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Alleged Safe Cracker Has Record Of Long List Crimes Committed In Ten States

Kurtweid von Wischon Held For Probable Cause Tuesday

SMART MAN

Prisoner Will Face Trial Also In Pasquotank And Chowan

The Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed to Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow Tuesday that the record of Kurtweid von Wischon, alleged safe-cracker who was bound over to October Superior Court by Recorder Granbery Tucker, has served prison sentences in the states of Washington, Texas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New York, Colorado, Tennessee and North Carolina. Wischon served a stretch in South America by his own admission.

Wischon, against whom grounds for probable cause were found at the Tuesday session of Recorder's Court, according to the FBI record, started his career of crime in 1912 serving in a Virginia reformatory for a Norfolk offense. Although only 33 years old, Wischon's escapes from prison number about five.

The safe-cracker was represented at Tuesday's hearing by P. G. Sawyer, Elizabeth City attorney who offered no testimony. Bond was set at \$1,000 and Wischon was released to Edenton officers who were on hand at the hearing to request that Wischon be turned over to them for the next session of Chowan Recorder's Court.

A set of tools and other instruments were also turned over to the Chowan officers; spokesman for whom was William Privott, Chowan County prosecutor.

Wischon appeared in court looking very jaunty in a fresh seersucker suit, brown shoes, shined, white shirt and dark tie. Although he did not appear depressed or worried—neither did he appear over-confident or smart-alecky. In fact, Wischon was not called upon to utter one word during the hearing.

Wischon was arrested in the motor company building of the Winslow-White Ford agency last Thursday morning by Officer Robert A. White, who together with Cecil Winslow, of the agency, offered the State's only testimony in court Tuesday. The safe in the motor company office had been tampered with and damaged but not (Continued on Page Four)

Evangelist Smith Cites Ignorance About Holy Bible

Astonishing How Little Some Students Know About Book

TESTS MADE

"Something Is Radically Wrong," Preacher Declares

"My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, . . . seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (Hosea 4:6), quoted Mr. Smith in his opening remarks on the subject, "Where Did We Get Our Bible?" last Tuesday night at the big tent located on the Grammar School ground.

Mr. Smith read a number of scriptures (Amos 8:7; Rev. 1:1-2; II Pet. 1:21; II Tim. 3:16) which proved that the Bible is a message from God to the human family, and that "all scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be made perfect."

"Something is radically wrong in our country today," stated Mr. Smith after reading some facts recently made public by the Virginia Council of Religious Education. Tests were made in 213 high schools, and a total of 15,424 high school students attempted to answer 20 certain questions. One of the requirements was (Please Turn to Page Four)

THREE YEARS AGO

Three years ago this week, the files of The Perquimans Weekly reveal that.

Alec Wheeler, city electrical employee, had narrowly escaped death from drowning or electrocution on Monday afternoon when a power pole on the Causeway broke and threw him into the river. Wheeler was rendered unconscious by the shock but quick work on the part of Gen Thach and Russell Winslow saved him from drowning.

Fourteen beginners and 12 swimmers had enrolled to take instruction in the Red Cross swimming class, of which Dick Payne had charge.

A party of six Perquimans County school teachers had left on Wednesday for an 18-day tour of the New England states and Canada.

Heavy rains in the Hickory Cross section had converted the "Low Ground Road" into a swimming hole, and boys living nearby were taking advantage of the three-hour down-pour to go swimming.

Judson Bass had three matches and no other means of illumination, when he heard a rustling noise in the next room of his home where he lived alone. It was a dark night and Mr. Bass struck one match. He struck a second, and by the flame of the last match he spied a huge copperhead snake traveling across the room. His gun was in his hand and dropping the last match, Mr. Bass fired a lucky shot when the snake was seen. It was a lucky shot because the snake was killed.

Canning Contests Open To Members Of County Clubs

50 Per Cent of Membership Is Goal Set For This Year

PRIZES OFFERED

75 Perquimans Women In Competition Last Year

Perquimans County Home Demonstration Club members will be given the privilege of entering two State and County Canning Contests in the fall. Cash prizes and fruit jars will be given the winners in the county contests.

