

### BONDS ARE RAISED IN ASSAULT CASE; DRIVER ARRESTED

#### Recorder Withholds Judgment Following Trial of Reel—All Principals Jailed

The case against Jim Reel, charged with criminally assaulting a 14-year-old white girl, was tried by Recorder George Harris yesterday afternoon, but the recorder announced after the trial that he would not pass judgment until he had tried Henry Ashe, the negro chauffeur, who was arrested on a bench warrant by the recorder, charging him with having aided and abetted in the alleged criminal assault. Miss Lula Garrell and Paul Williams, alleged abettors, who have been out of jail on bonds of \$500 each, were ordered back to jail in default of \$1,000 bonds each, and the negro's bond was also fixed at \$1,000, which he did not furnish, and he, too, was locked in the county prison last night.

In announcing that he would withhold judgment until after the trial of the negro chauffeur, Recorder Harris was rather severe in his denunciation of people, 25 or 30 years old, inveigling young girls of 14 years to go out riding at night, especially after deceiving their parents into believing their young daughters were going down town.

After failing the solicitor to the bench for a short conference, the recorder directed that a warrant be issued against Henry Ashe, the negro chauffeur, charging him with aiding and abetting in the alleged criminal assault and placing him under \$1,000 bond. He also ordered the bond of the Garrell woman and Williams increased from \$500 to \$1,000, directing that Reel be remanded to jail without bail.

Miss M. A. Weldon, director of the woman's reform school at Samarcan, was in court and listened to the testimony. After court, she and Recorder Harris held a long conference, but neither would discuss the object of the conference.

The little girl, with her mother, father and little brother, appeared in court yesterday afternoon. There was a large crowd at the trial. However, the recorder ordered everybody, excepting the witnesses, court officers and attorneys, to vacate the courtroom when she took the stand. This was ordered on account of the age of the girl.

**Repeats Story**  
The girl, throughout her testimony and the cross-examination by the attorneys for the defense, appeared to maintain her trend of evidence, and said that she became an unwilling member of the automobile party that Sunday evening, stating that the Garrell woman called at her home and persuaded the girl's mother and father to allow the girl to accompany her (the Garrell woman) downtown to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph office, to find out when she would have to report for duty the next morning. The girl's father corroborated this testimony, testifying that he consented to allow his daughter to accompany the woman downtown.

The girl's brother, a lad of about 16 years, said he was about a half-block away from the automobile when he saw immediately after his sister and the Garrell woman passed him. That he saw the Garrell woman catch his sister by the arm and pull her into the machine.

The girl testified that the machine turned off the road at a point where there is a big light, supposedly Sunset Park, and after passing the house up on a high hill, she saw the machine stopped and the Garrell woman and Williams left the machine to get some brushes; that the negro driver put out the lights and also left the machine, leaving her and Reel sitting in the car by themselves. She testified that Reel made improper proposals to her, which she refused, and that he stepped out of the car and pulled her out, and that he threw her on the ground and accomplished his purpose.

**Resisted Attempt**  
She testified that she resisted the attempt of Reel to some extent, but that she did not succeed because she said she was afraid he would choke her. She said the house on the hill appeared to be about a block away from the scene.

Williams, an alleged abettor, testified that he had an engagement that Sunday afternoon to take the Garrell woman to ride and that he invited Reel, whom he had just met that day, to accompany him on the ride. He admitted that he and Reel and the driver drove the car around the block until they came up with the girl and the woman, saying that he did not know the Garrell woman, but that he was bringing the young girl along with him.

### NAVIGATION BOARD HEARS COMPLAINTS FROM RIVER PILOTS

#### Request to Extend Boundaries of Cruising Grounds Received At Meeting

Members of the board of navigation, in regular monthly session yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, considered a communication signed by Pilots J. J. Adkins, E. H. Adkins and J. P. Arnold, requesting that the boundaries of the cruising grounds of the Cape Fear river pilot boats be extended to a southeast course from Cape Romaine light. Action upon the matter was deferred until the next regular meeting.

After the following letter, signed by Pilots J. J. Adkins, J. P. Arnold and E. H. Adkins, had been read, Dr. James Sprunt, chairman of the board, ordered the committee on information and grievances to investigate and report at the next meeting:

"We wish to call your attention to what we believe to be a violation of the rules and regulations of your board in regard to the licensing and numbering of boats for the pilot service. Last Saturday (Christmas day) Pilot William G. Connor took a boat known as 'Captain Jonas' boat and went to sea to notify his pilot boat that we had gone out. And did not notify, as we understand it, the pilot boat 'Reliable,' which we contend was as much and the same opposition to us as though this boat had been licensed and numbered, and was doing and did do what we believe was the intent and purpose of the board in licensing boats to prevent. Had their boat, that he notified caught the vessel it would certainly have been through the act of using this unnumbered and unlicensed boat to give them the information that we had gone to sea.

