

### Shoplifters Get Suspensions

"Judge if you will only have mercy on me this time, I'll never have another girl in my car as long as I stay black," said Rufus Wright, (alias Henry Gray), negro, who was convicted Monday afternoon along with Mamie Lou Sanders, negress, (alias Louise Pringle), in city recorder's court on four counts in connection with thefts from Myers' Department Store and Roses 5 & 10. The two are Gastonia residents.

Wright, with tears streaming down his cheek, swore on the witness stand before Judge Jack White that he was innocent on two counts of aiding and abetting in shoplifting, but probable cause of his guilt was found by Judge White and the defendant was sentenced to jail for twelve months, suspended on the condition that he be of good behavior for one year, pay fines of \$35, and costs of court.

On the counts of shoplifting and shoplifting, and larceny, Judge Jack White sentenced Mamie Lou Sanders to jail for 12 months, suspended on the condition that she be of good behavior for one year, pay costs of court, and make restitution to the firms. She is to pay \$15 to Roses 5 & 10, and \$14.95 for a dress from Myers' Department store.

Two other defendants were allegedly connected with the thefts. Barbara Ann Biggers, who gave her age as 14, was turned over to juvenile authorities, and the charge against Betty Sturges, was not pressed with leave. Mamie Lou Sanders told local police that Betty Sturges had at one time taken part in shoplifting in Kings Mountain.

The two negro girls, Mamie Lou Sanders, and Barbara Ann Biggers were booked February 3 by local police on charges of shoplifting from Myers' Department store through January 14 by Betty Lou Philbeck, salesgirl at Roses 5 & 10 store. Rufus Wright, with the cooperation of the Gastonia police department, was picked up by local police the night of February 3, according to the testimony of Officer Martin Ware, Jr.

Five other witnesses for the state also testified for the thefts. Fred Heathcox, Betty Lou Philbeck, and Orangel Parrish of Roses 5 & 10 store, said on the witness stand that on January 14, the two defendants Mamie Lou Sanders, and Barbara Ann Biggers were in their store. "Some sweaters were missed," Miss Philbeck said that she gave chase to the two defendants. They escaped in a tan Hudson, but not before she succeeded in taking down the license number of the car. This number was produced in court as evidence against Rufus Wright, driver of the car.

O. W. Myers, of Myers' Department Store, testified that on February 3, Mamie Lou Sanders and Barbara Ann Biggers were in his store, but made no purchases. Mr. Myers identified a dress that came from his department store as being the one Mamie Lou Sanders had in her possession the day she was arrested.

Hilton Ruth, of Belk's Department Store, also stated on the witness stand that a box of ladies' slips were missing from his store. Since Mr. Ruth could not set a positive date as to the thefts of the slips, the charges on this count were dismissed.

Lloyd Mithem was found guilty of passing a worthless check to "Pete" Barkley of Barkley Grocery. State witnesses "Pete" Barkley and Billie Whetstone stated on the witness stand that in their presence the defendant signed a check in the amount of \$22. Mithem was sentenced to jail for three months, suspended on the condition that he be of good behavior for a period of three months, reimburse Mr. Barkley for the worthless check, and pay costs of court.

John C. Hawkins was found guilty on the counts of carrying a concealed weapon and public drunkenness. On the first count, the defendant was sentenced to six months in jail, fined \$75, and costs of court. On the second count, Hawkins was sentenced to serve 30 days, sentence suspended on condition that he pay a \$5 fine and costs of court.

Two defendants, Fulton Roberts and Sammy Boyce, found guilty of illegal possession of non-tax paid liquor, were each given a suspended sentence. Roberts was given 60 days suspended on the condition that he be of good behavior for 60 days, pay fine of \$5, and costs of court. Sammy Boyce was given a 90-day sentence, suspended on the condition that he be of good behavior for 30 days, pay a fine of \$10, and costs of court.

Three youths, George Jackson, George Griffin, and Williams Barnes, were found guilty of simple assault. According to Mrs. Devole Houser, the youths were fighting in her establishment when she notified the police. Judge White sentenced each of the defendants to 60 days in jail, suspended on the condition that each be of good behavior for 60 days, and each pay costs of court.

Willard Dotson, and Frank Dotson, father and son, were each found guilty of participating in an affray, and each were sentenced to 30 days on the roads, suspended on payment of costs of court. Frank Dotson, also charged with public drunkenness, was given a 30-day sentence, suspended on payment of

### Negro News

By Mrs. Cannie Gordon  
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Miss Dorothy Pressley and little Vivian Pressley returned last week from Laney, Va., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon had as their guests over the weekend Mrs. Gordon's brother and family of High Point, N. C.

Mr. Noah Blalock has returned to his home after being a patient at the Kings Mountain hospital for several days.

#### WCSA Meets

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of St. Paul Methodist church met Sunday evening at 4 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Daisy L. Smith. Mrs. Effie Means had charge of the program. Topic: "By One Spirit Are We One Body", presented by Mrs. Alberta Hunter, Mrs. Daisy L. Smith, Mrs. Catherine Arrington, Mrs. Cannie Gordon. Mrs. Eugenia Brown, president, had charge of the business session. Others present included Mrs. Lottie Means, Mrs. Eunice Hickman, Mrs. Janle Young.

