

Along The Way



By Emily Killette

Duplin has had its share of mysterious 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 clues to solve the crimes.

The story "Mystery of White Crosses Excites People of This Section," appeared in the February 28, 1935 issue of THE DUPLIN HERALD. And, the week prior to that, a story appeared "Burglaries in Two Duplin Stores Early This Week" and both are reprinted as follows.

Mystery of White Crosses Excites People of This Section

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

White crosses mysteriously appeared in dwellings in Faison one evening last week and that night several homes were robbed.

Then crosses appeared on homes in Warsaw, in Mount Olive and in Clinton. People were scared in these towns.

One home entered and two robbers captured in an attempted store robbery in Warsaw added to the excitement there.

Saturday night in Warsaw, Mrs. George Bennett sat up reading after her husband had gone to bed. The book apparently was an interesting one. 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 colored.

The man held Mr. Bennett's trousers in his hands, dropped them, and broke from the house in "high gear." Mrs. Bennett rushed to her husband and shook him awake, but the robber had gone.

Sunday night Police Officer Mills Hodges heard 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.

The men were placed in jail and tried before Magistrate E.D. Williams Monday morning. They were bound over to court under \$2,000 bond. The men entered the store through the sky light.

Though the two captured and the one seen at the Bennett home were colored, folks don't believe they were responsible for the white crosses.

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 occurred 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.

Burglaries 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 obtain clues as to the identity of the burglars. The amount of Mr. Quinn's total loss has not been announced. His store is a few 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. The 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.

MARANATHA REVIVAL BEGINS FEB. 25
Revival at Maranatha Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church on NC 24, three miles east of Beulaville, began Feb. 25 and runs through March 1. The Reverend Ronnie Weaver is the evangelist. Services are at 9:30 nightly.
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