

# TWO DAYS COUNTY COURT

## RECORDER SENDS MANY TO ROADS

Five road sentences were passed by C. R. Daniel, Judge of the Recorder's Court, Tuesday, November 21, at the regular session at which time seventeen cases were heard. Charges included speeding, abandonment and non-support, affray, liquor, which lead with five cases, assault with deadly weapon, driving while drunk, assault, petit larceny and assault on female.

George Smith, white, charged with speeding, plead guilty. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$5.00 fine and costs.

W. C. Cook, charged with abandonment and non-support, plead not guilty and was found not guilty.

The case of T. C. Barber, Fred West and L. C. Carpenter, who were tried for affray, was remanded to Mayor's Court as to Barber and Carpenter and nol prossed with leave as to West.

The case of James Edmonds, charged with bastardy, was continued to the second Tuesday in February.

Jack West, colored, who was tried on liquor charges, plead not guilty. He was found guilty, however, and sentenced to eight months in jail to be assigned to work the roads.

Bob Epps, colored, who was tried on liquor charges, plead not guilty, but was found guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs and on condition defendant appears first Tuesday ever other month for one year.

The case of George Moss, charged with assault with deadly weapon, was continued.

The case of Benjamin Harris and J. O. Winborne, white, charged with violation of motor vehicle law and transporting whiskey, was continued to first Tuesday in January.

George Gupton, white, charged with driving while drunk, plead guilty, and was fined \$50.00 and costs. Defendant is not to drive a motor vehicle for a period of five months.

Fletcher Lashley, colored, who was charged with speeding, plead not guilty and was found not guilty.

In the case of Lewis Warrick, charged with driving while drunk, defendant was called and failed to appear. Judgment was nisi sci fa, capias and continued.

The case of Dick Lynch, who was charged with assault, and who demanded a jury trial, was continued to January 2, 1934.

The case of J. C. Reynolds, white who was tried on liquor charges, was nol prossed with leave, and no costs were allowed.

Albert Branch, colored, who was tried on liquor charges, plead not guilty, but was found guilty and sentenced to four months in jail to be assigned to work the roads.

Jimmie Smith, who was charged with assault on female, plead not guilty, but was found guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of costs.

James Flipp, colored, who was tried for petit larceny, plead guilty and was sentenced to four months in jail to be assigned to work the roads.

Lonnie Hicks, charged with driving while drunk, plead guilty and was sentenced to four months in jail to be assigned to work the roads. Defendant is not to drive

a car for five months.

Jim Hewitte, white, who was charged with assault on female, plead guilty and was sentenced to five months in jail to be assigned to work the roads.

James Pittman, colored, who was tried for petit larceny, plead guilty. He was sentenced to ninety days in jail to be assigned to work the roads.

Out of respect to E. L. Travis, Jr., Recorder's Court was not held Tuesday, November 14, but was held Friday, November 17.

Of the sixteen cases before the Recorder, liquor had the lead with four cases. There were two cases each of abandonment and non-support, larceny and driving under the influence of liquor, and one each of abandonment and assault, speeding, destroying property and illegal transportation of beer.

Claude Taylor, charged with gambling, having failed to carry out sentence passed in this case at a former hearing, was sentenced to be sent to the roads for sixty days.

In the case of Joe Neal, charged with abandonment and assault, was set for trial Tuesday, Nov. 21.

In the case of John Exum, Oscar Powell and Alfonza Exum, charged with driving while drunk and transporting liquor, John Exum plead guilty of possession and transporting liquor, while Alfonza Exum and Oscar Powell plead not guilty. Alfonza Exum and Powell were found not guilty, and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of costs as to John Exum.

It having appeared that Leslie Bowen, charged with speeding, violated sentence of November 7, he was sentenced to four months in jail to be assigned to work under the direction of State Highway and Public Works Commission. Bowen was also found guilty on liquor charges and was sentenced to four months in jail to be assigned to work under the direction of State Highway and Public Works Commission. This sentence is to run concurrently with sentence in the former case.

