

Local Officer Spots Rape Suspect, Aids In Arrest

Boiling Springs proved no haven for a man who was arrested here early Tuesday, after a town policeman spotted a car registered to a Charlotte woman who had been kidnapped, robbed and raped on Monday night.

Boiling Springs patrolman Dennis Theis was driving home from a law enforcement class at Isothermal Community College in Spindale late Monday when he heard an "attempt to locate" bulletin on his police radio. A Charlotte woman, an employee

of an Eckerd's Drug Store in Charlotte, had been abducted by two men as she left work about 6:15 Monday evening. After the two robbed the woman of \$175, one of the kidnapers fled. The other drove her to some woods off Dixon School Road, near Kings Mountain, where he raped her, put her out on Highway 216 and drove away in her silver 1977 Chevrolet.

As Patrolman Theis returned to Boiling Springs from Spindale he had that car in mind. "I was

on duty when I hit the city limits," he said. It was just about midnight when he saw the silver Chevrolet pull into the Pantry parking lot, in downtown Boiling Springs. He checked the license plate and it was the victim's car. In it were two men and a woman.

Theis did not attempt to make an arrest at that point. "You never know," he said, whether the occupants would be armed. "I called for a back-up." During the surveillance, while waiting

for help, he watched people leave the car and go to Mutt's for supper. Meanwhile the two other town policeman, five county police and a state trooper in a new unmarked Mustang were coming to the scene.

Theis watched the people return to the car and drive off. He followed them to the Varsity Square Apartments, where the occupants spotted a county patrol car. Thomas Pegues, 20, of Charlotte, fled on foot. He ran to the Memorial Drive area, and

into the waiting arms of Highway Patrolman Ralph Gantt, who had pulled up near Gardner-Webb radio station WGWG in his unmarked Mustang.

Pegues was charged with rape and car theft kidnapping and strong-arm robbery. The woman in the car, reportedly from Mooreboro, was charged with resisting arrest. The accomplice in the Charlotte crimes has not been identified, but Pegues is in

Cleveland County Jail under \$50,000 bond.

Theis, 30, whose sharp eye led to the arrests, came to the Boiling Springs police force four months ago, after serving as a sheriff's deputy in Arlington, Ohio.

He and his wife Sandra have three children, Wayne, Andrew and Tabitha. While he serves on the force, he's continuing his education. "I'm still learning," he says.

The Foothills View

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DAR Meets At Church

"American's First Citizens—The Indians" was the topic of a program given by Mrs. Robert F. Sweezy and Mrs. Austin Anthony at the September 13 meeting of the Flint Hills Chapter, NSDAR, held at the Boiling Springs Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Sweezy told how the first citizens came to be called Indians, described the tribes and cultural areas, the many languages and dialects spoken and how they lived. She stated that the Indians were instrumental in teaching us how to farm and grow vegetables. Mrs. Anthony gave report entitled "Histroy and Legends of American Vegetables," followed by a report on Bacon College and St. Mary's, both Indian schools assisted by the Daughters. Members displayed a collection of Indian artifacts including a dance costume from Colorado, turquoise jewelry from Oklahoma, beads from Cherokee, and a pottery pitcher said to have been used for a "love potion" which was drunk by brides and grooms to insure happy marriages, and arrowheads.

Mrs. Robert F. Sweezy, Regent, presided over the meeting. The DAR Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, and American's Creed were led by Mrs. Joe Kendrick, Chaplain. Miss Burnette Hunt led the group in singing the "Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. E.C. Willingham gave the National Defense Report, and Mrs. James L. Padgett read the letter from the new President General, Mrs. Sara M. King.

Calling All Hambrights

The Col. Frederick Hambright Family will hold their 37th annual reunion at The Rescue Squad Building, Grover, on Sunday October 9 with a basket lunch at 1 p.m. Supplies and beverages will be provided.

Guided tours will leave the lobby of the Holiday Inn in Kings Mountain at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon for the benefit of those who wish to learn more about their heritage.

All Hambright descendants and their guests are invited to join in this event. Anyone having questions should call Myers T. Hambright, President, at 704-739-3893 or write the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Odis C. Eaker, P.O. Box 904, Danville, VA 24543.

T-Shirt Or Not, Glad She's Here



It was a case of right church, wrong pew.

When Bonnie Doughtie drove into Boiling Springs to begin a new job, she had the right town, but was wearing a Mars Hill College t-shirt—until Bill Ellis, football coach at Gardner-Webb,

gave her a G-W shirt.

