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WITHDRAW CHARGES AGAINST HUDSPETH AND R. F. EVRIDGE

Grand Jury Returns True Bill Against Pardue, Triplett

MEN ARE RELEASED

Charged with aiding and abetting Harvey "Pee Wee" Pardue and Robert Triplett, wanted by police for the alleged robbery of Spurgeon Johnson some weeks ago at Doughton, to evade arrest, John Hudspeth, of Elkin, and R. F. Evridge, step-father of Triplett, of Jonesville, were released by Wilkes officers Monday when charges were withdrawn.

It was stated that Hudspeth, rather than aiding the two to make a getaway, had informed officers of their whereabouts. Evridge, who was alleged to have used his car to take Triplett away, was said to have shown that his step-son had used his car without his knowledge, wrecking it on the highway in Arlington.

A true bill against Pardue and Triplett was returned by the Wilkes grand jury last week on the Doughton robbery count. The two young men had previously been outlawed in an action before Judge Hoyle Sink, presiding over Wilkes superior court.

Hudspeth was drawn into the case when Pardue and an unidentified companion returned to Elkin and sent for him to come to the Elkin school building. Hudspeth was said to have gone there and then to have informed local police of the whereabouts of the two. Police, finding the young men hiding in a doorway of the building, fired at them as they ran to evade arrest. One of the men fired back. Both bullets failed to find a mark.

GIANT NEGRO GIVEN 7 YEARS IN PRISON

Clem Fletcher Convicted of Pushing Man Into Hot Slop

Clementine Fletcher, giant negro convicted of scalding Jim Cheek, of Traphill, in a vat of boiling still slop and inflicting permanent injury, was sentenced last week in Wilkes county superior court to from seven to 10 years in the state prison.

Trial of Fletcher was completed in a very short time. Without an attorney, he elected to plead not guilty, and during the course of the trial acted in such an ugly manner that Presiding Judge Hoyle Sink advised him that if he acted that way in prison he would probably be sent home—in a box and filled with lead.

Cheek, who was treated in the local hospital for months following his injury, testified about being at a moonshine still, presumably working there, when Fletcher walked up, started a fight, pushed him into the hot slop and held him there until he was nearly dead. Cheek has never recovered sufficiently to work.

The big, unruly negro was arrested a short while ago in Ohio, about a year after the crime. Upon being brought back to Wilkes and lodged in jail, he caused considerable trouble, threatening guards and tearing up jail fixtures. On one occasion jail attendants had to resort to tear gas to subdue him.

RONDA MAN IS HELD ON FORGERY CHARGE

Robert Mastin Jailed in Default of \$500 Bond

Charged with forgery of the name of B. A. Edwards, of Ronda, to a check in the amount of \$15.75, Robert Mastin, also of Ronda, was placed in jail at Dobson Monday afternoon in default of \$500 following a preliminary hearing here before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hall.

Mastin was arrested Monday morning by a Wilkes county officer and turned over to Surry authorities. He is alleged to have cashed the check at the J. C. Penney Co. store here Saturday, in company with two other young men whose names were not learned, and who have not been apprehended.

Mastin denied knowing anything about the check during the hearing here Monday. He stated he had not been in the local store.

Hitler's Secret Loves



BERLIN, Germany, Miss Leni Reif-Enstahl (above), beautiful German screen star, is the person reported mentioned in the "Hitler's Secret Loves" story published in Paris last Sunday.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

DESTROY STILLS IN WILKES

North Wilkesboro, March 10.—Federal revenue agents working in Wilkes this week raided two stills and made the arrest of two alleged moonshiners.

Investigator E. A. Bennett and Deputy Marshals W. A. Jones and R. A. Stafford, destroyed the stills in the Call community. Dock Call and Robert Anderson were arrested. Bonds of \$500 each for appearance in the May term of federal court were filed after a hearing before J. W. Dula, United States commissioner, in Wilkesboro.