"We respectfully protest that this kind of work in the pilot service was never intended when the rule of licensing and numbering of pilot boats was made and would not be allowed if attempted. We, therefore, urged that such practice as above and all other similar attempts be corrected and stopped at once."

After a special committee appointed several days ago to investigate a complaint registered by Pilot J. J. Adkins against Pilot C. B. St. George had reported, the matter, as explained in the following letter, was dismissed:

"At about 5:30 p. m. on the 25th I spoke the S. S. Salina from the pilot boat 'Pearl' from a half to three-quarters of a mile ahead of pilot boat 'Reliable.' Before I could turn around and get back to the ship 'Reliable' went alongside and Pilot C. B. St. George took aboard. The captain informs me that the pilot St. George immediately rang the ship ahead full speed, which was backing at the time full speed, and ordered the man at the wheel to steer northeast. By this time I was up alongside of the ship and I called the captain again and told him to stop so I could get aboard or he would get into trouble. After repeating this several times, telling him the pilot aboard had no right there, the ship was stopped, by whom I don't know. The ship's whistle blew two or three short blasts. The 'Reliable' went alongside and St. George left. Not until, however, he insisted I could come aboard after she got up there. What he meant by that I don't know. I am led to believe by his action that he was endeavoring to run the ship away from me and I did not get aboard. Which, if he had succeeded, would have deprived me of my rights and privileges as a pilot.

"I therefore make the charge against Pilot C. B. St. George of intent and purpose by him to run the ship away from me and to deprive me of my rights and privileges as a pilot. Whether an effort will be made to take the matter de novo to the federal jury is problematical.

Mr. Leon George testified that as he and Mr. Long, in their machine, came alongside the automobile in which Risley and O. C. Jones, with two others, were riding, Risley was on the running board in a head in a way that, without pointing out his gun, Risley, according to the testimony, said: "No man can take us. Don't come on me." He was finally persuaded by George to put up his pistol, declaring: "Boys, you've caught us fair. You didn't do any dirty work." O. C. Jones, Policeman George testified, at the time of the arrest, said that the car containing the whiskey, and the whiskey, ever self belonged to him (Jones). Risley, the officer stated, knew him to be a member of the police department.

Policeman Long testified that George had excitedly stated the fact of the arrest. He said, furthermore, in response to the commissioner's questions, that Risley, as the two were returning to the city, told him that he would help catch the motor trucks in the yard of the local plant several thousand square yards of concrete road will be laid. One road will be built from Brunswick street to the filling pipes in the company's yard. Another road will be built to the large garage recently erected.

**COLONEL OSBORN BURIED**  
DURHAM, Jan. 5.—With more than 1,000 people, a large number of whom accompanied the body on a special train from Greensboro, in attendance, the final funeral services for Col. William H. Osborn of Greensboro were conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian church at Oxford.

### FURNISH BOND FOR UNTERMYER'S BOAT

#### Millionaire's Pleasure Craft Will Continue Her Voyage to Florida Waters

After having been attached several days ago in consequence of a libel suit filed in the local United States admiralty court by the Southport Fish Scrap and Oil company, the \$125,000 houseboat Nirodha, belonging to Samuel Untermyer, famous New York millionaire lawyer, was released yesterday when a bond was placed by Rountree and Carr, local attorneys, for the owner of the pleasure craft.

Repairs begun on the Nirodha at the Carolina yard of the Lockwood's following the grounding of the yacht of Lockwood's. Fully early in December of last year, will be completed shortly and the craft, in command of Capt. A. J. Goode, will continue her voyage to Florida. Just as soon as the building craft investigation has been completed in New York city, Mr. Untermyer, who has been very prominent in the prosecution of the libel suit, will make the trip to Florida by rail and spend the remainder of the winter aboard the Nirodha.

After the houseboat had grounded a few miles below the mouth of the Cape Fear river, she was rendered some aid by the fishing boat Vanessa, owned by the Southport Fish Scrap and Oil company. When the houseboat was pulled off the shore she was brought to this port for repairs and it was the building craft which amounts to \$7,500, was filed against the craft, her furniture and tackle, by Robert Kusark, attorney for the owners of the fishing boat Vanessa.

