

ROUNDING SQUARE
Shelby Sidelights
by Renn Drum

2 Gaston Bankers Get Prison Terms In Federal Court

Tom Carpenter And Steve Morris Sentenced In Shelby By Judge Webb.

Two Gastonia bank officials who pleaded guilty to embezzlement in federal court here Monday were sentenced to a total of 10 years in prison.

Thomas E. Carpenter, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, Gastonia, and member of a prominent Gaston county family, was given an aggregate sentence of seven years, five years on one count and two years on another. He pled guilty to an embezzlement in connection with a shortage of approximately \$20,000.

Steve Morris, cashier of the same bank, pled guilty to embezzlement of a sum totalling \$1,465 and was given a sentence of three years.

Prison Not Designated
In both sentences U. S. Judge E. Y. Webb did not designate the prison where the sentence is to be served but stated that the prison would be designated by the attorney general.

Carpenter and Morris were placed in the custody of a deputy marshal and were taken to Charlotte to be placed in jail where they will remain until the end of the court term here at which time all defendants receiving prison sentences will be carried to prison in a group.

Justice moved swiftly in meting out punishment for the two former bank officials. They were arrested Friday and Saturday of last week, but Monday they were legally sentenced in less than three hours' time. Bills of indictment were given to the grand jury around 11:15 Monday morning and true bills returned before the court adjourned at noon to assemble again at two o'clock; and before 3:30 the evidence had been heard and sentence passed.

Neither of the defendants took the stand, pleading guilty through their attorneys, Ernest Warren of Gastonia and Clyde Hoey of Shelby. The only evidence introduced in the defendants' behalf was that to show their good character prior to the present charges. Fifteen or 20 leading Gastonia citizens, including ministers and officials of the bank where they were employed, testified to their good character.

No length evidence was introduced by District Attorney Frank Patton. His chief witness was R. N. Aycock, conservator of the bank and vice president, who testified to the confessions made by the cashier and assistant cashier. Mr. Aycock said Carpenter admitted that his accounts were short approximately \$20,907 while Morris a day later admitted that he was short \$1,465. Carpenter said, according to Aycock, that he had used \$6,500 to pay on a note, \$1,000 for taxes, and around \$1,200 for interest on insurance loans, but could not explain where the other money had gone except to say that he didn't have a cent left.

Aycock also said he was led to believe that Carpenter may have known of the Morris shortage but that Morris did not know of the Carpenter shortage and that otherwise there seemed to be no connection between the two defalcations. Asked if he and other officials had had any reason to suspicion either of the two prior to the confessions, Aycock said that they had not except that for the last year Carpenter would always go to the bookkeeping department when he saw any of the officials go there. Both shortages had been in the fall of 1931.

Heavily Involved
Defense attorneys in the case of Carpenter stated to the judge that they attributed his action to the fact that he was heavily involved with obligations and decreasing values and was perhaps in debt to the extent of 35 to 40 thousand dollars. Morris, who was short less than \$1,500, was represented as having financial difficulties due to reduced salary and the fact that he had supported his mother in addition to his own immediate family. Both confessions followed immediately upon the reopening of the bank under Mr. Aycock as conservator after the bank holiday.

Numerous relatives of both men, who are prominent families, together with a hundred or more Gastonia citizens, were here for the hearing. The sentences were received without a display of emotion on the part of the two defendants.

First U. S. Paprika Crop

Oxnard, Cal.—The first commercial paprika crop in the United States has been grown by W. J. McInnes, from seed imported from Spain and Hungary. Bushes produced an average of 65 pods, and commanded a premium from packing corporations.

Cat Leaped Seven Stories

Hollywood, Cal.—A year-old cat, pet of little James Stillwell, leaped from the roof of a seven-story apartment house when pursued by a dog, and landed safely on the pavement below. Jerry suffered only a bumped head and loss of appetite.

Two Billion New Currency Ready



You've often heard of a spender letting a fortune slip through his fingers, but the most extravagant spender-thrift could not hold a candle to these girls. Money, at the rate of millions every hour, is slipping through their fingers as they cut the large sheets of new currency into individual bills at the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C. Inset is Secretary of the Treasury Woodin, who seems highly pleased with the bale of new money he is holding. This is the first picture made in the Bureau in many years.

ION COMMUNITY BATCH OF NEWS

Mr. Lee Visiting in Ohio. Mr. Irvin Loses a Mule. Visiting About.

Zion, Mar. 21.—Mr. Homer Lee is visiting his parents in Albany, Ohio, for a while.

