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## JURY DECLARES NEGRO GUILTY OF ASSAULT CHARGE

### Robert Jenkins Sentenced To Roads From 4 to 12 Years For Attempted Rape

## CRIMINAL DOCKET ENDS

### Byron Brown Will Case Not To Be Heard At This Term of Court

The criminal docket of the Warren county September term of Superior court came to a close yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock a few minutes after a jury returned a verdict that Robert Jenkins, negro, charged with assaulting Mrs. L. E. Erwin of Norlina with intent to rape, was guilty. The negro was sentenced to hard labor on the roads for a term from four to 12 years.

A few minutes after clearing the criminal docket, the court turned attention to civil matters which are expected to run far into next week. The Byron Brown will case, perhaps the most interesting case on docket due to the money involved, is expected to be heard at this term of court.

Mrs. Erwin was assaulted on the morning of June 16 when she was in an out-house at her home at Norlina. Hearing cries, Mrs. Erwin's daughter notified her father who rushed to the scene and found his wife with her clothes disarranged, bruises on her body and in an unconscious condition. Blood hounds were procured from Lenoir and Robert Jenkins and several other negroes were arrested. Mrs. Erwin went to the Henderson jail where Jenkins was being held for his keeping and identified him as assailant. Four other negroes had been arrested in connection with the crime and placed in the Warren county jail were lined up before the Norlina woman who said that although one of them bore resemblance to the man who attacked her, she remained firm in her previous contention that Robert Jenkins was the guilty man.

Counsel for the defendant endeavored to prove that it was a case of mistaken identity. The jury remained out for several hours and returned their verdict of guilty.

James Davis, negro youth, pleaded guilty to raping 9-year-old Teola Mancy, negro girl of the Sandy creek neighborhood, and was sentenced to hard work on the roads for a period of 15 years.

William H. Alston, negro, pleaded not guilty to assault with a deadly weapon, but the jury decided otherwise and he was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months. Judge suspended upon payment of \$50 and \$90 to his sister, Belle Mancy, with whom he was fighting.

John Hill Jr., Lawrence Alston and Bryant Alston, charged with assault, were all found guilty. John Hill Jr. was given four months on the roads; Lawrence Alston six months on the roads, and Bryant Alston six months on the roads.

George Harrell, alias Joe Alston, was found guilty of forgery and sentenced to the roads for ten months.

William Williams, tried for perjury, was found not guilty. The case against Walter West, charged with assault, was continued.

## Judge Harris Asks Grand Jury For Constructive Action

"I want some constructive action," Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh, here for the first time presiding over the September term of Warren Superior court, told members of the grand jury in his charge on Monday morning. "Too many time recommendations are made and after that the matter is dropped. I want to be sure that some action is forthcoming, and I want you gentlemen to check-up on former recommendations made by grand juries and see that they have been complied with."

Speaking of the increase in crime, Judge Harris said that education, home training, the church, and the proper environment were potent factors in decreasing the number of cases that are daily clustering the courts of this country.

In cautioning against the crippling of schools, the Raleigh jurist said that every boy should be given a high school education, for statistics, he said, had proven that a boy with a high school education is prepared to make a living without turning to crime.

"And you can always tell a boy who has had the proper home training," Judge Harris said. "No matter where you see such boys this training will reflect itself, and you seldom see these properly trained boys being tried in our courts."

Stating that circumstances played a great part in the lives of people, Judge Harris said that citizens could perhaps prevent many people from becoming criminals by removing the surrounding temptation. "Study the crime situation in your community, see who is back of it, and then see what steps can be taken to remove the cause. Don't wait until the wayward have become criminals and expect too much of the courts, for the courts may punish for a crime but they do not always reform the criminal."

The Raleigh jurist said that there was no place in the State where boys over 16 years of age who had committed a crime could be confined except in prison, and once they are placed behind the bars the name of "jail-bird" follows them wherever they go, which fact made it almost impossible for them to have a chance for a new start in life. "The best thing to do is to keep them out of trouble and one of the best ways of doing this is by removing the cause."

