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Suspect Wanted In Other NC Cities

Trouble compounded this week for the suspected kidnaper arrested last week as he tried to elude law enforcement officers in Boiling Springs.

Four additional warrants were served Tuesday in Cleveland County jail on Lee Thomas Pegues Jr., of Charlotte, in connection with the rape and robbery of an Asheville woman. The Asheville crime occurred September 14, five days before the kidnap and rape of a Charlotte woman and the theft of her automobile, which led to

Pegues's arrest here.

Charges against him are also pending in at least two other counties, Bob Fortenberry, investigating officer for the County police said Wednesday. Detectives from Thomasville have questioned Pegues in connection with a recent robbery there, and Mecklenburg County is preparing charges in the kidnapping and robbery of the Charlotte drugstore employee who was later raped near Kings Mountain and put out of her car on Highway 216.

The car led to Pegues's arrest in Boiling Springs in the early hours of Sept. 20. Boiling Springs policeman Dennis Theis was on his way home from a law enforcement class at Isothermal Community College when he heard a description of the rape victim's car on his police radio. Minutes later he saw the car in the Boiling Springs business district and kept watch on it and its occupants as he waited for town and county police to assist in the arrest.

Pegues was apprehended as he

fled from the car at Varsity Square Apartments toward Memorial Drive. A Mooresboro woman in the car with him was booked for resisting arrest after officers said she tried to kick open the doors of the police car and swore with considerable vigor. The woman was later released on bond.

In the Asheville case, the warrants charged Pegues with rape, kidnapping, robbery and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The female victim was abducted, robbed, raped and

stabbed, but did not die. The Thomasville case involved the larceny of an automobile, and the victim there was reportedly a man.

The serving of warrants in the cases is being spaced, Fortenberry said, because each case must come to a hearing before a judge within 96 hours after charges are filed.

Pegues, described by lawmen as a tall, slim, clean-cut 20-year-old black man, lived in Charlotte. He had been unemployed for about a year,

Fortenberry said. Pegues's brother has been in Cleveland County jail for about two months, Fortenberry said, charged with the armed robbery of the Shelby Sky City discount store. It was not known whether the two have friends or relatives in this area.

Pegues was charged in Cleveland County with the rape of the woman abducted in Charlotte and the theft of her car, because those crimes occurred in the county, near Kings Mountain.

The Foothills View

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Hot-Footing It For The Frisbee

When you're five, and have spent a beautiful September morning getting used to classroom etiquette, a good run is its own reward and excuse. But these Boiling Springs Elementary kindergartners are learning the fine points of frisbee-chasing. "Some of them had never held a frisbee before," says teacher Martha Blackburn, delighting in the great form her students bring to this new and complex subject.



Calls Keep Shanghai Jumping

It was an achievement, but not the type wanted by fire chief Dennis Hamrick of the Shanghai Fire Department. Wednesday was one of the busiest days on record for Shanghai as the 31-man volunteer department answered three calls within a nine-hour period.

One of the calls was to assist in putting out a fire at the No. 3 Fire Station at Shelby.

The day began at 4 a.m. for Hamrick and the other Shanghai firement after a passer-by reported a partially collapsed

barn on fire at Patrick Road, just outside Boiling Springs.

The owner of the land decided to allow the barn, which he had planned to tear down, to burn completely. "He said let it burn, and we let it go," Hamrick said.

Later in the day, however, sparks from the burned barn spread to nearby grass, resulting in the third call of the day at 1:30 p.m. for Shanghai. Earlier the department had assisted at the 8:40 a.m. blaze at No. 3.

No one was hurt during any of the three calls.

Re-Enactment Picks A Fight At Mountain

Members from five states (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia) will reenact for the ninth straight year the events leading to the defeat of Colonel Patrick Ferguson in the battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780.

