Hunt For Would Be Murderer Discloses Mash And Two Stills

Kent And Queen Anne's Posse In Looking For John Rasin, Who Shot And Seriously Injured Bob Rasin Saturday Night In Chestertown, Locate Two Stills And One Hundred Gallons Of Mash.

Last Saturday night week, John Rasin, a notorious colored character in the annals of Shore criminal records, shot and seriously injured Bob Rasin, his brother-in-law, in a brawl at Chestertown. Just what started the fracus is not known. The injured man was hit in the ribs, the bullet being deflected, came out of his body through the hip.

Rasin escaped and his whereabouts was not known until Tuesday. On that day Sheriff Hadaway, of Chestertown, learned that the fugitive was in hiding somewhere in Queen Anne's, around or about Ewingtown. Accordingly a posse was formed,with the aid of Deputy Sheriff Jack Jester and Constable Bill Dunn, of Church Hill, and Constable John Williamson, of Centreville, which immediately proceeded to the locality of Ewingtown.

There Rasin was found. He was hidden in an old shack along the edge of a woods, and upon being requested to surrender, seemed at first undecided whether to fight or give up. Evidently discretion was decided the better part of valor, for he gave up very peacefully, and was brought to the jail at Chestertown.

After Rasin was safely lodged in jail, Constable John Williamson and others went back to the cabin from which he had been taken, to look around. After searching awhile they found two five gallon stills and about one hundred gallons of mash. Evidently the place had been used for quite a while as headquarters for a moonshine business. The mash was destroyed and the stills were taken by Constable Williamson and taken to Centreville to be held as evidence for the Federal authorities.

John Rasin has had quite a nortorious past, having shot two persons and spent several years in the penitentiary. He, himself, was shot about five or six years ago by Sheriff Dunn of Church Hill, when he attempted to resist arrest by a show of armed force.

At another time Rasin beat and robbed a station agent over in Delaware, and placed the body of his victmit across the railroad tracks, with the design to cover up his crime. However, the man he had beaten and robbed regained consciousness in time to roll from the track shortly before the passing of a train.

Constable Williamson took the booze-making paraphernalia to Centreville and promptly notified the federal authorities. He is holding the unlawful equipment until they forward instructions concerning what disposition to make of it. In the meantime the Chestertown authorities are waiting to ascertain the extent of Robert Rasin's injuries before proceeding with the hearing.

New Buses To Make Trial Trip

Four of the ten auto buses of the Shore Transit Line, Inc., will leave 13 North High street, Baltimore, for the Eastern Shore, according to R. F. Bonham, secretary and general manager of the company. After a week of work on schedules, the machines will be placed in operation over the following routes: Salisbury to Claibourne, 67 miles; Easton to Chestertown, 37 miles, and Hurlock to Rock Hall, 79 miles. Six more buses are expected to arrive the later part of the week and will be placed in operation. A route from Baltimore to Easton and return will also be maintained.

The officers of the new company are A. M. Jackson, president, Salisbury, Md.; Walter Miles of the Commerce Motor Truck Company, vice-president; former Senator William J. Ogden, treasurer, and R. F. Bonham, secretary and general manager. The executive offices of the company will be at Easton, Md.

Permits for the operation of the machines have already been obtained and the company incorporated for $150,000. The cost of the 10 buses according to Mr. Bonham, was $80,000. Each bus will have a capacity of 25 passengers besides the chauffeur, and will be six-cylinder machines, 70 horse-power. On the sides of each bus there will be compartments for suit cases and hand bags while in the rear will be a rack with capacity for 10 steamer trunks, or a combined weight of 1500 pounds.

As a result of three years of effort to prevent accidents among its workmen, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in its 1922 safety campaign achieved a record which is looked upon by all industry as a remarkable one.

Three departments of the company in Maryland, numbering several hundred men, had perfect records in the annual accident prevention contest, it is shown in the announcement of the winning districts, and they accordingly have been declared tied for first place in the contest. Sixteen districts of Columbia completed.

