

MOORE GIVEN PRISON TERM

Young White Man Pleads Guilty to Assault Upon Register of Deeds

PLOTS BLAME ON LIQUOR
Romey Moore, 20-year old white man, was sentenced to the Central Prison at Raleigh on Monday for assaulting Register of Deeds Joseph C. Powell and two negroes on the streets of Warrenton on the night of July 4.

As a result of his attack upon Mr. Powell, Peter Williams and Ed Bolton, Moore came before the court on two counts, each charging assault with intent to kill. He was sentenced to prison for not less than 18 months nor more than three years on one count, and on the other charge he is to serve time for not less than 12 months nor more than two years. He pleaded guilty to the charges.

Whiskey was credited with being responsible for Moore running amok. He testified that he had been drinking excessively and that he had no recollection whatsoever of coming upon Mr. Powell and beating him to a state of unconsciousness with a stick, nor of attacking Bolton and Williams with the club a short time thereafter as the two negroes walked along a back street.

Mr. Powell was walking down Main street between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock on the night of July 4th when a man stepped from the shadows of the Warrenton Grocery Company building, seized him in the collar and began inflicting blows with a club. George Robinson, theatre employee, rushed to the scene and the assailant ceased his blows and fled behind a building into the night air. As a result of the attack, Mr. Powell was confined to his home for several days with serious wounds on his scalp.

Shortly after the assault upon the register of deeds, Peter Williams and Ed Bolton were attacked as they walked along a back street. Williams received severe blows across his head and face and his companion had his hand injured.

Moore, crazed from drink, was found under a bridge at one of the local warehouses later that night and taken into custody.
There was no evidence that bad blood existed between Moore and the men he attacked. He said that he only knew Mr. Powell by sight and that he knew neither of the negroes.

Littleton Board Holds Meeting

LITTLETON, Sept. 21.—The Board of Commissioners met at a regular session on Thursday night, September 21, and the following business was transacted: The dance tax which was levied in August, was reduced from \$5.00 to \$2.50. The Municipal Water Pumping contract with the Carolina Power and Light Company was renewed with a rate five cents cheaper than before. The commissioners authorized the renewal of two notes due Peter Pirsch & Sons Co., in the amount of \$737.50 each, due in one and two years from date, and also ordered payment of accrued interest on past due notes. Upon resolution, the board ordered twenty-eight street lights be cut out in the city. The ones remaining will be mainly at street crossings and intersections.
The board met again at a special meeting on September 11, and ordered payment of interest on bonds, which were defaulted on December 1, 1932. This interest amounts to \$3,210.00.

Fiddlers To Meet At School Tonight

Fiddlers from over Warren and adjacent counties as well as from Virginia are expected to gather at the Warrenton school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock for an old time Fiddlers' Convention.
The convention is sponsored by the John Graham Council of the Junior Order, and according to R. O. Stokes, in charge of the publicity end of the meeting—a real treat is in store for those who enjoy good fiddle music and dancing exhibits.

Mann Urges Cotton Farmers To Hold Crop Higher Prices

Urging cotton growers to hold their cotton for higher prices which he said should result from the acreage reduction campaigns, increased consumption and general rise in commodity prices under NRA, M. G. Mann, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, addressed a meeting of Warren County farmers in the court house here Monday afternoon.

"Don't sell a single pound of your cotton at present prices if you don't have to," Mr. Mann told the growers. He pointed out that with the rise in price of things the farmer has to buy, nine-cent cotton will buy no more this year than six-cent cotton would buy last year.

As indications that cotton prices will rise before another planting time, Mr. Mann pointed to the re-

Cotton Options Are Not Negotiable Bright Declares

Options granted cotton growers for destroying a part of their crop this summer are not negotiable, R. H. Bright, county agent, said yesterday.

These options will be sent to the county agent to be turned over to the growers as soon as permission is secured from Washington. After that period growers may exercise these options at any time that cotton is selling for 9 1-2 cents a pound or above.

Taylor And Kirkland Sworn In As Lawyers

William Taylor of Warrenton and Robert Kirkland of Littleton were sworn in as lawyers by Judge R. Hunt Parker shortly after 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

After signing their credentials, Judge Parker pointed out to the two young men that theirs was an ancient and honorable profession, one which offers the greatest opportunity, except the ministry and possibly medicine, for a man to develop himself and win the respect and esteem of the people with whom he associates.

