

OFFICERS COMMENDED FOR WORK

Three Virginia Teenagers Arrested In Carthage On Auto Theft Charges

Because he could see the rapid heart beats of three teenagers through their shirts, Johnny McDonald, special night policeman in Carthage, arrested three teenagers on suspicion early Saturday morning. Subsequent investigation by McDonald proved his suspicions were correct. The three, identified as William P. Moore, 16, David L. Kenderick, 16, and Roy Tyler, 15, all of Martinsville, Va., admitted under questioning they had stolen an automobile in Danville, Va., Friday night and had driven it to Carthage.

After admitting stealing the car to McDonald, the boys were ordered to wait until McDonald called Danville and verified their statements. Danville police checked with the man who owned the car, identified as Lloyd T. Powers, and reported back to McDonald that he had not missed it until that minute. Powers told the Danville police that he had gone to bed early that night and never given his car a second thought. The three teenagers "didn't seem to care" about the predicament they were in, McDonald said.

McDonald told this story: About 3:30 Saturday morning, he saw the three parked in the car near the Carthage school. He drove up and asked what they were doing there. They told him they were looking for a man, a name which McDonald had never heard.

He noticed when he spotted his flashlight in the car that the boys were obviously scared and nervous. "I could see their hearts beating beneath their shirts," McDonald said.

He told them he knew the man they were looking for and that he would direct them to the correct address if they would follow him back to the center of town. They followed him to the courthouse square where he ordered them out of the car and inside. The driver had no operator's license.

He learned from the Danville police that the three, plus two others, were under bond for breaking and entering a Rocky-mount, Va. business establishment previously. The two oldest, Moore and Kenderick, were also under indictment for stealing a car earlier in the year.

Saturday morning two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents came to Carthage to question the boys. They were given a hearing before J. A. Lang, Federal Commissioner, and placed under \$1,000 bond. The FBI agents took them to Rockingham where they were placed in the Federal jail there to either await trial or make bond. Both McDonald and Officer Woodrow Eldridge, who had been called in to help with the investigation Saturday morning, were commended by fellow officers for their excellent police work.

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One son, William E. Cox of Southern Pines, advertising manager of The Sandhill Citizen in Aberdeen, is the only immediate survivor.

He and his family were in Myrtle Beach, S. C. at the time of the accident, where he was in attendance at a meeting of the South Carolina Chess Association. He was notified of the accident by Tom Darst of Southern Pines, who had been called by the Rev. Caldwell.

Local police investigated the accident, aided by officials of the railroad, who arrived shortly after being notified.

AGOS AIRMEN

(Continued from Page 1) vs. CP&L (no. 2); 9 p.m., Airmen (no. 1) vs. Lions (no. 4).

Tuesday, July 31, 7:15—Airmen vs. Lions; 9 p.m., CP&L vs. Church of Wide Fellowship.

Leonard said that third games would be played, if necessary, Wednesday night. The final championship games will begin August 2 at 7:30 and will also be on a best two-of-three basis. Second day of play has been set for Monday, August 6, with a final game, again if necessary, to be played Tuesday, August 7.

The softball league, a regular part of the summer recreation program in Southern Pines, has attracted an unusually large number of players and spectators to the Tuesday and Thursday games. Managers of the first four teams in final standings are: Airmen, Carl Laik; CP&L, Charlie Horton; Church of Wide Fellowship, Eugene Blackwelder; and Lions Club, Bill Spence.

"Top pitchers for their teams have been Airmen George Norris for the Airmen, Ted Klingensmidt for CP&L, Harry Chatfield for Church of Wide Fellowship, and Bill Rush for the Lions Club.

Holiday's "Chicks" were winner of the championship last year but did not field a team this season.

At the conclusion of the final championship series, trophies and other medals will be awarded the winner and runner-up, Leonard said.

Final standings: W. L. Airmen 6 0, CP&L 1 1, Church, Wide Fellowship 4 3, Lions Club 4 4, USAFAGOS Officers 2 4, Nat'l Guard Tankers 1 5, Catholic Laymen 1 5.

FLASH FLOOD

(Continued from page 1) waters and Black, it was reported, had decided to go for help.

Late Saturday night Henry Williams and Frank Trotter, Robbins businessmen, learned that

Black's brothers were in town

and they recalled that Richardson had mentioned a buddy. "We went into a big field to the right of the bridge from Robbins," they said. "Our flashlights soon attracted six other searchers, Charlie Muse, Jimmy Brown, Carlton Kennedy, Ben Brady, Kenneth Brown, and Bobby Patrick.

"We found a slipper of little Lynn Link. The slipper was at the back of a big field along the banks of Bear Creek. Then entering the outer edge of the woods, we found a warning reflector from the bridge. Jimmy Brown discovered Black's body against a high tree."

The tree, according to members of the search party, bore water settlements from the flood about 18 feet up its trunk. The body was discovered about 300 yards downstream from the bridge.

Black's wife reported to county officials that he had not been home since 8 p. m. Thursday.

Coroner Ralph Steed ruled that all the deaths were due to accidental drowning. Funeral services for Mrs. Link and her daughter were held Sunday at Reedy Creek Christian Church near Welcome, of which the Link family was a member.

