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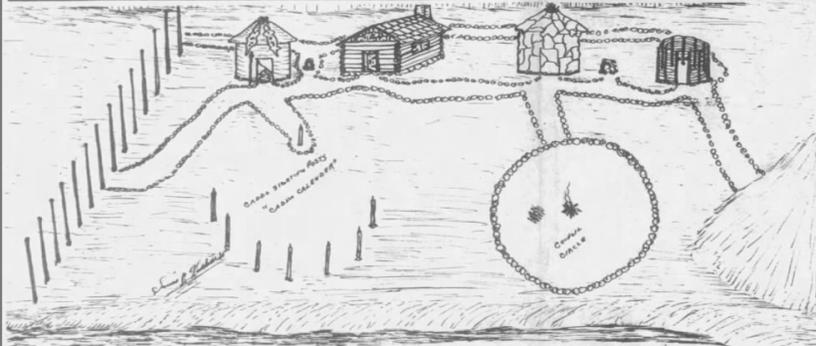
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Prothro Found Not Guilty

Jackie O. Prothro was found not guilty of aggravated rape Wednesday night. The jury went out at 8:55 p.m. and returned its verdict at 9:25.

Prothro had been charged with raping a college student at gun point November 28.

Members of the jury were R. S. Pellig, J. R. Young, Clifford Carulian, Edward Dyeas, Otto Evans, D. M. Coffey, David Cromwell, L. H. Johnson, III, E. W. Scott, Jr., Gus C. Broussard, Earl Wilson and Robert Nix. The jury was not chosen until 4 p.m. Monday; the regular criminal jury list had been exhausted and 50 had been drawn from the tales box. Nix was foreman.

Attorneys for the defense were Watson, Williams and Brittain, with Arthur C. Wagoner conducting the defense. Associated with Anderson are Assistant District Attorney Ronald Martin, and Marvin F. Cahagan representing the family of the girl who was assaulted. Judge Julian Bailes heard the case.

Witnesses for the prosecution Monday night and Tuesday included John C. Bessard, Lee Marx, Bill Murphy, Dr. W. H. Pierson, Tommy Smith, Frank Crisp, Jr., David Howington, Fectore O'Bannon, Bryant Dowden, Dale Toland, Max Ethel Jontan, Maj. Raymond Heard and Detegies Sam James, Enoch Moss, Bob Sell, Herman Bridges, O. F. Lemoine and A. R. Beausoleil.

The defense called Blanchard Dubois, Mr. and Mrs. Atwood Laine, Alvin O. Prothro, O.B. Skains, Edward Looe, Leland Fletcher, Meason (Bud) Wagley, Milton Cox of the New Orleans crime laboratory, Herbert W. Smith, Other Masony, Leslin Murray, Mm. Mattie M. Murray, E. C. Bredlowe, Robert E. Looe, Mrs. Mary Louise Prothro, Thad Powell, Jr., William P. Cawes, Jr., and Ronnie Montgomery.

Ward Three Wet-Dry Election Called Off

The attempt to dry up Ward Three (Powhatan, Fairview-Alpha, Grappes' Bluff) last week when 52 previous signers of the petition for a wet-dry election withdrew their names, according to S. T. Sibley, III, Police Jury secretary.

The petition asking for the election was originally filed with Registrar Julius Adams bearing 144 names, of which Adams certified 142 as being eligible. Signers had 30 days in which to withdraw their names; the 52 withdrawals left only 90 signatories on the petition, whereas 101 were necessary in order for the election to be called, Sibley says.

A PERMANENT INDIAN VILLAGE on the banks of Cane River in back of the Chamber of Commerce office — to be built inexpensively with local efforts — was envisioned at the City Commission meeting Monday night by author Lou Nardini, sr., who told the Commission that if they would just let him use the site, he would get the village built.

