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Huge Crowds At Chowan Court House To Hear Murder Trials

John Horne Charged With Murdering His Wife; Enters Plea of Not Guilty; Many Unable to Hear Trial

HARRIS JUDGE

Tom Rawls Gets From 25 to 30 Years In State Prison

Chowan County's court house was not able to hold the throngs of spectators who were on hand Monday morning at the beginning of the September term of Superior Court. Undoubtedly the reason for so many people attending court is the trial of John Horne, who murdered his wife in the cotton mill a few weeks ago, when he nearly severed her head from her body with a razor.

Another case which also held the attention of many was that of Tom Rawls, colored, who was held in connection with the death by strangulation of Hester Satterfield.

Court was started promptly at 10 o'clock Monday and very shortly Judge W. C. Harris, who is presiding, gave specific instructions to the foreman of the grand jury as well as the body as a whole. Judge Harris was very plain in issuing instructions and reiterated various duties which he wanted these men to perform.

"You are a powerful body," he said, "and you can be of a great service to your county." He especially dwelt upon the many charges of driving automobiles while under the influence of liquor. "North Carolina can well be proud of her highways," said the judge, "but the State is put to shame by the large number of automobile accidents on the roads. In practically every automobile accident at least one person is directly to blame. Many times members of prominent families and friends of officials are involved and naturally desire to be cleared of the charges, but this should not be done. We have enough laws now, if they are properly enforced, and I want you to make an investigation to see if there are any officials who are not doing their duty. And I also want you to find out if laws are being disregarded in your county, and report these to the proper officials, for many times offenders are not apprehended because officers do not know about it. It is your duty to report such cases, for it isn't right for one person to be arrested when another making the same violation goes on unmolested."

Judge Harris gave strict instructions also to inspect the school busses. "I want you," he said, "to examine every bus separately. A good measuring stick is for you to be satisfied to have your child ride in a bus. If you deem it not fit for your child to ride in, is isn't safe for my child to ride in." He urged a report to him of any bus unfit for use and he said he would see that it was either fixed or discarded.

He also demanded a thorough investigation of county officials and institutions. "You have the authority to examine all books and records," he continued, "and I don't want you to go to the various places and merely ask how things are going." The grand jury was also instructed to investigate executors' and administrators' affairs, saying that in some cases, bonds are worthless and that other people's money should be properly protected.

Monday's Cases
Gurney McClenny, a white man, was sentenced to serve 12 months in jail, to be assigned to work on the roads upon his plea of guilty to charges of larceny. McClenny was charged with stealing an automobile belonging to Dr. W. S. Griffin, of this city.

Hannibal Blount, alias "Ham" Blount, found guilty of giving a bad check and sentenced by Judge Harris to serve six months on the roads with recommendation that he be sent to the Tarboro camp. He was charged with giving Tom Goodman a check in the amount of \$20.40, the check being worthless.

Pearlie Gregory, young Sound Side Negro, was sentenced to six months on the roads upon his plea of guilty to charges of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving. He is alleged to have entered the home of C. Y. Parrish on the Pruden farm, Sound Side road, about four miles from Edenton.

Eugene White, colored resident of the Cemetery section of Edenton, who was found inside Tom Walker's store after he had broken in the store late at night about three months ago, was

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BANKER HOME



D. M. WARREN

Mr. Warren is the genial cashier of the Bank of Edenton, and returned from a Norfolk hospital on Sunday. He is in position to know the pulse of the financial situation of practically all business concerns in the county and is consulted very frequently by those seeking financial advice. He is also chairman of the County Commissioners and is likewise prominently connected with a number of other organizations.

TOWN COUNCIL HAS VERY BRIEF SESSION

Councilman X. E. Copeland, III In Norfolk Hospital, Reported Improving

Town Council met in regular monthly session Tuesday night, the meeting being one of the shortest held by the Councilmen in a long time. Very little beside routine business was transacted. Every member of the board was present with the exception of X. E. Copeland, who is in a Norfolk, Va., hospital. Mayor E. W. Spires telephoned the hospital just prior to the meeting and was informed that Mr. Copeland had shown right much improvement.