A lawyer, Judge Parker said, can do a lot of good or he can do a lot of harm, depending upon the character of the man. "An attorney is an officer of the court and it is your duty to see that justice is done."

After advising the men to use their spare time now to study, Judge Parker wished Taylor and Kirkland a long, honorable and lucrative career.

Both men earned their law degrees at Wake Forest College.

Kerr Speaks At Peanut Meeting

RICH SQUARE, Sept. 21.—Plans were laid here Tuesday afternoon to further carry out to a successful culmination the stabilization of peanut prices, by the Steering Committee of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of this movement. In the absence of Chairman J. H. Matthews, Secretary N. G. Bartlett acted as Chairman of the meeting. Congressman John H. Kerr was present and made an address to the gathering. Judge Kerr will accompany the committee to Washington for the furtherance of plan at later date.

The meeting went on record to ask for a minimum of 3 1-2 cents

TOMMY HARRISON MOVES STORE TO ROANOKE RAPIDS

LITTLETON, Sept. 21.—T. N. Harrison, who has been in the drug business in Littleton for a number of years, moved his store to Roanoke Rapids this week to go into business there. The people of Littleton regret very much to see Mr. Harrison leave.

HOWARD IN NEW OFFICE

J. C. Howard, government field inspector, announced this week that he would be in his new office, which is located in the Farmers' Mutual Exchange on Main Street, every morning from 8 until 1 p. m.

JUDGE STRESSES CARE OF ORPHANS

Tells Grand Jury To Make Careful Investigation Of Guardianship Funds

EXAMINE SCHOOL BUSES
The Grand Jury had not made its report at the close of court yesterday at 5:30.

The orphan child is a ward of the state and if there is any one person who needs the protection of the law more than another it is the fatherless and motherless child, Judge R. Hunt Parker told members of the Grand Jury on Monday morning in instructing that body specifically in regard to investigating the reports of guardians.

"Too frequently do guardians use funds of children for their own benefit and the children never receive a cent of the money," Judge Parker said. "I want you to see that the funds of these children are safeguarded, and if you find in your investigation that a guardian has not complied with the law in this connection, I want you to report that guardian in name."

Ending his instructions in regard to guardians, Judge Parker charged the jury to examine school buses, particularly as to their brakes and steering apparatus, and see if the drivers are over 16 years of age. Every ten hours some person dies from automobile wrecks in North Carolina, and during the last ten years automobiles killed more people in this country than the United States lost in all its wars," he said. Most of the accidents, Judge Parker cited figures to show, occurred on Sunday afternoons between 7 and 8 o'clock. More than 90 per cent of the drivers of cars that figured in wrecks had driven more than a year, and a majority of the accidents occurred in clear weather on dry roads. Exceeding the speed limit, driving on the wrong side of the road and passing on curves and hills was

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Mrs. Mollie Isles Dies At Weldon

LITTLETON, Sept. 21.—Last rites for Mrs. Mollie Bobbitt Isles, formerly of the Aurelian Springs community, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fuller Robinson in Weldon Thursday night after an illness of short duration, were held from the home Friday afternoon at four o'clock, with her pastor, the Rev. Mr. Wilson of Halifax, pastor of Mt. Tabor Methodist church, in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. E. H. McWhorter, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church. Interment followed in Mt. Tabor Methodist cemetery at Aurelian Springs. Mrs. Isles died of pneumonia from which she suffered only a week. She was the daughter of the late T. J. Bobbitt and Mrs. Anne Neville Bobbitt, and the widow of the late T. H. Isles. Mrs. Isles had spent her entire life in the Aurelian Springs neighborhood until the death of her husband five years ago. Since then she had spent most of her time with her daughter in Weldon. She was a lifelong member of Mt. Tabor Methodist church.

The deceased is survived by five daughters, Mrs. June Collier, Mrs. Will Robinson of Aurelian Springs, Mrs. Wilson Lucas of Jackson, Mrs. George Sauls of Raleigh, Mrs. Fuller Robinson of Weldon and three sons, Hubert, Robert and Elliott all of Aurelian Springs, one sister, Mrs. W. N. Thornton, and one brother, J. H. Bobbitt, both of Littleton.

