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# JUDGE ASKS ACTION

## JUDGE'S CHARGE TO JURY

### Judge Harris Delivers Forceful Charge

The surety of punishment for criminals is the court's goal, Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh, told the Halifax County grand jury at the opening of a two-weeks term of court at Halifax Monday morning, and added that social prestige, political influence or riches should not have any effect on the deliberations of the jurors when considering bills of indictment.

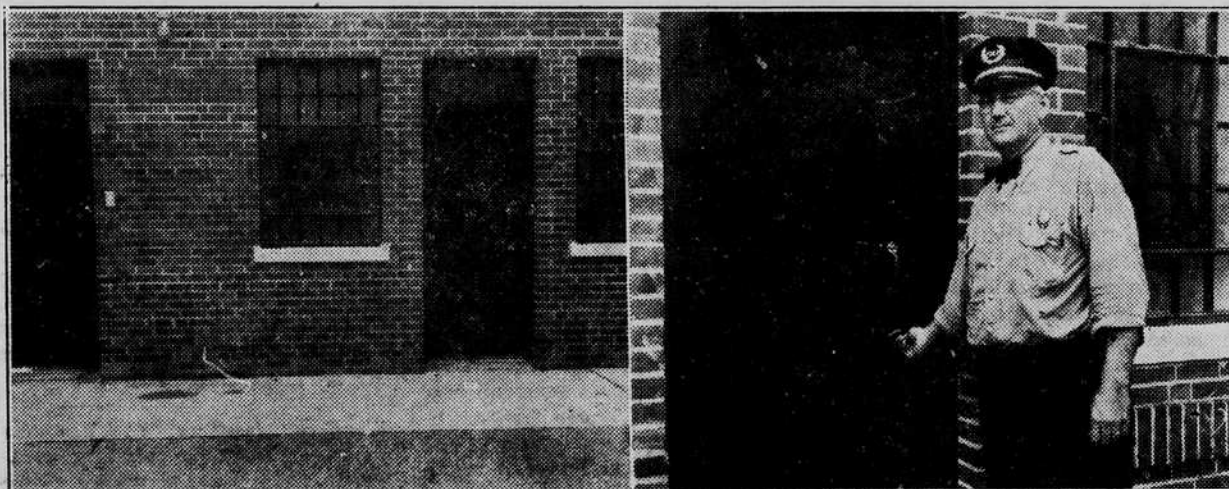
"Let the grand jurors do their duty to the extent that they will have the knowledge that they have done something for the good of the county", Judge Harris said.

In stressing the importance of being a member of the grand jury, the presiding jurist stated in his forceful charge, "It is a position of much importance, as each member is a trustee of the county. The grand jury is a powerful body, and has a much greater duty than passing on bills of indictment."

"It is the grand jury's duty," Judge Harris continued, "to see that every department of the county is being conducted in the proper manner."

"The public has no way of knowing what is going on in the county unless informed by a grand jury's (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

## Chief Dobbins Unlocks New Jail Here



Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins is shown in the picture at the right, above, unlocking the door to the main division of the city's new jail which was thrown open the past week-end for inspection by local citizens. The number of persons attending the "open house" for the jail Saturday was small, but approximately 75 were shown over the building on Sunday.

At the left, above, is shown the solitary confinement cell (extreme left) and the entrance to the women's cell block, which is separate from the main division.

## DIVORCE GRANTED COUPLES

### A Few Minor Cases Tried This Week

Ten divorces were granted in Halifax County Superior Court today, and a few minor cases were tried this week at the court which convened Monday morning for a two-weeks term with Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh presiding.

The divorces granted were as follows: Howard Hale from Harriette Hale, G. William Thomas from Ella W. Thomas, Annie Evans from Losey Wilkins Evans, Edward Green from Josephine Harper Green, Lilly Jane Grooms Respass from James Leon Respass, George Sawyer from Annie Elizabeth Sawyer, Lilla B. Brunson from A. J. Brunson, Wilbur J. Best from Mertice C. Best, Vergie Williams Young from William H. Young, and Mildred C. Braxton from Joseph A. Braxton.

#### CRIMINAL CASES

A true bill was returned against Joseph Edmonds, mar who shot at his wife and hit his daughter during a domestic altercation, and he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and also assault on a female.

