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## Superior Court Adjourns Tuesday

The January criminal term of Warren County Superior Court, which convened here on Monday morning with Judge Heman Clark of Fayetteville presiding, adjourned around 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

The only case of outstanding interest scheduled to be tried—kidnapping charges against Sam Cheek, Jr., Fred Powell and Leroy Vaughan—was continued due to the illness of the prosecuting witness.

Other cases continued due to illness were those of Roy Carey, charged with failure to support an illegitimate child; Howard Lewis Powell, failure to remain at scene of accident; and James Carl Alston, reckless driving.

Also continued by consent was the case of Robert A. Etheridge, charged with non-support. A speeding charge against Ivey Steve Clark was continued, as was a case against James Lee Paschall, charged with drunk driving.

Charlie R. Evans was granted a divorce from Hester R. Evans on the grounds of two years separation. When it was revealed that Evans was the father of eight children, Judge Clark cautioned him that the divorce did not relieve him of the responsibility of taking care of these children, and that these children were his first responsibility, taking precedent over any other children he might have by another wife. Judge Clark also held up signing the decree until after he had talked with the Plaintiff's wife, who later told him she could no longer live with her husband.

A Jury found Johnny Wyche not guilty of a charge of carnal knowledge. The state took a nol pros with leave in a companion case in which Wyche was charged with rape.

Samuel Stone was found guilty of an assault upon Joseph Burnette at Miller Recreation Hall near Warrenton, in which Stone was charged with striking Burnette with a knife. Judgment of the court was that Stone serve 12 months on the road, but the sentence was suspended for three years upon condition that the defendant remain of good behavior, gainfully employed, pay the court costs and \$31.35 for the benefit of Burnette, and that he remain away from all places selling, beer, wine and or liquor.

## Man Sent To Court On Two Charges

A Granville County Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and manslaughter, will be tried at the June term of Warren County Superior Court, following a ruling of probable cause by Judge Julius Banzet in Friday's session of Recorder's Court.

Joe Parrish of Oxford is charged with the fatal shooting of Joe Thorp and the wounding of James Evans and James Kersey at a Christmas party near Manson on December 23. Following the hearing Friday, Judge Banzet ordered that the case be sent to Superior Court for trial at the January term, which ended Tuesday, but the case was continued to the June term of court in order that attorneys for the defense might prepare Parrish's defense.

Other cases before Judge Banzet Friday were:

Samuel Glen Mayfield, speeding, costs.

Charles Rodgers Carroll, speeding, costs.

Willie Thrower Robinson, speeding, costs.

Thomas Henry Rooker, speeding, costs.

Milton Carroll, non-support.

Beverly Hunter pled guilty to an assault upon his wife and was given a 12 months road sentence. The jail sentence was suspended for five years upon condition that the defendant remain gainfully employed, support his family and not molest or abuse his wife.

A case against Donald Lee West, charged with contempt, was remanded to Recorder's Court.

Charlie Edwards, charged with interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duties. His name was called out, his bond declared forfeited and a capias for his arrest was issued.

Jerry Wayne Brame, 19-year-old white boy, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of nolo contendere. Evidence was that the youth from Henderson, while riding with other young companions near the Warrenton Box and Lumber Company, threw a bottle at three small Negro children walking along the highway and that the shattered glass struck two of the children, although no damage resulted. Brame was placed on probation for 12 months and taxed with the court costs.

Jim Wade and Theresa Davis entered a plea of nolo contendere when their case were called. Wade was charged with assault and cohabiting and Theresa Davis was charged with cohabiting.

## More Tobacco Is On Discount List

A new variety of flue-cured tobacco known as 187-Golden Wilt has been added to the list of flue-cured tobacco discount variety, T. E. Watson, local ASC office manager, said yesterday. This variety is also known as XYZ, Super XYZ, Mortgage Lifter, No-Name and Other.

Watson said this new variety as well as Coker-139, Coker-140 and Dixie Bright 244 will be supported at one-half the support rate for comparable grades of acceptable varieties in 1962.

