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Unusual Jury

Members of the jury in Warren County District Court last Friday were, left to right: front row—John Stegall, Frank Banzet, Mrs. Heath Beckwith, Miss Cynthia Halthcock; second row—N. G. Hudgins, Carlton Pridgen, Theodore Vaughan, Jules Banzet; back row—Lloyd Newsom, Bonnie Stevenson, Robert Epps, and Willie Cook.

Lawyers And Law Officers Serve On Jury

A jury that rendered a verdict in an uncontested divorce case in Warren County District Court last Friday in its composition must have established a record for North Carolina and perhaps the entire nation.

Serving on the jury were two lawyers, Frank B. and Jules Banzet; two deputy sheriffs, Lloyd Newsom and Bonnie Stevenson; two police officers, Carlton Pridgen of Norlina and Theodore Vaughan of Warrenton; one magistrate, N. G. Hudgins of Norlina; two white women, Mrs. Heath Beckwith and Miss Cynthia Halthcock; and two Negro men, Robert Epps and Willie Cook.

The jury was summoned from persons in the court room by Sheriff Clarence Davis when it was found that a jury was needed to hear the evidence in the uncontested divorce case of Rosa Jones Hawkins vs. Griffin R. Hawkins. The jury decided the evidence in favor of the plaintiff, who was granted a divorce.

Judge Claude Allen, presiding over the term, was so impressed by the composition of the jury that he requested that a picture be made of the jury. Other cases tried in last Friday's session included:

Robert C. King failed to appear in court to answer to a charge of public drunkenness. Capias issued.

Milton Samuel Jones was found guilty of drunk driving and carrying a concealed weapon. The defendant was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs and to surrender his license on the drunk driving charge, and to pay a \$10 fine on the carrying concealed weapon charge. Defendant appealed and appearance bond was set at \$200.

George Franklin Newman was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs and to surrender his driver's license when he was found guilty of drunk driving. He appealed to Superior Court and appearance bond was set at \$200.

James H. Terry pled guilty to a charge of drunk driving. He was sentenced to jail for ten days. The sentence was suspended for 12 months provided the defendant does not operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the state for a period of 12 months and pays a \$100 fine and court costs.

James Edward Boyd, charged with reckless driving and failing to report an accident, was ordered to pay a \$40 fine and court costs.

Eddie Johnson failed to appear in court to answer to a charge of issuing a worthless check. Judgment nisi, scifa and capias.

The State took a nol pros with leave in the case of Robert Durham, charged with non-support.

Jessie James Cheek, charged with allowing a minor to drive a car without operator's license, was ordered to pay court costs.

Cheek was also charged with permitting drunk driving and was sentenced to the roads for four months. Sentence was suspended for four months provided defendant pays a \$100 fine and court costs.

Lyman Hamilton Friday entered a plea of nolo contendere to passing violation and driving with obstructed wind-

shield. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Jimmy Garland Brame was found guilty of driving 71 miles per hour in a 60 mph zone. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Waverly Edward Russell, charged with having no operator's license, was found not guilty.

Beady Mace was found guilty of passing on hill, drunk driving, and with having no operator's license in three separate cases. Prayer for judgment in each case was continued until Jan. 24.

Walter Richard Johnson pled guilty to a charge of speeding 60 miles per hour in a 50 mph zone. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

James H. Terry, charged with having no operator's license, was found not guilty.

Wallace Rayford Grissom was sentenced to the roads for 12 months when he pled guilty to a charge of non-support. The sentence was suspended for two years and the defendant was placed on probation for two years provided he pays into the office of the Director of Public Welfare of Warren County the sum of \$20 per week for the benefit of his wife and child, the first payment to be due on (See COURT, page 6)

Two Students Badly Injured In Wreck

Two John Graham High School students were seriously hurt at 6:45 p. m. Friday in a single car wreck on the rural road 1600 (the Baltimore Road), 4.4 miles south of Warrenton.

Wayne Short, 17, John Graham High School football player, received a broken hip when he lost control of the 1967 Datsun he was driving. William Henry (Billy) Twitty, who was riding with Short, received head injuries. Both boys are at Duke Hospital in Durham. Short was taken to Duke on Friday night and Twitty was transferred from Warren General Hospital to Duke early Saturday morning.

Short is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Short of Route 2, Warrenton. Twitty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Twitty, also of Route 2, Warrenton.

Sam Webster, Highway Patrolman who investigated the wreck, said that the car overturned several times when Short, who was driving at a high rate of speed, lost control of the car on a curve.

Basketball Tourney To Be Held Here In Late February

The Roanoke Conference basketball tournament will be held at the John Graham High School Gym on Feb. 17-22, Fred Bartholomew, principal of John Graham, announced yesterday. Bartholomew said that the tournament was supposed to be held at Gaston this year and at Warrenton next year, but inability of Gaston to obtain the Northampton County gym resulted in a swap of years.

