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Two Men Arrested Near Greenville in Bank Robbery

Father 38, and Son, 18, Found Hidden In Ditch

Greenville, May 15.—A 38-year-old father and his 18-year-old son, natives of Grimesland route one, were captured and had confessed within approximately six hours after they had robbed the Bank of Winterville yesterday shortly after noon.

The father, Theodore Williams, told officers that he robbed the bank because "my wife and kids were hungry." Officers quoted the boy, Willie, as saying that they robbed the bank in order to get money to purchase stock for a filling station they had rented near Leggett's.

The pair held up J. L. Rollins, cashier of the bank, as the official was preparing to close the institution for lunch. The cashier told the men that there was nothing but silver in the bank at the time and the ruse proved effective. After scooping up the cash the pair fled in an automobile. The father drew his gun on the cashier and later told officers that he held it because he knew he would not get nervous and "hurt anybody."

Bank officials reported that \$276.48 was taken and when the men were found they had all but about \$20. The approximately \$20 was believed lost in the vicinity where the men were found.

Immediately following the robbery city and county officers were joined by highway patrolmen from a wide area and an intensive search, with the aid of bloodhounds and an armed posse, was conducted.

The automobile used by the pair was found abandoned about two miles east of Winterville on a dirt road. Not far distant, clothes were found and it later developed that the father had changed in an effort to make identification more difficult.

After searching in the vicinity for several hours, many in the party expressed the belief the pair had made their escape, possibly in another automobile.

About 6 o'clock, however, Patrolman W. W. Massengill, stationed here, saw the two lying at the end of a ditch. They were lying flat on their backs with their heads on their jackets which concealed the money.

The patrolman said the men offered no resistance and climbed out of the ditch and the father surrendered the gun without attempting to draw it. They had crawled to the end of the ditch, where they were trapped.

Brought to the city, they were taken to patrol headquarters, where they freely discussed the robbery. The father was quoted as saying he did not care "what becomes of me now if I know someone will take care of my wife and children."

He also was quoted as saying that he tried to keep his son from joining him in the robbery, but some officers were inclined to doubt this and blamed the father for the son's participation in the hold-up.

News of the robbery spread rapidly and the entire community where the car was abandoned joined in the search. Farmers were working in the fields in the section with guns on their plows or transplanters.

The car used by the pair was stolen in Tarboro during the week-end. A Tarboro man by the name of Hamm had the car, owned by the Chevrolet place of Tarboro, but on trial when it was stolen.

WHO KNOWS?

1. When did Germany begin the invasion of Norway?
 2. When was the U. S. Chamber of Commerce formed?
 3. What body of troops was known as the Anzacs during the World War?
 4. When did woman suffrage go into effect in the U. S.?
 5. Who is the U. S. High Commissioner to the Philippines?
 6. When was the Wages and Hours Act passed by Congress?
 7. How many persons, born in Scandinavian countries, reside in the U. S.?
 8. How does the distance from Germany's new Norwegian bases to Scapa Flow compare with distances from German bases?
 9. How many members of the U. S. Senate have gone into the White House during the present century?
 10. In what countries has the American Red Cross given aid since the war began?
- (See The Answers on Page 3.)

BAGGING

A new program to encourage the manufacture and sale of bagging made from cotton to cover cotton bales has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

ICE CREAM

To prove the versatility of cotton, a Dallas, Texas, pastry cook named Prosper Ingels has started to market an ice cream made from cotton seed meal and the extract.

Marquis, The Magician, Here Night of May 21

Coming Under Auspices of Rotary Club; Proceeds for Student Loan Fund

According to arrangements recently made with the Farmville Rotary Club here, Mr. Marquis, a noted magician and his "Circus in Wonderland," will come to Farmville in a massive spectacle at the Farmville High School auditorium Tuesday night, May 21st.

Mr. Marquis comes to Farmville highly recommended by the chambers of commerce, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs of several towns in Eastern Carolina.

