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NEGRO ATTEMPTS RAPE

Comes to Camden Where He Is Arrested and Spirited Away.

(From Thursday's State)

Bratton Boyd, negro from hand about 20 years old, was arrested at Camden yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock on a charge of attempted criminal assault upon the 13-year-old daughter of a farmer living in the upper portion of Richland county. Boyd was placed under arrest by Mayor Carrison as he was in the act of indorsing a check. Richland county officers were close behind the fugitive and reached Camden about 15 minutes after Boyd had been lodged in prison. Boyd told officers he was the man they were looking for.

Richland and Kershaw county officers perfected plans to bring the negro to Columbia for safekeeping and Boyd was on his way to the penitentiary early this morning. Camden officers detained the prisoner to avoid possible trouble.

Boyd made a vicious attack on the girl at 7 o'clock yesterday morning within 75 yards of her home, where her mother was attending household duties, according to officers. The little girl sounded the alarm and the brave mother followed the negro and aroused neighbors as she followed in pursuit. Armed men joined in the chase and in a short time nearly 200 men were scouring the woods and open land in search of Boyd. The victim of the attack escaped serious injury, according to reports.

Richland county officers left Columbia as soon as the news was received. Charles Davis, deputy sheriff led them in the race to overtake the fugitive. W. H. Rawlinson, Gatlin Bickley and officers Neely and Trotter formed the squad from Sheriff Heise's office. Notices were sent to Winnsboro, Camden and other point and all roads were covered with men armed with shotguns and pistols. Officers and volunteers walked more than 15 miles through thickets and over plowed land following the tracks of the negro. The officers trailed Boyd to the river bank and proceeded to cross the stream and enter Camden. On arriving there they learned that Mayor Carrison had captured the fugitive in the Bank of Camden as he was affixing his signature to a check. An investigation showed that Boyd's clothing was torn and his shirt almost in shreds, indicating that the negro had passed through thickets on his run toward Camden where his sister lived.

Sheriff Welch, Deputy Sheriff McLeod, Constable Stokes and Chief Whitaker of Camden participated in the search for Boyd and they had placed men at various points to head off the fugitive.

Richland county officers questioned Boyd after his arrest and they say the negro admitted that he was "the one that tussled with the girl." Tired and hungry, the officers from Sheriff Heise's office returned to Columbia yesterday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock. They left Boyd in charge of Kershaw county and Camden officers, who had planned to bring the negro to the penitentiary in safety.

The public roads leading to the Wateree bridge near Camden were blocked with motor cars during the chase. Angry citizens of Richland and Kershaw counties were making every effort to capture Boyd and there was much rejoicing when it was announced that the negro had been taken into custody.

Officers Davis, Rawlinson, Bickley, Trotter and Neely talked interestingly of the chase. They left Columbia on short notice early in the morning and tracked the fugitive over plowed fields and through swamp lands. Determined volunteers walked with the officers and every inch of ground for many acres was covered during the pursuit.

Mayor Carrison of Camden scored another hit yesterday in criminal affairs. Last week he arrested a liquor salesman when he was asked to make a trade and yesterday his good judgment resulted in the capture of Boyd. Officers say Boyd has been employed on a farm in the neighborhood of the attack for several years and that he was regarded as a "good negro" until yesterday.

Boyd will be tried in Richland county and he will be given a speedy trial. Criminal court opens in Columbia next Monday and it is probable that Solicitor Spigner will hand out an indictment early in the session charging Boyd with attempted criminal assault.

Arrested in Camden.

Special to The State.
Camden, June 14.—Bratton Boyd, a negro youth, said to be about 20 years of age, was arrested here about 1

PERSONAL MENTION

Interesting News of People From Camden and Other Places.

Mr. F. Dess Goodale spent Thursday in Sumter.

Miss Minnie Glynburn is in Washington, D. C. this week.

Mrs. Men Halle and children, of Columbia, are visiting in Camden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reese, of Columbia were visitors here last week.

Miss Maggie Mayer, of Charlotte, N. C. is the guest of Mrs. F. M. Zemp.

Dr. and Mrs. John W. Corbett left on Wednesday for a visit to Chicago.

