

Girl Tells Her Side of Affair Which Caused the Trouble

Miss Griffin Gives Her Version of the Alleged Assault Upon Her on Monday Night, March 16th, by Joe Needleman

First Statement From Girl Made Exclusively to The Enterprise

In view of what has been said in the newspapers of the county and State, Mrs. F. W. Sparrow, who before her marriage was Miss Effie Griffin, gives her side of the affair which marked the beginning of the terrible happenings of the past 10 days, to the Enterprise for publication.

On the night—Monday, March 16—that she alleges Needleman assaulted her, she says that she had an engagement with him to go to her sister's, Mrs. John Gurkin. They were to meet her cousin, Rosa Griffin, there and go to Smithwick's Creek Church, there to meet Coy Roberson, and all four go on to Washington to a show in Coy Roberson's car. They did this, but when she started to get in the touring car with the others, Needleman asked her to get back in his car, as it belonged to his company and he was no supposed to have it out after 6 o'clock and could not leave it so far out in the country alone, fearing some damage to it. She got back in Needleman's car and they drove just back to the other car to Corey's store. Both cars stopped at this place and Needleman again said, according to Mrs. Sparrow, that he was afraid to leave his car, so the Roberson car drove on, expecting the other to follow, but Needleman turned around and drove back to the church, although she says she begged him to turn around and go to Washington as they had planned. When they arrived at the church he stopped the car and made an indecent advance, which frightened her. She claims she began to fight him and succeeded in getting out of the car, running toward her mother's home. He overtook her and promised that "before his Maker and in the memory of his mother" he would not touch her if she would get back in the car. Whereupon she got back and they again drove to Corey's store, but before reaching there he told her if she said a word about what he had done he would kill her. She says this frightened her and she made no outcry but did get out of the car. According to her, he told her to get back or he would kill her right then. She did as he ordered her and drank a Coca-Cola that he had ordered.

Instead of proceeding to Washington as she expected the man turned toward the church again, and when they reached a lonely spot on the road between the church and the store mentioned she says she again stopped the car and told her that she could not dissuade him from doing what he had at first attempted and then criminally assaulted her. She alleges that she was so weak and frightened she could no longer resist him.

Afterwards he went back to the store and waited for the other car, drove along with it as far as Will Taylor's, where he let her get out and get in the other car, and when

Food for Tornado Sufferers



Throughout the Illinois-Indiana districts where the great tornado swept, taking a toll of 1000 lives and injuring 8000, all selfishness is forgotten as states and nations make the effort to render relief and assistance. Above is shown one of the emergency open-air food stations at Murphysboro, Ill., where hundreds were fed. Below, an aerial view of the leveled town of Frankfort, Ill., a scene typical of virtually all towns in the path of the terrible storm.

DANGER NOT PAST FOR NEEDLEMAN

Improves Slowly, But is Very Weak From Loss of Blood; No Hope Yet For Arrested Men

A telephone message to Dr. Taylor of the Washington Hospital where Needleman yet lies seriously ill, states that he is getting along fairly well, but is making slow progress toward recovery. The loss of blood and the terrible strain on his nervous system makes his fight for life an uphill one. Not yet have the attending physicians thought his life out of danger, but it is understood if no complications set in that they can issue a statement in a few days saying that the danger of death is past, and bond can then be arranged for those arrested in connection with the mob.

It is expected that the defendants in this case will move for habeas corpus proceedings this week, perhaps on Thursday, unless bond can be arranged otherwise. In all probability the defendants will be able to give bond in reasonable sums.

THEODORE HASSELL, OF LOUISBURG, IN TOWN

Mr. Theodore Hassell is on our streets today shaking hands with his many friends. He was accompanied here from Louisburg, his present place of residence, by Mr. C. E. Pace, chief of the Louisburg Fire Department. They are the guests of Mayor John L. Hassell.

he left them he was going toward Williamston.

With her cousin and friend she went to her sister's, spent the night, and told her sister of the affair before going to work next morning. She swore her sister to secrecy, because of the threats said to have been made upon her life by Needleman, and not until the next Sunday did she tell her mother anything at all in regard to it. This is the young woman's story as given out for publication by her Monday, April 6. She is at her mother's home, where she will spend the next few days.

