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JERRY PATTERSON ACQUITTED

Case Completed Saturday Afternoon

No Suggestion of Demonstration—Defendant Faints—Left Immediately Without Announcing Destination—February Term Comes To End—Verdict Denounced and Commended, Follows Public Opinion

Jerry Patterson, 21, was found not guilty of committing rape upon Mrs. Sam Harris, 19, on October 21st, 1937, as charged in the bill of indictment by a jury in Franklin Superior Court on Saturday afternoon following three and one half days of evidence, speaking and selecting the jury. The jury was out only about two hours. Prior to rendering the verdict court officials had arranged for patrolmen and local officers to be stationed about the Court room to quiet any demonstration that might occur, but no suggestion of such was made by any of the large crowd that packed the court room. Each day large crowds attended the trial. The verdict was in keeping with the general public opinion as had been expressed by people on the streets who had heard portions of the evidence and arguments.

Patterson was accused of assaulting Mrs. Harris last October 21. The young woman took the stand on Thursday, the second day of the trial, and told the alleged incident which resulted in Patterson's arrest. Her husband corroborated her evidence.

Patterson denied the charge emphatically, declaring that his attentions to Mrs. Harris were welcome to her. There were no eye-witnesses and in the final analysis the verdict rested upon the evidence of only the defendant and Mrs. Harris. During the trial character witnesses had given both good reputations.

Following the verdict Patterson immediately arose and with his attorneys made his way out of the Court room to an adjoining room where he fainted, from the heavy strain under which he had been subjected during the long drawn out trial. Doctors, lawyers and court attaches worked faithfully, while the surging curious throng crowded around to bring Patterson back to consciousness. When he could speak he declared he had "told the truth", thanked the jury and his attorneys and left with the Patrolmen for an unannounced destination.

Immediately after his arrest last October Patterson was carried to Central Prison in Raleigh because of high feeling in the immediate section. Later he was transferred to the Wake County Jail to await trial. Both his parents have been dead for several years and he has made his home with an aunt, Mrs. Staple Tharrington, who sat at his side throughout the case.

Presiding Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville delivered a 20-minute charge to the jury shortly before 2 o'clock.

Verdict Denounced
In a formal statement, Solicitor W. Y. Bickett of Raleigh declared "The verdict was a great disappointment to me. It will serve to make the effort to suppress mob violence in North Carolina much more difficult."

W. H. Yarborough, Sr., of Louisburg, who aided Solicitor Bickett said: "The verdict was a victory for the lawless and immoral element in Franklin County. But the fight for law enforcement and decency will still go on."

"Just Verdict"
The following statement was issued by counsel for the defense, Gholson and Gholson of Henderson and E. H. Malone of Louisburg:

"A just and anticipated verdict rendered by a jury of 12 reputable honest and substantial citizens of Franklin County, chosen first by the State, and accepted by the defendant and admitted by counsel for the State and the defendant as being as good as any jury accepted in Franklin, supported in its entirety by the evidence, and apparently, by many comments from the citizens of the community, as thoroughly approving and expressing the sentiments of those known to believe in the efficiency of the law."

Jerry Patterson, rape, not guilty. Clarke Roberts, operating automobile intoxicated, given six months on roads. J. O. Bailey, forgery, six

LUMPKIN MAY ENTER CONGRESSIONAL RACE



HON. W. L. LUMPKIN

Whose many friends in the 4th Congressional District are urging him to run for Congress against Congressman Harold D. Cooley. Mr. Lumpkin is well equipped for this important position, having served several terms in the State Legislature and is an orator of no mean ability. He made a wide reputation in his conduct of the State campaign for McDonald for Governor, and produced almost unbelievable results. With the contacts he made during this campaign and considering the split Mr. Cooley has in his home County, and the fact that the 4th District went overwhelmingly for McDonald, it is considered Mr. Lumpkin would have a fine opportunity. A conversation with him Monday afternoon convinced the TIMES reporter that he is giving the request of his friends serious consideration and may make formal announcement soon.

months on roads. Elmo Frazier, seduction, to be sent to jail until costs are paid, or otherwise discharged according to law.

Court came to a close at the end of the Patterson case. **Grand Jury Report**
The following is the report made by the Grand Jury: North Carolina, Franklin County, In the Superior Court, February Term, 1938.