The Farmville Rotary Club, in sponsoring Mr. Marquis, desire to make money to add to the "Student Loan Fund" which was started in the club a few months ago.

We understand Mr. Marquis' show is highly entertaining and you are invited to attend. In this way you can also help add a few more pennies to the education of some worthy boy or girl in this community.

Remember the date, Tuesday, May 21st, at 8:15 P. M., High School auditorium.

AUXILIARY TO HOLD AUXILIARY PARTY WED.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Farmville Presbyterian Church will celebrate its Annual Birthday Party at the Church Wednesday night, May 22nd, at 8 o'clock.

A pageant, "Christ's Challenge for Childhood," will be given by the Young People, with the choir assisting.

The offering this year will aid the Vacation Bible School Movement. All of the members of the Church are urged to attend and a cordial invitation is extended to the community.

War has casualties among the experts as well as the generals.

Relief Funds Are Approved

Huge Sum Recommended for Next Fiscal Year

Washington, May 15.—A \$975,650,000 WPA appropriation, spendable in eight months if necessary was recommended today by the House Appropriations committee, which reported a lessening of "abuses" in relief administration.

The WPA appropriation which the committee approved as President Roosevelt had requested it was part of a \$1,111,754,819 emergency relief supply bill from the fiscal year beginning July 1. The committee sent the bill to the House floor.

At the same time it reported to the House that the administration of relief heretofore had been marred by abuses, including improvement of private property at public expense, over-manned projects, "padding" sponsors' contributions and inadequate supervision and operation of projects on which a high percentage of non-relief labor was required.

The worst situation found by the sub-committee which investigated WPA, the appropriation group said, was in Louisiana, where some state officials have faced criminal charges. The committee's report declared that it was "incomprehensible" that federal officials, at least in Louisiana, were not cognizant of the waste and diversion and misapplication of funds.

The \$975,650,000 WPA appropriation was compared with a \$1,777,000 relief outlay for the full 12 months of the current year. The committee said the proposed sum would provide employment for an average of 1,330,000 persons if used over a 12-month period, or 1,850,000 on an eight-month basis.

Permission to use the money in eight months if necessary, was recommended, the committee said, on President Roosevelt's request that this be done and in the light of reports showing a decline in industrial activities since January.

While clearing the way for expenditure of all the money in eight months, the committee—without explaining why—wrote into the law restrictions on the total number of persons who could be employed in the five months from July 1 until after the November election.

National Cotton Week Is Set For May 17th to 25th

Cotton is North Carolina's No. 2 cash crop cotton is one of the necessities of life; cotton is the most versatile and widely used of all fibers. That is why Miss Willie N. Hunter, Extension clothing specialist of N. C. State College, urges people of the State to support National Cotton week, the producer-consumer event which will be celebrated May 15-25.

"This annual campaign is held to stimulate increased consumption of cotton goods, and this year merchants of all types, individual and chain store, are planning special window displays and bargains in cotton goods during the nine-day period," Miss Hunter declared.

The Southeastern Chair Store Council, through its North Carolina representative, P. D. May, is taking an active part in the campaign in this State, and the North Carolina Cotton Council, of which T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Rutherford, is leader, has heartily endorsed the event.

Miss Hunter points out that cotton contributes something useful from infancy throughout life of every person. The infant's first clothes are cotton, and whatever age, "we wear and use cotton in some form or another."

Other specialists of State College point out that this year, above all others, increased domestic consumption of cotton will be vital to Tar Heel farmers. The European War has cut off export markets, and with tobacco allotments restricting production of North Carolina's No. 1 cash crop, scores of farmers are returning to cotton as a source of major income.

Among the use of cotton listed by Miss Hunter are: Clothing and accessories; curtains, bed linens, and other household necessities; ropes, twine, nets, tents, awnings, belts for machinery, sails, surgical dressings, explosives, photographic films, celluloid products, and various by-products such as livestock feed.

