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## MAN HELD ON SERIOUS COUNT HERE

Rufus Tuck Will Be Charged  
With Attempted Assault At  
Trial Monday

## TWO SMALL GIRLS

Will Be Witnesses Against Man  
Held on Circumstantial and  
Damaging Evidence

Rufus Tuck, 25, was lodged in the Halifax county jail Tuesday afternoon to face a serious charge when he will be brought back here before Mayor Long for an examining trial next Monday afternoon.

He will be charged with attempted assault on a twelve year old girl.

Tuck was arrested Tuesday about noon by Chiefs Dobbins and Gray after circumstantial evidence pointed to him as the man who accosted Ruth Carroll, age 12 and a small Hazelit girl on the road between the railroad and Cedarwood Cemetery Tuesday morning.

The story told by the girls is that a man stopped them and told them he had a rabbit in the woods nearby, asking them to come over and see it. The girls followed him into the woods where they claim the attempt took place.

When the smaller girl ran toward the road, the man fled. Near the place they found engineer Barrow at work and he brought the girls to the officers. The only description they could give was that the man wore dark blue trousers with a white stripe.

Tuck was arrested at the bridge between Roanoke Rapids and the Roanoke Mills. But he was wearing overalls. The officers took him back to his house. He claimed he had not left the house all morning, as he had not been working for some time.

The officers say this story was refuted at his home where it was said he left at seven in the morning and returned about eleven. The trouble took place a little before the time of his return.

The most damaging evidence against Tuck was a pair of trousers similar to those described by the girls. They were found hanging back of the door. They were wet and the cuffs were covered with mud which the officers say came from the swamp thru which they tracked him.

Tuck maintained his innocence thru-out, although one of the girls identified him as the man. The other child, however, was unable to state whether or not Tuck was the man, saying she was too frightened to remember.

## GARYSBURG

Mrs. Tom Brown and son of Washington have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Q. T. Stephenson.

Mrs. Alice Parker has been ill but is improved.

Mrs. Lillie Edwards of Lawrenceville is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. H. C. Taylor and children of Durham have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor.

Miss Ezelle Ward has been the guest of Miss Byrd Suiter.

James Parker of Rosemary visited his mother, Mrs. Sallie Parker, last week.

Miss Frances Gay has returned from a visit to Washington.

Mrs. Z. L. Davenport of Gumberry is a patient in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

James N. Rasberry, formerly of Scotland Neck, is out under \$500 bond, charged with misappropriating \$5,000 from the Commercial National Bank of Raleigh, where he had been working.

It has just been learned that Macon Harrison escaped from Caledonia prison farm on June 13. He was convicted in 1927 of the slaying of Sheriff Turner of Lee County.

The four Spanish aviators, lost at sea for several days were rescued last week by a British vessel.

Oscar De Priest, Negro congressman from Illinois, hurled defiance at Southern States this week, terming their resolutions concerning the Hoover tea party as "cowardly."

## MRS. H. T. TAYLOR CONTEST WINNER

Mrs. H. T. Taylor was the winner of the individual prize in The Herald Subscription drive which closed Saturday night and which added many new subscribers to the growing list of the paper. The auxiliary of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist church were the winners in that contest. This contest now gives The Herald a bona fide paid up list in this county and that section of Northampton County across the river from this township. Meanwhile voluntary subscriptions from all over the county are being received every day at The Herald office.

## HEN THIEF IS CAUGHT

Negro Steals 42 Chickens, Sells  
Them To Man Who Sells Them  
To Original Owner

Lee Palmer, negro chicken thief, was captured Wednesday night after a hard chase and lodged in jail. He stole 42 chickens, sold them to a man, who in turn, sold back to the man they first belonged to.

It was this way. Lee stole the chickens the first of the week from Mr. George Pappendick. He then later sold them to Mr. O. L. Smian. Tuesday, Mr. Smith took some of them to Taylor and Collier and sold them to that store. Mr. Pappendick, who is employed there, recognized them.

Mr. Smith agreed to take the chickens to the Pappendick chicken yard to test them out. Sure enough, the chickens were perfectly at home and started to feeding and roosting as if they had never been away. Sheriff Bell was called in Wednesday night and when Lee returned to the Smith home for his coops, the officer was awaiting him.

