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HELD ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY BENNETTSVILLE STORES

A. J. Rowe, Wilson Anderson, C. S. Bryan, W. W. Fulmer, Evelyn Moore and Margaret Bright captured by Columbia Police

A. J. Rowe, Wilson Anderson, C. S. Bryan, W. W. Fulmer, Evelyn Moore and Margaret Bright are in the Columbia city jail, charged with implication in the stealing of an automobile and participation in the robbery of two or more stores in Bennettsville. Two of the men, Rowe and Anderson, were arrested in Columbia yesterday afternoon while the other two men and the two women were captured early last night at Killians. A considerable portion of the goods said to have been stolen from the Bennettsville stores was recovered by the Columbia police through whose good work the capture of Rowe and Anderson was effected. The first arrest led to confessions implicating the other men and the woman, who were then arrested. The women admitted their participation in the alleged crimes, according to Chief Strickland, giving the police the information which resulted in the recovery of the hidden money taken from the Marlboro county stores. Early this morning the police were still working on the case intent upon finding the remainder of the stolen goods. Rowe, Bryan and the two women have suspended sentences of 100 or 30 days each hanging over them following their conviction the day before Christmas in the recorder's court on a charge of disorderly conduct. Judge Kimball in suspending the sentences gave the quartet 24 hours in which to leave Columbia or serve their sentences. They all said they were ready to go North and go North they did, if their confessions may be believed.

Negro Chauffeur Ensnared

Ben Bynum, negro chauffeur, of 522 Gates street, was hired to take three of the men to Camden where according to his report made to the Columbia police they chased him from the machine, leaving him on the roadside. It was Bynum's report of his missing automobile that led to the capture of Rowe and Anderson in the Imperial hotel. The car was also recovered. These two men were brought to the police station and there submitted to a quiz which, according to the police, elicited the information concerning the Bennettsville robberies and the whereabouts of the other four members of the sextet. Officers then made the trip to Killians where the two men and the two women were found in the station awaiting the arrival of Rowe and Anderson. The four were placed under arrest and were told that Rowe and Anderson had confessed. The women, according to the police, then volunteered further information as to the sextet's activities, confessing that they had robbed four stores in Bennettsville instead of the two reported to the Columbia police. They admitted that they had arrangements made also to break into a jewelry store. Bynum and Fulmer refused to talk other than to deny that the two women were involved, saying instead that the four of them were confronted with Rowe and Anderson, the first of the sextet, "sexual." The two women disposed the police to the hiding place of the stolen goods and admitted also that the clothes they were wearing when arrested were a part of the haul. Fulmer was found with a pair of silk stockings searched at the police station.

Steals Car Used

According to the story told by the four who have confessed the car was stolen from the negro was used to make the trip from Camden to Bennettsville where the four stores were entered and the haul made. The car was also used to bring the party back to Columbia with their booty. The two stores in which robberies were reported to the police from Bennettsville were those of Jacob Buehler and D. E. Ober, both on Broad street. Mr. Isaacson reported a \$1,000 loss of \$4,500 in silk stockings, underwear, silk hose and silk shoes. Evidence was afforded by removing a large plate glass from the front door. Mr. Ober's store was entered from a trunk over the back door. The haul included a quantity of clothing, a quantity of shoes, a quantity of underwear and a quantity of stockings. The Bennettsville merchants were asked to identify.

One Suspended

Rowe is expected to be from Bennettsville, although on the way to his previous trial he was arrested from Richmond, Va. Bryan and the two women told the police they had a telephone player out of a telephone box. They happened to have some Columbia headquarters for some time. The two women are from Columbia. Fulmer is from Newberry. Both

The Community Christmas Tree.

The Community Christmas Tree, which blossomed forth with its myriad lights, on the Green on Friday evening, Dec. 23, was another fine plan of service carried out by the Civic League. A throng of men, women and children watched its sparkling beauty, and listened to the lovely music peeling forth in the twilight hour, telling of the joy that came to the world in the long ago through the little Babe of Bethlehem. Each heart felt the solemnity as well as the joy of the hour.

