

MAN HELD HERE FOR ASSAULT

Albert Jones, 28-year-old local textile worker, has been arrested on a charge of raping Miss Marie Beale, 18, of this city, in the Hornertown section of Roanoke Rapids last Saturday night about 10 o'clock after threatening to kill her if she resisted.

Jones was arrested in South Weldon several hours after the alleged attack on the young woman took place in a wooded section. He admitted, officers said, to having intimate relations with Miss Beale, but said it was with her consent.

Miss Beale was brought to the local hospital in a hysterical condition after telling her story to her mother upon returning from a date with Jones. Examining physicians said that she was only slightly bruised, if any at all, by the attack upon her person.

The girl told officers that Jones had made a date to take her to Weldon to the show. He got Thomas Barnes to drive them over, and on the way stopped at the home of Jones' brother where he had a room. There the girl insisted that Jones' sister-in-law go with them to the movie.

The wife of Jones' brother demurred, according to the story Miss Beale related, saying she wasn't dressed to go out. However, the two couples agreed that they might not go to the show, and that if Jones and Miss Beale went the other two would pick them up later—or they could get a taxi back to Roanoke Rapids. The couples separated, and then Jones said he didn't know where the show was located. He suggested that he and the young woman return to this city.

RETURN TO HOUSE

Jones got Grady Harper of Weldon to bring them back to his rooming place. Barnes and Jones' sister-in-law had not returned, and Miss Beale said Jones propositioned her while they were at the house. She spurned his attentions, and begged him to take her home. He then said they would go to Morris' store to call a taxi, and they left the house in Hornertown.

Enroute to the store, the young woman said, they passed some bushes and Jones pulled out a knife and threatened her life if she did not submit.

They then went to the store where Jones called a taxi, and brought her almost to her door on Hamilton Street and she got out of the vehicle in a highly nervous condition. She began crying, and after entering her home told her mother what had happened.

Officers were summoned and Police Chief H. E. Dobbins and Sheriff H. A. House went to the girl's home. She related the above story, and a hunt was started for Jones. He was arrested by Deputy Sheriffs J. A. Draper and J. L. Mountcastle in Weldon, while Sheriff House and Chief Dobbins searched here.

Jones was being held in the local jail without privilege of bond early this week.

Miss Beale and Jones worked near each other in the Roanoke Mill No. 2, officers said, and had a couple of dates previously.

Dodd Released

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but further investigation revealed he was hunting in the vicinity with William Capps, 14, and Herbert Adams, 19, and Brooks Jeffers, 16.

Capps and Dodd were shooting a rifle borrowed from Ben Butler, and Adams and Jeffers had one they were both using.

Test bullets from both rifles were sent to the S. B. I. at Raleigh, along with the fatal bullet taken from Parker's chest, for examination by ballistic experts.

S. B. I. REPORT

Chief Dobbins said that the S. B. I. reported to him that it was

the opinion of the examiner of the bullets that neither of the guns fired the bullet which killed the local man.

Although the bullet removed from Parker's body at an autopsy was badly scarred, a careful examination was made of it and the test bullets leading to the opinion of the S. B. I. received here.

Chief Dobbins stated that whether Dodd will be tried on the perjury charge, depends upon any further developments in the case between now and January 12.

Dodd signed his own bond, and the local officer stated that he did not intend to prosecute him for the perjury charge unless other evidence of his connection with the case is brought to light.

The shooting is believed to have been accidental, but Chief Dobbins stated that the case is still "open, and every clue will be traced to ascertain who fired the rifle which killed Parker."

Halifax Defense

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messengers, drivers corps of persons willing to offer their cars as well as their own time, emergency food and housing corps, decontamination corps, demolition and clearance, road repair crews, auxiliary firemen, fire watchers, medical corps, and rescue squads.

The county courthouse at Halifax is headquarters for volunteer registration of citizens in the county for National Defense work, and the office of the Clerk of Court will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday each week to take the names of those volunteering their services.

Chairman Hux has contacted Sheriff H. A. House, and chiefs of police of all incorporated towns in the county to notify them to always leave word where they can be located in case of any emergency.

The county chairman of Civilian Defense has been notified by Theodore C. Johnson, Director of Civilian Defense in North Carolina, that he will receive a bulletin of special instructions immediately giving specific information about the entire problem of defending this area in case of an attack.

Hux notified Governor J. M. Broughton and Civilian Defense Director Johnson immediately after the declaration of hostilities that Halifax County was organized and ready to carry out instructions.

V-MEN"

At the request of State Director

Johnson, Chairman Hux of Halifax has also named a committee of "V-Men". Those named to this committee will receive material relative to national defense, and will be called upon to make talks at various places about the matter.