The negro got away and a merry chase followed. He was finally caught back of the Avenue Service Station by Bob Bishop, Norman Norwood and others who had been hastily deputized by the sheriff.

The preliminary hearing will probably held Monday.

## 'CLOSE HARMONY' IS APTLY NAMED

"Close Harmony" proves to be aptly named at the People's Theatre next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, when Buddy Rogers and Nancy Carroll, popular screen lovers appear in a peppy, zestful Paramount production in which the "red hot" music of the jazz age formed the medium of their musical and dramatic talents.

The play, an adaptation from the original story of the same name by Elsie Janis and Gene Markey, is a portrayal of the lives and loves of those who gain their livelihood behind the footlights on the vodvil stages of the big cinema palaces.

Buddy is the ambitious leader of a jazz orchestra, and Nancy is the headlined song and dance girl of the theatre where Buddy and his musicians get their chance. Menace and comedy alike are furnished by Jack Oakie and Richard "Skeets" Gallagher as a song and dance team, and by Harry Green as the high pressure manager of the theatre.

The general tone of the picture is that of sparkling, tuneful music and peppy dancing blended with throbbing romance. Its sound reproduction is "blissful" and comes nearer to absolute perfection than anything yet heard from the silver screen.

"Close Harmony" then, is worth seeing if you enjoy your eye and ear entertainment sliced thick and richly spread with zestful, peppy relish.

Mr. Carey Massey entertained a number of his friends at a delightful picnic at Slagell's Lake Tuesday evening. A delicious camp fire supper of roasted weiners, sandwiches, pickles, cakes, marshmallows and drinks were enjoyed by the following: Misses Iva Green Harris, Inez Massey, Sally Hodgens, Lillian Ketcher, Ellie Maud Massey, Sybil Simms, Kathleen A. Massey, Fannie Alford, Lillie Mae Keeter and Cinderella Hart. Messrs Roland Geddy, Lemanor Hart, Wilbur Mills, James McNeil, Hugh Rook, Carey Massey and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, and Mary, Ella Lee, Virginia and Mary Frances Taylor, motored to Oxford Sunday, visiting while there the Oxford Orphanage and the State Experimental farm of agriculture.

## LOCAL MAN DIES AFTER CAR WRECK

Robert Smith Is Killed In Auto  
Accident Near South Hill;  
Dies in Henderson

## FUNERAL TUESDAY

Hit By Truck From South Carolina; Car Demolished; Truck  
Disappears

Robert Smith, age 33, resident of the Belmont section, died Monday afternoon in a Henderson hospital as the result of an accident which happened early Sunday morning near South Hill, Va.

A large fruit truck with a South Carolina license, coming out of South Hill, struck the car in which Smith was riding, swept it from the road and fatally injured the Roanoke Rapids man.

The driver of the truck and the truck disappeared and have not been seen since. A policeman in South Hill barely caught sight of the license tag a few minutes before the accident which took place two miles this side of South Hill.

The injured man was rushed to the hospital at Henderson for medical aid but died Monday afternoon. He made no statement about the wreck and was only able to give his name and the words, "Roanoke Rapids." He was identified after a call here Monday to Chief Gray.

The body was brought here Tuesday and funeral services were held in Cedarwood Cemetery.

The car Smith was driving belonged to his father in law, J. J. Riggan, 300 street, Rosemary. The car was completely demolished.

A wife and three children survive. The children are Helen Taylor, 10, Mildred Allen, 8, John Wilson, 6. Mrs. Smith was Miss Lelia Riggan before her marriage.

The deceased was formerly a loom fixer for Roanoke Mills Company, but two weeks ago began driving a truck for the New Bakery of Rosemary, traveling the South Hill territory. Manager Etheridge of the New Bakery stated he was a good man on the job and had doubled the business on that route the short time he was on it.

It was not known why Smith was near South Hill Sunday morning. There were no eyewitnesses to the wreck and the fault has not been placed, since the truck driver cannot be located.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Recent births at the hospital: To Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Thorne, Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams, Lawrenceville.

The following have undergone operations in the past few days: Miss Mary Louise Rainey, Littleton, Mrs. Anna Temple, Lawrenceville, Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. Mary Parkinson, Mrs. A. J. Bounds, Mrs. D. A. Armstrong.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jackson died Wednesday morning.

Mason Anderson, injured in an auto wreck last week, is improving.

