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Loose Convict Conducts 24-Hour Crime Wave

A series of crimes that could send a 28 year-old Laurel Hill man to the state gas chamber ended just before Noon last Thursday with his capture by private citizens in Dover.

The story goes in this fashion: John Charles Callahan, serving 12 to 15 years in the Greenville Prison Camp for assault with intent to commit rape in Halifax County, escaped from a work gang near Greenville at about Noon Wednesday.

He stole a car in Greenville Wednesday night, abandoned it and stole another that same night in New Bern.

Thursday morning found him in the Sand Hill Township of Lenoir County, where he picked up a 10-year-old girl and took her to Lane's Chapel section of Craven County. There he raped her, after spraying her throat with an insect repellent.

Then he took the terrified child back to her home and threatened to kill her and her parents if she told what he had done.

The child did tell and she and her parents along with Deputy Sheriff Kirby Hardy Jr. were searching the area when Callahan made his next stop.

This was at the home of Mrs. Pauline Noble, wife of Clifton Noble, in the edge of Jones County, about two miles west of Dover.

The demented Scotland countian told Mrs. Noble that her husband had been hurt while working at a tobacco barn. Frightened, Mrs. Noble jumped into the stolen car driven by Callahan.

Then the convict told her he was an escapee and her fright turned to terror. Speeding through Dover — long past the place where she knew her husband was working, Mrs. Noble jumped out of the car and suffered painful injuries, including a skull fracture and other less serious bruises and abrasions.

Attracted by the screams of his wife, a she sped by where he was working, Noble pursued and caught Callahan, and along with other private Dover citizens held Callahan until authorities arrived.

He as been positively identified by the Lenoir County child as her rapist, and has admitted his guilt.

He is charged with kidnapping in Lenoir and Jones Counties, rape and auto theft in Craven and auto theft and escaping prison in Pitt.

Car Clips Porch Off George Smith's Home

Last Thursday afternoon a '59 Cadillac driven north on Highway US 258 hit an island in the road's intersection with Hull Road and went 504 feet to completely remove the front porch from the George Smith home.

Mrs. Emma Barnes, driver of the car, told Patrolman C. E. Edwards that she blacked out when her car hit the island and knew nothing that happened until some time after contact with the Smith home.

ONE MORE TIME

Alton Gardner of Kinston route 2 was charged with drunken and reckless driving over the weekend. This is Gardner's "umpteenth" traffic violation in recent years.

Suit for \$25,000 is Filed from Accident November 22, 1959

Mrs. Betty Joyce Taylor Patrick this week filed suit against Floyd Hill of Beaver Creek Township for \$25,000 for injuries she suffered in an accident on the night of November 22, 1959 near Hill's home.

The complaint says Mrs. Taylor was riding in a car driven by Dallas Douglas Perry, when they met several mules that were being "herded" down the highway by Hill, who was riding in his car with its bright lights burning.

The complaint says that Hill was on the wrong side of the road, and his lights so blinded Perry that he did not, and could not see the mules, and his car struck one.

In the crash Mrs. Patrick says she suffered broken neck bones and other less serious injuries that forced her to stay in a Kinston hospital until December 3, 1959 and to remain under treatment until December 22, 1959.

Child Hurt Saturday East of Trenton

Four year-old Joe Nathan Kinsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Kinsey, of the Mallardtown section east of Trenton, suffered painful but not serious injuries Saturday night when he darted into the path of a car near his home.

Investigation relieved Paul Dove of Comfort of any negligence in the accident.

W. W. Brafford is Sued By New Bern Dealer

New Bern lumber dealer Frank Wade has filed suit in Jones County Superior Court against W. W. Brafford of Maysville, asking \$2,092.35 damages for an alleged breach of contract.

Wade's suit claims that he contracted with Brafford for delivery of 57,878 broad feet of white ash to be used in the manufacture of tool handles, and that the specifications for the timber were not complied with in the deliveries made to Wilmington for shipment to Wade's client in Liverpool, England.

Wade says he paid Brafford \$1,067.03 and lost another \$1,925.32 when James McMahon, Limited of Liverpool refused to accept delivery of the shipment.

