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OFFICERS HUNTING MAN ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Carman Johnson, Alleged Assailant of Rutherfordton Girl, Escapes While Being Taken to Jail

Rutherfordton, Aug. 1.—Carmen Johnson, 30 years old, of Spindale, is a fugitive from justice and is being hunted by posses throughout the county, on a warrant sworn out Saturday by a pretty 18-year old Rutherfordton girl who charges that she was criminally attacked by Johnson Saturday afternoon.

Johnson was arrested by Police-men Duncan and Green, of Spindale, and Houser, of Rutherfordton, about eight o'clock Saturday night as he was emerging from the theatre in Rutherfordton. He was taken into custody by Policeman R. L. Houser, and while being taken to jail after being identified by the girl and her companions he escaped. Posses were formed to hunt the man, but at a late hour today no trace of him had been found.

Sheriff W. C. Hardin, returning from Lake Lure, Saturday, where he had charge of traffic during the celebration over completion of highway 20, started a thorough investigation of the affair from the standpoint of the man as well as that of the girl, and is directing the search for Johnson.

The girl, a striking brunette, and daughter of a millworker, stated that she quit her work at a mill near her home, and started with a friend for a spring about 150 yards from her home.

While her friend stooped to get some water, the girl claims, the man reached from the bushes and seized her, dragging her away and beating her. He was scared away in a few minutes, she says, by the screams of her friend and several other girl friends who came up at that moment. She then went to her home and told of the alleged attack.

The girl and her friends are said to have identified Johnson when he was brought before them at her home.

Johnson is said to weigh about 160 pounds, is slightly hump shouldered, and wore gray hat, white shirt and black trousers when he escaped. It is reported that he is married and has four children.

INSECT SPECIALIST IN COUNTY NEXT WEEK

Mr. C. H. Brannon, of the department of Entomology, will be in Rutherford county next week to speak on the eradication of all kind of insects, or pests found in the home on the farm and garden, such as flies, rats, mosquitoes, moles, bean beetles, chinchies, cock roaches, etc.

He will speak at Mt. Pleasant school at 2:30 p. m., August 10th and at Harris school house, Thursday, August 11th at 10:00 a. m. and at Mt. Vernon school house at 2:30 p. m. on the 11th. August 12th, Friday, he will speak at Hollis school at 10:00 a. m. and at Round Hill Academy auditorium, at 2:30 p. m. August 12th. Saturday, August 13th he will speak at the court house at 10:00 a. m.

JACK KING HERE

Jack King, well known as "Freckles", a favorite in the South, a comedian of the better class show type, opened a week's engagement in Forest City Monday night with his own company in his big tent theatre, located rear of Forest City Motor Co.

The show is clean, full of comedy and carries a good orchestra. There is an entire change of plays and vaudeville every night, also an entire change of musical program. The show is an established organization and considered the best in the South, playing at popular prices.

Friday night there will be a big Charleston dancing contest for local people, three cash prizes will be awarded. The contest is open to all.

IMPRESSIONS OF AN OBSERVER AT LAKE LURE

Possibly the most interesting study at Lake Lure during the celebration Saturday, aside of course from the wonderful development itself, was the cosmopolitan nature of the vast crowd assembled. A casual check-up of the car tags by an observer showing cars and people from many different States, cities, smaller towns and communities, the people themselves being from almost as many different stations in life, vieing with one another in having a good time and all delighted in the fact that another great traffic route had been opened up in North Carolina.

Bankers, captains of finance and industry, business men, boy scouts, laborers, farmers, women in silks and calicoes, all celebrating together in that true democratic fashion common to America only, was an inspiring sight not soon to be forgotten.