Walter McCall, charged with destroying property, plead guilty upon recommendation of prosecuting witness L. F. Rook, prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of damages suffered by L. F. Rook and costs of case.

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Odell Matthews, who was tried for driving while drunk, plead not guilty and was found not guilty.

Lindsey Pulley, who was tried for abandonment and non-support, plead guilty, and was sentenced to eight months in jail to be assigned to work the roads. Sentence is to be suspended on condition defendant gives bond in the sum of \$150.00 for his appearance the first Tuesday in each month for one year to show he has paid to his wife the sum of \$5.00 per week for support of herself and children and pays costs.

The cases of Jack West, charged with liquor, and J. W. Careway, charged with non-support, were continued.

Oscar James, charged with larceny, plead guilty, and was sentenced to four months in jail to be assigned to work under the direction of State Highway and Public Works Commission. Sentence was suspended for two years on good behavior and payment of costs.

Arthur Shine, charged with larceny, plead not guilty and was found not guilty.

Ben Pitchford, charged with gambling, plead guilty and was sentenced to sixty days in jail to do work under the direction of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Sentence was to be suspended on payment of costs, but no costs were paid.

Bob Epps, who was called on liquor charges, failed to appear. Judgment was absolute on bond, capias and continued.

Thurman James, charged with driving while drunk, plead not guilty, but was found guilty. He was sentenced to three months in jail to be assigned to work under the direction of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. He is not to drive a motor vehicle for six months.

The case of W. E. Carter, charged with the illegal transportation of beer, was nol prossed with leave at the request of R. L. Braswell, State Highway Patrolman.

Asserting that his wife nagged him and kept him awake until 4 a. m., James W. D. Seymour of Los Angeles was granted a divorce.

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## AN HOUR IN JAIL A CURE FOR CRIME

A sermon without words is what we would label our experience Tuesday in the Halifax County jail. Our cure for crime would be to let everybody spend a few hours in jail.

The writer went down with Coroner Billy Williams to see a prisoner. Jailer Hux let us in the main cell and then, locking the outer door, went away and left us. In fact, we think he forgot all about us because it seemed like hours before he came back and there was no way to get out.

We had finished our conversation and while the Coroner continued talking with the prisoner over in a corner, we sat by a window, peered thru the bars and wished for the jailer.

Then as the long minutes dragged by, the old imagination got working. We just imagined what it would be to sit there hour after hour day after day, with nothing to do, no place to go.

Every mark on the wall became familiar. The sameness and monotony got on the nerves. One old prisoner in a cell block was telling his story over and over. We heard it a half dozen times in the short time we were there. He probably told it a hundred times a day.

The place was clean enough but there was an odor about it that gradually got the best of you. It is an odor that can't be helped; a half dozen toilets, latrines and wash basins in a building with dozens of men evolves an odor that no amount of disinfectant can kill. And even the best of disinfectants smell none to good or are too sickening.

It was a great feeling when Jailer Hux hove into view and let us out in the fresh air and clean sunlight, where we could go where we pleased and do just about what we wanted to, as long as it was in reason.

Yes sir, if you want to cut down crime just let everybody spend a few hours in a jail house with the old imagination set loose. It may not be a sure cure but it would help a lot. One hour was enough for us.

## HALIFAX

Messrs. W. L. Johnson and Fenner Satterthwaite made a business trip to Charleston, S. C., Tuesday, November 21.

Mrs. Annie Jennings and Sara spent last week-end in Whitakers with Mrs. Jennings' daughter, Mrs. Edward Hamill.

Mesdames W. L. Johnson, Mary Bass, Raymond Bass, Claybourne Bass and Annie Jennings and Mr. Claybourne Bass spent last Friday in Rocky Mount.

Mesdames Hugh House, Annie Hale and Donald McClure motored to Raleigh Saturday with Mr. J. B. Hall to attend a conference of the Civil Works Administration.

A surgeon recently took from the stomach of a woman inmate of the Central Islip State Hospital for Insane, at Central Islip, N. Y., 48 teaspoons, several bolts and nuts, a large screw, a needle, pencil, and a piece of glass.

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