Ellis was among the 19 residents greeting Ms. Daughtie, New Minister Of Education And Youth at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. She begins work Sept. 15.

She comes to Boiling Springs

from Chesapeake, Virginia, where she served as Minister of Education at Indian River Baptist Church since 1980. Ms. Doughtie is a graduate of Mars Hill.

In other church news, Boiling Springs Baptist will celebrate ser-

vice with a reception Sunday, Sept. 25.

Speakers will be Kathryn Hamrick at 2:30 p.m., Dan Moore, Jr., at 3:30 p.m., and Rev. R.W. Abrams at 4:30 p.m.

The public is invited.

Concert At G-W Open To Public Monday Night

Eva Whittington, a music education major at Gardner-Webb College will give a senior recital on Monday, September 26.

The 8 p.m. performance will be held in Gardner-Webb's O. Max Gardner recital hall and is open to the public free of charge.

Miss Whittington, who is a contralto soloist, will perform selection by a number of composers. She will open the recital with "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" and "I Will Sing New Songs" by Dvorak and will conclude the performance with "Under the Greenwood Tree" by the

American composer Douglas Moore.

Miss Whittington is a member of several organizations at G-W including the Music Educators National Convention and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is also the creator of the Rainbow Ministry, a Christian organization that has made presentations at a number of churches throughout the area.

In other college news, Gardner-Webb has announced the appointment of Thelma J. Hutchins as director of the college's library.

Ms. Hutchins come to Gardner-Webb after serving 15 years as a librarian at South Georgia College in Douglas, Ga.

She has also served as a librarian at Florida State University and Campbell University.

Ms. Hutchins has experience in all aspects of library administration and has authored a number of articles on library services for local newspapers, library handbooks and procedure manuals for South Georgia College.

Ms. Hutchins' educational background is also extensive.

She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Wake Forest University, a bachelor's of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is currently a doctoral candidate at Florida State University.

From 1975-1978, Ms. Hutchins was listed in Who's Who of American Women and in 1970 was listed in the Biographical Directory of Librarians.

She is a member of a number

of professional organizations including the Southeastern Library Association, and the American Library Association and Association of College and Research libraries.

According to Dr. John Drayer, vice president of academic affairs at G-W, Ms. Hutchins is well prepared for her new responsibilities as director of Gardner-Webb's library.

"Ms Hutchins' considerable experience and qualifications combine to make her an outstanding choice for the leadership position in our library," he said.

Boiling Springs Location Chosen For Cleveland County Fair Tickets

The Cleveland County Fair again this year will offer fairgoers an opportunity to purchase, in advance, general admission tickets and universal ride tickets at discount prices. General admission tickets, priced at \$2.50 each, will be on sale for \$2.00. Universal ride tickets, a \$8.40 value, will be on sale for \$5.00. Fair Manager Joe Goforth has announced that these special discount prices will be in effect through Thursday, September 29.

Advance tickets are on sale at the following places: American Safety Utility Corp., 317 E. Main St., Forest City; Blackstone Electric & Supply Co., 1810 E. Dixon Blvd., Shelby; Branch Banking & Trust, Fallston; Cleveland County Fair Office, Fairgrounds, Shelby; Cleveland Mall Office, 2001-53 E. Dixon Blvd., Shelby;

First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Boiling Springs; First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Cherryville; First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Kings Mountain; First National Bank, Main Office, 106 S. LaFayette St., Shelby; Jerry's Mini-Mart, Highway 226, Polkville; Lawndale Auto Supply, Grigg St., Lawndale; Mike Falls Plaza Exxon, 330 W. Dixon Blvd., Shelby; One Stop No. 1, 900 Fallsto Rd., Shelby; One Stop No. 4, 4202 S. Post Rd., Shelby; One Stop No. 5, 108 S. Jacobs St., Cherryville; One Stop No. 7, 2040 E. Dixon Blvd., Shelby; One Stop No. 8 Ice Cream Churn, 1201 E. Marion St., Shelby; Parker's Amoco, 870 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain; Philbeck Grocery, 2105 Tower Road, Shelby; Turner's Super Market, Casar; Village Pantry, 3003 College Road, Shelby.



Crash the Thrill Show Clown—Crash the crazy clown fails Joie Chitwood's brake test and the resulting sudden stop sends him flying.