G. R. GILLESPIE.

MOTORCADE STOPS AT FOREST CITY

Wilmington Boosters Are Greeted in Park and Given Refreshments

Escorted by city and county motorcycle police, who had met them at the county line beyond Ellenboro, the Cape Fear motorcade, composed of 26 gaily decorated cars, bearing 73 happy and enthusiastic Wilmington boosters, were stopped at the park on Main street at 6 p. m. Monday, where a reception committee of Kiwanians, headed by Mayor Flack, gave them welcome to our city and godspeed on their good will tour. The cars, headed by Chief Price and escort, were drawn up in a circle around the park, where the boosters alighted and were greeted by the committee.

Mayor Flack welcomed the visitors in a short speech, after which he introduced Hon. Thos. J. Moss, who made a short and happy address of welcome. The response was made by Mr. F. A. Mathis, vice president of the light and power company at Wilmington, who in a happy vein expressed their appreciation of the reception given them, and paid a striking tribute to the beauties of Forest City. He said their trip was to create good will between the mountain and seacoast sections and promote interest in "The Feast of the Pirates," to be celebrated in Wilmington, August 10-12. Mentioning that they were to have a beauty contest, he said, after a quick glance over the crowd, "I see you have some beauties here. Bring them down and

DR. CHAPPELL TO ADDRESS COUNTY EPWORTH LEAGUES

Group Meeting of Rutherford County Leagues at Forest City Methodist Church September 2nd

Dr. Ashley Chappell, pastor of The Central Methodist Church, Asheville, and one of the outstanding Methodist ministers in North Carolina, will be the principal speaker at the September group meeting of the Rutherford County Epworth League Association, which will be held in the First Methodist church, Forest City September 2, according to an announcement made by Clarence Griffin, secretary of the Association.

Tentative plans are to make this meeting the biggest and best held since the organization of the Association two years ago. The meeting will open at 7:30 with the devotional session, followed by an address by Dr. Chappell. The business session will close the meeting.

Rev. W. Arthur Barber, field Secretary of the Western North Carolina Epworth League Conference, of High Point, will also be present and participate in the program.

enter them in our contest, as the Forest City girls seem most likely candidates."

Cigars and refreshments were served, while the committee was busily engaged in animated conversation with the visitors. Many expressions of appreciation of the courtesies extended and admiration of the appearance of Forest City were heard on all sides. It was said that, with the exception of their regular scheduled stops, Forest City was the only town on the route which had entertained the motorcade with refreshments.

After a short and happy half-hour, the motorcade left, escorted by police, who were to see them safely on their journey to Lake Lure, where they spent the night and were given a grand reception. From Lake Lure the motorcade journeyed to Asheville, returning to Wilmington over another route. The trip will cover approximately 1,000 miles, L. E. Warford, of the Carolina Motor Club, was in charge.

This good will tour will be the means of bringing Eastern and Western Carolina into closer relationship and promote more frequent exchange of visits between the citizens of each section, now that Highway No. 20 has been completed—a ribbon of concrete stretching from the mountains to the sea, the "main Street" of North Carolina.

FOURTH DISTRICT B. Y. P. U. HOLDS GROUP MEETING

**Dr. G. C. Hodgins Elected District Head For Next Year
—Miss Jacquette Hill Secretary.**

Spindale, Aug. 3.—The Fourth district of the Sandy Run Association B. Y. P. U. held its quarterly meeting in the First Baptist church here yesterday evening. Approximately one hundred B. Y. P. U. members were present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. G. C. Hodgins, of Forest City. Mr. Erastus Freeman led a spirited song service assisted by Miss Alda Freeman at the piano.

The devotional was conducted by Miss Jacquette Hill. Attorney McKinley Harrill addressed the convention, using as his subject, "David Born in Bethlehem." This was followed by an address by Prof. W. V. Tarlton, of Harris, on "Wasted Energy."

Three B. Y. P. U. Chapters were represented in the gathering. Officers were elected as follows: Dr. G. C. Hodgins, Forest City, fourth district vice-president; Miss Jacquette Hill, Spindale, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Erastus Freeman, Forest City, choirster; Miss Sue Francis Roberts, Spindale, Pianoist.

