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## Two Roanoke Rapids Men Jailed in Oxford Robbery

Randolph White and Percy Midyette, 22 and 23 years old, respectively, were arrested on the streets of Roanoke Rapids last Sunday afternoon by Officers High and Luter on request of Granville County authorities, who wanted the two young white men on charges of aiding and abetting in robbing Sam Freeman, Jr., of Clarksville, Va., University of North Carolina student.

They were returned to Oxford by Patrolman C. M. Byrd and held in default of \$2,500 bail.

Freeman reported Saturday afternoon that he had been held up and robbed in a wooded spot near Creedmore by four men, with whom he had hitch-hiked a ride in Durham en route to Clarksville. The robbers stripped Freeman of his cash, watch and clothing, valued at \$300, and left him tied to a tree with his hands behind him, he told officers.

White and Midyette told officers that they were hitch-hiking from California, where they had been on a visit, and that the two strangers who robbed Freeman had picked them up Friday night near Marion. The car was a 1942 Chevrolet bearing an Alabama license.

Freeman told the officers that the operator of the car was directed from the highway to a side road a mile south of Creedmore by one of the Roanoke Rapids boys and that one of the men brandished a .38 calibre pistol as he was relieved of \$52 in cash, a watch and chain valued at \$200, and a top coat and other clothing valued at \$100.

Freeman said Midyette searched him to see if he was armed and that a sleeve was torn off White's shirt to tie his hands behind him to a tree. He said after the four men left, he wiggled himself free and made his way to the highway.

## 13-Year-Old Bride Tells Weird Story

Barbara Jane Long, 13-year-old Roanoke Rapids girl, and a bride of only a week, told Columbia, (S. C.) police a weird story of a week's honeymoon in several cities, spending her time in the afternoons alone in movie theatres after which her husband, Bernard Eugene Rice of Danville, Va., would appear with considerable cash.

Columbia Chief of Detectives W. H. Rawlinson said the girl appeared ignorant of her husband's activities during these movie trips, but that the couple was being held for investigation in connection with two daylight home robberies in the South Carolina city.

Rice was arrested after he was pulled from a hall closet in a house in Columbia that had been ransacked.

Rice told officers that he and the Long girl were married on December 10.

Barbara Jane told police that Bernard had "parked" her in movie houses at Raleigh, N. C., and Durham, N. C., turning up afterwards on both occasions with cash he said his father had telegraphed him.

## Over \$500 Contributed In Seal Sales

Roanoke Rapids citizens have contributed \$515.80 to the tuberculosis seal sales now in progress in this city, announced Mrs. D. L. Wheeler, chairman. Seals have been mailed to a large number of individuals and many have not (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

## Still Time to Get X-Rayed

You can still have a free chest X-ray. The survey being conducted in Roanoke Rapids will continue through Friday of this week. The X-ray bus, located on 10th Street, will remain open from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. both Thursday and Friday, and all citizens who have not already done so are urged to get their X-ray before the (Continued on page 8—Sect. A)

## Chances Are City Will Get Franchise In Ball League

Roanoke Rapids will have an entry in the Coastal Plain League—IF . . .

And the "if" is a big one—but not too big, the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Roanoke Rapids believes, for them to handle.

The Jaycees were notified over the weekend that Roanoke Rapids is in line for the Coastal Plain franchise now held by Fayetteville. Fayetteville has secured a berth in the Tri-State League, and has already been granted its release from the Coastal Plain by Ray Goodman, president of the loop.

The Roanoke Rapids Jaycees Monday filed formal application for the franchise, and posted a \$930 fee as evidence of faith.

The Jaycees now estimate that \$30,000 will be needed to get Simmons Park, already offered the club on a dollar-a-year basis by Patterson Mills, in shape for night baseball. The funds will be raised by means of a stock company. Stock will be offered all interested persons in this locality.