To Honorable N. A. Sinclair, Judge Presiding:
We, the Grand Jury of February Term, 1938, Franklin County Superior Court, respectfully submit the following report:
We have passed on all bills which have been submitted to us or that have been brought to our attention to the best of our knowledge and ability, without any outside influence.

We have visited all of the county offices and find them well kept and in good condition. We have visited the County Home, the Prison Camp, the County Jail, the various schools of the county and find them all in good condition. We recommended in October Term, 1937 that wooden building at Bunn School be repaired and find that this has not been done. We recommended in October Term, 1937 that Franklin City Jail be remodeled and find that this has not been done. We recommended in October Term, 1937 that door be cut in Louisburg City Jail and find that this has not been done.

We find that there are seventeen Magistrates that have not filed their reports with the Clerk. We found Franklin Colored School truck number 47 out of order.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. DEAN,
Foreman of Grand Jury.
The following Magistrates reported: H. B. Harris, W. C. Perry, W. C. Webb, J. A. Boone, E. C. Perry, J. L. Palmer, E. C. Crews, H. A. Faulkner, C. C. Winston, R. H. Jones.

HOLDEN-FISHER
The following announcement was taken from Sunday's News-Observer:
Miss Carror Davis Fisher, of Raleigh, daughter of Mrs. George E. Fisher, of Rocky Mount, to Sidney Cleveland Holden, of Louisburg.

The United States possesses the largest book and job printing plant in the world in the Government Printing Office in Washington.

Electric Current To Be Off

Supt. J. C. Harkins, of the Louisburg Light and Water departments requests the TIMES, that because of the activity of repairing the electric lines, to call the attention of the people of Louisburg to the announcement that "Beginning next week there will be interruptions in electric service at intervals, due to the rebuilding of the transmission lines. Most of these interruptions will occur on Sundays, but we will try not to interrupt the service to those customers using electric ranges. We respectfully request the public to accept these interruptions patiently until the work is completed."

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court had quite a number of cases before it on Tuesday. In the morning session Judge J. E. Malone, presided, and in the afternoon session Vice Judge E. C. Bullock, presided. The docket was disposed of as follows:

John Chappell plead guilty to being drunk and disorderly and was given 30 days in jail suspended upon payment of costs.

Sylvester Ross plead guilty to being drunk and disorderly, and was given 30 days in jail suspended upon payment of costs.

A Nolle pro's was taken in the case of highway robbery against Wiley Horton and Alvin Moore.

C. T. Previtt plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons, and was fined \$50 and costs.

A Nolle pro's was taken in the case of assault on a female against C. T. Previtt.

C. T. Previtt was found guilty of operating an automobile intoxicated and without drivers license, and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, and not to drive car for 12 months.

Joe Burroll, larceny, was sentenced to 6 months on roads.

Manza Harris, plead guilty to unlawful possession of whiskey, and was given 12 months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs.

William Evans, operating without drivers license disposed of at special time.

Arch Taylor, plead guilty to drunk and disorderly, and given 30 days on roads, suspended upon saving the County harmless.

Joe Alston, guilty of larceny and receiving, 60 days on roads.

Willie Fogg, plead guilty of larceny and receiving, and given 4 months on roads, suspended upon saving the County harmless.

Jack Egerton, guilty of larceny and receiving and given 4 months on roads.

W. M. McGhee was found not guilty careless and reckless driving.

The following cases were continued:
B. C. Stallings, worthless check.
W. H. Radford, resisting officer.

Dorsey Johnson alias Dorothy Davis, unlawful possession of whiskey.
Lonnie Lancaster, unlawful possession of whiskey.
Bryant Martin, unlawful possession of whiskey.
Bryant Martin, operating automobile intoxicated.
Grover Jeffreys, assault with deadly weapon.
Beatrice S. Jeffrey, assault with deadly weapons.
Bob Hinely, operating automobile intoxicated.
Dan Andrews, careless and reckless driving.

BEAL SUR-RENDERS

Declaring he looks "to the State of North Carolina and to the conscience of the American people as a whole for my vindication," Fred Erwin Beal, erstwhile Communist and ringleader of the bloody textile strike at Gastonia in 1929, Wednesday afternoon entered State's Prison to start service of a sentence imposed nearly a decade ago.

"I am guiltless of the charges against me then, and am, of course, equally guiltless today," said Beal before the gates of Central Prison clanged shut behind him.