When Santa appeared and extended his invitation to all children under fourteen years of age to follow him, there was no hesitation. They all followed and it was a long and happy line of small boys and girls who marched past the mounds of bags of candy, each receiving one. If any child in town failed to get a bag of candy, it was not the fault of the committee.

To the committee Miss Susie Melver and Miss Katy Harrell, is due to a great extent the success of the occasion. They worked hard and long and a realization of a splendid thing accomplished is their reward. They in turn attribute this success to the hearty cooperation of those who helped them.

Mr. Ed Laney generously gave the handsome cedar tree which was planted in previous days by Mr. Thomas Erasmus Powe on his home place, now owned by Mr. Laney. Mr. Little cheerfully and patiently transferred the tree to the Green, which was literally a labor of love as it was a much harder task than it sounds.

Mr. Henry Melver of the Cheraw Electric & Plumbing Co., placed the lights, and the Yadkin River Power Co., donated the electricity required for the whole week. Mayor Meiklejohn was invaluable with his encouraging helpfulness, as were Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Lindsey of the Chronicle.

To Mrs. Lindsay and the Choral Club the whole town is indebted for the wonderful music. The Civic League has demonstrated that it is possible for Cheraw to have a Community Christmas Tree. The year was appreciative and enthusiastic over it.

Let us not begin now and plan for a better, more far-reaching Community Tree for all succeeding Christmases—a joint accomplishment of our many splendid organizations, cooperating in giving to the town each year something to remember and to look forward to with special anticipation?

THE CIVIC LEAGUE

Little Miss Wilkinson Gets D. A. E. Doll.

The D. A. E. Chapter was delighted with the doll on which came a very old story Christmas, was awarded to Evelyn Wilkerson, daughter of the late Geo. Wilkerson, and who lives next to the Episcopal church. The drawing took place at 11:30 Saturday and resulted as stated above. The D. A. E. netted \$16.25 from the venture.

Services at the Methodist Church.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 A. M., Mr. H. A. McLeod, Superintendent. Preaching at 11:15 A. M. by the Pastor. Subject: "A New Year Message."

At 7 P. M. the congregation will join in the monthly union, service at the Presbyterian Church.

Evangelical Service on Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. Public cordially invited to all services.

Moore and Margaret Bright are also well known characters in the city, especially in the eyes of the Columbia police vice squad.

All look their arrest philosophically. Margaret Bright apparently did not seem concerned in the least, laughing and joking at the station with the police and her companions in arrest. "You're in for a long time," she told the other woman, who seemed a little worried. "My mother has enough money to get me out."

"Will you have a cigarette?" one of the policemen asked the two girls at the police station just before they were carried to their cells. Margaret Bright accepted the offer, but Evelyn Moore declined only to later recon- sider, "My mother'll better take it," she said. "It'll be the last one I'll get for some time."

T. J. Cunningham, chief of police at Bennettsville, and formerly a member of the Columbia police force, reached Columbia early this morning and he was making arrangements to carry Moore to Bennettsville some distance to have them face charges from the Marlboro county courts.

Started With a Smile



Two Fires This Week.

Monday night about 8:30 o'clock the home of Randolph Wright, colored, who lives out of town back of the Oil Mill was completely destroyed by fire. The fire department responded but could only save nearby buildings.

On Tuesday morning about 6:30 Albert Malloy, a blind negro who lives on Front street lost his home by fire. This fire was supposed to have been of incendiary origin as an attempt to burn the house, by someone who possibly had a spite at the family, had been made before. According to members of the Malloy household they had been on the watch for the guilty parties. Albert Malloy, who is blind served his turn at watching several nights.

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Tuberculosis Sanatorium a Going Concern.

Columbia, Dec. 29.—The South Carolina and the Palmetto sanatoria operated at State Park, seven miles north of this city, by the State of South Carolina for its citizens suffering from tuberculosis is a "going" concern, according to Ernest Cooper, M. D., the superintendent.

The South Carolina Sanatorium, a unit of five buildings, for white patients, since it received its first patient on its opening day, May 22, 1915, has treated to date 492 men and women, and the Palmetto Sanatorium, the negro hospital, recently received its 55th patient since its opening in December, 1921.

