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MAN ASSAULTS GIRL

GOVERNOR TAKES HAND IN WRECK CASE

MEN ARE TRIED IN HALIFAX

Woman Reports Accident To Broughton

Governor J. M. Broughton took a hand in bringing to justice three men involved in an automobile accident in Halifax County this week, and shortly thereafter they were tried in the county recorder's court on various charges.

The automobile in which the men—David Hobbs, Harry Gupton and Edward Haithcock—were riding struck an automobile driven by the chauffeur of R. B. Young of Henderson on the detour between Roanoke Rapids and Littleton Monday afternoon. Young's car was being driven by Junius Hester, enroute from Henderson to Emporia, Va., with Mrs. Young, her three children, and a Negro maid, Annie Burdette.

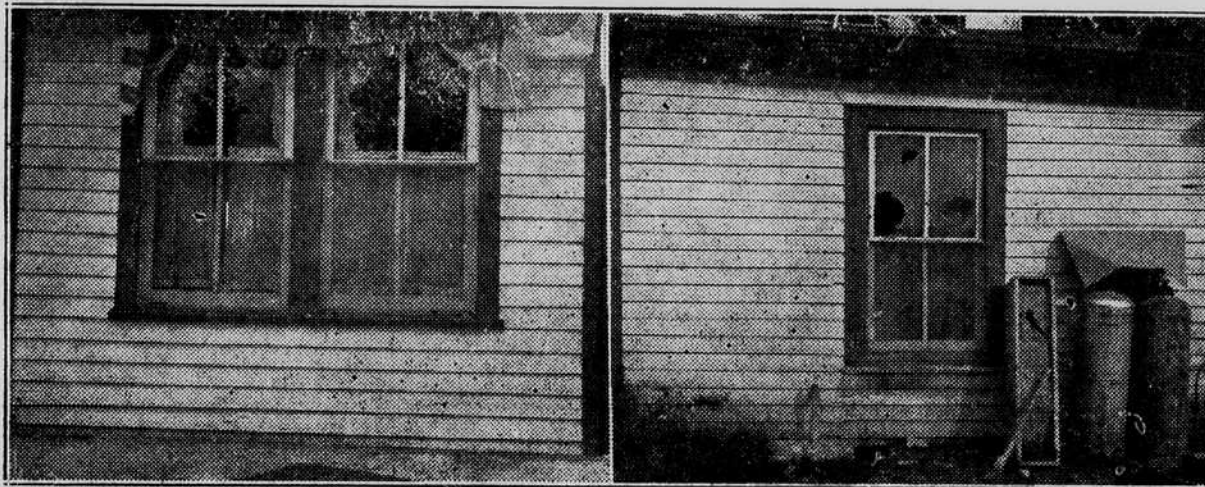
Young's automobile was turned over by the collision, and Hester climbed from the car and approached the one of the white men, which had gone into a ditch. The three resented Hester's attempt to read their license plate, which had apparently been bent in the collision, and there were words between them and Hester. Quite a bit of profanity was used by the men, it was reported.

Mrs. Young then walked up, and after a heated argument between her and the white men she allegedly was roughly shoved away when she tried to get the license number. Hobbs, Gupton, and Haithcock then pushed their car from the ditch and drove away.

The woman phoned Governor Broughton as soon as possible after the incident, and complained of the treatment she had received from the motorist. The Governor then called the State Highway Patrol radio station near Raleigh to get officers on the trail of the three men.

In the meantime, however, Sheriff H. A. House of Halifax County had started an investigation upon information received. Mrs. Young had gotten the first three numbers of the license plate on the other car, and Sheriff House traced the car as a machine licensed at Henderson. He contacted the Highway patrol there, and was told that officers suspected the guilty parties. It was reported that three unidentified women of this city applied the last three numbers of the license plate which clinched the case against the three men.

RESULTS OF RAID NEAR HERE



Part of the damage done by five white men to the Riverside Inn and filling station just across Roanoke River from here in Gaston Township of Northampton County can be seen in the above photograph, which shows window panes broken when the men threw beer bottles through them after taking beer from the station against the wishes of the proprietor who refused to sell it to them because of their drunken condition. Tried in the Northampton County recorder's court at Jackson the "raiders", one of whom was shot in the shoulder with a rifle when the operator of the place tried to protect the property, drew suspended sentences. They agreed to reimburse the proprietor for damage to the station, and the beer they drank.