Each club member will be allowed to enter one quart each of meat, fruit and vegetable in one contest; and one quart of fruit and one quart of vegetable in the other.

The prizes will be awarded in the contest as follows: according to Miss Gladys Hamrick, county demonstration agent:

Two hundred or more contestants; first prize, \$9.00; second prize, \$5.00; third prize, \$3.00, and fourth prize, \$2.00.

Forty or more contestants; first prize, \$3.00; second prize, \$2.00.

Twenty-five or more contestants; first prize, two dozen fruit jars.

In the second contest the winners will receive one dozen fruit jars each.

The winners of the first prize in each contest will enter her jars in the State Contest.

According to Miss Hamrick, seventy-five Perquimans County women were in competition at this event last year. This year her goal is fifty per cent of the county club members. The contest is open to all Home Demonstration Club members.

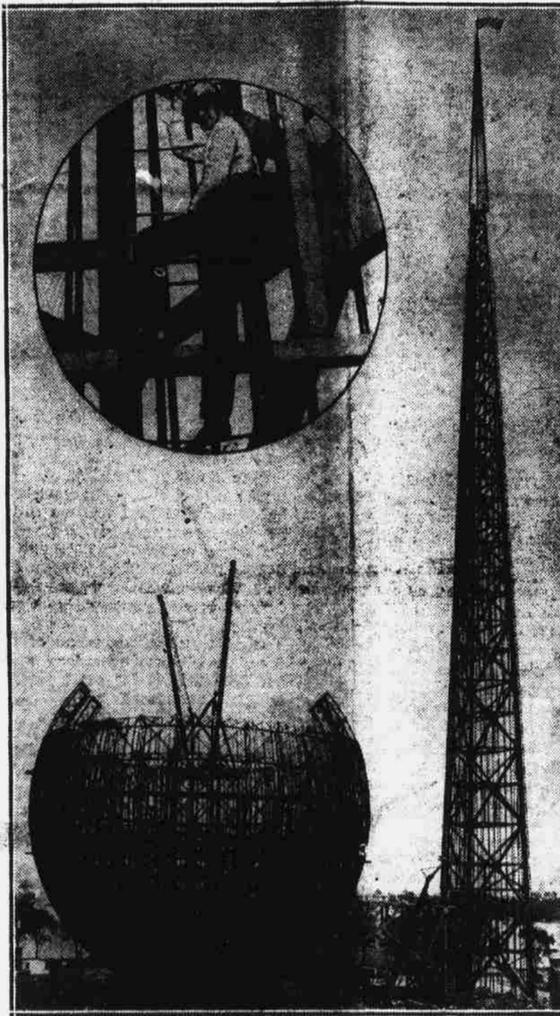
Visiting Preacher At Assembly Church

The Reverend W. F. Voodre, pastor of the First Pentecostal Church in Pitcairn, Pa., will preach at the Hertford Assembly Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Voodre will hold services also Sunday evening at eight o'clock. The public is invited.

W. M. U. MEETS MONDAY

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet next Monday night at 8 o'clock at the church.

UP THE LADDER TO FAME



NEW YORK—It took Ross McKee of the New York Daily News 35 minutes to climb to the top of the 700 foot Trylon on the grounds of the New York World's Fair 1939. Once up he squeezed out on a 14-inch ledge and took panoramic pictures of the Fair grounds and snapshots of the giant 200 foot Perisphere, the framework for which is nearing completion.

McKee was the first cameraman to accomplish this feat. He followed in the footsteps of steel "birdmen" who had just planted the U. S. flag, marking the finish of the steel frame of the Trylon.

These two structures will be covered with stucco and, as the Theme Center of the Fair, will set the pace for the \$150,000,000 Exposition.

4-H Short Course Be Held July 25-30

Miss Hamrick Urges Members to Plan To Attend

County 4-H Club members are urged to attend the short course at Raleigh, July 25-30. Miss Gladys Hamrick, County Home Demonstration Agent, says that the girls attending will be required to have two uniforms with one coat. These are made from green broadcloth with white trimmings.

The boys will be required to wear white duck trousers, white shirt and black tie. The cost of the short course is \$5.50, which amount includes registration fee and meals from dinner Monday, July 25th, through breakfast, Saturday, July 30th.