It is ideally situated in the rolling sandhills of Richland county and its climate, according to authorities, cannot be surpassed for tuberculosis patients. It has a minimum of rainfall, its temperature is not too hot in the summer and is delightful in the winter—permitting plenty of fresh air, one of the requisites in the treatment of the disease.

The average gain of the patients during their stay in the Sanatorium, if their cases are not too far advanced, is about twelve pounds.

Very encouraging letters daily are received by Dr. Cooper, he says, of the rehabilitation of patients treated at the hospital, a large number of whom have been able to take back their places in the commercial field and demand substantial salaries.

The South Carolina Sanatorium was authorized in 1914 by an act of the General Assembly.

Numbers of Peach Trees Being Planted

Many of our readers do not know that a new industry, big enough to count, is being started in our midst.

From parties who are in position to know we learn that fully 100,000 peach trees are being planted in the immediate vicinity of Cheraw. These trees are planted on something over 700 acres of land. In five to six years time this industry will be bringing into Cheraw annually something like \$400,000 if the trees live and are cared for.

We understand there will be some thing like 250,000 trees planted and already planted in the county this year and one can see at a glance how important this new industry is.

We hope it will continue.

Mr. Jack Sewell and family, of Westville, spent yesterday in Cheraw.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. R. L. Sunwalt is visiting at his home in Philadelphia.

Mrs. E. H. Chamberlain is visiting in Sanford this week.

Mr. E. W. Young spent the holidays at his home in Kershaw.

Mr. L. A. Meiklejohn and family spent Monday in Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. Padgett, of Bethune, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cooper spent Monday in Southern Pines with relatives.

Miss Vera Stricklin is visiting in Bennettsville the guest of Mrs. R. L. Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Huey will leave on Jan. 2nd for their new home in Tennessee.

Mr. Howard Poston, of the Medical College in Charleston, is spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. R. E. Hanna has returned home after spending several weeks with relatives in Newberry.

Mrs. M. H. Finney and Miss Lucile Bellinger spent Christmas day at the latter's home in Florence.

Mr. M. B. Crigger has purchased the house owned and occupied by Capt. W. T. Thrower on Huger street.

Mrs. Fred Polunot, of Charleston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sherrill on Liberty Hill Farm.

Master William Spencer, of Darlington, spent Christmas at the home of his grandfather, Mr. A. B. Coward.

Mr. Wm. Ingram who is studying in Baltimore is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clark, of Jefferson, spent several days with Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Chapman near Cheraw.

Mr. R. N. Stricklin and family, of Fayetteville, N. C., spent the week end with Mr. Stricklin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Stricklin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stricklin and children, of Bishopville, spent Saturday end Sunday with Mr. Stricklin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Stricklin.

Mrs. E. F. Mulloy, Miss Kathleen Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Womack are spending several days in Walterboro with Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Murray.

The many friends of Mr. Willie Malloy, City Clerk of Florence, a native of Cheraw, will regret to know he is quite ill in a Florence hospital.

Mr. Malloy is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

The Choral Society will meet on Thursday evening, January 5th in the School Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock.

The change from Monday to Thursday is made because the building will not be heated until Thursday.

P. Y. C. A. Christmas Tree and Social.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Social and Christmas Tree, which was given by the Young Peoples Christian Association Wednesday evening in the Town Hall in honor of those who have been away teaching and to school. After old Santa distributed the gifts, a box of apples were opened and hot chocolate and sandwiches were served.

The P. Y. C. A. wishes to extend an invitation to all young people who are in town for the holidays, to our next meeting which will be held in the Presbyterian church next Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Removal of War Tax on Express Shipments, Effective Jan. 1, 1922.

The public will save approximately \$1,500,000 a month as a result of the elimination of the War Tax on express shipments, according to George C. Taylor, President of the American Railway Express Company. An announcement to this effect was made today by E. C. Stevens local Express Agent here.

