

Amateur Robber Is In Surry County Jail As Result of Holdup

STICKS UP SURRY
LOAN & TRUST CO.
AT POINT OF GUN

Gets Sum Estimated At
About \$400

LEADS OFFICERS CHASE

Arrested About Two Hours
Later by Yadkin Officers;
Money Recovered

NATIVE OF PINNACLE

Douglas Christian, 21, was
lodged in Dobson jail Monday af-
ternoon two hours after he had
held up and robbed the Surry
Loan & Trust Co., at Dobson, of
a sum of money, estimated at
more than \$400.

The capture was affected by
Patrolman Lee Phillips, Constable
Arthur Mathews of Boonville and
Deputy Sheriff F. E. Hurt of
Boonville. Christian submitted to
arrest and admitted the crime,
turning over \$362 of the money.

Christian entered the bank at
about one o'clock Monday after-
noon and presented himself at the
window after drawing a large
pistol from his pocket. Miss Eva
Hancock, treasurer of the bank,
was at the window. After his de-
mand for the money she handed
him over a bunch of bills. A
woman customer in the bank was
ordered to stand still, but she
screamed and ran from the bank,
saying, "I can't, I'm too scared." This
is believed to have frightened
the youthful robber and he
fled to his car with the first batch
of money given him.

Observers say he was accom-
panied by another man, altho
Christian denies this and no one
else has been found.

Leaving the bank he made a
dash south toward Boonville, 15
miles away in Yadkin county. At
Boonville it looked like martial
law but the description did not
tally and he drove right by all of
the shot-guns, pistols, etc. They
decided however, that he was the
man and at the suggestion of ex-
Sheriff W. T. Fletcher, one of the
watchers, Constable Arthur Math-
ews and Deputy Sheriff Hurt
started in pursuit. The robber's
motor had become hot and he
drove behind the home of Henry
Fleming to get water and the two
officers went by, not seeing him.
When he again entered the high-

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SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE STARTS

Boys' Team Winds up Fairly
Successful Season; New
Men Are Out

GAMES ARE ARRANGED

Winding up the basket ball sea-
son with a 15-12 win and a 38-7
loss to Jonesville high school, the
girls' team having lost to the
Jonesville girls, Elkin high school
is now turning to spring football
practice with a large number of
new players out for positions.

The Elkin boys turned in a per-
formance over 50 per cent suc-
cessful, having won 10 out of 18
games, scoring a total of 407
points against their opponents' 398. Teams defeated were Ronda,
West Yadkin, Westfield, Mount-
ain Park, Jonesville and Welcome.
Several of these teams were de-
feated twice, while others evened
things up by defeating Elkin High in return matches.

Lettermen out for spring foot-
ball practice are J. Ratledge, H.
Ratledge, Grier, Dorsett, Powers,
C. Harris, Bivins, B. Harris, Laf-
foon, Gambill and Day. New men
are Billy Sparks, Billy Graham,
Billy Dickerson, Max Sparks, Tom
Whatley, Worth Collins and Sam
Collins.

The football schedule for this
season contains the following
games, with several others prob-
ably to be added: Mount Airy,
Statesville, North Wilkesboro,
North High and South High
(Winston-Salem), Lassing and
Lexington Orphanage (pending).

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

OPPOSE COURT REFORM PLAN

Washington, March 23.—A
New York City professor and a
farmer-lawyer from the dust
bowl united today in condemning
President Roosevelt's Supreme
Court reorganization bill before the Senate judiciary
committee and in urging
amendment of the Constitution
as a substitute.

Urbane Raymond Moley, Colum-
bia University professor of public
law, magazine editor and one-time
member of the original Roosevelt
brain trust, described the President's plan as
the "19th best way" of dealing
with economic and social problems.
The 18 better ways, he said, involve amendment of the
Constitution.

RALEIGH WAITRESSES ON SIT-DOWN STRIKE

Raleigh, March 23.—Wait-
resses at the Sir Walter Hotel
Coffee Shop retired into the
kitchen at 7:30 o'clock tonight
refusing to serve customers.

Following a talk with Roland
Mumford, however, they re-
sumed work a few minutes
later.

Mumford denied that the
waitresses, who are not affiliated
with any labor union, had
considered a strike, but said
the move was a protest "be-
cause some of the girls thought
they were going to lose their
jobs."

MANY KILLED BY SHELLS IN MADRID

Madrid, March 23.—Many
persons were killed late today
when rebel artillery, thundering
away in the Guadarrama
Mountains, sent tons of shells
smashing into the center of
Madrid where men, women and
children strolled the boulevards
beneath bright sun.

The bombardment of the
capital—the first in nearly
three weeks—spread panic
through streets that a few
minutes before had been
serene with children playing
along the curbs.

MUSSOLINI HURLS CHARGE AT CHURCH

Rome, March 23.—Premier
Mussolini, acclaimed by his
black-shirted followers on the
18th anniversary of the Fascist
party's founding, hurled a charge
of "hypocrisy" at English church leaders today.

