favorites. Miss Nancy Alphin vocalized two selections by Carrie Jacob Bond. Audrey Carolyn Alphin played accordion music accompanied by Mrs. Byrd and Nancy at the piano. The participants were presented gifts in appreciation of the fine music rendered.

Leaf Support Announced At 47.9 Cents For 1954

The Department of Agriculture announced last week that it will support the price of 1954 crop of flue-cured tobacco at a national average rate of 47.9 cents a pound.

Loans covering the 1954 crop will be made available by the Commodity Credit Corporation in accordance with the general program provisions announced by the department in April.

The loans will be made on the basis of official standard grades at a specific rate for each grade with a five cent per pound differential between "tid" and "untid" tobacco.

Rates on the loans by grades will range from 73 per 100 pounds for top grades down to \$13 per 100 pounds for certain non-descript grades.

Growers will offer their tobacco at auction markets in the usual manner, the department announced. At the grower's option, loans will be made available to eligible producers through the Flue-Cured Cooperative Stabilization Corporation during the 1954-55 market season.

Eligible producers are those for whom a "within-quota" marketing card has been issued under applicable marketing quota regulations.

WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

LINWOOD SMITH

Linwood Smith, son of Mrs. Maggie Smith of Pink Hill, recently was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Capt. Smith is now currently stationed with the 49th F. A. Bn., 7th Division in Korea. He is serving as Bn. S2 and Communications Officer. He has been in Korea for two months. His wife and two children reside in Lawton, Okla.

PVT. EDWARD E. ROUSE

3D DIV., KOREA -- Army Pvt. Edward E. Rouse, 20, whose wife, Lucille, and parents live on Route 1, Mount Olive, recently joined the 3d Infantry Division in Korea.

The "Rock of the Marne" division, which saw bitter fighting in the Iron Triangle and at Outpost Harry, is now training as part of the U. S. security force on the peninsula.

Private Rouse, a rifleman, entered the Army last November and completed basic training at Fort Riley, Kan.

PVT. ELWOOD KING

3D DIV., KOREA -- Pvt. Elwood King, 22, son of Mrs. Isabell King, Route 1, Pink Hill, N. C., is now the "Rock of the Marne" division, which saw bitter fighting in the Iron Triangle and at Outpost Harry, is now training as part of the U. S. security force on the peninsula.

Private King, a rifleman, entered the Army last November and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., before arriving in Korea during May.

News For Veterans

Veterans having GI loans on their homes, farms or businesses can make extra payments to the lenders at any time, or can pay off the entire loan without a penalty charge. Veterans Administration announced in response to numerous inquiries.

The minimum extra payment a veteran may make on his loan, VA said, is at least the amount of one month's payment, or a flat \$100.

If a veteran who makes extra payments in accordance with this provision wishes to, he may have the extra principal re-applied later to regular payments, provided the lender agrees. The purpose of this arrangement would be to prevent the loan from going into default at some future time, should the veteran later become hard pressed for money to meet future regular payments.

Marilyn is an outstanding pupil of the Junior class of the B. F. Grady School, as well as an excellent piano student. Immediately following the recital, Mrs. Stroud directed guest into the dining room. The table, was covered with a handsome cut embroidered linen table cloth, was centered with an arrangement of pink carnations and fern, flanked with pink tapers in crystal holders which gave a lovely soft glow of light. At one end of the table was a crystal punch service.

Miss Shirley Smith presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Stroud her sisters assisted in serving punch, cake nuts and minis. Willie Estus Byrd played soft music on the radio during the reception. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Stroud said good-bye to thirty guests.

County Tax Rate Upped 5c To \$1.55

Rain Brings Break To Duplin Crops

County Schools Open August 18 Close May 12; Schedule Holiday

While the rest of Eastern North Carolina continued to sweeter under the intense heat and crops suffered from extreme draught most of Duplin County was fortunate last week end to have a drenching rainfall. Some parts of the county escaped it, including Faison and Calypso sections, but by and large most of the county received some rain. The area around Kenansville, Magnolia, and Rose Hill experienced the heaviest rains. It began raining on Friday and continued intermittently through Saturday. Monday morning crops were taking on new life as well as farmers in the rain area.

