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KAehler SKIPS FROM JAIL HERE

Man Wanted in Richmond Takes French Leave to Avoid Capias—Leaves Letter.

Robert F. Kaehler, who under the name of R. F. Taylor was serving a term in the jail here for violating the liquor law, escaped from custody on Saturday with only a few weeks more to serve of his sentence.

A capias had been issued at Richmond for his return there to answer a charge of non-support brought by his former wife, and it was to avoid service of this paper that he effected his escape.

Kaehler was a man of excellent personality and had won the full confidence of jailer Robert Jarman who treated him as a trusty and gave him light work to do about the jail premises. He was unable to work with the good force because he had a crippled leg. On Saturday he was told to clean up the jail yard, and it was while engaged in this task that he disappeared.

It is thought that he boarded a passing automobile and was soon miles away from Manassas.

The man confined here was a prominent and highly respected business man in Richmond a few years ago, a man whom many here knew well.

He is said to have gone to Richmond in 1910 and opened an automobile business on Broad street which was so successful that a short while before the outbreak of the World War he is reported to have been worth around \$1,000,000.

He was a member of the Ford Motor Company and had exclusive agencies for the Ford Motor Company in both Richmond and Norfolk.

He also accumulated large amounts of real estate and much company stock.

He was the father of a son and a daughter and was occupying a sumptuous bachelor apartment which was fitted up near his place of business, according to the information furnished by the Journal man.

This condition continued for some time, finally culminating in a divorce which was granted Mrs. Kaehler in the Richmond Chancery court based on charges of extreme cruelty, desertion and non-support. Kaehler soon left Richmond penniless, he says—and was lost sight of until arrested here for transporting intoxicating liquors.

Kaehler left a letter in his cell, the contents of which are denied by his wife. The letter follows:

Dear Mr. Jarman and Sheriff Barbee: I learned some time ago that at the expiration of my time here I am to be turned over to the Richmond authorities on a capias for non-payment of alimony to my former wife, from whom I have been separated for seven years.

I have been held in jail in Miami and Manassas because of the local violation of the liquor law, ever since May 1st, and, of course, during that time I have been unable to pay any alimony.

In some way my former wife found out where I was and had a warrant issued for non-support because of my failure to pay her \$50 a month set by the court.

She does not really need the money but she wants the satisfaction of having me locked up for non-payment.

Several years ago she sold for \$12,500 a home I bought for us. I put it in her name and she claimed it as her separate property. I also turned over to her another piece of property as trustee for the children. She claims it is not salable but I know she has been offered \$6,000 for it. She wants to hold on to it so as to keep me obligated for more alimony.

Her extravagance and unfaithfulness were partly responsible for my failure in business and when I left Richmond she had these two pieces of property and \$2,400 of my money tied up in bank for alimony and I actually had to borrow the money for a decent suit of clothes so as to go to Baltimore and get a job.

According to law, however, she can still have me put in jail and kept there for non-payment of alimony.

I would not mention these things except to explain why I am leaving Manassas. Otherwise, I would stay out the three months to cover my fine and costs, although Mr. Lion gave me to understand at my trial that these would be remitted in my case. My three months' sentence was up August 2nd.

and \$69.50 costs), just as soon as I can again earn some money, and I feel that this would be more acceptable to the local authorities than keeping and feeding me here for another month and a half. Being crippled makes me unfit for the road camp and necessitates keeping me in jail.

This is a case where law and justice conflict and I feel sure that if the local authorities knew of what I have already suffered because of a faithless and revengeful wife they would not willingly turn me over to her for further punishment, but would turn me loose so that I could earn and pay the amount of my fine and costs, which it is my intention to do.

I especially wish to thank Mr. Jarman and Sheriff Barbee for the kindness and courtesies they have extended to me and I sincerely regret that other conditions for which you are not to blame make it necessary for me to violate the trust you have placed in me.

I assure you, however, truthfully and sincerely, that no just God would subject me to further persecution to amuse and satisfy my former wife. She knows I have no money, but she wants the satisfaction of having me put in jail. She is that kind of a woman.

I trust you will forgive me for leaving you in this way, and if you know the circumstances, I feel sure you would.

