

MISSING GIRLS ARE FOUND

TWO LOCAL GIRLS CAUGHT IN CONCORD

RUSSELL WHITBY IS HELD

Young Man Tells Con-
flicting Tales As Po-
lice Search

Gladys Green and Bertie Mae Harris were arrested this morning at Concord after a four day search which covered most of the State.

The Chief of Police of Concord called Chief Gray at 10:30 this morning stating he had the girls in his custody and asking for instruction.

Put them in jail and hold them until Mr. Green and I arrive," was Chief Gray's answer. They left for Concord before noon today and will return with the girls tonight.

The preliminary hearing of Russell Whitby, charged with taking the two girls to Charlotte Saturday night, will be held tomorrow afternoon before Magistrate R. L. Martin.

Police of several cities are searching for two young Roanoke Rapids girls who disappeared from here last Saturday night. Gladys Green, 14, and Bertie Mae Harris, 17, have not been seen nor heard from by their relatives since early Saturday evening.

Russell Whitby, 26, is being held here in jail charged with abduction. Sam Green, father of Gladys, returned last night after a futile search for the two girls in Charlotte, and nearby towns. Local officers have been scouring the country searching for clues.

Until the girls are found there is no proof that Whitby is guilty of the charge. Officers believe they went of their own free will as investigation showed they had accosted one citizen for a ride earlier and had been refused. They are also said to have told others they were going to hitch hike to Charlotte.

With a small girl, six years old, the two missing girls left their home early Saturday night. They bought a ticket to the show for the young companion, left her in the show and failed to come after her. When she went home she told relatives the girls had gone to Charlotte.

Mr. Green began a frantic search for them around here but could not find them. The search lasted most of Saturday night and Sunday with warnings sent out to nearby police and sheriffs.

Monday, word came to local officers that Whitby had made the statement in the mill where he works that he took two girls to Charlotte Saturday night. Later, a witness appeared who says he saw Whitby and a girl on the front seat of his car and a girl and a man on the back seat, late Saturday night. This witness did not recognize the girls.

Whitby was arrested. When accosted by Mr. Green, he said he did not know the Green girl. Later he said he did, according to the police. But he insisted the two girls he took to Charlotte were not the two being looked for.

His story was that he was introduced to two girls as the Misses Brown and they asked him to take them to Charlotte. He has not mentioned who the other man was, if any. He further said he left late Saturday night with the girls, arriving in Charlotte early Sunday morning. The girls took him to a house where an older man and woman whom they introduced as their parents lived. They called them papa and mama, said Whitby, and he ate breakfast with the family, returning to Roanoke Rapids late Sunday.

He told Mr. Green where he took the "Brown" girls and the father left Monday night. He searched all day Tuesday and most of Wednesday, re-

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LOCAL BOYS EASTERN CHAMPIONS

Junior Legion Team De-
feats Goldsboro at
Rocky Mount

The Junior baseball team, sponsored by the local American Legion Post, won the championship of Eastern North Carolina when they took two out of three games from Goldsboro, ending with a 10-0 victory on last Friday afternoon at Rocky Mount.

Each team had won one game on its home lot and the final game was played on neutral territory. A large crowd of Legion members and baseball fans from here attended the Rocky Mount game.

Goldsboro was saving its star pitcher who defeated the local boys 6-0 at Goldsboro. The local team went to bat first and with the lead off man on safe a batting rally scored two runs for our boys in the first inning and completely demoralized the Goldsboro team. In the third inning, the locals scored five runs and added five in a huge batting spree in the eighth.

Lefty Starke twirled for the local club and his curve and control was perfect. It was one of the best exhibitions of youthful pitching seen for many a day. Only one Goldsboro man reached third.

Backing him up was an errorless team with the exception of two wild pitches which did not prove costly. The outfield performed in splendid style. Johnny Bounds in left field pulled one of the sensational catches of the game. Every ball in the air found a sink hole.

