

W. K. WILLIAMS DIES SUDDENLY

Prominent Business Man Of Grand Rapids Passes Away Early Tuesday Morning

WAS TOWN BENEFACTOR

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the family home for W. K. Williams who died here early Tuesday morning. They were conducted by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner.

Mr. Williams was born in Warren county July 15, 1866. His early boyhood was spent on the plantation in Shocco. After the death of his father, he and his cousin, Mr. S. D. Young, engaged in the cotton business in Henderson and Norfolk, Va. Later they with Henry Williams, a brother, founded the Grand Rapids Show Case Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich., which afterward became the Grand Rapids Store Equipment Corporation of national reputation.

Mr. Williams had been slightly indisposed for the past few days but was able to be out Monday afternoon. He died quietly in his sleep early Tuesday morning, and the entire community was shocked when the news became known.

Mr. Williams was married 25 years ago this month to Miss Ethelyn Bulkeley of Grand Rapids, Mich. He is survived by Mrs. Williams, a daughter, Margaret, and a son, Ralph. Another son, William Kearny Jr., died 11 years ago. He is also survived by his brothers, Henry and Alfred, and a sister, Mrs. J. B. Davis.

The parish house of Emmanuel Episcopal church was presented within the past year as a memorial to his mother and father.

Mr. Williams had been gradually retiring from business during the past two years and had just finished remodeling the old home here. He and Mrs. Williams had been living here since October.

The burial was held at Fairview cemetery in the family lot. The pallbearers were Erskine Clements, Joel Cheatham, Walter J. Alston, G. B. Gregory, Van Davis, William Davis, Boyd Davis and Milton C. McGuire.

Those from out of town attending the services were Miss Margaret Williams, Mr. Ralph Bulkeley, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Young, Mr. Herman Fisher, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mr. N. F. Alston, Mrs. W. C. Rivers, New York; Mrs. R. Hunt Parker, Ranoke Rapids; Miss Neppie Davis, Raleigh; Mrs. Maud Carr, Tarboro; Mr. J. A. Pretlow, Franklin, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Holt, Burlington; Mr. Kim Davis, Fayetteville; Mr. Walter Ballard, Franklinton; Mrs. Jesse Cushman, Miss Tempe Thorne, Littleton; Mrs. E. G. Peoples, Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Cheatham, Mrs. Virginia Bunn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alston, Mrs. W. R. MacNair, Mrs. Sydney Cooper, Mr. David Jackson Cooper, Mrs. Allison Cooper, Mrs. Ellen Cooper, Mr. I. K. Young, and Mr. G. W. Macon, Henderson.

Bank Of Warren Elects Directors

Nineteen hundred and twenty-nine was the best year in the history of the bank, it was disclosed yesterday following a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Warren. C. N. Williams was named as president; W. H. Dameron, vice president; G. B. Gregory, vice president and cashier, and Simon M. Gardner, assistant cashier and manager of the insurance department. In addition to officers of the bank, B. B. Williams and L. C. Kinsey were named directors.

Resignation on account of ill health by J. G. Ellis was accepted by the board with regret and thanks for his services as directing officer for the institution over a period of many years was expressed.

NOT THE MAN

In referring to a person who stole goods from the Seaboard Airline and who was to face trial, this newspaper last week said R. L. Capps instead of R. L. Crapps. Of course, every one knows that the paper couldn't have been referring to that splendid citizen, Mr. R. L. Capps, of Arcola. The correction is made with pleasure.

CUTS THUMB AND FINGER

Friends of Charlie Harris of near Wise, former garage employe here and baseball player, regret to learn that he lost the thumb and first joint of his right index finger last week when his hand was caught in a corn shredder.

Grand Jury Finds Affairs Of County In Good Condition

Receiving the thanks of the court for their arduous duties, heavier than those which usually fall to the shoulders of a Warren county grand jury, the jurors of this term were discharged near noon yesterday. Their report was ordered written into the county records and furnished the county commissioners in order that recommendation made might be passed upon and that a report of county affairs might be well known to this governing body.

The affairs of the county were found to be in good condition. Recommendation was made for a lady's rest room at the Court House. Text of the report:

"Hon. W. A. Devin, Presiding Judge, January Term Superior Court, Warren County, North Carolina:

"We, Grand Jurors selected for the above term, beg leave to make the following report:

"We have examined the witnesses and passed on bills presented to us by Solicitor R. Hunt Parker, we have visited our County Home and found the cottages well kept. We recommend to the County Commissioners to repair the well platform and two porches.