FOUR DEAD IN FLORIDA STORM

Tornado Sweeps Over Section of State, Killing Four and Injuring Twenty-Two

Miami, Fla., April 6.—Four persons are dead today and 22 others injured after a tornado which swept from the Everglades yesterday and did \$150,000,000 damage. The death of Mrs. John T. Simpson, of Westwood Park, who died today, brought the death toll to four.

The other dead are John Wadsworth Simpson, age 8, Westwood Park; Mrs. Mahilda Schultz, 70, White Belt Dairy and F. E. Sullivan, Westwood Inn.

After crossing a canal at Hialeah, the great funnel-shaped cloud lifted and then crashed down on the White Belt Dairy two miles away, completely demolishing six buildings. Sweeping in between buildings the foot of the tornado gathered up four small dwellings, a large garage apartment, and the mess hall of the dairy and piled them all in a twisted jumbled mass in the center of the group. It is estimated that the damage at the dairy will exceed \$100,000. Besides the cost of the buildings the personal effects of the 75 to 80 persons whose homes were destroyed, and the extent of the damages to cows and material could not be estimated as yet.

Reports have been received at Miami that severe rain and hail storms were felt along the east coast of Florida from Homestead, 30 miles south of Miami, to Fort Lauderdale, 25 miles to the north.

STATE TO SAVE \$10,000 A YEAR ON STATIONERY

The State is now to save \$10,000 a year by using printed stationery instead of embossed as used in the past. The Governor has just ordered the State to purchase paper from a mill at Canton, N. C., whereby the State was saved \$1,800 on one car load. It

Masonic Meeting on Wednesday Night

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., on Wednesday evening, April 8. Work in the Master Mason's degree. All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited.

C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Jr., Secretary.

6 ARRESTED IN NEEDLEMAN CASE

Three Have Been Released; Elder E. C. Stone Among Those Arrested; Being Held in Various Jails

At noon today sixteen arrests had been made in the Needleman case, most of them being held without bond pending the outcome of Needleman's injuries.

Those arrested are: F. W. Sparrow, of Kinston, now in the Greenville jail; John Gurkin and John A. Griffin, brother-in-law and brother, respectively, of Effie Griffin. They are also in the Greenville jail. John Gray Corey and Albert Griffin, neighbors of the Griffin girl. Corey is now at Nashville and Griffin at Tarboro.

Henry D. Griffin, Julian Bullock, Edgar Johnson, Sherwood Roberson, Roy Gray, and John Coltrain, of Robersonville, were arrested Saturday. Of this number, Coltrain, the night policeman of Robersonville, was released upon giving information tending to incriminate others. H. D. Griffin was taken to the Nashville jail; the others all to Tarboro. Johnson and Roberson made complete confessions and turned State's evidence, upon which they were released by Solicitor Gilman.

Lester Edmondson, of Gold Point, was arrested Sunday evening and taken to the Tarboro jail.

Monday morning the solicitor ordered warrants for the arrest of Elder E. C. Stone, the step-father of Effie Griffin, Albert Gurkin, a young man of the Grullins section, Tom Harrell and A. A. Croom, of Gold Point. All of them were taken to Tarboro except Mr. Croom, who hearing that a warrant had been issued for him went to Tarboro of his own accord, and placed himself in the hands of the solicitor.

The solicitor is not giving out anything for publication, and whether the cases are all supported by a full line of evidence sufficient to convict or by extenuating circumstances is not generally known.

It is rumored that there will be several more arrests made during today. It seems to be generally presumed that approximately 30 people had a hand in the affair. If the number estimated is correct, then about half of those present at the jail breaking and mutilation have not yet been arrested.

Epworth League Holds Its Regular Meeting

The Epworth League held its usual meeting in the Methodist Church Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The following program was rendered:

Hymn No. 170—League.

Psalm 24 read responsively.

Remarks on Psalm 24—Pattie Edmondson.

Sentence prayers by different members of the league.

Hymn No. 160, by the league.

Talk on Hymn No. 150 by Christine Dodd.

Talk on Hymn No. 684 by Mrs. Jim Leggett.

Duet, "Tis time for working," by Josephine Sykes and Ellen Cowen.

Talk on Hymn No. 276, by George Harris.

Announcements made by Evelyn Harrison, president.