Pump Is 'Heart' of Farm Water System

Select the right kind of pump and be sure the water supply is pure, then you have solved the most important problems in installing a farm water system, declared Howard M. Ellis, agricultural engineer of the State College Extension Service. "The pump is the heart of the system, but of course it needs pure water to serve the farm family safely," he said.

One of the simplest pumps is the hydraulic ram. This is a device for pumping water by means of water power. The condition necessary for operating a ram are: A supply of water with a fall of at least two feet to the location of the ram, and sufficient fall below the ram to drain away the water used in its operation.

A shallow well may be used satisfactorily where ground water can be reached within 22 feet of the surface. For lifts between 22 and 100 feet, jet type pumps are becoming very popular. Deep well pumps set directly over the well may be used for lifts of more than 22 feet.

Continuing, Ellis said that an elevated tank should be a part of every farm water system, since it permits the flow of water to nearby points in the house and barns under pressure. If the shallow well hand pump is used, it should be set over the kitchen sink, since this is the point where the most water will be needed. An overhead tank may be installed with a hand-operated shallow well pump, and from this tank water can be piped to other parts of the farmstead.

Ellis recommends the gravity system in the mountains and certain parts of the Piedmont, where the spring is at a higher elevation than the house. This does not require a pump, and is therefore the most economical in most instances.

SPEED SETS CAR AFIRE

Jersey City, N. J.—Forrest D. Barson, 22-year-old mechanic, was accused of driving an automobile so fast that the muffler of the car became red hot, setting fire to the rear seat upholstery. He was said to have averaged about 80 miles an hour, once reached 89 and made a turn at 75. The youth said he was on his way to Main to visit a girl and hopped to get back by nightfall.

EXPORTS

Probable exports of cotton over the full season which ends July 31, exclusive of barter cotton are 6,402,000 bales, according to a check-up made by the N. Y. Stock Exchange Service.

Under the war budget, Great Britain will purchase 15,000,000 pounds worth of American foodstuffs this year as compared with normal purchases of 30,000,000 pounds, a 20 percent cut.



By HUGO S. SIMS (Washington Correspondent)

FDR ALONE TO DECIDE DEWEY AND TAFT WORKING FOR PEACE WAGE ACT STANDS THE HATCH ACT FIGHT AFFECTS STATE MACHINES FLEET IN HAWAII TOKYO TALKS OF PEACE EDISON ASKS FOR FACTS IMPROVING U. S. PLANES

The 1940 political campaign, at this time, so far as the Democrats are concerned, is all Roosevelt. The President, if he is generally admitted, will be nominated for a third term unless, prior to the convention he remove himself from consideration. So strong is Roosevelt sentiment among Democrats throughout the nation that his renomination is likely regardless of any statement that he makes. The President, if he chooses not to run again, will probably have to decline the nomination of the Convention.

On the Republican side, the Dewey drive picked up considerable momentum. The New York prosecutor, has demonstrated his vote-getting ability and has made something of a record as a speech-maker. Meanwhile, the friends of Senator Taft insist that the Ohioan will go into the Convention with a greater number of delegates than any other candidate. Apparently, the Ohio Senator has the edge in regard to Southern delegates.

Mr. Vandenberg, Wendell Wilkie and Frank Gannett are also in the running but, as far as we can judge, the contest is narrowing down to Taft and Dewey. The New Yorker faces a critical period until Convention time and his prospects will depend, in part, upon the success of his backers in enlisting the support of influential Republican leaders in the business, as well as the political, field.

It seems to be definitely established that William Phillips, the United States Ambassador in Rome, made a definite effort to prevent the extension of the European war to include Italy and other nations at the suggestion of President Roosevelt. After a conference with Premier Mussolini, the American diplomat continued his discussion with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

Apparently, there were intimations that the United States would attempt to improve political relations between the two countries and might contribute toward economic appeasement by negotiating a commercial treaty and facilitating development of trade in Italy and this country. While no official revelation has been made, it is understood that Premier Mussolini explained his position without giving any assurance that Italy would not intervene in the war.