Arriving here by motor at 9:15 o'clock Wednesday morning from Boston, Mass., where he decided this week he would not resist extradition proceedings to return him to North Carolina to serve a 17 to 20 years' term in prison for the part the court said he played in the strike that culminated in the shooting to death of Police Chief O. F. Aderholt of Gastonia, Beal entered prison shortly before 3 o'clock.—Raleigh Times.

Miss Jenkins Speaks At Kiwanis Club Reception At Franklin Hotel

Miss Evelyn Jenkins of the Franklin County Welfare Department, explained to the members of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club at their weekly luncheon on Tuesday evening, the work of the department as to the Old Age assistance and the connection they have with the WPA. After her discussion she answered any question the members desired to ask. This was of great benefit to the members.

Kiwanian Cecil Sykes had charge of the program. Kiwanian Ed Griffin introduced Miss Jenkins.

It was voted upon and carried unanimously to change the meeting place of the club to the Franklin Hotel and President Paul Elam appointed a committee consisting of Kiwanians Jimmie Phillips, Chairman, W. C. Strowd, and Ed Stovall to make arrangements about the time of the change.

Kiwanian Gaither Beam was given the hand of the club for his appointment by the Governor as a member of the Carolina District Public Affairs Committee.

The program for Feb. 22 will be in charge of Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, who will present Col. Jenkins of Henderson, who will address the club on the facts of the World War.

Mrs. H. F. Jones Taken By Death

Warrenton, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Estelle Brodie Jones, the wife of Howard F. Jones, died at her home in Warrenton this morning around 3 o'clock following a heart attack which she suffered two hours earlier. She was 62 years of age.

Mrs. Jones, who was known widely for her remarkable energy and hospitality, appeared to be in good health at bedtime last night and her death came as a distinct shock to members of her family and friends.

The daughter of Dr. Walter Brodie and Ella R. Ricks, she was born near Whitakers on September 13, 1875, but as a child she moved with her parents to Wilson, where she grew into womanhood. She attended school there, and completed her education at St. Mary's in Raleigh.

She was married to Mr. Jones in Wilson in 1897 and the couple resided there until 1908, when they, with their family, moved to Warrenton.

She is survived by her husband, and three sons, Bignall, Duke and Howard Jones, Jr., and two grandsons, Rives Taylor, Jr., of Oxford, and Howard Jones, III, of Warrenton. A son, Brodie Jones, and two daughters, Mrs. Rives Taylor of Oxford and Mary Fort Jones, preceded her to the grave.

JUNIOR WOMANS LEAGUE

Miss Anna Fuller Parham entertained the members and friends of the Junior Womens League at her home Thursday evening.

Committee reports were read and other plans for the spring activities were discussed.

A delicious salad course with tea was served to Mrs. Legarre Webb, of Baltimore, house guest of Dr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. E. F. Griffin, Mrs. F. R. Rose, Mrs. W. D. Egerton, Mrs. H. H. Lewis, Mrs. A. C. Hall, Mrs. H. H. Johnson, Mrs. Mac Stamps, Jr., and Mrs. F. W. Wheelless, Jr.

May Run Again



SEN. EDWARD F. GRIFFIN

who so ably and efficiently served Franklin County and the others of the 6th Senatorial District in the N. C. General Assembly. No announcement has been made yet, but his friends say he may be induced to run again.

Reception At Franklin Hotel

After being closed during the month of January for repairs, the Franklin Hotel was opened Friday evening, Feb. 11, with a formal reception.

Guests were met at the Lobby door by Mrs. Emma D. Hedgpeith, the new Proprietress, who introduced them to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Allen, owners of the Hotel, and Mrs. Lell Loyd, of Tarboro, sister of Mrs. Hedgpeith, who welcomed them.

Valentine decoration were carried throughout.

Guests were directed by Miss Teeny Allen and Mr. Ed Stovall to the attractively decorated dining room where Misses Frances Hedgpeith, Jimmie James, Frances Savage and Messrs. William White and Owen Daniels served punch and wafers.

From here, Mr. G. M. Beam showed guests to lounge room, where Misses Edna Viverette and Annie Laura King invited them to the second floor to be shown around.

Good-byes were said by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheelless presenting each guest with a Souvenir.

A hundred guests were registered for the evening.

Calls Inspection Of State Troops

Adjutant General Issues Dates for Visits to National Guard Units

The 1938 annual armory inspection of the North Carolina National Guard will begin Tuesday, February 15, and continue through March 26, Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts announced Saturday.

