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WESTONS NOT GUILTY

Judge Taylor Holds That Evidence Was Not Sufficient To Hold Men

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

Ray Weston, operator of the Pine Tops Service Station near the Vance Highway, and his brother, George Weston, who works there with him, were found not guilty by Judge W. W. Taylor on Monday afternoon when they were tried in Recorder's court on a charge of receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen.

The charge was preferred against the men after Mr. Weston and his agents had failed to produce an invoice to show ownership of goods stolen from the service station which were similar to goods stolen from a car at Warren Plains a few days before.

The state produced evidence to show that the box car had been broken into, that articles identical to those taken from the box car were found at the Pine Tops Service Station, that those in charge of the service station failed to show whom the goods had been purchased, that Mr. Weston had purchased cigars similar to those stolen from the service station, and that articles in his car similar to those stolen and who is now awaiting trial in Superior court on a charge of breaking into the box car testified that he was peddling the goods for Mr. Weston and that Weston told him it was "hot" goods.

Neither of the defendants went to the stand, nor did counsel for them place any witnesses in the box. On cross examination attorneys brought out testimony tending to show that the articles found at the Pine Top Service Station were common articles, kept by hundreds of service stations and used by thousands of persons, and succeeded in making each of the witnesses state that he could not swear from his own knowledge that the articles found at the service station were the ones which were stolen from the light train; however, they said that in their opinion they were the same.

H. P. Rodwell, Seaboard Airline Railway agent at Warren Plains, testified that two cases of shoes consigned to the Salvage Store and three cases of cigars consigned to the Warrenton Grocery Company, were stolen from the freight car. The shoes were Endicott-Johnson and the cigars were Blue Ribbons. H. A. Moseley, manager of the Warrenton Grocery Co., testified that he had three cases of Blue Ribbon cigars ordered and that he had to receive any of them.

Harry Cohen, manager of the Salvage Store, testified that he had three cases of Endicott-Johnson men's white Oxfords—ordered and that he received only nine pairs of them.

Officer Flowers of the Seaboard Airline Railway Co. testified that he, in company with Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and other officers, went to the Pine Tops Service Station on March 16 and found four boxes of Blue Ribbon cigars on a shelf behind the counter, and that two pairs of Endicott-Johnson white Oxfords were found upstairs. He said that Mr. Weston was not present but the woman who was in charge of the station told him that she was sure there was a bill for the cigars there some place. She made a thorough search of the station but was unable to find the bill, the railroad officer stated.

The following day, Officer Flowers stated, he had a conversation with Ray Weston and Mr. Weston said he knew it was a bill around the station somewhere but that he was not going to tell him anything until he got the whole thing straightened out. In answer to a question, the railroad man said that Mr. Weston never did get straightened out and tell him.

Continuing his testimony, Officer Flowers stated that when Mr. Weston was brought face to face with James Terror, the man who is accused of robbing the car and who told officers that he got the stolen property found in his possession from Mr. Weston, that Mr. Weston and Mr. Terror looked at each other for a moment or two and Mr. Weston denied knowing Terror.

Sheriff Pinnell testified that when he went to the Pine Tops Service Station with Officer Flowers he saw a pair of shoes, he said, in a suit case said to be the property of George Weston and the other pair was found in a room owned by one of the women there to

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Still They Come



NEW YORK . . . Miss Benita Hume (above), is the latest of British beauties to turn her eyes to the West, visioning greater screen successes here in the United States. . . She arrived this week, bound for Hollywood.

Fear Of Law Drives Negro Into Cold Creek Waters

Fear of the law drove Otis Lee Green, negro, into a cold creek last week but even this measure failed to deceive officers who were hot on his trail as he fled from a whiskey still which they swooped down upon just as he was bending over a tub to take a drink of the fiery fluid.

When the word was shouted that "the law" is coming, Green, who was at the still with several other negroes, postponed taking his drink and "lit out" down the creek. Mud rising from the bottom of the water showed that the negro stayed in the creek and when officers came upon him only his head was above the surface of the water. He was taken into custody and brought to Warrenton.

