

LOOT IS RECOVERED

Shirt Thief Proves To Be "Super Salesman"

CARL GREEN AND R. R. DETECTIVE FIND THE GOODS

Alfonzo Mitchell, 30-year-old local colored man is in the Halifax County jail in lieu of bond set at \$200 on a charge of grand larceny, and at least one of last week's four robberies has been cleared up, thanks to the efforts of local officer Carl Green, and W. E. "Buck" Wilson, Seaboard detective of Henderson.

Wednesday night, November 15th, a box car on a siding near the freight depot at Roanoke Junction was broken into, and a case of dress shirts consigned to F. M. Coburn, was stolen.

Being one of four robberies in the city limits within as many days, the attention of the city police department was focussed on the case in an effort to bring the culprits to justice. Railroad detective Wilson was called in from Henderson by officials of the railroad.

Wilson, working in collaboration with officer Green, found a trail of the shirts that had been bartered and sold, "high, wide and handsome" all over the county, leading to the final arrest of the luckless Negro thief in a tobacco barn where he lived near Lincoln Heights, colored section of the city, last Saturday night.

Mitchell, who has a police record, having served a stretch on the roads from Rocky Mount on a burglary charge, evidently worked single-handed in the box-car raid.

Officers recovered 35 of the 72 shirts stolen, at least 25 of which are in good condition. The wholesale value of the entire case of shirts was thought not to exceed \$75.

Mitchell proved to be a most versatile and convincing salesman. Taking a bundle of shirts under each arm, he started out on his "territory," calling on farm houses in the county, with the story that he was a "travelling salesman" working out of Baltimore. Amusing aspects of the case presented themselves as it was learned by investigating officers that he had told his customers that the next time he visited them he would have a complete line of dresses and clothing for all of the family. These shirts were in the form of an "introductory offer," and he sold them in quantities of one or more, for from 25c to 50c apiece. In some instances, the price was much more, but were sold "on credit."

But the ill-fated "salesman" will probably not return to collect from his "time customers" for quite a while, for in all probability he will be the guest of the County long after the last shirt he stole and sold is worn out. Mitchell waived preliminary hearing before Mayor Kelly Jenkins Monday, and is being held in the county jail in default of \$200 bond.

MISS WAFFORD HOSTESS

Miss Edna Wafford was hostess on Tuesday Evening to the members of her bridge club. Progressive Contract was played at three tables. Attractive prizes were awarded to Mrs. Eugene Wilson for

winning high score and to Mrs. Tom Cheek for low. A salad course was served.

Those enjoying Miss Wafford's delightful hospitality were: Mesdames Eugene Wilson, Lester Edmondson, Alvis George, Sam Bunn, George Lampley, Wilmer Collier,

Clyde Liske, Ivey Mohorn, Bill Alligood, Zollie Powell, Tom Cheek and Miss Helen Turner.

Grief-stricken because of the death of her pet cat, Mrs. Mabel E. Force of Denver, committed suicide.



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