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FOUR WHO ESCAPED FROM JAIL, CAUGHT

Within six hours after making their escape from the Caroline county jail at Denton, three of the four prisoners were caught by Delaware State Motorcycle policeman Zeigler at the top of Penny Hill a few miles outside of Wilmington. The fourth prisoner was returned the following morning by a relative.

Otis Willis, 12 years old, who was caught Christmas week for petty thievery was not locked in the jail proper by Sheriff Temple, due to the boy's youthfulness, but was given the freedom of the house on parole. The prisoners who escaped promised the sheriff a dollar if he would go and buy them a wrench and a pair of pliers, which he finally did Monday afternoon and the prisoners unbolted the bars from a back window and dropped to the ground some 15 feet below about 6 o'clock in the evening.

Hunting around they found a car in the yard of the home of Roland Thomas, an employee of the Denton Auto Company, which three of them took and started for Philadelphia.

The three taking the car were William Boyd, 17, colored, charged with burglary; Percy Ricketts, 20, colored, charged with forgery and Lawrence Scotten, 21, white, charged with burglary.

Ray Corey, also a prisoner in the jail who refused to escape, gave the alarm and Sheriff Temple immediately notified the police all through this section. He first gained information concerning them at Goldsboro where a car of that description stopped for oil and again at Marydel where they stopped for gas. Just this side of Dover they again stopped for a bulb. Nothing further was seen or heard of until Officer Zeigler spied them.

After a sensational chase of two miles, Zeigler captured them, trapping them on the summit of Penny Hill, after pursuing them on a motorcycle and on foot. When cornered in a field Zeigler pointed his pistol at one of the men, forced him to handcuff his companions, then in turn was handcuffed by the trooper and taken to the Wilmington police station.

Zeigler recognized the men from descriptions broadcast by Sheriff Jas. Temple. They were on their way to Philadelphia where Ricketts lives.

Seeing them in the motor, Zeigler ordered them to halt. They put on speed and Zeigler gave chase on his motorcycle. Then the men abandoned the car and proceeded on foot to the top of the hill, followed by Zeigler. The men left the highway to leap a fence into a field and here Zeigler trapped them in a corner.

The fourth prisoner to escape, Ray Barney, who was arrested Saturday night for forgery, went down in Tuckahoe Neck to the home of Mr. Howard Meeks, where his wife was staying.

When he arrived there, it is stated that Mr. Meeks told him he was going to take him back to Denton in the morning. Tuseday morning, he started with the prisoner for Denton and was met along the way by Deputy Sheriff Beck, who took him to the jail.

In a conversation with Sheriff Temple concerning the getaway of the prisoners he stated that young Willis, who helped the men escape, was a poor boy with no parents and had had little, or no bringing up. He stated that he was trying to get him into private institution near Baltimore, where proper care and treatment would be given him, and that he could not think of putting this young boy in jail with hardened criminals. Since Monday night, however, he has kept the boy locked in a room in the sheriff's residence at the jail.

Shore Tomato Growers to Meet

There will be a mass meeting of the tomato growers of the Eastern Shore counties at Centreville on the afternoon of January 19th. Various plans and contracts and plans of organization will be presented at this meeting. This will be the object of the meeting to decide upon a definite plan for a marketing organization and establish the necessary organization machinery for the execution of this plan. All growers are strongly urged to attend

THE EDITOR

BY THE CRACKER

Of all the business of a town, none strives for progress all around, non boosts and roots and serves it more than that galoot, the EDITOR. When you arrive of clothing shorn into the world a mortal born, he mentions you with great respect and starts your boom for president. He's on the job before the sun has risen above the horizon, with linotype and pen he tries to have your virtues advertised. Tho' some complain because he fails to mention when you go to jail, 'tis not because his moral's loose; 'tis cause his business is to boost. He follows you thru' weal and woe, in any walk of life you go, if fortune favors you or frowns; you've one good friend in your old town. And while his pocket book is scant upon th s fact he never rants; he's always foremost in the race to make his town a better place. He may be homely, bluff and rude; and sometimes use his fists and shoes, and of some outlaw chant a dirge to make your town a finer burg.

[Editor's note—The Cracker came forward with the above, so we believe we will "show him up" with an article he wrote about himself some time ago.]

THE CRACKER

I've wrote this poetry for years. It isn't worth a "dern", for while it tickles 'peepul's' ears, it brings in no return. I'm still as poor as Lazarus; my pants are badly patched, my shoes are out, my hat is mussed, my coat and vest don't match. But still I'm staying in the game, and write just to amuse, the public who don't care a blame, what kind of grub I use, and yet I get enough to eat and a little pipe 'terbacker'; which is enough to meet the needs of a dog-gone Cracker.