Diplomats frankly doubted that the United States could offer advantages sufficient to offset the gains that Mussolini expect to acquire by taking the winning side in the present struggle.

Seven days of bitter debate and confusion were ended in the House when it voted, 205 to 175, to recommit the original Labor Committee bill and thereby ended efforts to amend the Wages and Hours Act at this session. The vote showed an unusual split in Party lines, with 122 Democrats, 79 Republicans, 22 Progressives, 1 American Laborite and one Farmer-Laborite voting to recommit. Against the motion were 102 Democrats and 73 Republicans.

The effort to extend the Hatch Act to State employees, paid wholly or in part from Federal funds, met with considerable opposition. The original Hatch Act prohibited Federal employees from taking active part in politics. The extension would apply the said restrictions to those who, nominally under State control, receive compensation through Federal aid.

In a number of states the political situation is dominated by two political machines. One is usually composed of Federal office-holders and the other, as you might suspect, State office-holders. The original Hatch Act hamstringing the political power of the Federal office-holders. This left the field entirely to machines dominated by State office-holders. An extension of the Hatch Act would put the axe to the State machines.

There may be no connection whatever, but observers noted last week that the United States battle fleet will continue to remain at its base in Hawaii and that the announcement coincided with increased tension in Europe, where extension of the conflict seemed inevitable.

Ever since the fleet arrived at Honolulu (Continued on page six)

Two Big Battles Rage in Europe; Nazis Advancing

Brussels Is Threatened With Air Raid Unless Allied Troops Withdrawn; 1,000,000 Men Gathered in Sedan Sector; Nazi Sending Huge Air Armada to Norway

Paris, May 16.—Two of the greatest battles of all times were in progress last night and early today, one near Brussels and the other in the Sedan sector, near the French Maginot line.

The Germans pierced the Maginot line in a small lightly fortified sector yesterday, but were reported to have been driven back six miles by a French counter-attack last night. The French were continuing the struggle to drive the Nazis completely from the fortifications.

The Germans crossed the Meuse River three times yesterday, but were driven back each time by counter-attacks. Almost a million men, together with scores of planes and heavy motorized units were in action along the Meuse in the Sedan sector last night, although conflicting reports presented a clear picture of the struggle. At the same time German attacks were said to be slowing up as they met with great opposition.

A German spokesman in Berlin threatened to bomb and destroy the city of Brussels unless the Allied troops are completely withdrawn from the area. The invaders were within a few miles of Brussels, and claimed to have completely destroyed a French tank detachment in the Sedan area.

The French today threw thousands of fresh troops against a foothold won by the Germans in the Maginot Line across the River Meuse from Sedan.

A terrific battle was raging already and before nightfall it was expected to reach to new crescendo when heavy German reinforcements attempt to smash through the Maginot fortifications for a possible thrust at the heart of France.

Stockholm, May 11.—The newspaper Dagens Nyheter reported today that Germany is concentrating large numbers of airplanes at coastal points in Norway, possibly for attacks on Great Britain.

The newspaper said in a dispatch from Oslo that both German troops and airplanes were continuing to arrive and that planes were being sent to points along the Norwegian coast where an attack on Britain might be launched.

MAYFAIR CLUB TO HOLD MAY DANCE TUESDAY

A social affair, which will mark Tuesday of next week as a red letter day will be the annual May dance of the Mayfair Club, to be held in the gymnasium from ten till two. The dance will be informal.

Music will be furnished by the popular orchestra leader, Jack Wardlaw, and his musicians.

High school seniors and their dates will attend the affair as special guests of the Club.