As we go to press Thursday skies are heavy in all directions from Kenansville and heavy rains have been reported from the Scott's Store-Summerlins section as well as the southern part of the county. Some fell here this morning and it is hoped more is in the offing before day is done.

A radio report said a severe electric and hail storm fell in the area of LaGrange early this morning.

Tobacco housing has been delayed virtually a week in the rain areas. Much corn is too far gone to be saved but the late crop is showing signs of progress. Gardeners are hurriedly planting their late fall vegetables and adding fertilizer and cultivating rows thought to have been dried up.

New Street Being Opened In Kenansville Gives Entrance To Rear of New Hospital

The Town of Kenansville is opening a new street here to give an entrance to the rear of the Duplin General Hospital and possible property development. This week road machinery has been on the job and it is expected traffic may enter the street in another week or so. The new street leaves highway 111 at the edge of Grove Swamp above the school house and follows the curve of the swamp west, turning South just west of the hospital disposal land. It continues in a southerly direction, up the hill at the rear of the school and hospital, coming to a dead-end at the Beasley-County property line. It is hoped that the Bowden estate will take hold from the point and continue the street west and then south to the intersection of Lodge street and the street running west from the court house. The opening of the present link of the proposed street gives a rear access to the Hospital and also opens development sites on the Bowden property. The new street makes the H. D. Williams overflow open to the public and gives a drive along the north side of the high school base ball diamond.

Group Duplin Citizens Unite To Fight Race Segregation

Last Friday night about 60 Duplinites gathered in the court house here to launch what may become a statewide organization to promote a better understanding between the white and colored races in this state. Spearheaded by Raymond Price of Wallace the group organized themselves into the Citizens Service Association, Inc. Its purposes, as pointed out by Price are:

1. "To preserve the identity of the white race.
2. Promote the unity of the white people.
3. Protest the subversion of orderly processes of government.
4. Protect the security and independence of our people.
5. Advocate programs for the general advancement of the white race.

The meeting was called to order by Gilbert Alphin who had been asked to serve as temporary chairman until an organization could be perfected. Mr. Alphin briefly explained the purpose of the meeting, calling on his listeners to think long and carefully about the problems facing us here in Duplin County, North Carolina and the South since the recent Supreme Court ruling on segregation. Mr. Alphin said the immediate danger could be in moving too fast towards integrating of the White and Negro school systems. He urged caution but felt that to promote some kind of organization to promote the interests of all people now.

Raymond Price read the proposed charter and by-laws. The group voted unanimously to approve the charter and it was signed by Mr. Price, W. E. Stout and W. M. Bostic. Only three persons are required to sign to secure a charter.

Raymond Price was then elected president of the organization and Mr. Alphin turned the gavel over to him. Price spoke briefly on the proposed organization saying that the idea had originated in Wallace and that he and some friends had sent out several thousand copies of petitions over the state to be signed calling on Governor Umstead to call a special session of the legislature to take some immediate action towards preventing integration of the White and Negro school children in North Carolina schools. Mr. Price pointed out and emphasized that this organization has as its primary purpose the opposing of segregation, on strictly legal basis. There will not be any intimidation or posing of threats against any individual or groups of individuals in this race question. We must fight it, he said, but fight it on a high plane and within the framework of the law. He pointed out that legal counsel, no doubt, was going to be needed and this is one of the main purposes of the organization to raise money to employ the "very best legal aid" and when the time comes, dues were set at \$6.00 per year and a large portion of those present joined and paid up.

Each member present who signed up would be considered a charter member and all present, whether signers or not, were asked to go back to their respective communities and go to work to help increase membership in the organization and discuss among the folks back home just what their ideas about the whole matter are and report back at a second meeting called for Friday night, July 16th at 8 o'clock in the court room. A meeting of the board of directors was called for tonight.

Mr. Price said that a number of counties throughout the state have shown an interest in this movement and had expressed a desire to be affiliated and consequently he expects a state-wide organization to be formed.

The public is invited to the meeting tomorrow night at which Dr. Eugene Foster of Wallace will make secretary and treasurer to the board.