MAY ASK FOR MORE FUNDS

Washington, March 10.—Intimations that President Roosevelt soon would ask Congress for between \$1,000,000,000 and \$1,500,000,000 for continuing his work relief program dropped in senate circles today as Democrats entered a twin defense of the WPA and PWA.

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, Democratic leader, in a 7,000 word prepared address, defended "boondoggling" under Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress administration, and asserted the Republican national committee and "miscellaneous Liberty league" were attempting to make a "political football out of the unfortunate unemployed."

GERMANY WILL BEHAVE, SAYS HITLER

London, March 10.—Germany will commit no overt act in the Rhineland, Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler told Ward Price, correspondent of the London Daily Mail, in a special interview at Munich today.

"The German government will do nothing more on its side," he said, "to alter the existing situation. We have re-established sovereignty in the reich and brought back one of the oldest parts of Germany under the protection of the entire nation."

ROOSEVELT, KNOX ARE LEADING

Manchester, N. H., March 10.—Roosevelt-pledged candidates for places on the New Hampshire delegation to the Democratic national convention took the lead in early returns from today's statewide presidential primary.

Although unpledged, Republican candidates favorable to Colonel Frank Knox's candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination led in the first returns tabulated.

Woman Hits Youth With Auto Fender

Dennis Crabb, 17, son of James Crabb, of the Benham community, has been discharged from Hugh Chatham hospital here following treatment of a severe head laceration alleged to have been inflicted with a piece of automobile fender in the hands of an enraged woman.

Crabb was said to have been in a heated argument with a neighbor, Colon Baugess, when Mrs. Baugess, of the opinion her husband needed some assistance, seized a piece of discarded fender and struck the young man in the head.

FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN BELIEVED AGREED ON ACTION

Believe Solution of German Problem Will Be Reached

FRENCH CONVINCED

Paris, March 10.—France and England appear tonight to be pulling a solution out of the Locarno crisis that some thought spelled war.

A sudden shift to London of today's conference of Locarno signatories was taken to mean that the two powers had agreed upon a firm stand toward Germany and possibly the lifting of economic sanctions from Italy.

Pierre-Etienne Flandin, French foreign minister, backed by his ring of military allies virtually encircling Germany, was understood to have hammered home to Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, that Hitler's might could only be balked by "right linked with force."

Out of Premier Sarraut's refusal to negotiate while a German army was still in the Rhineland was the disposition of Britain to consider German proposals for a new all embracing pact, the four allied Locarno signatories—Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium—were reported evolving a formula acceptable to both.

One portion of this formula, it was reported, involved a clean bill of health in Africa for Premier Mussolini of Italy in exchange for the moral force of his million man army in Europe.

BLANKETEERS FACE STIFF OPPOSITION

Schedule Includes Big College Teams; First Game 21st

Already engaged in spring practice, the 1936 edition of the Chatham Blanketeers, 1935 semi-pro champions of North and South Carolina, is rounding into shape for a stiff schedule which gets under way here March 21 against High Point college.

This year the Blanketeers have widened their field of action, taking on a large number of college teams and invading the Bi-State and Carolina leagues.

The schedule, up to and including June 7, as released by Manager H. T. Hambright Wednesday, follows:

March 21, High Point college here; March 27, Duke University here; March 28, Duke University here; March 30, Erskine college at Statesville; March 31, Erskine here; April 3 and 4, Elon here; April 10, High Point college here; April 11, Catawba college here; April 13, Mayodan (Bi-State league) there; April 16, Mount Airy (Bi-State league) here; April 17, Mayodan here; April 18, Fieldale (Bi-State league) in Fieldale; April 19, Bassett (Bi-State league) in Bassett; April 22, Mount Airy there; May 2, Valdese (Carolina league) here; May 6, Valdese there (night game); May 8 and 9, University of North Carolina here; May 15 and 16, V. P. I. here; June 6 and 7, Craddock-Terry Shoe Co., in Lynchburg.

THOMAS W. PITTMAN PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Arlington Man Passes Away In Local Hospital

Thomas Watson Pittman, 40, of Arlington, died in the local hospital Thursday night, following a brief critical illness from pneumonia. He was a native of Georgia and a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Pittman.