TO ORGANIZE CUB SCOUTS

Scoutmaster C. L. Ivey is in receipt of a communication from John J. Sigwald, Scout Executive of the Eastern Carolina Council, will speak to parents of boys of nine, ten and eleven, who are interested in having a Cub Scout organization in Farmville on the evening of May 21 in the town hall at 8:00 o'clock.

Mr. Ivey urges that the attendance be good.

When an individual thinks of nothing but business, the time will come when he can think of nothing but business.

SCOUT NOTES

The last meeting of the Boy Scout Troop No. 25, consisting of the Wolf, Panther, Flying Eagle and Tiger patrols, opened at 7:30 o'clock Friday night, with Scoutmaster C. L. Ivey in charge. The pledge to the flag was given.

Two new prospects, Stewart McKeel and Edward Hope wanted to join our troop. They were voted in and the troop decided to have patrol meetings. After the patrol meetings, the Scoutmaster, Cecil Lilley and Marvin Horton went as troop representatives to a meeting being held at the Home Demonstration Club house.

The initiation rites followed for four boys with Bob Paylor conducting. After the Scout benediction the meeting was adjourned.

Milton Williamson, Scribe

Farmville Baptist Lay Corner Stone Sunday

Citizens Get 2nd Breath For Race With Mr. Rat Mon.

Town Making Joint Effort to Get Rid of Debris and Rodents

With practically every homemaker in Farmville joining wholeheartedly in the Clean-Up campaign launched by Mayor Davis and the City Fathers Monday, the movement for Cleaning Up, Painting Up, Planting Up and Fixing Up here will get into its second stride next week, when activities will be continued and concluded with an intensified effort to eradicate Mr. Rat on Thursday and Friday.

L. C. Whitehead of the United States Department of Agriculture, will be here for the ratkilling, and poisoned bait will be delivered to the homes in both the white and colored sections, and put out in the business district on those days.

R. A. Joyner, town clerk, said today that poisoned bait would be available to those living in the county for actual cost of material on May 23 and 24 only, as it is perishable and cannot be kept on hand for any length of time.

The rate eradication movement last year was hailed as a great success and the town is to be congratulated on the zealous effort being made by officials here to eliminate this source of disease and waste. This rodent is credited with running millions of dollars worth of property each year and is considered dangerous as a carrier of disease in the community.

MEYER-FARGIS MARRIAGE

Mrs. Pearl Fargis announces the marriage of her daughter, Dorothy Louise, to Mr. Charles William Meyer, on Saturday, the eleventh of May, nineteen hundred and forty, Farmville, North Carolina.

Letters to the editor, on any subject, are welcome. If your communication is not too long and doesn't involve the libel law, we'll be glad to print it.

World War Veteran Succumbs to Illness

Thomas Rollins Laid to Rest Monday in Forest Hill Cemetery

Last rites for Thomas Cecil Rollins, 45, well known and highly esteemed Farmville citizen and World War veteran, were conducted from the home of his mother, Mrs. W. J. Rollins, by Rev. B. B. Fordham, Baptist minister, assisted by Rev. D. A. Clarke, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of the Christian Church.

Members of the Baptist choir, assisted by Mrs. M. V. Jones, sang favorite hymns and interment was made beneath a beautiful floral tribute, in Forest Hill cemetery. The flag draped casket reminded friends of service rendered his country during the World War, in which he sustained injuries contributing to his death. He was a member of the Baptist Church, the American Legion and the Farmville Masonic Lodge. He was connected with his brother, R. LeRoy Rollins, in the dry cleaning business here.

Mr. Rollins, who had been in ill health for several years, returned to his home here about a month ago after receiving treatment in the Veterans Hospital at Phoenix, Va., and had been critically ill for two weeks prior to his passing.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Rollins is survived by a son, Thomas Cecil Rollins, Jr., two sisters, Mrs. E. E. Swain, of Plymouth, and Mrs. R. B. Fields, of Walsenburg; four brothers, R. L., W. M., and Rufus Rollins, of Farmville, and C. G. Rollins, of Raleigh.