The next group meeting will be held in the Alexander Memorial Building, Forest City, Tuesday, November 1.

HAVE MIDNIGHT TRIAL

Chief Price and Rural Officer Chas. Gibson arrested a crowd of roisterers just beyond the bridge on the Ellenboro road Saturday night at 12 o'clock. There were two men and one woman and a negro chauffeur in the party, all being boisterously drunk. The men claimed they were from Asheville and were on their way to Charlotte, and were driving a fine Peerless sedan.

The men asked for a speedy trial and were hastened to Rutherfordton, arriving there after midnight. Always accommodating, Recorder Bean arose from his bed and held a trial of the drunks. The men were fined \$100 each, which they paid and went on their way.

Dr. A. C. Duncan and Mr. M. H. Hewitt and families returned from their Canadian trip last week. It was a wonderful trip and was enjoyed to the fullest.

TWO PEOPLE HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Miss Iver Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Butler, of Forest City Route, and Mr. Westbrook, of Chesnee, suffered injuries Sunday afternoon when the Studebaker touring car in which they were riding skidded on the pavement near West End, Forest City, turned over three times, and almost completely demolished the car.

Mr. Westbrook, mayor of Chesnee, aged 22 years, the youngest South Carolina mayor was going toward Rutherfordton. Miss Butler was driving the car. The pavement was slippery, due to the falling rain. It is thought that the car ran off on one side of the road, and the impetus of the car coming back on to the concrete caused the wreck.

Miss Butler's arm was nearly severed from her body. She was rushed to Dr. Duncan's office, where it was dressed, and was afterwards taken to the hospital. Mr. Westbrook suffered minor injuries.

LATEST NEWS FROM HENRIETTA

Death of Mr. W. H. Biggerstaff and Other Happenings by the Courier's Correspondent

(Special to The Courier)

Henrietta, Aug. 2.—Mr. W. H. Biggerstaff died at his home on Henrietta street Friday morning at 2:30, after several weeks' illness. His passing cast a gloom over the community for he was a splendid citizen and held in highest esteem by all who knew him. He would have been fifty-eight years old had he lived till September. He was a faithful member of the Henrietta Baptist church. Mr. Biggerstaff was twice married. His first wife was Miss Kansas Burgess. His second marriage was to Miss Amanda Taylor. She and the following children survive him: Messrs. Broadus, Worth, Glenn, Alton and Billy; Misses Sarah, Verlon, Carrie, Jennie and Pearl. All the children were present at the funeral except Glenn, who is in Mississippi. Four brothers also survive: Messrs. L. H. Biggerstaff, Boiling Springs, R. L. Biggerstaff, Sunshine; Furman Biggerstaff, Ellenboro, and B. F. Biggerstaff, Henrietta. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives attended the funeral services at High Shoals church Saturday afternoon. Rev. D. G. Washburn assisted by Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle conducted the services. Many beautiful floral offerings covered the grave bearing silent testimony to the love of his family and friends. The sympathy of the people of the town is with the loved ones of this good man.

Mrs. Kansas West, Miss Mary Lou West and Mr. Howard West, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Morehead of Cliffside, spent Sunday at Lake Lure.

Mrs. D. B. Johnston, of Rutherfordton, and Mrs. J. H. Steadman, of Norwood, Ga., were in town one day last week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Whisnant and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Fite, of Ellenboro, Sunday.

Mrs. C. B. Burrus, of Clinton are the guests of Mrs. S. J. Asbury at Chimney Rock.

Mr. W. L. Smith, of the Henrietta Store, is back on the job after a week's vacation.

Mr. Fitzgerald Davis and Mr. M. B. Mahaffee, Jr., of Raleigh, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mahaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiseman, of Kannapolis, spent last Wednesday here with Mrs. Wiseman's uncle, Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle, and Mrs. Hornbuckle.

Mrs. Durham Moore, and children, of Shelby, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamrick, last week.