AGRICULTURAL MEET OPENS AT U. OF MD.

Agricultural extension workers of Maryland opened their annual convention Tuesday at the University of Maryland, College Park. They will remain in session until Friday.

There was a full attendance, each county of the state being represented.

Dr. T. B. Symons, director of extension work, opened the meeting. He was followed by Dr. A. F. Woods, president of the university, who gave a short talk on the budget of the university presented to Governor Ritchie

In his address Dr. Woods detailed the requests for the coming term as contained in the budget and pointed out that they were as small as possibly could be asked.

Among the reports of the representatives, that of C. B. Berrick, of Harford county, was especially interesitng.

He told of the work of the dairy animal feeding school and of large savings in the purchases of food by cooperative buying.

Extension Services News

A series of meetings known as "Feed School" will be put on by the extension service in Caroline county, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 23, 24 and 25. The meetings will be held at as nearly equally distributed points as is possible to arrange and will last the full day at each place. The meetings places will be at the following places and dates:

Ridgely, Wednesday, January 23.
Greensboro, Thursday, January 24.
Preston, Friday, January 25.

There will be three sessions each day, 10 a. m., 2 p. m., and 8 p. m. at which times the subjects of the growing of leguminous crops will be discussed by Prof. Oldenburg of the state extension service. This will be followed by a lecture by J. A. Conover, dairy specialist, on the feeding of dairy cattle. This school has been held in various counties of the state during the past year and have been highly praised by the farmers for its valuable practical information. The growing of the proper home feeds will be gone into in detail by these speakers at those meetings.

L. M. GOODWIN,
County Agent

RAIL-MOTOR AID FOUND SUCCESS, SPEAKER AVERS

A. E. Beck Declares Volume of Business Increases With Facilities.

Washington, Jan. 10—Successful adoption of motor transport to supplement railroads on the Eastern Shore district of Maryland was cited today by A. E. Beck. Mr. Beck, who is general traffic manager of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Baltimore, spoke at the National Transportation Conference at the New Willard Hotel.

The conference, which convened yesterday, is under auspices of the United States Chamber of Commerce, was called for the purpose of formulating a proposed national policy of transportation.

Cooperation Proves Remedy

Mr. Beck in his address pointed out advantages to be derived from cooperation between steam rail and boat service and motor-truck service. "Our plan," he said, "was to make a complete study of conditions between Baltimore and the Eastern Shore. In that study it was found that it would hardly be possible for either the steam line or the motor truck to survive as they were then operated.

"It was found further, however, that in view of the peculiar conditions in that particular part of the country—peculiar because the state roads parallell nearly all branch line operations on the Eastern Shore—It affords an ideal situation toward the very thing for which we were working—that is, coordination of motor truck service with steam rail service, which includes steamer operations because, in some cases, the lines were operated by both water and rail.

"Quick Deliveries Made"

"The people on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the people of Baltimore are finding themselves today in possession of a service far superior to that they have had in the past. It is possible at the present time, for example, to load a package of freight on the steamer this afternoon, and tomorrow morning before daylight the package will be at its destination.

"Service is so far superior to anything we have had that it has permitted Baltimore merchants to extend their business extensively.

"We find by demonstration that the plan is not only feasible, but is susceptible to ready development and profit to the carrier. Among other things it has been found that freight volume has increased.

President Rea Speaks

A. H. Swayne, of New York, vice-president of the General Motors Corporation and chairman of the committee on motor transport, spoke on the use of the motor truck as an auxiliary to the railroad. He provoked a discussion as to whether store door, collect and deliver freight service, as a means of relieving railroad terminal congestion, should be instituted by the railroads themselves, or other interests.

Mr. Swayne said that members of his committee, in cooperation with the Department of Commerce, already has under way plans for experimental services.

Robert C. Wright, general traffic manager of the Pennsylvania system declared that the Pennsylvania now is making a study of the use of the motor truck for the transfer of freight within the terminal area, and for door to door delivery.

Samuel Rea, presidnet of the Pennsylvania system, emphasized the importance of the transportation conference. He declared "the first instance in my experience of many years in railroad work when all interests were gathered together in a friendly way to take up one of the greatest questions before us."

Do You Want the Year Book?

