

EDWARDS HELD ELLIS ROBBERY

Given Preliminary Hearing
Before Magistrates Fagg
And Pridden

PLACED UNDER BOND

Robert Edwards, who testified here in Superior court last week for the state in the case charging Slim Stewart, Jesse Stevenson, Joe Parrish and Carol Knight with robbery and conspiracy to rob, was given a hearing on a similar charge and bound over to Superior court under bond of \$500. He gave bond.

A warrant was issued for Edwards upon the order of Judge Parker Saturday morning. He was apprehended and brought before Magistrate Fagg called in Magistrate Pridden to sit with him in giving Edwards a hearing on a charge of conspiracy to rob and with robbing Mrs. Ella Ellis, widow who was held up at the point of a gun in north Warrenton and robbed of \$112 on the night of Sept. 6.

As a result of the robbery, Stewart and Stevenson were convicted on charges of conspiracy and sentenced to the Central prison at Raleigh last Saturday morning. Parrish was found not guilty, and a non suit lifted Knight out of the case before it went to the jury.

The jury had the case for approximately nineteen hours before a verdict was reached. Judge Parker sentenced Stewart to prison for a term of not less than six years nor more than eight years. Stevenson's sentence was from four to six years in prison.

After the two men had received their sentence they were carried to the Warren county jail where they were kept in confinement until Tuesday when they were brought before Magistrate Fagg for Edwards' hearing. Later they were carried to the Raleigh prison.

Edwards' testimony in Superior court revealed that he was with Stewart, Stevenson and Parrish on the night of September 5 when the alleged conspiracy is said to have taken place. His testimony in part follows: "On the 5th of Sept. I saw Frank Stewart and Joe Parrish in Henderson. Stewart came to me about 4 o'clock and wanted me to bring him to Warrenton, stating that he knew where he could get some money. He told me if I could get a car to meet them at Abbott's Service Station. I got my brother's Ford and with Joe Parrish drove to Abbott's Service Station where I picked up Stewart and Stevenson. On the way to Warrenton Stewart said, 'I'm a man of few words, especially when I get ready to do something like I'm going to do tonight. Old lady Ellis has got a lot of money and I know where she keeps it. I laid out in the bushes for three nights watching her. Spec who used to work for her told me she kept it around her neck. Not satisfied, I carried a \$20 bill to her store and when she gave

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Public Urged Attend Library Meeting

The public is urged to attend a meeting of the Warren County Memorial Library Association which is to be held on the evening of October 3 at 8 o'clock. Officers are to be elected at this time, and it is expected that other matters of importance bearing on the library will be taken up.

Hour of Church Services Changed

Beginning on Sunday services in all churches of the town will begin at 7:30 in the evening instead of at 8 o'clock. The Rev. R. E. Bronckhouse, Baptist minister, said yesterday. Prayer meeting hour will also be changed from 8 to 7:30.

Mr. John Taylor of Littleton was here this week.

Snake Bites Davis

A four foot black snake is dead and W. E. Davis of Fork is exhibiting scars on the finger of his left hand where the reptile sank its teeth on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Davis in town that afternoon said that the snake was disappearing in some straw in the barn when he grabbed it by the tail. Unable to pull it out, he slid his hand under the straw to get a hold on its neck when the snake twisted and sank its fangs into his finger. He pulled the snake out and killed it.

According to Mr. Davis the bite was no more painful than sticking several briars in the finger and he said had much the same sensation. No swelling resulted.

Warren Chapter Raises Funds For Storm Sufferers

One hundred sixty-three dollars and thirty-six cents was this week sent to National Red Cross Headquarters as the Warren county chapter's contribution to sufferers in the storm area of eastern North Carolina.

Offerings were taken through churches and Sunday schools and on Monday local committees made a canvass of the town. In addition contributions were made in boxes at Hunter and Boyce Drug Stores and the Citizens Bank.

The offerings made to the different committees and others of the county are as follows:

- Mrs. M. E. Walker, Treas. Methodist Sunday school, Norlina ----- \$ 16.10
- Mrs. Laura Tarkington, Jerusalem church, Wise ----- 6.30
- W. C. Mabry, Methodist church, Ridgeway ----- 3.44
- S. M. Gardner, Macon Methodist Sunday School ----- 5.32
- Miss Tempe Dameron, Centerville, Md. ----- 10.00
- Citizens of Warrenton ----- 113.25
- Zion Sunday School ----- 8.25
- Macon Baptist Sunday S. ----- 1.00

W. N. Boyd, chairman of the Warren chapter, asks that The Warren Record thank through its columns the public for its very prompt response with funds for the storm victims of Eastern North Carolina.

