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Wake Man Goes On Trial For His Life For Rape

J. A. Wirt Atkinson, 27-year-old filling station operator of the Garner section of Wake county, who is charged with ravishing 23-year-old Sarah Barber of Clayton township, went on trial for his life in Johnston county Superior court Wednesday. A special venire was ordered by Judge R. Hunt Parker summoning 150 prospective jurors for the capital case.

The red-haired defendant, who was arrested last Thursday morning and kept in an undisclosed prison until Sunday when he was returned to the county jail, was arraigned on the rape charge in court Tuesday morning, pleaded not guilty. The arraignment proceeding took place after the grand jury had returned a true bill of indictment against Atkinson on the basis of testimony given by two witnesses Monday.

Miss Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Barber and an employee of a Raleigh drug store, who told sheriff's officers that she was attacked criminally three times last Wednesday night, related her story to the grand jury, and additional evidence was supplied by Dr. P. F. Yates of Clayton, who examined the young woman following the assaults.

The bill of indictment alleges that Atkinson "did unlawfully, willfully and feloniously ravish and carnally know Sarah Barber, a female, by force and against her will."

Solicitor W. Jack Hooks, who announced that the state would seek a first degree conviction automatically calling for the death penalty, is being assisted in the prosecution by James R. Pool and L. L. Levinson, attorneys employed privately by the family of Miss Barber.

Atkinson is represented by William B. Wellons, G. A. Martin, E. J. Wellons and Claude C. Canaday.

According to the story related by Miss Barber to Sheriff Kirby L. Rose, she alighted from a bus in Clayton at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday and was offered a ride to her home several miles south of the town by a man whom she thought she knew until she was inside the car.

Instead of driving her home, she stated, the man drove for seven or eight miles over country roads, finally turning down a path leading into a wooded area where he stopped the car, forced her to get out, struck her with his fist across the jaw, rendering her semi-conscious, ordered her to remove all her clothing, then assaulted her twice.

Later, Miss Barber related, they drove to Bill Stallings' filling station across the Neuse from Smithfield where gas was purchased, the man threatening to kill her if she called out for help. Before taking her home, he drove into another patch of woods, forced her to undress again and assaulted her a third time, she told officers.

She said the man gave his name as Robert Johnson and claimed he had been working at a store in Smithfield,

but was scheduled to enter the Army next day.

Miss Barber reached home about 11 p. m. and told her father what had happened. Officers were notified immediately and from evidence picked up at Stallings' filling station they began a trail which led to the arrest of Atkinson at his home three miles from Garner. Deputy Sheriff Joe Turner Barnes, Policeman Lisbon Jones of Smithfield, and Deputy Sheriff C. E. Wrenn of Wake county took him into custody. Atkinson then was carried to the Barber home where Miss Barber identified him as her attacker.

Atkinson, a married man, is the father of a child.

Visiting Evangelist Is Kiwanis Speaker

Evangelist G. G. Lanter of Reidsville, who was conducting a series of evangelistic services at the Selma Baptist church, was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening. He was introduced by Program Chairman Vernon Wiggs.

The Rev. Mr. Lanter said the all-important thing for each and every one in this world is to make peace with the Heavenly Father through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The speaker warned that our days here are but few, and that the material things of this life do not matter so much as those things which are eternal. The minister quoted repeatedly from the Scriptures as he drove home the theme of his message.

The attention of the club was called to the serious illness of Leon Hinnant at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hinnant, and at the close of the meeting a neat sum was made up by Kiwanis members and sent to the Hinnant family, but upon arrival at the Hinnant home it was learned that their 22-year-old son, Leon, had died at 7:45, only a few minutes after the club's attention had been called to his illness.

The attendance prize, awarded by H. V. Gaskill, went to R. E. Suber.

Pvt. Jimmie Woodard Arrives In England

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard have been notified of the safe arrival in England of their son, Pvt. Jimmie C. Woodard. He was inducted into the Army on December 14, 1943, and received his training at Fort Bragg and at Camp Plauche, New Orleans.

Before entering the armed services Pvt. Woodard held a position with the A. C. L. Railway Company at Goldsboro. He is now with some railroad company in England, and is connected with the 13th Traffic Regulation Group.

Dewey to Head Ticket

Won Republican Nomination On First Ballot—Gov. Bricker Is Named For Vice-President — Dewey Accepts Nomination In Personal Address.