Mayor Spires also explained the list of five projects which have been sent in for the city and had been accepted by the district office. He also brought up the assessment levied on the various towns on the new Ocean Highway route, through which an effort will be made to divert tourists through Edenton. No appropriation, however, had been made for matters of this sort and the proposition was tabled for the time being.

A. G. Byrum and Dr. L. P. Williams were instructed to consult W. D. Pruden, town attorney, regarding the final advertising of 1932 tax suits.

The meeting adjourned after ordering the payment of all bills.

NEW SCHOOLS NOW APPEAR DOUBTFUL

Chowan County's chances for new school buildings have struck a snag, along with the many other North Carolina projects which have been rejected in Washington by Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator. According to press dispatches Mr. Hopkins turned down 1,908 projects, amounting to an expenditure of half a billion dollars in 47 states.

As a result of the wholesale rejection, a committee composed of Governor Ehringhaus, Senator Josiah Bailey and Congressman R. L. Doughton went to Washington Tuesday to confer with officials in an effort to have the matter reconsidered.

According to Dr. H. G. Beatty North Carolina has received only \$600,000 out of \$24,000,000 requested, or about 2 1/2 percent, while on a population basis the State is entitled to \$100,000,000, and by relief population \$80,000,000. Beside, the State has paid Federal taxes of over a million dollars.

In the meantime local officials interested in school improvements are marking time to await information from headquarters.

EDENTON-MACKEYS FERRY AGAIN MAKING TRIPS

The ferry boat Frances Harrington, plying between Edenton and Mackeys, is now back on regular schedule. The boat was sent to a railway for repairs which necessitated interruption of service for several days.

LEON BROGDEN NEW HIGH SCHOOL COACH

Comes Here Highly Recommended; Outstanding Star While In Wake Forest

Edenton High School's coaching problem was settled late last week when Leon Brogden, of Kinston, accepted the position. Mr. Brogden is well-known here, having been a college classmate of several Edenton boys and also was a member of the Williamston baseball club during the 1934 season when the club was a member of the Albemarle League.

Mr. Brogden comes to Edenton very highly recommended as a clean-cut, hard-working young man. As an orphan he entered Wake Forest College from Kennedy Home, and made an outstanding student throughout his college career. He was honored by his class by being elected its president in his senior year in 1932. He was also a member of the Golden Bow, the highest honor society of the school.

As an athlete he was also outstanding, having played football, baseball and basketball during his four years in college. He was selected captain of the football team and was picked by many coaches and sports writers as an All-State football and baseball player. His ability in the latter sport will be remembered by many fans here, who will recall that he played third base for Williamston in 1934.

He has also taken two years of post-graduate work since his graduation, and comes here as well recommended as a teacher as an athlete.

Superintendent John A. Holmes has a number of recommendations as to the qualifications of Brogden, among one of the best being from Dr. B. W. Spillman, of Kinston, who recommends him as being an asset to any community.

Mr. Holmes at present isn't able to say just when the new coach will arrive but has written him, urging him to come as soon as possible in order to start football practice in the very near future.

Prospects are bright for a strong team this season at the local school and with the advent of cooler weather, both fans and members of the squad are anxious to see some action.

POPULAR SINGER



W. J. DANIELS

Jim Daniels, a native of Bertie County, has for many years been interested in church and Sunday School music, having sung and led music for revival and special meetings all over the eastern section of the State. He is a rural mail carrier out of the Edenton office and is known and loved by hosts of friends. He is in charge of the music at the revival meeting being held at Macedonia Church this week.

Mrs. Bunch Issues Two Licenses To Wed

Two marriage licenses were issued over the week-end by Mrs. Maurice L. Bunch, one of these being to Fred Tunstall and Inez White, both of Chowan County.

A license was also issued to a colored couple, Less Perry and Annie Sue Picot, both of Chowan County. They were married in the Register of Deeds office by Justice of the Peace W. S. Summerell.

