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APPEAL NOTED LANCASTER CASE

White Man Of Near Littleton Is Given 2-Year Sentence For Assault

CHARGE IS CHANGED

An appeal was noted in Warren county Superior court on Tuesday afternoon when Judge W. A. Devin sentenced Frank Lancaster, farmer and carpenter of near Littleton, to the roads for two years for assaulting his neighbor, John Alston, prominent farmer and lumberman, with a hoe. Bond was set at \$2500. The jury deliberated momentarily before returning a verdict of assault with a deadly weapon. The charge which was lodged against Lancaster after he had fractured Alston's skull and maimed him perhaps for life was assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. But after the case had been gone into Judge Devin ruled that the evidence did not indicate there was any intent to kill and ordered this phase of the indictment removed, which automatically changed the offense from a felony to a misdemeanor with a maximum punishment of two years. After the verdict had been returned by the jury, defense attorneys pleaded for the mercy of the court, but Judge Devin deplored the fact that Alston, a comparatively young man enjoying good health, had been stricken down, deprived of the use of his body and mental faculties by Lancaster and meted out the full punishment allowed by law.

The appeal of the defendant came as a surprise to most of those who crowded into the court room. "He is off light"; "He had better taken two years"; and "I expected that he would get eight or ten years" were the comments heard in the corridors of the court house and on the streets after sentence had been pronounced.

Unquestionably, sentiment of the people was with Alston as they looked him over in the court room, as he worked his way to the witness chair and attempted through telepathy to help him along as he pleaded for words like "running hard" and "ground" in his efforts to tell of the assault which fractured his skull and left him partially paralyzed and with his articulation in such condition that he is liable to think one thing and say another.

Claiming that it would be unfair to their client to try him at this time when the state's principal witness was in such a condition that he is liable to think one thing and say another.

Mrs. J. E. Patillo Buried At Fairview

Funeral services for Mrs. J. E. Patillo were conducted from Fairview cemetery on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock by the Rev. B. N. Foe Wagner, Episcopal rector, and the Rev. O. I. Hinson, Methodist minister. Mrs. Patillo died Sunday night at the home of her nieces and nephews, the Misses Sue and Mary Russell Burroughs and Messrs. William and Stephen Burroughs, with whom she had lived for years. She was 87 years old and for the past several years had been an invalid. Mrs. Patillo, the oldest sister of the late James Burroughs of this county, was preceded to the grave many years by her husband. She leaves no children. Pallbearers were Hugh White, R. White, Fitzhugh Read, Alvin Ellington, John Dameron and R. Rodwell.

ARIVAL AT INEZ SCHOOL

A carnival, sponsored by the young people of Stady Grove church, will be held at the Inez school building on September 25, at 10 p. m. The main feature, it was stated, will be a negro minstrel. There will also be other attractions, and a pie and cake sale.

TO SELL PIE AND CAKE

A pie and cake sale will be held at the Home Furniture & Supply store on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. This sale is being promoted by Circle 1 of the Presbyterian auxiliary.

Grand Jury Asks That County Jail Locks Be Repaired

The locks on the cell doors of the Warren county jail can be easily picked by prisoners, the grand jury stated in its report which was tendered to Judge W. A. Devin on Wednesday afternoon, and recommended that the services of a lock expert be procured at once to prevent prisoners from escaping. The investigating body also found that the ceiling in the upstairs of the jail was in need of repair and recommended that special equipment be placed in the jail for bathing prisoners.

While the bastille was the chief target of criticism, the grand jury also had something to say in regard to schools, school buses, and magistrates who failed to make their reports to the clerk of court.

The report in full follows:

Hon. W. A. Devin, Judge Holding Superior Court of Warren County, Your Honor:

We, the Grand Jury selected for Superior Court 1935 of Warren County, do 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 visited the County Jail and found that the locks on the cell doors are not secure and can be picked.

Graham School Begins Session With Enrollment Of 719

With an enrollment of 719 students, the John Graham High School opened for the 1935-36 session on Wednesday morning with brief exercises in the auditorium. Those taking part in the exercises were the Rev. L. C. Brothers, the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, the Rev. O. I. Hinson, Mrs. Harry Williams, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, and Paul Cooper, principal.

Following the addresses of those taking part in the opening exercises, and instructions from Principal Cooper in regard to the rental of school books, and bus routes, the students returned to their rooms where they were assigned.

R. L. Wilson Is Named Head Of Police Force

R. L. Wilson was appointed chief of police and tax collector for the town of Warrenton at a called meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners on Wednesday night. For his services he is to receive \$85.00 a month, the board agreed.