Miss Gertrude Fanning, of Forest City, was dinner guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. B. Mahaffee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Layne will move to Whitmire, S. C., next week, where they will be with their son, Mr. Robert Dillard, who is overseer of the clothroom of the Baldwin

FUNERAL FOR MRS. LOWRANCE HELD LAST FRIDAY

Beloved Forest City Woman Dies in Charlotte Hospital. Funeral Here Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Katie Lowrance, who died in Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, Wednesday night, July 27, where she had been taking treatment, were held at the First Baptist church here Friday afternoon at 2:30. The services were in charge of Dr. W. A. Ayers, assisted by Rev. Z. D. Harrill, of Ellenboro. Mr. Harrill was a life long friend of Mrs. Lowrance. Following the funeral services interment was in Cool Springs cemetery.

Katie Harrill Lowrance was born June 28, 1858, in Forest City in the house where she lived at the time of her death. She was the daughter of the late Martin J. and Vania Harrill. She joined the Cool Springs Baptist church, which is now the First Baptist church, when a little girl, and was active in church work as long as her health would permit her to be. She was a member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

She was married December 4, 1884 to Colin C. Lowrance, who died August 5th, 1890. Three children were born to this union, one having died at an early age.

Two brothers, Mr. John Bell Harrill, of Raleigh, and Geo. H. Harrill, of Rock Hill, S. C., and one sister, Mrs. Maggie Mauney, of this place survive, also a niece Mrs. Addis H. Moore of Hampton, Va., formerly Miss Cordie Harrill, whose mother died when she was only a babe, was taken and reared by Mrs. Lowrance, whose motherly love and care caused Mrs. Moore to feel as one of her children, and whose children, Addis, Jr., and Jacqueline, seemed as grandchildren. Besides these three grandchildren, Charles Ford, Jr., and Bommar and Katherine Lowrance survive, and a large number of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were C. E. Alcock, F. I. Barber, O. C. Turner, E. G. Abernethy, Charles Z. Flack and R. L. Reinhardt. The flowers were carried by Missionary Society.

Among the out of town people here to attend the funeral, were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harrill, of Raleigh, Mr. Carl Harrill and Mrs. Robert Hill, of Hamlet, Mr. Vaughn Padgett, of Lincolnton, Mr. and Mrs. Yates Harrill and Mrs. Lola Turner, of Shelby, Mrs. Lizzie Byers, of Gaffney, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Keeter and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scoggins, of Cramerton, Mrs. J. O. Williamson and children, of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Harrill and McKinley Harrill, of Spindale, Mr. E. E. Lowrance, of near Hendersonville, Mrs. Ella Seymour, of Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. James Kanipe, of Lattimore.