Other men at the still, which was located in Hawthree township, escaped the raiding party composed of Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, Chief M. M. Drake, Night Officer Lee Wilson and former chief E. L. Green. Several gallons of whiskey were seized.

Green was tried in Recorder's court on Monday on a charge of manufacturing whiskey for the purpose of sale. The evidence was that the negro was not seen taking any part in the operation of the illicit liquor manufacturing plant. He claimed that he came across the still a few days before and that he was there drinking when the officers approached. A non suit was granted.

Playing Samaritan Costs Perry Purse

Playing the part of the Good Samaritan cost William Perry, treasurer of the Warrenton Fire Department, his 21-jewel Hamilton watch and ten dollars a few days ago when he became the victim of a carefully planned robbery scheme.

Development of the robbery plot began on the streets of Warrenton about two weeks ago when Perry was accosted by a stranger who introduced himself as a close friend of friends and acquaintances Perry had known in years gone by. After talking about various people known to Perry, the stranger, who had shown that he had a wallet heavy with money, told the negro fireman that he was here in search of real estate and asked for assistance in finding some property about Warrenton which he described by name and tract.

Acquiescing to his wishes, Perry led the man to some land which he had described lying in the vicinity of the ball park. The trap was sprung on Perry there when another man leaped on him from behind bushes, shoving him to the ground. Both men then searched him and after getting his watch and money fled.

Perry said that he was scared, but while they were robbing him he told them that if he had just had his gun there would be another tune ringing out.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET

The Warrenton Garden Club will meet with Mrs. Henry Boyd on Wednesday, April 3, at 3:30. Mrs. Joe Taylor announced yesterday. The subject of the meeting will be "Wild Flowers."

UNION TO MEET

The Warren County Union of the Epworth League will meet at Shady Grove church, Inez, on Sunday night, March 31, at 8 o'clock, announcement was made yesterday.

TOWN PRIMARY ON APRIL 4TH

Commissioner J. B. Boyce Says He Will Not Be Up For Re-election

ELECTION ON MAY 7TH

Citizens of Warrenton will gather in the court house on Thursday night, April 4, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a mayor and seven commissioners to govern the town of Warrenton. Those nominated Thursday night will be voted on the first Tuesday in May.

Jim Boyce, one of the six new men who were nominated two years ago when the old board, with the exception of Herman Rodwell, was swept from power by a large and unexpected crowd which congregated in the court room, is the only man the present board of town commissioners who is not expected to be a candidate for reelection.

Mr. Boyce told a representative of this newspaper more than a year ago that he would not be a candidate for reelection after his present term expired and yesterday he stated that he had not changed his mind in this respect. "I don't have the time," he said, "to look after my business and serve on the board, so I made up my mind a long time ago that after I served my term out I would not be a candidate for reelection."

Possibly there are other members of the board who will vacate their berth on the board in favor of new men, but not any of the other gentlemen have signified their intentions of not permitting their names to be offered at the convention next week.

The present board is composed of Dr. G. H. Macon, Jim Boyce, Clifford Bobbitt, Macy Pridgen, George Scoggin, A. A. Williams and Herman Rodwell. William Polk is mayor.

Bill Palmer Hurt In Auto Wreck

Bill Palmer, who has been at the home of his mother, Mrs. N. M. Palmer, this week recovering from painful cuts and bruises he received early Sunday morning when the car he was operating overturned on the highway near Greystone, will probably be able to return to his work at Durham Sunday.

When the car swerved from the highway and crashed after running off the concrete curbing, Mr. Palmer was bruised from his head to his ankles. He received cuts on his forehead, above and below his right eye, his back was bruised and his left leg was injured.

Immediately after the accident and after he had crawled from the completely wrecked machine, Mr. Palmer was picked up and carried to the home of his brother-in-law, Edgar Brantley, who lives at Greystone. He was later carried to a Henderson hospital where his injuries were treated and on Sunday afternoon he was brought to the home of his mother where he was confined until yesterday.

