

Four Escape From Dobson Jail Monday

One Is Captured But Other Three Remain At Large

Four prisoners escaped from the county jail at Dobson Monday morning by employing a ruse which caused a girl attendant to unlock the jail door, leaving them with a clear path to freedom. All but one of the escapees were recaptured within 24 hours.

A prisoner by the name of Atkinson, of Mount Airy, Route 4, was the only one who had not been retaken as of late yesterday. The prisoner was not further identified, nor was the reason for his confinement made clear.

Only other escapee identified by name was Clyde Murphy. Murphy and his two companions were recaptured by Tuesday morning.

According to reports, the four prisoners, together with another man who made no attempt to get away, were lodged on the top floor of the county prison. When a girl attendant brought them food Monday morning, they got from her the information that the jailor, W. E. Gillespie, was absent from the building. Some time later one of the men asked the girl to go to a store across the street and buy some candy for him. The girl did so, and returned to find that the prisoners had transferred themselves into another portion of the jail. In order to give the prisoner the candy he had requested, it was said, the girl found it necessary to unlock the outer door and enter the cell block. Once inside, the four men overpowered her and made their escape.

Details of the capture could not be learned.

Judge Denies Plea To Quash Lewis Charge

Citing the Norris-LaGuardia Act as reference, Joseph Padway, general counsel of the American Federation of Labor, asked for dismissal of contempt charges lodged against John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers boss, as a result of the soft coal strike. The motion was denied by Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, before whom the case is being tried.

The Norris-LaGuardia Act restricts the use of injunctions in labor disputes. The small courtroom was so jammed by lawyers and participants that room was left for only three spectators. Hundreds of disappointed curiosity seekers were left standing outside.

In the meantime, it was announced that North Carolina is beginning to feel the pinch of the coal shortage. Three cities, Kinston, New Bern, and Wilson, ordered dim-out restrictions in immediate effect. The dim-outs apply to utilities plants, commercial and street lighting.

GROUPS PLAN CIVIC CENTER

Dobson Lions Club And Woman's Club Seek Community Building There

FOR NEW LEGION POST

Two Dobson civic clubs, the Lions and the Woman's Club, are sponsoring a program directed toward the erection of a community building in Dobson, according to Mayor Frank Freeman of that town. The building is to be for the newly organized Dobson American Legion post.

"The community building will be a living memorial to veterans not only of Dobson, but of all of Surry county," the mayor stated. "It will be primarily dedicated to those who lost their lives in World War II."

Although the American Legion will have first priority on the use of the proposed building, Mr. Freeman stressed that it was to be used also at the service of persons of the entire county.

It will be located as near the courthouse as possible, will contain a large assembly room, a recreation room in the basement, a library, a kitchen, and lounges and rest rooms for both men and women. The library, as well as the rest of the structure's facilities, is to be at the disposal of any resident of Surry county.

"There will be nothing exclusive about it," Mr. Freeman declared. Members of the two clubs are already soliciting donations. About 75 per cent of the expenses will be borne by State and Federal governments, the mayor indicated. The Dobson American Legion post has one of the best organizational records in North Carolina, recent figures show. Since the post was organized about two months ago, it has acquired 104 members.

Mrs. R. E. Armfield Dies In Statesville

Mrs. R. E. Armfield, 81, well-known in this city and mother of Mrs. Richard Chatham and Charles G. Armfield, former residents of Elkin, died Tuesday at her home in Statesville. She was the former Miss Alice Elizabeth Gray. In addition to Mrs. Chatham who now resides in Statesville and Mr. Armfield, of Frederick, Md., Mrs. Armfield is survived by four other children: Mrs. W. W. Merrill, of Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. C. H. Weedon, of Detroit, Mich.; J. G. Armfield, of Troy; and Junius H. Armfield, of Sacramento, Calif. A brother and two sisters also survive.

Funeral services were conducted from Broad Street Methodist Church at 11 a. m. Wednesday.

FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY, JOIN THE "Y".



PERFORMERS AND OFFICIALS — Pictured above are, reading left to right, Beverly Howard, world's champion acrobatic flyer, an unidentified VFW State deputy who assisted with the show, Charles Bing, a Lynchburg, Va., stunt pilot, and Commander Earl Day of the local VFW post. The show, held Sunday, was sponsored by the VFW and co-sponsored by the Lions Club. Plane in background is an AT-6, or Steerman Trainer, flown by Bing. —Photo By Bell.