## Winners in Halifax County Contests



**FOOD PRESERVATION**  
Marilyn Bullock of the Roanoke Rapids Senior Club is county winner in canning contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bullock of 758 Charlotte street, Roanoke Rapids. Her record shows that since 1943 she has canned 3834 quarts of food for her mother and 455 quarts for neighbors. She has received \$45 in cash for other canning that she has done.



**INDIVIDUAL DAIRY DEMONSTRATION**  
Pictured here is Opal Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Jones, of Halifax, Route 2, who is the County winner in the Dairy Foods Contest. Opal is a member of Aurelian Springs Senior 4-H Club, and is secretary to County 4-H Council. In her dairy foods work she stresses the importance of milk to everyday living and demonstrates how to make soft custard and lemon milk sherbet. At the district contest held in Tarboro this year, she won first place, but was barred from the state contest because she was under fourteen.



**FOOD PREPARATION**  
Above is Doris Strickland of Weldon Senior 4-H Club, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. I. Strickland of Halifax, Route 2. Doris is the county winner in Food Preparation contest. In 1943 she prepared 50 meals and 150 dishes; 1944 she prepared 150 meals, 350 dishes; 1945, 200 meals with 500 dishes and this year, 1946, she prepared a total of 450 meals with 1050 dishes.



**SENIOR DRESS REVUE**  
Pictured here is Sarah Ann Butts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Butts of Halifax, Route 2, winner in Halifax County Senior 4-H dress revue. Sarah, a member of Aurelian Springs Senior Club, made the street dress that she is wearing of light blue batony flannel, with big sleeves and wide belt. This 4-H contest was sponsored by Leggett's Department Store in Roanoke Rapids and they awarded her \$10 as a prize for county winner.

## Baltimore Police Nab Local Negro Wanted Here

John Brown, negro man, wanted here after his break from the city jail in November, was arrested by Baltimore police last week and held for local authorities. Chief T. J. Davis went to Baltimore this week and returned with the prisoner.

Brown was being held in jail here on a charge of breaking and entering and larceny. He is alleged to have entered the home of Walter Pearce, another negro, in the Lincoln Heights section, taking a shotgun. Brown is said to have swapped the gun to Claude Aycock for a pistol. Aycock, it is said, then sold the gun to Sammy Cowan. Officers recovered the shotgun from Cowan and the pistol was found in Brown's possession.



**CLOTHING ACHIEVEMENT**  
Carrie Lee Best, above, of Aurelian Springs Senior 4-H Club was county winner in clothing achievement contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Best of Halifax, Route 2. In 1945 she made 30 garments, remodeled several and did all the family mending. In 1946 she made 29 garments, many of them being for the neighbor's children, and has continued the remodeling and mending as well.

## Thief Enters Smith Home Tuesday Nite

A break-in at the home of Mrs. Alma Smith, 101 Jackson street Tuesday night was reported to the Police Department. The robbery occurred while the family was away from home. Police officials report that the following items were listed as missing by Mrs. Smith: three \$25 war bonds, one Parker fountain pen, pocket knife, locket, desk set, yellow bowl pipe, can of Prince Albert smoking tobacco and a Coty's perfume set. No clue was left as to the culprit, but officers are investigating several suspects.

## Sick Woman Is Found In Alley; Dies

Cora Lee Ballott, negro woman, was found last Saturday afternoon about 6:30 o'clock in an alley in the rear of the residence of Tucker Fayed, in a sick condition. She was sent to Roanoke Rapids Hospital where she died a few hours later.

According to police investigation, nothing has been found that indicates other than death from illness.

Unconfirmed reports, however, say that the woman had been to the city on a shopping trip with a woman friend and a little girl to get some medicine. Her "friend" ran to catch a bus leaving the Ballott woman behind. She was later found in the alley.

Another angle being investigated by members of the dead woman's family is that she was thought to have had a considerable sum of money on her person at the time which has not been recovered.