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Cole Faces Charge Of Raping Young Waitress

J. B. Cole, 34-year-old white man, in Halifax County jail without privilege of bond, awaiting trial at the January term of Superior Court on a charge of raping Jessie Whitley, 16-year-old white girl waitress. The attack is alleged to have been committed late last Friday afternoon.

The girl told officers that she was on her way to work at the Weldon Hotel about 5:30 p. m., and that Cole, yard engineer in Weldon for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, stopped his automobile and asked her to go to ride with him. She hesitated, then recognized Cole as a boarder at the hotel, she told police, and only consented to go on condition that he stop at the school and pick up her sister. Cole, she said, consented to do this. Instead of going toward the school, the girl charged that Cole drove in an opposite direction, turned off on a country road, and proposed immoral relations. She stated that when she tried to get out of the car, he pulled her to the back seat and raped her, despite her attempts to get away.

The girl also told officers that she could not get Cole to drive her back to town until she had promised to spend the night with him in his hotel room. She stated that when she got to the outskirts of town, she asked him to stop so that she could go to a drug store, and when she got out of the car she ran home and told her mother what had happened.

Mrs. Annie Whitley, her mother, swore out the warrant, and while she and her daughter were en route to police headquarters, it was stated, Cole drove up beside them and she pointed him out as the man who had raped her.

The girl was examined by a Weldon physician and also by a staff physician at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, and their examination, it is said, showed the girl had been criminally attacked.

Cole was arrested at his hotel room and vehemently denied any connection with the crime. He was given a hearing, however, Saturday night before Justice of the Peace D. C. Johnson, probable cause being found, and he was bound over to Superior Court for trial.

Cole, whose home is in Richmond, is married and the father of two children.

Violators Of Game Laws Are Arrested

Several men were arrested last week near Scotland Neck for hunting on Sunday and other violations of state game laws. A drive is being conducted by W. O. Abbott and E. P. Keen of the Department of Conservation and Development in cooperation with C. M. Pettitt, county game warden to break up Sunday hunting.

Pettitt said that other violations are being curbed. The men arrested recently, he said, ran into

Gets Discharge



Above is Corp. Willie F. Gibson who recently returned home after serving two and one-half years overseas with the Army Air Force. Gibson is a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School. He has been given his honorable discharge and is now with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gibson, of this city.

Facilities at Post Office Being Taxed

Facilities of the Roanoke Rapids Post Office are being taxed to the utmost in the handling of collect-on-delivery parcels, and space in which to store these parcels is jammed to overflowing, according to L. G. Shell, postmaster.

Mr. Shell has asked that persons expecting collect-on-delivery parcels, or having such parcels now in the post office, accept delivery at the earliest possible moment. It was pointed out that every incoming mail brings many additional parcels of this sort and that there is not available space in the post office in which to hold them over an extended period, especially at this particular season of the year.

The postmaster also pointed out that all train schedules have been resumed and that limitations in size and weights on parcel post have been removed.

Due to the great volume of mail expected to be handled by the post office, it is suggested that all parcels be mailed as early as possible. This, of course, particularly refers to Christmas gift parcels. It is also noted that Christmas greetings should be enclosed in an envelope and mailed at the first class rate in order to insure prompt handling and delivery.

In addition to mailing early and looking after prompt acceptance of parcels, Mr. Shell urged patrons to see that all parcels are wrapped in heavy, strong material and tied with strong cord.

Stolen Goods Recovered By Law Officers

Roanoke Rapids police and Sheriff's officers yesterday recovered a number of articles, alleged to have been stolen from Rochelle Realty Company building. Included in the recovered loot were one keg of 60-penny nails, two heavy duty tires, one used tire, one bus or truck tube, said to have been taken from the Rochelle warehouse; seven kegs of unidentified nails; 44 bags of lime, one keg of nails, one wheelbarrow, one Stilson wrench, alleged to have been stolen from the Dairy Company's building.

The stolen property was found in a tobacco barn near Aurelain Springs after the police and the sheriff's officers had worked long into last night.

Arrested this morning in connection with the case were Joe Lampley and his son, Jake. Both men are being held on charges of receiving stolen goods. Bond for each has been set at \$400. The break-ins occurred about two weeks ago.

Stamps Taken From Home Of MacKirdy

The Weldon home of Lawrence MacKirdy, Patterson Mill employee, was entered sometime Tuesday by unknown persons and \$5,000 in postal savings stamps were stolen.

