

HUSBAND GUILTY, HIS WIFE FAINTS

David Katz Found Guilty Of Robbing Bank of Macon Night of January 17

GIVEN ROAD SENTENCE

Weeping and leaning on the arm of a woman companion, Mrs. David Katz of Rosemary tumbled to the ground in a dead faint on Wednesday afternoon a few minutes after the Warren county jury had declared her husband guilty on a charge of breaking in the bank of Macon on the night of January 17. Mrs. Katz was taken to Hotel Warren where an examination by Dr. Frank P. Hunter revealed that she had suffered a heart attack and was suffering from high blood pressure. After resting in the hotel for several hours she was taken to her home at Rosemary.

The Katz case proved to be the most interesting case on the criminal docket due to the fact that he was convicted on circumstantial evidence and that he was defended by Harry Smith, famous criminal lawyer of Richmond. Mr. Smith was aided in the defense by Allen Zollcoffer of Rosemary. Solicitor Parker was aided in the prosecution by Julius Banzet of Warrenton.

Evidence in the case was that shortly after midnight on January 17, David Katz was seen by C. E. Thompson and J. B. Harris parked in front of the Bank of Macon with the lights of his car off; that these gentlemen threw the lights of their own car on Mr. Katz, recognized him and took the number of his car license. Katz, followed by Thompson and Harris, drove his car toward Littleton, back beyond Macon and slowly passed the bank several times. Later he eluded his pursuers and as they went to wake Macon Thornton, vice president and director of the bank, that the car passed bound toward Littleton at a rapid rate of speed. The next morning the bank was found to have been entered. Katz was identified by Thompson and Harris and arrested in Rosemary by Chief Dobbins and R. O. Snipes of Warren the following night.

Katz admitted that it was his automobile, but said that it was stolen from his garage the night before and left in an alley near his home, and that he had reported the matter to Chief Dobbins early the next morning. He proceeded to set up an alibi.

Katz sister-in-law testified that she went to the home of her sister to listen to a radio program of Amos and Andy on the night of January 17, and that while they were listening to this feature, which came on at 11:30, that Katz came in and listened a few minutes with them, said he was sleepy and the ladies retired from the room in order that he might go to bed. After the defendant was in bed they returned to the room and listened to another program for a few minutes. Then she became sleepy and asked her sister the time and was told that it was 12:20, went upstairs to her room and went to sleep. Her testimony was substantiated by Mrs. Katz.

Mrs. Price, who lived several hundred feet from the Katz home, testified that on the night of January 17, she arose to feed a young baby who had not been well. That its food was given at regular intervals and as she stepped into her kitchen to warm the baby's bottle that she noted it was 12:10. As she warmed the milk, she glanced from her window across a square and saw Katz at his workbench in a room which adjoined his bedroom.

Katz also brought witnesses to testify that he had been seen in a poolroom about 10:30 the same night. He said that he went from the poolroom to his home. The prosecution brought out the fact that he could have easily driven to Macon by the time his car was seen there, that his sister-in-law arose at 5 o'clock to work in the mill after being up to 12:20, that she could not remember the time she retired the night before or any other night except this particular night, that her testimony did not co-incide.

MUST PAY TAXES
Citizens on the delinquent list are asked by Sheriff O. D. Williams to pay their taxes before June 1 or their lands will be sold. "I have no opinion in this matter," the sheriff said. "The law requires me to sell these lands. I hope that as many as possible will pay now and avoid a sale."

Grand Jury Makes Record In Report To Judge Devin

Establishing a record here for quickness in returning their report, the Warren county grand jury was thanked by Judge W. A. Devin for the dispatch in which they transacted their business and discharged early Monday afternoon. The body visited the county home, the jail, inspected the county offices and passed on all bills in six hours.

The jury recommended that a lady's rest room be installed in the court house and that repairs be made at the county home. Two meat markets at Warrenton were found to be in an unsanitary condition and it was recommended that the court appoint a committee to see that these markets were either put in a satisfactory condition or closed. The report in full follows:

"We have examined the witnesses and passed on all bills presented to us by Solicitor R. Hunt Parker. We have visited the County Home and find that there are three buildings that are badly in need of repairs and would recommend that the three buildings be replaced by new ones.

"Four out door toilets are badly in need of repairs and would recommend that the floors and doors be repaired, and also that they be made fly proof.