A meeting of the John Graham Boosters Club will be held at the school tonight (Thursday) at 7:30. Plans for the tournament and a few other important matters will be discussed at the meeting. Mack Hilliard, club president, said in announcing the meeting. He asks that as many members as possible attend the meeting.

Within Two Weeks

Plans For Construction Of Soul City To Be Announced

Not An All-Black City

Soul City To Be Negro Oriented Mrs. Eva Clayton Tells Group

Soul City will be a city oriented to Negroes but open to people of all races and creeds, Mrs. Eva Clayton said here Tuesday night.

She was speaking at a joint meeting of the Warren County Planning Board and Board of County Commissioners at a preliminary meeting held at the Warren County Court House, attended by members of the Press and a small number of other interested citizens.

Mrs. Clayton, who was accompanied to the meeting by Dr. Don Pollock of the Law School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said that a representative from McKissick Enterprises, Inc., New York, scheduled to appear at

the meeting, became ill and could not be present, and that her husband, T. T. Clayton, was in Boston on business connected with McKissick Enterprises.

Soul City must be productive or it would not be worth building, Mrs. Clayton said. The proposed city, she said, would be an opportunity city and would offer no attraction to hippies and hoodlums, and offers no threat to the majority race of the county. It would attract many well trained Negroes who would assist in its building and jobs for many young people who otherwise might become a problem to the big cities.

proposed city would provide funds for the building of every section of the county and would contribute not only to the economy of Warren County, but to adjoining counties and to the State of North Carolina, Mrs. Clayton said. What helps one section of the county helps every section, she added.

She said that one must be pragmatic and realize that it will take a great deal of money to build Soul City, but that a great deal of idealism was going into the building of Soul City, and with it a determination to build a city that would be a credit and inspiration to the Negro race and an economic asset to the county.

Dr. Pollock, introduced by Mrs. Clayton, said that Soul City would not be an all-black city and that the government would not permit it to be. All jobs would be open to everyone

Civil Term Of Court To Convene On Monday

The Civil Term of Warren County Superior Court will convene on Monday morning with Judge James P. Bailey of Raleigh presiding. Cases are docketed through next Thursday.

Monday—Lillian M. Robinson vs. Ernest Fleetwood White; John Reb Smiley vs. Theodore Roosevelt Davis; Bessie Richardson vs. John A. Richardson; Robert Joe Spence vs. Ellen T. Shearin and William B. Frazier; Barbara B. Rhinehardt vs. North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Tuesday—Thurman Rooker vs. Weldon Clinton Capps; William E. Fields, admr. of the Estate of Ernest Edward Daniels, vs. John Burchette; Mrs. Jessie E. Harris and Mrs. Etta H. Loyd vs. Walter E. Loyd.

Wednesday—State Highway Commission vs. Fred W. Mayfield and wife, Muriel I. Mayfield; Lela S. Stille; Hines H. Stille; Delane Perkinson, administrator of the estate of Jackie Wayne Perkinson, vs. Clifton Stegall and Charles M. White, III, administrator of James E. Hight, deceased.

Thursday—Mary Louise R. Thorne vs. Charles W. Robinson and wife, Alma W. Robinson (See CIVIL COURT, page 5)

The tax base provided by the

and while the city was conceived by blacks that its construction must be by the nature of things be built by both whites and blacks and that funds must be provided by both whites and blacks.

Pollock said, in answer to a question, that a supermarket might be built in the proposed city with Black capital and that it would be natural to suppose that the choice of a business would be offered to Negroes, but that the supermarket would be a business proposition and it might well be that a number of businesses would be leased to whites. He also said that many persons connected with the city might live outside the city and probably a number of them in Warrenton as it

Plans for the construction of "Soul City" in Warren County will be announced in about two weeks, Floyd McKissick, head of McKissick's Enterprise, said at a press conference in Chapel Hill on Saturday morning.

McKissick, Negro Lawyer from Durham, who plans a Negro - built, Negro - run new town in western Warren County, said "we intend to be a majority and we intend to control the new town."

He said that McKissick Enterprises, Inc., of New York, will be in position by Feb. 18 to exercise an option with private funds for the 1810.8-acre tract. Sale price is \$390,000. The option was taken in late December by T. T. Clayton, Warrenton attorney, for \$4,000. The land is owned by Perry Lumber Company of Henderson.

"We will build Soul City," McKissick said. "There is no exact time yet, but we shall move as rapidly as possible." He said that plans to begin construction of the city, which is planned for a population of about 18,000 people will be announced in about two weeks.

The new town would be built 1 1/2 miles south of Manson in western Warren County.

Sees Open City
"Soul City will be a successful demonstration of democracy and our Constitution at work. It will be a show place of democracy within a sea of democracy," McKissick said. He added that the new town will be an open city, regardless of race, color or creed.

