

THE CRIME BEAT

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Each incident described below was obtained from the records and files of the Raleigh Police Department through a day-to-day check and each case is authentic. No personal opinions are ever expressed in this column. Because of the vast number of names obtained each week, it is impossible to interview every person mentioned.

BITTEN IN MOUTH AND FACE
Miss Alice Beckwith, 724 E. Martin Street, informed police officers at 7:02 p.m. Wednesday that Miss Norris Gore, of 1015 E. Davis Street, came to her home and assaulted her by biting her in the mouth and face.
She signed a warrant against Miss Gore for assault and battery and the suspect was arrested and placed in Wake County Jail.

REPORTS LARCENY FROM AUTO

At 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Const. Edward DeVane, of 731 S. Blount Street, stated that between 3:30 and 5:15 p.m., someone removed from his 1961 Oldsmobile one brief case, black, zipper-type with handles that slip down. Although the brief case was said to contain papers, it was valued at \$20 by its owner. The theft took place in front of Dixie Motor Bearings Co. here.

FRAUD CHECK ATTEMPT CLAIMED

Miss Martha Frances Cooper of Fines Men's Shop, 201 Fayetteville Street, told Officer J. B. Upchurch at 3:32 p.m. Wednesday that a young man tried to cash a check in the amount of \$10, but left the store when Miss Cooper started to telephone Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, upon which the check was drawn. It was made payable to Floyd C. Green. The bank reported no account in that name.
The suspect was described as approximately 18 years of age, and neatly dressed in a gray sport coat and slacks.

ELDERLY MAN BEATEN, ROBBED

Officer J. L. Scott reported at 9:28 p.m. Wednesday: "As I was watching a stop sign at Everett Avenue and Chamberlain Street, I heard a scream."
Upon reaching the scene, the officer found John W. Benton, 3389 Everett Avenue, who had been beaten about the face and head.
Mr. Benton told Scott someone had knocked at his door, then entered, telling him they wanted his money. "When I told them I had no money," Mr. Benton reported, "they started beating me with their fists and took my wallet containing \$12 and some important papers."
He described his two assailants as being under 30, but could give no further identifying traits of the thugs. The victim said he had never seen either man before.

WANTED FOR HIT AND RUN, CAR THEFT

John Charles Reed, 30, of the 800 block of Patterson Lane, was arrested on the lot of Sanders Motor Company, 1100 block of S. Blount Street, at 9:58 p.m. Thursday for hit and run driving and larceny of an automobile.
Reed, riding a bicycle at the time of his arrest, admitted stealing the bike earlier the same morning. It was a Western Flyer brand, red with chrome fenders. He is also charged with stealing a 1964 tan Ford from Sanders' lot and driving it about 80 feet, where he hit a truck and a parked car.

STEALS CLOTHES FROM LINE

Mrs. Corine Satterfield, 609 Tower Street, informed Officer D. C. Williams at 7:06 a.m. Thursday, that between 4 and 8 p.m. Wednesday someone stole some ladies' lingerie from her clothesline. The lingerie was valued at \$3.

THIEF NETS \$100 IN ROBBERY

Owen Morgan, 17 Franklin Terrace, told Officer T. T. Street, Jr. and Joseph Winters at 6:50 a.m. Friday that during the preceding night someone took four wheels, tires and hub caps from his son's

1955 Ford, parked in the lot between Chavis Heights and the J. W. Ligon Jr.-Sr. High School.
Morgan estimated the value of the new merchandise at \$100.

FIGHT WITH WINE BOTTLE

J. V. Hedgepeth, 52, and his wife, Mrs. Louise Chavis Hedgepeth, 45, both of 627 1-2 S. Bloodworth St., were jailed at 4:20 p.m. Friday for engaging in an affray with a deadly weapon (a wine bottle) at 307 S. Bloodworth St.

PRISON ESCAPEE CAUGHT

Warden K. P. Bailey notified the Raleigh Police Department at 7:46 p.m. Friday to be on the lookout for Cornell Whitley, 34, of 211 1-2 Cannon Street, who escaped sometime Friday.

Whitley, who is serving a 28 to 30-year prison term for murder, was picked up by police the same night.

SAME MAN ROBBED AGAIN

J. W. Benton, 89, of 2302 Everett Avenue, told Officer B. G. Parker at 3:14 p.m. Friday that he had just gotten out of the hospital after being treated for a beating described earlier in this column.
He said two women came to visit him while he was alone in the house. After they left, Mr. Benton said he missed \$17.32, which was in two bill-folds, and a double-barrel shotgun, valued at \$86. No trace of the women could be found.