"We recommend that a twelve foot wire fence with bob wire top be placed around the 'lock up.'

"We recommend that the above repairs be made as soon as possible as the inmates state that this will be needed before cold weather sets in.

"All other buildings found to be in good condition and inmates stated that they are well treated and well fed and were satisfied.

"We have inspected the county jail and found it clean and sanitary.

"We have examined the various offices in the Court House and found that they are neat and well kept, with the exception of the electrical fixtures, we also recommend that the sky-light above the court room be cleaned.

"We recommend that a ladies rest room be installed in the Court House.

"We also inspected the four meat markets here and found Burroughs Grocery Co. Market and M. System Market in good condition, we found the Jim Green and H. H. Reavis Markets in a very unsanitary condition, and recommend that the court appoint a committee to see that the last two named markets be put in a satisfactory condition or ordered that they be closed.

"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 matter that should be brought to our attention that Your Honor discharge us."

J. B. Davis was appointed foreman of the jury and R. L. Bell officer. Other members were W. W. Kidd, T. J. Peoples, J. W. Burroughs, H. Evans Coleman, John Rogers, O. F. Clark, J. H. Riggan, W. A. Cheek, F. R. Ryder, A. B. Laughter, M. L. Cole, G. B. Gregory, L. A. Fowler, W. P. Conn, Clifton C. Alston, Jack W. Bobbitt, J. T. Ellington.

To Conduct Tonsil And Adenoid Clinic Here On June 3-6

The State Board of Health will conduct a Tonsil-Adenoid clinic for school children in Warren at Warrenton on June 3, 4, 5 and 6, it was announced yesterday at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The clinic will be held for members of both races and children from 6 to 12 years of age will be received.

Miss Cleone E. Hobbs, state school nurse is at Warrenton this week making arrangements for the clinic. Temporary hospital accommodations, a competent specialist and nursing will be provided. Children must remain overnight after the operation. A fee of \$12.50 will be charged for this service. Dr. M. R. Gibson of Raleigh will be the surgeon in charge.

Citizens desiring to have their children examined are asked to see Miss Hobbs at the office of the Superintendent of schools at Warrenton.

ERNEST TYLER HERE
Ernest R. Tyler of Roxobel, candidate for solicitor of the third judicial district, was a visitor at Warrenton on Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Eleanor Grant and Miss Martha Reynolds Price were visitors at Raleigh yesterday.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



Final Digest Poll Shows Record Vote 18th Amendment

Breaking all records for number of participants, the Literary Digest Prohibition poll came to a close this week with a total of 4,806,464 ballots cast.

Of the nearly five million ballots cast, the poll shows that 1,464,098 voters were for strict enforcement of the 18th Amendment and the Volstead law; 1,399,314 for modification and 1,943,052 for repeal. The question remains up in the air with no faction having a clear majority. Both wet and dry claim the modification vote. This vote holds the balance of power. In an election on this subject following the usual procedure, the modification question would be dropped, and a second primary held between those favoring strict enforcement and those who favor repeal of the 18th Amendment. Repeal has about half million lead. The question is whether the dries could poll enough of the modification vote to overcome this lead. Dries say they could. Wets say they could not.

An analysis of the poll shows that the wets have a majority in three States, Louisiana, Nevada and New Jersey. The dries have a majority in five States, Arkansas, Kansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

Judge Devin Charges Jury On Prohibition

"Prohibition has turned the corner and should show a gradual improvement from now on," Judge W. A. Devin told the Warren county grand jury in his charge at Warrenton on Monday morning. "It is hard to deal with laws that seek to control the appetite and personal liberty of men," the jurist continued, "but whiskey is a great curse, and men who are able to handle it temperately must give up their privilege in order to help weaker brother."

Judge Devin pointed out that whiskey was responsible for many of our crimes, that it stole the reason from otherwise good citizens, causing them to commit crimes of which they would never dream in their sober moments. The 18th amendment is in the constitution and it is there to stay, Judge Devin said. It is there now and will be there when our grandchildren have taken over the reins of government.

Excessive zeal and the wrong type of enforcement officers has done much to make the law unpopular, he said, and cautioned the jurors to treat prohibition law violators as they would any other violators, taking the same evidence, no more, no less.

"We can not choose what laws we will obey," he said. "If every man should choose his own law we would have anarchy and chaos. All were passed for the protection of society and the carrying out of public policy. The duty of every citizen is to obey all laws."