Miss Edna Bloom, of Blackville is the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. M. Johnson.

Mr. W. E. DeLoache, Jr., of Columbia is spending sometime here with relatives.

Miss Sara Lewis is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. C. R. Lewis in Atlanta.

Don't fail to see Mary Pickford in her most wonderful success "Little Lord Fauntleroy" at the Majestic next Tuesday.

Captain and Mrs. C. H. Fouts and family spent last week in Washington and Baltimore.

Miss Louise Nettles leaves Sunday for Richmond, Va., for a stay of two weeks.

Mr. Hiram Nettles, Jr., was among the graduates at Clemson college last week.

Mrs. Frank Zemp and little daughter, Dorothy, spent the week end in Lancaster.

Miss Ida Kibble, of Cheriton, Va., was the guest of Miss Mattie Gerald last week.

Miss Agnes Corbett and Miss Agnes DePass will attend summer school at the University of Virginia.

Miss Rhetta Nelson, of Columbia has been for the past week the guest of Miss Agnes Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Boykin, with their little Martha, are spending a vacation in Waynesville, N. C.

Mrs. Ralph Stevenson and children are at home again after a month spent in North Carolina.

Miss Bessie Girardeau, of Columbia spent the week end in Camden with her aunt, Miss Sue McDowell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stokes spent the week end in Camden as the guests of their daughter Mrs. H. T. Lovett.

Messrs. Edwin Goodale, Thomas Lenoir, and Henry Clark are at home from Clemson college for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shannon are leaving today for Mrs. Shannon's old home in Georgia where they will spend a month with Judge and Mrs. Sercy, Mrs. Shannon's parents.

At 7 o'clock today by city officers and placed in the county jail, being charged with attempted criminal assault upon a 13-year-old daughter of a white farmer residing near Blaney. The alleged crime was committed in Richland county, just across the line, and took place about 7 o'clock this morning.

Enraged citizens from Camden and both counties joined officers from this county and Richland in a man hunt. A description of the negro had been phoned to Camden and Boyd caught a ride to Camden with a white man. Reaching Camden he attempted to have a check cashed at the Bank of Camden, and upon being asked for his indorsement on the check, he readily subscribed his name.

H. G. Carrison, Jr., the cashier, who is also mayor, took the negro in charge and placed him in jail until he could have him positively identified. To avoid any possible trouble from enraged citizens the negro was spirited out of town by auto and it was thought he was taken to Sumter from here, there to be carried to the state penitentiary for safekeeping. It is considered certain that the right negro has been caught. Aside from the fright and shock, the young girl was unharmed.

Negro Now in Penitentiary.

It developed later the negro was carried to Charlotte from Camden and placed aboard a train for Columbia. The party carrying the negro to Columbia were Mayor Carrison, Alderman Zemp, Health Officer John W. Wilson and Policeman U. N. Meyers and G. F. Cooley. In the absence of Sheriff Welch and his Deputy Jailer Boone, Mr. Carrison deemed it wise to take this precaution in order to save the negro from possible violence at the hands of West Wateree citizens who had already arrived and were heavily armed.

ANDERSON COUPLE LECTURED.

Taken In Charge by White Robed Men and Women.

Anderson, S. C., June 8.—Robert W. Sullivan, secretary of the Orr Cotton Mills, and Miss Ruby Floyd were kidnapped from an automobile in front of the young woman's home here late tonight by a band of masked men who "gave them a lecture" as they described it, and dropped them in the woods some three miles out of town.

The man was warned not to be seen in Miss Floyd's company again, he told police, but he denied reports that had reached them that he had been beaten. He and Miss Floyd and the latter's mother, Mrs. Ada Floyd informed the police that the men were dressed in regalia resembling that of the Ku Klux Klan and Miss Floyd asserted she was positive one of the men was a negro. The couple said they would be unable to identify any of their abductors.

Sullivan, who is about thirty-one years of age, was recently taken in custody at Miss Floyd's home, but no charge was made against him. A charge of "disorderly conduct" was made against her, however, as a result of remarks attributed to her in a conversation with a neighbor who had complained to the police. She is about eighteen years old.