DISTRICT OFFICE WPA ACCEPTS 5 LOCAL PROJECTS

All Five Subsequently Sent to Raleigh Office

CREATES WORK

Improvements Will Not Increase City's Tax Rate

Five projects for the city of Edenton were sent in to district WPA headquarters in Elizabeth City, all five being accepted and sent to Raleigh, where they will be passed on and sent to Washington for final approval. If all of these projects go through the Electric and Water Department will furnish a large majority of the town's contribution, as a consequence of which the tax rate will not be affected.

The largest of the projects calls for surfacing streets and building sidewalks which is figured to furnish labor for six months.

The projects are as follows:

Project No. 1—To complete Mill Village sanitary sewerage system which was previously under construction by ERA. Federal funds \$399.50; sponsor's (town's) contribution \$736.80; 41 man months.

Project No. 2—Laying 1800 feet of 15 inch storm sewer pipe on Johnson Street to Park Avenue in North Edenton. Federal funds \$2295.00; town's contribution \$1630.48. Requires 31 man months.

Project No. 3—Sanitary sewerage extensions and relaying defective lines in old system to give Edenton a 100 per cent sanitary sewerage system. Federal funds \$10,213.00; town's contribution \$6,179.50; 62 man months.

Project No. 4—Laying 417 lineal feet of 24 inch storm sewer between East Gale and Church Streets back of Methodist Church and Post Office property to replace old concrete culvert which has caved in. Federal funds \$770.00; town's contribution \$1052.87; 31 man months.

Project No. 5—Tar and gravel surfacing streets on Mill Village; Dock Street, Third Street and Badham Road and building 5 foot dirt sidewalks in North Edenton on Johnson, Cabarrus Streets, Park Avenue, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Streets. These sidewalks will have wooden curbs with a light covering of crushed rock. Federal funds \$18,175.50; town's contribution \$1200.00; 84 man months.

SCHOOL FACULTY NOW COMPLETE

City School Opens Monday, September 23; Advance School Starts At Same Time

With the securing of Leon L. Brogden to fill the vacancy in the Edenton school faculty caused by the resignation of Henry House, all teachers for the next term have now been secured. The white schools will open Monday, September 23, and with practically the same faculty as last year, Superintendent John A. Holmes is very optimistic for a successful year. The Advance school, which is included in the Edenton administrative unit, will open at the same time.

Following is the list of teachers:

High School
Miss Paulina Hassell, Miss Madge Pettus, Mrs. George Mack, Mrs. J. E. Debnam, Oscar E. Duncan, all of Edenton; Leon L. Brogden, of Kinston. Mrs. Leon Lewis will teach music, while Mrs. T. B. Smith will again teach the commercial class.

Elementary School
First Grade—Miss Emma Blanche Warren, of Snow Hill, and Miss Fannie Sue Sayers, of Draper, Va.
Second Grade—Miss Sara Wood, Edenton, and Miss Ruby Felts, of Boykins, Va.

Third Grade—Mrs. Margaret Davis, Edenton, and Miss Myrtle Jenkins, Carrsville, Va.

Fourth Grade—Miss Lena Jones, South Mills, and Miss Mary Cody, Darlington, S. C.

Fifth Grade—Miss Edna Goodwin, Edenton, and Mrs. W. S. Summerell, Edenton.

Sixth Grade—Miss Kathryn Leggett, Edenton, and Miss Sara MacDonald, Bishop, Ga.

Seventh Grade—Miss Ruth Davenport, Columbia, N. C., and Charles D. Stewart, Edenton.

Advance School
E. A. Swain and Mrs. E. A. Swain, of Edenton, and Miss Martha Williams, of Merry Hill.

County Schools Open For Session Monday

A BUSY MAYOR



MAYOR E. W. SPIRES

Besides the thousand and one jobs in connection with his duties as Mayor of Edenton, Mr. Spires has numerous other positions which keep him constantly on the go. He has done an untold amount of work in connection with local improvements and preliminary work in the hope of securing a bridge across the Albemarle Sound. He is manager of the local telephone office, and has been honored by Masons of the State by being named their grand historian. Mr. Spires is especially anxious to see people from Bertie as well as other adjoining counties visit Edenton, and on numerous occasions has urged business firms, as well as individuals to put out the glad hand to strangers.