Officer Wilson has been on the town police force for several years, having come to Warrenton in 1932 as a special officer for business men here whose firms were suffering from an epidemic of robberies at that time. After serving in this manner for a year, he was employed by the town as a regular night officer and served in this capacity until a few months ago when Chief M. M. Drake resigned from the police force. Since Mr. Drake's resignation he has been acting as chief, assisted in looking after the peace of the town by Deputy Sheriff Roy Shearin and Night Officer Kenneth Short.

There were no other changes made at the meeting Wednesday night. The board delayed selecting a commissioner to replace Cliff Bobbitt, who resigned to become mail carrier for Route 1, until the regular meeting in October.

Wise School Holds Opening Exercises

Wise—Wednesday, Sept. 18, parents, teachers, and about 150 pupils assembled at Wise for the opening exercises of the 1935-36 school session. After a few remarks by the principal, the audience sang the Doxology.

Mr. H. Evans Coleman, chairman of the school board, made an excellent talk on "The Teacher's Part in Education." Mr. T. H. Sledge, principal of the school, made a helpful talk on "The Parents' Part in Education." Mr. Sledge then explained how school books may be rented for use by the pupils.

Michigan Quadruplets Start School Days



LANSING, Mich. . . . The famous Morlok quadruplets, Helen, Wilma, Sarah and Edna (left to right above) are now in school. Photo shows them reporting at a local kindergarten, each tagged by their parent, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Morlok, for the convenience of the teachers. They are now 5 years old. Their father is a local constable here.

Company B To Resume Drills On Tuesday Night

Company B will resume drills on Tuesday night, Sept. 24, at the regular time, Lieut. Harold R. Skillman stated yesterday. Drills were discontinued several weeks ago on account of the fact that Capt. Claude Bowers and several of his men have been participating in the national rifle matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Capt. Bowers and his men are expected to return to Warrenton this week. The results of the shooting match are not known, but it is understood that the men from Warren "shot fair."

Business Men Hear Dowell Speak On Merchants Ass'n

Around 25 business men of Warrenton gathered in the court room on Monday night to hear W. L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' Association, outline the benefits of such an organization and to ascertain if the people of Warrenton favored an association for this town.

The small crowd present manifested little interest and no action was taken.

Mr. Dowell was introduced by Congressman John H. Kerr as a man familiar with all the problems confronting merchants and as a person capable and willing to do all that is humanly possible to solve these problems.

In his introduction Congressman Kerr praised the town and its citizens, pointing out that during the many years that he had lived here he could not recall but two business failures. He attributed this unusual record to the type of citizens here and their business judgment. "Our people are conservative and dependable," he said.

Commenting on the changes which have taken place here, Judge Kerr said as he looked over the crowd he did not see but one man present who was in business when (Continued on Page 4)

P. T. A. To Hold First Meet Tuesday

The first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the John Graham High school will be held in the school building on Tuesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, announcement was made by Mrs. Harry Williams, president, at a meeting of the executive committee which was held in the home of Mrs. Joe Taylor on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Williams, who has recently returned from the State convention held at Chapel Hill, presided. She read a letter from the State president, following which plans for the coming school year were mapped out and literature was distributed to the members of the committee.

The association will again sponsor a lunch room which will supply hot lunches for those who wish them, it was stated. Though the association will sponsor the lunch room, it will be under the supervision of Paul W. Cooper, principal, and Miss Fannie House Scoggin, teacher of Home Economics, a member of the executive committee stated.

A reduction in dues from 50c which was charged each member last year, to 25c for this year, was made by the committee.

Project For An Armory Here Has Been Approved

The project calling for the erection of an armory at Warrenton has been approved, but the allegation committee has not yet allotted the funds to construct the building, Lieut. Harold R. Skillman stated this week. After the money has been allotted, work will start within ten days, Lieut. Skillman said, stating that he had received his information in a letter from the adjutant general.

A. A. Williams, member of the committee appointed to select the site on which the building is to be located, said yesterday that his committee would not select the property until one of the army officials from state headquarters arrived here to look over available sites. "We have several places in mind but we have not chosen a site," he said.

Town Strives To Keep Parking Off Warehouse Streets

Cooperating with warehousemen in their efforts to keep the streets clear for farmers freighting their tobacco to the Warrenton market, the town has ordered "No Parking" signs placed on the south side of Market street, leading from Main street to Boyd's warehouse, and the north side of Franklin street, leading from Main street to the Centre warehouse.

The practice of parking cars on both sides of these streets, one of the warehousemen stated at a recent meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners, causes congestion on these streets and makes it almost impossible at times for trucks to roll into the warehouses.

The "No Parking" signs were placed Tuesday and on Wednesday officers began to tag cars as a warning. People who continue to disregard these signs and park on these streets will be "pinched," a member of the town police force stated yesterday, requesting that this warning be passed along through this newspaper.