The drawing above shows the site plan, including one Caddo Hinta-Sak finished in mud and reeds; one Hinta-Sak covered with hides; one Hinta-Sak of framework only; a trading post where the souvenirs would be handled; a Caddo calendar — a group of sighting posts; a council circle around a prayer mound, separating the village from the riverbank would be a group of flag poles for the 15-17 flags that have flown over Natchitoches at various times.

Desadier Held After Killing

Glen Desadier, 26, of Clarence is being held in the parish jail following the shooting Saturday night of R. P. Phillips, 35, a colored man, according to Deputy Sheriff Herman Bridges.

No bond has been set and no charges have been filed, Bridges says. Shortly after 8 p.m. that night, according to Bridges, Desadier telephoned the office of the Sheriff and reported that he had shot the man, Dr. Will Pierson, Conner, accompanied Bridges and Deputy Bob Sell to the scene; night Deputy Clyde Kay and Favoria Lemoine had already arrived.

He still lives. They found Phillips dead, lying on his back, with his hat still on and a .22 calibre revolver at his feet. He had been shot in the left chest just above the heart. The shooting took place on Hy. 84 about two miles east of Clarence. As Bridges tells the story, the Desadier family had stayed for Mothers Day at the Jake Desadier home a day and the nearby home of his son, Robert Ray Desadier.

Two young women of the group had been to Clarence for groceries; when they returned to the Bobby Ray Desadier home, where they were staying, a colored man in the yard accosted them and said "Why didn't you all wait in Clarence and I would have brought you home?"

The young women screamed for help and Glen Desadier and Henry Shows rushed from the Jake Desadier house and looked for the man. Not finding anyone, they got in cars to continue the search and Desadier and Shows drove down Hy. 84.

Presently, Bridges says, they overtook two colored men riding their horses and asked them if they had seen or heard anyone around the Robert Ray Desadier house.

Both men, Tom Dreyer and Phillips said no, and commented on Desadier's having a gun; Desadier said he had taken it with him fishing. Desadier told Bridges that Phillips then said "I carry a gun myself," and reached for his weapon.

"I just beat him to the draw," Desadier said.

WEATHER

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Nardini is already getting promises of materials for the village, he told the Commission's builders, he suggested Boy Scouts, FFA members or the fraternities at the college.

He suggested that profits from the project go to the buildings, with a reservation of 12% for developers at of the Beausoleil Springs area.

Native Souvenirs As souvenirs for sale he suggested Indian walking sticks, peace pipes, poggons made from elderry wood, gourd, cyprus knees, painted pine cones, Indian corn, sasafra roots, sweet gum ball decorations, bags of nut and so on.

Other means of developing tourist trade locally, Nardini suggested developing trails to Camp Saluberty, Buck Horn Spring, Fort Selden and the Indian campsites in the area. He also suggested a ten-station rifle and pistol range making July 4 a Homecoming Day for former Natchitoches who have moved away and engaging a group of college students as guides to Natchitoches and environs.

Mayor Scott said the Commission would have to know definitely who would control the site and receive the profits before referring the matter to the City Attorney to learn whether such a step could be legally taken.

Feeding Prisoners In other actions Monday night, the Commission: Awarded the contract on feeding prisoners to the lone bidder, Circle Cafe, owned by John A. Adams, whose bid was the same as his successful bid last year, 50¢ per meal plus state sales tax.

Took under advisement bids on leasing the property on which the Pel-State station on Amulet is located. Pel-State bid \$175 per month; the Louisiana Oil Co. bid \$185 per month, but the bid did not meet specifications in that it was accompanied by a personal check instead of a certified check or bank money order.

Ambulances Restriained Adopted an ordinance restraining ambulances, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles from unnecessary speed and noise.

Appointed C. F. Thomas, Jr., to a new three-year term on the Municipal Civil Service Board, of which he is chairman.

Back In Hospital Sheriff Earl Morris left yesterday to return to the M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston for a check-up.