The 12-day march began on September 26 when the marchers set out from Sycamore Shoals, near Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Following the original route these modern-day Patriots will arrive at Quaker Meadows near Morganton, North Carolina where they will converge with a contingent from Wilkes and Surry Counties, North Carolina. They will be joined by additional

participants along the route, arriving at Cowpens National Battlefield on October 6. Leaving Cowpens National Battlefield on October 6. Leaving Cowpens National Battlefield on the morning of October 7, the marchers will arrive at Kings Mountain National Military Park at 3:00 p.m., the time the battle began on October 7, 1780. Their march completed, the participants will attend a program in the park amphitheater at which Dr. Bobby G. Moss of Limestone College will be the main speaker.

The program will be followed by a wreath laying ceremony on the battlefield ridge at the United States Monument. The public is encouraged to attend both events.

Where's A Friend When You Need One? Try The Stacks At The Library

A former chancellor of UNC-G, James Ferguson, once said, "The support and interest of friends can mean for a library the difference between mere adequacy and genuine excellence."

It is for that same purpose that the organization, Friends of the Library of Gardner-Webb College is being established.

"I am excited to be a part of the new organization of the Friends of the Library," said Rosalynn Gilliatt of Shelby, who is chairman of the organization's

board of directors. "In the first place, I need stimulation for growth and I feel I shall definitely get this. In addition to this we hopefully can mean something to the college."

According to Ms. Gilliatt, the organization's primary objective is to enhance the quality of service the John R. Dover Library provides to Gardner-Webb and to the community.

The organization hopes to accomplish this she said by: bring-

ing guest speakers to the campus; identifying opportunities for acquisitions of books and collections; and by aiding in the production of exhibitions, lectures and occasional publications.

In addition to enhancing the services provided to the community, the organization will also provide special activities to its members as well, including book reviews, lectures and book sales.

Membership into the Friends

of the Library is \$7.50 annually.

Other Shelby area residents joining Ms. Gilliatt on the organization's board of directors are Joe DePriest, C.C. Guy, Rebecca Hamrick, Forrest Hunt, Margaret Kirk and Jessi Ogburn.

For more information about the Friends of the Library, interested persons may call Dr. Bill Crouch, development association G-W, at 434-2361, ext. 370.

\$50,000 Contribution

G-W Enrollment Sets Record For Sixth Year In A Row

For the sixth consecutive year Gardner Webb College has set an all-time high enrollment record.

Figures of the 1983 fall semester show that 1860 students enrolled at G-W, a 6% increase over the previous high recorded in the fall of 1982, when 1749 students were enrolled.

The enrollment figures reflect increases in all academic programs but indicate significant growth in the college's graduate program as well as the Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners (GOAL) program.

There are 105 students enrolled this fall in the graduate program compared to 52 students

last year. The GOAL program showed an increase from 492 students in the fall of 1982 to 550 students this fall.

"I'm not surprised at the increase," said Dr. Gil Blackburn, director of graduate studies. "We've made a concerted effort to recruit graduate students. We opened a center in Statesville where we now have 30 students enrolled."

Established in 1980, Gardner-Webb's graduate studies program offers master's degrees in education, and health and physical education. The program was expanded in the summer of 1983 to offer courses in Statesville as well as on the Gardner-Webb campus.

In other college news Gardner-Webb College has announced that George Blanton Jr. of Shelby has made a \$50,000 contribution to the college's comprehensive financial development program "Getting Ready for Tomorrow."

The announcement came at the conclusion of the September 23 meeting of the college's board of trustees.

"George Blanton Jr. is giving leadership to this major college program by both example and direction," said Dr. Craven Williams, president of Gardner-Webb. "When he made his gift, Mr. Blanton indicated that the board should demonstrate its support and lead the way. Clearly George Blanton Jr. is pro-

viding this college with the leadership and support today's challenges require. We are truly indebted to him."

Blanton, who is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the First National Bank in Shelby has already played a vital role in the college's new financial development program in addition to his financial contribution.

As chairman of the program's endowment development committee, Blanton is coordinating the fund raising activities targeted at raising \$15.6 million. This represents the largest portion of the \$28.6 million program "Getting Ready For Tomorrow."



Last Roses Of Summer
Given new life by cooler weather, the roses of the Dover Memorial Garden on the Gardner-Webb campus are putting on a glowing performance before frost closes the show. Partially planted last spring, the garden, as yet unfinished, survived drought to become one of downtown Boiling Springs' bright spots.