NO WHEELS BUT A SAFE LANDING — Pictured above is the airplane landed by Charles Bing, stunt pilot from Lynchburg, Va., after the landing gear had been sheared off in an accident a few minutes earlier. Bing escaped unhurt when he brought the plane in for a wheelless landing, but damage to the craft was estimated at \$1,500. The crash landing was a thrill not anticipated by either Bing or the spectators who jammed the field. —Tribune Photo

ELKS WIND UP SEASON FRIDAY

Are Defeated In Last Game By Boonville; Have Five Wins, 4 Losses, 1 Tie

PLAGUED BY INJURIES

Elkin High School's scrappy football team, playing its final game of the season Friday afternoon at Boonville, bowed to Boonville High School by a 27 to 13 count. Boonville scored first in the second quarter when a pass was ruled complete on the 2-yard line due to pass interference, and T. Johnson skirted left end for the tally. The extra point was made good on a pass play.

In the second quarter Boonville scored again when an Elkin fumble was recovered on the Elks 48 yard line and moved to the 10-yard stripe by Boonville's plunging backs. From there G. Lackey went around right end to score.

Elkin scored first as climax of an 80-yard march, with F. Ralledge going over from the 1-yard line. The Elks' last tally came when Hemric reversed around his own left end to race 18 yards for the touchdown.

Boonville wrapped the game up by scoring two more touchdowns in the final quarter.

The defeat left the Elks, injury ridden all season, with a record of five wins and four losses and one tie. They defeated Draper, Boone, Jonesville, Mocksville, and Sparta, and lost to Mineral Springs, Mount Airy, Gray of Winston-Salem, and Boonville. The tie was against North Wilkesboro.

Plane Mishap Provides Extra Thrill At Show

7,000 Spectators See Pilot Wash Out Landing Gear Of Stunt Craft

A throng estimated at 7,000 persons jammed the runways of the Elkin airport Sunday to witness the aerial acrobatics of two of the country's outstanding stunt pilots and to thrill over a crash landing not originally intended as a part of the program.

Charles Bing, veteran stunter from Lynchburg, Va., thrilled the crowd by smashing the landing gear of his plane during a comedy act. Bing, acting the part of "a country lad wanting to learn to fly," took off "accidentally" in his custom built Aeronca. During one of his simulated landing attempts, he sheared one of the wheels off his plane and left the other one dangling by a flexible tube. Few of the spectators realized that Bing was in serious trouble until after he had crash landed at the far end of one of the runways in order to avoid endangering the safety of the crowd.

Damage to the Aeronca was estimated at \$1,500. Prior to his accident Bing performed a series of speedy acrobatics in a more powerful AT-6, or Steerman trainer.

The greatest exhibition of pure flying skill came when Beverly Howard, champion stunt pilot of the world, took off in a clipped wing Piper Cub powered by Continental 75-HP fuel injector engine. In a beautifully executed precision flight Howard made a slow roll on the take-off and retained the attention of the crowd

through rolls, loops, and figure-8's. He several times swept the field at a low altitude, flying upside-down, and finally made a "dead stick" landing on one wheel. Other performers were Sam George, N. C. junior inspector for CPA from North Wilkesboro, and Charlie Vestal, chief pilot of Peidmont Aviation Company of Winston-Salem. Commentaries of the day's events were handled by Bob Casper of Albemarle, VFW deputy, who handled the acts of Bing and Howard; Alan Browning, Jr., who announced the ill-fated comedy act, and Walter Burgess, master of ceremonies. Jimmy Greenwood, a parachute jumper from Washington, D. C., was originally scheduled to make a delayed jump at the show, but due to the fact that the plane in which he was traveling was forced down at Lynchburg, he was unable to appear in time for the performance.

The show was sponsored by the William J. Jones Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and co-sponsored by the Elkin Lions Club. Proceeds are to be directed into a VFW building fund.

The 1946 model Ford automobile given away by the VFW at the show went to Ferris Benton, of Jonesville.

