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Five Men Arrested, Charged With Avery Bank Robbery

Five men, charged with the robbery of the Bank of Avery on January 30, and are now in custody.

Thus, is brought home again the truth of the saying that "Crime Doesn't Pay".

At 9:10 o'clock on the morning of January 30 four heavily armed men entered the Newland bank, locked seven people, including employees and customers, in the vault, tied another loosely so that she could soon release the seven from the vault, took approximately \$25,000 in cash and sped out of town in a new gray Ford car that was waiting for them outside the bank.

Within 15 minutes, law enforcement officers of the county were in pursuit, and a call to all nearby counties brought out officers and highway patrolmen to block all roads leading from Newland. The FBI also entered the case immediately since the bank funds were protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Two days after the robbery, the car was found abandoned between Johnson City, Tenn., and Unicoi. Casper Crowe and George F. Crowe, Jr., were arrested in Johnson City, Tenn., on Feb. 15 on a firearms charge and later implicated by the investigation into the robbery.

On February 24 the Fed-

eral Bureau of Investigation announced that on Feb. 23 two men, William E. Alred and D. L. Birchfield, wanted on charges of robbing the bank, were arrested in Portland, Ore. The recovery of \$6,000 in cash was also reported and of this amount, \$1,305 was in dimes in the wrappers manufactured by the Edwards and Broughton Company of Raleigh and identified as having come from the Avery county bank.

The men were reported to have been driving a new Chrysler automobile and to have been heavily armed.

On Feb. 25 the FBI made announcement of the arrest of the fifth alleged bank bandit. Cazada George Dewey Saylor was taken near New Albany, Ind.

All five were indicted in U. S. Federal court last week of charges growing out of the robbery, including conspiracy, robbery, and receiving stolen money.

The Crowe brothers are from Elizabethton, Tenn. Alred and Saylor from Harlan county, Ky., and Birchfield from the Roan Mtn. section of Tennessee.

The robbery of the Avery county bank attracted a great deal of attention throughout this section and news of the speedy apprehension of all five men was most gratifying to all who had followed the case closely.

Federation Stockholders Meet

More than 150 stockholders gathered at the Burnsville warehouse of the Farmers Federation Saturday morning for their annual meeting. Thad Ray was elected to the warehouse committee, and Tom Ray was reelected to serve as a director of the cooperative for another term of two years.

James McClure Clarke field secretary, presided at the meeting and introduced Count Giovanni Rucellai and Marchese Antonio Origo, both of Florence Italy.

Guy M. Sales, general manager, announced that business done in the retail sales department of the Burnsville warehouse during 1946 totalled \$149,092 as compared with business in 1945 of \$127,900.

Yates Bailey, of the Federation seed department announced that 4,000 pounds of ladino clover have been bought and are on the way to Asheville for distribution through the warehouses. He announced that there is a good supply of potatoes and garden seed in the warehouses.

Max Roberts, educational director, recommended that farmers having tobacco beds get literature on the use of Fermate to control blue mold. Both literature and the remedy are in stock in the Federation warehouses, he said.

Committee Relected

The warehouse committee which was reelected for another year is composed of Wilson Edwards, Cane River; Tom Ray, Rt. 1, Burnsville.

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Veterans In School

Veteran-students attending schools or colleges in North Carolina under the G. I. Bill and planning to transfer to some other institution during the summer have been advised by the Veterans Administration to contact their training officer so that a supplemental certificate can be issued.

Prior approval of VA is necessary for a change of institution and issuance of a supplemental certificate, the Winston-Salem regional VA office said today, emphasizing that for this reason the veteran must consult his training officer before making any change.

VA explained that when the training officer is contacted, complete information necessary for a supplemental certificate can be obtained. All matters concerning education or training, such as change of institution or course, reports of earnings, or subsistence checks, should be brought to the attention of the veteran's training officer.

A. P. Hensley of Swiss has returned home from the hospital and is improving.

COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL REOPEN MONDAY

Schools will reopen on Monday if the present favorable weather conditions prevail, according to a statement from the superintendent's office this morning (Thursday). All schools were closed on Wednesday Feb. 19 and have remained closed since that time.

RED CROSS DAY

Saturday, March 1, will be Red Cross Day in Burnsville, and plans have been completed to carry out the one-day drive in Burnsville.

Mrs. B. S. Connelly and Mrs. C. P. Rogers are county co-chairmen, and Mrs. Juanita Evans and Rev. Moody Smith are chairmen for Burnsville.