Rude Bike Rider

Charles McKnight of 1110 Star Apartments was charged with riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in a business section and with disorderly conduct after he had run into Arlander Cobb of 327 Webb Lane, knocked a watermelon from Cobb's arms to the sidewalk and put a cussing on Cobb for getting in his way.

First Degree Burglary

A burglar entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Bunch at 607 Dupree Street early Wednesday through a slashed rear screen, went to the bedroom where the couple slept. There he took Bunch's pocketbook with \$325 in it, a yellow Bulova wrist watch of Mrs. Bunch and about \$25 worth of costume jewelry. The thief dropped a carton and one pack of cigarettes in the back yard of the home.

Trenton Man Participates in Recovery of Astronaut

Participating in recovery operations for Air Captain Virgil I. (Gus) Grissom, second U. S. astronaut, while serving aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Randolph operating off the Coast of Florida, was James O. Moore, boatswain's mate first class, son of Mrs. Mary C. Moore of Trenton, N. C.

The Navy recovery force, composed of both surface and air units, was deployed down the flight path from Cape Canaveral to the touch-down area northeast of the Grand Bahamas Island, and was prepared to recover the spacecraft where it landed.

Suit for \$105,000 is Filed Against Wade Mallard of Trenton

Edward Jordan of the Pollockville section and the Dixie Chemical Company of New Bern have jointly filed suit for \$105,000 against Wade Mallard of Trenton.

The complaint alleges that Mallard on July 6th of this year with numerous workers and equipment forced their way upon the farm of Jordan, cut down and plowed under the entire tobacco crop of Jordan, estimated to be valued at \$5,000.

The fertilizer company had a \$700 lien against Jordan's crop, and joined as a party to the action to protect its crop lien.

Court house officials say the suit is the result of Mallard's purchase of a part-interest in the Jordan farm from Edward Jordan's brother, Julius. They say the entire farm tobacco allotment had been in the name of Julius, and when both Mallard and Edward Jordan planted the farm allotment Mallard was measured over and so went and cut down the crop on the Jordan farm.

Bike Rider Killed in Greene County When Hit by Kinston Truck

Eleven year-old Willie O. Joyner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Joyner of Snow Hill route 3, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon at Mewborne's store between Eureka and Snow Hill when he rode his into the path of a Hines Ice Cream Company truck from Kinston, driven by Foy Ronald Vause of Kinston route 6.

Patrolman O. A. McCullough classified the accident as unavoidable as far as Vause was concerned. This was the 12nd highway death of the year in Greene County, which at the same date last year had nine auto deaths.

Three Marines Held In Brutal Beating Last Week of Kinstonian

Three Camp Lejeune Marines, all negroes, are charged with assault with deadly weapons on Kenneth Ray May of Kinston in a fight last Thursday night on South Queen Street.

May suffered two fractures of the jaw bone and loss of several teeth, when, he says, the Marines beat him to the ground and then kicked and stomped him.

The Marines are PFC William S. Fouts, PFC John J. Borden and Pvt. Harry Stanton Smith.

Big Still Destroyed and Tractor Confiscated by Yates in Tuckahoe Raid

Last week Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates, Deputies Milton Arthur and Roy Mallard with two ATU officers from New Bern found and destroyed a large whiskey still in Tuckahoe Township on the lower Goldsboro Lumber Company farm, which is now owned by W. H. Jones of Kinston.

Yates said the still was nearly two miles off the highway and at goodly distance from the nearest occupied home on the Jones farm.

There were 7,920 gallons of mash — about half ready to run — in 36 barrels of 220-gallon capacity. Yates reports.

There were two upright boilers one steam type still erected and another on the site in the process of being erected. The still was practically brand new and had not run much if any whisky, Yates said.

The barrels — used to bring olives to the United States from Spain — cost \$15 each in New York City, and a conservative estimate of the cost of the still and boilers is about \$2,000. Nearly four tons of sugar is required to "mash in" the amount of mash destroyed at the still.

A Ford tractor and trailer were found at the scene, and are held for confiscation. So far no owner has been found for the tractor or trailer.

Yates says he believe the rig belonged to a "big time bootlegger" from Wayne County.

