



Superior Court Opens Monday With Heavy Criminal Docket

JACKSON — The August term of Superior Court will open at the county courthouse on Monday, August 9, for one week with Judge Eibert S. Peel, Jr., of Williamston on the bench and a criminal docket consisting of 17 new cases and 14 appeals, as well as two compliance hearings and a post conviction hearing. On top of this, seven civil cases are docketed. The murder trial of Frank

Dunn, which has been delayed for more than three years, while he underwent mental testing and treatment, will finally come before the court during this term. Dunn is charged with the shooting of James Massey with a 16 gauge automatic shotgun on January 2, 1962, at Massey's garage and store in Garysburg. Dunn is reportedly to be showing "some residual schizophrenic effects" but is remanded to the court to stand trial.

Seven appeals of convictions for "driving while under the influence" will be heard, as will three convictions on charges of "taking game fish" illegally. Two other appeals involve "possession" charges and one on "operating left of the center line." Five manslaughter charges involving auto deaths will be heard. One carnal knowledge and three rape charges are docketed with two of the rape charges involving minors.

The balance of the criminal docket involves two larceny charges, two escapes from custody and two assaults. A new schedule for drawing grand jurors will go into effect this term. Previously, grand jurors were drawn for the fall term of court. This grand jury, drawn for the August term will serve a full year until the first of July 1966. The next panel drawn will serve until January 1, 1967 and all grand juries after that will serve a full year from January 1 till January 1 of the following year.

Burgwyn Declines Debate Challenge

JACKSON — Bartlett M. Burgwyn, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for ABC, has declined to accept a challenge in letter form from Jesse Seaver of Margarettsville, president of the Northampton and Carolina Christian Unions, which was sent to him last week. Seaver has asked for a public debate with Burgwyn or with any of the members of the citizens' committee.

Burgwyn reported Saturday he had not made a reply to the letter and said "I don't plan one. I feel the people know the facts and I don't plan to argue with some individual over this," he said. "There is going to be no debate. I will not meet with Mr. Seaver or anyone else for the purpose of a debate. The referendum speaks clearly for itself," Burgwyn continued.

"I feel," he said, "the good citizens of Northampton are intelligent enough to decide this for themselves. Over 2000 citizens have requested this action (vote) by signing a petition in the first place," he said.

Burgwyn continued and said "Northampton is now illegally wet and all we (the wet faction) want to do is make it legal. Two of our neighbors," Burgwyn said, "have voted in the sale of alcoholic beverages since our petition was first drawn by our citizens."

On the subject of the referendum, Burgwyn said "we are going to try and push this thing through. We (the citizens committee) feel that legal control of alcohol is the answer to many problems; and at the same time it brings in needed revenue," he said.

"It has been 20 years since Northampton County voted the legal sale of beer. We voted it out," Burgwyn said, "and Gaston town came right behind us in 1951 and voted it in. So it hasn't done much good for us to be supposedly dry."

In the letter written to Burgwyn asking the debate, Seaver charged "you have not, and if you will not, answer the various facts presented in our advertisement."

Seaver then went on in the letter to challenge Burgwyn and said "we will let the audience be the judge as to who wins; and let the voters make their decision on August 14." Seaver asked for a reply to the letter on or before July 31.

In answer to Seaver's charges in his letter of July 22 that Burgwyn was the only known member of the Citizens' Committee, Burgwyn stated "There are more than 400 members and over 2,000 of the registered voters in the county signed the referendum petitions. This would seem to represent a large segment of the citizens who favor legal control."

Ed. Board Approves New Plan

JACKSON — The County Board of Education, meeting in monthly session here on Monday, approved a revised plan for desegregating the schools of the county. The revised plan, suggested by officials of the office of Health, Education and Welfare, will now be submitted by the county board for approval by the Federal authorities.

Nine new teachers and a driver training instructor were approved by the board. They are Gladys B. Wilson, Sara R. Warmack and Willia P. Futrell, Woodland-Olney School; Constance M. White, W. S. Creech School; Martha P. Chamblie and Bernice E. Carter, Willis Hare School; Cynthia P. Bryant and Helen W. Bullock, Northampton High; and Edward P. Harding, driver training.