Fellowship Committee In Charge of Rotary

The usual luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club will be held at 1 o'clock today in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of the fellowship committee, which is composed of Jesse White, W. D. Holmes, C. H. Wood and J. L. Wiggins. All members are urged to attend.

VERY SICK MAN



X. E. COPELAND

Mr. Copeland, part owner of the Jno. C. Bond Company, who became violently ill last Wednesday, was rushed to the Protestant Hospital in Norfolk, Va., Saturday night in a very precarious condition as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage. At last reports Mr. Copeland showed signs of improvement, but is still considered a very sick man.

D. M. Warren Returns From Norfolk Hospital

D. M. Warren, cashier of the Bank of Edenton, who was taken ill about two weeks ago while on a vacation at Virginia Beach, Va., and was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va., returned to his home here Sunday. Mr. Warren's condition was the cause of much concern and his many friends rejoiced to see him back home.

Mr. Warren has improved right much, but still is unable to resume his duties at the bank. He was forced to be absent from the meeting of the County Board of Commissioners, of which he is chairman, at the last meeting, as a result of which a number of very important matters were deferred.

Pupils May Rent Text-books at One-third Price

TRUCKS REPAIRED

Parents Urged to Send Children on First Day

All white schools of the Chowan County Administration Unit will begin Monday, September 16. These schools are as follows: Chowan High School; Center Hill, (white); Elmo; Oak Grove; Gum Pond and Beech Fork.

Teachers and principals of these schools are being notified of the meeting to be held at Chowan High School Friday afternoon at 2:30, September 13.

The Negro schools of the county unit will open Monday, September 30th.

Parents are urged to send the children to school the first day, in order that enrollment and registration may be completed. It is expected that the attendance and enrollment will be better this year because of two conditions: First, pupils beginning school for the first time are allowed to enter in September if they become 6 years of age by January. (However, the Superintendent has not been notified officially.) Secondly, it is the opinion of many people that it will be easier for parents to equip their children with the necessary school books, by being able to rent them from the State at one-third the marked price of the book; then many will be able to purchase second-hand books more liberally by reason of the rental system. In connection with this it is well to state that it is not compulsory to rent books from the State. The rental system is a system whereby the State offers the students in the elementary grades the opportunity to rent all new books at one-third the cost, and to the high school students, all the history and science books. No supplementary books will be rented by the State. Therefore all supplementary books and the remainder of the high school texts will be had as heretofore. If students do not wish to rent books, they have the opportunity of purchasing their books, either new or second-hand. Students who wish to purchase new books will have to purchase same from the superintendent or the local merchant. Teachers and principals will not be in a position to handle this matter. In many instances students may have a part of their books on hand and desire to rent the remainder. This can be done. All books to be rented are to be consigned to the superintendent and he distributes the necessary books to each principal or teacher in charge of the school, and then said principal or teacher distributes the books to the students, after having collected the rental fee (same amounting to only one-third the price of the book). Each teacher will have the necessary and proper blanks for keeping an accurate record of each student renting books and fees collected. The student will be given an itemized statement of the books he has rented; the teacher keeps a copy and turns a copy over to the principal with fees collected. He in turn makes a summary report of books rented and fees collected and remits same to the superintendent, who remits a record with fees collected to the State Textbook Rental Commission.

The superintendent has been promised his consignment of books by Tuesday or Wednesday of this week, and it is hoped that all books to be rented will be here so that each child may receive his or her books the second day of school. In the event they are not here, he will do the best he can as he is assured that the delay will not be long. All indigent students are to be rented books free. Indigent students are defined as those students who represent families who receive aid through the County Welfare Office, or those who receive aid from the county.

Repairs in general to most of the school buildings and grounds have been made, with one or two in the process of repair.

Trucks for transporting the children are being put in good repair, with one new unit; five to be operated in the County Unit and four in the City Unit. There are prospects of getting two more replacements if the State School Bus PWA goes through, otherwise the present units will be operated. Selection of drivers and bus routes are being worked out.

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