Congressman J. Charles Linthicum will be glad to send a copy of the latest agricultural year book (1922 edition) to any one interested in reading this very valuable work. As he represents a city district, he has few calls from his own constituents for the agricultural year book. Address him, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Christ Church Services

Rev. Mr. James A. Mitchell will hold services at Christ Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

EARLY SETTLEMENT IN M.D.&V. EXPECTED

Close of Negotiations for Traffic Rights Looked for in Fortnight

REA FAVORS PURCHASE

Definite settlement of negotiations between Baltimore financiers and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, whereby, Maryland, Delaware & Virginia Ry., will be granted traffic rights over the new Baltimore and Eastern Railroad from West Denton to Love Pont, is expected within a fortnight.

This statement was made yesterday by Jesse Rosenfeld, who, with other Baltimore business men, is conducting negotiations for the purchase of the road.

The M. D. & V. is owned by the E. B. Leaf Company, Philadelphia, and its purchase by the local syndicate hinges on the decision of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Favors Purchase

A letter from Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania road, to Mr. Rosenfeld expressed sympathy with the proposed purchase, and said every effort would be made to meet the request of the prospective purchasers.

No announcement has been made of the price asked by the E. B. Leaf Company for the M. D. & V., which was purchased for $250,000 by the company in a bankruptcy sale. It was said that last year the local syndicate was asked $300,000 for the trackage, real estate and rolling stock, but the price at that time was termed exorbitant.

According to Mr. Rosenfeld, the equipment of the road is obsolete, and if the line is purchased it is planned to expend $100,000 in repairs. Survey of the property is said to be under way by a valuation engineer mepioyed by Mr. Rosenfeld and associates.

If present negotiations fail, it is feared the road will be scrapped and residents of the Eastern Shore will find it difficult to obtain an outlet for their farming produce and products of the canning industry, it was said.

Another result of a failure to continue the road, according to Mr. Rosenfeld, would be the cutting off of traveling communication with Rehoboth, Del., where a large number of Baltimoreans and organizations have cottages and summer camps.

DEMOCRATS VOTE TO MEET JUNE 24 IN NEW YORK CITY

Washington, Jan. 15—New York was selected today as the meeting place of the 1924 Democratic National Convention.

The vote on the third and decisive ballot in the national committee was:

New York	57
San Francsico	40
St. Louis	6

June 24 was fixed as the convention date. The convention will be held in Madison Square Garden.

New York won when George E. Brennan, Illinois Democratic leader, withdrew Chicago and threw a large part of Chicago's strength to New York.

Cash was the potent factor in the committee's decision. In the presentation of New York's invitation its original bid of $150,000 was raised to $205,000 through a guarantee of $55,000 given the committee for convention privileges, such as radio, moving pictures and other concessions.

Isidore Dockweiler, the California committeeman, immediately raised the San Francisco bid from $200,000 to $205,000 to equal New York's. After the three ballots and with New York having a clear majority, its selection was made unanimous upon motion of Mr. Dockweiler.

The convention given New York will be its first in 56 years, a point emphasized by Acting Mayor Hulbert; Norman E. Mack, the New York committeeman; Joseph P. Day, chairman of the civic committee, and Judge Morgan J. O'Brien in presenting the New York invitation. Mr. Mack promised that New York's addition check of $55,000 would be added to that of $150,000 given Chairman Hull as the minimum guarantee to cover the convention concessions.

Eat More Wheat

AVOID CHIMNEY FIRES

During the winter months precautions should be used to avoid chimney fires. Many of these fires are harmless so far as being of a damaging nature, while other cause great loss.

Every family uses white or Irish potatoes. If the parings or skins from these potatoes will be burned each time in the stove or furnace, the soot will not gather in the chimney, thus eliminating any danger from a "chimney" fire

FIRE ENGINE TO ARRIVE ABOUT 1ST

Chief Anderson of the Denton Volunteer Fire Company received this week word that the new Seagrave Fire Engine, recently purchased by the town and fire company, will be shipped on January 25th and arrive in Denton about the 1st of February.

Preparations are being made at the Denton Auto Company where the engine will be kept, getting the room in readiness for the new equipment.

FORGER CAUGHT HERE SAT. NIGHT

Ray Barney, who for the past two weeks has been sought by the local police for forging checks in this town, was arrested Saturday night by Sheriff Temple, after passing two checks in the local stores which were forgeries.

About two weeks ago checks were cashed by him at J. L. Everngam's and Nuttle Hardware Company for small amounts, drawn on different parties. The forgeries were not discovered, however, until the checks were taken to the bank the following Monday. Since that time, the merchants here have been keeping a lookout for suspicious checks.

Saturday evening, Mr. Johnson, of the American Stores Company and M. K. Newnam received checks which were suspicious and they at once inquired at the banks and found they were nto correct signatures signed to them. They at once got in touch with Sheriff Temple who soon located his man and locked him up.