Miss Rachel West, of Shelby, was the week end guest of Miss Jane Irvin.

Miss Margaret Cabiness of Shelby, spent the week with her cousin Miss Maxine Cabanis.

Messrs. J. W. Irvin and D. F. Gold spent Saturday in Kings Mountain

on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Aliston Mode of Earl, visited relatives in the community over the week end.

Mrs. Robert Greer and Miss Matilda Greer of Dover spent several days last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mode.

Miss Margaret Martin entertained a large number of her school mates with a party Saturday evening.

Mr. G. L. Cornwell has been sick for the past week, but is better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Cabanis, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Rudasill and Miss Minnie Cabanis were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brooks of the Sandy Plains community.

Miss Vernie Cabanis, and Mr. James Wilson of Boiling Springs

college spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gold of Chesnee, S. C., visited Mr. Gold's mother Mrs. F. P. Gold Friday.

Mr. Randolph Martin has returned from a business trip of several days to Tryon and Hendersonville. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. Davis parents Mr. and Mrs. John Ed Davis of the Double Springs community.

Mrs. Clifford Jones of Earl visited her parents over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Husley.

Miss Ruby Phillips and Mr. Paul Daves surprised their friends last Monday by getting married. Mrs. Daves is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Phillips.

Mr. L. A. Blanton lost one of his mules recently.

Highlights Of Inauguration

By Roy S. Bridges
District Policeman and former resident of Mooresboro.

I saw much of the inauguration of one of the greatest men yet to step into the highest office of the land. My station is at Pennsylvania and New York avenues, near the treasury, and only a short distance from the White House. The fourth of March was a strenuous day for we policemen, both traffic and regular. We had to work over time. I was in the thickest of the jam. People who had paid seven dollars for seats, failed to reach them. I took a little girl into my booth to save her from trampling feet of the mob. Negro women became sick to get out of the jam—once out the were well. A photographer started through the throng with his heavy camera; he got it above his head and couldn't get it down. Al Smith and his Tammany pals came marching by—a fellow directly behind Al yelled at me: "Say where is that great engineer?" Negroes raced by with lawn mowers, cutting the grass which Hoover said would grow on the streets. An Indian rode by in all of his primitive nudity; the muscles of his legs were gripped tightly. I was told with all my heavy clothing. It is said that he rode in the last inauguration, which was also a cold and rainy day. Several of the best bands were from the Carolinas, one hailing from Greenville. There were more negroes in the parade than I ever saw before, and I've seen quite a number.

We saw the depression for the first time in the District when the banks closed. Moreover, the people everywhere I've seen have the utmost confidence in the New Deal.

Paper Used For Cooking.

New Orleans.—Three hundred pounds of good grade bond paper are used annually in New Orleans in the elaborate process of cooking "Pomano en pallotte" one of the Creole dishes for which New Orleans is famed. The pomano is encased in the paper when it is cooked and served.

Off to War Zone



Turning his back on a notable stage and screen career to become a war correspondent, Harry Bannister is pictured as he entered his plane at Newark (N. J.) airport to start the first leg of his journey to the Far East, whence he will write dispatches for United States consumption. Bannister is the former husband of Ann Harding, film star.

The many friends of Mrs. Thos. J. Ransour will be sorry to learn that she is again confined to her bed at her home on South Washington street.

Trunkfish Specimens Found

Santa Barbara, Cal.—Three specimens of trunkfish, commonly called the cowfish, have been taken from Santa Barbara channel in recent weeks. Intense interest was created in the captures, for the fish live normally in the West and East Indies, off the coast of Japan and the Hawaiian and South Pacific islands.

The Chesterfield FORMULA—what is it?

The formulas and processes which make Chesterfield a milder and better-tasting cigarette are secret—to prevent others from copying them.

If every person knew the method and processes of tanning leather, it would be of interest; but what people want to know is: Is it a good shoe? Is it comfortable? Will it wear longer? Is the price right?

So it is with Chesterfield Cigarettes. If smokers, men and women, knew all of the formulas and processes of manufacture, it would be of interest to them; but what smokers really want is the result.

Everything that goes into Chesterfield Cigarettes is as good as money can buy.

Every process has in it all that science knows about cigarette manufacture.

The formulas are secret to prevent others from copying them. The mildness and the better taste you may prove for yourself. May we ask you to try Chesterfield?



Wherever you buy Chesterfields you get them just as fresh as if you came by our factory door

They Satisfy—people know it