Keep my grip and things it contains until I have paid my fine and costs and I will then advise you where I want it shipped.

Again assuring you of my kindest personal regards and regretting the necessity of leaving you in this manner, I am,

Sincerely,
R. F. TAYLOR.

When Mrs. Kaehler was seen by a Journal man and shown the above letter she made the following statement:

"Mr. Kaehler's failure in business and in many other respects was not due to my extravagance or unfaithfulness, as claimed by him, but due to his own incompetence and to his disregard of the most common obligations which a man owes to his wife and his family."

She explained that the property spoken of by her former husband as having been turned over to her was not all unencumbered, and that there were various costs and expenses that had to be met out of the proceeds. The net amount, she said, had been used for the maintenance and education of her three children.

While Mrs. Kaehler certainly considers herself deeply wronged by her former husband her attitude is not one of extreme bitterness. She seems to think that the rapid accumulation of money weakened his moral fibre and intimidated that his mentality may have suffered also.

She said that she had no desire to have him kept in jail, and referred to the fact that he was not confined here on her account but because he was caught transporting liquor. She admitted employing legal means to collect her alimony because she felt that he was legally and morally obligated to support his own children.

A striking evidence of the rapidity with which the scenes of life can shift is seen in the fact that this man, who is now a fugitive from justice, and penniless, a few years ago was the owner of fine yachts, fast motor boats, expensive automobiles and thoroughbred horses, and was esteemed a prince of good fellows by a host of quondam friends.

Kaehler was highly respected during his successful business career, but, according to his former wife, the aged and deadly combination, "wine, women and song" were responsible for his downfall.

INJURED AT NOKESVILLE

Mr. J. R. Dorrell, of the firm of Larkin and Dorrell here, while driving his automobile by a silo on the farm of Mr. Joseph Hale at Nokesville on Tuesday, and in trying to avoid a frightened horse, ran into a guy wire attached to the silo, smashed the windshield to his car and received severe cuts on his left hand necessitating his carrying that member in a sling. The injuries while very painful are not of a serious nature.

NOKESVILLE MAN HURT

Thomas Cook of Nokesville narrowly escaped serious injury when he was thrown from his horse while taking the first hurdle in the pair hunters event at the Fairfax Fair last Thursday. Though painfully injured Mr. Cook remounted his horse and finished the race.

HEED THIS REQUEST

Residents of Prince William County are urged to give liberally and at once to the relief of the sufferers from the Florida hurricane disaster. Red Cross Headquarters has wired asking prompt assistance from the Prince William County Chapter. That organization is extending relief to the entire devastated areas in Florida.

Kindly send check, money, or money order to the Chapter Treasurer,
MISS LORETTO MCGILL, Haymarket, Va.

JAPHET TALKS ABOUT ADVENT

Washington Evangelist Stirring Great Crowds at Tent Meeting Here Nightly.

Interest in the series of tent meetings being conducted here by Evangelist M. E. Japhet, of Washington, has increased nightly and on several occasions this week immense crowds of people who could not find room within the tent have lingered on the outside to hear the earnest evangelist deliver his message.

Actual conversions at the meetings have not yet attained large proportions as far as numbers are concerned, but people qualified to judge have expressed the opinion that an unusually fine spirit pervades the meetings and that a world of good is being done whether the results appear early or late.

On Saturday a band of "Crusaders" from Harrisonburg came to participate in the services. These were men who have had deep spiritual experiences and have handed themselves to God for salvation testimony and work wherever they can be of service in the cause of Christ. They came at their own expense, and those who heard their remarkable testimonies to the power and efficiency of the gospel to save men from the power of sin will not soon forget them.

The Crusaders, who are all business men of Harrisonburg, remained through the afternoon meeting on Sunday, returning to the Valley town that night. Unquestionably they added much to the fine work that is already in progress.

Last night Mr. Japhet preached to a large audience on the Second Coming of Christ. He warned his hearers against those modern philosophies which would discount the belief in the actual bodily appearance of the Savior, and pictured vividly his appearance in the heavens and the subsequent triumph of the righteous and doom of the wicked. His appeal to the unconverted to turn to Christ for salvation was one of the most effective ever heard in this community. The meetings will continue each night, beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

SWAVELEY OPENS SESSION HERE

Local School Has Good Enrollment And Fine Outlook For Coming Session.

