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Negro Convicts Escape Lancaster Gang

Two of the most desperate convicts at the chain gang made their escape from the local camp just before midnight Sunday and are now at large. Tom Truesdale, who escaped on two former occasions, and Earl Withers, serving a twenty-five year term for murder escaped by unloosening a section of the steel floor of their cage.

Sheriff Blackmon was notified shortly after the escape and he endeavored to get in touch with officers and citizens on all roads leading out of the county but as yet no trace of the men has been found. The only clue that the officers have to work on is the general direction which they believe the convicts took.

It is believed that the convicts had been busy for some time as two bolts had been pried loose from the end of the steel floor. The floor was rather rusty and at this end they were able to get the bolts loose so that they could raise a section of the floor.

Tom Truesdale was captured after his last break about three weeks ago. He is known to be a dangerous man and officers believe that he will shoot it out with them if he is cornered.

Earl Withers, the other escaped convict, was serving a twenty-five year term for killing his father-in-law. Truesdale was serving three and one-half years for stabbing Charlie Williams after being caught in the act of stealing goods at the store of B. C. Moore and Sons.—Lancaster News.

Pine Tree Hill School Honor Roll For 5th Sixth Weeks Period

Grade 1 Jean McLean, Mary Catoe, Ernestine Conyers, Louise Langley, Betty Bobo, Evelyn Parker, Donnell Brown, Richard Gauder, Wallace Davis, Sam McDowell, Mazie Knight.

Grade 2 Mary Frances Berry, Betty Sue Crolley, Maggie Frith, Cora Mae Goude, Doris Houser, Madelyn Hast, Sara Kelly, Doris Sullivan, Gertrude Thames, Mazie Thompson, Mary Driggers.

Grade 3 Ned Elkins, Walter Munn, Walter Taylor, Inez Lloyd, Margaret McLain.

Grade 4 Jack Davis Bunny Shaw, Doris Conyers, Ophelia Dixon, Ruby Moseley, Dorothy Marshall, Aleese McLain, Myrtle Thames.

Grade 5 A. Charlie Cameron, Clifford Jordan, J. W. Parker, G. B. Flayer, Ethel Broome, Ollie Horton, Doris Thompson.

Grade 6 B. Jeter Guinn, James Trimnal, Betty Brown, Doris Crolley, Gladys Gardner, Willene Hough, Mary Thames.

Grade 7 A. Gilbert Roberts.
Grade 8 B. None.
Grade 9 Nezzie Lee DeBruhl, Sarah Hawkins, Norma Parke.

To Every One in Camden in General, And to the Members of Churches, in Particular

By the authority of the Ministerial Association of Camden, an organization has been brought into existence, whereby an intensive campaign will be put on in Camden—known as "Go To Church Month". The month selected will be June. It is hoped that all the civic and commercial groups will cooperate with us to make this proposition big, and worthwhile. All the church members of Camden will be asked and urged to attend church twice each Sunday during the month of June. It is hoped that for once, Camden will witness something new in her history, and if they will do this, it will help to put Camden on the map, in a new and different way. The committee hopes to begin functioning this week.

Ministerial Association.

NOTICE

A very important meeting of the Merchants' Association will be held at the Legion Hall Friday night, May 10th at eight p. m. All members are urged to make a special effort to be there as there are several matters of vital importance to Camden as a whole as well as to the Merchants to be discussed.

Liberty Hill News

May 6—Mr. Gardner of Lancaster, who has the contract for plastering and otherwise improving the Presbyterian Church has so far completed his work that the edifice was used for services Sunday. A few minor details and finishing touches are yet to be added, however! The interior of the building will then present a very pleasing appearance.

Mrs. C. E. Richards has had her residence improved by plastering and other interior work, also in charge of Mr. Gardner, who did the church work.

The weather which was like "good old summer time", on Saturday made a change during the night, and Sunday morning was cloudy, damp and unpleasantly cool.

The local colored baseball team "crossed bats" on the local field Saturday evening with the Cedar Creek boys, a few miles above here. Several innings were played without either side scoring, but the end brought victory for the home team.