Active pallbearers were: J. R. Ned and Paul Swain, Robert and Vassar Field and Lynwood Russell.

"AMERICAN DAY"

Sunday, May 19th, has been designated, "I Am An American Day," by President Roosevelt, who urges the public to observe it in recognition of citizens who have attained their majority or have become naturalized within the past year.

Civilization will be far advanced when "there's work to be done" will attract men as quick as "have you heard the story, etc.?"

Dr. Huggins Speaker of Occasion; Documents Placed in Stone by Miss Perkins, Charter Member; History of Three Decades Re-counted

The corner stone of the handsome new Baptist Church, now under construction, was laid in an impressive service on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, with a large number of interested friends joining the congregation for the event, which officially marked the beginning of the building activities.

Invocation was offered by the pastor, Rev. B. B. Fordham, who read the Scripture lesson also. This was followed by the spirited rendition of the hymn, "How Firm A Foundation," by the Church choir, and prayer by George W. Davis, who has served the Church faithfully on the Board of Deacons and as Sunday School Superintendent for many years. The choir, directed by Mrs. Daisy H. Smith, then sang "Another Day Is Dawning."

Miss Annie Perkins, the only charter member of the Church, who is a Farmville resident at this time, placed the following documents as they were read in the copper box:

A New Testament; a list of charter members of the local Church; the present Church roll; list of deacons, who have served the Church; the building committee of the new edifice; a record of the Sunday School officers and teachers; present Church staff; pictures of the first Church, built in 1909; a packet of envelopes in which first gifts towards the new building were made (1936); copy of the Farmville Enterprise containing account of the death of J. M. Hobgood, who had been an active member of the building committee. This copy of the paper also carried the story of the corner stone service; and a history of the Church, read by M. P. McCornell, a newly elected deacon of the Church.

Dr. M. A. Huggins, State Secretary of the Baptist Convention of North Carolina, was speaker of the occasion. Dr. Huggins commended the congregation on the splendid history which had just been read, and for the fine progress made in three decades, during which it has grown from a mission Church, partly supported by the Home Mission Board, into a self-supporting organization now able to extend a helping hand to others.

Dr. Huggins spoke with conviction regarding the imperative need for the Christian Church today and urged that this new building be made in truth a tabernacle of God, in which men may worship God, find themselves and realize their responsibility and accountability to Him.

Following the State Secretary's address the member of the building committee slipped the copper box, containing the documents into the niche provided for this purpose in the corner stone and as it was sealed with mortar the choir, joined by the audience, sang "Faith of Our Fathers." The inspiring service was closed with the benediction of the Church.

The beautiful new Church, styled in the architecture of Colonial times is now being erected on the site of the former building on the corner of Wilson and Greene streets at a cost of \$35,000.

Officers Destroy Nine Liquor Stills

Pitt, Beaufort and Martin county ABC enforcement officers, working in cooperation during the first two days of this week, destroyed nine illicit liquor distilleries, eight in Martin and nine in Beaufort. All of the stills are believed to have provided illegal liquor for various sections of Eastern Carolina and the officers were working jointly in an effort to cut off the flow into their respective counties.

Pitt and Beaufort officers, working near Gaynor's bridge in Beaufort county Monday afternoon, captured 300 gallons of new mash ready for distillation. The kettle and copper coil had been moved from the site.

Yesterday officers of the three counties working in the Beargrass section of Martin county, found five stills within a radius of three miles. A total of 2,150 gallons of mash ready for distillation was destroyed. None of the stills were in operation when officers located them. Three of the plants were of the steam boiler type and two were of the copper-kettle type.

On Monday afternoon three other stills were captured in the same section by Martin ABC and federal officers. These three stills were captured in the same section by Martin ABC and federal officers. These three stills were located by airplane.