Mr. Palmer, who is an employee of the Durham Sun, a newspaper published at Durham, had been in Warrenton to visit relatives.

THROUGH CAPITAL KEYHOLES

By BESS HINTON SILVER

NEW JOB—Speaker Robert Grady Johnson, presiding officer of the present House of Representatives, is said to have his sights leveled on even higher marks. The current talk around Raleigh is that he will toss his hat in the rink for Lieutenant Governor when the primaries roll around next Spring. The head man of the House isn't having much to say about the matter for publication these days but his friends will tell you that he is getting his ducks in a row to give the other boys a run for their money in 1936. There are some who say that the name of Johnson on the ticket for two offices in one election might not be so hot but do not be surprised if State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, a cousin of the Speaker, finds other fields in which to graze before next Democratic primary day.

EXPECTANCY—Friends of Clyde R. Hoey, brilliant Shelby Democrat, expect him to announce his candidacy for Governor in the Democratic primary of next year almost any day now. They will tell you that he can command at least 90 percent of the votes of his native Cleveland County without issuing a command. Still there are a lot of people who

Dime-Store Heiress Through With Prince



NEW YORK . . . The dime-store heiress, the former Barbara Hutton of the Woolworth millions, is through with her husband, the Georgian Prince, Alexis Mdivani. At least so she said while making ready to sail alone from London for New York to ask divorce. They were married two years ago. . . She says they are parting "the best of friends" and that not a penny will be settled on the Prince. Photo shows Prince and Barbara shortly after their marriage.

U. D. C. To Hold District Meeting At Warrenton

Oxford, March 27.—Warrenton was selected as the meeting place of the 1936 gathering of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, ninth district, at the close of the convention here with the Granville Grays chapter as hostess. The district is composed of Oxford, Lenoir, Raleigh, Henderson, and Warrenton.

The sessions held in the Oxford Orphanage chapel, were presided over by Mrs. C. K. Proctor, district director, with Mrs. M. L. Peace serving as secretary. Mrs. W. D. Bryan, chaplain, led the ritual of the U. D. C., and the Rev. C. K. Proctor welcomed the visitors to Oxford and to the orphanage. Mrs. R. M. Ray, president of the Granville Grays chapter, extended greetings, to which Miss Anna Graham of Warrenton responded.

After routine business Mrs. J. E. Woodward of Wilson presented Mrs. W. S. Bernard of Chapel Hill, U. D. C. State president, who outlined the year's program. Other talks were made by Mrs. J. W. Parker of Farmville, Miss Mamie Parker of Graham, and Mrs. W. E. Murphy of Farmville. Mrs. John H. Anderson (Continued on Page 5)

Mrs. Addie Mustian Buried On Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Addie Mustian, who died at the home of her brother, Charlie King of Wise, on Sunday morning about 3 o'clock, were conducted at Jerusalem church on Monday afternoon at 2:30 by her pastor, the Rev. Mr. Wilson. Interment took place in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Mustian was 66 years of age at the time of her death. Her health had not been good for some time, she having suffered a stroke of paralysis about ten months ago. She is survived by several brothers and sisters.

Judge Taylor Faced With Knotty Legal Problem

A knotty legal problem arose before Judge W. W. Taylor in Recorder's court on Monday afternoon as preliminaries to the Ray Weston case got underway.

After the case had been called and the bill of indictment charging Mr. Weston and his brother, George, with receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen, John Kerr, Jr., who with Cromwell Daniel represented the defense, requested that the state's witnesses be sequestered before any testimony was given. This request was granted by Judge Taylor.

Solicitor Phippen, who with Julius Banzet was looking after the prosecution, then arose and asked that the court remove from the room the defense's witnesses. To this request defense counsel replied that they had summoned no witnesses and did not know whether they would use any. "We have summoned no witnesses here and we can't tell whether we will use any until we hear what your men say about our clients," the defense argued.