For months political observers in Republican ranks have predicted that Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, would be nominated for the Presidency at the Republican National convention on first ballot, and that is exactly what happened when the voting began at Chicago Wednesday. Delegates who had gone to the convention uncommitted soon caught the trend and fell in line.

Governor Dewey flew to Chicago by plane last night to deliver his acceptance speech to the convention in person. Mr. Dewey was in fine spirits, and news reporters who have heard Governor Dewey on various occasions, declared the Governor spoke even better than they had ever heard him.

On the final ballot, Governor Dewey only lacked one vote of getting a unanimous vote, which was cast for General McArthur.

Governor Bricker of Ohio, had considerable backing for the Presidency, but after reaching Chicago he doubtless realized the Dewey trend could not be overcome. Governor Warren of California, who had been groomed for Vice President, told the convention point blank that he would not accept the nomination. Following this announcement by Governor Warren, Governor Bricker's name became very much associated with the Vice Presidential nomination. Sensing the trend, as Governor Bricker most surely did, he addressed the convention in a most able manner and withdrew his name as a candidate for the Presidency in favor of Governor Dewey. When this announcement came he was forthwith nominated as Governor Dewey's running mate.

Bond Drive Getting Off To Good Start

The Fifth War Loan Drive in Selma is getting off to a good start, with sales of Series "E" Bonds reaching a total of \$21,587.50, and all others \$20,000, making a total of all bonds sold to date \$41,587.50.

Raleigh Griffin and Rudolph Howell are very grateful to all those who have given them such splendid cooperation in the drive.

The play, "Four Corners, U. S. A.", put on at the high school auditorium Tuesday night was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Broadwell Brothers Now In Foreign Lands

Pfc. Wilson (Jiggs) Broadwell is now somewhere in England and his brother, Ensign Donnie Broadwell, has arrived in Alaska, according to news from the boys just received by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Broadwell.

Bright Leaf Tobacco Market Opens Aug. 21

Opening dates for 1944 tobacco markets in Georgia, Florida, the two Carolinas, and Virginia and modifications of several marketing regulations were adopted by the Tobacco Association of the United States at its 44th annual meeting held in Raleigh yesterday.

The following opening dates were set by the association: Georgia-Florida Belt, Monday, July 24; Border Belt-South Carolina Belt, Tuesday, August 1; Eastern Belt, Monday, August 21; Middle Belt Monday, September 11; Old Belt, Monday, September 18; and Dark Virginia Belt, Monday, December 11.

The opening dates were adopted as recommended by the sales committee headed by N. M. Schaum of Wilson, and were approved without a dissenting vote from the more than 300 association members attending the session.

Selma Draft Board Sends 356 Boys to Bragg Early Today

MAYOR HENRY GETS AN ITALIAN FLAG

Mayor B. A. Henry exhibited an Italian flag to the editor of The Johnstonian-Sun Wednesday morning which he had just received from his nephew, Kirby Henry, who is now somewhere in England or France.

Along with the flag were two snapperly constructed and designed spreads and what appears to be a handkerchief which Kirby secured while in Sicily. Kirby also enclosed two bills of money of Italian exchange, and a silver fob.

The flag, measuring about 3 x 5 feet, is a real Italian flag. On this flag there are more than a hundred names of soldier boys who wrote their names upon it at every conceivable angle, zig-zag along the white panel in the center of the flag at various angles.

Ad Sells Bond To Party Out of County

The announcement in a recent issue of The Johnstonian-Sun that a person could dedicate a War Bond in a boy or girl in the armed forces and at the same time get a star placed by their name on a large placard at the Branch Banking & Trust Company in Selma, brought the following letter to Raleigh Griffin, cashier of the Branch Bank here:

"Acme, N. C., June 20, 1944.
"Mr. R. H. Griffin,
Branch Banking & Trust Co.,
Selma, N. C.

"Dear Mr. Griffin:
"I read of your plan, in the Johnstonian-Sun, for the people of Johnston County to buy a bond for the boys in the Service. I would like to buy one through the bank and dedicate it to my husband. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Radford of Selma. His name and address:
"Henry W. Radford, Ph. M. 1-C, U.S.N.R., U. S. N., Mobile Hospital No. 8, care Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California."

"As it isn't convenient for me to go to Selma right now, I am enclosing this 10c stamp album, filled, and 5c for one \$25 War Bond. Please put my name and my husband's on the bond and send it to the address below. Thank you.
"Mrs. Maggie Lee Radford,
Acme, North Carolina,
Care B. L. Daniel."