Standing on a balcony of the
Palazzo Venezia, Il Duce told
a Fascist throng that criticism
by Anglican churchmen of the
Italian suppression of an Ethio-
opian outbreak was "hysterical,
hypocritical oratory."

LARGE SUM IS PAID TO SURRY FARMERS

Over \$85,000 in soil conservation
benefit payments has been dis-
tributed to 1,500 Surry county
farmers since last Thursday.

The checks formed about two-
thirds of the total payment for
the 1936 crop program. Others totalling
from \$40,000 to \$45,000 are expected
within the near future.

The bulk of the payments were
for tobacco acreage reduction, al-
though part are in payment for
the planting of soil improvement
crops and the retirement of acre-
age formerly planted to other de-
pleting crops.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT ELKIN VALLEY SUNDAY

A revival meeting will begin
Sunday at Elkin Valley church.
Services will be held twice daily,
at 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. The
services will be in charge of Rev.
R. E. Adams, pastor of the church.
A cordial invitation is extended
to the public to attend.

Utopia must be the place
where they take pen and paper
away from all the spring poets.

Easter Bunny



OVER 400 SCHOOL CHILDREN KILLED IN TEXAS BLAST

School Building is Demolished
In Gas Explosion

INVESTIGATION HELD

Disclose School Was Connected
to Gas Line Without
Company's Permission

425 TINY BODIES BURIED

New London, Tex., March 21.—Testimony that a gas line serving the explosion-shattered London consolidated school had been connected to a gas company line "without knowledge or consent" was heard by a military inquiry today while the funerals of the 455 child victims proceeded with tragic sequence.

D. L. Clark, field foreman for the Parade Gas company, gave the testimony.

"I know that no person had
permission to connect the school
line to the Parade Gas company's
residue gas line," he said.

Clark said the first knowledge
he had of the connection came
about 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon,
several hours after the explosion.

"I learned the school was being
furnished gas from the residue
line when word came to me we
should shut it off. I found a ditch
dug, apparently, from the looks
of the ground, about 60 to 90 yards
before I closed the valve and dis-
connected the line.

Clark explained that frequently
in the gas fields connections are
made to company lines, sometimes
by homes, and gas is drawn off.
He said the companies had men
hired to walk the lines and seek
out such connections.

When the connections are
found he said, "we file a notice
notifying them we are going to
disconnect them."

EARLIER REPORT
New London, Texas, March 19.—
The tragic task of wresting
the twisted bodies of 425 children
and teachers from explosion shat-
tered wreckage was finished to-
day and a military board rapidly
began to trace the cause of the
nation's worst school disaster.

At least three official inquiries
were started to determine the
cause of the gigantic explosion in
the London consolidated school
which made of this rich oil coun-
try a vast house of mourning.

The end of the grim recovery
work was signalized by the concise
comment of Col. E. E. Parker,
commander of national guard forces
which held this territory under
martial law.

"The job is finished. We esti-
mate 425 bodies were lifted from
the ruins—maybe more."

MISS IDA PARKS IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Miss Ida Parks, 64, who was
reared near Ronda, passed away
Friday night at the home of her
brother, Thomas Parks, at Roaring
River, following an illness from
pneumonia. She was esteemed both
in her native community and in Roaring River
and her passing is mourned by a host
of friends.

She is survived by four brothers,
Thomas, Ed and John Parks of Wilkes
county and Charles Parks of Virginia,
and one sister, Mrs. Guy Crouse, of South
Carolina.

Funeral services were conducted
Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

PRE-NATAL CLINIC SPONSORED BY CLUB

A pre-natal clinic, sponsored by
the Elkin Woman's Club, in
charge of Mrs. Reed, county
nurse, assisted by local physicians
and hospital internes, is held the
first Tuesday in each month. The
clinic is held from two until four
o'clock in the afternoon at Hugh
Chatham Memorial Hospital.

This is one of the most worth-
while projects ever undertaken
by the Woman's Club here and it
is urged that citizens of the sur-
rounding community cooperate
with the clinic in order that the
most possible good may be real-
ized from it.

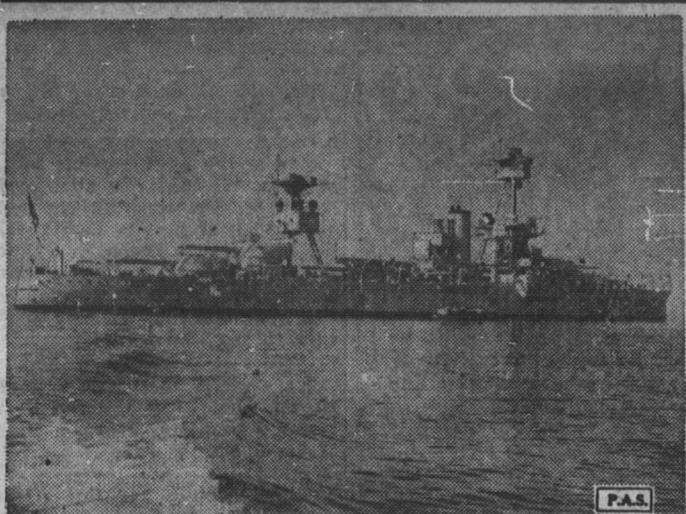
MRS. JOSEPH PARSONS PASSES AWAY FRIDAY

Mrs. Joseph Parsons died at her
home at Mountain Park Friday,
her death being attributed to the
infirmities of her advanced age.