Tapping the shoulders of his associates, McKissick said that "justice and law will prevail in our town. We are looking only for respect in Soul City which will give an economic boost to the areas about North Carolina and Virginia."

When questioned about the use of federal funds, McKissick said, "We intend to use every source of federal funds available."

He said that he expects complete cooperation from the residents, county commissioners and all others in authority in Warren County in the planning and construction of the city. The new town will reportedly grow by stages of 5,000 persons each, with full development expected in 10 years.

"Warren County," said the former head of the Congress of Racial Equality and the first Negro to be admitted to the University of North Carolina Law School, "was selected because it is a great migration area."

Expects Young
He said that age will be no restriction but that the immediate attraction will be for the younger people. "They will come from many places, and from all over the country. And, there will be as many white as there are black."

McKissick said that he doesn't intend to make too much profit selling houses. "The social goal looms higher than personal gains," McKissick said. He added, "We do intend to make it a profit-making project, however."

He thanked Dr. John Parker of the University of North Carolina School of Regional Planning for his "great assistance." Parker said he was "excited and interested in the (See SOUL CITY, page 3)

Warren Farmers Awarded Scholarships By Banks

Two Warren County farmers have been awarded scholarships of \$100 each to attend the Short Course in Modern Farming sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and North Carolina State University.

The Citizens Bank of Warrenton and the Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Norlina awarded the scholarships to Earl Limer of Route 2, Warrenton and to Weldon Foote Rooker of Route 1, Norlina.

The course began on Monday, Jan. 20 and will continue through Thursday, Jan. 30.

Announcement of the scholarship awards was made this week by L. B. Hardage, Extension Chairman for Warren County.

Limer is a general farmer. His program consists of tobacco, small grain, swine, hay crops, corn, beef cattle, etc.

His scholarship was awarded by the Citizens Bank of Warrenton.

Rooker's main farm income is from Grade "A" dairying. However, some tobacco and beef cattle are also produced on the farm plus enough hay and silage to furnish the roughage for a herd of about 75 milk cows, heifers, calves, etc. His scholarship was awarded by the Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Norlina.

Hardage said that the Agricultural Extension Service would like to thank Howard Daniel, vice president of the Citizens Bank and Warren County Key Banker, for his leadership in this project. He said that the Extension Service would also like to express its appreciation to Jimmy Medlin, cashier of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Norlina, for his and the banks' support and interest in the project.

Carpentry Course To Be Offered At J. Graham

A course in carpentry will be added at John Graham High School during the 1969-70 term, it was announced this week by J. R. Peeler, superintendent of schools.

Peeler said the Board of Education has approved an ESEA project (federal funds) to build a shop to house a carpentry course at the John Graham School. Plans and specifications for the building are being prepared by the architectural firm of Edwards, Doves and Knight of Rocky Mount and should be ready for bids about March 1. Don Knight, a Norlina native, is a partner in

the architectural firm. The proposed 85 ft. x 65 ft. building will be located directly behind the agricultural building and will include a classroom, instructor's office, storage and tool rooms, and regular shop-work area. The cost of the building is estimated at \$82,318.75.

Peeler said that the proposed building will make possible a much needed increase in vocational education courses to the curriculum. He said that every effort would be made to have the building ready for use by the opening of school next fall but that it would be close-



PHOTOS BY BILL JONES

Scene Of Wreck In Which One Man Was Killed And Two Men Seriously Hurt On Sunday Afternoon

One Killed, Two Hurt In Bus-Truck Wreck

One person was killed and two others were seriously injured Sunday afternoon in the collision of a pickup truck and a Greyhound bus on U. S. 1 two miles south of Norlina. The site of the accident was near Phillip Holtzman's Service Station between Ridgeway and Manson.

S. T. Webster identified the victim as James Brown Carraway, 44, of Richmond, Va. Carraway was pinned in the wreckage of the truck for 20 minutes.

Two passengers in the truck were taken to Warrenton Hospital. They were the driver, William Harden Daniels, 45, of Rt. 1, Sandston, Va., and Bobby

Joe Miller, 28, of Dillon, S. C. Three passengers on the bus had minor injuries but did not require hospital treatment.

The bus driver, Carl Joseph Dorso, 51, of Richmond, Va., escaped injury although the windshield of the bus was smashed. The pickup truck was demolished. Damage to the bus

was estimated at over \$1,000.

Webster said the truck was northbound behind two cars. As the second car slowed down, Daniels applied brakes, and the pickup swerved to the left into the path of the southbound bus. No charges had been filed pending completion of the investigation.

Warren Man Treated For Gunshot Wounds

HENDERSON — A Warren County resident, Johnny Blackwell, age about 38, was treated at St. Maria's Hospital for a gunshot wound in the leg Saturday night.

Dr. M. L. Edwards, Jr., said Blackwell advised police that he had been hunting woodchucks with a .22-caliber rifle when he was shot in the leg. The wound was not serious.