Little Half-Pint Dickens on second continued his remarkable playing with several difficult stops. On short, Jimmy Wombie performed in smooth style and led his team in hitting, cracking out a safety 4 times out of 5. It was a great game from our standpoint.

As Eastern champions in the Legion State race, the local Post boys now face the champions of the West for the State championship. Durham and Gastonia are now playing off a three game series to decide the Western title. Our boys meet the winners.

Several citizens and fans, knowing the local Legion Post has no funds are soliciting money to buy the Junior team baseball suits so they will look their best when they go to play for the State championship. Some one will see you and if you are able to give the boys will appreciate your assistance.

Should these youngsters win the State title they will then go to another nearby State to play the State Champions of several nearby states for the district championship. Winning that they will enter the finals for the championship of the world. This is known as the Junior World Series and in addition to other prizes the winning team will be the guests of honor at the big World Series games.

Red Cross Life Saving Class Starts This Week

A course in life saving starts this week with two meetings each week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock. The first part of the work will be done at the American Legion Club rooms over Fligels. Shearod Crumpler will be in charge. He has returned recently from the American Red Cross camp at Annapolis where he completed courses, in life saving and similar work, receiving his certificate which authorizes him to teach that type of work. There will be two classes: Juniors from 12 to 17; Seniors over 17 years of age.

M. W. A. PICNIC SUNDAY
The M. W. A. will have a basket picnic at Tuscarora Beach on Sunday, July 27, for the members and families. All Woodmen are urged to attend and to leave the Hall at 9:30 Sunday morning.

2,500 MEN WILL WORK BIG DAM

Start of Work Still De-
layed By Lack of
Permit

A year from the time the work starts on the proposed dam project here, there will be 2,500 men employed, according to Sarle Bell of this city, who has just returned from Boston where he interviewed Mr. Hagerman, Chief Engineer for the Stone and Webster Construction Company.

Mr. Bell, who is a son in law of Mrs. B. Marks, was in Boston on business several days ago and ran into a college mate who is now in the employ of Stone and Webster. This friend arranged an interview when he learned how interested Mr. Bell was in getting some information about the proposed dam.

The local man says he was received very kindly by Mr. Hagerman who talked willingly about hopes of the company to get the permits through in order that the actual work might be started. Negotiations with State and Federal authorities have been under way for some time to get the necessary permit.

According to Mr. Bell, those in Boston did not seem to think there was much chance to get this final permit for several months, it probably being the first of next year before this could be accomplished.

When the work starts, a crew of about 125 men will be sent here for initial work; this number will be augmented from month to month as the work progresses until the peak will be reached about a year from the time of starting when approximately 2,500 men will be working.

The actual construction work will take from two to three years. Mr. Bell was uncertain whether Mr. Hagerman meant this time for the dam at Roanoke Rapids or for the two dams, as one is contemplated several miles up the river.

It is understood that the entire hydroelectric project on the Roanoke River by the Power Company will call for an expenditure of nearly forty million dollars. Mr. Hagerman said his company was at present working at a very similar project at Rock Island, Wash.

Local officials of the Virginia Electric and Power Company with engineers from Stone and Webster have been working for the past several months trying to get the Federal permit which would mean the starting of the dam. It is understood that the Federal government has been ready for some time to grant the permit as soon as the State of North Carolina had granted its permission.

It seems that a couple of departments of this State have held up approval on account of technicalities which Power Company officials are trying to adjust. How long it will take to satisfy these departments is not known.

It was hoped to get the Federal permit before the new Federal Power Commission, to be appointed by Mr. Hoover, goes into office, so as not to suffer possible delay in reopening the application before a new group.

Local Girl Caught In Italian Earthquake Area

Miss Evelyn Mullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Mullen, is in the earthquake area in Italy. The party of Greensboro College students touring Europe were scheduled to be in that part of Italy this week. No word has been heard from the party yet. More than 800 were reported killed in the various parts of Italy this week, with thousands injured. One whole town was destroyed.

