

FROM RALEIGH'S OFFICIAL POLICE FILES

THE CRIME BEAT

BY CHARLES R. JONES

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'I WAS NOT BEATEN'
MRS. LASSITER

Mrs. Constance McNeill Lassiter, of 319 S. Farboro Rd., informed the editor of this column last Thursday night that she was not struck by her husband, Wilbert Aaron Lassiter, Jr., of 1311 S. Person St., as was reported.

She did admit, however, that she "pulled on me" in the 200 block of E. Lenoir St., about 9:15 p. m. on Sunday of last week.

This information was reported in last week's Crime Beat, taken from the official files of the Raleigh Police Department.

We apologize to Mrs. Lassiter for any undue embarrassment caused her.

ATTACKED AT MAN'S HOUSE

Miss Katherine Watkins, 28, of 710 S. Bloodworth St., told Officers C. R. Aycock and R. Clayborne, at 1:20 p. m. Friday, she was assaulted by James Cleveland Bennfield, 40, of 720 S. Bloodworth St., at his home.

The complainant exhibited a one-half inch cut on the bottom lip and lacerations on the right side of her face.

She told "the law" that she would come to headquarters and sign an assault and battery warrant against Bennfield.

DOESN'T KNOW WHO CUT HER

Miss Eula Mae Sanders, 31, of 410 1/2 Dorothea (formerly Cannon St.) Drive, reported to Officers W. J. Fowler and C. R. Kirby at 12:33 a. m. Saturday, that "somebody cut me when I came out on the front porch."

The woman declared she didn't know who "sliced" her. She suffered a 2-inch long laceration on the left side of her face.

THREATENS BROTHER WITH SHOTGUN

Rozell Byrd, Washington, D. C., formerly of this city, told Officers Otis L. Hinton and E. Curtis Winston at 12:31 a. m. Saturday, that his brother, Preston Byrd, 33, of 206 Cooke (formerly N. Haywood) Street, threatened him with a shotgun.

When officers went to Preston's house, he pointed a loaded .12 gauge shotgun at them. He was finally arrested on a rap of assault with a deadly weapon and lodged in Wake County Jail.

The gun was confiscated. Rozell Byrd declared his brother "got mad because I tried to stop him from beating his wife."

STABBED AT CLUB 54

Mrs. Annie Laura Everette, 28, of 1004 Manly St., informed officers at 3:20 a. m. Saturday, she was cut at the Club 54, corner S. Bloodworth and E. Davie Sts. by some unknown person.

The complainant, who had been attacked with a sharp object, suffered a stab wound on the left leg.

'GRAB' TWO WOMEN FIGHTERS

Mrs. Sarah Jane Davis, 33, of 907 Fayetteville St., and Mrs. Pauline Howard, 38, of 905 Fayetteville St., were arrested at 8:55 a. m. Saturday and charged with engaging in an affray by fighting each other with their hands and fists.

Motive for the fistcuffs could not be ascertained. Neither woman exhibited any bruises. The incident took place at 907 Fayetteville.

TRIES TO ENTER HOUSE

Mrs. Adele Watkins, of 524 Branch St., reported to officers at 11:50 p. m. Saturday, she left home about 1 p. m. and returned sometime later to discover someone had cut the screen and broke a window in her den in an attempt to gain entry to the residence. The would-be break-in artist was unsuccessful, however.

Damage to the screen and window were set at \$20.

SAYS FEMALE TORE SHIRT

Clarence Louis Davis, 36, of 25 1/2 Cuba St., informed Officers O. L. Hinton and E. C. Winston at 8:43 p. m. Sunday, that Miss Cora Johnson, 22, of 202 1/2 Cooke St., came to 211 Maple St., where he was, and tried to persuade "me to leave with her."

When Mr. Davis refused the invitation, Miss Johnson "pulled me by my shirt pocket, causing it to tear off," he said. He signed a damage to property warrant against the young woman and estimated damage to his shirt at \$4.00.

CAR'S WINDSHIELD BROKEN

Mrs. Mary Frances Jeffreys, of 813 S. West St., told Officers J. H. Ross and D. C. Williams at 8:25 p. m. Monday, someone broke out the front windshield in her 1966 Chevrolet with a rock.