Mrs. C. T. Kidd was able to leave the hospital Tuesday.

The Monday night bridge club had a most delightful meeting on Monday evening with Mrs. Cooper Grizzard as hostess. Three tables were placed for players and after five or six progressions the scores were collected and Mrs. Allen Zollcoffer was presented a pair of silk hose as high score winner. A lovely plate of salad was served. Those enjoying Mrs. Grizzard's hospitality were Mesdames Hugh Camp, Howard Pruden, Julian Allsbrook, Allen Zollcoffer, E. E. Lehman, George Hayes and Miss Ruth Transou. Guests, Mesdames J. P. Grizzard, Octavius Griffin, Tommie Gates, Misses Florine Holt and Margaret Clarke.

Miss Ruby Pearsons of Erwin, N. C., is visiting Mrs. W. J. Chambliss.

The Kiwanis Club of Scotland Neck will meet only twice a month during the months of July and August.

The body of Mrs. James Harris of New York was brought to Scotland Neck last week for burial. She was formerly Miss Alice Hopkins.

## WORLD SERIES ON

The Bears and Cubs are in the midst of a 5 game series for the championship of the Rosemary Junior League, second half. The first half was won by the Bears, who also won the first game of this series Monday 6 to 2. The last half was close. The Yankees and Tigers were tied for 3rd place only one game behind the Cubs. These boys play air tight ball and a visit to their games near the Rosemary Mill office will delight any fan who wants to see some first class sand lot baseball.

## LOCAL BOY IS ON TOUR OF EUROPE

Charlie Spencer Sailed From  
New York Last Month For  
Three Month's Trip

## VISITS SIX LANDS

Boy Who Worked Way Through  
School With Smile Is Seeing  
The World

It will be interesting to the friends of Charlie Spencer, who always carried a "smile that wouldn't come off" and who, after graduating from the local high school, worked and taught and helped himself in any way he could until he graduated from Chapel Hill and after teaching the past year in the High Point high school, to know that he is, as Charlie says, "gonna see the world."

On June the 8th, Charlie sailed in company with Mr. Robert Marshall of High Point, on the S. S. Republic, from New York for Europe. They will anchor on the coast of France. They will spend about ten days visiting Versailles, Fontainebleau and the Chateau country.

The next stop will be Cologne, Germany where they will spend some time in visiting the Heidelberg university. Then they will sail down the Rhine to Switzerland and from Lake Geneva will go to Italy and visit for a few days each such places as Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, and Naples and from there they will sail over the Mediterranean to Genoa, the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. From this point they will turn back to France and will visit Nice and Carcassonne.

Spain will be the next in the tour with ten days spent in Seville and Granada, then by way of Madrid they will visit Spain again. They expect to fly from Paris to London, to ride through Spain on a donkey, to visit the grave of Shelley and see the Blue Grotto and travel through the Chateau country on bicycles. They will then turn their faces homeward and expect to land in New York on September third.

## FOR NEW CHURCH

The Ladies Aid Society of the Rosemary Methodist church is trying to do its share in helping build the new church now planned. Every Saturday they will sell barbecue, chicken salad, sandwiches, home made cakes and pies, drinks and ice cream from 11 a. m. to 10 p. m. They are located in the tent across from the Rosemary Theatre and will appreciate a visit.

Miss Margaret Barrow was hostess to three tables of bridge celebrating her birthday. The high score prize was won by Miss Alice Coleman and Dr. Wm. Ward. A sweet course was served and the birthday cake cut. Those playing were Misses Julia Bradley, Alice Coleman, Iva Pitt, Lucile Smith and Eva Krause and Messrs George Burgwyn of Jackson, Jack Cassada, Earl Gaddy, Homer Jones, Ned Manning and Dr. Wm. Ward. At 11 o'clock the members of the party were invited to the home of Mrs. S. T. Peace where dancing was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Strickland and family have returned to their home in Erwin, N. C., after visiting Mrs. Strickland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tudor.

Miss Louise Boyd of Rocky Mount, N. C., is visiting Miss Janie Cook.

Miss Lucy Wood had returned from New Bern, N. C., where she has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Brinkley.

Misses Lillian and Beulah Massee Wood ruff of Erwin, N. C., are visiting friends here.