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Railway Curtailment Said Biggest Threat To Local Industries

YADKIN THEFT RING SMASHED

Youthful Operators Arrested And Charged With At Least 14 Larcenies

MUCH LOOT RECOVERED

Winston-Salem police have broken a teen-age theft ring from Yadkinville, blamed for at least 14 thefts from automobiles in this city.

Seven boys, ages 17 and 18 have confessed complicity in from three to 14 cases each and some of them admitted stealing so much stuff they did not remember where they got it all, police said.

Combing the hills of Yadkin County, Twin City detectives and Yadkin officers had recovered a large volume of stolen property today and the co-operative authorities of the neighboring bailwick were still tracing down other items.

The case was broken in a highly embarrassing manner when officers went to a Yadkin County church where revival services were in progress and fender skirts on the minister's car were identified as stolen property installed by the preacher's son, the officers said. They said that the minister had not known the accessories were stolen and was most co-operative in solving the case.

Members of the ring, some related to prominent Yadkin families, were listed as Leonard Gray Dixon, 17; Roger Cahn, 17; Weymouth Allgood, 17; Odell Spillman, 18; Roger Hoots, 17; and Claude Dinkins, 17, all of Yadkinville; and Dewey Styers, 17, of Lewisville, formerly of Yadkinville. Bond for their appearance in Yadkin court December 4 was set at \$500 each.

The sharp eye of a Negro automobile owner, Walter Stimpson, of Reynolda, furnished the lead which enabled police to break the case, they reported.

Stimpson kept his eyes open for the fender skirts which had been stolen from him, spotted them on an automobile in this city and

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Surry Superior Court Session To Open 16th

The December term of Surry County Superior Court will open Monday, December 16, according to Clerk of Court Fred Llewellyn. Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton will preside.

Docket for the December term includes only criminal cases, Mr. Llewellyn said. Eighty-seven cases are now on the calendar and about 50 more are expected to be included between now and the opening date.

Mr. Llewellyn will retire as clerk of court Monday, December 4. He will be succeeded by Kermit Lawrence of Mount Airy, clerk-elect.

LOCAL YOUTH IS HELD FOR THEFT

Lester Richardson Tells Police He Took Cars "Just To Go For A Ride"

IS TAKEN IN CHARLOTTE

After confessing to the theft of three cars since November 1st, Lester Richardson, 21, of this city, was placed under \$1,000 bond Monday afternoon when he appeared before U. S. Commissioner Nat C. White in Charlotte.

Richardson, who waived preliminary hearing and was bound over for trial in Federal District court, said that he took the cars "just to go for a ride."

His first alleged theft occurred here early in November, when he was said to have taken the car of Flake Rumble of Ronda. According to his confession, he drove the car to Gastonia, where he picked up Lester Vause of Gaston County. The pair went to Norfolk, Va., where the car was abandoned and later recovered by authorities.

Vause said that he knew the car was stolen, but denied that he had at any time driven it. The youths separated in Norfolk, where Richardson admitted picking up another machine and driving it back to Gastonia, where it was also abandoned.

At the time he was picked up Richardson was driving a car said to belong to Mrs. Wingate Payne of Charlotte. He was apprehended last Thursday in Gaffney, S. C., by a member of the state highway patrol.

Richardson said that he made no attempt to sell any of the cars, but took them just to go for a ride. Vause was bound over for a hearing before Commissioner White Saturday.

BOND ELECTION IS TO BE ASKED

Comer Reveals Funds Sought For Proposed School Building Program

NEED AUDITORIUM HERE

The county board of education will in the near future ask the board of county commissioners for permission to call a special bond election, John W. Comer, superintendent of county schools revealed Tuesday. Purpose of the election will be to raise funds for a proposed school building program.

Mr. Comer, citing the need for the program, said that the board of education was endeavoring to provide "reasonably" adequate facilities for housing needs of Surry schools. The program, he stated, will include Elkin and Mount Airy as well as the rest of the county.

An architect will be hired to make a survey of housing needs, the superintendent said. Plans and specifications will be drawn up before recommendations are made to the commissioners.

A high school auditorium, vocational training facilities, and science equipment were named the chief needs of the Elkin schools. Mr. Comer indicated that considerable criticism has originated in Mount Airy concerning educational facilities in that city, with regard to housing. He said that the Mount Airy Parent-Teachers Association and the town council will have an opportunity to act when the bond issue arises.