Mr. Pittman had been an employee of Chatham Manufacturing company for nine years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Millie Ann Roberson Pittman, his parents, two brothers, Joe Pittman, of Minnesota, and William Pittman, of Atlanta, and two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Croft of Atlanta, and another sister residing in Florida.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Fall Creek Baptist church and interment was in the church cemetery.

Pepys wrote his immortal Diary in shorthand.

Candidate for Governor and Manager



Pictured above are, left, A. H. "Sandy" Graham, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, and A. D. Folger, of Dobson, recently selected as his state campaign manager. Mr. Graham will address the people of North Carolina tonight (Thursday), from 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock over a state-wide radio network, in which he will give his views on the important problems of state government, such as public schools, roads, old age pensions, control of alcoholic beverages, the sales tax and state finances.



MINISTER GUEST ELKIN KIWANIS

Statesville Pastor In Talk To Local Club Friday

The Elkin Kiwanis club met Friday evening at the Jonesville high school, a delicious dinner being served by the Jonesville Playground committee.

Rev. Frank C. Hawkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Statesville, was guest speaker. Mr. Hawkins pointed out that although the work of Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions and other clubs and organizations of a similar nature are highly beneficial to their communities, nothing means as much to a town as its citizens putting money and time into church work.

He also stated that people are going to church today more to worship than at any time before, and not merely for entertainment or show. For entertainment they have the movies and radio, he said.

C. O. Hadley, J. Paul Gilliam and Bill High, all of Statesville, were out-of-town guests of the club. Alex Chatham, of Elkin, was also a guest. In the absence of President L. G. Meed, due to illness, Vice President W. B. Lankford presided.

FOSTER EMPLOYMENT PROJECT IN COUNTY

Would Give Work To Surry Youths Who Need It Most

It was learned from the county superintendent's office Tuesday afternoon that Surry county will have 11 delegates eligible to attend the North Carolina Educational Association which will meet in Raleigh March 19, 20, 21, and it was believed that the county will be well represented at the State educational meeting.

It was also learned that the National Youth's administration, a branch of the W. P. A., has just recently fostered a project for the employment of unemployed youths in the county. Boys and young men from 16 to 25 years of age will be employed to act as janitors for the schools of the county, and also to direct the playground activities of the schools and care for the grounds. They will work ten hours each week, and will be paid a graduated wage scale of from \$9 to \$15 a month.

The youths will be taken from families that are now on the relief rolls, and both white and colored youths are eligible to receive the benefits of the project.

TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service will be held at Poplar Springs Baptist church Sunday, March 15. The service will begin at 10 o'clock and a sermon will be delivered at 11 o'clock. Frank Lewellyn will be the principal speaker at the Memorial service.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Plans Go Forward For Elkin Trade Days March 27-28

Plans continue to go forward for Elkin Trade Days to be held here Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28.

Nice cash prizes have been arranged for the contests to be staged and a program that will prove more entertaining than ever before has been arranged.

Citizens of Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes, Alleghany and neighboring counties are urged to make a note of the date now so that nothing can interfere with their being here on both big days.

PRETTY NURSE ENDS LIFE BY DROWNING

Former Jonesville Girl Said To Have Been Despondent

Missing since Wednesday afternoon, March 4, the body of Miss Martha Ruby Mathis, pretty 22-year-old student nurse at City Memorial hospital, Winston-Salem, was taken from the waters of a lake adjoining the Winston water works, five miles east of that city, Thursday night.

Dr. W. N. Dalton, Forsyth county coroner, said it was clearly a case of suicide and that he deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Tilden Mathis, of Winston-Salem, a brother, told Winston-Salem police his sister had been despondent since last December because of apparent disappointment in a love affair. He attributed the suicide to that cause.

The body of the pretty nurse was taken from the water at 6:45 p. m. It was fully clothed. Detectives had traced the young girl to the lake. It was the opinion of officers that the young woman had drowned herself late Wednesday afternoon.