Mr. Phippen: Your Honor, we have summoned no witnesses here either.

Mr. Kerr: I beg your pardon, but you have. He then read the names of those on the back of the warrant which had been served by Sheriff Pinnell.

Mr. Phippen: No, Sir, those men were summoned by Sheriff Pinnell to appear in Magistrate's court, which has nothing to do with this court, and not a one of them is under subpoena to be here this afternoon.

At this point Judge Taylor remarked: "I am frank to say that I don't know what course to pursue in this matter. The defendants are in their legal rights in asking that the state's witnesses be removed from the court room and the state has a right to ask that the defense witnesses be taken out, but the defense says it has no witnesses and yet it wants to reserve the right to call some in the event accusation are made which it wishes to answer."

Mr. Phippen and Mr. Kerr were up and down, reminiscent of tots on a see-saw, arguing the question pro and con when Mr. Daniel, who had also been in the arguments two or three times before, stated that in the event any witnesses were called by the defense that the defense was willing that they be separated before any of them went on the stand to testify.

And thus ended about half hour's argument and cleared the way for action in one of the hardest fought cases which has been heard in the court room in months.

Rev. Mr. Brickhouse Announces Services

Services will be held in the Warrenton and Macon Baptist churches on Sunday, the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, pastor, announced this week. The services at Warrenton are to be held in the morning at 11 o'clock, he said, and at Macon at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Speaking of the services at Macon, the Rev. Mr. Brickhouse said that an interesting missionary program will be rendered there by several members of the church. The services will close with a brief address by the pastor.

Large Crowd Treks To Norlina To See Streamline Train

A crowd estimated from 1,000 to 3,000 poured into Norlina from all sections of the county on Sunday morning around 10 o'clock to witness the passing of the Zephyr Twin, first of the two light-weight, streamlined, stainless steel, diesel-electric trains of the Burlington railroad, which was making an exhibition run from Washington, D. C., to Miami, Florida.

The train reached Norlina at 10:20 and paused there long enough to pick up Mr. Bagwell general manager of the Seaboard Airline Railway Co., Leigh R. Powell, former president of the Seaboard and at present a receiver of the company, and Charles H. Gattis, general passenger agent. Governor Ehrlinghaus boarded the train at Henderson and rode to Raleigh.

As the train rolled quietly into Norlina, the crowd, which was strung out up and down the rails, swerved along with it until it came to a stop, but it was not stationary long enough for close inspection or for questions to be asked members of the crew.

It was stated by a representative of the Seaboard Airline that the train traveled for less than one cent a mile but in making this statement he added that "this is not official, however." He also said the train had a siren which could be heard for three miles, but this was not sounded in approaching Norlina. A horn, which made a noise similar to an automobile horn, was used to clear the track at Norlina when she rolled in.

Six Being Treated For Mad Dog Bites

Norlina, March 27.—W. A. Delbridge had a very fine bird dog go mad Monday. Saturday while the three children of Mr. Delbridge, Dorothy, William and Helen Gray, were playing around the dog it bit all three of the children. Sunday morning the animal seemed to be normal, but Mr. Delbridge decided that he would take him to the home of his brother-in-law, John W. Shearin, near Hollister, in Halifax county, where he would be allowed to run loose and have more freedom. Monday morning before 12 o'clock Mr. Delbridge received a phone call from the Shearin home that the dog was acting strangely and he rushed to Hollister to have the dog killed but he did not get there before the dog had bitten Mr. Shearin and two other members of his family. Examination showed that the dog was mad.

The six persons are taking the Pasteur treatment.

Work Started On Liberia-Essex Road

Work has started on the road from Liberia to Essex, which, it has been estimated, will afford a saving of around eight or ten miles for those traveling from Warrenton to Rocky Mount.

The road which is to be rebuilt is only about 11 miles, a saving of around two miles from Warrenton to Essex, but it is pointed out that this stretch is the only part of Route 43 which is not hardsurfaced, and it is predicted that when this part of the highway is completed people traveling to Rocky Mount from Warrenton will go through Essex rather than the present route which is said to be about eight miles further.