Christian Unions Sponsor 'Dry Mass Meeting' Aug. 12

MARGARETTSVILLE — Jesse Seaver, president of the Christian Unions, has announced what he labels a "Mammoth Temperance Mass Meeting" to be held in the court room of the Northampton Courthouse, Jackson, 7:30-9 p.m., August 12. Invitations have been mailed to such religious, educational and political leaders in the state as Governor Dan K. Moore, Bishop Paul Neff Garber, Dr. Perry Crouch, Dr. D. P. McFarland, Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker and Dr. J. W.

Page. However, these invitations have not as yet been acknowledged. The invitations bear the names: Jesse Seaver, Rev. Lonnie Sasser, Raymond J. Jeffreys, Mrs. Luther Johnson, Rev. Vance Lewis and Rev. Ben T. Musser. Seaver says it will be "a great meeting, educational, interesting, entertaining, and perhaps, a good show." All this is geared toward the Northampton ABC election scheduled for August 14.

Klan Rally Wednesday Night Nets \$152; Sheriff's Men, Gov. Moore Attacked

By JOE M. PARKER JACKSON — The Ku Klux Klan collected \$152.06 and an estimated 10 membership card signers during a rally climaxed by a cross burning on the property of the Northampton Saddle Club three miles north of here Wednesday night. Around 300-400 people heard

speakers including Robert Shelton, Imperial wizard from Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Rev. George Dorsett, Greensboro, chaplain of the North Carolina Klan; and J. R. Jones of Granite Quarry, North Carolina grand dragon. Other speakers included a man introduced as Grady B. Myers, who claimed to be recently a Warren County resident; a lady

from the Salisbury ladies auxiliary; and an unidentified master of ceremonies. Targets for Klan attacks included the Northampton County Sheriff's Department, all other local officials who do not conduct their offices in accordance with Klan views, Gov. Dan K. Moore, Protestant churches and most ministers, beatniks, rock and

roll music and textbooks used in North Carolina public schools. Visitors to the rally were greeted by uniformed Klan security police who directed parking. A portable platform equipped with a spotlight and a roped off area was used for conducting the meeting. Behind the platform were two trailers used for

files during the meeting. Following the revival - like appeal for new members made by Rev. Dorsett, about 25 people went to the rear of the platform for the special appeals for members. Most of those involved were under 20 years of age, including a number of college students. About 10 were estimated to have signed membership cards.

The crowd of onlookers at the meeting was also made up by over half of college age boys. Others present included a number of women and children. The only robed speakers were Rev. Dorsett and the woman's auxiliary member.

Other robes observed at the affair were worn by two additional women who passed among the crowd collecting money after the first appeal for funds from those who would bring them to the speaker's stand. Several male members also wore robes. One passed out literature during the speech - making, another lit the fire which consumed a 40-foot cross burned at the close of the affair.

Apparently the program of the Klan in North Carolina is to secure a 500,000 bloc vote which it can control. This aim was announced by Grand Dragon Jones. Only other program which could be discerned after taking notes for two and a half hours and then studying them afterwards for about half that long is that Klan members come to the aid of other Klan members when necessary.

However, all three of the main speakers made a point of repeatedly reminding the crowd that they were opposed to violence. Main theme of all the speeches was that the United States is threatened today by a Communist conspiracy which is using the Negro and the Negro quest for equal rights as a tool to overthrow the government.

Factual inaccuracies, historical inaccuracies and two-way inconsistencies in the speeches made it difficult to interpret what the meeting was all about - except as a protest to the world today.

Typical of the inaccuracies was Shelton's explanation of the history of the development of Communism. He said Karl Marx wrote the "Communist Manifesto" in 1784. Marx was born in 1818. At best, that is a dubious statement made, Imperial wizard Shelton said the Communist revolution in Russia, the Spanish (See KKK, Page 4)

Klan Rally Lacks Professional Touch

By JAMES WALLACE JACKSON — If you have never been to a Klan rally, and apparently most of the citizens of Northampton County never have or intend to, you should go for it would change all of your preconceived ideas about their effectiveness and strength. I went, with a certain amount of apprehension only because I felt a woman from the county paper should not be required to go. This was not valid for the small crowd was orderly and even somewhat lifeless.