In addition to the addition of 187-Golden Wilt to the list of flue-cured tobacco discount varieties, the United States Department of Agriculture has announced that any other unreleased breeding types having the characteristics of Coker 139, Coker 140, or Dixie Bright 244 will be supported at one-half the support rates for com-

parable grades of accepted varieties. Growers raising any one of the discount varieties will be issued a limited support blue marketing card.

Discount varieties tobaccos are considered by the trade to be undesirable and therefore of low commercial value. For their own protection, as well as the protection of the total tobacco industry, growers must produce tobacco with the flavor and aroma desired by both the domestic and foreign trade if the tobacco industry is to be maintained on a sound basis.

There are many varieties of flue-cured tobacco acceptable to the trade and sufficient reliable sources from which such seed may be obtained to meet the needs for seeds of all flue-cured tobacco growers, Watson said. "Know what tobacco variety you plant for your 1962 crop," he concluded.

## Proves Old Adage Man Who Was His Own Lawyer Jailed

The old adage that a man who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client may have received some support in Warren County Superior Court on Tuesday afternoon.

At least it took a jury less than ten minutes to decide that Zollie Wilson, Jr., who acted as his own lawyer, was guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Wilson was charged with firing a shotgun twice at Robert Christmas in front of Perry Parnell's Store on the Warrenton-Louisburg Highway on the night of November 13.

Christmas said that the shot from the first blast hit the road and raised sparks near his feet but the second shot did not come so close. He said that he suffered some injuries when he ran into a fence near the embankment of the road when he fled.

Asked by Judge Clark was he running fast or merely loping along, Christmas said that he was not just loping along. He said that when he saw Wilson coming toward a car he was about to get in and noticed that Wilson had a gun, that he ran around back of the car as Wilson came to the front and then fled up the road.

Wilson's version was different. He said he shot once towards Christmas from across the road and toward a field near the road with his second blast from the 16-gauge shotgun. "You know I could have hit him if I wanted to as he was just across the road from me," Wilson said.

Wilson said that he shot at Christmas when he saw Christmas start toward the back seat of the car in the belief that he was going after a shotgun. This Christmas denied.

Questions were often argumentative and facts not too clearly brought out, at time causing a great deal of puzzlement on the part of the judge, the solicitor, and the newspaper reporter, and no doubt the jury. From what could be pieced together, the evidence was something of the nature:

Wilson and Christmas were both at a fish fry at the apartment of John Wiggins nearby when they got into an argument. Both agreed on that part of the story. Wilson said that two men held a gun on him while Christmas tried to attack him with a pocketknife, and that he broke away and went to a home of a friend, whose wife asked him to take a shotgun and six shells home with him as her husband was in a quarrelsome mood. He said he went to the store of Perry Parnell to buy a pack of cigarettes, and as he was forbidden by Mr. Parnell from entering his store, that he stood by the side of the road with the gun while a friend started toward the store to make the purchase. He said that he had been told by his brother, that he had heard Christmas was going to get him. For this reason, he said, when he saw Christmas reach

into the back of his car, he fired at him.

Christmas' version was quite different. He admitted that he and Wilson had had some words at the fish fry, but denied that he tried to use a knife on him. "I don't even have a knife," he said. He also denied that two men held a gun on Wilson.

Christmas said that after Wilson had left the Wiggins apartment, that he later went to Parnell Service Station where he bought and drank a bottle of beer. Finishing his drink, he said, he went out to his car planning to go home, when he saw Wilson coming at him with a shotgun, and that he ducked behind the car as Wilson approached from the front and fled up the road. He said that he was not hit by either shot and that only injury was sustained when he ran into a fence.

Perry Parnell told the court that Wilson, who is about 30, was big-mouthed, insolent and quarrelsome, and that he had to use a pistol to drive him from his store when Wilson had used violent and obscene language and threatened him with bodily harm.

Wilson admitted that Parnell had driven him from his service station, but said that it was due to mistaken identity as to who was using the bad language. He denied that he was quarrelsome, and said that he had worked for 13 years on the Fleming farm.

Wilson was sentenced to serve on the roads for 12 months. Judge Clark suggested that if he would be better off in another community.

## Board Orders Traffic Signal To Be Changed

A two-light traffic signal at the intersection of Front and Fairview Streets will be replaced by a regulation three-light traffic signal.