"And it is your duty to see that your town or community is law-abiding; not only for the fact that you are removing temptation from some one who is weak, but you are also increasing the value of your property, for no person desires to move into a section where crime is rampant," Judge Harris held.

"Many times there are wealthy and prominent men behind lawlessness, but it is usually the little man who pays the penalty for crime. More results can be attained by catching one of these high-powered men than in the arrest of a dozen of his lieutenants. And in your effort to see who are some of these big fellows, it is a good idea to watch who goes on the bonds of law violators who are apprehended. Of course there are many good citizens who go on the bonds for defendants who are in no way partners in crime, but on the other hand, there are many who are in some measure responsible for some act that one of their lieutenants has committed, and they come to their rescue in the way of bail."

"A good many people have the attitude that if they do not believe in a certain law they will not respect it," the judge said. "This is wrong. We are living in a country where the majority rule, and these laws were placed on the statute books by a majority of the people, and it is the duty of every man to respect them regardless of whether or not they meet with his approval."

"I don't know whether or not there have been any fatal accidents in connection with school busses in this county, but there have in other counties, and I want you gentlemen to inspect every one of the busses being used by the schools, and if you find them safe enough for your child to ride in, then I will be satisfied," Judge Harris told members of the jury. The jurist also instructed the grand jury to see that all the county funds are protected, and to visit the offices of county officials and inspect their records—"and don't just ask a few questions and look around, but see what constructive criticism you can offer."

The Judge's charge was well received by many citizens of the town and county who gathered in the court room for the opening of court.

## Here For Court



JUDGE W. C. HARRIS, who is presiding over September term of Warren County Superior Court.

## Willard Ellington, Missing For Three Weeks, Home Again

Missing for three weeks and thought by his father and police to have encountered foul play while attempting to hitch-hike his way from Rocky Mount, where he was employed as a drug clerk, to Warrenton to visit relatives, Willard Green Ellington, 30, rode into Warrenton Wednesday afternoon about 1 o'clock after a trip to New Orleans.

Mr. Ellington, thumbing his way, was picked up at Henderson by Congressman John H. Kerr and brought to his father's home here. Congressman Kerr stated that Mr. Ellington told him on the way to Warrenton that he had written his sister a letter from Greensboro. The letter was never received here. The search for Mr. Ellington started about three weeks ago when he failed to report to the drug store at Rocky Mount, where he had been employed for two years, after asking for a day off to come to see his people at Warrenton and it became known that he had not reached here. News of his strange disappearance and his description was broadcast over the radio and published in papers but no clues as to his whereabouts came until today when he made his appearance.

## Buyers Notified Of Loans To Farmers

All cotton buyers and tobacco warehousemen in this county have names of the persons who received loans from the Farmers' Seed Loan Office is \$154,385.53. I am sure that this money has served a good cause and that all borrowers are going to do the correct thing and pay it back as fast as possible. This money was loaned at a very low rate of interest and supplemented local credit in a time that outside assistance in a financial way was needed.

Several persons have asked me the question. Can I use any of this crops receipts to harvest the crop with? You are permitted to use the seed of cotton and \$5.00 of the receipts from each bale where necessary. But you must furnish this information to the Seed Loan Office and also show that it was necessary to use this money in harvesting the crop. In the case of tobacco you may use 10 per cent of the gross receipts for harvesting and other incidentals.

The borrowers may store their products, provided you store them in a bonded warehouse and send the receipts to the Seed Loan Office. In the case of pooling cotton with the Cooperative Marketing Association the check less the amount allowed should be mailed to the proper collectors as well as the participating receipts.

Payment may be made by check or any other means, such as money orders, or Cashiers' Check. All checks should be made for the exact amount of the loan and in no case should the check be made for an amount to exceed the loan, but you may pay the loan in part and the amount will be credited to your account.

I don't think it will be wise to try to avoid paying the loans or as much on the loans as you possibly can, because the Agents can check on your crop and get a fair estimate of the yield and the receipts received. I am sure you would not like for the buyer to have to pay for the crops twice and make yourself liable for disposing of

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## School Trucks Are Being Conditioned Following Report

Copies of the find of the Warren County Grand Jury in regard to the condition of the school trucks have been sent to school principals, truck drivers and mechanics and approximately three-fourths of the trucks have been repaired, it was learned yesterday at the office of the superintendent of schools.

