

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

MAN, 27, CONFESSES STABBING

2 Others Implicated In Woods Beating Of Soldier's Wife

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
ROCKINGHAM — Shrewd detective work by the Richmond County sheriff's department has landed three men in Richmond Jail here today in connection with the slaying of blonde Ida May Treadway.

Sheriff Raymond C. Goodman said Joe Miller, 27, stocky dark-haired Rockingham man, would "definitely" be charged with the murder of the pretty blonde, whose nude and knife-rashed body was found in Lake Roberson near here the night of Aug. 4.

He said Johnny Quick, 23, and Herbert Stewart, 25, may also be charged with murder, and if not, with accessory after the fact. **SIGNED CONFESSIONS**

The sheriff said all three have signed confessions. Miller confessed to his part in the bizarre slaying, but said Stewart and Quick were also in on the killing, Quick, however, said Miller told them he killed the girl and forced them to help dispose of the body. Sheriff Goodman reported.

The confessions thus confirmed stories of Mrs. Bernice Quick Chandler, 28, and Kenny Watson, 61, Scotland County farmer, who said they saw men drag Mrs. Treadway into a wooded area on Highway 74 near Laurel Hill the night of Aug. 3.

The couple, who admitted being with the dead girl all that day, said that was the last time they had seen her alive. They are being held in Scotland County Jail and today S. C. 11 a n d policeman George Smith said they will still be held as material witnesses.

EARLY SUSPICIONS
Sheriff Goodman said he first suspected Miller shortly after the crime was committed, remembering a somewhat similar case in which Miller was involved. He said in that latter case a soldier was assaulted several years ago.

When first arrested by Sheriff Goodman, Miller denied any connection with the case. He was taken to Scotland Jail for possible identification by Mrs. Chandler and Watson, but they said they did not know him. He was released by the sheriff.

Sheriff Goodman later re-arrested Miller and placed him in Scotland Jail, then had his men arrest Quick, placing him in the Richmond jail. Wednesday afternoon he was taken to Baltimore, Md., where Stewart, who also is a native of Richmond County, was working.

The sheriff returned to Rockingham last night with Stewart, and his deputies working until 2 a. m. on the case.

The sheriff said Mrs. Chandler had furnished them with all but the last two numbers of the license plate of the car which the men allegedly were driving the night of the assault on the girl.

The automobile, a 1948 Mercury, was driven back here from Baltimore by one of the deputies. The sheriff said they had been plashed with green paint. He said Stewart told him the paint was splashed on the car when the dead girl's blood which had gotten on the automobile.

According to Miller's confession, See SCOTLAND on page 8-A

Convention Schedule

CHICAGO (AP)—Here is the program for the Democratic National Convention's scheduled final sessions today:

Afternoon session opens 12 noon EST, with invocation and "Star Spangled Banner."

Nomination of candidates for vice presidential nomination.

Ballooning on candidates for vice presidential nomination.

Night session opens 8 p. m. with invocation, "Star Spangled Banner."

Addresses — Former President Harry S. Truman, the vice presidential nominee and 1956 presidential nominee Adlai E. Stevenson. Benediction and final adjournment.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and hot today, tonight and Saturday with a slight chance of afternoon or evening thundershowers today, becoming more numerous Saturday afternoon.

Low this morning 68
Low tomorrow morning 69
High today 95
High yesterday 94
High tomorrow 85
Sunrise today 5:44 a. m.; sunset today 7:09 p. m.

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Candidates In Big Scramble For Vice Presidential Plum

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We're Pals, Say Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee and Gov. Hodges.

Riesel Acid-Thrower Dead; 2 Men Held In Conspiracy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The FBI today arrested two ex-convicts in connection with the acid-throwing of labor columnist Victor Riesel. The FBI said the actual acid-thrower is dead.

The announcement said FBI agents had developed evidence that the acid was thrown into the face of Riesel in New York City April 5 by Abraham Tevel, whose brother, a labor columnist, was killed by a bullet hole in the back of the head, was found on a lower East Side street in New York in the early morning of July 2.

LONG RECORD
Tevel, 22, and a resident of Brooklyn, had a long police record.

The acid attack on Riesel occurred at a time when he was actively cooperating with New York S. Dist. Atty. Paul Williams in a labor racketeering investigation.

