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Negro Jailed On Charge of Riding 'Bike' While Drunk

Garrett Squire, Garysburg negro, was arrested late Tuesday afternoon by Police Officer M. T. Rogers and jailed on a charge of riding a bicycle while drunk. The officer reported that he saw Squire "brezing along" on Roanoke Avenue on his bike which was equipped with a Wizard motor. Rogers hailed the negro and he "parked" his bicycle in the driveway of Dr. M. S. Broun's residence at 606 Roanoke Avenue. When asked for his driver's license by Officer Rogers the negro made an attempt to run into the Broun house and escape, but he was unsuccessful. He was locked up and later released under bond of \$100 for his appearance in Mayor's Court next Monday.

Boys Injured When Hit By Automobile

Two young boys, Lloyd Cullom and Horace Spence, riding 'double' on a bicycle, were slightly injured last Monday afternoon when hit by an automobile driven by Mrs. B. W. Israel at the intersection of 12th and Hamilton street. The youngsters were hospitalized for treatment but were soon released from the institution. According to Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins, who investigated the accident, the two boys were riding east on 12th street and reached the intersection just as an automobile turned into the street from Hamilton. Mrs. Israel, driving behind the first car, did not see the youngsters when they rode into Hamilton, neither did they see her. The accident was unavoidable, said the chief, and no charges have been brought. The youths are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cullom and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Spence.

17 Divorces Are Granted

Seventeen couples were legally separated in Halifax County Superior Court last week when the court granted divorces, all on two years' separation. Cases heard were: Ethel T. Hill vs. Benjamin F. Hill. Penny Hines vs. Dorsey Hines. Virginia Mae Peffer Campbell vs. Algernon E. Campbell; Bernice Allen Conwell vs. William David Conwell. Mary Belle Vaughan vs. David Earl Vaughan. Flora B. Fahlmann vs. Carl C. Fahlmann. Mabel Morris vs. Willie Morris; Marvin D. Anderton vs. Mary Lee Anderton. Hattie Finche Tripp vs. Charlie Tripp, Jr. Helen Harrison Parish vs. Frank B. Parish. Frances Louise Gray vs. Elmo Lincoln Maramon. Lois Stansbury Stainback vs. Lloyd Green Sta back. Fannie M. Hewett vs. ... Lassitter Hewett. (Continued on page 5—Sect. A)

Negro Was Taking An 'Awful Chance'

Monday morning between 3 and 4 a. m., Norman "Preacher" Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Garner, was awakened by a noise from the chicken pen in the back yard. Slipping out of bed and finding his gun, Garner crept through the shrubbery and around the house to find a negro standing near the alley. When asked what he was doing there at that hour, the negro replied, "Nothing." Since Garner had no evidence of what he was doing, he advised him to be on his way. If the negro had known that the boy who crept out and caught him was a former corporal of the U. S. Marine Corps, recently returned from Japan, with two battle stars and several medals for sharp shooting to his credit, he would probably have wondered if the price he could have paid for prowling around that time of the morning was worth the chance he was taking.

Romancos Lose Out In Tournament

The Romanco Softball team of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company left Wednesday morning of last week by bus for the State Softball Tournament at Greensboro. Reservations were made for the team at the King Cotton Hotel, and the tournament was held at the Memorial Stadium. Beginning Thursday night the Romancos first game was with Greensboro Coco-Cola team, the Romancos winning by a score of 12 to 8. Friday the Romancos met Mooresville defeating them 4 to 0; Saturday they defeated Wilmington, 5-1 while defeating Raleigh 13-0 on Sunday. The state finals were played on Monday night between the Romancos and Burtner's of Greensboro before a crowd of approximately 3000 people. The Burtner team defeated the Romancos in eight innings, 2 to 0. In this game the teams were evenly matched with DeBerry allowing three hits and striking out 13 men, while Zimmerman of Burtner's allowed 3 hits and struck out 13 men. The Romancos failed to score in the last half of the seventh inning after Harry Overton doubled to right field with none out. The winning score was made when the Burtner catcher was hit by a wild pitch from DeBerry and was advanced to second base by a sacrifice hit, scoring on a double to left field. Burtner's, winner of the state tournament, received a handsome trophy and was awarded a trip to St. Petersburg, Fla., to compete in the regional tournament. The Romancos were awarded the runner-up trophy while Henderson was awarded the trophy for winning the consolation game.

Fire Department Is Called to Mill

The Fire Department was called out at 2:30 o'clock Monday morning when several oil rags in the Rosemary Weave Room No. 2 were ignited. The sprinkler system at the mill extinguished the blaze before any damage was done.