The following have been named as workers for the town: Miss Ruby Robinson, Mrs. Ivan Peterson, Mrs. Milton Higgins, Clyde Bailey, Miss Virginia York, Miss Eloise Bennett, Frank W. Howell, Mrs. Philip Ray.

The Woman's Club is sponsoring the work in the residential sections of the town, with Mrs. C. V. Belgarde as chairman.

All Burnsville workers will meet on Friday evening at 7:30 in the office of George Robinson, chapter chairman.

Army Enlistments

Civilians, who possess certain skills used by the United States Army Air Forces, may be enlisted in non-commissioned officer grades, regardless of whether or not they have had previous Military Service, according to a statement issued today by 1st Lt. Thomas H. Suydam, Commanding Officer of the Asheville Sub Station of the Army Recruiting Service located at the Post Office Building.

Lt. Suydam said that a new directive has reached his sub-station to the effect that individuals without prior Military or Naval Service, or those with prior Military or Naval Service but discharged prior to May 12, 1945, and who possess job specialties needed by the Army Air Forces,

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS WYATTE

Funeral services for Mrs. Perlina Wilson Wyatte, 73, who died at her home at Boonford Friday, were held Sunday morning at the Young's Chapel Baptist church. The Rev. Hobart Glass, officiated, and burial was in the Young family cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was born and reared in Yancey county and lived her entire life in the Boonford community. At the age of 12 she joined the Young's Chapel church. In 1895 she was married to Will Wyatte, who survives.

Also surviving are one sister, Miss Celia Wilson of Boonford, and two brothers, Creed and Bud Wilson, both of Yancey county.

REP. HUSKINS OPPOSED TO BILL

The following statement was received from Representative J. Frank Huskins: "I have been opposed to the bill (H. B. 196-Tax on Co-operatives) since the day it was introduced and have been working against it. I intend to vote against it when it comes up for hearing later this week.

"I have had so many letters from people all over the county opposing that bill that I fear it will be almost impossible for me to answer each one of them personally. So I shall appreciate it very much if you will mention the fact that I am opposed to the Fisher Bill, have worked against it since its introduction, will vote against when it comes up for hearing, and have very little doubt that we can kill it; that I have so informed the paper for publication to the end that all may know where I stand on it and for the further purpose of answering in a public sort of way all the letters which I will be unable to answer personally."

LAST RITES FOR WILBURN McPEETERS

Wilburn T. McPeeters, 33 died at his home at Cane River Sunday night following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. Ernest Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Shepherd cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Rosalee Shepherd; four daughters, Helen, Alice, Joan and Mary Will; three sons, Wilburn, Jr., Johnny and Clifford; his parents Mr. and Mrs. John McPeeters of Cane River; four sisters, 7 brothers, 3 half-sisters and 1 half brother.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the American National Red Cross, traditional friend and counselor of the serviceman and the veteran, furnishes comfort and renewed hope to our sick and wounded in hospitals, and provides morale-building welfare and recreational facilities for our occupation forces abroad as well as a wide range of services to those returning to civilian life in this country; and

WHEREAS the Red Cross, chartered by Congress and equipped by experience to cope with human needs when disaster strikes, performs its errands of mercy with skill and expedition; and

WHEREAS the Red Cross is devoting increased attention to its home-nursing and first aid programs which are designed through training courses to check the spread of disease and to reduce the frightful toll of accidents; and

WHEREAS this organization is entirely dependent upon the voluntary contributions of the people of the United States in rendering these services, and has estimated that a minimum fund of \$60,000,000 will be necessary for the implementation of its philanthropic program in 1947:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate and proclaim the month of March 1947 as Red Cross Month and urge every citizen of this country to respond generously to this essential, humanitarian cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-first.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

SAVINGS BONDS

January sales amounting to \$13,788,547.50 in U. S. Savings Bonds in North Carolina exceeded any previous month's sales since the Victory Loan in 1945, according to an announcement by Allison James State Savings Bonds Director in Greensboro, issued through Yancey county Savings Bonds Chairman G. Leslie Hensley.

The people of Yancey county invested a total of \$5,212.50 as their part in the state's sales achievement in Series E Bonds.

1946 SALES
Sales in the county during 1946 totaled \$102,565, according to the report released this week:

Statement Made Concerning School Lunch Program

Perhaps no other school program in the county has been more beneficial to the students and no other has gained wider approval from the patrons than the school lunch program which has been in operation in the five consolidated schools of the county.

Government aid funds by which the schools were reimbursed 9c on each lunch served, have been practically exhausted by this time. The explanation is this: the government based this school year's appropriation on last year's expenditures. However, the great increase in the number of lunches served has taken all funds appropriated.