The campaign in each district and department is in direct charge of the various superintendents. Those leading the winners in the 1922 contest are W. S. Gardner, Superintendent of maintainance; Harry Ellis, Supervisor of Supplies and Motor Vehicles, and G. H. Lyon, Superintendent of Buildings. R. N. Keller, District Superintendent of Plant at Hagerstown, directed the work in Western Maryland.

A similar contest for 1923 already has been started. Each department is planning special instructions in accident prevention for the men and is arranging for first aid contests. The Industrial Bureau of the Red Cross again will co-operate in the work.

SILAS BARTELL IN TROUBLE

Colored Preacher Was Arrested Last Thursday—Sent Obscene Letters—Rev. Silas Bridell Had Been, For The Last Year Or So, Sending Despicable Letters To Ladies Of Kent Island, And Also Pictures Equally Objectionable.

Silas W. H. Bridell, Kent Island's colored parson, will now be forced to make prayer in his own behalf,rather than for his flock. Developments have disclosed the fact that he has been a wolf in sheep's clothing.

For quite a long period of time there have been five ladies on Kent Island who have repeatedly received vile, obscene letters from a sender unknown. These letters have been of such a nature as to have caused several estrangements in most excellent families, and suspicion has been directed to several gentlemen of the Island, who all along have been most vehevement in their declaration of innocence.

Just recently a government man was put on the case, and his investigations led to the belief that Bridell was the sender. Accordingly Magistrate Coursey was called in on the case Thursday. He immediately went to see the parson, and by making him believe he knew all, caused Bridell to break down and confess. The confession was immediately put in writing, and so that it would be signed, and the confessor lodged in jail to await the action of the Federal authorities.

The letters which Bridell has been sending were so lewd, immoral and degenerate that it is almost beyond the bounds of immagination to conceive of the thoughts that prompted them, turns equally as vile, and lewd, and despicable have been frequently mailed.

The minimum penalty for each of the five charges launched against the parson is five years in the penitentiary and a fine of $5,000. Consequently it would appear as though he will have ample time to give up prayers for forgiveness in being so incomparably despicable.

Deaths

Samuel W. Seney

Samuel W. Seney, a leading agriculturist of Queen Anne's county, dropped dead at his home near Centreville Saturday. Mr. Seney for several years had been active in politics in the county and was a candidate for County Commissioner on the independent Democratic ticket in 1907.

Samuel Lloyd

Samuel McMaster Lloyd, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lloyd, of Pocomoke City, died in Norfolk, Va., aged 58 years. Mr. Llody was born in Pocomoke City, January 27, 1965. He was taken ill with pneumonia and died. He is survived by two children, Walter P. Lloyd, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Robert E. Murphy, also of Norfolk. He also leaves two brothers, and two sisters, Mrs. E. B. Freeman, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. E.J.Clarke, of Pocomoke City, and Edgar L. Lloyd,- of Georgetown, S. C., and Frank J. Lloyd, of Pocomoke.

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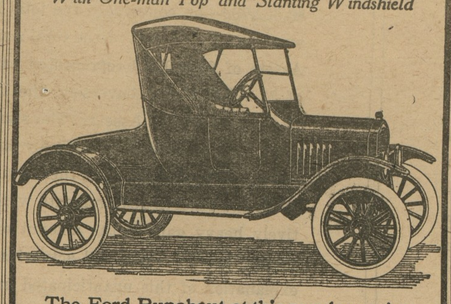
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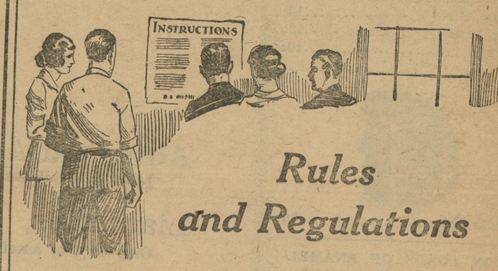
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