The Grand Jury in its report on Wednesday said that it found the majority of the school trucks in unsafe condition, unclean, and recommended that older drivers be employed in many instances. Report on each truck in seven districts as submitted by the jury, follows:

**Afton**  
Truck No. 28, Macon Reavis, driver—Truck clean, brakes bad, steering loose, motor needs attention, no hand brake.  
Truck No. 16, Bruce Peoples, driver—No lights, dirty inside, no horn, back door and side glass out, roof leaks.

**Warrenton**  
Truck No. 33, Lee King, driver—Wind shield broken, hub cap gone, loose steering gear lights bad.  
Truck No. 36, Edwin Davis, driver—No emergency brake, no foot brake, rear glass out, truck dirty.

**Wise**  
Truck No. 20, Clifton Tucker, driver—No emergency brakes, steering gear loose.  
Truck No. 24, Edward Hunter, driver—Windows bad, no brakes, lights bad, truck dirty and insanitary top bad.

**Norlina**  
Truck No. 31, Willis Browning, driver—No emergency brakes, steering gear very bad.  
Truck No. 25, Charles Overby, driver—No foot brakes, no lights, broken window glass.

**Macon**  
Truck No. 38, Howard Edmonds, driver—Window glass gone, emergency brake bad, steering gear loose, one head light.  
Truck No. 15, Thomas Welch, driver—No emergency brakes, no lights.

**Wise**  
Truck No. 21, John Cawthorne, driver—Good condition.  
Truck No. 44, Mabry Copley, driver—Good condition.  
Truck No. 8, Norman White, driver—Good condition.

**Norlina**  
Truck No. 32, Lawrence Rose, driver—Rear glass out, brakes bad, emergency brake bad.  
Truck No. 41, Norman Ball, driver—Glass out, brakes bad.

**Macon**  
Truck No. 40, Herman Painter, driver—No lights, no hand brakes, three glasses out, no mirror.  
Truck No. 45, Clifton Rooker, driver—No lights, back glass gone.  
Truck No. 46, William Mayfield, driver—No lights, no horn, no side lights.

**Macon**  
Truck No. 47, Russell Palmer, (Continued on Page 8)

## Abandoned Baby And Mother In Jail

A three months old negro baby that had been abandoned in the Warren county jail with her mother. The infant was found in the woods near Norlina soon after it had been forsaken and the mother will face trial in Recorder's court on Monday morning, October 5.

Riding into Norlina on train No. 84, the negro woman got off with her baby and inquired about the location of a relative. Not being able to get the information she wanted, she walked on down the track until she came to some woods. When she returned she was seen without her baby, and Chief Carter of Norlina was notified. The Norlina policeman found the baby and arrested the woman. The child was not injured. The woman gave her name as Maggie Harvey of Route 1, Halifax county.

## Notify Local Police Watch For Convict

"Be on the look out for Thomas Williams, negro convict [who escaped today after being shot twice]," the Rocky Mount police notified Night Policeman and Jailer E. C. Lovell on Wednesday. The fugitive was last seen coming in the direction of Warrenton, the message said.

Williams was sentenced to 12 months on the roads by Judge Cramer at the May term of court on a charge of stealing.

## GRAND JURY SAYS SCHOOL TRUCKS IN SORRY CONDITION

### Copy of Findings Sent To Chairmen of Boards And To Superintendent

## ORDERS ROOF REPAIRED

### Suggested That Old County Records Be Recovered And Kept In Library

Declaring that Warren county school trucks were in dangerous condition and recommending older drivers and more mechanics; instructing that county records thrown on the trash pile be collected, and citing failure to have county home roof repaired as had been recommended, the Warren county grand jury handed in its report to Judge W. C. Harris, presiding over September term Superior court on Wednesday and were discharged after receiving the thanks of the court.

The severest indictment of the grand jury was aimed at the condition of the trucks used to transport children to Warren schools. A committee from this body declared that the majority of these busses needed mechanical attention, and that they were not as clean as they should be, and that many of the drivers were not as capable as were needed. A detailed report of the trucks were handed into Judge Harris who had copies made and sent to the chairman of the board of education, the chairman of the board of commissioners, and the superintendent of county schools.

