

Traffic Violations Lead Most To Court

Traffic violators comprised most of the 46 cases tried during Friday's mixed session of Warren County District Court with Judge Claude W. Allen, Jr., of Oxford presiding. Sixty-five cases were docketed with 19 continuations granted. Cases disposed of included:

William McKinley Alston, driving under influence, ordered to jail for 90 days, suspended for 12 months on the condition that he pay fine of \$100 and court costs, surrender operator's license and not operate motor vehicle on highways until allowed to do so by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Michael Aycock, passing stopped school bus, fined \$25 and court costs.

William McLean Davis, two charges of breaking and entering and larceny, Defendant waived right to preliminary hearing on each charge and ordered bound over to next criminal session of Superior Court to answer charges. No bond set because he is

presently in jail.

Parran Logan Foster, III, speeding 67 in 55 mph zone, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of court costs.

Eddie Lewis Gilchrist, speeding 45 in 35 mph zone, called and failed. Ordered arrested for appearance on April 22 with bond set at \$100.

Eroy Green, motion on bill of particulars, case ordered continued for six weeks with defendant to make payments of \$25 weekly to the office of Clerk of Superior Court to be remitted to department of Human Resources. The court reserved the right to recall the case.

Elijah Hargrove, Jr., nonsupport, ordered arrested for appearance on May 20 with bond set at \$1000.

Tony Dale Harris, improper passing, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of court costs.

Frank Edward Jones, driving under influence, failure to drive right half of highway, driving

while license revoked, speeding in excess of 15 mph while attempting to elude officer, failure to stop for blue light and siren and resisting arrest. Attorney's motion for speedy trial due to defendant being incarcerated, denied and case set for April 22 with motion to reduce bond denied. Bondsman, having delivered defendant to the jail was relieved of his bond obligations.

Roy Jones, simple affray, called and failed. Ordered arrested for appearance on April 22 with bond set at \$100.

Stanley Ray Lancaster, driving under influence, found guilty of careless and reckless driving after consumption of alcohol, fined \$100 and court costs.

James Louis Lewis, speeding 67 in 55 mph zone, called and failed, ordered arrested for appearance on April 22 with bond set at \$100.

Stanley Ray Lynch, failure to drive right half of highway and driving under influence, ordered to jail for 60 days, suspended for 12 months on condition he pay fine of \$100 and court costs, surrender operator's license and not operate motor vehicle on highways of N. C. for 12 months.

Teen Lynch, three charges of assault, not guilty. On two charges of selling beer to minors, he was ordered to jail for 30 days in each case, suspended for six months on the condition that he pay \$50 and court costs in each case and pursuant to G.S. 18A-56 (c) the court ordered his license to sell beer and wine revoked for six months. The suspension sentences will run concurrently. Notice of appeal given to next criminal session of Superior

Court.

Morris Silver, assault, ordered to jail for 30 days, suspended for 12 months on the condition that he pay fine of \$40 and court costs, pay to Clerk of Superior Court \$47 for use and benefit of Teen Lynch as reimbursement of medical expenses and that he not go on premises of Lynch's Grocery for 12 months unless he has written permission from owner.

John Steph. Nowakowski, speeding 70 in 55 mph zone, called and failed.

Robert Earl Perry, no operator's license, voluntary dismissal.

Albert E. Phipps, speeding 76 in 55 mph zone, called and failed. Voluntary dismissal granted.

Ace Eugene Silver, failure to stop at scene of accident, not guilty.

Charlie Smith, Jr., speeding 45 in 35 mph zone, voluntary dismissal.

Phillip Hunt Smith, speeding 76 in 55 mph zone, found guilty of speeding 70 in 55 mph zone, fined \$30 and court costs.

Annie Marie Taylor, speeding 45 in 35 mph zone, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of court costs.

John Charles Townsend, speeding 85 in 55 mph zone, found guilty of speeding 75 in 55 mph zone, ordered to jail for 60 days, suspended for six months on the condition that he pay fine of \$65 and court costs, surrender operator's license and not operate motor vehicle on highways until allowed to do so by Department of Motor Vehicles and that for six months he not be found guilty of any crime involving a motor vehicle.

Leroy Vaughan, public

drunkenness, ordered to jail for 20 days, suspended for 60 days on the condition that he pay cost of court and fine of \$10. Notice of appeal given to next criminal session of Superior Court with bond to remain in effect.

Percy Lenard Vaughan, failure to comply with restricted license, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of court costs.

Thomas Macon Watson, failure to drive right half of highway, driving under influence, no operator's license, improper registration, ordered to jail for six months, suspended for two years upon the condition that he pay fine of \$150 and court costs, not operate motor vehicle on highways of N. C. until allowed to do so by Dept. of Motor Vehicles and that for one year he not be found guilty of any crime involving alcohol.

Thomas Macon Watson, no insurance, voluntary dismissal.

Richard West, improper passing, not guilty.

Ernest Dean Wilkins, no inspection sticker, called and failed. Ordered arrested for appearance on April 22 with bond set at \$50.

Charlie Williams, Jr., failure to yield right of way, second offense of driving under influence, found guilty of first offense and other charges, ordered to jail for six months, suspended for three years on the condition that he pay fine of \$165 and court costs, surrender operator's license and not operate motor vehicle on highways of N. C. until allowed to do so by Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

Scott Cunningham Williams, following too closely, voluntary dismissal.

Patricia Ann Ball vs. Ivory McGlen Hinton, attorney ordered to remit money held in the Clerk's office to the Dept. of Human Resources and to see that case is dismissed.