Child, Playing With Knife, Loses Sight Of One of Her Eyes

A knife in the hand of five-year-old Olivia Young resulted with her losing an eye as she played in a room at her father's home near Churchill several days ago. It is not known whether the injury was caused by the child falling on the floor or by striking her elbow against the door or wall.

The blade of the knife slit the child's eye. She was carried to the Roanoke Rapids hospital where the eye was removed. J. R. Young is her father.

Munn Says Son Not Farming On Shares

F. R. Munn, father of Claude Munn who was convicted on an assault charge in court last week as the result of altercations with Arthur Harris, says that his son was not farming on shares with Harris as reported in The Record, but was farming for wages, the wages to be two acres of tobacco, two acres of corn and half of the garden. He said that his son was to work where Harris said work.

Mr. Munn stated that his son was tried on a simple assault charge rather than on an assault charge with intent to kill. The bill of indictment, which was referred to by the court reporter, charged assault with intent to kill, but Mr. Munn stated that when he came up for trial Judge Parker ordered that the warrant be amended.

POWELL WANTS GLASSES
Joe Powell is looking for his glasses. The Warren county register of deeds said some one borrowed his "specks" and has not returned them. Describing the glasses as being of the tortoise type, and with the ear pieces short, he is asking that they be returned to him.

Slim Stewart Maintains Innocence Of Ellis Robbery In Letter Written In Jail; Did Not Think Testimony Would Convict

F. L. "Slim" Stewart, writing from his cell in the Warren county jail following his conviction last week in Superior court on a charge of conspiracy to rob Mrs. Ella Ellis, maintains that he is innocent. He recounts his whereabouts the night of the robbery and incidents leading up to his arrest. He declared that he did not believe any one could be convicted on the testimony of Robert Edwards, whom he terms as the lowest kind of a man.

Stewart was sentenced to from 6 to 8 years when a jury declared he was guilty. His statement follows:

"This is a true statement of the facts and all I know about the Ellis robbery case that took up so much time in Superior court here last week:

"About the first day or two of last August I saw Robert Edwards in Henderson. He asked me if I would work with him hauling produce. He agreed to pay me half of

the profits after paying me \$55 per month on his truck.

"We came from Savannah, Ga., Sunday, Sept. 3. Robert told me Monday, Sept. 4, that he would pay me the next day. I went to see him for my money on Tuesday. We were riding around Henderson in his brother's car when we saw Jesse Stevenson. Jesse told me that he was going to catch a ride to Norlina.

"I told Jesse to get in the car and ride with us to Robert's house and that I would go with him. I wanted to go to Warrenton to get my mail. We all three rode to Robert's house, and there I asked him to straighten up our business. He, Robert Edwards, told me that he was going to South Hill and that he could not pay me until he got back.

"Jesse and myself decided to go with him as far as Norlina. We drove out to the Henderson Play Ground. Robert told us to wait there a few minutes for him. We waited a long time. When Robert came back he had someone with him. We got in the car and rode down the road to Abbott's Service Station. Robert asked us to get out and wait for him to go back to town; he said that he was going to

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Gardner Calls On Citizens To Make Canning Reports

Jesse Gardner, head of relief work in Warren, calls on this newspaper to urge people throughout the county who were able to can foods through the efforts of relief agencies to give an accurate account of the number of quarts preserved when committees from the various townships call at their homes on Monday of next week.

Mr. Gardner stated emphatically that no one would lose a single quart of food by giving the number of cans or jars that were put up. He said the purpose of the inventory is to make a comparison with other counties in the state. "If the people don't think that we are after some of their fruit and vegetables and will give us an accurate account of what they have put up, I believe we will make a good showing in comparison with the other counties of the state," Mr. Gardner stated.

Fiddlers Net Profit For Junior Council

Thirty-four dollars and thirty cents was cleared by the John Graham Council of the Junior Order from the fiddlers convention staged in the auditorium of the John Graham high school last Friday night.

Failure on the part of a number of entertainers who had previously expressed their intentions of being here to make their appearance on Friday night cut the number of performers about in half. R. O. Snipes said that twenty-five or thirty artists notified him that they would be here but failed to come.

The program opened with Woodrow Singleton of Manson playing a guitar. Others on the program were: Roger Hardy of Littleton, guitar and clog dance; Miss Mary Howard Palmer, Macon, tap dance; Norman Ball, Warren Plains, violin; Miss Ann Paschall of Norlina, age 5, accompanied by her father on a harp, did a tap dance and sang; R. M. Clark and a Mr. Perry of Fayetteville, guitar and violin; Russell Shearin of Vaughan, clog dances; Timothy Thompson, song; and a number of harp players. Prizes were awarded Miss Mary Howard Palmer of Macon for her tap dancing; Russell Shearin of Vaughan for his clog dancing; R. M. Clark of Fayetteville for violin music; Roger Hardy of Littleton for his ability with a guitar; Miss Ann Paschall won second prize for tap dancing.