"We have inspected the County Jail and find it clean and sanitary.

"We recommend to the County Commissioners that a Ladies' Rest room be installed in the Court House. We also recommend that a safe be installed in the Sheriff's office.

"Having thus completed our duties as we understand them, we respectfully ask that unless there is some other duty that we have overlooked, or some other matters which should be brought to our attention that Your Honor discharge us."

Shotgun In Hands Of Brother Fatally Wounds Young Girl

Mortally wounded with a shotgun in the hands of her ten-year-old brother, Herbert, Clara Lee Rooker, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rooker of near Warrenton, died in Maria Parham hospital, Henderson, on Saturday night.

The Rooker children, who resided at the old Watson place near Warrenton, had gone to the home of a neighbor where several young boys had planned to go hunting, according to reports. Herbert Rooker was carrying the gun which was accidentally discharged, the load entering the abdomen of the little girl and death resulted a few hours later.

Funeral services were conducted at Churchhill on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Shoe. Pallbearers were Cook Burroughs, G. H. Miller, E. H. Morris and P. E. Lewis.

Miss Rooker is survived by her mother and father and five brothers, Sidney, Willie, Edward, Herbert and Lewis.

Jury Says Not Guilty In Grace Ross Case

In a few minutes after retiring, the jury freed Grace Ross, white woman of Henderson, of the charge of taking and driving the car of Paul Brauer of Norlina. The woman admitted that she had used "Paul's" car to go to Ridge-way and back on this July afternoon that she had driven it away from in front of the Greek cafe at Norlina, after sending word to "Paul" by Frank Wiggins. She said that she was gone 12 minutes. In the meantime Brauer had gone to Henderson for the car and telephone Raleigh officers.

Paul Bobbitt took the keys away from the woman when she came back to Norlina, and they had her arrested. Miss Ross testified that she had known Mr. Brauer for some time and thought the temporary use of the car would be all right.

JIMMIE MAYFIELD HERE

Friends of Jimmie Mayfield, former star athlete at State college and well known through this section, are pleased to learn that he has returned from the hospital where he has been receiving treatment for a dislocated hip and smashed foot which he sustained last summer when struck by a falling tree. Friends were glad to see him at Warrenton this week.

Many Criminal Cases Hold Court's Attention

For the First Time In Years Second Week Will Probably Find Cases Set For Trial At This Term Uncalled; Civil Docket May Not Get Attention Until Late Next Week

GET JAIL SENTENCES FOR STEALING FROM S. A. L.

With principal interest centering about the case of Lillie Mae Stewart but with enough defendants to touch the life of almost every section, persons have flocked to court this week. Crowds that equalled or surpassed those of the Ross and Rawls-Reid cases have pushed and milled about the court room, seeking points of vantage, listening with cupped ears for the words of evidence, whispering their conclusions and letting their eyes follow the movements and expressions of white feminity—something more or less unusual in criminal court in this county.

The sheriff has had to boom "silence" time and again and the judge to admonish, but withal it has been a well mannered crowd, made temporarily restive sometimes on account of interest. Indications are that the criminal docket will last well into next week. If completed the civil cases will come to juries.

Following the charge to the grand jury on Monday morning, Solicitor Parker called report cases. Ben J. Ayscue proved good behavior, the clerk testified that he had paid \$200 into his hands for the use of the woman in the case, and the sentence under the seduction case was continued. Mr. Ayscue is to report again next year and the year later at the January terms. John Harris, wanted for attempt to break in a dwelling, could not be found. The case was continued. C. B. Dickerson, who was under suspended sentence for operating a car while under the influence of whiskey, could not be found. Officers testified that he had gone to Ohio. As this was the last court to which he was to have reported and as there was no further charge against him, Solicitor Parker ordered the case dismissed with "judgment complied with."

Having failed to pay the \$25 to Mrs. John Tarwater for damage to her building, occupied by Boyce Drug Co., R. W. Carroll was told to produce the money before the end of the week. He had paid the costs in the case which grew from a crash into the window of the drug store early one Sunday morning last Spring. The damage was considerably in excess of the \$25, though that was the amount which a former court said he should pay to the prosecution. Jack Morton, wanted for manufacturing whiskey, was not in court and upon order of the Solicitor a capias was issued to Vance county.