Beach Contract For Rosemary Musicians

The Rosemary Concert Band has signed a contract to play all next week at Minnott Beach beginning Sunday, according to director R. L. Martin. They will give a concert daily. Minnott Beach is about 25 miles from New Bern on the Neuse River near Pamlico Sound, and is a very popular resort. Many Twin City people will visit the beach next week to hear the local bandmen perform.

MAN HELD ON GRAVE CHARGE

Capital Offense Charged
Against E. B. Owens,
White Man

What may develop into one of the most horrible crimes ever committed in this section of the State is reported to have taken place near here when E. B. Owens, white, 40 years old, was taken into custody yesterday afternoon.

Owens was arrested by deputy sheriff Ed Keeter at the mill of the Halifax Paper Corporation where he works at odd times, on a warrant issued by the State in which he is charged with a capital offense against a nine year old girl.

The child was brought here yesterday morning from her home across the river on the old Weldon road about 3 miles from Camps Store. A local physician examined her and when asked who her assailant was she named Owens.

A warrant was sworn out and sheriff Keeter went to the man's home but failed to find him. He was finally located at the mill. When arrested and told of the charge, Owens protested his innocence. But asked the officer, in case he was found guilty, what the penalty was. Mr. Keeter told him either the electric chair or life imprisonment. He was taken to Jackson and turned over to Sheriff Joyner to await examining trial.

The child is being cared for by a family here.

Owens' wife died about a year ago from typhoid fever. He has several children and most of the family, including Owens, were ill with the fever at the time the wife died. One of the children passed away a few days after the mother passed away.

And here is the horrible part: the chief witness for the State, when this case is tried, is a daughter of the defendant.

SURVEY IS MADE FOR NEW BRIDGE

Present Bridge Site May
Be Changed After All
Is Latest News

Another crew of engineers from the State Highway Department were here last week, making a survey for another bridge site. The survey came as a surprise to local people who had been informed by Commissioner Frank Keugler that a new bridge would be built at the present location, using the piers now in use.

It is reported now that investigation showed it would cost too much to reinforce the present concrete piers, so the decision of the Highway Department was changed once again.

If this report be true, there will be much glee on the part of local citizens who feel they were treated meanly by the Commission when that body rushed through resolutions to use the present site, prior to the time the survey up the river had been completed.

As if this was not enough, the Highway Department sent in a crew to change all the road markings on this highway. Both State and Federal markings were quickly changed without warning or notice and there are those who think the Department may have to take backwater on this procedure, just as it is now doing in the matter of a new bridge. Plans are being laid to delve back into the records and discover just what authority the Department has to change the road markings and take Route 40 and Federal Highway 17-1 from this community. Information will also be sought to determine alleged trades of highways which are reported as being made in the past.

The survey which was made last week was for a proposed bridge and road to be located approximately half way between the present bridge

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BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSES

Commencement Exercises
This Friday Night
At High School

Commencement exercises of the Daily Vacation Bible School will be held Friday night at eight o'clock in the High School Auditorium. The parents and friends of the boys and girls are invited to attend and see what they have been doing in the past two weeks. The outstanding feature of the school has been the fine spirit of cooperation between the different churches. The ministers of Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids together with many of their Sunday School teachers and helpers have given over every morning of the past two weeks to help in the running of the school.

Considered from every viewpoint the school has been a great success. Especial acknowledgement ought to be made of the services of Miss Georgia Keene and Mr. Shell of the Methodist board; and Miss Beverly Neal and Miss Julia Bradley from the Presbyterian Board. Without the help of these trained leaders, the school could not have achieved as high a standard. The enrollment of the school reached the total of 260, which was divided among the different churches as follows: Rosemary Baptist, 77; Rosemary Methodist, 32; Christian Church, 12; Episcopal, 27; Roanoke Rapids Methodist, 46; Roanoke Rapids Baptist, 33; Presbyterian, 32; Holiness, 1. The enrollment by departments was as follows: Primary 39 boys, 61 girls; Juniors, 60 boys, 56 girls; Intermediate, 27 boys, 21 girls.