Jewish Stores To Be Closed Saturday

Jewish stores in Warrenton will be closed tomorrow on account of Yun Kipper, marking the end of the Jewish New Year. Special Jewish services will be held at Weldon, Raleigh, Durham and a number of other larger towns in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williams and Mrs. Daniel of Rocky Mount were visitors here Wednesday.

CALLS ATTENTION SLOT MACHINES

Grand Jury Reports Need
For Minor Repairs At
Jail And Schools

BODY HAS BUSY WEEK

Recommending that the sheriff pay special attention to the operation of slot machines in the county, calling attention to the need for minor repairs at the jail and at a number of schools and commending officials for the manner in which the prison camp is conducted, the Warren county Grand Jury on Saturday morning made its report to Judge R. Hunt Parker.

Members of the jury had an unusually busy week carrying out the recommendation of Judge Parker and the report was handed in several days later than has usually been the custom in the county. The report as submitted is given below:

Warrenton, N. C.
September 23, 1933.

To the Honorable R. Hunt Parker,
Judge presiding:

We, the Grand Jury selected for the September Term, 1933 of Warren County Superior Court, beg to make the following report:

We have carefully examined witnesses and passed on all bills presented to us by Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn. We have examined witnesses and made presentations in all matters brought to our attention.

We visited the County Home in a body and found the same in good condition.

We visited the County Jail in a body and make the following recommendations: That the door to desk cell be repaired and would like to recommend that a porch and patty be built onto the kitchen.

We visited the State Prison camp by committee and find the buildings and premises in excellent condition, and those in charge should be commended for the manner in which this camp is conducted.

We visited all of the offices in the court house by committee, and so far as we were able to determine all offices are well kept and the proper records kept. We suggest (Continued on Page 5)

Tar River Ass'n To Meet Gardner's Baptist Church

The Tar River Baptist Association will be held at Gardner's church near Macon on next Wednesday and Thursday, October 4 and 5. J. Edward Allen, Moderator, announced yesterday.

One of the features of the programs will be reports from churches in the association, the state officers having asked that each church have a member present with a brief report written out to be read to the association, outlining significant activities in the church during the Associational year.

Mr. Allen said that a number of church letters had already been received and that J. Willie White of Warrenton was named at an executive meeting held on last Thursday to act as Assistant Clerk, and to tabulate these reports.

Schaub Wires Slow Marketing Tobacco

"Do everything in your power to encourage farmers to hold their tobacco crop off the market for the next few days," I. O. Schaub, head of the reduction movement in this state, wired County Agent Bob Bright yesterday.

Dean Schaub says in his message that blocked sales on all markets are resulting in much damage to the tobacco and lower prices for the weed. "More orderly markets," he says, "will aid Washington in developing more satisfactory agreement."

Girls Asks To Meet For Scout Movement

All girls between the ages of 10 and 18 years interested in joining the Girl Scout Troop are asked to attend a meeting in the Study Hall at School House this Friday afternoon, September 29th, at 3:30 o'clock, Mrs. John Kerr Jr. announced yesterday.

Work Progressing Rapidly On Road Norlina To Wise

Work on the road between State Library and Wise is going forward at a rapid rate of speed with around 180 men from Warren and adjoining counties assisting the Brown Paving Company of Lexington in laying the 2.98 miles of concrete.

Providing the weather continues fair, the road is expected to be completed in three weeks, and opened to the public for travel fourteen days later.

Traffic is being routed out of Norlina down the road by the Methodist church leading by the home of Mrs. Willie Robertson. Those traveling south turn off the hard surface a short distance from the Highway Motor Co.

A good many men on the construction work were hired through the unemployment office here. J. A. Rhem stated yesterday that he did not know how many of those who had been sent out through the local unemployment office had been given jobs but that a good number had been sent out following the call for laborers. The road superintendent stated that around 180 men had been given work and that practically all of them were from Warren and adjoining counties.

The men are working in two shifts of six hours a day, to make the 30 hour week. Both white and colored are employed.

The weekly payroll of the paving concern for laborers is around \$1500.

The project was approved by the Federal government and given to the Brown Paving Co., Lexington firm, at a cost of \$58,360.

Government Wants Right To License Tobacco Buyers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Chesler Davis, chief of production of the farm administration said today signing of the flue-cured tobacco marketing agreement was being held up by government scrutiny of a provision covering the administration's proposed agreement not to invoke its licensing power at this time on domestic manufacturers who signed the contract.