MEDLIN ENTERS APPEAL

Case Is Aired In Recorder's Court Tuesday

C. E. Medlin, local white man, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads in the county recorder's court at Halifax on Tuesday by Judge C. R. Daniel for assaulting his daughter, Minnie Medlin, 19, after the two had an argument over a woman whom Medlin allegedly had been living in the same house with for several months.

Judgment in the case was suspended upon good behavior for 12 months, during which time he is not to see the other woman, Edna Mayton, who has left Roanoke Rapids according to reports today.

Medlin appealed from the sentence imposed by the recorder, and the case is scheduled to be tried at the next term of Superior Court which begins August 11. He was placed under a \$175 bond for his appearance in Superior Court.

According to testimony at the trial in the county recorder's court, Medlin and his daughter had an argument on June 21, during which she told him that he thought more "of somebody else" than he did her. He denied her statement and slapped her, she said, and when she repeated the charge he whipped her with a belt. The warrant charged him with assaulting her with a leather strap on her body. The girl stated in court that one of the licks on her back drew blood.

Local officers and other witnesses, including Mrs. Joe Gray and Mrs. Rosa Wells, testified as to Medlin's alleged relations with Edna Mayton. They stated that he had been seen in the company of the woman frequently, and he was arrested at the house in which she was living.

It is reported that Medlin and his wife have been living apart for some time, and he had been staying at a house with Edna Mayton.

The man's daughter stated that after the first argument with her father, which followed by the assault with the belt, they had another quarrel on June 26 and he slapped her again.

OTHER CASES

Among other cases tried in the recorder's court this week were the following:

H. A. Blankenship, white, was given a suspended sentence for (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)

MANAGER



H. S. Loy, shown above, is the popular manager of the recently enlarged and renovated Leggett's store which observed its grand opening here a week ago today. Manager Loy has been in charge of the local store since it opened here, and under his capable and efficient supervision its volume of business has greatly increased since the store was opened here about ten years ago.

DRIVE WILL BE HELD NEXT WEEK

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NORTH STATE DRIVE

A drive is now underway in Halifax County to secure contributions to the Old North State Fund, headed by Governor J. M. Broughton as honorary chairman, to provide an airplane ambulance as a gift to Great Britain from the citizens of North Carolina.

Mrs. Annie Kitchin Josey of Scotland Neck is the county chairman of the Old North State Fund in Halifax County, and others serving on the committee are R. W. Alston, Enfield; H. W. Johnson, Weldon; Mrs. L. H. Justice, Littleton; Mrs. Joe L. Riddick, Scotland Neck; Eric Rodgers, Scotland Neck; Mrs. W. G. Suiter, Weldon; and E. L. Travis, Halifax.

The Roanoke Rapids group is composed of Julian R. Allsbrook, A. N. Martin, Judge R. H. Parker, J. Winfield Crew and C. L. Wilson.

Purchase and delivery of this mercy ship to England will cost approximately \$75,000, which the Old North State Fund desires to raise through individual contributions from the citizens of North Carolina.

Upon the advice of the British-American Ambulance Corps, which is licensed by the Hon. Cordell Hull, U. S. Secretary of State, and by the British government, an amphibian, twin-motored Grumann airplane ambulance has been selected. This plane accommodates four stretcher cases, two sitting cases, pilot, copilot and medical attendant, and is equipped with the latest devices for

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"COPPER"



Governor J. M. Broughton, who turned "policeman" as he called it, this week to take a hand in a Halifax County highway accident which was settled within a few hours. The Governor got a telephone call from Mrs. R. G. Young of Henderson complaining about treatment she had received from three motorists in an automobile which struck hers and turned it over. He called the State Highway Patrol station near Raleigh, and had the alarm broadcast for officers to arrest the men involved.

Broughton's other experience as a volunteer policeman came in 1912 when he was a Winston-Salem newspaper reporter. About 3 o'clock one morning, he was on his way home after work when he saw a blaze burst out in a building. He noted all that happened, returned to his office and wrote a story of (Continued on Page 12, Sec. A)