The boys and girls have decided to make a special offering on Thursday for the starving boys and girls of China. Practically every one has promised to deny himself or herself something during the coming week that the school may have a sizeable sum to send. During the commencement exercises, an offering will be taken from the adults for the same cause.

The faculty of the Bible School consisted of the following: Primary department, Miss Georgia Keene, superintendent; helpers, Miss Lillian Bell Jenkins, Miss Aagatha Moore, Miss Virginia Lyerly, Mrs. Zollie Powell, Miss Vashti Kennemur, Miss Susie Webb Thrift, Miss Virginia Ogletree. Junior department, Miss Beverly Neale, Miss Julia Bradley, superintendents; helpers, Miss Laura Nell Thrift, Miss Edna Wafford, Miss Pauline Kendrick, Miss Alma Vaughan, Mr. J. L. Stuart. Mr. Bynum, Mr. Thrift and Mr. Hall have been teaching courses in this department. Intermediate department, Mr. Shell and Mrs. M. L. Hall, superintendents; helpers, Miss Edna Tickle. Mr. Mustian, Mr. Kirk and Mr. Grantham have been teaching courses in this department. Mr. R. G. Knight has had charge of the handbook for Junior and Intermediate boys. A very interesting exhibit of the things made by these boys will be held immediately after the exercises. Mr. Charles Thrift and Mr. Edwin Akers together with the ministers have been assisting him. The school wishes to express its thanks to the playground directors who have taken care of the boys' and girls' recreation and also helped in other departments.

Prohibition Debate

There will be a debate held in the basement of the Christian Church at Rosemary Friday night July 25, at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend and hear this much discussed "question" debated by six speakers of the evening. Special quartett numbers will be rendered by the church quartet. No charge for admission.

ROSEMARY METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. L. B. Jones, presiding elder of the Weldon district will preach on next Sunday morning. At night Mr. W. V. Woodruff of Roanoke Rapids will conduct the service. Everybody is invited to attend these services.

Trying to Duplicate a Vaudeville Stunt of Shooting Ashes off a Cigar Held in Another's Mouth, Clyde Hicks of Dallas, Texas, shot out several teeth of his friend, Johnny Sandel.

Several hundred people who journeyed to the Rosemary swimming pool last Friday night were treated to an hour and a half of real entertainment and fun. The water mill was run off in good style and spirited contests were witnessed in most of the events.

The winners of the various events were: Senior 100 yard dash, Norman Speight. Watermelon race, Clyde Mills. Intermediate 60 yard race, Paul Matthews first, George Saunders second. Plunge, Paul Matthews. Diving, Paul Matthews. Egg and spoon race, Harry Cannon. Junior 40 yard dash, Harry Cannon. Tub race, Edward Glover.

Prizes for the winners were donated by Ever-Ready Cleaners, Collins Pressing Club, Al George Cleaners Tackel Pressing Club, The New Rosemary Theatre, Twin City Midget Golf Course, Rosemary Drug Co., Crowder's Dept. Store, Rosemary Supply Co., J. L. Cobb, Jack Weissner, The Quality Shop.

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RUM RUNNERS TAKEN AFTER ONE IS SHOT

SUMMER SCHOOL IS OVER

47 Complete Special
Work At Local High
School

A most successful summer school at the High School ended last Friday, thus bringing to a close six weeks of intensive study. The results are satisfactory in every way. Forty-seven of the courses registered for were successfully completed. This number is unusually large for summer school work here, as a result of the large number, several students have placed themselves in a better position for their future work.

The purpose of the summer school has been two-fold: first, to enable students to make up work which they failed; second, to enable students to get ahead of their work and finish High School before the usual time required. By being enabled to make up work which has been failed, some students may proceed with their grade and class and thereby finish High School on time. By being enabled to get ahead of their work, some students may finish the senior High School work in two years instead of the usual three.