Davis said the government wants to retain the right to license domestic buyers on their flue-cured operations only later on if it is necessary to license companies that do not sign the contracts.

He emphasized this was intended as a precautionary measure to protect the grower and assure the government of its ability to enforce the contract if this should become necessary.

Under the proposed agreement, the domestic buyers would purchase between now and March 31 at least as much tobacco as they used during the last year at an average of not less than 17 cents a pound.

Davis said the proposed agreement is different from others in that it would not exempt signatory companies from the anti-trust laws.

The administration hoped to work the licensing section so that it will have the right, at any time, to examine company records pertaining only to flue-cured purchases without examinations of the company's entire management.

Local Gridders To Play Oxford Today

The John Graham football team will leave here this afternoon around 1:30 o'clock for Oxford where the first game of the season will be played. Twenty-five boys are expected to make the trip.

Practice has been underway on the local field for the past ten days, and last night Coach Derrick stated that the boys are showing up fine.

The first game scheduled to be played at Warrenton is with Spring Hope next Friday afternoon. The game is expected to be called at 2 o'clock.

The Misses Nan Cornell Davis, Katherine Scoggin and Lucy Baskerville were entertained at dinner on Tuesday evening by Mrs. Howard F. Jones.

COURT MAY END SESSION TODAY

Awarded \$5,000 In
\$50,000 Damage Suit Resulting From Wreck

LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN

September term of Superior court may adjourn late this afternoon although court officials yesterday afternoon were unwilling to make a definite prediction. Whether the session will end this afternoon or tomorrow depends upon speed in which cases may be disposed of today, Judge Parker said yesterday afternoon.

Court this week has offered quite a contrast to that of last week when the criminal docket was being tried and citizens of the county packed the court room. Crowds have been small this week with principal interest manifested in the suit of P. K. Fleming against the Tri-City Motor Co. of High Point. Mr. Fleming was seeking to recover \$50,000 damages for injuries sustained when his car and a Tri-City Motor truck collided several months ago. On Tuesday the jury awarded him \$5,000.

Forty-five hundred dollars of this amount was for personal damage and \$500 for damage to his car.

T. R. Hunter was awarded \$10 damages in a suit against Isiah Hunter.

The case of J. F. Brown et ux against the Cooper Co. et als was referred to a referee as were the cases of W. H. Dameron vs. E. L. Harris and Edwin T. Hicks vs. J. P. Scoggin.

Non suits were taken in cases of S. K. Clark vs. Tasker Jordan and G. A. Daeke; Lena Evans Lewis vs. Joseph Lewis; Emmitt Davis vs. Gracie Mayfield Davis. Gurney P. Hood, commr. et al vs. Mattie D. Harris et al.

No damages were awarded in A. E. Morris vs. J. R. Harris; and T. R. Morris vs. Mrs. J. R. Harris.

In the case of H. M. Davis vs. Henry Davis, \$35 was awarded the interpleader, Elizabeth Davis.

A consent judgment resulted in the case of W. H. Dameron, Executor of B. B. Williams, vs. E. L. Harris.

Divorces were granted conditional upon payment of costs in Curtis Porter vs. Naomi McKague Porter; and Mary Liza Brinkley vs. Willis Brinkley.

Whitley-Barrow Lumber Co. vs. Strickland Bros. et als, resulted in verdict in favor of plaintiff, as did the case of W. H. Dameron vs. H. C. Radford.

Divorces were granted in cases of Ruby B. Perkins vs. Willis M. Perkins, and Thomas L. Cheek vs. Clara Sledge Cheek.

The case of J. R. Glasgow, Tr., et al vs. Nannie D. Coppersmith et al was continued.

Court recessed yesterday afternoon at 5:30 after taking up the case of Gurney P. Hood, Commr. et al vs. G. H. Macon and J. G. Ellis. This case is expected to be concluded this morning.

John S. Davis III At Park View Hospital

The condition of John S. Davis was reported as being favorable in a telephone message from Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, last night.

The former Warren county representative was carried to the hospital following an attack of illness Wednesday afternoon. He underwent a serious operation, it was stated.

Ford Company Under NRA Hours

DETROIT, Sept. 28.—Officials of the Ford Motor Co. today said the plant will be operated on a five-day, 40-hour week, with a complete shutdown several days each month to bring the average down to the 35 hours prescribed by the NRA automobile code which the company has not signed.

The officials said it was planned originally to operate the plant on a four-day, 32-hour basis, followed later by a period of five-day, 40-hour operation to bring the average to 35 hours a week.

Mr. Waddell Gholson of Henderson was a visitor here yesterday.