This was decided at the regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners on Monday night when the board ordered the immediate removal of the light installed a few weeks ago, and the purchase and installation of the regulation type signal.

The motion to purchase and install the new light—made by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Commissioner Hurst—also carries the provision that warning signs, reading "traffic signals ahead," be erected at the four approaches to this intersection.

Other matters before the commissioners at their hour and a half session were of a routine nature.

Mr. W. H. Bender has returned home from the Maria Parham Hospital, Henderson.

## Father Refuses To Testify Against Son

Bent and wrinkled and beaten they stand before the bar in court in term after term to ask mercy be shown to a wayward son. It is a part of the heartbreak of the administration of justice.

Monday the ultimate was shown as an aged father refused to testify against his 31-year-old son who had slashed his throat with a knife. He showed the court the scars on his neck, running almost from ear to ear, admitted that the wounds were caused by his son, but said that he would not bring any complaint. He admitted in reply to a question by the judge that he had hired a lawyer to defend his son.

John Young, Jr., admitted that he had leaped from his bed and struck his father in the throat with a knife. He pressed with leave by the

he did it, as he was drunk.

Judge Clark said that there was not but so much that he could do about the case if John Young, Sr., refused to testify against his son. He told John Young, Jr., that he was fortunate that he was facing the court on an assault with a deadly weapon charge instead of a murder charge. A little more force, a little more reach, and your father would be dead instead of trying to help you, the jurist said.

Judge Clark sentenced Wilson to prison for two years, but permitted him to serve a probation sentence of three years instead of doing time in jail.

A companion case in which Wilson was charged with assault and battery was not pressed with leave by the

## Three Negro Men Are Indicted On Murder Charge

Three men were arrested and jailed here Monday, minutes after a Warren County grand jury returned a true bill of indictment charging the trio with murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

Jailed without privilege of bond were James M. Hargrove, 32, Jack Plummer, 24, and Robert L. Ramey, 28. Both Hargrove and Ramey are residents of the Ridgeway community of Warren County.

Plummer's address is listed as Rt. 2, Norlina. All are Negroes.

The three men were charged with the murder of a former companion who reportedly was to have turned state's evidence in a whiskey trial in Federal court involving the threesome.

The bill presented to the grand jury on Monday contained information gathered for several months by members of the Warren County Sheriff's Department, ATTU and SBI following the discovery of the decomposed body of Jerrel Dean Talley early in November, 1961.

Talley's body was found by a Mecklenburg County, Va., farmer in a wooded area near an abandoned whiskey still site approximately five weeks after the 26-year-old Negro was last seen alive.

Warren Sheriff Jim H. Hundley said Talley's skull—shattered by a bullet—was found by a farmer searching for a stray cow between the Mecklenburg County communities of Boydton and Chase City.

Mecklenburg sheriff's deputies, summoned to the scene by the farmer, discovered the remainder of the body nearby. Talley was arrested by Federal agents at a whiskey still near Vaughan in Warren County months before his disappearance. Arrested with him were Plummer and Ramey.

Talley told officers that the still was the property of James Hargrove and agreed to be a witness for the prosecution when the trial was held in Federal court.

After Talley's body was discovered, law enforcement officers began searching for information which would reveal the identity of Talley's killers. Talley was last seen alive leaving the Warren County fairgrounds in the company of Plummer and Ramey, officers learned from acquaintances of the dead man.

Although his common-law wife reported him missing shortly after that night, officers were unable to determine his whereabouts.

During the course of searching for the man, it was learned that Talley was beaten by Plummer and Ramey some weeks before and witnesses told officers the two men "threatened to kill him if he testified against James Hargrove."

## Rotarians Hear Talk On Industry

Warrenton Rotarians and members of the town and county governing boards heard a report of the formation and operation of the Industrial Development Commission of Franklin County on Tuesday night.

Meeting in the Afton-Elberon clubhouse for their regular meeting—at which special guests were present—Rotary members heard G. D. Zealand, director of the commission, tell of the work of the organization. Zealand was presented by Selby Benton, who was in charge of the program.

The Franklin County Industrial Development Commission was formed by Franklin County leaders after the citizens of that county had voted a special tax of 5c on the \$100 valuation for its financing. This gives the organization a working capital of some \$12,000 annually, Zealand said. Its purpose is to attract industry to the county.