The "Revenue Act of 1921" eliminates the War Tax of one cent on every twenty cents and fractions thereof in transportation charges on all express shipments. This tax during the year 1920 amounted to \$17,502,918. The average transportation charge for each express shipment was approximately \$1.50 and the average War Tax of each shipment was eight cents. The elimination of the tax, therefore, Mr. Taylor states, will virtually amount to a decrease in rates of a little over five per cent. Mr. Taylor believes that this should have a tendency to stimulate business and thereby accelerate the rapidly improving conditions throughout the entire country.

"The American Railway Express Company handles approximately one million shipments a day or nearly four hundred million shipments a year," Mr. Taylor goes on to say. "The elimination of the Tax will relieve the American Railway Express Company of an immense amount of labor which has been involved in calculating, entering on waybills and collection of tax, not to mention the expense of checking and accounting entailed."

"The Treasury Department has requested express carriers to advise all claimants who have claims pending, for overcharges, or who file such claims after December 31st, 1921, that claims for refund of tax should be filed separately on Treasury Department Form No. 46, with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue within one year of the time the tax was paid, claim being barred by statute of limitations if received after such time."

Mr. Stevens pointed out that as the Revenue Act becomes effective January 1st, 1922, the tax on all shipments forwarded "prepaid" on or before December 31st, will be collected. On shipments forwarded "collect" and arriving on or after January 1st, the tax will not be assessed.

On January 1, 1922, passengers and shippers will realize a very substantial reduction in the amount paid for freight and passenger transportation on account of the removal of the tax

GRAVES IN ST. DAVID'S CEMETERY CHERAW

Up near the monument is the grave of John W. Harrington

Colonel Harrington was perhaps a most typical "Southern Gentleman" of the many living near Cheraw in the past. He was a large land owner, and lived three miles from Cheraw in Marlboro.

He was a captain in the 8th regiment, the first southern regiment to go to Richmond at the outbreak of the Civil War.

He was a grandson of General Henry W. Harrington of the Revolution and his uncle, John Lide Wilson, was governor of South Carolina just a hundred years ago.

John Lide Wilson wrote the "Dueling Code" which was regarded as authority for procedure in dueling. In the preface he stated that "The book was not written to promote dueling, but that many duels could be prevented if the right course was pursued." One of these codes is in the Charleston library and one in the Supreme Court library in Columbia. Very few copies are known to exist now.

When the river bridge was built in 1866, to replace the one burned by the Confederates, it was a toll bridge. The Marlboro end of it was on Col. Harrington's land and the contract made with him by the bridge company was that any one living on his land could cross free of toll. This contract was fully carried out as long as it remained a toll bridge.

Sunday School Superintendents Meet in Chesterfield Jan. 10th.

Chesterfield, Dec. 29, 1921.—The Sunday School Superintendents of Chesterfield county, of all denominations, will meet at the Presbyterian church of Chesterfield on Tuesday, January 10, for a conference on practical problems, plans, and methods for their work. Leon C. Palmer, state superintendent of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, will attend and take part in the conference.

This is said to be something new in Sunday School work, different from the ordinary Sunday School conventions. The entire day's conference will be devoted to the work of the superintendent. In addition to discussions, questions and answers, there will be an exhibit of modern Sunday School supplies and approved methods. Each phase of the superintendent's work will be taken up in detail and the latest plans and methods suggested.

The conference will begin promptly at 11:00 A. M. and continue with an intermission for lunch until 3:30 P. M. All are invited.

Nursery May Come to Cheraw.

*Mr. W. F. Bohlender, a nurseryman of Tippicanoe City, Ohio, is in Cheraw looking into the advisability of locating a wholesale nursery here. Parties interested in getting Mr. Bohlender to come to Cheraw said the matter would be settled in the next few days when a definite announcement would be made. Should the nursery be located here other enterprises connected with this line will also be established.

Mr. S. W. Moore, horticulturist of Ohio State Institution, may be induced to locate here, according to peach men interested.

The Presbyterian Sunday School Christmas tree was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. A crowd of both the young and older members of the Sunday School enjoyed the occasion.

The Lyric, which froze to death a few weeks ago on account of a "busted" furnace, has come to life again, the furnace having been replaced. Mr. Ladd says he will have the most comfortable place in town now. Read his advertisement.