As Barney came here from Easton a short time ago following a series of forgeries there, it is thought that he is probably hte same man that is wanted there.

Barney was one of the men to escape from the Denton jail Monday night, but was returned the following morning by a relatives.

DR. CARLYSLE HUBBARD TO SPEAK FRIDAY EVE.

The Men's Bible Class of Denton Methodist Episcopal Church extends an invitation to all to attend the feature night of their series of talks when Dr. Carlysle Hubbard, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Wilmington, will preach an evangelistic sermon on Friday evening, January 18. This lecture was to have been given on January 3d but was postponed on account of th einclement weather.

GOOD ATTENDANCE IN THE SCHOOLS

The following schools have reported the following per cent. of attendance during December:

Caroline High,	94
Greensboro,	93.
Federalsburg High,	93
Preston High,	90
Preston Elementary,	92
Federalsburg Elementary,	91
Greensboro Elementary,	91
Henderson Elementary,	90
Marydel Elementary,	91
Goldsboro Elementary,	91
Smithson Elementary,	91
Concord Elmeentary,	91
Denton Primary,	95
Baltimore Corner,	99.6
Nichols,	98
American Corner,	96
Howard's,	96
Hubbard's,	95
Garey's,	94
Central,	94
Laurel Grove,	94
Friendship,	94
Oaks,	93
Bethlehem,	93
Hickory Hill,	93
Williston,	92
Hickman,	90
Chestnut Grove,	90
Furman's Grove,	90

EFFECT CO. ORGANIZATION OF P. T. A.

Enthusiastic. Meeting. Held Last Thursday at Denton —Norris, President

TO MEET AGAIN FEB. 14TH

Stimulated by the attendance and interest shown in the convention of parent-teacher association officials held last March, the Board of Education called another meeting in the court room at Denton, last Thursday, January 10th.

The following associations were represented at this meeting: Preston, Federalsburg, Greensboro, Goldsboro, Denton, American Corner, Howard's Friendship, Harmony and Concord.

Mrs. Harry Hemmons of Ridgely spoke on "What May the Community Club and Other Local Organizations Do For the School?"

In Ridgely there is no association but two clubs have taken up the work.

"What are the main objectives of our local associations?" was very ably discussed by Mrs. Lee Jefferson, president of the Federalsburg association. Mrs. Jefferson spoke of health and hygiene, thrift habits, supervised play, hot school lunches, also of the work done by our deputy state health officer, Dr. Jones, and his assistant, Miss Baer.

Miss Katharine L. Healy, elementary supervisor, in speaking of "Home study and some of its phases," stressed the importance of the subject. She said education was continuous and that supervised study should not supplant home study.

Mr. Walter Howard, Howard's school, whose subject was, "How to plan to have good attendance at our meetings," is confident that harmony and co-operation are essential for successful meetings.

The subject of "Central closing exercises in our elementary schools," was well brought out by Mrs. Wash Wright of Preston.

A subject that was much discussed was how to get the men to attend their local meetings. It is hoped that at our next county meeting some one will have solved this most perplexing problem.

A county organization was effected at this meeting, the following officers being elected:

Chairman, W. I. Norris, Denton.
Vice chairman, Mrs. Harry Hemmons, Ridgely.
Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Carson, Federalsburg.

The next meeting will be held in the court house, Denton, February 14th at 2 p. m., and it is hoped that all who may be interested in the welfare of the school children will be present.

SMITH—BILLINGS

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place Wednesday evening, January 16, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alfred Billings, of Greensboro, when their only daughter, Miss Elizabeth Lucretta, a popular young lady of that place, became the bride of Mr. Frederick Norwood Smith, son of Mrs. S. A. Smith, of Denton.

The home was beautifully decrated with ferns and potted plants.

Miss Evelyn Clark was bridesmaid; E. W. Smith, brother of the groom, of Philadelphia, was best man, and little Elizabeth Ann Billings, niece of the bride, of Wilmington, was flower girl. They preceded the bride and groom to the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, which was played by Miss Louise Swann, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Leach, of Berlin, under an arch of boxwood, with a background of holly and flowers. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Paul C. Phillips sang "O, Promise Me," which was played by Mr. Phillips.

The bride's dress was white canton crepe trimmed with silver lace with slippers to match. She carried a beautiful bouquet of roses. The bridesmaid's dress was orchid canton crepe and she carried a bouquet of white carnations. The flower girl wore a white dress.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served. They left today for the north on their honeymoon.

Upon their return they will reside at Hobbs, Md., where Mr. Smith has an interest in the Hobbs Manufacturing Company. Mrs. Smith has been employed in the store of John T. Clark, Greensboro, for the past five years.

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