The masked band came up tonight in two automobiles and four men put Sullivan in one machine while three took Miss Floyd in the other and rapidly left town. Police were informed by Mrs. Floyd but the only clue they had until the couple made their way back to town was the marks of a struggle around the cars. They were unable to ascertain which way the cars went.

Death of Miss Ruth Nelson.

Miss Ruth Nelson, youngest daughter of the late J. A. Nelson died at her home in the Union section of West Wateree Friday morning between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock. She was ill but a few days and her passing was a shock to her community where she was held in the highest esteem. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. B. Miller at Union Baptist church, Saturday afternoon at five o'clock, interment following in the church yard. Ruth, only sixteen years old, was an active and enthusiastic member of Union and a consecrated worker in the kingdom of our Lord. The large gathering of sorrowing friends together with the beautiful floral offerings testify to the esteem in which she was held. She is survived by her mother, one sister and a brother who have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Money For Schools.

Warrants to the amount of \$370,000 have been forwarded to the treasurers of 40 counties of the state, according to information given out by the office of the state superintendent of education, this money having been provided by the legislature to be used to carry out the law which guarantees a seven months' school term. The state department of education has recently completed the checking up of the applications from the districts applying for money from this fund. The number of communities which have qualified for the money is about 16 per cent. above the number qualifying last year, according to J. E. Swearingen, state superintendent of education. The money will go to 694 schools in 40 counties. To participate in the distribution of this fund, a district must first levy a local school tax of eight mills for teachers' salaries.

Of this amount Kershaw County will receive \$8,748.

Mr. Shannon Wins Car.

Mr. Ralph N. Shannon held the lucky number for the Chevrolet car given away by the Majestic Theatre last Friday night after a five weeks contest at that playhouse. Tickets had been given with each admission and a duplicate placed in a sealed box. The stipulations of the contest was that the person holding the luck number would have to be present in person on the night of the drawing. The number went to Mr. Shannon. The theatre seats 404 people and by actual count there were 610 present on the night of the drawing.

Mr. Tom Beattie Dead.

Mr. Tom Beattie, aged about thirty-eight years, died at his home at McBee on Tuesday and the funeral was held on Wednesday. Mr. Beattie is survived by a wife and several children. He was a brother of Mr. A. J. Beattie of Camden.

MILLS MAKE CHANGE

Wateree Mills of This City To Be Under New Management.

Special to The State.

Walpole, Mass., June 13.—Henry P. Kendall, president and treasurer of the Lewis Manufacturing company of Walpole, will take over the management of the Wateree mills in Camden; also the Addison mills in Edgefield, July 1 of this year. When the Lewis Manufacturing company purchased these two plants from Lockwood, Greene & Co., in 1916, Mr. Kendall requested Lockwood, Green & Co., to continue to manage these mills until the Lewis company was properly organized to enter the field of manufacturing cotton cloth in addition to their regular business as bleachers and finishers. This temporary period has continued longer than at first anticipated, namely, for six years.

In addition to the taking over of these plants, the Lewis Manufacturing company is to purchase two other mills in South Carolina on which they have held options for some time. According to a local report received from an authoritative source, the Lewis company is to abandon its local plant and move South. Labor conditions force this move, it is said.

In a statement issued to a correspondent of The State this evening, President Kendall refused to comment on the reported moving of the local plant South.

"We are now prepared to operate these two plants in South Carolina in conjunction with the Lewis Manufacturing company and the Slatersville Finishing company," he said. "The Lewis company is sole owner of the Wateree and Addison mills and with the parent organization now developed to take over cotton manufacturing the transfer at this time is able and fitting, I think. In addition to the two plants we are about to take over two other South Carolina plants for which we have been negotiating. Just what or where these are I do not care to state at this time—until our final arrangements are made and the transfers completed."

"As to the report of our abandoning the local plant, I have nothing to say at this time," he added. Mr. Kendall admitted later, however, that he realized the cost of operation in the South was less than 50 per cent. of what it is in this section.

American Legion Held Meeting.

At the meeting of the Leroy Belk Post, American Legion, held Tuesday evening, June 13th, quite a large number of members were in attendance. After a regular routine of business lasting one hour delightful refreshments consisting of fruit punch and assorted cakes, with polar bear slices as chasers were served. This was one of the largest meetings held for sometime and all ex-service men are requested to join and enjoy the use of our new club rooms and monthly luncheonettes.