Memorial day exercises will be held at the cemetery here on Friday at 5 p. m. Rev. Mr. Rivers of Great Falls will make the memorial address.

A number of our citizens, attended the meeting and dinner at the Camden Hotel on May 1st and report a very interesting meeting and program. Among those who attended were Ex-Gov. Richards and Messrs. R. C. Jones, C. D. Cunningham, L. P. Thompson, F. B. Floyd, H. S. Higgins, W. C. Perry, and W. C. Wardlaw.

Mrs. L. P. Thompson and sons, Pat, Jr. and John, and Mrs. T. P. McCrea went to Columbia Saturday to attend the May Day pageant at Columbia College.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Richards and daughter, Miss Edith, motored over to Darlington on Saturday last and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wilson.

Miss Julia Hilton has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. L. J. Jordan of Westville.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Dendy and daughter of Grover, N. C. came down Sunday evening for a short visit to Rev. F. A. Drennan, a brother-in-law, and preached on Sunday night to a large audience at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Dendy has visited our village a number of times and preached to our people, who admire him very much and are always glad to hear his plain and forceful sermon.

Gov. and Mrs. John G. Richards, Mr. N. S. Richards, Mrs. T. P. McCrea, Mrs. Jenny Hunter and son Charles of Blenheim, S. C. and Mrs. Marion McCallum of Dillon attended the centennial celebration at Ebenezer Church near Rock Hill on Sunday where their father the Rev. J. G. Richards was pastor before the Confederate war. They report a very large attendance and a day "brim full" of interesting facts and incidents in connection with this old and historic church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stroupe went to Cherryville, N. C. last week to see his father who is quite sick. They were accompanied by Mrs. A. C. Cureton, who visited her daughter, and niece, Mrs. B. W. Fomeroy, at Gastonia.

Singing Convention To Meet At Ashwood

The Lee County Singing Convention will meet at Ashwood, the new Government prospect in the Rose Hill old store building (in its 119th session) on Sunday, May 12th, 2:45 p. m. We extend to all choirs and singers a cordial invitation to be present and take part in the exercises. From Camden take the Black River road and turn to the right after reaching the farm.

A warm welcome to all.—L. A. Moore, President.

At the Methodist Church Sunday "Where and Who is God?" This will be the theme for the Services next Sunday morning at the Methodist church. Remember the hours: 11:15, and 8:00 o'clock. Let us not wait until June to begin our "Go-to-Church Month" campaign. We welcome the public to worship with us.—C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

Bethune News Items

Bethune, S. C., May 6.—Mrs. F. M. Arthur died Thursday afternoon in her home just North of Bethune after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Arthur was an estimable woman of strong convictions, who championed the right as she saw it and spoke out fearlessly against that which she thought wrong. She is survived by her husband, one son, Captain Frank Arthur, who landed at a Texas port Friday following his mother's death, and two daughters, Miss Mary Arthur of Bethune and Mrs. C. E. Clemens of Germantown, Pa., and one granddaughter, Shirley Clemens, for whom the Community library is named.

Funeral services were held in the home at 7:30 Thursday evening conducted by Rev. W. V. Jerman assisted by Rev. J. N. Keels. The body was taken on the evening train for burial at Reading, Pa.

Mr. and Miss Arthur left by automobile for Pennsylvania. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Loring Davis and Mr. M. G. King.

Miss Mary Louise McLaurin attended the S. A. E. Banquet held in Greenville Thursday evening, Miss McLaurin and mother returning from Greenville Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDaniel spent the weekend in Rock Hill. They were present at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Homecoming Sunday.

A number of young people attended a conference of the boys and girls of Congaree Presbyterian held in Columbia Friday.

The last meeting of the year of the School Improvement Association was held in the school auditorium Monday afternoon. The same officers were re-elected to serve the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. B. W. Best; Vice-president, Miss Louise Tiller; Secretary, Miss Sara Gettys and Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Bethune.

A Dutch program was given by children of the intermediate grades. Mrs. A. B. McLaurin and Mr. Morrison Graham spent Thursday night at Appalachian Teacher's State College, Boone, N. C. They were accompanied home for the summer holidays by the following students: Misses Lorena McDonald and Thelma Davis and Paschal McLaurin.