Friends Visit Mrs Oscar Crech In Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Piland and Miss Mildred Pittman visited with Mrs. Oscar Crech Saturday at Duke Hospital in Durham. Mrs. Crech, who has been very ill, is reported to be improving.

Mr. James Crocker of Washington, D. C., is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Crech, at Duke Hospital. Master Will Crech is to return with him to Washington.



PFC. C. LOUIS ROSE, who has notified his wife, Mrs. Louise Rose, of his safe arrival in England. He is serving with the Engineers and received his training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. Pfc. Rose is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Rose of Selma, Route 1.

Many Boys Overseas Are To Come Home

To the extent that shipping space is available, the War Department will increasingly endeavor to return to this country under a rotation furlough plan, men and women who have already served long tours of duty overseas.

The War Department has devised this plan of notifying hometown papers and broadcasters of returning personnel: At the time when personnel arrive at ports of debarkation, information will be sent to local Army agency and thence to hometown paper and broadcaster. Meanwhile, personnel will be passed through a necessary processing before return home for furlough. In most instances this should result in your learning of impending arrival of returned personnel to your community before actual arrival.

Accordingly, the following information is forwarded:
Pvt. Thomas B. Barnes, Field Artillery, returning from 23 months overseas in the African theater of Operations, was expected to arrive on approximately 23rd day of June at Fort Bragg, prior to reaching his home at Route 3, Kenly, where he will visit his wife.

Youth Club Closes For Three Weeks

On June 17th, the Youth Club of Selma decided to close its doors for a three weeks' period, in order to get their club building in shape and to make plans for an election of officers. Some of the present Youth Council were members of this year's graduating class and have now left the community to enter the armed forces or to accept work elsewhere. As a result, and until this can be done, it has been decided that the club should remain closed. A call meeting of the entire membership has been planned for the night of July 6th at 8:30 p. m. in the Club Building. At that time all the members of the club are urged to attend and be prepared to elect officers to fill the vacancies now existing on their council.

Mrs. Mable Nordan Payne, one of the club's supervisors, will be present at the meeting as well as a representative of the Kiwanis club and Selma Recreation Commission. It is hoped that enough boys and girls will attend this meeting on the evening of July 6th so that the club may be reopened on Saturday evening, July 8th. If it should be reopened that night the volunteer supervisors will be asked to start attending at their regular times immediately following this meeting.

The Johnston County Court House will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd and 4th, in observance of the 4th of July, and the County Commissioners will hold their regular meeting on the following Monday, July 10, 1944.

The following registrants were sent to Fort Bragg today for preinduction by Draft Board No. 2, at Selma:

J. D. Boykin, Rt. 2, Kenly; George Washington Howell, Rt. 1, Princeton; Joseph Wilbert Atkinson, Rt. 2, Kenly; Harold Fletcher House, Rt. 2, Selma; Joseph H. Richardson, Rt. 1, Kenly; Cameron Morrison O'Neal, Rt. 1, Wendell; Lonnie David Allen, Jr., Rt. 2, Clayton; Luther V. Stone, Rt. 2, Kenly; James Person Pittman, Rt. 2, Selma; Willie Ralph Bridgers, Micro; Grover Elmer Pope, Rt. 1, Kenly;

Garland Ross Carroll, Rt. 1, Selma; Lloyd Julius Carroll, Rt. 1, Wendell; E. J. Corbett, Jr., Rt. 1, Zebulon; Harley D. Medlin, Rt. 1, Clayton; Melvin Adams, Rt. 2, Clayton; James Howard Driver, Rt. 1, Wendell; J. P. Peele, Rt. 1, Kenly; Battle Messer, Rt. 3, Raleigh;

William Leo Edwards, Route 2, Princeton; Thomas Harold Barnes, Rt. 2, Kenly; Samuel Dalton Gilford, Rt. 2, Kenly; Carl David Davis, Rt. 2, Selma; John Thomas Scott, Rt. 2, Selma; Wilbert Lee Garner, Rt. 1, Selma; George Vick Creech, Rt. 1, Middlesex; Marvin Edward Bass, Rt. 1, Selma; Leo Franklin Talton, Garner; Angus Turner, Rt. 2, Clayton;