Funeral services were conducted
Saturday afternoon from Mountain
Park Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband
and several sons and daughters.

Battleship New York Sails For Coronation



Washington . . . The Battleship New York will participate in an international naval review at Spithead on May 18 in connection with the coronation of King George VI. The New York was Admiral Rodman's flagship when he commanded the Sixth Battle Squadron during the World War.

Local Stores Are To Close Easter Monday

All stores and business
houses, with the exception of
drug stores, cafes, and filling
stations, will be closed Monday
in observance of Easter. Business
will be resumed as usual
Tuesday morning.

ASS'NS. TO HOLD JOINT MEETINGS

Surry and Elkin Associations
of Baptist Church To
Meet at Dobson

PROGRAM ARRANGED

A joint meeting of the Surry
and Elkin associations of the
Baptist church will be held April
4 in Dobson. The service will begin
at 11 a. m., and dinner will be served
by the Dobson people for those attending
the morning service.

Rev. W. Perry Crouch, secretary
of the department of Christian
Education of the Baptist State
convention, Raleigh, will speak at
the 11 o'clock service on "My
Church and I—What Are We
For?"

The afternoon session will begin
promptly at 1:45. Several important
addresses will be delivered during
the afternoon. Hon. F. T. Lewellyn, honored and efficient
layman of the church will speak
on "Our 100,000 North Carolina
Baptist Men."

Addresses scheduled for the
afternoon are by Earl C. James, Elkin;
W. L. Reece, Dobson; Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, Elkin; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Mount Airy, and others.

A. V. West of Mount Airy, member
of the state promotional committee
and Moderator of the Surry Association,
urges all men to attend the service which promises
to be one of the outstanding religious
meetings to be held in this section this year.

T. P. A. POST HOLDS ANNUAL MEET HERE

A. H. Holland, of Winston-Salem,
chairman of the state board of
directors of the Travelers Protective
association, and R. P. Rawley, also of Winston-Salem,
state secretary, attended the annual
banquet of the local P.T.A. post here at Hotel Elkin Saturday evening.

The meeting was featured by
the election of officers and the
addition of eight new members.
R. L. Church was named president;
Hugh Royal secretary-treasurer.
Both of the newly elected officials
were named as delegates to the annual state convention
to be held in Goldsboro May 13, 14 and 15.

ALLEGHANY YOUTH ENDS LIFE BY HANGING SELF

Using his underwear to form a
crude noose, Lonnie Wright, 25,
a native of Alleghany county,
hanged himself in his cell in the
Winston-Salem jail between 1
and 3 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The young man, who at one time
had lived near the home of Elva
Brannock, young school girl
who was murdered a number of
weeks ago, had been questioned
in connection with the case, but
had been cleared of suspicion. He
was serving a term for an offense
committed some time ago. Just
why he committed suicide is not
known, officers stating they had
noted nothing unusual in his conduct
prior to his death.

MANY ARE ATTENDING METHODIST SERVICES

Holy Week services at the
Methodist church, which are being
held each evening during the
week at 7:30, are being well attended.
The final service will be at the 11 o'clock hour of worship
Sunday morning.

All people of the town are invited
to attend the meetings.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUITTS TUESDAY; BALANCES BUDGET

Body Legalized Liquor in
Short Order

PROVIDES FREE BOOKS

All of the Phases of the Social
Security Program Complied With

WAS IMPORTANT SESSION

Raleigh, March 23.—North Carolina's 1937 General Assembly, which balanced the largest budget in the history of the state, legalized liquor, complied with all phases of the social security program and authorized free textbooks for children in elementary schools, adjourned sine die at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Officially, the legislature quit
at high noon, when the old-fashioned
clocks in the House and Senate chambers were stopped.

Actual adjournment, however,
came more than five and a half hours later, after the enrolling office had had an opportunity to copy last-minute bills, the board of education omnibus measure had been enacted and the House had killed a measure allowing counties and municipalities to issue revenue anticipation bonds to match federal funds.

When all legislative remnants
have been disposed of, the tall
doors of each chamber were thrown open so that Speaker R. Gregg Cherry of the House and Lieutenant-Governor W. P. Horton of the Senate could see each other, across the corridors and the circular hallway at the base of the Capitol dome.

Both officers raised their gavels,
Governor