## PET DAY FRIDAY AT PARKS

City Playgrounds Opened Monday  
With Many in Attendance  
And Growing Daily

## GOOD SUPERVISION

Children Will Bring Their Pets  
In Contest Friday; Open to  
All in Community

Those children of the Twin Cities who have not yet been to one of the two playgrounds started Monday have missed a whole lot of good fun.

The work has begun in earnest under the direction of Mr. Parks, the new High School Coach. He has been doing this summer work for the past two years at Sanford and received special training at Charlotte. He has an assistant at each park.

The children are urged to attend the playground nearest their home. The Rosemary Park is being used for a playground and 150 children were having the times of their lives there Tuesday morning. The playground of the Central school is being used in Roanoke Rapids.

The hours are from 9 to 11 each morning and from 3 to 5 each afternoon.

All the old games and plenty of new ones are being taught the children by experienced play supervisors. Playground ball and horseshoes seem to fascinate the boys, while the girls always seem to be in a big circle doing some mysterious new game.

Friday of this week will be Pet Day. Every boy and girl under 14 years of age is urged to bring his or her pet for the contest. There will be prizes awarded for the largest pet, the smallest pet, the prettiest pet, the ugliest pet, etc.

The grown ups should be there Friday to see the children display their pets. Some of them will have little dogs, some of them big dogs, kittens and cats, canaries and parrots, and we bet some of the boys will have frogs and fish and maybe a pet flea.

Every child 14 or under in this community should be at the playground. Parents should welcome this work which will keep the children from the streets, teach them the proper kind of games, teach them to play with other children in the right way. The ground supervisors are very careful to see that only the best influences are brought to bear and this play is open to all the little boys and girls of the two towns. There are even sand boxes for the tiny tots and everything.

## DRIVING RULES

As a contribution towards greater safety and more pleasant driving conditions on the highways of the country this summer, the Ford Motor Company has listed twelve rules as suggestions to motorists and has distributed them to dealers all over the country.

Announcement of the suggestions was made today by the Tri City Motor Company, Ford dealer in this city, who will display the list prominently in his place of business.

"These rules," said Mr. Edwards, "are merely common sense as applied to automobile driving. Every experienced motorist knows all of them. It is our hope, however, that by stating them concisely and posting them where they will come to the attention of a great many motorists, we can emphasize them as to make a real contribution towards greater highway safety."

The twelve rules are: 1—Courtesy comes first. Consider the rights and privileges of others. 2—Keep your mind on your driving, and anticipate sudden emergencies. 3—Learn the "feel" of having your car under control. 4—Obey all traffic and parking regulations.

5—Keep to the right, and comply with road markings and signs. 6—Signal for stops and turns—Watch the car ahead. 7—Slow down at crossings, schools, dangerous places. 8—Never pass cars on hills, curves, crossings.

9—Adapt your driving to road conditions—rain, ice, soft spots and ruts. 10—It doesn't pay to take the "right of way" too seriously. 11—When you drive, remember that you're a pedestrian.

12—Obey the law. It was passed for your protection.

Miss Mary Hardy of Watsboro, Va., is visiting Miss Odell Smith.

## GUESS WHO?



Now don't ask us why Bill drew this one in this particular way. Perhaps it looked so much like the person that Bill felt that it should be disguised in some way. Anyway he put a mask on him, but the lower part of the face shown is exactly like that of a young man who works for one of the largest corporations in this section of the state, with headquarters in Roanoke Rapids. There are many handsome young men working for this particular company.

By the way Bill has a special set of his sketches bound in book form, some of them colored, and he has donated that as a second prize in this contest which ends September 1. \$5 in cash to the best set of answers and Bill's book of sketches for the second best.

## MARRIAGE LAW STARTS

In Effect Monday for Minors;  
5 Days Notice Necessary  
For License

The State's new marriage law goes into effect on July 1, and no more will minors be able to hurry from home to be married in haste if the purpose of its framers are realized. The law in its legal phrasing is as follows:

An act to require advance notice of five days with respect to issuing marriage license.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section I. That on and after July first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, application for a marriage license shall be filed with the register of deeds at least five days prior to the issuing of such license, giving the names, ages and addresses of the contracting parties, together with the names of the parents or persons in loco parentis: provided that upon the application of either of the parties to a proposed marriage the Clerk of the Superior Court of the county in which the license is to be issued may, upon satisfactory evidence being presented to him, or upon the request of the parents or guardian, if any, of the contracting parties, by order authorize the license to be issued at any time before the expiration of said five days.