The following classes will be given: Crops, Poultry, Livestock and Farm Conveniences, Recreation Leadership, Adventuring with Books, Handicraft, Copper Work, Health, and Home Beautification.

All delegates, according to Miss Hamrick, may take advantage of the following courses: Parliamentary Procedure, Good Grooming and Good Manners.

Miss Hamrick, and L. W. Anderson, County Farm Agent, are anxious to have several Perquimans County club members attend this course.

RECENT BRIDE HONORED

Mrs. Morgan Walker, who before her recent marriage was Miss Nellie Fields, was honored at a lovely party given by Mrs. Tom Peele on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Several tables were arranged for Bingo and other games.

During the evening the guest of honor was presented with a shower of lovely gifts.

The hostess served delicious Bavarian cream, cake and lemonade.

The guests were: Mrs. Morgan Walker, Mrs. George Fields, Misses Joyce Harrell, Louise Payne, Elizabeth, Grace, Dorcas and Hilda Knowles, Ruth Nachman, Jeanette Fields, Mary Elizabeth Fields and Marian Raper, Mrs. C. M. Harrell, Mrs. Arthur White, Mrs. B. O. Gibbs and Mrs. Edgar Fields.

Farm-Home Week In Raleigh Aug. 1-5

Rural Men and Women Urged to Attend Meetings

Farm and Home Week for rural men and women will be held at State College, Raleigh, August 1-5. Every rural man and woman should have a vacation and this is one of the best ways to spend it.

This year a fee of \$1.00 per person will be asked for registration. Registration may be made in advance upon receipt of money by Mrs. Nell Meachem, State College Station, Raleigh, or the fee may be given to Miss Hamrick who will reserve rooms in advance.

The only cost of Farm and Home Week is for registration fee, meals, which may be had at the cafeteria, and transportation.

The program includes many interesting features. Mrs. Bess N. Ross, of W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, will conduct a class on "The Family and Its Relationship." Miss Marjorie Beal, secretary and director of the North Carolina Library Commission, Raleigh, will teach a class on "Your Books." Judge Lois Mary McBride, of Alleghany County Court, Pittsburg, Pa., will be the guest speaker at the "Honor Day" exercises August 5, and will discuss "Problems of Delinquency" and the various laws that tend to encourage a breakdown of the marriage relationship and the home.

Miss Pauline Gordon, specialist in home management of the Extension Service and Miss Mamie Whisnant, will illustrate the following subjects: "Color in the Kitchen," "Invest in Rest," "Bringing Your Lighting Up-to-Date"; and F. H. Jeter of the Extension Service, will talk on "Time and Money Management." He will conduct a class on "News Writing."

Miss Frances McGregor, assistant State 4-H Club leader, and Mrs. E. G. Willis, southwestern district agent, will demonstrate the following in their class on "The Niceties of Life": "How Do You Do," "Thank You," "When You're a Hostess," and "My Guest Room." Dr. W. P. Jackson of the National Recreation Association, New York City, will conduct a class for leaders in recreation each day.

City Tax Rate Will Remain At \$1.10 For Year Despite Dark Situation At Times

RECORDER'S COURT

At Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court, John Hondley, middle-aged man—a stranger in Hertford, was charged with stealing and receiving several sets of spark plugs from the service station of Mark Hathaway.

Bill Small, one of the State's chief witnesses, testified that he spotted the goods for stolen property when Hondley tried to sell the plugs at the service station where he works across the Causeway. Hondley was arrested in Winfall by Officer Robert A. White.

Judge Granbery Tucker invoked a 90-day sentence.

Charged with inflicting serious knife wounds on the person of John Ed. Felton, Negro, Charlie White, King Street Negro, was found guilty. Through his counsel, James S. McNider, White appealed to Superior Court and bond was set at \$50.

Fleet Cooper and his daughter, Gladys, Negroes, charged with resisting arrest, were sentenced to serve 30 days, Gladys working around the courthouse, and Fleet to work in the city's employ. The sentences are to be suspended upon payment of the costs of court.

Adlee Foster, Luke Bowser, John Powell and Puddin' Winslow, Goose Hollow Negroes, charged with gambling, were taxed with the costs of court.