Zealand told the group not to expect overnight results from the formation of an industrial development commission as the search for industries is a highly competitive business; nor can results be obtained by the employment of a low-priced director, he added.

In spite of the fact that procurement of industry is a long drawn-out process, Zealand said that since the commission was organized last July, that two fine prospects have shown keen interest in locating in Franklin County, and it is expected that one or both would make a favorable decision within the next few weeks. This is encouraging, he said, when one remembers that it has been 13 years since Franklin County has obtained an industry employing more than 40 persons.

Pointing out the large loss of population in Franklin County during the past ten years, Zealand said that it is imperative that new industry be created or drawn to the county. Not only does the building of such industries create jobs and wealth for a county, but it also tends to keep more young people in the county, he said.

Zealand said that the designation of Franklin and Warren Counties as distressed areas by the Federal Government would make the financing of industries much easier in those localities as the government provides long-term loans at 4% interest to small businesses. The government's definition of small business is a business with less than \$5,000,000 capital and employing less than 500 persons.

Zealand said that the formation of an industrial commission required much planning, cooperation and hard work on the part of citizens and public officials, but that he feels that the results are well worth the effort.

Present in addition to Rotarians—guests of Benton—were Bill Benton of Louisville, a brother of Selby Benton who was active in the formation of the Franklin County organization of Louisville; Mayor W. A. Miles, Town Commissioner David Dickerson; County Commissioners Richard R. Davis and A. J. Ellington; Monroe Gardner, secretary of the Bute Development Company; and Bignall Jones, editor of The Warren Record.

Working in near-secrecy after the body was found, officers sent the body to the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond where the Virginia medical examiner revealed that the man had been dead from five to eight weeks.

The three men charged in the case were ordered held without bond until the June term of criminal court in Warren County.

## Littleton Girl Is Given District Award

Dorothy Ann King of Littleton has received a \$5.00 check as third place district canning winner for 1961.

The check was presented to her this week by L. R. Harill, State 4-H Club leader.

As county winner, Dorothy Ann received a free subscription to "The National 4-H Club News." Miss Ann Rackley, assistant Home Economics Agent, said in announcing the award.

## Workers School To Be Held Here

A Christian Workers School will be held at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church here on February 4-8 when the Rev. Troy Barrett, pastor of the church, will teach a course entitled "Guiding Youth."

This course is designed to instruct all those working with junior-high youth on up to older youth. Mr. Barrett said it will be beneficial to all those who instruct young people as well as those who are interested in youth and who may help in the future.

Mr. Barrett said this will be a sub-district-wide opportunity and all those from Warrenton, Macon, Afton, Vicksburg, Inez, Arcola and Norlina are urged to attend.

## Citizens Asked To Return Seals Fund

The 1961 Christmas Seal Sale in Warren County is more than \$250 short of its goal. Mrs. Clyde Whitford, executive secretary of the TB and Health Association, said yesterday in appealing to citizens to return funds for seals mailed to them.

W. L. Turner, TB Association and Seal Sale chairman, added his appeal to that of Mrs. Whitford. Turner expressed his thanks to every individual contributor, volunteer worker. The Warren Record for publicity, the Warren Theatre for showing film strips, the schools for their cooperation and to all others who have helped with the Seal Sale.

Mrs. Whitford pointed out that the Warren County Tuberculosis Association works continuously to eradicate TB in Warren County through X-ray program (Over 5,000 free chest X-rays given last year), educational program, rehabilitation and research. For five years, she said, the local association has contributed to the research program at Gravelly Sanatorium in Chapel Hill. The vaccine R1 has been tested there and a 5-year TB test of this vaccine is scheduled to be started and to all others who havein Haiti this month.

Stores To Close Wednesday P. M.

A majority of the Warrenton stores and business houses have begun closing for Wednesday afternoon holidays. W. K. Lanier, Jr., chairman of the holiday committee of the Warrenton Merchant Association, said yesterday.

The closing schedule will be in effect until the opening of the tobacco market next fall.

Becker III

Friends regret to learn of the illness of the Rev. W. A. Becker of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Warrenton, pastor of the Warren Methodist Church.