Section II. This act shall not apply to marriages publicly announced through the press at least five days before the proposed marriage. This act shall not apply to persons over twenty-one years of age.

Section III. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section IV. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this 15 day of March, 1929.

## STORE IS MOVED

The H. T. Smith Department store this week moved from its old stand on the corner across from B. Marx Store to its new place up the street just this side of the Electric Building.

On Saturday night Mrs. Mary Grizzard and Mrs. Pendleton Grizzard were joint hosts at bridge honoring Miss Magneta Lassiter, the house guest of Mrs. Cooper Grizzard. The guest of honor was given a hand made handkerchief as a prize and high score prize was won by Mrs. Clarence Grimmer, a sachet. A salad course was served to the following: Mesdames Octavius Griffin, E. E. Lehman, Tommie Gates, George Hayes, Clarence Grimmer, W. C. Williams, Frank Wilson, R. P. Beckwith, Cooper Grizzard, Misses Magneta Lassiter, Margaret Barrow and Florine Holt.

Mr. Luther Parsons and children of Erwin, N. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chambliss.

## \$26,000 IS COST NEW BUILDING

Office Building at Halifax Would  
Stand County at Least That  
Amount Says Architect

## ANOTHER PROBLEM

Is Raise in Taxes Necessary If  
More County Roads Are To  
Be Built Next Year

The Board of County Commissioners met at Halifax Monday and after a short and quiet meeting adjourned until next Monday when they will meet again with the Board of Equalization.

Architects plans for a new office building to cost approximately \$26,000 were studied by the commissioners but no action was taken.

The plans called for a two story brick building of face brick corresponding with that of the court house. The possible location of the building would be in the rear of the court house and in front of the Jailer's residence.

On the first floor, according to the plans, would be the offices of County School Superintendent Akers on one side, and the offices of County Auditor Hawkins across the hall. There would probably be two other offices downstairs for other officials. Upstairs the plans called for sets of offices for the County Health Department, the Welfare Officer, the Home Demonstration Agents, etc.

As was previously reported, County Supt. Akers was ordered by the County School Board to move his offices to Halifax from Roanoke Rapids as of July 1. The school board requested space from the Commissioners.

To house Mr. Akers' force it would be necessary to make some changes in the court house. When Commissioner Shell demanded that in the event Mr. Akers was forced to move all the county officials should move to Halifax, it became necessary to plan on more room outside the present court house. Plans for an office building were called for.

Mr. Akers did not move July 1 for the reason there was no place for him to move to, as the changes were not made in the court house because of the new plans for an office building.

The case now seems resolved into the following possibilities. 1. A new office building costing \$26,000 to house all the county officials at Halifax. 2. Changing the court house and making only Mr. Akers move to Halifax. 3. Leaving things status quo, all county officials in their present locations.

Another problem confronts the county officials in the matter of the county road tax. Halifax county has as many county roads as probably any county in the state. They had grown so numerous that last year, while about \$40,000 was spent on new roads, it took \$120,000 to maintain all county roads.

If any new roads are built this year, it will be necessary to raise the tax levy about ten cents. It will take about all the road revenue at the present rate to maintain the roads now built. This question of raising taxes is worrying the officials, who would much prefer to order a reduction. However, they say the people are still clamoring for more roads in many sections of the county.

## LOSE FIRST IN 8

For the first time in eight games, the Rosemary Mill Bascoes dropped a game when they were defeated last Saturday by Chase City, Va., 12 to 5. The locals played good defensive ball with three double plays and one triple play, but they could not connect with the old pill at the right time.

Mrs. Cooper Grizzard entertained with bridge on Saturday afternoon honoring her house guest, Miss Magneta Lassiter. There were three tables of players and Miss Margaret Clarke was winner of high score prize, a flower vase. The honor guest was given a pair of silk hose. At each table the person cutting high card was given and old fashion nose gay. Those playing were Mesdames E. E. Lehman, Howard Pruden, Julian Allsbrook, Octavius Griffin, J. P. Grizzard, Carroll Wilson, George Hayes, Misses Ruth Transou, Margaret Clarke, Magneta Lassiter, Lucile Allen and Louise Pierce of Weldon.

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