Kinstonian Stops Thief

Native Kinstonian Warren Taylor, now manager of a Richlands bank, Saturday morning knocked down 18 year-old Camp Lejeune Marine Pvt. Jerry L. Young with a single blast from a .12 gauge 10 d of buckshot. The shooting came just seconds after the Pontiac, Mississippi youth had stuck a gun in Taylor's face and forced him to stuff \$4,359 in a bag. When the Marine left, Taylor grabbed the bolt-action shotgun — which had only one three year-old shell in it and stepped out a side door. Taylor checked and saw there was no one else on the street and fired, knocking the Marine on top of the money and .22 caliber pistol used in the hold up. The short-changed bank robber will recover, Camp Lejeune medics says, from several wounds above and below the belt. He is under guard in the Naval Hospital and under \$25,000 bond.

Nathan Gilbert Files Caveat In Will of His Late Mother

Nathan Gilbert this week has filed a caveat in the will of his mother, Mrs. Carrie Dail Gilbert, asking that Jones County Superior Court set the will aside on the grounds that his sister, Mrs. Sallie Gilbert Williams, and her husband, Roscoe, used undue and improper influence and duress" in persuading Mrs. Gilbert to make the will, and upon the further ground that his mother was not of sound mind and body when she made the will on October 2, 1950.

In the will Mrs. Gilbert left Nathan five per cent of the net proceeds of her estate after all expense of her death were paid. She left two other sons, James B. and Paul D., both of whom died before her death, each 10 per cent of her estate.

Each of Mrs. Gilbert's three daughters was given 21 per cent of the estate and Williams was named executor of the estate. The other

Whiskey Store Robbed

Two young negroes armed with a 12 gauge shotgun stuckup Walter Henderson, clerk of the Jones County ABC store at Wyse Fork Tuesday afternoon and got away with \$153.45 in cash and 3 pints of whiskey. Henderson and Wellyn Dawson of Kinston route 3, a customer in the store were forced to lie on the floor by the thieves. They left in the direction of Trenton in a '49 Black Chevrolet. One wore a knit short-sleeved shirt and the other a tan work shirt with sleeves cut out up to the shoulder.

Both Drivers Charged After US 17 Accident

Highway Patrolman Wesley Parrish Tuesday afternoon indicted both drivers involved in a minor accident in the Lee's Chapel section of Highway 17.

Mrs. Shirley Howard Riggs of Pollockville route 1, who admitted backing onto the highway into the path of a southbound car, was charged with failure to yield the right of way.

Frank James Puret of Wyoming, Delaware was charged with drunken driving and driving after revocation of his driving license.

Puret first said a passenger in his car was driving, but when he and the alleged driver were confronted by three witnesses who identified Puret as the driver, the passenger backed up and sheepishly stuck his driving license back in his pocket.

Damage to each car was slight, but the '50 flivver driven by Puret was classified as a total loss.

Jones County is Well Represented at 4-H Club Week in Raleigh

4-H Club Week is being held in Raleigh this week and is being represented by five members in Jones County.

Carol Haddock is competing for Health Queen of North Carolina and Don Phillips is trying for Health King. Kenneth Doster will compete in the Forestry Demonstration and Richie Franck will give a demonstration in the Soil and Water Division.

Wilson Lowery is not competing, but is attending anyway along with counselors, Mrs. Faytie Gray and Beaman Nance. The meeting last from Monday until Saturday.

daughters are Mrs. Mamie Ruth Gilbert Civils and Mrs. Annie Franklin Gilbert Lee.

Nathan's complaint lists all of the above, who are living, plus James B. Gilbert's widow and his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, as legitimate heirs-at-law to his mother's estate.

In the will, which was witnessed by C. Felix Harvey III, James C. Gregory and H. A. Tyndall, Mrs. Gilbert commented on giving her sons less of property than her daughters. She says that her husband during his life had done much more for the sons than for the daughters, and had done even more for Nathan than for either of the other sons.

Earlier this year Nathan, and the other listed heirs-at-law received a \$5,000 consent award in settlement of a caveat they had filed in the will of their brother, Paul D. Gilbert.