Swimming Pool Opened At Golf Club On Sunday

Having completed the new filter back-wash, Mac McGuire and Shorty Gillam on Saturday afternoon began to fill the pool at the golf club for the season of 1930. By late Saturday night the water had begun to cover the bottom and a few of the more eager and adventurous went wading. By Sunday afternoon the pool was almost full and many Warrenton persons were enjoying the first swim of the summer that afternoon and night. Several water lovers have been in twice each day since the pool was opened.

"Tell them that the pool is open," Shorty said last night. "We have plenty of good, clean fresh water and we want them all to come out. You might also mention that Shorty and Mac have in their store at the golf course plenty of bathing suits, golf clubs, balls and other paraphernalia for golfers and swimmers."

Mac and Shorty have worked mighty hard on the pool and for once we break our rule and give them a free advt. They deserve it.

Fifty Dollars Netted Result Flower Show

Fifty dollars was added to the milk fund for undernourished school children of Warren county as the result of a flower show held in the Harris building next to the post-office on Tuesday afternoon. Many citizens attended the show and praise has been general for the large number of beautiful and artistic arrangement of the flowers.

The committee in charge yesterday expressed its thanks for the co-operation of those who sent flowers and food.

Those receiving blue ribbons were Mrs. Connell, best collection; Mrs. James Watson, best rose; Mrs. Henry Boyd, best larkspur; Miss Elizabeth Boyd, best poppies; Mrs. Edmund White, best Oriental poppies; Mrs. Alex Walker, best Sweet William; Mrs. H. A. Moseley, best peony; Mrs. James Watson, best running rose; Mrs. W. R. Lancaster, best collection of roses; Mrs. H. N. Walters, best pansies; Mrs. W. N. Boyd, most artistic arrangement; Mrs. James Watson, best sweet peas; Mrs. James Watson, best annual phlox; Miss Emma Hall, best boreopsis; Mrs. Harry Limer, best arrangement of Sweet Williams.

Mrs. Burwell's Pupils To Broadcast Recital

Older pupils of Mrs. John C. Burwell will give a piano recital over radio station WPTF, Raleigh, on next Thursday afternoon, May 29, at 4 o'clock, it was announced here yesterday. Those taking part on the program are Leslie Overby, Elizabeth Wagner, Grace Wagner, Nancy Gillam, Ethel King, Edith Tharrington, Margaret Blalock, Mary Robert Wood and Mabel Carroll.

Will Carroll will also give a recital over the same station that night at 9:45 o'clock, it was announced.

NEW CANDIDATES COMING TO FIELD

More Than Thirty Citizens Seeking Election To Public Office in Warren

IS LAST DAY FOR FILING

Two more candidates have entered the political field and when the filing time expires tonight at 12 o'clock more than 30 citizens will be seeking public office in this county. J. M. Picot, Littleton lawyer, announced his candidacy for membership on the board of education and W. A. Connell Sr., prominent farmer of near Warrenton, announced that he was a candidate for county commissioner.

It is possible, but not probable that other candidates will file during the day. The campaign is gaining in interest as the primary approaches. C. F. Moseley, chairman of the board of election, again yesterday stressed the importance of registering and pointed out that tomorrow will be the last opportunity for voters to place their names on the books. He also urged voters to be at their voting precincts as early as possible on June 7 in order that anything not clear about the Australian Ballot may be explained. This year is the first time that the Australian Ballot has been used in North Carolina.

Chief interest in the election centers in the race for Sheriff and in the senatorial contest between F. M. Simmons and J. W. Bailey. The Campaign in the county has been unusually free from mudslinging.

Four candidates are seeking the office of Sheriff. O. D. Williams is up for re-election. He is opposed by W. J. Pinnell, E. L. Green, B. G. Tharrington and former sheriff R. E. Davis.

John Taylor and T. C. Alston of Littleton and F. B. Newell Sr., W. C. Fagg and Dr. W. W. Taylor of Warrenton are candidates for Recorder, a position made vacant by T. O. Rodwell who retires to become a candidate for the State Senate. Judge Rodwell is opposed by Sam Satterwhite of Manson.

F. B. Newell Sr. is not a candidate for the board of county commissioners, resigning this office to become a candidate for Judge of Recorder's Court.

Editor J. C. Hardy of Norlina, J. A. Dowlin of Warrenton, J. S. Davis of Creek and T. H. Aycock of Elberon are candidates for the House of Representatives.