Ernest and Lonnie McLaughlin of Kingstree were weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. S. B. Padgett.

A cyclone struck the home of Mr. L. D. Vaughn, who lives a few miles southwest of here, Monday evening, following a heavy downpour of rain. The front porch was blown down and the house lifted from its pillows; the barn was unroofed and the smoke house blown away. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn, the only occupants of the home, were unhurt. There were no signs of a cyclone save that one spot.

Mrs. D. M. Mays, Mrs. A. K. McLaurin and Miss Mary Louise McLaurin attended the General Motors convention held in Charlotte Monday of last week.

Misses Isabel Pursley and Kathryn Truesdell and Messrs. June and Neil Truesdell, and John Neil McLaurin, attended the State Track meet held in Clinton Saturday.

The Senior play, "The Road to the City," was given in the school auditorium Friday evening. A small admission fee was charged and twenty-five dollars were taken in from the evening's entertainment.

Baptist Church Services

The following services are announced for week beginning Sunday May 12 at the First Baptist Church:

Sunday School at 10 o'clock with C. O. Stogner, superintendent in charge. Public worship conducted by the pastor J. R. Caston at 11:15 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject: "The Ideal Woman"; evening subject: "Overcoming Fear". B. Y. P. U. Tuesday Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of this church.

FOOTBALL DANCE

On Friday night May 10th there will be a dance at the Old Court House from 9:30 until 1 o'clock. This dance will be for the benefit of the Camden High School Football team, and it is hoped that the support that has been shown in the past will continue.

Memorial Exercises To Be Held Friday

Memorial Day will be observed here, Friday, May 10th, and the exercises will take place at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the Quaker cemetery.

The program is in charge of the local U. D. C. Chapter assisted by the American Legion Auxiliary. The speaker for the afternoon will be Mr. George Wittkowsky. Mr. Wittkowsky is well known and a native of Camden, although for the past few years he has not been a resident here. He has recently returned to Camden and is now associated with his father in the practice of law. His address is certain to be of interest to those who attend.

Other features of the program will be the songs rendered by the children of the City Schools and also the Kershaw Guards will be present and give their Memorial Day salute.

NO OFFICIAL RULING ON "DIME LETTERS" YET

Although hundreds of the "dime letters" have passed through the postoffice and have been received by Columbians, only two have been brought before Postmaster E. C. Goza, who, as yet, has received no ruling on the matter from Washington.

The letters contain the names and addresses of six persons and instructions are inclosed to the effect that the recipient is to scratch the name and address of the name listed at the top and to send a dime to that person. He is then, according to the instructions, to write five copies of the letter adding his name to the list, and mail them to five persons. Should the chain of letters go on unbroken by the time the sender's name reaches the top of the list literally thousands of letters bearing his name at the top of each list will have come into the hands of people all over the country, who will, if the chain is to continue unbroken, follow the instructions to send a dime.

It is reported that the postoffice in Denver, Col., is daily handling over 400,000 such letters, the craze having swept the city.—The State.

BANKS TO CLOSE ON MEMORIAL DAY—FRIDAY, MAY 10

The First National Bank of Camden and The Commercial Bank of Camden will be closed Friday, May 10 in observance of Memorial Day.

FISH AND GAME TO HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING

The annual fish supper of the Kershaw County Fish and Game Association will be held at 7:30 on Thursday night, May 9th., at Forts Camp on Beaver Creek, a mile south of Liberty Hill. The camp is on Highway No. 97, seventeen miles north of Camden.

The Fish and Game Association of Lancaster and Chester Counties will be invited to join in with the Kershaw County Association, and there is a possibility of 200 or more members being present. The association will send special invitations to Alfred Richardson, Chief Game Commissioner of S. C. and Zan Heyward and West Jacobs, President and Secretary of the S. C. Fish and Game association, all of Columbia, and they are expected to be on hand.

As the stores in Camden, Lancaster and Chester close on Thursday afternoon, many members will go to Beaver Creek early in the afternoon for fishing, many hours before the supper is served. Some very large trout have been caught there lately.

