

# Escaped Murderer Nathan Corn Recaptured



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# MURKIN, COURT IN VAIN

## FBI Nabs S. C. Man In Los Angeles

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—Nathan T. Corn, convicted Rock Hill murderer who escaped from the State Penitentiary last Dec. 27, has been apprehended by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Los Angeles, Calif., penitentiary authorities were notified today.

Corn was working under the name of Robert McNeil. He saw his way to freedom through a wooden barricade in a daring daylight escape from the Penitentiary. It was his second escape since he began serving a life sentence in 1949 for the murder of his employer, George C. Beam. When arrested at Los Angeles, the Penitentiary was advised, Corn was working under the name of Robert McNeil.

Corn will be arraigned before a U.S. commissioner before being returned to this state on an unlawful flight warrant.

Corn is a 37-year-old former truck driver. His first escape was in February, 1951, when he got away by concealing himself in a cardboard shipping box being hauled away from the prison on a delivery truck. He was caught three weeks later at Collinsville, Ill.

Three prisoners were implicated in the escape. They lost their good behavior credits.

Beam was killed in 1948 and his body placed in a box which was found in a tributary of the Catawba River near Rock Hill. Corn was tried soon afterward and was convicted and sentenced to life. He won a new trial, however, and the second time was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Two years ago, he lost a battle for a third trial, which was sought on the claim of new or after-discovered evidence in the form of a purported death bed confession of Beam's slaying by W. J. Corn, the convicted man's father. The elder Corn died in 1951.

A Circuit Court judge ruled that the confession was not a "handwritten" of Corn's mother and the State Supreme Court upheld him.

The government, hoping to the court's ruling that only evidence of fraud in federal ballots would be admitted, dropped its case against the 12.

All other vote fraud cases, including some in Swain and Graham counties and 23 additional indictments in Clay, were continued.

Acquitted were Garland Martin, chairman of the Clay County Board of Elections; Neal Kitchen, sheriff; George H. Martin, clerk of Superior Court; Charles C. Gallo way, Fred Green, J. C. Auberry, Vernon F. Martin, Robert McClure, Belve Davis, Otti Kitchen, Otti Melton and Henry Motteler.

Midway through the morning of the trial's second day, District Atty. James M. Bailey Jr. of March shall stopped his intended evidence and testimony to explain the government's position.

HAZARD EVIDENCE "The government has evidence which would show that absentee ballots were illegally cast," he said. "In most of these instances the federal portion of the ballot was not found in the ballot boxes. It is the position of the government that the ballot is the entire right of a qualified elector to vote, and covers all offices presented for See CLAY on page 2-A

Our Weather  
Fair today, tonight and tomorrow.  
High today—80.  
Low today—58.  
High tomorrow—80.  
Low tomorrow—58.  
High yesterday—78.  
Low this morning—53.  
Low tonight—54.  
Sunrise, 5:59 a.m.; sunset, 7:32 p.m.  
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## Abemarle Women In Car-Truck Crash

By DONALD MACDONALD  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A dump truck loaded with eight tons of stone collided with an automobile at Central Ave. and Eastway Dr. about 9 a.m. today, knocking two elderly women out of the car and killing them instantly.

"It was like being hit by a freight train," said police Sgt. J. A. Horton.

The dead were identified as Miss Nettie Pearl Willis, 67, and Miss Maggie Page, 68, both of the Baptist Home in Abemarle.

Two other women riding in the death car were taken by ambulance to Memorial Hospital. Identified as Mrs. Rebecca Bass, 65, and Mrs. Velle H. Grigg, 73, both of the Baptist Home in Abemarle, they were being treated for head, stomach and back injuries, cuts and body bruises.

Occupants of the back seat, they were not thrown from the car.

First reports said Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Grigg were not believed seriously hurt.

LEFT TODAY  
All the women left the Baptist Home in Abemarle earlier this morning to make a visit to friends at the Methodist Home of Eastway Dr. in Charlotte. Apparently, the women first made a trip into the midtown area, as Baptist Home officials said five women had planned to make the trip.

One of the five women—whose name could not be ascertained—apparently was in the midtown area shopping when the accident occurred.

30 FEET FROM CAR  
Police Officer J. S. Zagar, first on the scene, said the two dead women were lying approximately 30 feet from the wrecked car. There is a red blazer light and a stop sign at the intersection, forcing traffic on Eastway Dr. to halt.

Officer Zagar said Mr. White's truck had the right-of-way and was traveling into the city, headed west on Central Ave. (Abemarle Rd.)

The 1949 Plymouth, believed to have been driven by Miss Willis, was headed north on Eastway Dr. There is a red blazer light and a stop sign at the intersection, forcing traffic on Eastway Dr. to halt.

Mr. White, 29, 238 Piedmont Ct., has been a driver for Liquid Asphalt Co., 224 1/2 Trade St. since last August.

He was bringing a load of crushed stone from Midland and was to deliver the load for a paving project at Reo Motors on Dalton Ave.

READY INSIDE LIMITS  
His truck had just reached city limits when the accident occurred. The wreck seems to be about one-half block inside Charlotte city limits.

Traffic Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel said the accident is being investigated by other officers and he does not know at this time whether a technical charge of manslaughter will be brought against the truck driver.

At police headquarters, Mr. White made the following statement: "At approximately 9 a.m., as I was traveling west on Central Ave. at a speed of approximately 35 miles per hour, driving a dump truck loaded with eight tons of stone, I struck a Plymouth pull out of Eastway Dr., headed north."

ALREADY IN MOTION  
"I could not say whether the driver of this vehicle had stopped for the stop sign or not, for when I first noticed her, the vehicle was already in motion.