The contract of hardsurfacing the road was awarded to the Gregory-Chandler Co. at a cost of \$57,793.50. It is thought that the road will be completed in six or eight months.

Many Here For Orphanage Concert

Despite inclement weather, the concert presented in the auditorium of the John Graham High School on Monday night by the Oxford Orphanage singing class was well attended. Practically all seats on the main floor of the auditorium were occupied by citizens from Warrenton and various sections of the county. Around \$65.00 was realized from a silver offering.

SON BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenan Smith of Raleigh on Friday, March 22, a son—Thomas Kenan Jr. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Mattie Wiggins Dameron of Warrenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connell arrived Wednesday for a visit with relatives here and at Warren Plains.

LOANS MAY BE READY MONDAY

J. C. Howard, Agent, Says He Will Probably Be Taking Applications Monday

LOANS LONG DELAYED

Indications are that the seed loan office here will be open on Monday to receive applications from farmers who are turning to the government to borrow funds with which to finance their 1935 crop, it was learned yesterday from J. C. Howard, field inspector, who is in charge of several counties in this section.

Mr. Howard said that he had been notified that the application blanks and other information pertaining to the loans would reach here by the end of this week but it was possible that a hitch would occur somewhere and for that reason he could not say positively that his office would be in a position to receive applications by Monday. "You may state," he said, "that from all indications the seed loan office will be open and ready to receive applications on Monday."

Mr. Howard's office is located upstairs in the court house, opposite Miss Lucy Leach's office.

Long Session Of County Court Held On Monday

Recorder's court ran until 6:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon in clearing a docket which contained bills of indictments charging white men and negroes with assault with deadly weapon, manufacturing whiskey for the purpose of sale, receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen, carrying a concealed weapon, and transporting whiskey for the purpose of sale. The greater part of the day was taken up with the Weston case which resulted with both Ray and George Weston being found not guilty.

Trouble between B. G. Gibson and George and Jake Jenkins, white men of the Littleton section, resulted with Gibson being brought into court on a warrant charging assault with a deadly weapon and with the Gibson brothers being tried for simple assault. Evidence was that Gibson shot Johnny Jenkins, who at that time was on Gibson's land, and that George Jenkins later accosted Gibson at a service station and attempted to settle scores with his fist. Neither fists nor shotgun wrought any heavy damages, Gibson was found guilty and fined \$10 and taxed with court costs. George Jenkins was found guilty of simple assault and let off with the payment of costs. Jake Jenkins, another brother who was at the service station when George Jenkins and Gibson clashed, was found not guilty of taking any part in the fracas. Neither of the defendants appeared anxious to give testimony in the case.

John Simms, negro who became entangled in the meshes of the law on Sunday afternoon when Sheriff W. J. Pinnell chanced upon him and several other negroes in a car on the highway, was brought into court on a warrant charging him with carrying a concealed weapon. Sheriff Pinnell said that when he came upon Simms he was sitting in the car, around which several negroes were gathered with a jar of whiskey, and that after he—Sheriff Pinnell—had jumped up on a bank and "covered the crowd" that he saw Simms take a pistol from a pocket of the car and that in removing the weapon he dropped it on the floor. The negro was found guilty and fined \$50 and costs. Henry Collins, the negro alleged to have been pouring whiskey in a bottle from the jar at the (Continued on Page 5)

Stronger Beer On Sale At Warrenton

Stronger beer went on sale in Warrenton this week shortly after the legislature had passed a law permitting the amber-colored fluid to be sold in this state with an alcoholic content as high as five per cent. Before the passage of this law, it was illegal to sell beer in North Carolina with an alcoholic content higher than 3.2.

When beer first went on the market some of the beverage was shipped into this state, and to Warrenton, with an alcoholic content of five per cent and above, according to beersters, but the state later put a stop to this and for the past several months hardly any beer has been offered for sale here with an alcoholic content above 3.2 per cent.