The two men taken into custody

Jimmy's Rocket To Rest In Attic

By JULIAN SCHEER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
"I guess I'll put it in the attic," a stony expression on his face, Jimmy Blackmon's rocket will get no higher than a third floor attic on Club Rd.

It will not blast off, sail through the stratosphere, or crash into the side of an Alabama mountain.

Those dreams are gone.

ARMY SAYS NO
The Army said "no" yesterday. It was advice handed down from no less an expert than Gen. Holger Toffoy at Alabama's Redstone Arsenal.

The rocket, the missile authority said, was "fundamentally" sound but the "hazard of explosion" was too great for firing. Jimmy heard the news in the News office. He took it well.

"I'm disappointed, sure," he said, "but they have been nice." Gen. Toffoy had complimented the 17-year-old local youth on his knowledge of rocketry, had offered to fly both Jimmy and his father to Redstone Monday for an inspection trip and conference, and had offered him future employment.

Why the unguided missile, fashioned in his basement here, was unsafe is not yet clear.

HAS AN IDEA
"I have an idea what it might be," he said, "but I won't show for certain until after I talk to the experts down there."

Jimmy said he might rebuild the rocket if encouraged, but he doubts if he will.

"I will probably rebuild the

Daddy's Church Is For All People

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Johnson Ist Pick Of Hodges

Special To The News
CHICAGO — North Carolina Gov. Luther R. Hodges today listed his personal preferences for the Democratic vice presidential nomination as (1) Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas, (2) Missouri Sen. Stuart Symington and (3) Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts.

However, by mind is still open on the choice, he pointed out.

Sen. Estes Kefauver and Sen. Kennedy appeared before a Tar Heel caucus this morning.

Sen. W. Kerr Scott told the caucus he thought "we ought to stay close to home (the South)" in selecting a vice presidential nominee.

"JUST STUFF"
"He said, 'The talk designed to please us by some candidates is just plain stuff.'"

When asked to repeat the last word, "stuff," he said, "I said stuff, s-u-f-f, stuff!"

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., who declined a bid by C. Wesleyland Sprull for a "favorite son" role, said he personally favored Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee but knew he wouldn't "have a chance."

"I would rather not come out flatly for one man at this point," Gov. Hodges said, "but I have let it be known that I prefer Johnson, Symington and Kennedy right now in that order. We have a number of fine candidates to choose from."

He also pointed out that Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee "will be active" today and received good Tar Heel support in an informal poll Tuesday.

KEFAUVER WEAK
Sen. Kefauver, who has one champion in the North Carolina delegation, is not expected to get strong Tar Heel support in the initial balloting.

Gov. Hodges told The News he thought Gov. Adlai Stevenson's approach — throwing the vice presidential nomination open to all — was a very public place, that there were eyes and cameras watching everywhere.

He tried a few lame, self-conscious smiles but they quickly faded.

This was a bad night for the man from Independence and he and the country knew it.

Harry Truman used to say he didn't want to be known as an elder statesman because, in his book, an elder statesman was a "dead politician."

HARRY AGED
Last night, in the minds of many, Harry Truman became an elder statesman.

It happened at 9:56 p. m. From out of the smoky shadows of the Democratic national convention hall rolled the voice of Pennsylvania:

"Mis-ter chair-man, Pennsylvania casts for Gov. Harriman seven votes. And sufficient votes to put Adlai Stevenson over the top."

Stevenson, opposed bitterly by Truman, was in Averell Harriman, backed strongly by Truman, was out.

A huge roar swelled up. News-

Sorry Sir, You Need More Badges

By DREW PEARSON
CHICAGO—When Olin Johnson, the rotund Senator from the northern country of South Carolina, tried to join the rest of the South Carolina delegation on the floor of Convention Hall, an usher politely told him his credentials weren't in order.

A hit missed at not being recognized, Johnson came a back with two huge gold delegate badges featuring red, white and blue ribbons. He strode up to the door with one on each lapel, but again was rebuffed. The usher explained that delegate or not, the Senator didn't get in unless he had a red-bordered celluloid badge marked "main floor."

This behavior on the part of the usher was unheard of in past conventions when party bigwigs were recognized on their face, but Senator Johnson obligingly turned away to procure further credentials.