As we drew up to the Northampton County Saddle Club (a dirt race track) we saw a small cross burning at the entrance. Uniformed security guards directed us to a parking lot. Being uninformed, I assumed that this was the cross burning ceremony and tried to unobtrusively photograph it from near my car. Joe Parker, my fellow reporter, had gone to the speakers' stand to take notes on the speakers.

Some one in the crowd told a guard that I had a camera and he came to the car and asked about it. I admitted that I had one and he wanted to know what kind it was. Under his questioning, I explained that it did not take flash pictures but could take night pictures and that it didn't have any "secret infra-red devices" (his words) on it.

He told me, in a very polite way that they had to be careful for the communists regularly took pictures and distorted them. I assured him that I wouldn't take any photos while I was on their rented property. He seemed satisfied.

At the beginning of the meeting, I tried to count the crowd and came to the conclusion that there were between three and four hundred at the most. After the Imperial Wizard had spoken for thirty minutes the crowd began to dwindle as those who came for a look or out of curiosity left for more entertaining pursuits. By the time the call came for donations the crowd was not more than one hundred persons and only about half of those went forward to give a donation.

When the donations didn't go well they sent woman auxiliary members through the crowd with plastic pails to see that everyone had a chance to donate. They even went down toward the road to canvass some who never even came near the improvised speakers stand. The collection totaled \$152, according to the speaker.

Nearly half the spectators seemed to be college students or at least in that age bracket. Many wore college jerseys and one had on a sweat shirt that read "Moscow University." It seemed as if the local students needed some form of recreation on a summer night. They responded to the speakers with applause and some of them seemed less than enthusiastic. Two of this group appeared to be Filipinos and we wondered how they came to be there as they were obviously not "white gentiles."

I looked for the traditional "redneck farmer" type that is supposed to attend these meetings. I was unable to see any that I thought qualified. Almost satisfied. (See RALLY, Page 4)



FIERY CROSS—symbol of the Klans, burns in a field north of Jackson in Northampton County at the close of a rally sponsored by the United Klans of America, Inc., and featuring Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton of Alabama as its speaker. Approximately 300 to 400 persons attended the Wednesday night rally at The Northampton County Saddle Club.

Commissioners' Short Meeting

JACKSON — The board of county commissioners met Monday for one of the shorter business sessions that they have had all year.

They passed a resolution thanking Alex McMahon for his services to the county commissioners' association.

Half fee bills were approved for Recorder's Court as were the monthly bills.

They agreed to inform the Federal Crop Insurance office that they would be expected to move to a room on the third floor of the county courthouse when it is vacated by the Welfare Department. If they do not accept this proposal, the commissioners indicated that they would be unwilling to continue the rent allowed on their present location. The Welfare Department expects to be in their new building on September 1.

A sum of \$1,000 was added to the budget for Sheriff Frank Outland to allow him to stock weapons and ammunition needed by his department.

Okay Budget Sheriff Given \$1,000 In Emergency Funds

JACKSON—Northampton County Board Commissioners Wednesday night approved and adopted a budget of \$1,531,662.56 for the coming year at a special meeting called for that purpose. The budget, up from last year's amount, will include a 10 per cent pay adjustment for all county employees with 13 months or more time in service. A tentative budget had been accepted at the regular July 6 meeting. However, the budget, according to law, had to be advertised 20 days and later passed. While the commission was in session Wednesday night, several other "small" items were attended to, according to county manager Melvin Holmes. The board approved and accepted a bid of \$13,800 from the A. D. Haverstock Company of Roanoke Rapids to renovate the county Agriculture building. Holmes also reported that some discussion was held on the new County Home proposal, but no action was taken, he indicated.

Draft Call May Double Bill Sykes Target For Klan Abusing

JACKSON — The draft quota for Northampton County may be raised and possibly doubled in the coming months. The President's order of upping the present draft quota to 35,000 men per month from 17,000, "does not particularly mean that our quota will be doubled. We are taxed for inductions according to what we have available at any given time," according to William H. McCachren, North Carolina Selective Service director.

McCachren added that 643 N. C. men were inducted in June; 483, in July; and some 328 on call for August. "If the President's call for doubling the draft affects all the states the same," he said, "that means North Carolina will have to boost its quota to close to 800 men."

What will this mean to Northampton County? Judging from records for July, 1964 to July, 1965, Northampton's quota would be raised to about 100. The records show 59 men were called and 29 inducted during this period.