Turning to the ever-present school transportation problem, Mr. Comer revealed that the town of Mount Airy has ordered two new buses in addition to the six ordered by the county. He added that the last survey showed that Surry county hauled more children per bus and traveled more miles per bus than any other county in the state.

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Most Are Not Too Dependent On Use Of Coal

Most serious threat to continued operation of local industries, in view of current strikes in the nation's coal fields, is an eventual drastic curtailment of rail service, spokesmen indicated this week.

J. W. L. Benson, vice-president of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, said that the Chatham plant will be able to remain in operation for about 60 days with its coal supply cut off entirely. The plant, he said is equipped with a new boiler which is able to use either coal or oil for fuel.

"However," he added, "a freight embargo could cause an eventual shutdown."

The Chatham concern depends largely upon railway transportation for necessary shipments of raw materials.

"We are going to do everything we can to keep running," Mr. Benson said. "We always have, and we are in better shape than most other industries. If we do shut down, it will be only from dire necessity."

Meanwhile Alex Biggs, general manager of the Elkin Furniture Company, said that his company would be able to operate at least 60 days even with drastic rail service curtailment.

The furniture concern does not depend to a large extent on coal for operating fuel. A shortage of rail transportation would make it necessary for goods to be shipped by truck, Mr. Biggs stated. Since the entire output of the plant cannot be shipped in this manner, warehouses would eventually become filled to capacity, and the plant would have to shut down for lack of storage space.

As for incoming raw materials, Mr. Biggs said that lumber would still be plentiful, but some of the smaller items required in the manufacturing of furniture might possibly run short.

A 25 per cent cut in the nation's rail service has already been ordered, effective as of Sunday night. The curtailment, however, has so far effected only passenger service.

Locally, trains numbers 13 and 14, from Winston-Salem to North Wilkesboro, have been placed on the idle list, leaving Elkin with only freight service. H. B. Holcomb, Southern Railway agent here, said that so far there was no indication that freight service would be discontinued in the near future. Express which normally was transported by passenger train is now going with freight.

LEAF MARKETS ARE SUSPENDED

Coal Strike Causes Shutdown For An Indefinite Time In N. C. Belts

PROCESSORS STALLED

Flue-cured tobacco markets in the Old Belt, including Winston-Salem and Mount Airy, at the close of sales yesterday (Wednesday) suspended operations for an indefinite period of time.

The order closing the warehouses in this region, issued by the Flue-Cured Marketing Committee under its emergency powers, applies also to Middle and Eastern belts. Re-opening of sales depends entirely on favorable developments.

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LOCAL MEN BAG DEER ON HUNT

Errol Hayes And Son, Errol, Jr., Each Make Kill On Trip To Eastern N. C.

DEER SAID PLENTIFUL

A party of seven men, six of them local residents, returned from Eastern North Carolina Saturday night to report a successful deer hunt that netted three two-point stags.

The men, Errol Hayes, Errol Hayes, Jr., Dr. C. E. Nicks, Dr. Ira S. Gambill, Foley Norman, and John Ratledge left here Wednesday of last week for a four day hunt around Lake Waccamaw. Using shot guns, since rifles are prohibited in the flat eastern country, Mr. Hayes, Errol, Jr., and Dr. Gambill's brother-in-law from North Wilkesboro, who accompanied the party each bagged one deer.

Errol, Jr., reported that deer in the region were plentiful. He said that they spotted between 10 and 15 of the fleet animals, but that most of them were does, which are protected from hunters by North Carolina law.

PUPILS CROWN MISS ELKIN HIGH

Tommy Jo Darnell Is Winner Of Contest Sponsored By High School Juniors

MISS INGOOL SECOND

As the climax of a Thanksgiving dance given at the Elkin high school gymnasium for high school students, Tommy Jo Darnell, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Darnell and a member of the freshman class, was crowned "Miss Elkin High."

The contest to select "Miss Elkin High" was sponsored by the Junior class. Voting extended over about two weeks, with any resident of the town eligible to cast a ballot by paying a penny.

The dance at which the queen was crowned was sponsored by the student council, with the ceremony being performed by Jack Park, student council president.

Runner-up to Tommy Jo in the contest was Mary Belle Ingool.