METHODIST SERVICES

"Suffering In A Loving Father's World," will be the subject of the sermon at the Warrenton Methodist church on Sunday morning, the Rev. E. C. Durham, pastor, announced yesterday. "A True Vision of Life" will be the subject at the evening services.

The public is invited to both of these services, Mr. Durham said, and added that he was going to make a real effort to do some preaching on the positive side of religion. He extended a special invitation to the new teachers and to the teachers who have been here before to attend these services.

Campaign To Cut Tobacco Acreage Brought To Close

Warren county's tobacco reduction campaign came to a close on Wednesday night with a sign-up of more than 90 per cent of the growers, according to R. H. Bright, county agent.

Four hundred and five growers signed contracts, according to Mr. Bright, representing approximately 5,000 acres, estimated to yield 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco.

Illicit Love Affair Ends In Murder; Woman Sentenced

An illicit love affair between two members of the colored race ended in the death of the woman and with the daughter of the man being brought before the court to face trial for murder here Tuesday.

Ethel Davis, trail negro girl of about 20 years, came into court and told a pathetic story of the tragedy that had entered her home as a result of the conduct of her father, Richard Davis, and his partner, Helen Vinson.

The sickly looking negro girl pleaded guilty to firing the fatal shots into the body of the Vinson woman. The defendant testified that the shooting occurred at her home when the Vinson woman came there in a rage because a note she sent Richard Davis had been intercepted. "She had abused my mother and was coming forward with a knife in her hand when I shot her," the girl said. The two pistol balls fired into the body of the Vinson woman brought death to her that night.

After hearing the evidence in the case Judge Parker said: "I wish I had her father before me for trial; I would know exactly what to do with him. He is responsible for the whole affair."

The defendants father was not in court for the trial but he was brought here the next day by officers upon the request of the judge. Judge Parker gave him a severe verbal lashing and ordered the sheriff to run him out of the court area.

Pointing out that he was giving the lightest sentence possible under the law, Judge Parker ordered that Ethel Davis be sent to the Central Prison at Raleigh, to be worked under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission for a term of two years.

Gain Shown In Auto Licenses

RALEIGH, Sept. 21.—For the first time in three years a comparison of the daily total of State automobile license issuances with the registration on the same day of the preceding year shows a gain of more than 1,000 cars registered.

Up to Wednesday night 376,467 pairs of 1933 licenses had been issued, compared with 375,198 to the same day in 1932.

Beginning on January 1930 the license comparison showed a steady drop as compared with the preceding year. In April this year an upward trend started but only last night did this year's total get up 1,000 above last year's on the same day.

Grand Jurors Guests At Prison Camp

Members of the grand jury were entertained at the prison camp on Wednesday by Supt. T. H. Aycock. Dr. G. H. Macon, prison physician, was also a guest for the occasion. Mrs. R. Hunt Parker visited relatives here this week.

Mr. Armistead Boyd left this week to study law at Duke University, Durham.

Miss Caroline Ward returned to Chapel Hill this week to resume her studies at the University of North Carolina.

Messrs. Armistead Boyd and Pett Boyd returned Saturday night after visiting the World's Fair. Mr. John Drake left this week to resume his studies at the University of North Carolina. Miss Elizabeth Boyd returned to Duke University this week.

Squirrel Shot

Sixty-seven squirrels with 68 shots is the record related by Walter Allen, 83-year-old citizen of Axtelle here yesterday.

A group about the court house was discussing squirrel hunting when Mr. Allen said that he killed 67 squirrels a few seasons ago. He related that all the squirrels were shot from the same limb within a period of a few days and that he did not leave his yard in making the kill. One time only he missed. "I wasn't racing with anybody; if I had been I might have killed some squirrels," Mr. Allen concluded.

Child Falls From Two-Story Window; Not Seriously Hurt

Jane Reavis, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Reavis, escaped serious injury when she fell from a second story window of the Reavis apartment to the ground.

The child fell when a screen against which she was leaning gave way. The fall was broken by privet bushes beneath the window. Examination by a physician revealed only slight scratches and bruises.

Tobacco Companies Make Proposals

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—While agricultural adjustment administration officials worked with buyers of flue cured tobacco seeking to devise a plan to guarantee parity prices for 1933 tobacco when markets open next Monday, public hearings on the government's proposal to license buyers were postponed from Thursday until 9:30 Friday in the Mayflower Hotel here.