One youngster has been cited to Domestic Relations Court and another is being sought in this case.

The incident occurred at the corner of S. West and Cannon Sts. Damage to the windshield was not given, but is believed to be over \$100.

THIEF STEALS IRON

Miss B. Lucille Griswold, 220 E. Cabarrus St., told two cops at 11:30 a. m. Monday, she left home about 3:20 p. m. Sunday and returned about 7 p. m. to find the window in the kitchen of her residence was raised.

When she started to iron on Monday around 11 a. m., the complainant stated, the iron was missing from its usual place on the ironing board.

The iron was valued at \$6.95.

POOL CLOSED

CAMBRIDGE, Md. - Ordered by a federal court to integrate its swimming pool, the Cambridge Volunteer Fire department decided that it would rather close it. The closing came after Judge Edward S. Northrop in U. S. District Court in Baltimore ruled that the pool and arena, used for roller skating and meetings, are public accommodations under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



MISS McDONALD

Senior At Hillside Gets Grant

DURHAM - Willie Catherine McDonald, a senior at Durham's Hillside High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Durham chapter of the North Carolina Alumni Association. Chapter president Claude Harrison, who announced the award this week, said the full tuition and book supplement scholarship at North Carolina College will begin in September of 1966.

Miss McDonald, the daughter of Madison McDonald and the late Mrs. Jante McDonald of 1404 Halley Street, won the scholarship on the basis of her Scholastic Aptitude Test score and letters of recommendation. At Hillside, she is a member of the Student Council, Spanish Club, Dramatics Club, and the National Honor Society.

WATCH STOPPED

ATLANTA - The Atlanta Police department has abolished its all-Negro 6 p. m. watch. Chief Herbert Jenkins has issued an order, scattering the 31 Negro officers in the watch among three watches within three divisions.

Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr. Is New Bennett College Prexy

NEW YORK, N. Y. -- The appointment of Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr. as the new president of Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, was announced last Friday by Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, chairman of the board of Bennett College.

Dr. Miller, who will assume office on September 1, is an associate professor of biochemistry at Meharry Medical College and a former professor of chemistry at the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina. He is also a Council Member, Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, and has served as a research scientist at the Institute.

In announcing the selection of the new president, Dr. Patterson declared: "We are convinced that the appointment of this distinguished nuclear scientist and experienced teacher will enhance educational standards at Bennett College and contribute to the further acquisition of a highly qualified faculty."

"For the first time in the college's 93-year history," Dr. Patterson added, "Bennett faculty members worked closely with the institution's governing board in establishing criteria for the selection of a new president. Dr. Miller's appointment therefore opens up a challenging era of cooperative ac-

tion directed at the best interests of the student body and the community-at-large."

Bennett College, founded in 1873, is one of the 33 colleges and universities affiliated with the United Negro College Fund. The Fund's 1966 appeal will assist the institution in its efforts to expand faculty and to provide scholarship and other financial aid to more than half of the students attending the college.

Dr. Miller attended high school in Salisbury, N. C., received a Bachelor of Science degree from Livingstone College there, and a Ph. D. in biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin. During the past 15 years, he has conducted extensive research in the fields of enzyme and isotope methodology and gas and thin-layer chromatography. He is the author of numerous scientific articles.

The new president is chairman of the Official Board, Clark Memorial Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn., and has long been active in civic and communal affairs.

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MISS QUARLES VALEDICTORIAN -- Miss Maureen Diane Quarles has been named valedictorian of the graduating class of Matoaca High School, Chesterfield, Va. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walker H. Quarles, Jr. of Virginia State College, where he is executive assistant to the president and secretary of the college, Maureen will deliver the valedictory address at Matoaca's second commencement on June 10. During high school, she was a majorette with the marching band, and was active in science and math organizations. She made her debut at the AKA Cotillion in Raleigh, N. C., last November. Maureen has made definite plans to major in mathematics at college, but is yet undecided as to where she will matriculate.



A&T FINAL SPEAKER--Dr. John A. Schnlttker, undersecretary of agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will deliver the main address at the annual baccalaureate-commencement exercises for A&T College on Sunday, June 5. The program is scheduled for the Charles Moore Gymnasium, beginning at 11 a. m.