It is claimed in the libel papers that the fishing boat Vanessa rendered valuable aid to the stranded houseboat off the Oak Island life saving crew, in command of Capt. Samuel Brinkman, had failed to do so. For carrying the United States coast guard cutter Seminole had succeeded in pulling the Nirodha into deep water.

The case will be before Federal Judge H. G. Connor at the spring term of the United States court.

**RISLEY FREED BY U. S. COMMISSIONER**  
Testimony Presented Failed to Establish Probable Cause, Says Commissioner

On a warrant charging him with having unlawfully possession, and with transporting or aiding and abetting in the transportation of intoxicating liquor, Pratt Risley was yesterday morning given a hearing before United States Commissioner A. S. Williams, and released. The commissioner stated his private and unofficial conviction that Risley had participated in liquor running, but held that no evidence had been presented to him in support of the charge other than Risley's presence in the automobile in which the whiskey. This he held to be insufficient to make out a case of probable cause, to warrant Risley's being held. The commissioner stated that Risley's action in recording a head in a way that contributed to his decision. The defendant was represented by Attorney L. Clayton Grant, and there were present at the hearing, besides Policeman Leon George and L. Long, two attaches of the United States marshal's office. Whether an effort will be made to take the matter de novo to the federal jury is problematical.

Mr. Leon George testified that as he and Mr. Long, in their machine, came alongside the automobile in which Risley and O. C. Jones, with two others, were riding, Risley was on the running board in a head in a way that, without pointing out his gun, Risley, according to the testimony, said: "No man can take us. Don't come on me." He was finally persuaded by George to put up his pistol, declaring: "Boys, you've caught us fair. You didn't do any dirty work." O. C. Jones, Policeman George testified, at the time of the arrest, said that the car containing the whiskey, and the whiskey, ever self belonged to him (Jones). Risley, the officer stated, knew him to be a member of the police department.

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**RILEY'S CREEK BRIDGE IS OPENED TO TRAFFIC**  
Concrete Bridge in Pender County Completed

Good road advocates and automobilists of Wilmington and New Hanover county will be pleased to learn that construction on the splendid new concrete bridge spanning Riley's creek, in Pender county, has been completed and the structure was opened for traffic yesterday. A message to this effect was sent to the city yesterday by J. A. Henry, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Pender county, who has been tireless in his efforts to have the old wooden structure over Riley's creek replaced with a modern bridge.

### WILLIAMS INSTALLED AS HEAD OF KIWANIS CLUB FOR THIS YEAR

#### Kiwanians Are Urged to Hear Dr. Phelps at Courthouse Friday Night

In turning over the reins of the Kiwanis club to James S. Williams, newly elected president, C. C. Chadbourn, retiring president, at the weekly meeting of the organization held yesterday afternoon, declared that he had a "few shots" he wanted to fire before stepping down for his successor. He urged upon the members to be more inquisitive in their committee work; to regard the weekly meetings as a business session rather than just a luncheon and finally he made a plea for every Kiwanian to cooperate fully in any move made by the organization, even though they are not named on a special committee.

Kiwanian Williams, in accepting the office of president, expressed a hope that he would fully measure up to the standard set by his predecessors. He promised that he would try to the best of his ability and stated that he wanted the hearty support and co-operation of every member of the organization during his regime. The new president was given an emblem worn by the executive head of a Kiwanis club and Kiwanian Chadbourn was given a pin bestowed upon all retiring presidents.

On a greater amount of money for education, Kiwanian Charles B. Newcomb extended an invitation to every member of the club to be present at the courthouse Friday night at 8 o'clock, when Dr. Shelton Phelps, of Nashville, Tenn., will make a report of the findings of the survey recently made of the county school system.

Kiwanian McGill offered resolutions to the effect that every Kiwanian club respectfully urge the city and county authorities to appropriate sufficient money that the health department may, during the present year, carry on the health work that was begun some time ago and has proven so successful. The resolutions were adopted.

Upon motion of Kiwanian Harry Solomon, the secretary was instructed to write to every Kiwanis club in North Carolina urging that they support the measure that will be presented to the general assembly for the appropriation of a greater amount of money for the maintenance of all state colleges.