POINTS PISTOL, THREATENS TO SHOOT

Daniel Edgerton came to the station at 3:30 p.m. Friday and signed a warrant against Sky Lee Allen of the Deluxe Hotel, E. Cabarrus St., stating that Allen had pointed a pistol at him and threatened to shoot. Allen was arrested by Officer L. A. O'Neal for assault with a deadly weapon.

SAYS GIRL FRIEND DAMAGED PROPERTY

Robert Lee Mitchell, 412 E. Hargett St., came to police headquarters at 1:15 a.m. Saturday and related the following story to the desk sergeant:

He was sitting in his car with his girlfriend, Miss Maxine Pearce, in the 400 block of E. Davis St. when a few other girls got in the vehicle and urged Mitchell to take them to an undisclosed location. When he refused, an argument ensued and he and his girlfriend got out of the car and walked up the street.

Mitchell then met a man named John, who lives in the 800 block of Quarry Street, who consented to going back down the street and driving Mitchell's auto back to him.

When John got to the car, the girls refused to budge and started cutting the seat covers with a knife. Wesley Tharring-Miss Pearce is alleged to have

ton, 209 S. Swain Street, was a witness to the incident. Mitchell signed a warrant against his girlfriend for damage to property and she was arrested by Officer Norman Artis.

Samuel Jones of 410 Dekar St. told police at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, he saw two boys tampering with an automobile at Wade's Used Car Lot, 228 E. Cabarrus St.

The pair, Clyde Ruffin, 17, and Tommie Baker, 18, both of 121 1-2 Dover Street, were positively identified by Jones as the culprits. He saw. Both were jailed.

"FINGERS" AUTO TAMPERERS

Reuben Sheppard, 19, of 13 Nash Terrace, informed Officers O. C. Pratt and W. A. Thomas at 1:56 a.m. Saturday that he was standing in front of the Elks Home, Davis and Haywood Streets, and a friend (name unknown) was "having trouble" with another man, whom Sheppard could not identify.
Upon going closer "to see what the trouble was," young Sheppard said the latter man cut him across his lips and nose.

Urse Johnson, 122 E. Lenoir St. a witness, said he, too, had never seen the suspect before.

SHOOTS AT WOMAN, MISSES

Miss Ruby Mae Williams, 19, of 318 S. East Street, told Of-

ficers Norman Artis and W. E. Manning at 5:03 a.m. Saturday that Luke Smith, 24, 303 S. Swain Street, shot at her three times with a pistol.

Luke admitted the shooting, but said he had been giving Miss Williams his money and he caught her in bed with another man. Although the young woman was not hit, there was a bullet hole in her dress.

Willie Williams, 17, of the East Street address, the complainant's brother, said he disarmed Smith, who was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. The gun was confiscated.

REPORTS BROKEN WINDSHIELD

Mrs. Hester Rusher, of 2316 Bedford Avenue, came to the station Saturday night and signed a warrant against Robert Williams, 17, of 5 Hyde Terrace for damage to property.

Mrs. Rusher stated that her son had been driving her car and Williams tossed a brick through the windshield of the 1956 Ford, resulting in \$90 damages.

TELLS A CHANGING STORY

Officers Ralph Johnson and W. E. Kidd were called to Wake Memorial Hospital Saturday at 6:07 p.m. by a nurse on duty. There they found Chester McLaurin, 49, of 220 E. Cabarrus Street, being treated for a cut in his mouth.

"It looked as if someone had hit him," stated the report. McLaurin, however, declared at first that he was "in an automobile accident somewhere," but changed this story several times. He had been drinking, the report said, and the officers never did ascertain just how he came by the mouth injury.

WHITE MAN CHARGES ASSAULT

William Theodore Howell, 47-year-old white man, told police at 4:41 p.m. Saturday that James S. Mitchell, 51-year-old Negro employee of Bruce's Bar-B-Q, came into the kitchen of the establishment and asked for his pay. Howell said he told Mitchell "to wait a minute" and Mitchell proceeded to beat him up, breaking his glasses in the process. Howell's face was also cut.

Mitchell, who resides at 413 Cannon Street, was arrested and jail-

SAYS GIRL BROKE OUT CAR WINDOW

Bobby Williams, 534 E. Davis St., informed Officer L. A. O'Neal at

7:30 p.m. that Miss Helen Hood of 534 E. Davis Street, broke out the glass in his 1957 Ford automobile in the 500 block of E. Davis Street. He signed a warrant against her for damage to property.