At the business meeting, Mr. R. M. Kennedy, Jr., resigned as Post Commander, which position he has held for several years and vice commander Mr. Sam Karesh succeeds Mr. Kennedy, while Mr. Ralph Shannon will fill Mr. Sam Karesh's place as vice commander.

First Cotton Bloom.

Mr. B. M. Hall, who resides on Route 2, a few miles east of Camden, brought to our office Wednesday morning, June 14th, the first cotton bloom reported for this season. This bloom is three days earlier than one brought in last year by Mr. C. B. McCaskill from Fairview plantation.

Marriages.

Married on June 10th by Judge of Probate W. L. McDowell, Mr. Charles Henry Hayes, of Camden, and Miss Edna Elizabeth Tidwell, of Cassatt, S. C.

Mr. Sidney Steve Catoe and Miss Rena Mae Dillon, both of Westville, S. C. were married at the home of Judge of Probate W. L. McDowell on Sunday, June 10th.

Mr. Richard B. Drakeford and Miss Susie Josephine Hornsby, both of Camden, were married in Camden on June 13th, Judge of Probate W. L. McDowell officiating.

Graduated in Law.

Among the two hundred and forty-five graduates at Howard University of Washington, D. C., last week, is found the name of Herbert Franklin McGirt, colored, of Camden, who graduated in law from that institution.

BIGHAM TO APPEAL

Re-sentenced at Florence and Carried Back to Death Cell.

Florence, June 12.—Attorneys for E. D. Bigham stated this afternoon they would appeal from the ruling of Judge S. W. G. Shipp refusing him a new trial on the ground of after discovered evidence. Bigham was carried to Columbia today by Sheriff Burch and Deputy Sheriff Connor to be placed in the penitentiary to await electrocution on July 14. The appeal to the supreme court, if made, however, will automatically stay this sentence. In the county jail at 10 o'clock last night Bigham took affectionate leave of his wife. He speaks of her as "the widow."

Edmund D. Bigham, re-sentenced by Judge S. W. G. Shipp to die in the electric chair on July 14, was brought back to the penitentiary yesterday shortly after the noon hour and again placed in his cell in the death house. Bigham was carried to Florence June 3 and remained there a little over a week.

At Florence a motion for a new trial on after discovered evidence was made by A. L. King, chief attorney for Bigham, but Judge Shipp overruled the motion and sentenced the condemned man to pay the supreme penalty July 14th.

The motion for the new trial was made by Mr. King upon the discovery of certain letters alleged to have been written by L. Smiley Bigham and addressed to Edmund Bigham. These letters, all typewritten, purported to show that Smiley Bigham was planning to kill his family and then end his own life. Judge Shipp did not take the letters seriously and intimated that he thought them to be frauds.

In case the attorneys carry out their intention to appeal to the supreme court from the refusal of Judge Shipp to grant a new trial, it is possible that the appeal may be heard early in July. The supreme court will return to Columbia for consultation about July 5 and under Rule 30 Solicitor Gasque may move for a dismissal of the appeal on the grounds that it lacks merit. Only four days' notice is necessary for motion under Rule 30. The appeal in the Gappins case was dismissed under this rule.

The Bigham case has been before the supreme court twice already, the defendant losing both times.

Boll Weevil Machine.

The Mackey Mercantile Company has the agency for the Dorsch boll weevil duster, used both by hand and mule power, and has been giving demonstrations in a field of cotton near town this week. This machine has the recommendation of Clemson College and also the government experiment station at Tallulah, Ala. Mr. Pierce, for the company, has already taken orders for fifteen machines. The poison used is in dust form and is Calcium Arsenate.

BOND ELECTION CARRIED

The election held here Tuesday upon the question of voting \$200,000 of bonds for paving some of the streets of Camden, was carried by a vote of 154 to 21. Each of the six wards in the city voted in favor of the bond issue, as follows: Ward one, 11 for and 3 against; Ward two, 13 for, and 4 against; Ward three, 53 for and 6 against; Ward four, 36 for and 3 against; Ward five, 26 for and 5 against; Ward six, 15 for and none against. This means that in a short while now Camden will begin a paving program. A portion of Broad and DeKalb streets it is understood will be paved first. Later on the paving will be extended on these streets.

