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Suspect Gang Job As 4 More Homes Are Burglarized

Enter Spangler House Twice In 2 Nights

Chief of Police Urge Householders
To Lock Doors And Take
Every Precaution.

With five more unsolved housebreakings reported over the weekend, Chief of Police D. D. Wilkins this morning urged Shelby householders to take every precaution in guarding and locking their homes while the police department seeks to break up suspected gang operations.

Homes entered over the weekend were those of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Smith, Oakland Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gold, West Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, E. Marion, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Spangler (two burglaries), Oakland Drive.

Two Arrests Made

In each burglary, the chief said, clues indicated the same gang had entered the home. The houses were entered while the families were away always between 7:30 and midnight. The police suspect an experienced leader commanding a group of young boys. They have made two arrests on suspicion.

At the Smith home, a burglar was frightened away on the return of the family Friday night. The window to a bedroom had been forced open.

Two Watches Stolen

At the Gold home, entry was made between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday night. An overcoat, a sweater and two watches were stolen.

At the Williams home, burglars broke into a chest and stole a pistol Saturday night while the family was out.

The Spangler home was entered both Friday and Saturday night, both times while the Spanglers were out. Two dresses were stolen. On Friday night, a window was forced, and on Saturday, the back door was broken open.

Heavy Patrol

"We are patrolling the city as heavily as possible," Mr. Wilkins said. "And we hope the residents will co-operate with us in trying to apprehend this gang. Lock your homes. I wish somebody would put the lights out in his home some night and wait in the darkness—then call us if anything turns up."

Late News

THE MARKETS

Cotton, spot 12½ to 13½
Cotton seed, ton, wagon \$44.00

Colder Tuesday

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Rain Monday and Monday night, probably ending Tuesday morning. Warmer Monday. Much colder Tuesday and Tuesday night.

No. 1 Escapes

Alvin Karpis, now nominated as America's Public Enemy No. 1, hurled a blaze of machine gun bullets into a trap set by federal officers at a small Atlantic City hotel, and escaped. Harry Campbell, another hunted mid-western gangster, escaped with him as they poured rounds of bullets in the direction of the officers, stole a motor car, and fled toward New York. They attempted to rescue two women companions, but failed.

Would Bar Ickes

A move to bar Secretary Ickes from administering the four billion dollar appropriation for public works received strong support among members of the house yesterday. Mr. Ickes is public works administrator, but the president has not said yet whether he would name him to administer the giant fund or not. There is strong feeling against Ickes, it was reported, because some representatives feel he has not treated them courteous-

Prefers Garner

President Roosevelt let it be known yesterday that he wants Vice-President John Nance Garner to be his running mate in the 1936 presidential campaign, and this information dashed cold water on the aspirations of Secretaries Wallace and Ickes. After an informal conference, there was no doubt that Mr. Roosevelt wanted Mr. Garner.

Decision Awaited

The supreme court may make its final decision today, it was reported in Washington. The court may announce its decision now and withhold the written opinion several weeks.

Budget for Schools Keen Disappointment to Smith

Request Of More Money For Roads But Less For Public Schools Deplored By Shelby Superintendent

\$1,000,000 Saving Seen For Farmers Strapped By Debt

N. C. Farm Dept. Is Ready To Act Now

Adjustment Commission Hopes To
Scale Down Amounts In
Voluntary Agreements.

COLLEGE STATION, RALEIGH, Jan. 20.—The saving of \$1,000,000 for those North Carolina farmers now heavily in debt is the goal of the State Farm Debt Adjustment Commission for the current fiscal year, it was announced today.

Dr. G. W. Forster, of State College, executive secretary of the commission, said the amount of this saving is in addition to the value of the farms and homes which are being protected from foreclosure.

Maany Debts Settled.

In a report covering part of the work done by the committees, Dr. Forster said that in 46 counties, 641 cases involving debts of \$1,790,429.25 have been settled directly or indirectly through the efforts of the committees.

In the agreements negotiated, the amount of the indebtedness in these cases was scaled down by \$357,293.76, or 20 percent.

Scale Down Amounts.

The farm debt committees in the several counties effect this saving, he explained, by negotiating agreements between debtors and their creditors for scaling down the amount of the indebtedness.

By voluntarily reducing the size of the debt, he added, the creditors protect themselves by greatly increasing their chances of collecting the reduced amount.

Were no reductions made, he pointed out, the farmers would in many cases feel that they could not possibly pay their debts and would give up the struggle, with the result that the creditors would be able to collect only a small part, if any, of the amount owed.

In addition to the agreements negotiated directly by the committees, Dr. Forster added, they have influenced other debtors and creditors to reach agreements on the same principles used by the committees.

Twin Babies Die Of Pneumonia At Poplar Springs

One of the most unusual tragedies of the year occurred over the week-end when the two and a half months old twin children of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wesson of the Poplar Springs section died of pneumonia, their deaths taking place only a few hours apart.

Both of them, ill only since Friday, the first, Ruth, died at one o'clock early Sunday morning and the second, Roy, died at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Funeral services for the two children were held at the Poplar Springs Baptist church this afternoon at 2:30 with the Rev. Rush Padgett conducting.

Surviving them in addition to their parents are one sister, Alva, and two brothers, Ben and Donald. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wesson. Maternal grandparents are John Wallace and the late Mrs. Wallace, all of the same community.

Appoint Delegates For Labor Parley

RALEIGH, Jan. 20.—Governor Ehringhaus today appointed the following as delegates to represent North Carolina at the labor conference to be held by Honorable Frances Perkins, secretary of Labor, at Nashville, Tennessee, on January 21, 1935:

A. L. Fletcher, commissioner of labor, T. A. Wilson, of Raleigh; Major W. F. Moody, Raleigh; P. R. Christopher, president U. T. W. Shely; Arthur Harrison, Raleigh; Reuben Robertson, Jr., Canton; William J. Conrad, Winston-Salem; Marion W. Helis, Proximity Mills, Greensboro; W. O. Burgin, Lexington, Miss Harriet Elliott, Greensboro.

Squire T. C. Eskridge Is Seriously Ill Here

Squire T. C. Eskridge is seriously ill at the Shelby hospital which he entered Saturday for treatment for an acute gall bladder trouble.

Mr. Eskridge is 81 years of age and all of his children are keeping close to his bedside.

His son, Ab Eskridge, of LaFayette, Indiana, arrived Sunday.