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"RACKET" SWEEPS CITY

THESE SIX ARE IN THE ARMY NOW



Above a Herald staff photographer caught six selectees lined up in a row while they waited for a special bus to take them to the induction station in Fort Bragg last Monday. The four nearest the camera are volunteers, while the farthest two are draftees. Reading from left to right: Robert James Crowder, Monroe Street; Sidney Dallas Walker, Littleton; Robert Clark Smith, City; Melvin Daniels, Greenville; Carl Barnes, Washington Street; and Raymond Ray Williams, route 1, City. Walker, contingent leader, holds official papers in his right hand.

NEGRO HELD FOR ALLEGED ATTACK ON WHITE WOMAN

Willie Jacobs, Negro textile employee here, was ordered held for recorder's Court under a bond of \$200 at a hearing before Mayor W. B. Allsbrook Monday for an alleged attack on Miss Lorene Storey, young woman of 1003 Cedar Street. The alleged attack occurred Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock on February 8 in the home of the girl.

Jacobs was arrested in the case late last Thursday afternoon when the woman identified him as her assailant. Police had been working on the case since the alleged attack, but had not been able to find a man whom Miss Storey could identify as the man who attacked her.

Jacobs, who is being held in jail at Halifax in default of bond, claims that he is innocent of the charge.

The attack allegedly took place on a Saturday afternoon when the woman was alone in the home. Her father and brother were hunting.

She told the Court here Monday that she was in the house the afternoon of the attack, combing her hair, when she heard a knock on the back door. Believing the person to be one of the Negroes who often helped her father "kill" hogs, she went to the door and opened it. Standing inside the back porch screen was a Negro

whom she did not recognize, she said.

She asked him what he wanted and she said that he asked if her father was at home. She said she told him that he was not at home.

"That is all I want to know", she quoted the Negro as saying.

Thereupon he grabbed her and choked her into unconsciousness, the woman said.

That occurred about 5 o'clock, the woman told the court, and she became conscious again about sundown.

When she became conscious she went to a neighbor's home and told them what had happened, appearing to be very upset, according to reports.

Policemen, working from a description which she gave them of the man, rounded up several suspects, but the woman said that none of them was the attacker.

Trial at Recorder's Court was set for last Tuesday, but was postponed because of the illness of Miss Storey.

Born At Hospital

Three births were recorded at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital this week: to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hughes a boy, February 22; to Mr. and Mrs. William Brown a girl, February 23; to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dowles a girl, February 26.

ENDORSE WILSON FOR POST

The Mayor and City Board of Commissioners endorsed Carroll L. Wilson of Roanoke Rapids as Highway Commissioner and recommended certain measures pending in the General Assembly at a special meeting here Tuesday.

It has been known here for some time that Mr. Wilson was receptive to the appointment as highway commissioner, and he has received strong support in the county. He has the additional advantage of being rather close to Governor Broughton, having actively supported him in the primary election last year. Since that time he has conferred with the Governor from time to time on various matters.

The City Board heard a letter from Representative Julian R. Allsbrook read in which the legislator was asking the board what bills they would have him support in the House.

The board went on record as in favor of three things:

1. That Mr. Allsbrook introduce bill providing for the city of Roanoke Rapids to receive a 25 per cent share of the net profits from the sale of liquor through the ABC stores in the city.

2. That he support a bill providing for the sale and supervision of wines to be placed under the direction of the Alcoholic Board of Control.

3. That he support bill providing for municipalities to receive not less than \$3,000,000 and not over \$30,000,000 from the state gasoline tax and automotive license tax for use on state roads inside city limits.

Following is the letter drawn up by the board here endorsing Mr. Wilson for highway commissioner, copies of which were sent to Mr. Wilson, to Governor Broughton, to County Commissioners, and to the press:

February 25 1941

His Excellency
Honorable Joseph Melville Broughton

Governor of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina
Your Excellency:

We, the Mayor and members of the City Board of Commissioners of Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, North Carolina, endorse and request the appointment of Mr. Carroll L. Wilson of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., as District Highway Commissioner.

We take this official position knowing Mr. Wilson as a public-spirited citizen of this City, County and State and with the full knowledge of his unusual administrative ability as exemplified in his business and political experience, not only in Roanoke Rapids, but Halifax County and the State at large.

Mr. Wilson is a man of the

Object Of Hunt



Eddie Lee Carter, whose likeness is seen above in a recent photograph, is wanted in Halifax County to answer to a charge of shooting and killing Sandy Baker, another Negro, near Deep Creek on the afternoon of February 15. Carter is a light brown complexioned Negro, with brown flecked eyes. He is five feet eight inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds. When last seen he was wearing a small moustache. According to reports here Carter was known as a peaceful, good natured person. Sheriff House reported today that a trip to Norfolk in order to track down a clue failed to shed further light on the Negro's whereabouts. Carter disappeared after the shooting before officers called in on the case could make the arrest.

SENATOR TRAVIS SWORN IN

Appointed To Number Committees Monday Night

E. L. Travis, Halifax attorney who was elected without opposition in a special election last Friday, was sworn in as a member of the State Senate in a session of the Senate Monday night. He will fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. T. W. M. Long in Raleigh on February 3.

Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris administered the oath to the new Halifax member and courtesies of the floor were extended to Mr. Travis.

When Senator Travis entered the Senate, a committee of Senators Clark of Edgecombe and Gay of Northampton escorted him to the president's dais, where he took the oath. He was assigned to committees on Caswell Training School, Congressional Districts, finance, institutions for the blind, insurance, judiciary 2, libraries, labor, penal institutions, public welfare, railroads, Senate expenditures, Senatorial Districts, and trustees of the University.

VICTIMIZE "CREDIT" STORES

Carlton Hargrove of Roanoke Rapids and James H. Wade of Conway are being held in jail at Halifax on charges growing out of the alleged disposal of mortgaged property. No bond had been set today, according to local police.

A number of merchants here fell victim to the two-man racket which swept the town the latter part of last week and Monday.

The two men were arrested in Rocky Mount Monday when they had allegedly gone to that city for the purpose of disposing of articles bought here on an installment plan. They were brought back as far as Halifax and lodged in jail.

Local police say that the two men, with Hargrove doing all the buying in his own name, were buying radios, tires, tubes, and jewelry from local concerns and making the initial down payment. These commodities were then taken and disposed of, officers say. Some of the articles have been recovered.

Hargrove, police say, bought two tires and tubes from the Auto Service Station; four tires and tubes from The Auto Supply Company; two tires and tubes from the Grizzard Service Station; a radio from Shell Furniture Company; a watch from W. G. Lynch; a guitar from Lynches; a watch from Land Brothers Jewelers; and a radio from Joyner Furniture Company in Weldon.

The watch secured from Land Brothers was recovered, Wade having the watch at the time of his arrest. The watch secured from W. G. Lynch was left with a woman in Richmond, police say. It is being returned, according to a telegram from the woman. The guitar was pawned to a pawnbroker in Rocky Mount. Mr. Lynch has the ticket for the instrument.

Radios from Shell Furniture Company and from Joyner Furniture Company in Weldon were recovered in the filling station near Conway. Police are holding another new radio, but have not found where it originally came from.

The men had the tires from Grizzard's Service Station with them at the time of their arrest in Rocky Mount.

The four tires and tubes bought from the Auto Supply Co. were stolen from the men in Ahoskie, they told officers. They did not report the theft to Ahoskie officers, however. The tires and tubes purchased from the Auto Supply Company amounted to around \$90, it is said.

Tires and tubes bought from the Auto Service Station were recovered from the service station near Conway. Police say that the articles were displayed as stock.

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