PAIR CHARGED WITH SHOOTING

Officers J. C. Putman and Bobby B. Coats were called to Wake Memorial Hospital at 9:01 p.m. Saturday.

Upon arrival, they found Major Alston, 29, of 127 Star Street, who stated that he was shot in the right thigh by Miss Sarah Hodges, 28, of 320 N. State Street. Alston could give no reason for the shooting. The bullet passed through his thigh.

Both were jailed under bonds of \$200 each for engaging in an affray with a deadly weapon. The incident took place at 320 N. State Street and officers were unable to locate the pistol.

HITS WOMAN WITH FIST

At 1:56 p.m. Saturday, Miss Mable McDugle, 32, of 319 Fowle Street informed Officers D. A. McLeod and D. C. Williams that Inez Judd, 35, of 320 Fowle Street, assaulted her by hitting her with his fist.

She signed a warrant against Judd for assault and battery and he was jailed under a \$100 bond. The incident occurred at Judd's home.

REFUSES TO PRESS CHARGES

Miss Mable Morgan, 37, of 1319 Walnut Street, informed police officers at the Wake Memorial Hospital Saturday at 5:11 p.m. that a man cut her on the hand with a knife or a razor.

Although she knew her assailant, Miss Morgan stated she didn't "want to get him in trouble."

MATE CHARGED IN ASSAULT

Mrs. Mae Taylor Davis, of 548 E. Martin Street, came to headquarters at 3 a.m. Sunday and signed a warrant, charging her husband, Leon Lea Davis, 38, of the same address, with assault.

The warrant was served by Officers Norman Artis and James E. (Bobby) Daye. Davis was jailed. The alleged assault occurred at their residence.

STEALS CLOTHES AND SHEETS

Mrs. Gladys Hinton, 312 Cannon Street, reported Miss Barbara Evans, 24, of 607 S. Saunders Street went to her room and stole her clothes and sheets during the weekend. She stated that she saw Miss

Evans wearing her housecoat. The clothes were valued by the complainant at \$100. After Mrs. Hinton signed a warrant for larceny, Miss Evans was placed in the Wake County Jail.

SLAPS WOMAN, TEARS CLOTHES OFF

Miss Lucy Mae Alston, of 515 Patterson Lane, came to the police station at 10:55 a.m. Sunday and reported Jesse Bellamy, roomer in her house, slapped her on the left side of her head and tore her clothes off Saturday night. Miss Alston said she spent Saturday night with a friend, adding Bellamy had been drinking when he came home Saturday night, "broke bad and ran everyone off."

She signed a warrant for assault and battery against Bellamy and he was arrested and jailed by Officers T. T. Street, Jr. and Joseph Winters.

NAB FIVE IN FREE-FOR-ALL

Miss Barbara Jacobs stated at 9:14 p.m. Saturday that James Edward Cooper, 28, of 736 Quarry Street, assaulted her at 3:27 E. Martin St. Some of her friends tried to stop Cooper and a free-for-all battle ensued.

Arrested for engaging in an affray and assault and battery was Cooper. Others arrested for engaging in an affray were: Leroy Phelps, 18, Route 1, Box 218, Clayton; Melvin Jeter, 18, of 327 E. Martin; Willie Bill Jones, 18, of 337 E. Martin and Percy Williams, 18, of 544 E. Hargett, who vacated the scene before the cops arrived, but a warrant has been drawn for his arrest.

LEAVES WITHOUT PAYING FOR GAS

Perry Grimeson of Harvey Montague's Service Station, informed Officer W. L. Carter at 6:00 p.m.

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SENTENCED ON MULTIPLE RAFFS

Judge Samuel Petlowe Winborne handed five convictions to John C. Reed in City Court Monday.

Reed, 36, of 118½ Patterson Lane was sentenced to two years on the road after Winborne found him guilty on three charges of careless and reckless driving, hit-and-run and larceny.

He received concurrent 12-month terms for stealing a bicycle and clothing, and an additional year for stealing an automobile, to run consecutively. Finally, Reed received 30-day concurrent terms on each of the two traffic charges.

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Monday that a 1950 Chevrolet, owned by Ruben Roosevelt Pate, 31 Johnston Terrace, and operated by George Henry Corbine, of 131 E. South Street, was driven into the New Bern Avenue establishment on Friday, and Corbine ordered \$1.50 worth of gasoline, but left the scene without paying for it. Corbin signed a warrant against Corbine for the theft of \$1.50 and the defendant was jailed.

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