All the other members of the board of commissioners are up for re-election. Other citizens seeking membership on this board are R. Lewis Capps of Arcola, John H. Fleming of Nolima, W. A. Connell of Warrenton. Members of the present board seeking re-election are John Skinner of Littleton, H. L. Wall of Roanoke, W. H. Burroughs of Warrenton, and John Clay Powell of Inez.

Hunter Pinnell recently announced that he would not be a candidate for Coroner. Edward Petar of Ridge-way, former coroner, M. P. Powell of Warrenton and E. G. Davis of Creek have filed their notice of candidacy for this position.

Arthur L. Nicholson of Macon and W. T. Rooker of Norlina are opposing John D. Newell who is seeking re-election to the post of Clerk of the Superior court.

S. G. Wilson of near Warrenton is a candidate for Register of Deeds, opposing J. C. Powell, who seeks re-election.

A. C. Blalock, King Pinnell, W. T. Carter, S. W. Powell and J. D. Riggan are seeking re-election to the board of education. John Picot of Littleton is the only additional candidate for this position.

McDowell Guest Of Local Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Lieut-Governor John McDowell of Raleigh was guest of the Warrenton club here on last Friday night when they held their annual ladies' night program. Mr. McDowell was accompanied by Bank Arendall and two other guests from Raleigh.

Mr. McDowell said that he was present at the organization of the local club a number of years ago and praised the town for its hotel, its public utilities and town spirit. He paid beautiful tribute to the lives of the late B. B. Williams, Tasker Polk and Brodie Jones.

Mrs. R. B. Boyd Jr. won a prize in guessing the nearest to the population of Raleigh. Other winners were Mesdames E. E. Gillam and M. C. McGuire in a rose and lemon contest, and Mrs. Harold Skillman in a spelling contest. Mrs. J. C. Burwell presided at the piano. Attractive songs were rendered. The table decorations were roses and sweet peas.

Lenders Library Home And Garden For Benefit Party

Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington has ordered to the Warren county memorial Library the use of her home and garden on next Friday afternoon from 4 until 7 o'clock for a garden party. A program of outdoor music and aesthetic dances has been arranged. No admission will be charged but it is understood that a voluntary silver offering for the library will be acceptable and the public is cordially invited to attend. Numbers of painting owned by Mrs. Arrington will be on display.

"The setting is an ideal one for a garden party," Miss Mabel Davis, librarian said yesterday. "The occasion offers the public not only an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of music and intercourse, but the privilege of visiting Mrs. Arrington's beautiful art collection and, incidentally, an opportunity to contribute something toward the expansion of the Warren County Memorial Library, an institution designed to perpetuate in service the valor and heroism of the men from Warren County who were called to service during the World War."

Warrenton Golfers Tie In Third Game Of Tournament

Playing on the local course Warrenton tied with Roanoke Rapids on Wednesday afternoon in the third game of the four-town tournament. Each team piled up totals of 17.

Individual scores are given as follows with the name of the Warrenton player coming first:

McGuire 81, Jackson 82; Burton 84, Perkins 82; Ward 91, Seifert 87; Jones 89, Beckwith 82; Allen 100; Bradley 91; Davis 101, Manning 102; Gregory 86, Pruden 88; Gillam 86, Gates 96; Polk 97, Goodman 91; Herbert Alston 100, Cox 105; Boyce 80, Mullen 106; Robertson 92, Chase 100; Garrett 93, Jarmann 102.

Warrenton will play Lousburg at Lousburg on Wednesday afternoon, June 4.

Grandy Discusses Tax Question At Mass Meeting Here

Nearly two hundred taxpayers of Warren county gathered at the court house on Saturday afternoon to hear R. T. Grandy discuss matters pertaining to the high tax on real estate. Mr. Grandy was introduced by John L. Skinner of Littleton.

Those persons who say take all the tax off land are going too far, said Mr. Grandy. If we cut the rate to 25 cents on the hundred dollars that will be sufficient and just. The State can by properly administering its law get the necessary funds for the remainder of the expenditures, he held.

Mr. Grant proposed a limited sales tax, including cigarettes, and a tax on electric energy. He told how the tax now on this source was evaded by a joker in the revenue bill, which allowed exemption on current sent out of the State. There is a switch near the State line that allows South Carolina current to be used in this State and North Carolina current to be sent into that State. As a result this clause exempts the power companies from the tax.