Charles Brantley Aycock, Micro; Hubert Lee Byrd, Rt. 2, Smithfield; Willard Nobel West, Selma; Arthur Felix Fields, Kenly; Henry Spence Overby, Rt. 2, Princeton; Swade Truitt Hardee, Clayton; Norman Charles Parrish, Rt. 2, Selma; William Arvel Hodge, Rt. 2, Kenly; Bernice Lewis Green, Rt. 2, Clayton; Roland Don Evans, Rt. 1, Kenly; Leland L. Pope, Rt. 1, Kenly;

Silas Eugene Peedin, Rt. 1, Princeton; John Elton Sanderford, Rt. 2, Clayton; Walter Allen Talton, Rt. 1, Princeton; William Nawbert Crocker, Jr., Rt. 1, Selma; Charles Edward Strickland, Rt. 1, Selma; Alton Claude Grady, Rt. 1, Selma; Jesse Thurman Starling, Rt. 1, Selma; Norman Jones, Selma; Andrew Rudolph Batten, Rt. 1, Wendell; Thomas Roland Jackson, Rt. 1, Kenly; Kenneth Dixon, Rt. 1, Kenly; A. B. Starling, Rt. 2, Kenly;

Mosses Lee Brown, Rt. 2, Selma; Alonzo John Austin, Rt. 1, Princeton; William Larkin Moore, Rt. 1, Zebulon; Ernest Delma Parrish, Selma; James Lester Brady, Rt. 2, Selma; Thaddeus Raiford Parker, Rt. 1, Princeton; Raymond Earl Pounds, Rt. 2, Clayton; Charles J. Mumford, Clayton; Robert Randolph Mitchell, Rt. 2, Smithfield; Clarence O'Neil Davis, Clayton; James Rudolph Bailey, Rt. 1, Selma; Grover Barney Daniels, Rt. 1, Kenly; Joe Ruffin Wall, Rt. 2, Clayton; Jessie Lee Cockrell, Rt. 2, Kenly; Roy Jefferson Norris, Rt. 1, Clayton; Herman Donald Holland, Rt. 2, Selma; Graham Harding Batten, Rt. 1, Selma; Daulton Roy Boyette, Rt. 2, Clayton; Raymond Parrish, Micro;

Joseph Edward Wall, Rt. 2, Selma; Shirley Cornelius Williams, Rt. 1, Garner; Ronald Vause, Rt. 1, Wendell; Wright Lupton Hardy, Rt. 1, Zebulon; Ralph David Moore, Rt. 2, Selma; Robert Edward Lee, Rt. 1, Selma; James Elton Hester, Rt. 1, Princeton; Ralph Carlton Hodge, Rt. 2, Kenly; Roby Eatmon, Rt. 2, Princeton; John Cleveland Jones, Rt. 2, Clayton; Robert Hatcher, Jr., Rt. 1, Selma; Lunsford Bailey, Danville, Va.; Joseph Ernest Batten, Rt. 2, Kenly; Elijah Glenwood Price, Rt. 1, Selma; William Elton Davis, Rt. 1, Wendell; James Otis Montgomery, Rt. 2, Selma; Derwood James Dupn, Rt. 2, Warsaw;

William Raeford Jones, Rt. 2, Smithfield; William Isaac Worley, Rt. 2, Selma; Hardin G. Blackman, Rt. 2, Clayton; William Henry Wallace, Rt. 2, Princeton; Boyd Jones, Rt. 2, Clayton; Earl Lynch Adams, Rt. 1, Princeton; Millard Morris Benson, Rt. 1, Clayton; Askew Price, Rt. 1, Zebulon; Charles Cleo Creech, Rt. 2, Kenly; Elbert Hogg, Rt. 2, Clayton; Ray Chamblee, Rt. 2, Zebulon; Hobart Theo House, Rt. 2, Princeton; John Robertson Smith, Rt. 2, Smithfield; James Daniel Pittman, Rt. 2, Selma; Henry Franklin Edgerton, Rt. 1, Clayton; Jethro Bunnion Batten, Rt. 1, Selma; Norman Nestus Crocker, Pine Level; Paschel Lee Bizzell, Rt. 2, Princeton; Elbert Balance, Rt. 1, Kenly; Ollie Kinnon Pate, Rt. 1, Kenly;

Sidney Harding Radford, Rt. 3, Kenly; Bernice Albert Pate, Rt. 1, Middlesex; Elton R. Pate, Rt. 1, Middlesex;

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