The grand jury in asking that county records thrown away be collected suggested that the Warren County Memorial Library would be glad to preserve them.

The report in full follows:  
"We, the grand jury selected for the above term, beg to make the following report:

"We have carefully examined witnesses and passed on all bills presented to us by the Solicitor, R. Hunt Parker.

We have examined witnesses and made presentments in matters brought to our attention.

"We have visited the County Home by committee. The premises and around the houses are clean and well kept. The inmates, when questioned, seem to be contented and well provided for. Preceding Grand Juries urged that the painting of the roofs on three buildings be done at once. This has not been done. We insist on the same to save the roofs from rust.

"At the request of the keeper and on our own judgment we recommend that a suitable fence be erected around the house of detention where unruly mental defectives are confined, so that they may have more liberty than afforded by a cell.

"We as Grand Jurors and representatives of the citizenship of the county, wish here to express our appreciation of the service rendered this institution by the late W. T. Powell.

"We have examined the jail and find it in good condition and well kept. We recommend that the junk pile in back yard of jail consisting of parts of old liquor stills be destroyed or otherwise disposed of so as not to be used again for this purpose and removed from the premises.

"We find the offices in the Court House well and neatly kept and equipment sufficient for the work. "Clerk's Office reported \$7348.04 trust funds in the Bank of Warren, and also \$2040.32 court costs and probate fees not disbursed deposited in Bank of Warren. Clerk has about twenty guardian accounts, all of whom have made proper reports.

"As to administrators, some have not made proper reports, but have been cited during the summer to make reports. We find that Jacob R. Jones, Exr. of Bettie Jones, has filed final statement but Clerk refuses to accept same until all debts due by estate be paid, which has not been done.

"We find the following Justices of the Peace have not made reports to this Court: A. E. Paschall, J. V. Shearin, F. B. Newell, J. D. Riggan, H. J. Ellis, J. D. Moss, H. L. Salmon, L. O. Reavis, H. Evans Coleman.

"We find that the Sheriff reports tax collections daily to Bank of Warren. Fees are reported monthly. September fees on hand, not reported, at close of yesterday's business amounted to \$46.95. Register of Deeds reports a deposit of \$122.05 in Bank of Warren, fees collected in September. Also \$85.81 deposited on the truck, it was stated.

## Government Assigns Field Man to Collect Seed Loan Payments

Thomas J. Hyder of Hendersonville has been assigned to Warrenton by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., as field agent in the district comprising the counties of Warren, Vance, Halifax, Northampton and Edgecombe. Mr. Hyder will have the collections of crop and rehabilitation loans as his chief duties at this season of the year. Later, it was said, he may give information in regard to loans next year.

Headquarters office of the district is to be located on the second floor of the court house at Warrenton. Any one desiring to seek information in regard to payment of his loan may see Mr. Hyder on Mondays of each week. "However, at any time, the borrower may deposit payments on his loans at the Bank of Warren to the credit of Mr. Hyder and receive a duplicate deposit slip therefor as receipt. This amount will be credited on his loan," it was stated.

"Also, warehouseman in the above mentioned counties have received authority direct from Washington to accept payments of these loans, or partial payments. The borrower, therefore, is asked to get in touch with the warehousemen so authorized, and make payment to him, if he prefers to make payment in this manner.

"The policy which the government wishes to pursue is a broad, generous policy. The government came to the need of the farmer, and in so doing has placed a tremendous amount of money in circulation, benefiting all business in general, and is now asking the cooperation of everyone in the collecting of these loans. No doubt, the collection of these loans shall form a basis for future loans, and the borrowers credit shall be determined in the future by the manner he displays in the payment of this years loan."

## John Graham High Rumps Over Norlina In Game On Friday

Allowing their opponents only one first down, the football boys of John Graham high romped over the Norlina school team last Friday afternoon at Norlina by the score of 12-0. Strong team work with little of the individual stalling resulted with the local youths making steady gains over their opponents, it was said.