#### Community Chorus

The Community Chorus of Gallilee Methodist church of the York Road, will have their Anniversary February 14, 1:30 p. m. The Jordaners of Shelby, the Friendly Five, Kings Mountain, the Hi-Light Gospel Singers of Gaffney, S. C., the Oak Grove Chorus of Earl, N. C., will be present. Everyone is invited to attend. Cathryn Jamerson, director.

#### History

The History of the First Anniversary of the "Good Neighbor Community Club of Kings Mountain."

The Good Neighbor Community Club of Kings Mountain was organized January 15, 1953, in the home of Mrs. Ella Mae Haywood, by Mrs. Little of Shelby, with the election of the following officers: Mrs. Sarah Page Boyd, president; Mrs. Bertie Bennix, vice-president; Mrs. Annie Mae Byers, secretary, Mrs. Alice Mitchell, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Ella Mae Haywood, treasurer.

The purpose of the "Good Neighbor" Community Club is to HELP NEEDY PERSONS, and to raise the standard of living in the community. The club operates its work through committees—namely, a Sick, Investigating, Program, Social, Charity Chest, and Floral committees.

Results for the year are: money raised \$183.90; money donated \$169.72; number of articles donated to club 450; number of articles given needy 340; number of visits to sick 140; number of floral designs 12.

#### Valentine Party

Stop—Look—Listen  
A Valentine Party.  
When—Feb. 12.  
Where—Davidson High school.  
Time—7:30.  
Adm.—10c single, 14c couple.  
Refreshments will be served.  
Hot dogs and punch will be served.

#### Girl Scout News

Troop 23, Girl Scouts, had their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at Davidson school.

Meeting was opened by our president, Joyce Byers. After devotion, house was open for business. New business discussion for a Valentine party. Then we made signs to put up. Then we discussed a plan about making kits for Korea. The Girl Scout Promise was given. The Girl Scouts circle was formed. We sang taps, and gave our Good-bye pledge.

Reporters: Geraldine Jenkins, Delores Boyd.

#### Valentine Party

There will be a Valentine party at Compact high school Monday night, Feb. 15th, beginning at 7:30 p. m. It will be an evening of fun and enjoyment for all. Refreshments to sell and games. Also a big social and a door prize will be given away.

Public cordially invited. This program is sponsored by the Y. W. C. A.

#### Attendance Urged At Church Meeting

Harry Page, Kings Mountain chairman of the evangelism conference committee for the Presbyterian Evangelism conference scheduled next weekend in Raleigh, said this week:

"On Feb. 17-18 for Presbyterians of North Carolina all roads lead to Raleigh and the City Auditorium where the greatest conference on evangelism ever held by the Presbyterians of the State will feature such noted speakers as Dr. Frank W. Price, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church; Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the world's largest Church, Dallas First Baptist; and Dr. Albert J. Kisting, minister of the Jacksonville, Fla., Riverside Church."

costs of court. Bobby Beddix and Earl Sanders, who were found guilty of simple assault, were given a 60-day sentence each, suspended on payment of costs of court.

Three were found guilty of public drunkenness. A fourth case was continued for three weeks.

The bond of Joe T. Pearson, posted on a charge of speeding, was forfeited.

North Carolina State Income Taxpayers may, for the first time this year, file returns on a Short Form return.



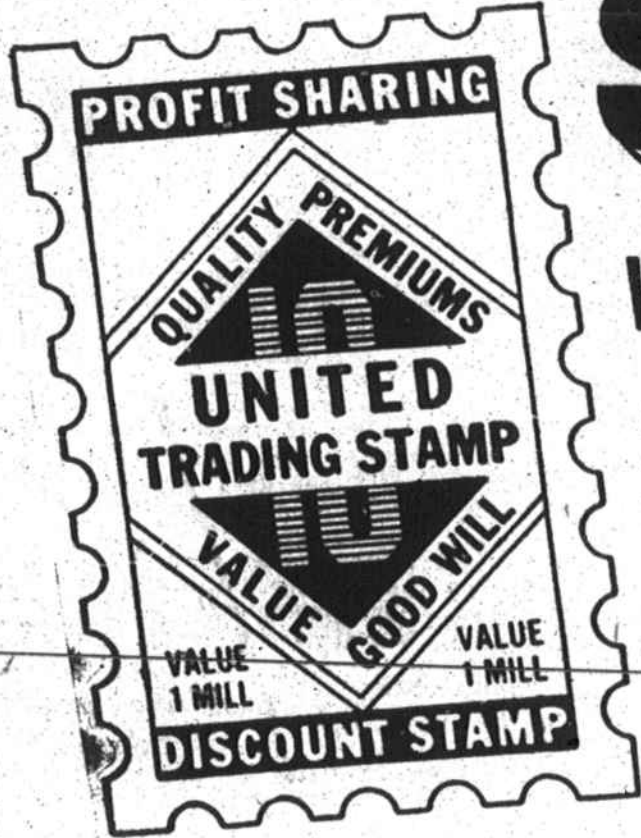
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