City Schools Set for Fall Opening Tuesday, Sept. 3

Roanoke Rapids schools are all set for the fall opening on Tuesday, September 3, according to a schedule of opening activities released this week by Superintendent I. E. Ready. Mr. Ready also released the complete personnel for operation of all city schools for the coming semester. The schedule of work for the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is as follows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:
9 A. M. All children beginning the first grade are to go to their respective buildings. All new students entering the Roanoke Rapids City Schools in any grade above the first report as follows:
(a) Second grade through the sixth grade to the Sixth Grade Buildings.
(b) Seventh grade through the twelfth grade to the High School Auditorium.
11 A. M. General teachers meeting for white teachers in High School Library.
1:30 P. M. White elementary teachers meet in the Sixth Grade Building. White High School teachers meet in the High School Library.
3:00 P. M.—General meeting for colored teachers at John Armstrong Chaloner School.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:
8:20 A. M.—Sixth grade students report to High School auditorium. They will be dismissed at 10:30 A. M.
8:30 A. M.—Students in the first five grades report to their respective buildings. They will be dismissed at 10:30 A. M.
9:00 A. M.—High School students report to the High School auditorium. (Stay outside until the sixth grade students leave.) High school students will follow a shortened schedule until one o'clock.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:
Full schedule at all schools, except that first grade children will be dismissed for the day at noon for the first two weeks, and second grade children will be dismissed at noon for the first week.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL FOR 1946-1947—
GENERAL — I. E. Ready, superintendent of schools; Clara Hearne, elementary school supervisor; Elizabeth Lang, public school music supervisor; Mrs. Lucy Mayfield Brown, elementary school physical education supervisor; Mrs. Kathleen M. Suiter, school nurse; Ruth Chapman, secretary to the superintendent; Effie Woodruff, secretary to the high school principal; Mrs. Margaret B. Taylor, secretary to the elementary school supervisor; Mrs. Eloise Bryan, matron, Coltrane Hall; Roy Medlin, superintendent of buildings and grounds; A. E. Akers, tax collector; Julia Cooke, assistant to tax collector.
CENTRAL SCHOOL — Imogene Booker, principal and fifth grade; Omara Daniel, fifth grade; Edith Barrett, first grade; Margaret Boone, second grade; Mrs. Mary F. Bunch, fourth grade and music; Ruby Madry, third grade.
ROSEMARY SCHOOL — Viola Glover, principal and fifth grade; Annice Mitchell, first grade; Mary Lowder, second grade; Mrs. Helen (Continued on page 5—Sect. A)

Lions Spend Large Sum During Year

The Roanoke Rapids Lions Club held its regular weekly meeting last Tuesday night at which most of the time was taken up with business matters, especially final plans for staging the annual Lions Festival all next week. Reports of various committee chairmen were heard and President Ed Knott gave out the list of committees assigned for duty at the show grounds. The Lions have spent a large sum during the past fiscal year and C. S. Kennemur, treasurer, rendered an itemized report which was as follows:

Boy Scouts	\$129.19
Civilian Air Patrol	\$365.08
Miss Gladys Paulson	
N. C. State Blind Case Worker	\$257.55
Xmas party for underprivileged children and Xmas Baskets for the needy	\$391.41
N. S. State Blind Comm.	\$200.00
Blind and Welfare Work	\$350.02
N. C. Symphony Orchestra	\$100.00
Teen Age Club	\$ 7.30
TOTAL	\$1800.85

Money derived from the staging of the annual festival is spent wisely and for many splendid causes in Roanoke Rapids by the club. Guests at the meeting were Superintendent of Schools I. E. Ready and James Batton.

Veterans Get Priority To Buy Farms

Veterans of World War II and occupants to whom commitments to purchase have been made, have a priority in acquiring land comprising economic farm units in Resettlement and Rural Rehabilitation projects now being liquidated. J. B. Slack, regional Farm Security Administration director, has announced. Holdings are being liquidated in accordance with Public Law 563, approved July 30, 1946, which directs that the land be sold in economic farm units, in accordance with the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, and on the basis of its earning-capacity value. In accordance with the legislation, economic farm units will be offered first to veterans of World War II, unless a commitment to sell to the present project occupant was made prior to July 30, who meet eligibility requirements specified in the Bankhead-Jones Act, Slack said. If present occupants abandon their units or cancel contracts, veterans will have priority over other project occupants. In the event veterans of World War II or present occupants with purchase commitments are not available, units may be (Continued on page 5—Sect. A)

Johnson Gets Orders Stay Out of State For 10 Years

Julian Johnson, white man, who faced Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in Halifax County Superior Court last week on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded guilty and the Court sentenced him to two years on the roads and the costs of the case. Judge Burgwyn suspended the sentence, however, on condition that Johnson stay out of North Carolina for a period of 10 years. The case was the outgrowth of a shooting affray on Saturday night, June 8, in the "Black Bottom" section on the Weldon road. During the disturbance O'Dell Deaton and Walter Deaton, both white, were slightly wounded. Johnson made his escape at the time, but was later apprehended in Fayetteville.

Howell Gets Six Months On the Roads

James E. Howell, Roanoke Rapids white man, was found guilty of assault last week in Superior Court and was sentenced to serve six months on the roads by Judge Burgwyn. Powell's grief was brought about when Police Officer C. L. Massey arrested Randolph White, young white man, at the square dance in the Armory on Saturday night, June 15, for being drunk and disorderly. Powell didn't like it and assaulted the officer breaking his nose and glasses in the affray. Others mixed up in the disturbance were Wilbert White, W. J. Hargrove, Wilbert Davis, Linwood Warrick and Loraine Newcomb.

3 Wrecks; No Charges

Two automobiles, one driven by a white man from Warrenton and the other operated by a negro from Garysburg, collided Saturday afternoon at Tenth street and Roanoke Avenue. No names were given police and no charges were filed, the damage to both cars being settled agreeably. While Officer M. T. Rogers was investigating the first wreck another occurred on Tenth street between the Avenue and Hamilton. This involved a Johnson Cab and a car driven by Jabo Newsome. Newsome admitted being in the wrong and settled with the cab company. No charges were made in this case. In another wreck Wednesday afternoon on Fifth street some damage was done to two other (Continued on page 5—Sect. A)