"Upon seeing the other vehicle, I applied the brakes with all the force I had but was unable to avoid striking (the car)."

The left front of my truck struck the right front of her vehicle, throwing two ladies out of the car. Just as soon as this accident occurred, I stopped my vehicle and jumped out to see if anyone had been seriously injured.

"I then ran into the service station on the corner to call an ambulance, but the police department had already called."

OUT RIGHT DOOR?  
Officer Zagar said that the right front of the Plymouth was heavily damaged and explained that it is believed the two women were thrown out of the car.

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## Opinions Split Over Court's School Ruling

By CHARLES F. BARRETT  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Sharply conflicting views arose today over the Supreme Court decision giving local public school officials plans for ending racial segregation.

Some deep South political leaders declared flatly they will do nothing. They predicted yesterday's Supreme Court decision giving local officials primary responsibility means an indefinite extension of segregation, at least for many years.

But officials of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People foresaw action "with a year ago that separate schools for white and Negro children are unconstitutional."

UNANIMOUSLY  
Unanimously, the nine justices declined to fix a definite deadline or order any hard and fast national procedures for erasing the traditional color line in 21 states practicing segregation in some or all of their schools.

They called instead for a "prompt and reasonable start." And they said "primary responsibility" rests with state and local school officials to solve the delicate problem. Federal District Courts were directed to enforce, if necessary, "good faith compliance" at the earliest practicable date.

RESULTS SEEN  
Two results appeared likely: 1. The pattern of action will continue to vary sharply. Some border areas such as Oklahoma, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland and Delaware may proceed relatively rapidly toward complete integration, despite some obstacles. Resistance will be much greater in deep South areas such as Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina. There may also be many variations among separate counties and school districts within a single state.

2. A multitude of court tests may see LONG on page 2-A

Evening Prayer  
Heavenly Father, make us willing, by the example of Christ, to endure pain and hardship for the fruits of suffering. Teach us to accept the fact that life's richest blessings and its finest growth come when we have been wounded and scarred in the battles of living. In the name of Christ who suffered and died for us. Amen.

## Abemarle Women In Car-Truck Crash



Central Ave.-Eastway Intersection, Where Accident Occurred. Camera Faces Toward City.



Policeman Jack Heath Stands By Damaged Side Of Death Car.

## To Be Started In 'About A Month'

## Court Action Is Planned Against Tax Delinquents

By ANN SAWYER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The purpose of enforcing the law, forces a listing in cases where evidence points to property ownership. However, there are cases where the property, such as an automobile, was not owned on Jan. 1, the date for determining ownership for taxation.

If the property is placed on the tax books and does not belong to the individual it is charged to the tax collector is placed in the position of lying in error.

DOUBT REMOVED  
Mr. Davenport said that a listing obtained through a court decision is better than a forced listing since it removes doubt of ownership.

In the case of household furniture, when an individual owns real property and has not listed personal property, the tax department is listing personal property placed on household goods, including housing it.

Individuals are not notified of the automatic 10 per cent valuation against late listers is found in their tax statement.

Authority for court action against late listers is found in Article 10, Chapter 107, of the State Constitution.

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## Ford Reported Willing To Bargain On Pay Plan

DETROIT (AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers Union today tentatively agreed with the Ford Motor Co. from midnight tonight to next Monday morning to provide more time for further negotiations.

DETROIT (AP)—The Ford Motor Co. was reported today to have indicated willingness to bargain on a union-demanded, guaranteed annual wage in an eleven-hour bid to avert a possible strike at midnight tonight.

John S. Bugas, Ford's vice president for industrial relations, refused comment on the reports, published in Detroit newspapers, as he entered crucial negotiations with a walkout of Ford 140,000 employees hanging in the balance.

## Four Children Perish In Ohio Home Blaze

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Four children died early today in a fire at their home in Manchester, seven miles south of here.

Judy and Joyce Frederick, 6-year-old twins, were overcome by smoke and perished. Their father, Kenneth, smashed a casement window of their downstairs bedroom but was unable to get inside to rescue them.

Dennis Frederick, 8, and his brothers, James, 11, died in their upstairs bedroom. They would not jump from the secondary window of the house.

Four other Frederick children escaped. One, Michael, 15, whose left leg was in a cast because of a power lawn mower accident, jumped from the upstairs window. So did his brother, Kenneth Jr., 17.

The other two children, Sue Ellen, 9, and Thomas, 12, were able to get out of the house through their downstairs bedrooms.

Sue Ellen aroused her father, a milk company maintenance man, who found a window drapе ablaze in the twins' room. He tore it off and ran to the garage for a fire extinguisher.

While he was outside the flames roared up and he was unable to re-enter. He saw the twins' faces at the casement window, but by the time he had smashed it open, they had been overcome by smoke and toppled to the floor where he was unable to reach them.

Volunteer firemen from Manchester and nearby Clinton were unable to check the fire before it had destroyed the home. The blaze was believed to have started in the twins' bedroom, but the cause was not discovered.

Michael's leg was injured again in his jump; Thomas suffered from inhaling smoke, the mother, "Tan" and the father both received minor burns in their efforts to reach the four children who died.

28 SAILORS DROWN  
LONDON (AP)—A Yugoslav navy ship sank in a storm off the port of Senj in the northern Adriatic yesterday and 28 crewmen drowned, the Belgrade Radio reported.

## GROCERY NEWS TIPS

By BETTY BOYER

Look for the Apple Sauce with the fingling taste made from 5 prize apple varieties.

For best results use the vinegar made from selected apples, aged in wood for flavor.

Serve the ready to heat and eat Salisbury Steaks that satisfy your entire family.

Use the rice that cooks quick and fluffy... gives that old time southern flavor.

## READ THE Grocery News

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