Government officials and Governor John C. B. Ehringhaus, sitting in on the secret meetings, were hopeful that details would be ready for presentation Friday. Considerable progress toward definite agreement was reported from conference rooms.

Meanwhile large domestic tobacco manufacturers submitted to agricultural adjustment officials an alternative proposal, superseding the department's licensing plan, designed to bring parity prices for tobacco they purchase on 1933 markets.

Under the proposals these manufacturers, consumers of the higher grades of tobacco, would agree to purchase between the reopening of bright leaf markets next Monday and June 30, 1934, an amount of tobacco equal to consumption demands in recent years at a price approaching parity. They did not offer to purchase any surplus beyond that actually consumed domestically.

Tobacco already purchased this year would not be included in the amount yet to be purchased after markets reopen on next Monday.

Agricultural officials are studying the plan to determine if it would provide any real relief from existing low prices. It might be possible that in purchasing only amounts needed for consumption manufacturers could spend less money than usual on bright leaf markets and officials have not determined how near parity prices are already being paid domestic manufacturers.

It was understood that machinery of the plan was the obstacle confronting administration officials in the effort to formulate a definite agreement with exporters, depreciation of the dollar in foreign markets, it was said, will enable exporters to pay parity prices with little additional burden.

Exporters are understood to look with favor upon a proposal similar to the suggestion of domestic manufacturers revised to fit their particular situation.

Reynolds, American, Liggett and Meyers and Lorillard are among parties to the proposed agreement governing domestic manufacturers. Tobacco exporters want separate agreements to apply to their purchases of tobacco and officials must examine their proposal before deciding finally on the domestic proposal.

The domestic manufacturers have proposed that they enter into an agreement to pay prices approaching parity for the flue-cured they buy for the remainder of the marketing year ending next June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boyd and Miss Mary Russell Burroughs were visitors in Raleigh yesterday.

Mr. F. P. Hunter of Portsmouth visited Mrs. P. M. Stallings for several days this week.

Red Cross Asks Aid For Storm Swept Section

Warren citizens are urged to contribute to the Red Cross fund for the victims of the storm swept coast of Eastern Carolina. Boxes for contributions have been placed in Hunter and Boyce Drug Stores and the Citizens Bank, and W. N. Boyd, chairman of the local chapter, issues an appeal that donations be made promptly as the need is urgent.

Checks may be mailed to W. N. Boyd, chairman, Warrenton. Calling attention to the help given to people in the tornado-stricken section of the county a few years ago, Mr. Boyd says that we now should do what we can to aid citizens in the coastal section of the state.

In asking the aid of the Warren county chapter, P. Krick, director North Carolina hurricane relief, on Tuesday wired Chairman Boyd as follows:

"Incomplete survey area devastated by hurricane indicates hundreds of homes destroyed, those damaged over a thousand with loss of life to date sixteen together with injuries to many. These figures increasing daily as information seeps in from outlying and isolated sections. Counties most seriously affected Craven, Carteret, Dare, Tyrrel and villages on banks. Red Cross rushing food and supplies to isolated sections via coast guard boats. Hundreds of families now being fed and given emergency assistance by Red Cross. Governor Ehringhaus yesterday designated Red Cross official relief agency and urged people of state to contribute to relief fund. Suggest that you emphasize in publicity that Hopkins Federal Relief Director has ruled (Continued on Page 4)

Trial of Civil Cases To Begin Monday

Trial of civil matters will begin Monday morning, Judge Parker stated in open court here this week.

The criminal docket is not expected to be completed before Saturday afternoon. In addition to the case that is at present before the jury, there are two other cases to be tried at this term. Pearl Billings, white woman, is charged with aiding and abetting in larceny and receiving, breaking and entering. The Billings woman is charged with being a member of the gang that robbed Buck Bell's filling station and the Manson depot. The other case is the state against F. A. Lancaster, charged with trespass.

Conference Discusses Cotton Relief Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Delegates to the cotton conference after being advised that President Roosevelt had completely recovered from his cold, went to the White House today to discuss "a specific and immediate plan for cotton relief."

Senator Bankhead (D. Ala.) who also was sent to the White House to confer with the President's secretaries after the conference had been advised a delegation of not more than 15 would be received, reported the chief executive would talk "on cotton only."