The cigarette manufacturers said that if their products were further taxed that it would be reflected in the price paid the farmer for his tobacco, the speaker said. The finance committee of the legislature (Continued on page 10)

Mrs. T. R. Walker Sr. Buried Yesterday

LITTLETON, May 22.—Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Mrs. T. R. Walker Sr., wife of T. R. Walker Sr., prominent newspaper man and former editor of the Littleton News-Reporter for a number years. The services were held from the home, with interment taking place in the Littleton cemetery.

Mrs. Walker died at her home Wednesday night and 7 o'clock at the age of 76. She is survived by her husband and two sisters, these being Mrs. John Ryland of South Hill, Va., and Mrs. Nannie Walker of Littleton. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James W. Walker of Mecklenburg county, Va., but had spent practically all her married life at Littleton.

CRIMINAL TERM OF COURT ENDS

Jury Says Not Guilty In Two Murder Cases; Last Criminal Case Wednesday

TO HEAR CIVIL CASES

Criminal term of Warren Superior court ended on Wednesday afternoon and today the court turns to the civil docket after disposing of two murder cases, a bank robbery case and a number of other law violations of lesser importance. Court opened Monday morning with Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford presiding and Solicitor R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids prosecuting.

In less than ten minutes after retiring a jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Charles Frazier, charged with murder, on Wednesday morning. Frazier admitted that he shot George Davis, negro boy, in the leg with a shot gun on the afternoon of November 13, but claimed self-defense.

The trial revealed that Davis was employed by Mr. Frazier and that on the afternoon that the shooting occurred he was putting feed in the barn when he was reproved by the defendant for wasting feed. It was stated that the boy called Mr. Frazier a liar and told him that he needed a load of shot put into him. Mr. Frazier went to the house and obtained a shot gun and the boy went to his home.

Later that afternoon as Mr. Frazier was getting up his mules he passed Davis and did not attempt to molest him. Davis was 16 years old and was said to have weighed between 145 and 150 pounds. As the defendant was feeding some pigs near night, Davis, accompanied by his young brother and a friend, aged 12 and 13, came down to the pen where Mr. Frazier was working and told him that he was a damned liar and a tallow faced -- "Mr. Frazier and the boys testified that Davis had his hands in his overall pockets. Following the abusive language, Frazier shot the boy in the leg, the wound causing death two days later. The jury held that Frazier was not guilty.

Hubert Branch, negro carpenter, charged with murder in the second degree as a result of striking Gerald Harris, negro blacksmith, over the head with a piece of lead pipe in Carrington's shoe shop at Warrenton on the afternoon of January 28, was found not guilty by a jury here on Tuesday afternoon.

Evidence brought out in the case was that Hubert Branch at the request of Charlie Carrington was keeping his shoe shop open on the afternoon of January 28. As he and John Sommerville were carrying on a conversation around the stove in the back room of the building, Gerald Harris, Ned Faulk Alston, Joe Reed and Kit Twitty came into the shop together, and took a drink. Branch, sitting with his back to the wall, requested Joe Reed not to sell any more whiskey in the place as Carrington objected.

Branch testified that Harris entered the conversation and became abusive to him and was led into the other room by one of his companions, only to re-appear a minute later from the front room and advance upon him in a menacing manner, using abusive language. It was brought out that the front room contained knives, awls, hammers and other dangerous weapons. The defendant declared that he was unable to tell whether or not Harris was armed, that fearing for his life, he grabbed up an iron pipe with which he had been punching the fire a few minutes earlier, and brought it down across the head of the blacksmith. The jury believed his story and he walked from the court room a free man after having been confined in the Warren county jail without bond since the afternoon on which the fatal quarrel took place.

Branch was represented by Polk and Gibbs, by Congressman John H. Kerr and John H. Kerr, Jr. Solicitor Parker was assisted in the prosecution by Julius Banzet.

Buck Mayfield and W. H. Mallett, charged with larceny of tobacco, were each given twelve months on the road. Otis Terry, young negro of Warrenton, was charged with assault and carrying a deadly weapon. The latter count was not prosed. He was fined \$50 and costs for the assault.

Buck Anderson was found not guilty of disorderly conduct. The case of State against Herbert Munn, charging assault upon a female, was continued under former order. Artis Roberts was ordered to (Continued on page 10)