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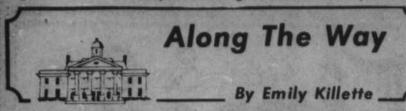
Everybody thinks that the crosses

marked homes where scouts decided

an easy entry could be made. The

colored folks are telling all sorts of stories about these things. Men

claiming to want to buy old gold had visited houses in Faison and Clinton



Duplin has had its share of mysus crimes. Many of the sensational crimes have never been

solved. The county was buzzing with talk of the white crosses in connection with the robbery of some homes during February of 1935. Just as the law enforcement officials are today, those of 1935 worked hard to find

HERALD. And, the week prior to that, a story appeared "Burglaries In Two Duplin Stores Early This Week"

Excitement reigns through this section because of the sudden appearance of mysterious white crosses

peared in dwellings in Faison one evening last week and that night several homes were robbed.

in Warsaw, in Mount Olive and in Clinton. People were scared in these

George Bennett sat up reading after her husband had gone to bed. The book apparently was an interesting une. Finally she prepared for bed. Deciding to see if the back door was locked before retiring, Mrs. Bennett stepped into the hall and collided with an intruder she thought was

Hodges hear a noise in the A. Brooks Store. He called help and got Mrs. Brooks, leaving men guarding the front and back doors of the store. When he went in, he captured Raymond Outlaw and Henry Jones in the act of picking out what they wanted.

(ried before Magistrate E.D. store through the sky light.

colored, folks don't believe they were responsible for the white

the day before the robberies in Faison. Mayor Martin in Faison was a heavy loser, \$40 in cash being

taken from his home. The white crosses on the houses are made with chalk. Residents of this section refuse to discount the idea that they might have been made by practical jokers. No robberies have as yet occured in Clinton or Mount Olive since the crosses appeared. Precautions are being taken. Shoplifters plied their trade in the

stores of D.E. Best, the Fashion Shop and Katz Department Store last Saturday. Constable D.B. Barnes got on their trail and found the goods, but the pilferers escaped leaving no trace of their identity.

Burgiaries in Two Duplin Stores Early This Week

Burglars broke into two Duplin County stores early this week at places a few miles apart. The store of C.E. Quinn, leading merchant and prominent citizen of

Kenansville, was broken into, officers reported, and all the cigarettes, a quantity of men's and women's clothing and other merchandise, and some silver change were taken.

No finger prints were found, it

being apparent that the burglars used gloves. Officers had a finger print expert to assist them in an effort to obatin clues as to the identity of the burglars. The amount of Mr. Quinn's total loss has not been announced. His store is a tew hundred feet from the courthouse.

Another attempt at robbery in Magnolia was made Tuesday morning about 5 o'clock. Four white men parked their car at Quinn-Gaylor drug store and with an iron bar broke the front door, gaining entrance.

Sam Pope, night watchman, was

on the job and quickly appeared with another man, and the robbers ran out and fled in their car, heading in the direction of Delway. I he watchman fired several shots and stated that he believes he broke the glass in their car. The men were pursued,

but not caught. The night watchmen at Delway saw a car pass, believed to be the one which was in Magnolia, and turned in the direction of Clinton. The robbers got nothing in the drug store except Dr. Quinn's gun. Sam Pope, the watchman, is on duty in Magnolia every night.



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