The following committee will have charge of the annual fish supper: T. K. Trotter, Chairman, J. Willis Cantey, both of Camden; Pat Thompson and Henry Higgins of Liberty Hill, and Curtis Mackey of Heath Springs.

Antioch High School to Present Play

Antioch High School will present "Baby Steps Out," a three-act comedy, on Friday, May 10, at 8 p. m.

This is a new royalty play with many laughs and a delightful romance. Music and comedians between acts. Admission will be 10 and 20c.

Camden Schools Honor Roll

Scholarship Honor Roll for Camden City Schools 5th Six Weeks Period

Grade 1 A. Donald Campbell, Harry Gandy, Chapman Graham, Harmon Hancock, Sam Nicholson, McKay Norris, Bobby Olmstead, Mattie Sue Ammons, Caroline McFadden, Mary Joe McManus, Jaunita Owens, Lillis Peebles, Katherine Sheorn, Virginia Stokes.

Grade 1 B. Tommy Ancrum, Walter Atkinson, John deLoach, Skottowe DePass, Shannon Lindsay, Tommy Little, Billy Williams, Peggy Hast, Betty Hinson, Leslie Simmons, Leona Raley, Elizabeth Ray, Ida M. Scarborough, Ethel Smith, Thelma Trapp.

Grade 1 C. James Connell, William Sinclair, Mary Nolan, Bernice Self.

Grade 2 A. Henry Frost, Wiley Sheorn, Joe Tobin, K. C. Wooten, Bobby Wilson, Charles Zemp, Betty Barnett, Mary Nell Campbell, Janet Lewis, Fay Lomansky Molly Ruth Redfeare, Betty Zoe Rhame, Rosemary Robinson, Joyce Smith, Inez Wooten.

Grade 2 B. Margie Elliott, Sallie Mae Scott, Carol Cox, Steve Connell.

Grade 3 A. David Barnes, Jack Boykin, Frances McCorkle.

Grade 2 B. Robert Thompson, Billy Waters, Lantye Williford, Jacqueline Davis, Betty Huckabee, Doris Lake, Carolyn Moore, Betty Muller, Doris Rush, Jane Thomas, Frances West.

Grade 3 B. None.

Grade 4 A. Jimmy Gandy, Edward Ogburn, Billy Smith, Hughey Tindal, Luther Watts, Caleb Whitaker, Mary Cameron, Azalee Dixon, Ruby Evans Louise Hancock, Carolyn Pitts, Beth Wilson.

Grade 4 B. Nell Corbett, Odell Harris, Margaret Robinson.

Grade 5 A. Charles Boineau, Frank Sullivan, Tommy Turner, Artie Dixon, Cary Guthrie, Jane Hoffer, Mary Pitts.

Grade 5 B. None.

Grade 6 A. Charles McCaskill, Leonard Schenk, Carolyn Cooley, Betty Munn, Mary Smith.

Grade 6 B. (1). None.

Grade 6 B. (2). None.

Grade 7 A. Herbert Moore, Jack Marshall, Jerry Hancock, Billy Pitts, Voncile Conyers, Marjorie Creed, Minnie B. Cunningham, Zelene DesChamps, Phyllis Karesh, Beatrice Kirkland, Anne Whitaker, Martha Williams.

Grade 7 B. (1). None.

Grade 7 B. (2). None.

Grade 8 A. Lorena VanLandingham, Elsie Redfeare.

Grade 8 B. David Wallnau.

Grade 8 C. Dally Jackson, Maggie Trantham

Grade 8 D. None.

Grade 9 A. Payton Shirley, Anne M. Clarkson, Paulette West.

Grade 9 B. Jack Richards, Jack Villepique, Beulah Graham, Alva Lee

Grade 9 C. Elilee Pate.

Grade 10 A. Minnie Sue Bruce, Elizabeth Pitts, Eleanor Kirschner, Ellen Little, Caroline Nelson, Alma Ward.

Grade 10 B. Rebecca Rush, Florence Savage.