Mr. and Mrs. MacKirdy had spent the day in Richmond and returning home discovered the break-in and theft of stamps.

Yesterday morning Johnny Jack Wilkins, negro, found \$3,000 in postal stamps at the intersection of Second and Sycamore streets and turned them over to proper authorities.

Three Men Given Stiff Sentences Drunken Driving

Three white men, George B. Miles of Weldon, G. R. Rawlings of Lawrenceville, Va., and Charley Pulley of Brodnax, Va., were tried this morning in Roanoke Rapids Recorder's Court on the charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages. They were found guilty and sentenced by Judge Charles R. Daniels to pay fines of \$50 and costs each and had their driver's licenses revoked for 12 months.

W. Z. Mitchell of Skippers, Va., faced the court on charges of driving with improper brakes and coasting downhill. He was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$20. Mitchell, it was brought out, ran into the rear of a Carolina Trailways bus because of bad brakes.

Special Paper By Local Paper Mill



Above is K. F. Adams, resident manager of the Halifax Paper Company here, whose concern manufactured the special paper which will be used by the News & Observer next Sunday in a special section featuring the paper mill and Roanoke Rapids. Negotiations between the Raleigh newspaper and the manufacturers of the paper were handled by H. W. Ellison. The paper is auramme (a kind of golden color) and has been made by the paper company before but not for newsprint use. The amount furnished the News & Observer was 39 tons, which will aid it in the present acute shortage.

Merchants To Close 2 Days Christmas

It was announced today that the merchants of Roanoke Rapids will celebrate the Christmas season by closing their places of business for two days — Wednesday and Thursday.

"The merchants feel," said a spokesman for the organization, "that the clerks need a little rest after the strenuous days just before Christmas day."

The stores, it also was announced, will be open at night until 9 o'clock only on Monday and Tuesday of Christmas week.

Business will be resumed as usual Friday morning. The public is urged to cooperate in the closing of the stores on these two days.

Close Schools Two Weeks Christmas

The Roanoke Rapids schools will close Friday, December 20, for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Monday, January 6, it was announced today by Superintendent I. E. Ready.

Trappers, Buyers Licenses Now Due

Licenses and permits for trappers and fur buyers, which have been due since December 1, must be bought, said C. M. Pettitt, county game warden.

X-Ray Survey Mobile Units On Streets Until Dec. 20

Two mobile units of the tuberculosis X-ray equipment brought here for the Halifax County X-ray survey are scheduled to be on the streets from now until December 20. One unit is located on the corner of Roanoke Avenue and 10th Street in front of Fred Forrester and Company in "uptown" Roanoke Rapids, and the other unit will be "downtown" at Second Street and Roanoke Avenue. These units are located there for the purpose of X-raying all persons in the business district, shoppers and workers, and any other visiting individuals over 15 years of age who have not had the opportunity previously for an X-ray.

Members of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Roanoke Rapids have canvassed the stores and offices urging 100 per cent attendance of employers and employees from each establishment. They also furnished them with X-ray cards to be filled out in advance so they would be away from their work only a short length of time.

To date approximately 6527 Roanoke Rapids people have had their lungs examined through the X-ray process. About 3149 have already received reports on the condition of their chests.

Only a few minutes' time is necessary to have an X-ray made. The valuable information about the condition of the lungs—or heart—may be obtained through the simple process of stepping before a camera, fully clothed.

Women Now Eligible For Jury Service

It's constitutional now.

Women now have the right to serve on juries in North Carolina. They gained it at 11 a. m. yesterday when an amendment approved by the voters on November 5 was enrolled by Secretary of State Thad Eure upon certification from Governor Cherry.

The amendment, which inserted changes in several articles of the constitution intending to guarantee women equal rights with men, was adopted by a vote of 186,540 to 133,396.

However, before it became an official part of the constitution, the favorable vote had to be certified by the State Board of Elections to the Secretary of State, who in turn certified it to the Governor. The Governor then signed a proclamation directing the Secretary of State to enroll the amendment, and sent it to Eure's office at 11 a. m., Tuesday.

New Bus Schedule

New bus schedules between Roanoke Rapids and Weldon were announced today by the Carolina Trailways. The schedule is now in effect and the complete change in time is made in an advertisement appearing on page eight, section A of today's paper.