Tape Robberies Solved Here

Joe Thompson, 37, of Montgomery, has confessed to the armed robbery of White Ranch in Cloutiersville on New Year's Eve, and is being held in the parish jail without bond, according to Sheriff Earl Morris.

Late at night on December 31, as Rachal was locking up the White Elephant, which he managed, a man put a gun to his head; put adhesive tape over his mouth and eyes and around his wrists; relieved him of his keys and \$130; and entered the place, where he took about \$205 in change and a 12 gauge shotgun belonging to Rachal.

Long Suspected A man named Henry P. Long, 31, of Selzer, who had been operating the cafe at the nearby Pel State station, was suspected. Long was later arrested by Baton Rouge authorities while in the act of committing an armed robbery in Baton Rouge, Morris says, but he a Deputy Herman Bridges talked him out of the money.

Last Tuesday Chief Deputy George LeBlanc of Baton Rouge telephoned here and said Long wanted to tell Bridges something. On this second trip to Baton Rouge, Bridges learned that Thompson was involved in the Cloutiersville break-in and that Long had been involved in a rape robbery in Bienville Parish.

In Suggested Cell Thompson was picked up the following day by Bridges and Deputy Bob Sell; meanwhile Long had been "borrowed" from Baton Rouge. Following a discussion with Sheriff H. N. Davis of Bienville Parish, the two men were put in a "suggested" cell in Shreveport to spend the day, during which they further incriminated themselves.

Long was then returned to Bienville Parish, where he is charged with the strong-armed Continued on page 3A

Food Stamps Asked Passed a resolution asking the US Department of Agriculture and the state Department of Public Welfare to include Natchitoches Parish in the Food Stamp Program, and appropriated \$7,000 for the program.

Resolved to employ Jesse H. Banston as consultant on construction of the new hospital annex.

Asked the Highway Department to approve hard-surfacing the Line Extension road in Ward Six and the Lester Road in Ward Nine.

Passed a resolution commending the Valley Electric Membership Corporation for its service to the people of Natchitoches Parish.

Judge Bailes Assigned Judge Julian Bailes has been temporarily assigned to the 25th Judicial District (Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes) and left this morning.

Cenla Asphalt Low On Parish Blacktop

Cenla Asphalt Corp. of Alexandria was low and successful bidder of the Police Jury meeting Wednesday on the \$200,000 parish blacktopping project with a unit price bid of \$1.34 per lineal foot and a base bid of \$198,968.38 which had to be revised to \$204,368.78 due to a typographical error in the specifications. Final contract amount was \$202,365.30; the amount which had been set aside for construction was \$174,000.

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Could Not Readvertise After it was learned that the bid was over the amount of money contemplated, the possibility of re-advertising was discussed with Ransdell, who said there would not be time, as under the terms of the federal grant there must be labor on the job by the last of June.

When the deficit was broken down by wards, the jurors decided they could be met either with ward funds on hand or with Act 128 money, except in Ward Three. Junior Councilor Williams was absent, but secretary S. T. Sibley, III, speaking for Williams, said the ward did not have sufficient funds and would have to reduce its program from three miles to 2.7 miles.

The following table shows by wards the exact mileage, cost in each ward and amount of deficit to be made up.

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The distribution line at Goldmans has been reworked and mercury vapor lights installed, manager A. P. Wood reported to the board at its meeting last Wednesday. The capacity of the sub-station at Gahagan has been increased and a new substation is to be installed at Powhatan, perhaps by this summer.

The line at Provençal is also being reworked, and the co-op may also install mercury vapor street lights there, Wood says.



OFFICIALS OF POWHATAN, newly incorporated, were sworn in Friday morning. From left, Representatives Curtis Bozman and Paul Foshee; Aldermen Steve Leone and Steve Rabin; Marshal Carlo DiGirolamo; Alderman Sam Mandello; Mayor Joe Mandello, jr.; and Chief Deputy Clerk of Court Frank Crippen, jr. — Urbach Photo