Six Clubs Register Perfect Score At Council Meeting

Ladies Favor Annual County Picnic at Edenhous

AUGUST 10

Forty County and Club Officers Present at Meeting

Six county home demonstration clubs were present one hundred per cent at the County Council meeting in the Agricultural Building Monday. A representative each was also among those present from the Beech Spring, Helen Gaither and Ballahack Clubs.

The Council went on record as favoring an annual county-wide picnic for farm families, this year at Edenhous Beach on Wednesday, August 10th.

Each year the county federation of demonstration clubs has been giving to the club showing the best work during the year, a 25-quart pressure cooker. This year the Council has decided to give second and third prizes. Curtain stretchers were selected for the second award, and a fruit cake pan for the club ending the year in third place. These awards will be given at the Fall County Achievement Day.

Each club receiving an award will keep it for one year, according to Miss Gladys Hamrick, county demonstration agent, and if the same club wins out for three successive years the prize becomes the property of that club permanently.

Forty county and club officers attended the meeting where C. R. Holmes delivered to the group a most helpful talk on Parliamentary Procedure.

The next meeting will be held on October third with the Belvidere Club having charge of the program.

MISSIONARY GROUP MEETS

The Winfall-Cedar Grove Missionary Society met Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Epworth Church, Winfall, with Mrs. J. L. Nixon presiding.

After an interesting meeting, Mrs. Nixon served delicious refreshments.

WIENER ROAST—FISH FRY

The members of the Home Makers Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church enjoyed a wiener roast and fish fry on the lawn of Mrs. Tom Madre on Thursday afternoon.

Hertford Better Off Financially Now Than 12 Months Ago

WITHIN BUDGET

City Council Appropriates \$100 For Bridge Celebration

At the City Council meeting Monday night, the commissioners voted to appropriate \$100 toward allaying Perquimans County's assessment in the fund of the Albemarle Sound Bridge celebration. This amount matched the sum granted by the County Commissioners at their meeting last Wednesday and leaves only \$93 now to be raised if this county is to meet its allotted amount.

The ninety-three dollars will likely be amassed through popular donations.

As a result of the Monday night meeting the tax rate will remain the same as last year, since the closing of reports on last year indicate that the Town of Hertford is in much better shape financially than it was 12 months ago. Five thousand dollars better off, Mayor Silas M. Whedbee told the councilmen. One thousand, two hundred dollars will be laid aside immediately for surveys and repair work on some of the power lines.

This revelation of the town's financial condition calls to mind a statement made by Mayor Whedbee in September, 1937, when he had established himself as one who believes in staying within the bounds of the budget.

"I believe," said Mayor Whedbee, after outlining the rather dark situation at that time, "that if we hold ourselves in check and make no purchases other than those which are absolutely necessary, we can raise the money for the bond requirements and at the same time pay these bills, but to do it we have got to hold our purchases down during this period."

Mayor Whedbee was stressing the point that there should be no unnecessary expenditures in the immediate future, so that the tax rate of \$1.10 could remain for the next year. It did remain at a dollar ten and will be so again this year, although there were times when the commissioners thought the rate would have to be raised for 1938.

Present Weather Offers More Hope For County Crops

Improvement Is Noticeable After Rainy Season

COTTON FAIR

Fairly Dry Weather Will Help Check Work of Boll Weevil

The past several weeks of ideal weather—warm and dry, are putting a better face on the county's crops as a whole after the rainy season.

Jake White, county treasurer, says that his cotton is looking "pretty fair" and that it has come out considerably in the last ten days with blooms now plenty. His peanut crop also looks good but Mr. White forwards the opinion that the corn crop is cut almost in half by the excessive rains and general unfavorable weather of a few weeks back.

The present weather, if it continues fairly dry, will help to hold back the boll weevil and also help to offset the rainy season's damage.

Cantaloupes and watermelons are not looking so good on his farm, says Mr. White, whose farm usually produces these delicacies among the county's best.

When asked by a representative of this newspaper if he could suggest a way to keep farmers from faring too badly during over-rainy seasons, Mr. White replied that his observation showed that lots of farmers need to open their lead and tap ditches. By keeping them clear, he says they will raise better crops in almost any rainy year.