

Alabama Couple Admit Kidnaping, Beating Flier

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TIFFON—An Alabama couple confessed here Friday to kidnaping a Turner Air Force Base airman at Albany, taking him on a ride of terror and beating him with a log chain.

Police Chief T. J. Renew identified the suspects as Lucious McLain Thompson, 32, of Opelika, Ala., and Wilma Marie Griffin, 25, of Birmingham.

The chief said the pair confessed before Royce J. Kennedy, 22, could be returned here from the Albany air base to identify them as his assailants.

Tifton police arrested the pair on a local street about noon. Renew said they were parked in an auto that fitted the description of the car given by Kennedy.

When officers approached, the

man told the woman, "Baby, don't tell them anything."

Renew said a search of the car revealed \$246.06, a chain, a gun and a large knife.

The chief said Kennedy staggered into the police station here about 1 a.m. Friday and told of his wild experience.

Kennedy told officers Thompson approached him in an Albany night club with a proposal to give him a 30 per cent split if he would aid in gaining access to Turner AFB on a gambling project. When he refused, Kennedy said, the man fired a pistol shot into the floor, forced him into a car and threatened to shoot him as they drove off.

Kennedy said the man drove off U.S. 82 when they were about 12 miles from Tifton and stopped on a country road. He said he and the woman were ordered to lie down in the road and go to sleep. Later the man whipped him with a chain and ordered him to start running. Kennedy hitchhiked into Tifton. Kennedy exhibited bruises on the leg, arm and forehead. He was treated at a hospital and released.

Chief Renew said Thompson made an oral statement admitting the kidnaping. Renew quoted Thompson as saying he had lived in Decatur, Ala., but now calls Opelika his home.

Renew said Thompson told officers he took Kennedy from the night club because the airman had ripped the blouse half off his woman companion.

Rep. Hollis Hit Probing By Hester

Rep. Howell Hollis of Columbus disclosed Friday he had opposed from the start the employment of Atlanta attorney Frank Hester as an investigator for the legislative committee probing the Atlanta Municipal Airport.

Hollis said he refused to sign a resolution authorizing the hiring of Hester because he did not think the attorney's services should come from an "anonymous benefactor."

Hester has declined to say who paid for his services and Mayor Hartsfield has declared the public has a right to know who paid him.

Hollis said he felt it was "wrong in principle for a man to serve two masters." "Mr. Hester would owe some loyalty to the committee but he would also owe loyalty to whomever was paying him," he said.

Hester, meanwhile, continued to keep secret the name of the person who hired him to assist the committee, which was not granted any funds to do its probing. It was only known that the person was an Atlanta businessman.

Hester said he didn't think the man's identity was significant.

Rep. Hollis said his only knowledge of Hester's employment was three months ago when Rep. Edgar Blalock of Clayton County, committee chairman, called him and said Hester's services had been offered. Blalock said Hester was being paid by "civically-minded people who didn't want their names involved."

5 Indicted In Brewery Thefts Here

Five men were indicted by the Fulton County Grand Jury Friday in connection with the theft of 50 cases of beer from Carling's Brewing Co., where they were employed.

Charged with thefts of beer in three separate indictments which charged the offense of stealing beer from the house were Troy E. Thomas, Colin R. Clark, James H. Kade, Garner H. Hunt and Joseph H. Moulder.

The brewery is located at 5399 Brown's Mill Rd., SE.

Thomas was charged with taking one case of beer on Sept. 10. Clark and Kade were charged with taking 41 cases of beer on Sept. 12. Clark, Kade, Hunt and Moulder were jointly charged with the theft of 52 cases on Sept. 11.

In other indictments returned by the grand jury, a 30-year-old Negro, John Henderson of 548 Ira St., S.W., was indicted on eight charges in connection with the writing and passing of fictitious checks.

One of the checks, for \$35, was written in the name of Fulton Sal. Gen. Paul Webb. It was signed "Paul Webb Sr." Webb, however, signs his personal checks "L. P. Webb."

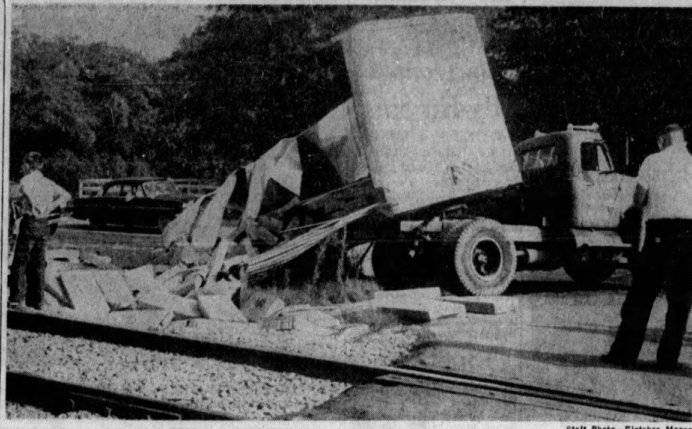
Each of the checks was made payable for "fixing yard, yard boy," of "fixing house."

Baptists Hold Audio-Visual Clinic Here

A clinic for church librarians and audio-visual aid workers is being conducted this weekend at Decatur First Baptist Church by the Library Council of the Atlanta Baptist Association.