Those appointed to the "V-Men" committee are:

Julian R. Allsbrook, W. J. Norwood, the Rev. Lawrence I. Stell, Roanoke Rapids; D. Mac Johnson and Joseph Branch, Enfield; Wade H. Dickens and Mrs. Helen Leggett, Scotland Neck; George C. Green, Weldon; Charles H. Boykin, Halifax; and B. B. Everette, Palmyra.

SEND SOLDIERS

Monday afternoon a detachment of approximately 180 soldiers were sent from Fort Bragg to Weldon to guard the railroad bridge, Highway 301 bridge over Roanoke River and other utilities.

A number of the soldiers have been detailed to Roanoke Rapids, and are on guard at the Virginia Electric Power plant and other places twenty-four hours a day. Those here are camping in tents near the places being guarded, and the community center at Weldon has been turned over for use of the detachment. The men are from Company B, 9th Division, 39th Infantry.

MEETING OF FIREMEN

Yesterday, Fire Chief W. C. King of the local fire department, Assistant Chief Bruce Camp and Secretary Rufus Britton attended a meeting at Raleigh for a demonstration by State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell of the content of an incendiary bomb. State Marshal Brockwell also explained the equipment needed and procedure for extinguishing it. From a chart, he explained the appearance and effect of armor piercing, demolition, fragmentation, aerial mine, light and scatter incendiary bombs. Marshal Brockwell also explained the action of white phosphorous and thermite, the former highly adaptable to sabotage, and offered ways of counteracting their flames. He explained the use of thermite against oil deposits and stated that gasoline fires could only be prevented, not extinguished. He urged special precautions be taken.

Coordinators of the State's internal defenses received renewed pledges of cooperation from the Highway Patrol, SBI, FBI, Home Guard and Civilian Defense Councils, and Director Johnson told fire and police chiefs his county councils were ready and willing to give full cooperation wherever possible.

Johnson revealed that air raid

"spotters" were standing by 24 hours a day at the 220 listening posts in the First Interceptor Command, embracing the Northeastern section of the State.

Seventeen of the observations posts are in Halifax County, and are on the alert for enemy aircraft, and for instructions for the army. The posts in this county were set up sometime ago under Hux's direction, with the assistance of Hubert Riddick of Scotland Neck.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of the County Executive Committee of Civilian Defense were named by Chairman Hux as: D. Mac Johnson, Enfield; P. E. Shields, Scotland Neck; F. H. Clark, Weldon; A. N. Martin, Roanoke Rapids; the Rev. E. C. Crawford, Hobgood; R. B. Patterson, Littleton; and P. C. Millikin, Halifax.

The complete council as announced by Hux is composed of the following:

Enfield—D. Mac Johnson, Ivey Watson, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, J. W. Whitaker, Reginald W. Alston. Roanoke Rapids—A. N. Martin, Mrs. W. A. Thorne, Frank S. Kemp, J. T. Chase, Mrs. Hazel Wheeler.

Hobgood—Mrs. W. P. White, J. Alton Whitehurst, the Rev. E. C. Crawford.

Palmyra—B. B. Everett. Scotland Neck—P. E. Shields, Mrs. Wade H. Dickens, Eric Rodgers, T. R. Whitehead.

Littleton—R. B. Patterson, Paul E. Johnson, C. L. Kelly, H. A. House.

Essex—Luther Williams. Hollister—Mrs. T. C. Qualls, I. A. Crawley.

Ringwood—Clifton Moss. Weldon—F. H. Clark, Mrs. C. R. Daniel, the Rev. D. P. Moore,

C. S. Vinson, W. O. Davis.

Halifax—Mrs. Helen D. Marshall, W. R. Cadle, P. C. Millikin, V. C. Matthews, Dr. R. F. Young. Tillery—Mrs. Charles F. Marks, L. A. Parks.

Four Negro citizens in the county, also named on the council, are: D. J. Knight, Negro farm agent, Enfield; Winfield Branch, Roanoke Rapids; Walter Clark, Scotland Neck; and Dr. J. A. Tinsley, Weldon.

Former Patient Local Hospital Given Sentence

Charles P. Williamson, former Army reserve captain, pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon in the midst of a jury trial in Jones County Superior Court on Tuesday, and was sentenced to serve from three to four years in the State penitentiary for his unprovoked attack on State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., whom he shot in the right hip at Trenton last September 27.

Pleading his own case, Williamson declared that he still did not quite understand why he shot Larkins. He asserted that he had recently been in a hospital at Roanoke Rapids and had been in a highly nervous state, possibly suffering a kind of mental lapse which kept him from remembering his trip to Trenton and his attack on Larkins.

Mrs. J. M. Jackson, Mrs. Louise Patterson and daughter, Betty, and Miss Virginia Jackson spent the week-end in Washington, N. C., with Mrs. Allen Chauncey.

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