Postoffice May Use Taylor Site

It is possible that the post office which the government proposes to build here will be located opposite the Home Furniture & Supply Co. on the lot owned by Harrison Taylor's wife and other heirs, however no definite decision has been reached.

L. H. Walker, government official sent out by the post office department, was in town yesterday conferring with Taylor and others who offered sites when he was here several weeks ago inspecting property which had been submitted following a call for bids.

The Taylor property was not in the bids opened at the post office several weeks ago, but it is understood the government agent was figuring on this property yesterday.

Mr. Walker said last night that he was not in a position to say where the new federal building would be located, but he stated that in his opinion the site would be picked within ten days.

Mr. James Polk was a visitor at Richmond and Old Point Comfort this week.

COURT FINISHES CRIMINAL CASES

Bank Case Is Again Continued, Due To Illness Of Defendant

A LIST OF THE CASES

The criminal docket of Warren county Superior court, light by virtue of the fact that the bank case was continued, was completed on Wednesday at 12 o'clock and court adjourned until Monday morning when matters of a civil nature will be taken up.

The bank case was continued on account of the illness of W. H. Dameron—one of the five former officials of the defunct bank charged with violating the state banking laws. Mr. Dameron is under the care of an eye specialist in Philadelphia. The other defendants, Carter Williams and Guy Gregory of Richmond, John Ellis of Warrenton and L. C. Kinsey of New York, were here when court opened on Monday, but Judge Devin held that it would not be feasible to try the case with one of the men missing and granted a continuance.

Removal of the bank case from Postponement of the bank case left only one criminal action on the docket of paramount interest. This was the case against Frank Lancaster, farmer and carpenter of near Littleton who assaulted John Alston, farmer and lumberman of the same section, with a hoe, fracturing his skull and maiming him perhaps for life.

The Lancaster case started Monday morning and ran until 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. During the entire trial the court room was packed with spectators who listened attentively as the two principals and other witnesses related circumstances connected with a tragedy which shocked Littleton and River township, in which community both men lived. The large and prominent array of counsel also attracted many into the temple of justice to hear this case. The defendant was represented by Polk & Gibbs of Warrenton, Willie Lee Lumpkins of Franklinton and (Continued on Page 8)

Respect For Law Needed To Check Accidents—Devin

Obedience to the laws was suggested as a possible means of checking the number of automobile accidents which are daily snuffing out the lives of those who travel the highways and as a detriment to crime in general by Judge W. A. Devin in his charge to the grand jury on Monday morning. Judge Devin said that practically every day we hear or read of accidents on the highways in which people are killed or maimed for life and property is destroyed. These accidents are caused some times by people passing one another while going over hills and around curves, and some times by flaming youths who take chances when they get behind the steering wheels, the jurist opined. "I don't know what the solution to the problem is unless we inculcate into our people a desire to obey the laws, not because we fear arrest if we fail to obey them but because they are our laws and we respect them," he added.

Judge Devin said that some times we don't agree with the wisdom of some of our laws and are prone to criticize the legislature when it is in session and to attack the integrity of our representatives, but that we should realize that these men are chosen by the people, that in most instances they are men of character and that they are acting for what they consider the best interest of the people whom they represent.

Touching on the liquor question, Judge Devin said that the past legislature enacted a law permitting several counties, among them Warren, to vote on legal control of whiskey. The people of your county decided that legal control was (Continued on Page 4)

SPLENDID ATTENDANCE AT MACON BAPTIST REVIVAL

There has been a splendid attendance at the revival meeting which is in progress at the Macon Baptist church, it was stated this week. Services are being held daily at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. The meeting will last through Sunday, closing Sunday night.

Warren Farmers Join In Protest Over Low Tobacco Prices

A delegation of around 25 Warren county tobacco farmers joined hundreds of Vance county growers at a mass meeting in the court house at Henderson on Wednesday afternoon to voice their dissatisfaction at prices which prevailed on the opening of the Middle Belt markets and to appoint a committee to attend the protest meeting which was held at Raleigh on Thursday.

Simultaneous with the meeting at Henderson, a protest meeting was being held at Sanford. A similar meeting was held at Oxford the day before and from Durham comes reports that farmers there are dissatisfied. In addition, the governor has received a petition signed by several hundred growers of Beaufort county asking that action be taken.

Will Connell Sr. and Will Connell Jr. were the spokesmen for the Warren county delegation at Henderson.

The committee named at Henderson was authorized to frame resolutions embodying the growers' views and present them at the Raleigh meeting which was called to decide upon a definite course of action to bolster the tobacco prices.

Proposals put forward at the Henderson meeting were: An order by Governor Ehringhaus closing all the auction warehouses until an agreement could be reached with manufacturers.

An immediate sign-up of growers on a four-year contract, cutting next year's crop by not less than 30 per cent and enforcement of stronger contracts among the growers.