When he returned, his lapels drooped with identification. He looked more like a Confederate general than a Senator. Along with his delegates badges, he had identification admitting him to the main floor, the arena circling just around the main floor, and the mezzanine which runs around the top of the amphitheater. Pointing to his many-colored adornments, Olin announced: "Now, can you give me?"

The usher let him in.

"You ought to get a game warden's tag, Olin," shouted one of his fellow delegates from South Carolina, "then you'll have made the whole circuit."

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Victorious Adlai Arrives on Convention Scene. (AP)

Helpless In Tide HST Sat, Became Elder Statesman

By SAUL PETT
CHICAGO (AP)—In the blue-trimmed box on the side of the blue tent, the man who had been president of the United States sat in helpless silence.

The rule book had to be followed. Court, bald Sam Rayburn, convention chairman, pounded the gavel and growled:

"We've got to proceed in order. A great many states still have a right to vote. The parading will cease."

The rollcall droned on.

At 10:10 p. m. the first ballot call ended and Stevenson was the Democratic presidential nominee with 96 1/2 votes. Harriman had 210. Rayburn asked if any state wanted to change its vote. Oklahoma moved that the nominee be made unanimous and another thunderous roar filled the arena.

Texas shook its banner frantically, trying to get the chairman's attention. It didn't.

Rayburn gavelled the hall into relative silence and called for a voice vote.

"Those favoring the motion..." "Aye," came the answering roar.

"There are no ones," Rayburn declared. Laughter and more cheering. He declared Stevenson the nominee and said, "The convention will stand at ease for awhile."

LONG WAIT
The eyes of the convention fastened on the entrances behind the platform searching for Stevenson. But they had a long, anti-

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Harry Says 'Congrats' To Adlai

CHICAGO (AP)—Adlai Stevenson had a brief call on former President Harry Truman today and emerged smiling.

The Stevenson told newsmen that the former President, who had offered his presidential nomination by the Democrats, telephoned him in the loop hotel where both have quarters and offered to walk down two floors to congratulate him.

"I told the President not to do that, that I would come up," Stevenson related.

"I just came by to pay my respects," Stevenson said, adding that he would go on to his law offices here to prepare his convention speech for tonight.

Smiling for photographers and newsmen Mrs. Stevenson said: "I'm going to accept, in case any of you have any doubt about it."

Stevenson was in the presidential suite about five minutes.

Aides of Truman said they did not know what the two men said to each other.

Buffie Again In Running For Top Capital Hostess

SHOULD ADLAI STEVENSON become November's winner, the Washington social spotlight will focus on Elizabeth (Buffie) Ives, his sister. Insight into North Carolina's part-time resident comes today from Cora Harris, who writes from experience on Page 2B.

THE MEMORY of Virginia Dare will be the focal point of honors tomorrow on the Dare Coast, as dignitaries gather for the celebration. "The Lost Colony" special is explained on Page 8B.

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Kefauver Appears In Front

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK
CONVENTION HALL, Chicago (AP)—A great scramble was on today for the Democratic vice presidential nomination, thrown to the "free process" of the party convention by presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson.

Five hopefuls were opening bidding support in frantic campaigning that sought to compress into hours the kind of effort normally spread over weeks. They were:

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee who appeared to be out in front. Some of his backers were claiming he would have over 700 votes on the first ballot. It takes 68 1/2 to win.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota.

Sen. John G. Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee.

Sen. Robert F. Wagner of New York City.

On the other hand, Texas' Lyndon Johnson, the Senate Democratic leader, who could easily corral the votes of many Southerners, sought to take himself out of consideration.

CROSS CURRENTS
Despite the claims made in behalf of Kefauver, it was plain there were swirling cross currents of sentiment among the haggard delegates caucusing in down town hotels and filtering back to this arena for an afternoon session.

This session was to be given over to picking the man to run with Stevenson against the anticipated GOP ticket of Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard M. Nixon.

The program calls for a final session of the convention tonight with windup addresses from former President Harry S. Truman and acceptance speeches by the vice presidential and presidential nominees.

Gore was a late starter in the scramble for the No. 2 place on the ticket. He came into the open when he showed up at the Pennsylvania delegation's caucus to seek support.

Newsmen asked if he were a candidate?

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What's Inside

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, make us worthy of Thy Presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. For Christ's sake. Amen.