Closed with league benediction.

HORTON-SMITH WEDDING IN PLYMOUTH SUNDAY

Of interest to local people will be the news of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Smith and Mr. Louis Horton, of Plymouth, which took place Sunday. Both of these young people have visited in Williamston many times and are very popular here. Mrs. Horton is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, of Plymouth, and Mr. Horton is the son of Mr. Jesse Horton and is connected with several families of our town.

is good for the people to have the State departments use paper like the most of the people use.

MANY ENJOY MR. BROWN'S SERMONS

Evangelistic Meeting at Episcopal Church Brought to a Close Sunday Night

Rev. Bertram E. Brown, of Tarboro, who held services during the past week concluding with a solemn Sunday morning and evening, in the Church of the Atonement, brought some of the most soul-satisfying messages to our people that it has ever been their privilege to enjoy.

A more consecrated man or a more forceful preacher than Mr. Brown is rarely found, but the combination of these qualities crowns all his work with success. In the meditation periods, which have been particularly enjoyable, Mr. Brown talked for a few minutes each night on the four different kinds of lives that we may live. The life that is pleasing to no one, not even to ourselves, is the life that is pleasing only to ourselves, and the highest life that is pleasing to God.

On previous evenings illustrations of lives that had been pleasing to God had been shown, and on Sunday evening he portrayed the acceptance of forgiveness by the thief on the cross and showed how pleasing that act was to Jesus and His Father.

As a climax to the sermons of the week's mission Mr. Brown preached Sunday evening on the death of Jesus. The last words of Jesus, spoken when He atoned for our sins on the cross, were explained and their significance given. The first, a plea for His enemies; the second, a supplication for enemies who were then His friends; the third, a word for His mother and those who had always been His friends; then a call to His Father, who was fulfilling the prophecies and turning His back on Jesus while our sins were being borne on His shoulders. The next words, "I thirst," were not merely physical thirst, but were spiritual, and were for our atonement. Their "It is finished," and His last will and testament when He left His mother to His friends, His clothing to the Roman soldiers, His spirit to the Lord, and His peace to us.

Mr. Brown's closing thought that if we have not that peace in our lives we have not yet accepted complete forgiveness was very beautifully presented.

RED CROSS ASKS FOR HELP FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

The American National Red Cross has been engaged in administering relief to disaster sufferers throughout the entire area affected by the recent tornado almost from the moment of its occurrence.

Mr. James L. Fleser, vice chairman in charge of domestic operations, and Mr. Harry M. Baker, national director of disaster relief, were both in St. Louis when the tornado struck, and assumed direct charge of the relief work in Missouri, Indiana, and Illinois, which is being administered as an operation from the St. Louis branch office.

Relief work in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama is being administered from national headquarters at Washington, D. C.

Your chapter is authorized to accept in behalf of the American Red Cross for transmittal to national headquarters at Washington all contributions for the relief of the disaster sufferers. Adequate publicity should be immediately given to this fact. Individual contributions will be restricted by the Red Cross to the relief of any particular area when so designated by the donors.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN BARTON PAYNE,
Chairman.

BLALOCK TEMPORARILY TO SUCCEED MR. BING

Raleigh, April 6.—General Manager U. B. Blalock will take over the duties of the office of secretary treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, according to a statement issued from the headquarters of the association today. This announcement follows the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. A. E. Bing as secretary treasurer. A successor to Mr. Bing will probably be chosen at some future date. F. B. Webster, for two years assistant secretary, will continue in his work and will assist General Manager Blalock in caring for the department formerly directed by Mr. Bing.

"Red" Powell Here Sunday

Mr. Red Powell, of the Hearst newspaper syndicate, with headquarters at Raleigh, was a visitor here Sunday.

Negro Woman, Killed at Road Camp Near Jamesville During Family Row; Assailant Escapes



Miss Julia Alexander, lawyer and member of the North Carolina Legislature, wants to be governor of the State. She has announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination.

No Cases Before Recorder Today

Raleigh County was very quiet today. The docket was only composed of a few old cases that had come over, and no case was tried. Several minor cases were returned on the docket, and one was not pressed.

LEGION TO HOLD INDOOR CIRCUS

Washington Post Preparing for Big Event for the Week of April 20th

The American Legion post of Washington is making great preparations for an auto show and indoor circus for the week of April 20th, lasting six days.