Miss Mary Cannon and Mr. Reid have done the teaching and they are well pleased with the way the students have worked and responded during these six weeks of the usual vacation period. Plans are already being made to repeat the summer school work next year on an even bigger scale.

Those taking and successfully completing summer school courses are as follows:

7th Grade. Hugh Bugg, English and Math; Edward Glover, English and Science; Leroy Morris, Math and English; Alice Myrick, Math; Raymond Johnson, Math and English; James Spivey, English and Science; Virginia Taylor, Math and English; Leroy Prince, History; J. J. Thompson, English, Math and History.
8th Grade. Roy Kennemur, Math; Murrell Hudson, Math; Gladys Merritt Math and History 9th; Ed Lewter Math; Helen Padgett, Math; Jack West, Math; Randall White, English and Math; Ercelle Harris, History.
9th Grade. Clyal Ranhorn, Eng-

HUNDREDS SEE SWIM

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FIND 34 GALLONS IN CAR

Raymond Acree Wound-
ed in Liquor Raid on
Avenue

A rum-runner was shot and captured with 32 gallons of whisky on the Avenue late Friday afternoon.

When the officers surrounded his car, which was parked opposite the Rosemary Park, Raymond Acree pulled his gun and tried to make his getaway but was shot in the leg by one of the officers and is now in the hospital where he will recover from his wound.

Acree, who is about 23, was owner of the Chrysler roadster in which was found 32 gallons of liquor, carefully secreted with a large mallet, which officers say was to be used to destroy the evidence in case of a hot chase.

Arrested also was Hinton Faison, 21, who was in the car with Acree and who is also wanted on several other liquor charges. Howard Ferguson, 17, escaped in the excitement of the capture.

Sheriff Johnson and Charlie Lawrence, deputy sheriff from Scotland Neck, passed the Acree car at the Fairway Filling station. Coming into town, the Sheriff summoned deputy sheriff Bell, Chief Gray and deputy sheriff Keeter. In two cars, the officers hunted for the Acree car which had left the filling station. Acree was wanted on previous liquor charges.

The officers suddenly saw the car parked near the Rosemary Park opposite the Gurkin boarding house. Acree and the two others in the car were talking to some girls. Chief Gray turned his car from the traffic and stopped directly in front of the Acree car. Things began to happen in a hurry.

Acree started to back his car up, the girls screamed and ran, Faison and Ferguson jumped from the Chrysler and started across the high ditch on the West side of the Avenue. Sheriff Johnson drove his car into the back of the Chrysler, blocking escape that way, officers piled out of both cars.

With no way to escape on the Avenue, Acree came out of the car, gun in hand, waving the officers back. Deputy Sheriff Bell was in his path. One of the officers fired. He threw his gun about twenty feet, spun and fell with a bullet in his left hip, coming out in his left leg. Deputy sheriff Bell and Lawrence each fired one shot.

As Faison started over the ditch, deputy sheriff Keeter made a flying tackle into the ditch and nabbed him by the leg. When the two came up out of the ditch the shooting was over. As the shot sounded Ferguson was just turning the corner of No. 2 Mill of the Rosemary Manufacturing Co., having escaped by running thru the park now used in the mornings for a playground.

In the car officers found five jugs of whisky, each containing five gallons, two full cases and a part of another case, totaling some 32 gallons, which reduced equals 138 quarts or 256 pints. At the price said to be paid per pint this would be about \$400 worth of liquor.

Acree seems to have tough luck with his cars. The officers now have three of them. First they captured his Ford, later his Pontiac and now his Chrysler. They charge him with liquor in all three cases. He is also said to face a slot machine charge and now is added a pistol charge. Just before Christmas he completed an 18 months sentence on the roads. Faison is to face three liquor charges, it being said he was with Acree in the Ford, Pontiac and, of course, the Chrysler episodes.

A week ago, Acree was arrested by officers Keeter and Thorne on a warrant. At his place the officers found a slot machine which was confiscated. Acree asked the officers to take him to Littleton to fill bond. They agreed.

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