Jack Worley Retires Rural Mail Carrier

Patrons of Pink Hill Rural Route one will be missing a familiar face along their route these days. For the past 28 years Jack A. Worley has become almost an institution to these folks. Through rain or shine, sleet or snow, in horse and buggy and horseless carriages Jack has daily carried their mail and handled their money orders. Jack knows every family and every member of the family personally and they all know Jack. He has handled their mail for so long they almost feel as if he is a member of the family.

After thirty nine years Jack gets an earned rest. He says he does not feel that age has caught up with him but does welcome a space in life when he can be a little more of his own boss. He plans to pursue his hobbies more and give more attention to his farming which was his first interest in the job of making a living.

Jack retired today, July 15th. The first thing he plans to do is to take a trip to the west coast. One of his ambitions of long standing is to see the Grand Canyon. He will be joined by his sister and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Clarke of Baton Rouge, La.

W. L. Bryant New Springs Lions Head

The Seven Springs Lions Club met at Hussy's Barbecue Thursday night, July 8.

Newly-elected president W. L. "Bill" Bryant, presided over this meeting. Mr. Bryant, who replaced Braxton Raiford as leader of the Springs club, has recently returned to the community after a year's leave of absence from his work at the high school. He studied for and degree at N. C. State College last school year. He will resume his position as agriculture teacher at Seven Springs at the beginning of the 1954-55 term.

A general discussion of the telephone installation progress at Seven Springs was held. This successful project was spearheaded by the Springs Lions. A report on the resumption of Sunday mail service was given.

The president introduced Mr. Andrew Price of Seven Springs as guest of the evening.

NOTE OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends for their kind sympathies shown during the recent illness and death of our husband and father.

The J. Scott Herring family
Pink Hill, N. C.

Get-rich-quick suckers bite so greedily there's just no reason for changing the bait.

It is your inalienable right to follow your natural bent - unless it makes you crooked.

Negro Jumps From Officers Car, Still Running At Large

David Swinson, Negro, of near Warsaw was arrested by deputies Houston and Bevels on a bootlegging charge, last Sunday morning. Swinson was placed in the back seat of the deputies' car for a trip to the county jail. Upon rounding a curve on the outskirts of Warsaw, Swinson jumped from the car and ran and was not caught. A warrant has been drawn for his arrest.

Upon the arrest, Swinson was searched and was relieved of a sawed-off 22 rifle. Guns are nothing new to law enforcement officers but that one was a curiosity to the writer. The rifle or pistol, which is about 7 inches long, was made from a 22 rifle and was nothing more than the cartridge chamber and plunger with a barrel about 3 inches long.

Insurance Men Hear Paul Grady

Myrtle Beach, S. C. - Paul D. Grady, Sr. of Keno, N. C. and Columbus, Ohio, an executive of the Mutual Investment Trust Co. of Detroit, and Director of the Farm Bureau Insurance Co. of Ohio, was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the "Carrollins" at Myrtle Beach, S. C. recently.

Grady's subject was "Where do we grow from here?"

Seven hundred insurance agents, claimmen and Executives and their wives were present in the open air "Marine Garden" where Grady spoke.

Duplin Farm Families Making Good Use of Farm Home Program

Farm families in Duplin County have made good use of Farmers Home Administration credit and services this past year and have stepped up the efficiency of their farming operations. A. M. Benton, the agency's county supervisor headquarters at Warsaw, said this week.

Additional funds have been available, he said, to lend through the next year to farmers to operate, buy, enlarge, or improve farms.

A large proportion of the money loaned in this county during the past 12 months has been to veterans and other young farm families who are establishing better farm setups. Their greatest needs were for adequate credit and some help in developing sound systems of farming and adopting efficient farm management practices. No loans were made to farmers who were able to obtain the financing they needed from other local lenders.

A total of \$185,000.00 was loaned in the county for equipment, livestock, fertilizer, feed, and seed, that farm families needed to make better use of their land and labor resources.

Farm ownership and housing loans amounted to \$45,000.00, including direct loans from appropriated funds, and loans from money advanced by banks or other private lenders and insured by the Farmers Home Administration.

The county office of the Farmers Home Administration serving Duplin County is located in Warsaw, North Carolina, second floor of Branch Banking and Trust Company Building.

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