The local high school team will play South Hill at the Virginia town this afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. After this game, the next three matches will be held at Warrenton.

Daily there are about 30 boys receiving hard training under the direction of Coach Jimmie Mayfield and Assistant Coach Bob Bright. The boys have won one game and tied one, and the outlook for the team this season is better than it ever was, according to a number of spectators at the games.

## Poindexter And Purdy Hurt In Wreck

Gordon Poindexter and Charles Purdy were riding down the road towards Inez talking last Thursday night.

Ernest Harris and his son were putting up their stock.

Mr. Harris' son was driving a mule in the road.

Mr. Poindexter was using the road.

The Pontiac and jackass collided. Mr. Purdy's lip was practically severed.

Mr. Poindexter received a gash on the back of his head. The mule was killed.

The car was demolished. Who was in fault is not known.

Following the accident Mr. Poindexter and Mr. Purdy were brought to Warrenton by Mr. Harris where they were given medical attention by Dr. G. H. Macon and Dr. W. D. Rogers.

Fire Causes Heavy  
Loss At Elberon

## TOBACCO PRICES PLEASE FARMERS ON OPENING SALE

### Eighty-five Thousand Two Hundred Eighteen Pounds Sold Here This Week

### AVERAGE PRICE \$10.08

### Market Average Was \$10.42 On Opening Day; Many Smiling Faces

Eighty-five thousand two hundred and eighteen pounds of tobacco have been sold on the floors of the three local warehouses since the market opened here on Tuesday morning at an average price of \$10.08 per hundred. Farmers, warehousemen and merchants have expressed themselves as being well pleased with the prices that tobacco has brought for the first three days of sales.

The cry of the auctioneer ringing in terms of 8, 10, 20 and 30 cents as buyers passed along piles of the golden weed reflected in smiles on the faces of producers and business men who gathered at the warehouses for the opening on Tuesday morning. No one had expected tobacco to sell high on account of the downward trend in prices for the past several years and on account of the opening of markets in other belts where tobacco averaged around seven cents a pound.

Low grades of tobacco selling around 2c. per pound were responsible for bringing the average down in the neighborhood of 10c per pound, but they did not effect the producers who had higher quality weed on the floors and who received prices far beyond what they had been led to expect.

Commenting on the sales here Tuesday morning when the market sold 57,008 pounds at an average of \$10.42 per hundred, C. E. Jackson, Warrenton supply man, said, "I have been living in this town for 29 years, and the opening was one of the most satisfactory that I have ever seen. Of course, I have seen tobacco sell higher, but the most this years came as a surprise and I have never seen the people more pleased.

As a result of the sales here, \$8,591.32 has been put in the hands of tobacco growers of this section.

## U. D. C. Holds First Meeting of The Fall

With eleven members present, the first meeting of the fall of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held in the home of Mrs. Edward Allen, the new regent. The meeting opened with the reading of the American's Creed and was followed by the Lord's prayer. Mrs. Allen read several interesting letters one from the State regent, Mrs. Sydney Cooper, one from Mrs. Glasscock, another from Mrs. Sloop, and another from Mrs. John Thomas Love of Ellis Island asking for supplies.

Mrs. Allen reported the unveiling of the marker to Leonard Henderson in Henderson on the court house square by old Bute chapter. It was moved and seconded that the dues for the coming year be \$2.00.

Miss Mamie Williams gave a report of the program committee for the entire year. The program for the afternoon consisted of a talk of Kitty Hawk by Mrs. Bell and a reading of the Wright Brothers by Mrs. Poindexter.

After a delightful social hour, the session adjourned to meet in October with Mrs. Poindexter.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. M. P. Burwell left last night to visit her daughter, Mrs. Shipp McCarroll, at Nutley, N. J., and to attend the wedding Saturday of Miss Lucy Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Allen, and Mr. John Winston Faulkner.

Mr. M. J. Davis motored to Wake Forest on Monday to meet his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davis, who spent a short while in the home of Mrs. Laura Hartsfield at that city enroute to Warrenton from Zebulon where they had visited their son, Mr. Walter Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conch and mother, Mrs. Will Perry, of Durham spent Sunday with Mrs. Henry Daniel and family.