Northampton is part of the tri-county — Halifax, Warren, Northampton — district which has called 387 men for August. No matter what the President's call means, it can not affect this quota, McCachren said. By law it is too late to notify additional men to go for examinations, he added.

However, the call could affect the September quota. If the quota must be enlarged, McCachren said, the call will be geared toward younger men than are now being called. Presently, 20-year-olds are being called. "We may have to direct our call to the 19-year-olds."

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JACKSON — Northampton deputy sheriff Bill Sykes of Jackson was target of ridicule by Rev. George Dorsett at a KKK rally Wednesday night as result of arrest of two white men Monday for carrying concealed weapons in an automobile. Carlton Britton of near Margarettsville and Ralph D. Cutbreth, Jr., of Enfield were arrested Monday by Sykes and deputy Donnie Barnes.

The pair was tried Tuesday before Recorder's Court Judge Ballard Gay and found guilty. The men were fined \$50 and costs each. Pistols taken from the car were confiscated. The incident apparently bothered Rev. Dorsett considerably. Much of his more than 30 minute talk Wednesday night had to do with the Northampton Sheriff's

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department in general and deputy Sykes in particular. Sykes was present at the rally site at the Northampton Saddle Club three miles north of Jackson. He was dressed in civilian clothing. Dorsett claimed during his speech Sykes was carrying a concealed weapon.

At no time during the talk did Dorsett mention Deputy Sykes by name. Other law enforcement officers to receive criticism from Dorsett included the SBI, FBI and highway patrol. Representatives of these agencies were present. The fiery Rev. Dorsett also did not think much of Judge Gay for having found the two men guilty. Dorsett did not say that they were Klan members but he

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Klan Guard Took Patrolman At His Word—Whammied

AHOSKIE — "It must have helped because we didn't have any accidents," highway patrol sergeant M. S. Parvin, said when questioned about a loudspeaker report at the end of KKK rally Wednesday night near Jackson that the patrol had four whammies waiting for Klan members.

The sergeant was amused by the incident but said the warning given those attending the Klan meeting was "a false statement." Parvin said what actually happened was that he and Patrolman B. S. Corey of Woodland were standing in the parking area near the rally site when a warning was broadcast as the meeting was coming to a close that a highway patrol whammy was set up seven miles down the road.

Parvin said Corey turned to him, amused at the warning being given, and jokingly said "they ought to announce that we've got four whammies and four radar cars down there." Parvin said Corey's remark, meant to be in jest, was apparently good psychology nonetheless.

The vice chairman of the Klan security police overheard Corey's remark. Parvin said the security Klansman vaulted a fence and went on a run toward the speaker's stand. In a moment came the announcement that there really were five whammies down the road but that the first one was a dummy.

"It must have helped us," was Parvin's attitude following the incident. "I stayed over there until after midnight (the rally ended about 10:30) and we didn't have any accidents. In fact the crowd was very orderly throughout I thought."



COMPLETES COURSE — Members of the Woodland Fire Department have recently completed 120 hours of instruction in fire service training. The course included instruction in forcible entry, rope practices, extinguishers, ladders, hose practices, salvage and overhaul, protective breathing apparatus, fire streams, fire apparatus, ventilation, rescue, and fire fighting procedures. Certificates were presented to the firemen for completion of the course, which required 16 months training, at a dinner meeting of the fire department on Tuesday night at the Quaker House. Guest speaker was George Huffstetler, Jr., area supervisor of Fire Service Training of Wilson County Technical Institute. Special guests at the dinner meeting were Calvin T. Draper of Jackson, a certified instructor of the

North Carolina's Fireman's Training Program, who taught the school; Mayor John Outland, and Commissioners Robert Littrell and E. R. Powell. Fire De-Morris, Clifton Joyner, Hulan Lane, James Brittle, guest speaker Huffstetler, Calvin T. Draper, instructor; and Charles Whitley, chief; second row Dick Shackelford, John Vaughan, James Lee, Sam Lassiter, Johnny Blanton, Cleve Bowen, Joseph Blythe and Pat Barnes; back row: Millard Lane, Tyrone Hardison, Roy Parrish, Charles Liverman, Walter Miles, Leslie White, Joseph Motzno and Perry Collier.

Weather Wuz Sol smiling from ear to ear