



One Man Is Arrested; 2 Sought In July Robbery Of Hot Springs Bank

Donald Duke Riggs Admits Part In Bank Robbery

The FBI said Monday three Knoxville men have been charged in the July 9 holdup of a Hot Springs, N. C. bank. One was arrested and the other two still sought.

Donald Duke Riggs, 23, waived preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Harve Duggins and was released under \$5,000 bond on charges of bank robbery and interstate transportation of firearms.

Also charged are John Edward Miller, 26, and Ronald Arthur Copeland, 21.

James L. McGovern, assistant agent in charge of the Knoxville FBI office, said some of the \$8,000 take in the robbery was recovered from Riggs, but he did not say how much.

Two armed men entered the Citizens Bank in Hot Springs, and held up the only employe July 9.

They fled in a late model white car toward Tennessee, McGovern said, and shortly thereafter a second car fell in behind the getaway vehicle. The car used in the hold-up was found submerged later in a river near Newport, Tenn., just across the North Carolina line.

Madison County Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said a newspaper Monday that Riggs had signed a statement in Knoxville admitting complete participation in the holdup. Ponder said Riggs admitted the other two men.

(Riggs was taken into custody on a warrant for another violation and the bank robbery charge followed, Ponder said.)

Riggs was held for the full term of court in the Western District of North Carolina. If convicted he faces a maximum sentence of 20 years or \$5,000 fine, or both.

Copeland was described as a (Continued on Page Six)



FARBER RIGGS

ROBBERY SUSPECT — Donald Duke Riggs, 23-year-old Knoxville, Tenn., resident, accompanied Joe Farber, county U. S. marshal, after his arrest Monday on a bank robbery charge. Farber, with the county sheriff, searched for Riggs. Riggs was released under \$5,000 bond. Two other Knoxville men are being sought in connection with the robbery. — Courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times

BLAMES OTHERS

A man bumps into hard luck, and blames others for pushing him.

Interior Bill Gives Smokies \$2.5 Million

Washington — The Interior Appropriations Bill recently signed by President Kennedy includes an appropriation of \$2,565,100 for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, including the Foot-hills Parkway, in Tennessee and North Carolina.

The appropriation, which will be used in the year which started July 1, includes: Management and protection, \$542,800; maintenance and rehabilitation, \$618,400; construction of buildings and utilities, \$90,900; construction of roads and trails and liquidation of contracts, \$1,313,500.

BAD LUCK GETS BLAMED

Bad luck often gets blamed, when lack of common sense should

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN AUGUST 21

Madison County students will start back to school on Wednesday, August 21, it was announced this week.

Teachers will begin their duties two days earlier, however, when they report to the schools on Monday, August 19.

MAN CHARGED WITH RAPE TO BE TRIED HERE

Alleged Assault Took Place In Beach Glen Section

Paul Gregory, 25, of Fairview is being held in Buncombe County jail on charges of abduction and rape of a 12-year-old girl earlier this month.

Buncombe Sheriff Harry P. Clay said the abduction allegedly occurred in Buncombe County and the rape allegedly in Madison County.

Gregory was arrested last Thursday in Kankakee, Ill., and returned to Asheville during the week-end by Deputy Sheriff Howard Martin to face trial on the two charges, Sheriff Clay said.

The girl was kidnaped Sunday night, June 30, on the highway near her home in the Fairview section, and allegedly was picked up by Gregory and driven past Asheville, where she is said to be held in the Beach Glen area of Madison County, the sheriff said.

The warrant charging Gregory with the abduction was issued July 4 by Deputy Sheriff Don Ketchum.

Sheriff E. Y. Ponder said Gregory was taken to the Asheville jail on Monday.

To All Taxpayers

The 1963 session of the General Assembly made certain changes in the Sales and Use Tax article, effective July 1, 1963.

The minimum penalty of \$1.00 is no longer applicable. The penalty for failure to file a report when due is now 5% PER MONTH, for each month, or fraction thereof, such failure continues, with a maximum rate of 25% BUT IN NO CASE LESS THAN \$5.00. A penalty of 10% minimum of \$5.00, is imposed for failure to PAY any taxes when due.

MRS. SAM J. HUSKINS, N. C. Department of Revenue, Burnsville, North Carolina.

Hot Springs Voters Approve ABC Liquor

84 EMPLOYEES NOW AT MILLS PLANT HERE

Employment, Earnings Have Given Section Economy Boost

The Mills Manufacturing Company in Marshall is in full swing these days with employment reaching 84 with the hopes of increasing this number to 125 by the end of the year. In addition to the employees, there are also three officials in the modernized building, formerly known as the Marshall Cotton Mill Building.

E. M. Pettit is plant manager; Stan Frunklin, is assistant plant manager; and Mrs. Helen Hunter is receptionist.

The employees are busy daily making "allura," used by the U. S. Air Force, parachutes, and parachute components.

In addition to giving these people employment, their weekly earnings have greatly helped give this section an "economy boost."

MADISON NINE

The Madison County "Mads" team will be counted as a win for opponents for the remaining part of the season, it was announced.

The team has not played since July 4th.

"We were forced to drop out of the league because we could not continue to field a team. Many of the players had other commitments on the days we were scheduled to play and it was the only course we could take. We deeply regret having to take this action", Herbert Meadows, manager of the team, said here this week.