Under charge of skipping bond bill which he owed Bob Dowtin, former proprietor of the White Elephant cafe, L. C. Wayne, once a barber here, and who was found guilty at the last term of court, was not present. The case was continued and a capias issued. Grace Ross, charged with driving the car of Paul Brauer of Norlina, without consent, was not present. The court sent for her and when her case was heard on Wednesday, the jury, after short deliberation, declared her not guilty.

A jury with little delay said that Peter Brown Jr. was guilty of the charge of reckless driving which was preferred by the State, with Fate Weaver, former police officer at Warrenton, as the prosecuting witness. The young Brown negro, evidence disclosed, had struck Mr. Weaver's car one night in late Fall about four miles from Warrenton on the Axtelle road. Brown had a reputation for reckless driving, several said, and the Judge fined him \$25 and costs. A civil action is pending in which Mr. Weaver is seeking to recover for damages to his car.

In a railroad case of Monday afternoon, Wallace Allgood, a high yellow buck from Norlina, was found guilty of stealing property from the seaboard while enroute from Norfolk to Norlina. His confederate was R. L. Crapps, a white man of Augusta, Ga., who approached Allgood with the plans for the theft while they were at Portsmouth, it was said. The men hid the shoes in a load of sand.

Railroad Detectives R. E. Lee of Henderson and K. W. Gates of Richmond had evidence in the form of stolen property and J. B. Dixon, track foreman, with Ernest Jiggetts of Norlina to whom an effort was made to sell the shoes, gave verbal testimony to weave the thread of guilt.

Jiggetts made a fine witness. He said that Mr. Crapps "introduced

himself to me with the shoes," and the only reason "we didn't deal was because I didn't have the money." Judge Devin sentenced Crapps, who testified upon cross examination that he was 24, a wife deserter, and a wanderer, to 18 months to two years in the State penitentiary. He and Allgood drew the same penalty.

The grand jury did not find a true bill against Crapps for the theft of an overcoat from George Johnston, but in the general round-up which preceded the preliminary hearing before Mr. Hardy some weeks ago, the coat came to light and George wore it proudly from the temple of justice.

Theft of less than five dollars worth of seed cotton from Kit C. Christmas caused a jury to place the blame upon Charlie Green, a young Warrenton negro who looked much older than his years. Uncle Kit missed his cotton and traced it to Vanlandingham's store. He had bought it from Charlie, he said. The judge gave him six months on the roads.

One of the happiest faces to be seen in the court room this week belonged to George Adams, another negro implicated in the same case. Charlie Green was doing his best to tie the blame to another and George was to be a goat, but the jury believed his story that he was somewhere else and didn't have anything to do with it. He wasted little time in strolling from court.

Josh Davis, charged with house breaking and larceny, entered a plea of guilty of receiving stolen goods. He was hired out for one year and required to pay the cost of the stolen coat.

A drunk and disorderly charge was proven against J. E. Lester, white man of Warrenton, a devotee of the filling stations on the edge of town. He paid the cost.

A Bewhiskered Old Time Darkey A blue cow, as the owner described her, was driven from below Inez to Warrenton and sold to H. H. Reavis. Lawrence Alston said that he came along with a boyhood friend who promised him \$5 if he made the trip. Reavis bought the cow but the owner came for her. The ring-leader in the theft could not be found and due to the youth of the defendant and to the character of his father, Judge Devin, after telling him of his wrong doing and pointing to the path of rectitude, let him go under a six months suspended sentence.

A jury acquitted Willie Martin, daughter of the Rev. J. K. Ramsay of Warrenton, negro minister, of the charge of "failure to stop at the scene of the accident." The Martin woman, wife of an employe of the Vance hotel, was alleged to have driven the car which struck W. E. Hux, aged white man of near Littleton, on the highway December 21. Her car was later wrecked at

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Witness who saw the accident stated that the negro, who was walking toward the car, swayed as though falling into a fit. He was seen to fall in front of Mr. Burwell's car, which stopped within 15 feet after hitting him. Coroner Waring reported. His head was punctured in two places and one thigh was broken.

Brother B. D. Moore Dies At Cape Charles

Frank Hicks Moore, aged 59, a brother of B. D. Moore of Ridgeway, died in a Cape Charles, Va., hospital on Saturday after an illness of four months. He was the son of the late James and Mrs. Mary Hicks Moore and had been a resident of Cape Charles for 26 years. He was associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad as train dispatcher and was member of the First Presbyterian church, and Evergreen Lodge of Masons, Cape Charles, Va.