Barring of scrap tobacco from warehouses when it is bid in for less than 6 cents a pound.

Discontinuance of the purchase of excess tobacco allotment certificates by growers whose crop was less than their own allotment.

A government bonus for growers similar to that paid in Georgia in 1933.

Woman, Believed Victim Foul Play, Buried At Fairview

Funeral services for Mrs. Myra G. Hayssen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hays, E. L. Green of Warrenton were conducted from Emmanuel Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment followed in Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. Hayssen's body was found floating in Mirror Lake at St. Petersburg, Fla., on Sunday morning by a policeman. She had been battered and slashed about the face, and two young men, Clyde Hadnot and Ernest Wilmot, are being held in the city jail at St. Petersburg, Fla., charged with her murder. Mrs. Hayssen was a nurse at St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Hayssen was twice married. Her first husband, Thomas Winston Goodrich of Henderson, preceded her to the grave by twelve years. To that union were born two children. In addition to her children, Mrs. Walter C. Flowe and Miss Alma C. Goodrich of Charlotte, she is survived by her husband, Henry W. Hayssen; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Green; and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. F. C. Morin of Petersburg, Va., Mrs. B. M. Reams of Warrenton, Mrs. H. R. Henderson of Washington, D. C., Miss Cora Lee Green of Warrenton, and R. B. Green, E. C. Green and G. G. Green of Durham.

Zone Church Meet At Warren Plains

All ladies of the Methodist churches of Warren county are urged by Mrs. John Burwell to make plans to attend the Warren Zone meeting at Warren Plains on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 10 a. m. Mrs. Burwell also requested that each person bring a box lunch for herself and pencil and paper for notes on the work of the fall.

"Saturday is a bad day for a meeting but it is the best that could be arranged to suit all, so please inconvenience yourself that day and hear Miss Elizabeth Lonet of Fayetteville," Mrs. Burwell said. "And come on time," she added.

GROWERS ARE DISSATISFIED

Prices Around 35 Per Cent Under Those Paid On Market Last Year

TO HOLD MASS MEETING

Dissatisfaction, born on the warehouse floors and voiced loudly since the opening of the Bright Belt tobacco markets, has reverberated throughout the state this week as newspapers have related the sad story of tobacco selling six or seven cents lower than last year and of farmers holding mass meetings in an effort to get the governor to take some action which might tend to boost the price of the weed.

Low prices have prevailed on all the markets, according to press reports and those who have visited warehouses of nearby counties. Protest meetings have been held at Henderson, Oxford, Sanford, and yesterday around 400 farmers gathered in Raleigh to take the matter up with Governor Ehringhaus.

Around 160,000 pounds of tobacco were sold here on Tuesday for an average slightly above 16c. The offering has been light since the opening day, and there has been no improvement in prices.

While tobacco men join with farmers in expressing their regret in the low prices this year, they attribute this to the quality of the weed. They say that to a casual observer the tobacco looks good but when it is picked up and examined closely it is found to be lacking in quality. One of them told a representative of this newspaper yesterday that the tobacco seems to be washed out, that it had no body.

Some of the farmers who brought high grade tobacco here on the opening day expressed themselves as being satisfied with the prices they received, but unquestionably the majority of those who have disposed of part of their crop since the Bright Belt opened have been dissatisfied. "It is true that the tobacco you see on the floor is first primings and lugs, but it is as good as was on the floors last year when the market opened and the prices were five or six cents higher a pound," they said.

Hundreds of farmers, many of them with tobacco on the market, and business men of the town were on the floors for the opening of the market Tuesday.

First sale started at Tarwater's and after this had been completed the crowd followed the auctioneer and buyers to Centre where the second sale got underway. It was in the afternoon before sales began at Boyd's and these were not completed until the following morning.

TOBACCO GROWERS TO HOLD MASS MEETING SATURDAY

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—A mass meeting of tobacco farmers from all sections of the North Carolina belt, a meeting intended to unite thousands of growers in an effort to secure better prices for the 1935 crop, will be held in Memorial Auditorium here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace has been urged to attend in order that he might hear the protest of the present low prices and the plea for immediate governmental action to raise them from the tobacco farmers themselves.

The meeting was called by more than 300 representatives of the growers who assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives here yesterday. They not only called the mass meeting but also chose a committee to draw resolutions on which the mass meeting will vote.

Even while the protest meeting was in progress, prices continued to fall on the auction markets.

WALLACE STATES TOBACCO ABOVE PARITY LAST WEEK

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, in a letter received by Governor Ehringhaus today, took the position that last week's tobacco prices, which drew protests from farmers at every Eastern North Carolina market, "were slightly above the parity level."

The Governor said he was "amazed," both at the Secretary's statement and his "new figures." When Mr. Wallace addressed a (Continued on page 8)