Edmond's attorney tendered a (Continued on Page 4, Sec. A)

## TOURNEY PLAY FOR SOFTBALL DISTRICT HERE

### SHOP BURNED

The second floor of Williams Machine Shop here was gutted by fire Monday morning about 2 o'clock. Flames destroyed almost the entire upstairs part of the place. No estimate of the damage was made by firemen, who said the origin of the blaze was still undetermined today.

### First District Play To Start Next Tuesday

District Commissioner Frank S. Kemp announced today that Wilson and Rocky Mount would open the first district softball tournament to be held here starting next Tuesday August 19th, due to the Tobacco Festival to be held at Wilson next week.

Commissioner Kemp has granted Wilson the right to meet Rocky Mount here in the first game next Tuesday night, and then meet the Roanoke Rapids Romancos in the second game of a double-header. Two defeats will eliminate a team from the tournament.

Rocky Mount will go in the series as the big favorite to represent District No. 1 in the State Tournament, mainly due to the fact that they have racked up four victories over the Rmoancos, defending state champions. Wilson also is a strong favorite due to the fact that they have defeated the Romancos once this season.

First round games are scheduled to be played at Patterson Mills Park on Tuesday night, second round games at Roanoke No. 2 park on Wednesday night and the finals at Ledgerwood Park on Saturday night. All games will start at 8:30 p.m. and admission will be twenty cents, straight.

#### Tournament Highlights

"Red" Coley, Rocky Mount ace (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

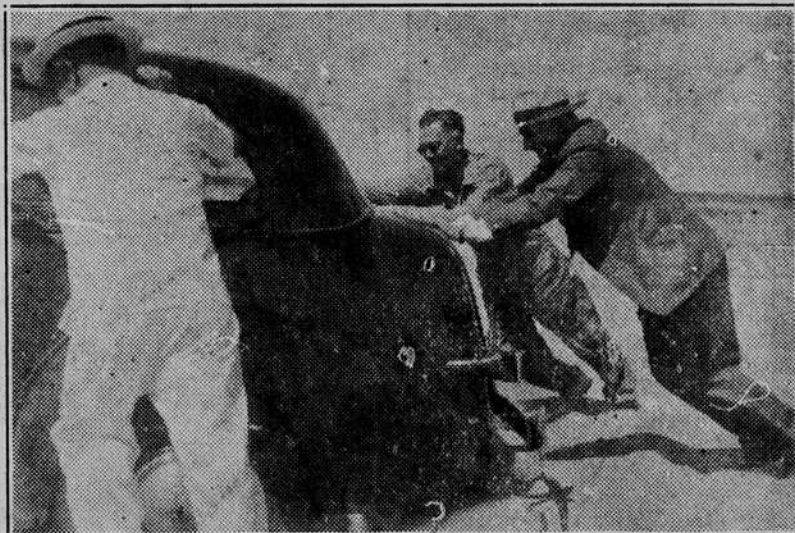
## GETS RESULTS

The charge of Judge W. C. Harris to the grand jury at the opening of Superior Court in Halifax this week brought results.

"For the first time," Superintendent V. C. Matthews of the county schools said, "a number of the jurors visited the office of the county Board of Education in a body to inspect it and look over the records."

The office has been visited in the past terms of court by the foreman, or individual members of the grand jury, Superintendent Matthews stated.

## THEY'VE GOT "PUSH", TOO



You've often heard of "political pull", but this picture clearly shows that political leaders must have a little "push" to get around, also. When their automobile got bogged down in the sand along the coast, the three gentlemen above used plenty of "push". They are Dan Oden of Hatteras, shown at the side of the car in the white suit giving the vehicle a "Hatteras twist", while First Highway Division Commissioner Carroll L. Wilson of Roanoke Rapids is shown helping the gentleman with the hat on, Chairman L. B. Prince, of Raleigh, of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, "dig in" to shove the automobile out of the place where it was stuck. They were inspecting roads in the Dare County section.

## CHAMPIONS OF "B" LEAGUE



The Romanco team, sponsored by the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, won the title in the "B" division of the City Softball League with 19 wins and five losses for the season. Shown here are, left to right, standing—Worsham, short stop; Sims, third base; Lee, pitcher; Everette, left field; Sadler, coach; R. Lee, left field; Miller, right field; Lyles, assistant coach. Kneeling are, left to right—Jenkins, short center field; Hall, catcher; Gail, center field; Sewell, catcher; Collins, second base; Stewart, right field; and Hasty, center field. Bat-boys sitting in front of the players are Whitey Lyles, left, and Junior Everette.