Mr. Moore lived at Ridgeway for a number of years where he studied telegraphy under the Cheatham brothers and served with the Seaboard before going with the Pennsylvania.

Surviving beside his wife, Mrs. Rosa Cuthbert Moore, are two daughters, Mrs. K. P. Williams of Miami, Fla.; Rosemary Moore of Cape Charles, Va.; two brothers, S. J. Moore of Camp Eustis, Va., and B. D. Moore of Ridgeway, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. W. D. Rose of Middleburg, N. C., and one grandchild, K. P. Williams Jr.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS The Young Ladies Methodist Missionary society was entertained on Monday night at the home of Miss Lucy Boyd. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. John Rodgers, president. Papers on "Where Our Money Goes" were interestingly read by Miss Lucy Boyd and Mesdames Claude Bowers and Julius Banzett. A report on the Missionary work was given by Mrs. J. C. Burwell. Elegant refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. W. N. Boyd. The meeting was well attended.

One Thing At A Time Is Judge's Advice To Jurors

"I believe in taking up one thing at a time and getting through with it—when we do that we make better time with least annoyance to the persons concerned," Judge W. A. Devin commented here Monday morning in his charge to the grand jury at the January term of Warren Superior court. Continuing the official gave explicit instructions that members of the juries, court officials and attorneys were expected to co-operate fully with him in this undertaking. Witnesses and officials are to remain in court until discharged.

"I believe in starting on time and stopping after a full day's work," the jurist from Oxford added. The hours of this court unless something unexpected develops, will be from 9:30 each morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, with adjournment for dinner about 1 o'clock and court will reconvene about 2:30 p. m. The judge has maintained this schedule through the week and at one time both juries were out. The court turned to report cases then.

In talking about capital crimes on Monday, Judge Devin said, "Personally, I think that the State should no longer make arson and burglary capital offences." He added that though some States had abolished capital punishment he did not think Carolina was ready for this step as it applied to the crimes of murder and rape. The common law of this country is basically the same as of England, he added, and the only capital crimes there are murder and treason.

He reviewed the law in a brief charge to the grand jury, touching upon the importance of obeying the Eighteenth amendment and of general law enforcement. The highway death toll of more than 500 yearly was cited as the penalty which the operation of motor vehicles was taking in this State.

J. Hope Bullock of Manson was named foreman of the grand jury which included John Welch, L. W. Kidd, R. K. Carroll, W. B. Read, Frank Serls Jr., W. K. Falkener, C. B. Capps, Willie L. Hight, R. T. Hardy, Philip Seaman, S. J. Stallings Jr., W. W. Capps, P. J. Shearin, Arthur Capps, J. E. Pope, Rome Neal and Stewart L. Crinkley. R. L. Bell was named as officer of the grand jury.

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Turned Author In Prison



Robert Joyce Tasker, while a prisoner in San Quentin prison, San Francisco, improved his time by turning out stories and becoming a widely read author. He has been released on parole after serving 67 months. He plans to work on a ranch for a while before resuming his writing.

FREE PICTURES SHOWN IN COUNTY

Story of Fire Loss Being Depicted In Warren Schools This Week And Next

GIVE TWO SHOWS DAILY

The story of the efforts of the Department of Conservation and Development to prevent fire loss and conserve game and natural resources of the State is being depicted in Warren county by free moving picture shows in the schools this week and next. This program has been arranged by E. Hunter Pinnell, Forest Warden for Warren, and Charles H. Hearn of the Conservation department, in charge of the truck and machine, co-operating with school authorities.

Mr. Hearn arrived in the county from Northampton county on Tuesday and presented the first show that night at 7:30 o'clock in the Warren County Training School at Wise. A second presentation was given in the colored school at Coley Springs on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Wednesday evening at 7:30 the show was presented at Afton-Elberon high school and the following afternoon at Burchett's Chapel. Last night the truck had moved over to Dreyer high school where many persons saw the picture.

This afternoon at 2:30 the show will be given at Thrift Hill school, and tonight at 7:30 in the Arcola school. There will be no show on Saturday afternoon but on Saturday night Mr. Hearn will present the picture in the Mayflower schoolhouse at 7:30.

Four shows will be presented next week. The first of these will be at the Embro colored school on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30; the second at Macon high school on Monday night at 7:30; the third at Vaughan high school on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, and the last show will be presented at the Littleton high school on Tuesday night at 7:30. From Warren Mr. Hearn will go to Halifax county.