The Swaveley School opened on Wednesday for the 1926-1927 session with an enrollment much larger than that at the opening last year. Quite a large number of the old students are back and many new faces are seen on the campus also.

Formal opening exercises were held in the Assembly Hall at 2 o'clock, beginning with the invocation by the Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, and followed with an address by the Headmaster.

Mr. Swaveley outlined for the students the benefits they may expect to receive from the school and told them in turn what the school would expect from them. He assured them that everyone connected with the school would at all times be ready to help them with their problems and invited them to seek the counsel and advice of the school authorities.

He also made it plain that the school expected a hearty co-operation on the part of each student, and laid special emphasis upon loyalty both in the school room and on the campus.

The exercises closed with the singing of "America" and the benediction by the Rev. H. J. Leinbach.

THIS IS BIG DAY FOR NOKESVILLE

Fair Opens With Fine Weather and Large Crowds Attending—Band There Also.

Early this morning from all sections of Brentsville district and from other sections also crowds were traveling towards Nokesville for the great agricultural fair which opens on the White Hall farm there.

If this is not the greatest exhibit of the county's resources ever held it will not be the fault of the fair officials who have labored incessantly to this end.

An excellent band from Harrisonburg is on hand to enliven the occasion and strains of sweet music will fill every gap in the interesting program of the day.

The food and refreshment arrangements are in charge of the Community League and everything good to eat is in abundance. Many visitors from a distance are here and nearly all of the away-from-home folks have returned for the special occasion. While the fair will close at nightfall numerous social affairs have been planned for the late evening, and nothing has been forgotten that will help to make the day one long to be remembered by those who attend.

The exhibits of the public schools are more elaborate and better executed than any seen in the county heretofore. Local teachers have encouraged their pupils to do their very best and coached them in every legitimate way, and the results are certainly manifest in the excellent work displayed. Those schools that lay stress on athletics are particularly interested in the competition for the basket ball that has been offered as a prize.

The live stock and horse exhibits are pronounced above the average by competent judges and the animals have excited much favorable comment.

Much credit is due President Lloyd and County Agent Curtis for the zeal with which they have labored and for the fine exhibition they have given the patrons this year. The Journal, which prints all the news in Prince William that is worth printing, will carry next week a list of the prize winners in the various classes.

PEARSON IN SMASH-UP

Bealeton, Va., Sept. 21.—Special to the Manassas Journal.—Prof. H. M. Pearson, principal of the Bealeton High School, had his car badly damaged when it was struck by another car driven by a negro said to have been intoxicated, on the road between Pennington and Elkwood in Fauquier county on Saturday night. Both Prof. Pearson and another occupant of the car escaped serious injuries.

The negro, whose car was badly torn up, was placed under arrest and later fined \$100 and costs, and given thirty days on the road for driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants.

DEEDS RECORDED

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the Clerk's office this week:

J. W. and Diana Leedy to B. F. and Annie Leedy, 8 acres, 3 rods and 30 poles, on Centerville road, near Manassas—tax on \$3,000.

C. E. Clarke to Thos. H. Lion, special commissioner, 1 1/2 acres at Minnieville—tax on \$290.

George F. Oleyar and wife to Richard T. Moncure, Lot 18, Howard's Division, New Triangle—tax on \$900.

George and Martha Oleyar to Joe W. Abel, Lot No. 1, Old Triangle—tax on \$1,000.

MARRIAGES HERE

Licenses to marry were issued by the Prince William county clerk this week to the following couples:

Nathan D. Boothe, 22, timekeeper, Alexandria, and Margaret E. Goods, 21, Washington—September 18 at Manassas.

Edmund C. Blagden, 27, salesman, Greenfield, Mass., and Ellen C. Blagden, 21, Bernardstown, Mass.—September 21 at Manassas, by L. Ledman, Clerk.

WILL TALK ABOUT MILK

The meeting of the Kiwanis Club tomorrow night will be one of especial interest to the dairymen of Prince William county, many of whom will be there as specially invited guests of the club members.