FEED GRAIN DIVERSION PAYMENTS

The Madison County ASCS office is now in the process of computing final payments on the 1963 Feed Grain and Wheat Stabilization Diversion Programs, according to Ralph Ramsey, county ASCS office manager. He also reports that the ASCS office plans to start issuing these final payments sometime prior to August 15 and that each participating farmer will be given written notice as to the time he may sign his application and secure his payment. These payments will be made to over 840 farms which signed up to take part in the 1963 voluntary Feed Grain Program and to some 32 wheat farms which took part in this year's Wheat Stabilization Program. Each of these farmers will be receiving a diversion payment for acres which they diverted from feed grain or wheat into conserving uses. In addition those farmers who planted a portion of their permitted acreage of feed grain or wheat will receive a price support payment to the acreage planted to the commodity. The 840 Feed Grain farms are expected to earn a total payment of approximately \$22,000.00 on their own diverted acreage of which half the payments were (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Jimmy Sprinkle Bitten By Snake

Mrs. J. E. Sprinkle Jr., of Marshall, was bitten on an ankle by a snake at her home Tuesday afternoon. She was treated at the Memorial Mission Hospital and returned to her home Wednesday afternoon. It is thought that the snake was a copperhead.

Delinquent Tax List On Page 3

The delinquent tax list for unpaid 1962 taxes is published on Page Three of this issue, as required by the N. C. law. The list will continue to be published for four weeks with those paying up their taxes taken from the list each week.

IDLENESS COSTLY

Idle young men are sometimes needy old men in the making.

French Broad Baptist Asso. To Hold Meetings Next Week

PRINCIPAL IS NOW ON DUTY AT LOCAL SCHOOL

Clive White, principal of the Marshall school, is now on duty at the school. Because he is attending summer school at East Tennessee State University his hours at Marshall will be between 10:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

Mr. Whitt urges any new pupils who have moved into the district, dropouts returning, and others who did not pre-register last spring at the close of school to see him in order to save loss of time in being assigned when school opens.

"Teachers, parents, students who have problems, and other members of the community who wish to talk to me may come by at any time," Mr. Whitt stated.

346 Vote In Last Saturday's Election; 195 Approve

Hot Springs voters approved the establishment of ABC liquor sales 195 to 141 Saturday.

The election was authorized by an act of the 1962 General Assembly which also requires the Hot Springs town board to create a three-man board of alcoholic control to administer operation of the liquor store.

Net profits from liquor sales are to be divided as follows: one third to the general county fund, five per cent to the Madison County school superintendent, to be spent solely for Spring Creek School by a committee consisting of the county superintendent, the school principal and chairman of the school committee; 25 per cent to the school superintendent to be spent only for Hot Springs School by a similar three-man committee; five per cent for additional law enforcement in Hot Springs and the remainder (31 per cent) to the town's general fund.

Mary Hill, Paint Gap, And Marshall Are Sites For Annual Meeting

The annual sessions of the French Broad Baptist Association will be held at Mary Hill, Paint Gap, and Marshall, N. C., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 2, 3 and 4.

The first session will be a night meeting at the Mary Hill Baptist Church Wednesday with members of the Mary Hill Church as hosts for the evening meal. "Be planning to attend and bring food for our guests", one official stated.

Thursday's session will be held in the Paint Gap Church beginning at 9:30 a. m., and adjourning at 4 p. m.

The Marshall Baptist Church will be the site of Friday's session which begins at 9:30 a. m., and adjourns at 4 p. m.

The Rev. Clell Fisher is Moderator of the Association.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Count your blessings and fault-finding will fade away.

Teachers' Conference At Mars Hill College Monday

More Than 2,000 Expected To Visit Campus Soon

The first of three conferences involving more than 1,000 public school personnel will begin Monday at Mars Hill College. It is the Classroom Teachers Conference.

The second gathering, the North Carolina Education Association Leadership Conference, will begin

August 8; and the final one, the annual Conference of North Carolina School Superintendents, will start August 13.

The meetings constitute the final summer conferences to be held at the college. Six other groups have already met there. In all, more than 2,000 persons are expected to visit the campus as a result of the meetings.



Pictured above is the Madison County Courthouse which has recently been re-painted and repaired. The interior has been vastly improved with much-needed work being completed on walls and ceilings. As can be seen from this picture, the exterior has been recently repainted and looks "like new". Other improvements have also been made in the posts in front of building and even the flag pole has been painted.

4,541 New Names Placed In County Jury Box Saturday

Judge J. Frank Huskins Orders Jurors To Be Drawn Publicly

The jury box which contained the names of prospective jurors in Madison County was emptied of the old names Saturday morning at Courthouse and a new list of names was inserted.

The new names were clipped and put into the box in the presence of Superior Court Judge J. Frank Huskins of Burnsville, who came to Marshall for the occasion; Jury Commissioner Donald Stines, who was reappointed by Judge Huskins July 1; Sheriff E. Y. Ponder, Rep. Lister B. Ramsey, Auditor Wade Hays, members of the Madison County Bar Association, and others.

Four thousand five hundred forty-one names were put in the box with an additional number of

them women. Of the total, 3,376 names came from the tax books, and 1,165 from the registration books.

The jury commissioner system has been controversial for some time, with Superior Court Judge H. L. Riddle first ruling it unconstitutional and the State Supreme Court reversing the decision.

Effective July 1, Donald Stines, who has served in his capacity as commissioner, was reappointed and will serve a term "at the pleasure" of the resident judge, who is Judge Huskins.

At the ceremonies Saturday, Judge Huskins said, "although the law does not require it, I have instructed Mr. Stines that all jurors shall be drawn publicly and anyone wishing to be present when names are drawn for jury duty may do so."