The picture show is very interesting, according to those who have seen its presentation, and those in charge believe that much good can be done by arousing public enthusiasm. All pictures were made in the State and are being shown through this section under the general direction of L. A. Carter of Windsor, district forester. No admission is charged to the shows and the public is urged to attend.

Legion Auxiliary To Honor Guests At Tea

A tea will be given in the home of Mrs. C. R. Rodwell on Wednesday evening, January 22nd, from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock in honor of Mrs. R. S. McGeachy of Kinston, State president of the American Legion auxiliary, Mrs. M. M. Dew, district committeewoman of Kinston, and Mrs. George Isley of Raleigh, former State president. Honor guests of the Limer Post auxiliary chapter will include the entire membership of the Weldon auxiliary and officers of all patriotic organizations of the town.

Included in the list of those invited are several who are eligible to auxiliary membership here.

LAWYERS BATTLE IN STEWART CASE

Woman On Trial For Killing Bryant B. Bragg, An Alleged Rum Runner

TO REACH JURY TODAY

Led either by love which halted at neither abuse, blows nor fear, or under the spell of an infatuation which knew not the bounds of common reason, Lillie Mae Stewart completed a vivid story yesterday afternoon of the travels along the distorted primrose path of dalliance which ended in the death of Bryant B. Bragg at the home of Mrs. Joe Lester near Ridgeway on Sunday morning, December 15th. Before Mrs. Stewart's final testimony, the widow of Bragg had become involved in the net of under-world meanderings on cross examination by Congressman Kerr. The trouble grew, it seems, from the desire of both women, as principals, with others as erstwhile participants, to gain the love of a man which neither could control.

Love? Jealousy? Fear? The jury will get the case some time near noon today and whatever the answer, the motive for the killing of Bragg will remain a matter of conjecture. Her attorneys are pleading self-defense. The State is asking for a verdict of murder in the second degree.

The path which brings one woman as a widow into court and the other as a defendant had many crooks and turns along the highways, in rooming houses, at whiskey distributing centers, and at castle of the chippies. Men moved by day and night and booze flowed on countless occasions before the blood of Bragg ended a drama in which there was suffering, pain, exotic joys, and perhaps grim humor upon occasion.

Today one sits in court in black, with a drooping hat, and a small child upon her knee—looking more as if she were the principal in a civil suit than a State witness in one of criminal nature; the other listens from the rear of the defense table in a brown hat, light fur-trimmed coat and with light stockings, looking steadily at a jury of twelve men upon whose verdict her fate depends. Both retain the composure which they have held during the trial. Wednesday and yesterday the evidence was paraded in some instances, given readily in others, and some times snared from the lips of witnesses before the jury composed of W. T. Bobbitt, R. L. Salmon, M. T. King, W. H. Wright, H. C. Weaver, John C. Wright, J. T. Gupton, Gordon W. Poindexter, John Hawthorne, J. H. Thompson, Hugh Halthcock and N. M. Shearin.

Taking the stand Wednesday afternoon as the first witness to be questioned in her defense, after Dr. Frank P. Hunter for the State had testified that Bragg was shot between the shoulder blade and spinal column on the right side of the back and after the bullet-torn shirt and apparel which Bragg wore at the time had been placed under the stenographer's table at her feet, the Stewart woman calmly told her story. Her voice filtered through the crowd to all corners of the room.

With Judge Kerr examining she told that she was born as Lillie Mae Bright and that she had been living with her aunt, Mrs. Owens, at Henderson for the past eleven years. She said that she had known Bragg for three or four years. He spent Saturday night at Mrs. Joe Lester's and called her early in the morning, telling her to come for him later at the B & W Filling station. She said she went there and not finding him went over to the J. J. Seaman home where she found Bragg. He came back to the service station in another car, joined her there and they rode back to Mrs. Lester's home where Bragg was to get breakfast.

On the way, she said, they argued about a trip to Durham which she maintained she didn't want to take. She claimed that Bragg struck her several times and that he hit her when she reached the Lester home a little later. They stopped in a front room for about ten minutes where they argued, she told, and she got his gun from his pocket, went into the kitchen-dining room and shot Bragg while he was at the breakfast table.

"I shot him because I thought he was going to kill me." The shades of night ended the testimony of the day and court adjourned.

Yesterday morning, J. M. Peace on cross examination developed the fact that she had been in trouble on numerous occasions. She told that she, then known as Lillie Mae Lamb, had married a man named Stewart from Raleigh in November, 1928. She answered the attorney "Yes" on the question as to whether her husband

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