Mrs. J. K. Simpson, chairman of the library council, is presiding at the meetings. The first session was held Friday night. Others are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Instructors include Miss Marilyn Hager and Miss Albertina Hare of the library service of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.



CRACKUP AT THE CROSSING—Southern Railway's north-bound Peach Green, and this Northern Freight Lines van mixed it up at a Norcross crossing Friday afternoon. There were no injuries. The trailer part of the van was hardly recognizable, but the train went on to Greenville, S.C., after a short

Free Rabies Clinic Will Be Held Today at Ben Hill

The second in a series of 14 new rabies clinics to be held mostly in unincorporated Fulton County areas is scheduled Saturday.

The Saturday clinic will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at Ben Hill Health Center on Campbellton road, SW.

The county health department hopes to inoculate 7,000 dogs at the new clinics. Dr. John A. Giddens, director of veterinary services, said.

Free clinics are part of the Fulton Board of Health immunization drive to stamp out rabies in the county.

Other clinics scheduled are: Rico school, 3-6 p.m.; Sept. 23; Alpharetta Health Center, 1-4

p.m., Sept. 26; Central school, 3-6 p.m., Sept. 30; Palmetto Health Center, 1-4 p.m., Oct. 3; Hopewell school, 3-7 p.m., Oct. 7; Red Oak Health Center, 1-4 p.m.,

Oct. 10. Amy L. Dodd school, 3-6 p.m., Oct. 14; Roswell Health Center, 1-4 p.m., Oct. 17; Cedar Grove School, 3-6 p.m., Oct. 21; Sandy

Spring Center, 1-4 p.m., Oct. 24; East Point Health Center, 1-4 p.m., Oct. 31; and College Park Health Center, 1-4 p.m., Nov. 7.

Judge Weighs Petition To Stop Airline Pickets

U.S. District Judge Boyd Sloan Friday took under advisement a petition filed by Southern Airways to make non-working Southern mechanics, who have been on strike since Aug. 1, show cause for picketing the company.

Judge Sloan is expected to hand down a ruling Monday.

Graydon Hall, Southern vice president, indicated the hearing could lead to an injunction against the mechanics. He said the employees walked off their jobs after a dozen workers were suspended for refusing to work overtime.

Bill Hicks, president of local 8, Air Carrier Mechanics Union, said picketing would continue until the union is ordered to stop, if such an order is handed down.

Hicks accused the company of trying to break up the union. Hall denied the charge and said the company has hired new employees and now has 80 per cent of its schedules operative.

pause in Norcross. Walter L. Majors of Doraville, 35-year-old driver of the truck, said he was ready to pull out into the highway when the crash occurred. Majors, who had pulled across the tracks, was waiting for traffic to clear on U.S. 23. He said he neither saw the train nor heard its whistle.

Bishop for Israel
 JERUSALEM (AP)—Bishop Pier Chaispero, 50, has been appointed head of the Latin-Roman Catholic-Church in Israel.

It's His Vision — Not His Golf, Says Bob Hope
 HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Comedian Bob Hope said Friday he has left partial vision in his left eye, temporarily, because of overwork.

"But there's no use worrying about it now," Hope told a newsman. "I'm just waiting for nature to balance itself up. My doctor says it will happen. After all, lots of people are in the same spot as I am."

"Anyway, it hasn't affected my golf. I had a 73 last week."

Hope has been under treatment since he suffered a blood clot during the Christmas season last year, when he made a 16,000-mile tour of U. S. military bases in Europe and Africa.

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Forty-nine of the 140 students whose parents originally objected to their transfer from Kathleen Mitchell Elementary school have now left the school, Fulton School Supt. Paul D. West said Friday.

Twenty-seven students have enrolled at Eastern school and 22 have moved to Union City school, the schools where the county Board of Education originally had transferred them, West added.

Transfer of the students—many of who were brought to the Mitchell school by their parents in automobiles in protest after the original transfer—"insures single sessions" for classes at Mitchell, West explained.

Plenty of Teachers Here, West Asserts

The Atlanta area is particularly blessed with an adequate supply of qualified teachers, Fulton County School Supt. Paul D. West declared Friday.

West said in an address to the Atlanta Veterans' Luncheon Club that while school systems on a national average experience a complete staff turnover each 11 years, this occurs locally only about every 16 years.

This indicates local schools have a strong retentive power, West said.

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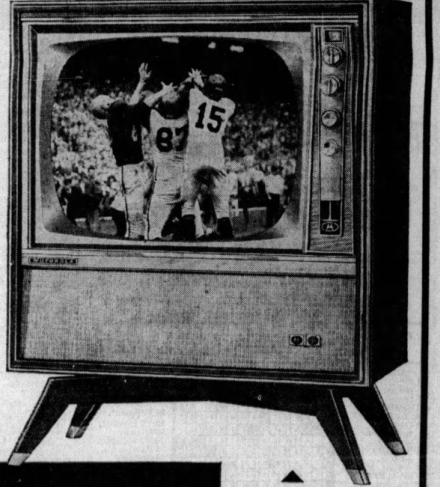
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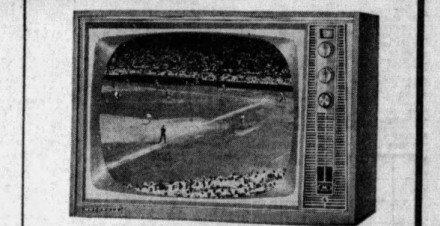
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