The deceased was well known here, and prior to her death, had gone with a local young man. She was born near Jonesville December 22, 1913, a daughter of Jones and Katie Thornton Mathis. She was educated in the schools of Yadkin county and entered the City Hospital nursing school in 1933.

Surviving are the parents; ten sisters, Mrs. Weaver Caudill, of Ronda; Mrs. Armstrong Gray, of Jonesville; Miss Elizabeth Mathis, of Elkin; Miss Julia Mathis, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Vesta, Pearl, Myrtle, Vinnie Lee, Gene, and Virginia Ruth Mathis, of Jonesville, and two brothers, Tilden Mathis, of Winston-Salem, and Phillip Mathis, of Jonesville.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Swan Creek.

DIFFICULTIES AHEAD

Washington, March 8.—With the first vehement outburst of criticism spent, a tortuous pathway of election-year compromise tonight apparently stretched before the Roosevelt tax program.

Suggested methods for adjusting conflicting points of view were under broad discussion as a house ways and means subcommittee prepared to take up the task of committing the chief executive's proposals to their first, tentative written form.

FORSYTH OFFICIAL SLAPS \$100 FINE ON SURRY SHERIFF

Many Citizens Indignant at Clerk's High Handed Manner

ACTION EXPLAINED

A delay in serving an execution upon Joe Everhart, Surry county man, surety for Jasper Evans, colored, resulted last Thursday morning in a fine of \$100 and costs for Sheriff John D. Thompson, for contempt of Forsyth county court, notwithstanding the fact that Sheriff Thompson, in delaying serving of the execution, was attempting to save the neighbor county the cost of a useless service proceedings.

As a result of the fine, imposed by Fred F. Church, assistant clerk of Forsyth superior court, considerable indignation has been apparent throughout the county. Officials stated that reports from Winston-Salem gave only one side of the matter.

The delay in serving the execution occurred because Sheriff Thompson, after making an investigation, found Everhart was not worth the amount of his homestead exemption and was trying to save the cost of a useless service proceedings to Forsyth county.

According to officials of Surry county, the entire matter came about in the following way. Evans, the negro, was arrested in Mount Airy on a warrant sent from Winston-Salem, in which he was charged with having failed to pay a \$2.50 taxi fare. He was bonded in the sum of \$100, with Joe Everhart as surety, for appearance in court in that city.

Evans failed to appear in court. Accordingly, the next day his bondsman delivered him to Mount Airy police, who locked him up. When Twin-City police refused to send for him, he was released.

Later, Fred F. Church, assistant

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SURRY FARMERS IN ELECTRICAL MEET

Gather At Dobson To Discuss Rural Power Problem

A meeting of considerable interest to the farmers of Surry county was held in the Grand Jury room of the court house in Dobson Tuesday afternoon in the interest of rural electrification. The meeting was in charge of J. W. Crawford, county farm agent, who introduced as his chief speaker, D. E. Jones, assistant rural electrification agent of State College, at Raleigh.

The meeting was attended by a large group of interested farmers, four temporary rural electrification surveys being represented by delegates.

Mr. Crawford stated that the purpose of the meeting was to better organize the farmers in a movement toward rural electrification, and to solidify their forces in bringing pressure to bear on the power companies which will cause them to build power lines into the communities that are now urgently calling for them.

A statement from Mr. Crawford, in answer to a question about the seed loans, was to the effect that so far as he knew the loans would probably be available Monday, March 16, or soon thereafter. These seed loans are for the purpose of assisting farmers in getting out their crops where they would otherwise be unable to do so.

Fire and Robberies Here Last Thursday

Fire of undetermined origin about 3:30 o'clock last Thursday morning completely destroyed the filling station located at the south entrance to the old Yadkin river bridge in Jonesville.

Although the Elkin fire department was called to the scene, aid arrived too late to save the structure, which was in full blaze.

It was during the blaze, police believe, that the Sinclair Service Station on East Main street, and a small store on the outskirts of town were broken into and robbed of cigarettes, candy and other small loot. It is thought that the thieves may have set fire to the filling station in order to work unmolested.