A man prominent in the dairy business whose name has not yet been announced by the committee will be present and address the club and their guests.

BUYS LEESBURG BUSINESS

One of the oldest continuously operated business establishments in Leesburg changed hands last week, when Beuchler's Cafe which has recently been conducted by Messrs. C. W. and R. P. Armentrout, passed into the hands of George Manos, George Staurakas and George Lemakis, who will conduct it under the name of "Leesburg Delicatessen."—Loudoun Times-Mirror.

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEET

Announcement is made of a meeting of the Law Enforcement League to be held Monday, Sept. 27, at the usual place and hour. Matters of more than routine interest are said to require the attention of the members of the league.

Two Fine Stories

Mary Roberts Rinehart and E. Phillips Oppenheim, two of the world's best known writers of fiction, contribute complete, illustrated stories to the Magazine of The Washington Star for Sunday, September 26. Oppenheim writes "The Upstairs Room," a mystery yarn, and Mrs. Rinehart's story is "The String Bean." Order your copy of next Sunday's Washington Star from your newsdealer today.

LOCAL SCHOOL TO BE SOUTH'S MODEL

Farm Department Here Will Be Demonstration School For Entire South Says Moltby.

That the Agricultural department of the local high school has been selected as a demonstration school for the entire South is the statement made before the Kiwanis Club Friday night by D. R. Moltby, Federal Agent for Vocational Agricultural Education in the Southern States.

Mr. Moltby spoke in high terms of praise of the local institution, sketching briefly its development during the past several years, and then made the above announcement which means that special attention will be given the school here by the federal department and many interesting experiments conducted, all of which will be of immense benefit to the students of the school.

Mr. Moltby referred to the principle of Job Analysis which was first worked out at this school and said that the federal department was so favorably impressed with the results that a bulletin was prepared explaining the system and sent to similar schools throughout the country. This was fine advertising for Manassas.

The principle of Job Analysis referred to is a method of teaching in which a pupil is assigned a project to develop and the work is analyzed as to its several steps. Accurate records are kept of the procedure in each step and of the results obtained from them. A summing up of the methods and the results in the several stages of the work is what is known as job analysis.

Mr. Moltby told the Kiwanians that experts from the federal agricultural department would visit the local school regularly and exercise a general supervision of its work. He also asked the club to give its moral support to the work of the school.

Mr. A. P. Williams, Federal Agent for Vocational Agricultural Education for the Northeastern States, was also present and addressed the club. He will be associated with Mr. Moltby in the supervision of the school here.

Mr. Williams made an excellent address in which he traced the development of agricultural methods from the dawn of history to the present time and showed how economic, social and political conditions have brought about changes in these methods from age to age.

He stressed agricultural education as the only certain means by which the rural community can hold its young people and thus save for itself the best mind, talent and character, so much of which is now drifting to the cities.

Professor Pullen, in charge of the local school, told a Journal man this morning that the school this year will work out another experimental method—that of project planning. The boy is taught to work out in advance a specific plan of the work he is going to do. This initial plan is afterwards compared with the procedure followed and the results obtained as showed in the job analysis.

This training, Professor Pullen says, will be invaluable to the boy, not in agriculture alone, but in the general business affairs of life.

4-H CLUB WORK

The 4-H Club members of Prince William county are busily working on their new enrollment for the club year 1926-27.

The boys and girls at Haymarket are interested in taking 4-H Club projects with the Farm and Home Agent. Miss Hallie L. Hughes, state girls club agent, Mr. T. T. Curtis, farm agent, and M. F. Clayton, home agent, will visit Haymarket Monday morning, September 27. The club organization will be perfected, the officers elected and Miss Hughes will help the program committee in planning the work of the club for the next six months.

The Nokesville, Bethel, Woodbridge, Greenwich, Catharpin, Waterfall, Gold Ridge and Manassas clubs have met this month. The 1926 projects are being completed and plans for the club exhibits at Bethel and Nokesville have been made.

Miss Belle Burke, Northern, Va., district agent, and Miss Bessie Hodson, state poultry specialist, will be in Prince William Thursday. Miss Burke will judge the 4-H Club exhibit and Miss Hodson the poultry at the Nokesville Fair.