Grade 11 A. Jerome Hoffer, Joe Jordan, Edith Copeland, Fannie Mickle, Lena Stevenson, Helen Tindal, Barbara Zemp.

Grade 11 B. Emily Sheorn.

Men's Bible Class, Lytleton Street Methodist Church

The theme of last Sunday will be continued next Sunday morning. We hope the men will all be on time, and join in our devotional exercises. The rest of the Church School will meet in their respective departments. Our class has secured Mrs. Louise Cantey as pianist. We shall have a twenty minutes song and devotional service. We hope that after the men shall have had their feet under the table Wednesday night at the Masonic Hall, that we shall be able to rally our class to 100 strong. We want 100 men at our banquet Wednesday night. We shall have a great time. Every one keep that date open.—Jack Moore, Secretary.

Indigo Wins Virginia Gold Cup

Warrenton, Va., May 4—Northwood's stable Indigo, Burly Cocks up, won the 14th running of the Virginia Gold Cup steeplechase here today before a crowd of 10,000.

Indigo pounded in four lengths ahead of Laguna Secca. Henry Frost in the saddle, and finished in 7 minutes, 53.3-4 seconds, considered good time for the new Alexander B. Hagner estate course.

Paul Mellon's Chatter Play made only one bid for supremacy in the grilling four mile course. That came on the last jump. Jack Skinner, the Mellon entry's rider, cracked the bat, but his mount did not let the staff.

Mrs. Thomas H. Somerville's Oliver C. Noel Laing up, won the Virginia Grand National in a driving finish, passing up Royal Riot. John Hughes' entry, who had led until the last jump, but dropped behind Alexander Hagner's Swamp Fox and Alvin Untermyer's Dragoon.

The many fans of the Carolina cup Races held here in March will remember the gallant run of Indigo in the feature race. This horse led the race until the final few seconds when passed by Drimmore Lad, to come in-fish in second place. In the Carolina Cup as well as the Virginia Gold, Indigo was ridden by Burly Cocks. It is also interesting to note that many of these horses took part in the Camden races.

TO LANDOWNERS OF KERSHAW COUNTY:

Through the cooperation of our Government we have a wonderful opportunity to conserve the valuable top soil of our lands by terracing. The tractors, machines, and trained men are here ready to terrace your land, but so little interest is being shown by the farmers that this equipment is to be taken out of Kershaw County unless more farmers cooperate immediately. Please get in touch with Mr. P. N. Smith, County Terracing Engineer, or notify me at once if you are interested, stating (A) the number of acres you desire terraced now; (B) the number of acres you desire terraced after grain is cut; (C) the number of acres to be terraced after crops are gathered this fall; (D) also how many acres of stubble or other land would you like this outfit to break with large one-way plows. Your immediate cooperation is urged.—Henry D. Green, County Agent.

REV. J. H. HUNTER PASSES AT KERSHAW

Kershaw, May 5.—The Rev. J. H. Hunter, 61, former Baptist minister, who had served churches in the rural communities of Kershaw and Lancaster counties for about 37 years, died at his home at Kershaw Friday following an operation. While he had been in ill health for several years his death was sudden and unexpected.

The Rev. Mr. Hunter was a beloved and respected citizen of Kershaw at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: Ernest Hunter of the Buffalo section; Mrs. Ellen Taylor, Kershaw; Estelle, Heyward and Odell Hunter, all of Kershaw; the following brothers and sisters: Sam Hunter, Kershaw; Boswell Hunter, Bethune; Mrs. Jane Mangum and Mrs. B. Baker, the Truesdell section; Mrs. Kate Gardner, Greenville.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist church at Kershaw Sunday. Interment was at Kershaw cemetery.

ROTARY CLUB

Members of the Camden Garden Club were guests of Dr. W. L. DePuss, who had charge of Thursday's Rotary meeting. About thirty members were present.

Quite a number were called upon for short talks and they told of their club and projects for beautifying the town and country.

Samuel Russell and John Villepique were appointed as delegates to the District meeting of Rotary in Rock Hill.

The program next week will be in charge of J. H. Osborne and the following week in charge of J. B. Zemp.