Under the provisions of the new revenue law it is estimated that the elimination of this tax will result in a saving to passengers and shippers using the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad of approximately \$2,200,000.00 annually. This estimate covers a saving to passengers of \$1,100,000.00 and to shippers of freight of \$1,100,000.00 based on freight and passenger revenues for the current year.

Instruction has been issued to agents and others concerned providing that no tax on freight or passenger transportation (furnished, on or after January 1, 1922, will be charged. Tickets for transportation may be purchased at any time during the remainder of the present year without the payment of any tax provided the transportation service is not performed until 1922.

THEY ARE WEARING

A jade chiffon evening gown worn with white satin slippers and white stockings had two large white velvet poppies at the waistline and was worn with a string of jade and a silver fillet in the hair.

A yellow georgette evening gown with rounded neckline and no sleeves was edged with mole. Another yellow chiffon at the same party had a sable girdle at a low waistline.

A mole cape worn at the theatre one night this week was made skirt length and had a fitted shoulder yoke and small collar of gray fox.

An ermine wrap lined with black velvet was noted at the opera, worn over a silver and white brocade dress.

Berthas of point Venice and other real lace are worn extensively usually finishing velvet dresses.

Rounded necklines to the base of the throat or a little below are more often seen than lower ones, even at formal balls.

A dark red velvet evening wrap had a collar made of flowers cut from the velvet and picoted around their petals.

Paisley continues to be worn everywhere, more or less.

Earrings are not only conspicuous in point of number but in fact. Some of the newest are in hoops or discs of diamonds centered with a colored stone.

A very wide bandeau worn at the play recently was made of cut steel.

A smart miss at one of the hotels the other day wore an unusual straight line gown of poppy colored silk lace over black satin. Long peasant sleeves fell slashed from shoulder to cuff and black chenille fringe was applied in point effects on the skirt, giving the uneven hemline.

More short fur coats worn either with separate skirts or with tailored frocks are being seen on fashionable thoroughfares these days. Park avenue finds many women wearing heavier, Hudson seal, racoon and muskrat coats with skirts of rust color panvelaine or navy velveteen dresses with colorful all-over embroidered skirts, etc.

MARBURG NEWS.

Mrs. Mary Pratt and children of Morven, N. C., are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Streeter.

Mr. William Nesbet spent Sunday evening at J. L. Brigan's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Melton spent Sunday afternoon in Bennettsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bundy and little daughter spent Monday in Cheraw with relatives.

Mr. Wm. Nesbet and Miss Lizzie Nesbet attended the Community Christmas Tree in Cheraw Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Raley and little daughter spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Joe Reid.

Mrs. L. C. Reid is spending the holidays with her parents at McBee.

Mr. Wm. Cassidy, of Columbia, was a pleasant visitor in Marburg Monday. Mr. Cassidy of the Shilo section visited his daughter Mrs. John Hall Sunday.

Mr. E. C. Morgan, of Albermarle, N. C., was a visitor in Marburg during the holidays.

CHERAW RT. 2.

Mr. S. J. Gainey and family spent Sunday at Mr. J. N. Knight's.

Mr. J. T. Loftin and family spent Sunday with Mr. J. M. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wallace spent Sunday at Mr. C. B. Knight's.

Mr. Frank Wallace was the guest of Miss Georgia Knight Sunday night. Mr. Frank Wallace was the guest of Miss Ethel Sweat Saturday night.

Miss Annie Gainey visited Miss Georgia Knight Sunday evening. Mr. Web Knight visited Miss Annie Gainey Sunday. Mr. C. B. Knight visited Mr. Hardy Gainey. Mrs. Gary Loftin spent Friday with Georgia Knight. Mr. Robert Wallace was in town Friday afternoon on business. Mr. and Mrs. Bogan Wallace spent Sunday at Mrs. Wallace's father's, Mr. Hampton Turnage. Mr. George Wallace is visiting at home this week from Bethune. Miss Mary Caldwell is spending Christmas at home near Hartsville. Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Wallace, of Louisiana, spent Christmas with Mr. Wallace's mother, Mrs. Sallie Wallace. Mrs. Bennie Moore, of Louisiana, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Wallace.