The following statement was issued from the superintendent's office this morning, so that patrons of the school may understand the changes that will be made when schools reopen Monday:

FIVE COUNTY TOURNAMENT

The annual invitation tournament will get underway Wednesday night, March 5 at Mars Hill with twenty teams from five counties taking part. The Clearmont girls from Yancey county and the Mars Hill boys from Madison are the present title holders. Both teams will defend their crowns this year. Henderson, Mitchell, Yancey, Buncombe and Madison teams will engage in the play off.

Edneyville, Micaville and Mars Hill are favorites in the girls division with White Rock, Spruce Pine and Spring Creek as dark horses. The Mars Hill boys are expecting close competition in Edneyville, Spring Creek and Burnsville with Bee Log as a dark horse.

Trophies will be awarded the winner and runner-up in each division and 60 individual medals will be awarded. "Mitch" Gadry has been a popular referee at the tournament and his service has again been secured for the annual class.

The Schedule:
Wednesday, March 5
6:00—Spruce Pine vs Clearmont (girls); 7:00—White Rock vs Clearmont (boys); 8:00—Bald Creek

County Tournament

The county Basketball Tournament which was scheduled for this week end will not be held, due to the weather and the bad condition of the roads.

The tournament is now scheduled to be held in two weeks, beginning on March 13th.

Sgt. Foltsome Howell came up from Fort Bragg to spend the past week end with Mrs. Howell who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pate and young daughter, Carolyn, are visiting Mrs. Pate's mother, Mrs. G. D. Bailey. Dr. and Mrs. Van B. Bennett have been visiting relatives in Atlanta.

Statement Made Concerning School Lunch Program

"At a meeting held Monday, February 24, the high school principals discussed the lunchroom program and decided that the lunchrooms will continue to operate despite the fact that government reimbursemen is no longer available.

"In order to keep the lunchrooms in operation, it will be necessary to raise the price per lunch to 15c for students and 20c for teachers. By so doing, the supervisors hope to keep the menu at its present high standard.

"The state department will require reports, as in the past months, and in case a new allotment of funds is made, each lunchroom will then receive its proportionate share for operation."

Income Tax Schedule

Mrs. Sam J. Huskins, deputy commissioner of revenue, has announced her itinerary during the period for filing state income and intangible returns, from March 1 through March 15, for Avery, Mitchell, Madison and Yancey counties.

Mrs. Huskins will be in Burnsville state revenue office, on Feb. 27 and 28th and March 1, 3, 8, 13, 14 and 15th; Bakersville courthouse, March 4th; Newland courthouse, March 5th; Mars Hill, Holcombe's cafe, March 6th; Marshall courthouse, March 7th, and at Spruce Pine, city hall, March 11 and 12th.

Any person subject to filing either or both of the State tax returns must file returns with the Department of Revenue on or before March 15, 1947.

vs White Rock (girls); 9:00—West Buncombe vs Spruce Pine (boys).
Thursday, March 6
1:00—Mars Hill vs Bee Log (girls); 2:00—Burnsville vs winner of Spruce Pine, West Buncombe (boys); 3:00—Edneyville vs winner of Clearmont—Spruce Pine (girls); 4:00—Edneyville vs Spring Creek (boys); 5:00 Recess.

6:00—Burnsville vs winner of Bald Creek—White Rock (girls); 7:00—Bee Log vs winner of White Rock—Clearmont (boys); 8:00—Micaville vs Spring Creek (girls); 9:00—Mars Hill vs Micaville (boys).

Friday, March 7
Semi-Finals at 6, 7, 8, and 9 o'clock.
Saturday, March 8
Finals at 7:30 and 8:30.

BURNSVILLE CHURCH SERVICES

Methodist

The Rev. R. Dwight Ware district superintendent, will preach and conduct the second quarterly conference next Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Reports will be heard from the pastor, the Rev. C. Moody Smith; the church school superintendent, Mr. Wesley Roberts; the treasurer, J. Hobart Ray; and others. A full attendance of local church leaders and all members is requested.

The pastor will preach at West Burnsville church next Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterian

Sunday morning at 11 in the Burnsville church, the subject of the sermon will be, "Could This Happen to Me?"

At 3 p. m. Sunday services will be held in the Low Gap Presbyterian church. The annual missionary offering will be taken.

Baptist

At the Sunday morning services the sermon subject will be, "Treasures in Snow". The Sunday evening subject will be, "Man's Greatest Need".

Training Union will meet at 6:30 Sunday, and mid week prayer service on Wednesday evening followed by the regular choir practice.