Hundreds of people, many of them strangers to Link before the tragedy and many from the Robbins area who had participated in the search, attended the services.

Funeral services for Black were held Monday at Culdee Presbyterian Church near Pinehurst. He was survived by his wife, two daughters, three sons, three sisters, and three brothers.

Cpl. James A. McColman of the State Highway Patrol, gave this account of the events leading up to the tragedy:

"About 10:30 Thursday night I learned that high water was starting to rise on a number of roads in the upper end of the county, due to extremely heavy rains that had started about 2 p. m. that day.

"Patrick Williams, field man for the State Highway Commission, and Patrolman Swaim, who is stationed in the Robbins area, were contacted and we started putting out flares on highway 27 which was partly under water.

We then started checking the rest of the area and discovered that every stream looked like it was going to rise. We heard there was high water on the Talc Mine Road, so we went up there and, though the water was not up to the shoulders at that time, we put out flares.

"Then we went back to Highway 27 where the water was running over the highway. Patrolmen were stationed at both ends of the flooded area to stop traffic . . . we waited there until the water receded at about 3:15 a. m. when we reopened the road to traffic. Williams never did get back to the Bear Creek Bridge because after taking care of the flares we were putting out, he had to go to Lamberts Mill where part of the road had been washed away. He put out flares there and then had to check other places in the area.

"At 3:55 he was still checking. At 4:05 Patrolman Swaim was called to Robbins after he received a call that a truckdriver had reported seeing a car go under water on the north side of the bridge."

Swaim said he got to the bridge within five minutes and saw, seconds after he arrived, headlights from a car on the far side "getting dimmer and dimmer." He could not go across the bridge, so had to go around by

way of Highfalls, a distance of some 15 miles.

Before he left the bridge on the Robbins side, he saw a boat put out (which eventually rescued both Richardson and Mr. Link and his two sons).

The response by residents of Robbins and the surrounding community to the tragedy was "terrific," Ralph Steed, who coordinated the activities of the various agencies and volunteer workers, said earlier this week.

He pointed out members of the Robbins Volunteer Fire Department, members of the town's rescue squad, the State Highway Patrol and the Red Cross as being extremely helpful.

He said a number of boys from the surrounding countryside—all excellent swimmers—did not hesitate one minute in getting into the water when the search for the missing bodies was started.

Herman Williams finally extricated Mrs. Link from the car in which she was found, after Elbert Brady, another volunteer helper, had partially removed her. Williams also found the body of the Link child.

Mayor W. R. Kenedy also expressed his deep appreciation for the thousands of man-hours of help that was offered by volunteers. He said the smooth working of the volunteers and the complete disregard for their own safety was something that any-

one would be proud of.

Members of the State Highway Patrol who assisted in the work, water were Cpl. Jim McColman, and Patrolmen H. A. Hight, Jr., C. G. Wimberly, and J. F. Swaim.

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Southern Pines Tops Carthage For Pony League Lead

(Continued from Page 1) Play in the Moore County Pony League came to a temporary halt this week as members of the county All-Star team travelled to Durham to begin early eliminations for the state title.

At present Southern Pines is leading the league with an 8-6 record, arriving at the top of the heap by defeating Carthage twice last week.

Going into last week's schedule the four teams in the league—Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage and Robbins—were all tied with 6-6 records. Robbins and Aberdeen split two games and now have 7-7 records, with Carthage in last place with a 6-8 record.

Southern Pines, behind the five-hit pitching of Jerry Fraser, defeated Carthage 7-5 Thursday for the league lead. Bobby Watkins, working in his usual spot behind the plate, came up with a tremendous homer to lead the locals in the hitting department.

Southern Pines collected the win on eight hits and four errors. Carthage had five hits and one error.

Archie Kelly and Doug Handy handled pitching chores for Carthage, with Yates Williamson behind the plate.

AGED RESIDENT

(Continued from Page 1) have exceptional vision and hearing, apparently did not hear the warnings.

L. L. Brown of Hamlet, the train's engineer, said he repeatedly blew the train's horn, "but she kept casually walking along. I applied the emergency brakes and did everything I could do to keep from hitting the lady."

Brown and fireman J. W. Thomas and several other witnesses said the train was going about 10 to 12 miles per hour when the fateful accident occurred. The train, running slightly late, was making a regular station stop. After pulling the emergency brake, Brown said, the train stopped about three cars less than 100 feet—down the track.

Coroner Ralph Steed ruled the death accidental. Mrs. Cox, the widow of the Rev. W. E. Cox, D. D., a retired Episcopal minister, lived at Resthaven Apartments, which she owned, two blocks from the accident scene.

They had moved here in 1931 following Mr. Cox's retirement. He served parishes in Greenville, Wilmington (St. John's), Richmond, Va., (Holy Comforter), and Bisbee, Arizona.

Mr. Cox was the author of several inspirational works and also wrote the genealogy, in 1938, of

the Nelson, Smith and Cox families. Mrs. Cox, the former Lula O'Conner, was born in Knoxville, Tenn. She was an active member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, a past president of the Southern Pines Civic Club, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Colonial Dames and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She also was the author of "The O'Conner-Conner-Simmons Families," her own genealogy, which was published in 1940.

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