Linda Marie Fogg vs. Jerry Macklin, attorney's motion to issue an order of show cause and set bond for appearance allowed. Motion to be issued and Sheriff to hold defendant until a \$500 bond is posted for his appearance on April 29.

Shirley D. Hayden vs. Sandy Jarrell, court found child was never adopted and ordered defendant to pay \$10 each and every week for the support of minor child.

William Alvin Milam vs. Ethel Green Milam, absolute divorce granted.

Calvin Jones, disorderly conduct, ordered to jail for 35 days, suspended for 12 months upon the condition that he pay fine of \$15 and court costs and that for 12 months he not go on premises of Starlight Club without written permission of owner.

Jimmy Silver, assault with deadly weapon, motion for nonsuit allowed and case dismissed.



Mayor W. A. Miles [seated] is shown signing a proclamation declaring April 24-30 as "Secretaries Week" locally in conjunction with National Secretaries Week. Witnessing the signing is Mrs. Odessa Hawkins [left] and Mrs. Patsy Hargrove [right], secretaries for Warren County attorneys T. T. Clayton and Frank Ballance, and Mrs. Catherine Reavis, president of Wake Forest Chapter of NSA, which includes residents of Franklin, Vance, Warren and Wake Counties. [Staff Photo]

African Homeland In 'Roots' Would Surprise Slaves

Alex Haley's African ancestor probably would never recognize his old homeland.

On the other hand, Gambia might not be all that unrecognizable, despite some 200 years of change. After centuries of colonizing and a decade of independence, modern ways are still new visitors in this sliver of a country on the western shoulder of Africa.

Yet there have been changes since the day when Kunta Kinte, "the African" as his descendants thought of him, was captured and sold into slavery in Virginia, eventually becoming the roots of the family tree Haley describes in his book and the television serial.

When the colonists were gone and Gambia was its own master again on February 18, 1965, the country was a "riverine enclave" to geographers and a "geographical absurdity" to statesmen, the National Geographic Society says.

Backbone River

The Gambia River is the backbone of the country, with the borders only about 14 miles distant, following the twists of the riverbank. From the mouth on the Atlantic, the Connecticut-size country stretches some 300 miles inland, surrounded on three sides by French-speaking

Senegal.

Kunta Kinte today would find many of his Mandinka tribespeople, the majority of the population, speaking the strange tongue that slave masters taught him, English. It is the official language, adopted from Gambia's century and a half as a British colony.

Since independence, Gambia has retained ties with London as a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. However, Bathurst, the Victorian-looking seat of the colonial governor at the river's mouth, is now the capital, renamed Banjul.

"The African" would find his people have become a nation of peanut farmers: 80 percent of the half-million population are farmers, and in 1976 they produced some 140,000 tons of this number-one crop.

He would see waters of the river being diverted into flooded fields, where strangers—Chinese, once from Taiwan, now from the Chinese mainland—are showing the people how to plant another crop, rice.

Lift That Bale

Cotton, the staple of the Old South, might surprise him in eastern Gambia where it has been introduced as a new and promising crop.

Back in Banjul, Kunta Kinte would find crowds of different strangers, blond, blue-eyed

Scandinavians apparently determined to outdo the Gambians in the lightweight clothing that helps make the tropical climate more comfortable.

Bahama-like beaches and the Gambians' willingness to be friendly have attracted Europeans for more than half a dozen years, the tourists arriving on cruise ships and by planes landing at the small airport.

Kunta Kinte would also see that Gambians themselves are now masters of his old homeland. The country's leader is Sir Dawda Kairabe Jawara, British-educated veterinarian who once boasted: "There's not a cow in Gambia that doesn't know me personally."

He is the only president Gambia has ever had, and his political supporters, the People's Progressive Party, hold 28 of the 32 seats in the National Assembly.



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Easter Program Given At Plaza

By MABEL H. DAVIS

Ms. Emma Alston, Mesdames Marie V. Block, and Mabel H. Davis, of the Golden Age Senior Citizens Club, and Nathan Block, Jr., Electronic Engineer, NASA, Greenbelt, Md., son of Mrs. Block, rendered a brief Easter program at Warren Plaza Rest Home on Friday, April 8. Included were an Easter Prayer "Thank You God," an "Easter Meditation," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Were You There," "He Arose," "How Great Thou Art," and "Amazing Grace."

Many of the patients personally thanked us for our role in making their day most enjoyable, and we were happier with the knowledge that we shared a bit of sun, a bit of work, and a bit of fun in giving of ourselves to others.

Attends Workshop

Mrs. Mabel H. Davis of Wise, Warren County Board of Health member, attended a related health workshop sponsored by the UNC School of Public Health, the N. C. Health Directors Association, and the N. C. Division of Health Services at Howard Johnson's, Crabtree Valley, Raleigh, on Thursday, April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Block, Jr., and son, of Silver Springs, Md., were Easter holiday guests of their parents, Mrs. Marie V. Block, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hawkins.

DOG VACCINATION SCHEDULE

VAUGHAN — April 23, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

EMBRO — April 23, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ARCOLA — April 30, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

BETHLEHEM — April 30, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

INEZ — May 7, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

AFTON — May 7, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

VICKSBORO — May 14, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WARRENTON (High Dollar Whse) — May 14 — 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NORLINA — May 21, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

MANSON — May 21 — 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

DREWRY — May 28, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WISE — May 28, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MACON — June 4, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

PEGRAM'S STORE — June 4, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ELAMS — June 4, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CLEAN-UP — June 11, 8:30 to 11:30 at the Warren County Landfill

FRANK TWITTY, Dog Warden