The inspection will be a formal occasion at which attendance is compulsory. All equipment and records must be available for the inspecting officers, and troops are expected to be prepared to repeat phases of training covered by the schedules, the Adjutant General said.

Since the announcement, National Guard batteries throughout the State have started to work, cleaning and putting into commission all their properties, arms, clothing and equipment. Guardsmen annually spruce up their uniforms, polish their guns and straighten up their equipment for ship-shape appearance before the inspectors.

Inspection will start at 8 P. M. The date for Battery "B" of Louisburg is March 18th with Lt. C. P. Green. The following night at the same time the inspection will be made of the Headquarters Battery and C. Tr., 1st Battalion, Youngsville.

Program At The Louisburg Theatre

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Feb. 19th:
Saturday—Double Feature—GENE AUTRY in "Springtime in The Rockies" and the Jones Family in "Borrowing Trouble."
Sunday—On Stage, JESSIE CRAWFORD, in Person. On the Screen, Dorothy Lamour, "Ben Blue" in "Thrill of a Lifetime."
Monday—Tuesday—W. C. Fields and Martha Raye in "Big Broadcast of 1938."
Wednesday—Lee in "Crashing Hollywood."
Thursday-Friday—Bob Barry, Jack Goskie and Kenny Baker in "Radio City Revels."

COMPLETES MILL REPAIRS

Adds Concrete Water House

Louisburg Milling Co., Has Repairs Made To Dam And All Machinery Overhauled And Is Now Ready For Work

Mr. G. M. Beam, President and owner of the Louisburg Milling Company informed the TIMES reporter this week that they have completed the extensive repairs and additions to their milling plant on Tar River within the City limits, which places this mill in the forefront of the milling establishments in the State.

These repairs included the removal of the old wooden water house and replacing it with a modern concrete structure 20x22 feet with concrete walls 2 1/2 feet thick, the repair and recovering the dam and repairing the side walls on the northern end, also the overhauling, adjusting and removing all the machinery in the plant including the corn elevator, and the installation of a cleaner, which will remove all the dirt and trash from the corn, contributing to a finer quality of meal. The capacity of the mill has been more than doubled. It has three water wheels, one of which will produce 94 horse power and the other two will develop sixty horse power each.

The mill is now in first class condition to serve the public in both individual and commercial capacities.

After being without a nearby grist mill for nearly eight months, the farmers of this section of the county will be pleased to know that repairs to the Louisburg mill have been completed and that the mill is again in operation.

Louisburg College News Items

The Ministerial Association Meets
The Louisburg College Ministerial Students' Association held its regular meeting Tuesday night, February 15, at 8 o'clock. Dr. D. E. Earnhardt spoke to the group on the practical side of the ministry as a life work.

Plans were made for a committee to work with Dr. Earnhardt on the coming commemoration of John Wesley's Aldersgate Experience, which is to be held on the Campus of Louisburg College on Monday and Tuesday, February 28 and March 1. There will be two outstanding speakers who will address the student body at that time and have private conferences with the students concerning their religious life. This event is looked forward to as being a great step in advancing the religious life of college students and others.

The association, also, is formulating plans for a county-wide association of the campus students and the various churches. The ministerial students are planning to aid, and supply for, the regular pastors. There are, at present, twelve ministerial students who are planning to apply for their preacher's licenses on the convening of the District Conference of the Methodist Church at the Louisburg Methodist Church in April.

The officers of the association are as follows: W. T. Medlin, Jr., of Raleigh, President; Robert Bame, of Carolina Beach, Vice-President; and Bill Parkin, of Beaufort, Secretary-Treasurer, Y. W. C. A.

The Young Women's Christian Association held its weekly meeting in the faculty parlor at Louisburg College last Monday evening. The group joined in singing "What A Friend." Miss Ida Myria George, of Comfort, N. C., read the Scripture, after which Miss Lottie Fay West, of Dover, N. C., led in prayer. A solo, "I Would Be True," was rendered by Miss Betty Bunn Beal, of Rocky Mount, N. C. Miss Martha Henderson then gave a talk on "Life, Truth, and Love."

To Debate
It was decided at the Debating Club meeting, on Monday afternoon, February 14, that the Louisburg College Debaters will enter the State Forensic Contest. The query for debate this year is: "Resolved that the National Labor Relations Board should have the power to enforce arbitration of all industrial disputes." These debates are to be given on March 4 and 5th at Catawba College.

Father—Daughter, I don't mind your young man smoking my cigars, but I object to his taking my papers when he says goodnight.