Bankhead said inflation, one of the chief demands of the conference, would not be discussed. "The president is all right and glad to see the committee," he said. "We will discuss only a specific and immediate plan for cotton relief."

Because so many of the delegates to the conference have returned home virtually the entire group remaining here went to the White House.

Senator Thomas (D. Okla.), a leader in the conference, particularly on the inflation question, expressed his regret he could not go because of a previous engagement.

Meanwhile, opposition to proposals of the Southern group for currency expansion was voiced by Senator Lewis (D. Ill.), who reported at the White House on a trip he has just made through the South and West.

"If this government attempts inflation—mere puffing up of the dollar—on the theory that it will mean an increase in the price of cotton in one state or oil in another state," Lewis said, "as soon as that demand is satisfied there will be calls for inflation in other commodities.

"The result would be our money would lose its present standing of

ROBBERY CASE DRAWS CROWDS

Four White Men Charged With Conspiracy To Rob Woman

A HARD LEGAL BATTLE

With interested persons crowding all available space within and others peering within from the corridors, the state was fighting late yesterday afternoon to convict Frank Stewart, alias Slim Stewart, Jesse Stevenson, Carol Knight and J. O. Parrish of conspiracy to rob and of robbing Mrs. J. M. Ellis, north Warrenton storekeeper who was held up by masked bandits and stripped of \$112 as she was closing her store about 9 o'clock on the night of September 6.

All evidence was in, it is understood, with the exception of what may be offered in the way of rebuttal, for the state and all the defendants except Slim Stewart when court adjourned around 5:30 o'clock. It is doubtful if the case will reach the jury before this afternoon.

Crowds, which have been heavy all court, increased yesterday. The defendants were brought into court yesterday morning and the battle over their freedom began with Harold Cooley of Nashville assisting Solicitor Burgwyn with the prosecution, John Kerr Jr. representing Jesse Stevenson, and Gholson & Gholson of Henderson representing Parrish and Knight. Stewart is without counsel.

Jurors agreed upon after probably fifty men had been excused for various reasons are W. P. Rodwell, Marvin Overby, J. K. Harris, Frank Overby, F. L. Harris, S. T. Tucker, R. K. Carroll, Joe W. Neal, Nick Mustian, George Hester, W. L. Harris and Walter Smiley.

Marshall Simons, young negro, was found not guilty on a charge of larceny. He was accused of stealing a Ford automobile from Nathan Watkins, negro.

Watkins testified that his car was taken from his home at night and that he came to Warrenton and notified Deputy Robertson of the robbery. Simons was arrested by the deputy sheriff as he drove the Ford into Warrenton.

Simons testified that he had paid Watkins two dollars for the use of his car to visit a relative, promising that he would have the vehicle back the next day at 12 o'clock. Simons said that while he had the car out Thomas Giggets asked him to carry him down the road a piece. The defendant said that when he started out with Giggets he thought his companion wanted a lift for only a mile or so but it turned out that he had carried him down in the Grove Hill section before Giggets reached his destination. They were coming back towards Warrenton when they were apprehended here about 10 o'clock the next morning.

Simons also claimed that he had accompanied Watkins on several occasions to near the Steel Bridge to visit a girl. Watkins denied this testimony, as he did the statement of Simons that he had offered the use of his car to him on any occasion or upon any conditions. John Kerr Jr., who was representing the defendant, argued to the jury that his client and Watkins had been to see girls down near the Steel Bridge, that on the night that Simons had the car he went back to see Watkins girl, and when Watkins found out that Simons had not only been to see his girl but had also used his car for the trip, that he became so indignant that he came to Warrenton and claimed that Simons had stolen his car.

John Hymen and James Pope, negroes, were arraigned before the court on charges of storebreaking, larceny and receiving. Danfel Davis, negro, testified that his storehouse was broken into and about four bushels of wheat were taken. He said that he got on the trail of his wheat and tracked it to Warrenton where he found it at White's Flour Mill. The wheat had been brought there by Hymen and Pope. Pope was found not guilty. Hymen was sentenced to the common jail of Warren county for 15 months, to be assigned to work the highways.

Walter Vaughan, negro, pleaded guilty to storebreaking, larceny and

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