President Williams announced the chairman of the various standing committees as follows: Program, H. W. Wells; attendance, E. C. Hines; reception, L. J. Polsson; house, Robert Strange; finance, William Struthers; education, C. B. Newcomb; publicity, R. W. Hicks, Jr.; inter-city relations, W. W. Wells; public affairs, C. C. Chadbourn; business methods, Harry Solomon; classification and grievance, Dr. J. G. Murphy. He announced that each chairman would be expected to pick their own committees, and that no committee could be composed of more than three men, including the chairman.

**St. James Church Will Hold Special Services**  
Will Observe Anniversary of Bishop, and Feast of Epiphany Today

Final plans were made yesterday for the special service in St. James church at 10:30 o'clock this morning keeping the feast of the Epiphany and also marking the sixth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Darst, bishop of East Carolina. All of the local clergy will have a part in the service and a large congregation of the laity is expected representing every denomination in the service.

Developing the well-prepared plans of his predecessors in the see and using to the fullest the nation-wide campaign now in progress, Bishop Darst is being congratulated both within and without the diocese upon the results already achieved in the six years of his episcopate. Nineteen postulants received, 14 candidates for holy orders admitted, 2 deacons ordained and 18 advanced to the priesthood form a part of the official acts of Bishop Darst since his consecration.

There are at present 12 more clergy at work in the diocese. The financial response of the diocese is another evidence of the willingness of its people to answer the needs of the world. East Carolina has been rated as one of the generous dioceses of the country and yet last year the contributions for objects outside the diocese were 250 per cent greater than the previous year. The public is cordially invited to the service in St. James' this morning.

The splendid Smith home, No. 1902 Market street, is for sale. Comparatively little cash needed. See this home, then see Wright's Real Estate and Fire Insurance Agency.—(Adv.)

### COUNCIL DISCUSSES STREET CAR RATES

#### Many Other Matters Brought Up At Two-Hour Session Wednesday

Council was in session yesterday morning for over two hours, giving three-quarters of the time to discussion of the one-man car and the proposed increase in rates of the Tide Water Power company, with J. G. McCormick, a local attorney, advocating that the body take some immediate action in the matter that he was informed by council that Robert C. Rouark, city attorney, had the case against the traction company in hand and that he would present it before the corporation commission at the proper time. The city attorney was instructed to confer with the public committee and define council's attitude.

A letter from the Law and Order league was read by Captain Thomas D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, approving the recommendations recently made by Chief of Police Nathan Williams, and the matter was turned over to Councilman James M. Hall, in charge of the department of public safety, for further consideration and action. The chief, it will be recalled, requested that more men be placed on the police force. Also that he be furnished with a high powered automobile. He also asked that the city ordinances be re-coded, and council yesterday ordered a resolution in the operation of these cars, because cars of the type then in use were not available, as Hugh MacRae informed council at the time.

Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Cavalry Baptist church, appeared before council in connection with a petition for the erection of a bridge across the railroad at Third and Campbell streets. He said a bridge at this point would continue the widening of the city streets, and that it would eliminate the constant danger of pedestrians crossing the railroad, saying he remembers that two people have been killed at this crossing.

Councilman Hall directed attention to a bill of \$80 from Bryan & Bowden for 10,000 cigarettes, which were turned over to the police department on an order from the court. It was stated these cigarettes were smoked by the police, but it was also brought out that Bryan & Bowden did not appear in court for the trial in which the cigarettes were used as evidence, so the judge is reported to have ordered the cigarettes disposed of in the manner stated. This bill was referred to the finance committee.

A representative of Barrett and company appeared and said there were certain streets, Fourth, Fifteenth and Wrightsville avenues, that were rapidly deteriorating and that they could be repaired by a tarvia treatment at about 4-1-2 cents a gallon, or from 6 to 12 cents a yard, or an average of 20 cents a yard to do the work. This was referred to Councilman Bunting for consideration and report at the next meeting.

**J. H. COWAN BACK**  
James H. Cowan, secretary of the chamber of commerce, is back from Durham, where on Tuesday he attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Commercial Secretaries' association.

Secretary Cowan stated that at the meeting four matters of state-wide importance were discussed by the commercial secretaries. They were proposed good roads law, the move for higher education, physical culture in the public schools and eradication of the cattle tick.

**ALLEGED ROBBERS HELD**  
MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 5.—Hal T. Myers, captured by agents of the department of justice as he was thumping the keys to the door of the home of his lady love here, and Merwin Ashmore, caught as he was about to accept a package of stolen money expressed to him from Norfolk, are still locked in the local county jail awaiting disposition by federal authorities. They are charged with the theft of \$72,000 at Norfolk.

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