The Taylor Fruit Co., which put on an indoor circus for the Williamston Chamber of Commerce last year, is staging the show for the Washington Legionnaires. They are promising a good show, and with the American Legion backing it, it should receive the hearty support of everyone.

PERFECT PLANS FOR STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Sunday school workers of all denominations throughout the State are planning to attend the annual State Sunday school convention in Greensboro Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 28, 29, and 30, according to the report of D. W. Sims-Raleigh, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday school association.

At a full meeting of the general committee on arrangements and the entertainment committee on Thursday night April 2, plans were perfected for entertaining the convention. Superintendent D. W. Sims stated in the meeting that there are now 88 counties in the State organized into county Sunday school associations, and that the majority of these organizations would be well represented at the convention in Greensboro.

The entertainment committee, of which E. D. Yost is chairman, is already at work securing homes for entertaining all delegates free for lodging and breakfast. The Greensboro church people are making great preparations for entertaining the convention.

The convention is being extensively advertised throughout the state, and Sunday school workers of all denominations are being invited to attend. Special invitations are being sent to all pastors and Sunday school superintendents.

UPPER HALIFAX COUNTY HOPEFUL OF FINDING OIL

Upper Halifax County is now hopeful that they have oil. The Roanoke Rapids Herald says that preliminary digging of a well at the new country club of Roanoke Rapids, when only 67 feet deep oil was struck with the smell of keroene or paraffin. Several samples were taken, the contents of which was principally water with a small percentage of oil substance. It is not known yet whether drilling will be begun in this section any time in the immediate future.

Victim's Skull Crushed by Pop Bottle When she Interferes

Monday afternoon about 1 o'clock Luther Boyd, a coal miner, was working with the highway construction gang on the highway between Jamesville and a mile west of it, when he saw a woman with her wife, who he thought was his sister, John Boyd, come to persuade him to stop the work with his wife Boyd then threw a pop bottle at the other woman just as she turned her head, striking a the back of the head near the base of the brain, crushing the skull. She died a few seconds afterwards. Mr. Boyd, superintendent of the construction company, phoned for doctors, but before they arrived the woman was dead.

Mr. F. L. Edwards, county coroner, called and after summoning the following jurors: J. T. Laverman, H. C. Bertram, John Coltrain, G. G. Purcell, W. R. Griffin, and J. T. Edmondson, the body was viewed and witnesses examined. The jury found that the woman came to her death from a blow to the head of Lennie Boyd.

REVENUE AGENT DOT HILLSIDE NEAR SAND CAVE, KENTUCKY

Case of a man who was arrested and taken to the hills near Sand Cave, Ky., April 6.—Tents were pitched and the hills near Sand Cave, Ky., were being worked in an effort to locate a man who had been missing from the hills since he was arrested in January 30, while he was searching for a new cave.

A. H. Hunt, a miner, who is directing the attempt to recover the body, estimated that the job would take from two weeks to 20 days. The contract entered into with Homer Collins, a brother of the victim, who went on business stage to earn the money, was taken for less than \$3,000, Hunt said. He added that it probably would take considerably more than this to complete the task. A half dozen men are employed.

AGRICULTURE THE BASIC INDUSTRY OF AMERICA

Agriculture is a basic American industry into whose interests all other interests inextricably are woven.

Everyone knows that without a healthy condition in agriculture, all the other lines of business feel the depressing reaction, and it is therefore as much the concern of industry at large as of agriculture itself that agriculture be protected from economic illness.

The business community which seeks merely to exploit the agricultural producers in its trade area has no worthy place in the ranks of modern organized business. Those dollars which come from agricultural wealth are new dollars. It is a distinct obligation of every chamber of commerce and like business group in agricultural areas to enhance the purchasing power of those dollars.—Richard F. Grant, in the Country Gentleman.

In Town Saturday

Miss Myrtle Dixon and Carolyn Blanche Poe, of Hamilton, and P. T. Long, of Oak City were in the city Saturday.



THE STRAND THEATRE

Williamston, N. C.

BIG PROGRAM FOR THIS WEEK

ANOTHER ONE NEXT WEEK

SHOWS EVERY DAY