Important to Patrons

The patrons of the Camden Schools are notified that where a pupil has to make up work during the summer that it positively must be done under the supervision of a teacher having a valid first grade certificate to teach in this state. This work is to be carried on for six full weeks, an hour each day for each subject. The teacher giving the course will give the examination and pass the paper in to Supt. J. G. Richards. The superintendent reserves the right to give additional examinations in any and all cases.

Under no condition will pupils be promoted who have summer work, unless these conditions are complied with. Parents will please find out at once if children have work to make up a summer work is vitally necessary.

J. G. Richards, Jr., Supt.

HAD LIQUOR TO SELL

But Salesman Makes Mistake and Calls On Wrong Party.

A portly looking fellow, well dressed, accompanied by another fellow, drove into Camden Saturday morning. They stopped their car on DeKalb street and the stout one who gave his name as J. T. Ward, from Aiken called upon Mayor H. G. Carrison, Jr., and told him that a friend had given him his name as one who might want to make a purchase of some Scotch whiskey. Mayor Carrison's wits were put to work at once, and he told him he would, and that he had a friend who also would like to get some, and invited him to accompany him. They walked up street together for a short distance and as soon as Mr. Carrison located a policeman he called him. The fellow expressed surprise that he would put a policeman on him, and Mr. Carrison told him that was exactly what he was going to do, that he was Mayor of this town. The fellow lit out running, the officer right behind him. Sheriff G. C. Welsh happened to be crossing the street at the time and the man had passed him a few steps, but the sheriff started for him and caught him at the Army and Navy store and turned him over to the police. He was taken to the guard house and locked up. As he got on DeKalb street he called to his confederate to move on, and he had his car ready for quick action and pulled out rapidly. He was captured in Columbia and officers went over after him. He gave his name as O. L. Cooper. We understand that no whiskey was found in the car when he was arrested. If they had the stuff with them it was made way with before reaching Columbia. These fellows fared much worse than one who had been here a few days previous who took a number of orders it is currently reported and received the cash with the orders and then disappeared with the money without delivering the goods. Mr. Carrison's friends are congratulating him upon the clever trick he turned on Saturday, showing that he is determined to enforce the law against bootleggers. Mayor Carrison says that the slick fellow who was here a few days before did not call upon him, but Ward did with the results stated above.

Cooper was fined one hundred dollars in the Recorder's court for transportation of whiskey, and ten dollars for speeding. The fine was paid Monday morning by Ward. They were then each placed under arrest by Constable Stokes, and are being held for the circuit court. Bond was fixed at \$400 for each of them. Ward put up a cash bond and was released, and is expected to return to Camden this morning and put up a cash bond for Cooper. The car which they were driving, a Buick roadster has been confiscated.

Planning a Great Day.

According to announcement made a few weeks ago the Camden and Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce is planning a great community picnic to be held in this city on the Sarsfield Golf Course property on July 4th, to which all the citizens of the county are invited.

The entire program for the day has not been announced yet but is going to be a varied and interesting one and no doubt it will be the largest gathering of county people ever brought to Camden. Former Judge Mendel L. Smith, one of the best known and pleasing speakers in the state will deliver an address, as will also other speakers. Five military companies—three from Columbia, one from Bartlett and Camden's own company will be here for competitive drills and maneuvers. A twenty-piece band from Union, S. C. has been engaged to furnish the music for the day.

A committee has been named to get two crack baseball teams here for that day, and it may be possible to get two South Atlantic League teams to stage a game here. Other interesting features will be announced later. Every housewife in Camden and Kershaw County is requested to prepare a basket for the occasion. The Chamber of Commerce is going to spare neither money or time to make it a success.

Masons To Meet.

A regular convocation of Rising Star Chapter will be held Tuesday evening, June 19th, 1922 at 8 p. m. for the purpose of transacting business and conferring the M. E. M. degree. All companions are earnestly requested to be present.

M. Billings, Secretary.

J. R. Goodale, H. P.