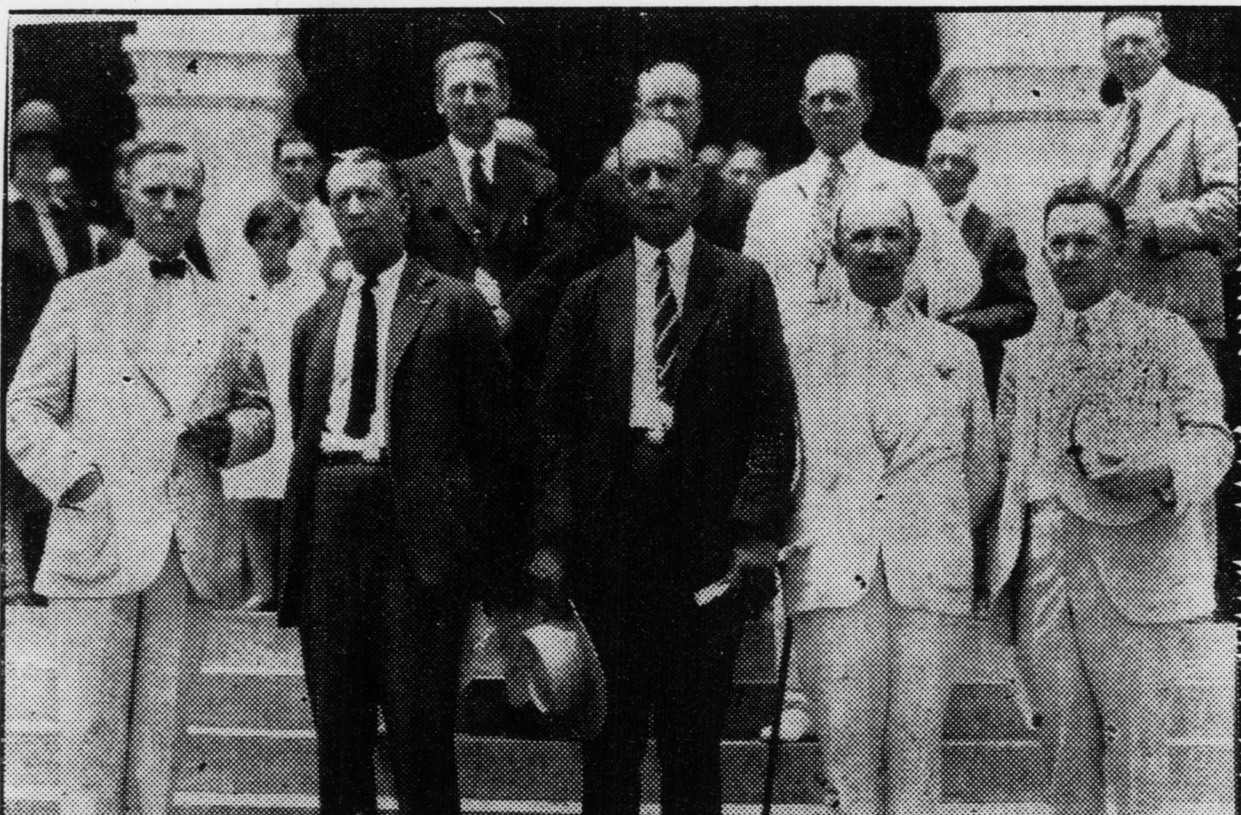
Mrs. Lowrance's brother, Mr. Geo. H. Harrill of Rock Hill, was unable to attend the funeral on account of ill health.

MR. JOE HAMRICK PRINCIPAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL

Mr. Joe Hamrick, of this place, is this week leading singing at Kannapolis, N. C. He will be filling engagements as song leader at Wilkesboro, Denton and Henderson, N. C., and Olar, S. C., during this month. Mr. Hamrick will be principal of the Williston-Elko High School at Williston, S. C., this next winter. The school will open September 6th. This is one of the biggest high schools in central South Carolina, and Mr. Hamrick's abilities have been highly honored in selecting him as head of the school.

Aragon mill at Whitmire. Mrs. Layne has had charge of the Teacher's Home here for a number of years and it is a source of regret to their many friends, and particularly the young ladies who have boarded with them, that they have decided to make their home in South Carolina.

Highway Jubilee Crowd Estimated At 25,000



Above is shown a group of North Carolina notables who attended the mammoth celebration of the completion of state highway No. 20 held at Lake Lure Saturday. Front row, left to right: Dr. L. B. Morse, head of the Lake Lure development; A. M. Kistler of Morganton, state highway commissioner for the eighth district; Frank Page of Raleigh, chairman of the state highway commission; T. L. Kilpatrick of Charlotte, chief speaker; and Charles H. Haynes of Cliffside, president of the Rutherford County club. Second row, left to right: F. Roger Miller, manager of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce; Roscoe A. Marvel, president of the Appalachian Scenic Highway association; and Fred Hamrick of Rutherfordton, a member of the celebration committee. As a result of a count showing 7,885 automobiles went to the event, leaders of the celebration estimated 25,000 persons attended all or a part of the day.