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FIND SQUEEZER GUILTY



ABOVE IS HUBERT MILLER, sentenced to prison in Superior Court today. This picture was taken by The Herald staff photographer a few minutes after Miller had confessed Tuesday night to an attack on a local girl and had also signed a confession saying he was "The Squeezer" who terrorized young girls here in 1937.

HUBERT MILLER IS SENT TO PRISON FOR ASSAULT HERE

"Queer" Boy Assaults Prominent Young Lady On Streets In Early Evening Tuesday; Admits "Squeezer" Activities

Hubert Miller, white boy of Roanoke Rapids, met swift justice in Halifax County when he was arrested a few minutes after committing a crime of assault and attempt to rape here Tuesday night, was indicted by the grand jury Wednesday and was tried, convicted and sentenced today.

A jury in Halifax Superior Court found the boy guilty today and Judge R. Hunt Parker fixed sentence at not less than 18 months nor more than three years in prison.

Miller, who will be 16 years old in May, was arrested in Roanoke Rapids by city police Brigman and Erwin just a few minutes after he had knocked down Marjorie Keene, 16 year old High School student, at about 8:30 Tuesday night. The assault took place in front of the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Roanoke Ave. and 5th St.

As he threw the girl to the sidewalk, Miller put his hand over her mouth but she fought him and scratched him heavily on one side of the face. Her screams frightened the boy, who got up and ran.

As Miller crossed the street, he almost ran into a car driven by Shearod Crumpler who caught a good look at the boy as the car lights were full upon for a moment. Mr. Crumpler parked the car, found out what had happened, got a good description of the assailant from the girl and gave chase with Officer Brigman.

Miller, with a cap and sweater and gloves, as described, was caught a few blocks from the scene and taken to police headquarters. One side of his face was badly scratched. He first told officers he had hurt his face sliding down a pole outside the High School building, but finally told them he was the one who had attacked the girl. He said he followed her from the Post Office, a distance of two blocks. He also told the officers what his intentions were.

Completing the confession, he told them he was the one, who in 1937, had molested young girls. At least six cases were reported of a boy or small man who trailed girls at night, usually when they were alone and grabbed them and attempted to kiss them. No other advances were then reported.

Miller said he was the one who had thus been termed "The Squeezer" and even called one of the girls by name. Altho only about 14 then, Miller was and is big for his age. He has recently been employed by a coal and ice company here and prior to that worked for a time in a local bowling alley.

City police, who did a good job on the arrest of Miller and in getting a complete confession from him as they piled up evidence against him, say they have been watching him for some time. About a year ago, they caught him with a watch which had been stolen from the home of Mrs. B. J. Dunning. Miller claimed he bought the watch from somebody at Roanoke Junction and due to lack of more evidence Miller was released.

UP and DOWN THE AVENUE
with the EDITOR

• • State Highway Patrolman H. W. Rothrock arrived in Roanoke Rapids yesterday to make his headquarters here. He will share an office with Chief of Police Dobbins in the Municipal Building

and, for the present, is living at the Smith Hotel.

• • A rifle was found in an abandoned boat last week and is now being held by the Police Department. The owner may have same by identifying at the Municipal Building.

• • A petition from the Roanoke Rapids Merchants Association was sent to Senator Long this week asking, as a member of the Senate finance committee, to work and vote for a cut in the sales tax from three to two per cent.

• • Next week starts National Boy Scout Week . . . among other activities the Scouts of troop 142 will have charge of Wood's Bowling Alley on Wednesday, Feb. 8th, from 4 p.m. until 12. The Boy Scouts will have tickets for sale.

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