

STOLE CHICKENS AND GO TO JAIL

**Nine Boys of Good Lawrence County
Families Caught While Enjoying a
Feast at a Farmer's Expense—Little
Rockers Glad of Limitation Statute.**

Sheriff W. K. Surridge of Lawrence County, who is spending a few days in the city on private business, tells of nine young men presenting themselves to him at Powhatan Friday, to serve a sentence of six hours in jail for stealing chickens.

Sheriff Surridge says the nine young men, members of some of the very best families of the Richwoods district in Lawrence County, went out on a lark, and raided a farmer's hen roost. It appears that the farmer, Squire Wm. Nix, heard the raiders and instead of raising a row he quietly followed the boys until they prepared to enjoy the feast and then he swooped down on them, caught them red handed, and marched them off to a justice of the peace.

At the trial the young men admitted that they had taken the chickens, but charged it to the exuberance of youth, and prayed the mercy of the court. But they were each fined \$10 and the cost, which brought the amount to \$18.75, and in addition they were sentenced to serve six hours in the county jail.

Friday morning the nine appeared before Sheriff Surridge and stated their readiness to comply with the sentence of the court. "It was a sorry sight to see those nine young men march into the jail door" said Sheriff Surridge, while telling the story, "but they were game and I left a deputy at the door with instructions to allow them to go at the end of six hours. The dose was pretty severe, and it may be that they will have to ask Governor Donaghey to restore their citizenship. This may not be true, however, since they have not reached their majority."

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