

FOLLOWING COURT CASE MONDAY

Teenagers of Cameron Community May Be Arrested On Sex Charges

In an unusual move, Judge J. Vance Rowe in Recorder's Court Monday recommended that Solicitor W. Lamont Brown look into the possibility of issuing warrants for several teenagers in Cameron who had testified under oath that they had engaged in sexual experiences with a 15-year-old girl, also of the Cameron community.

"If these boys are telling the truth," he said, "an unlawful situation exists in Cameron and something should be done to clean it up."

Judge Rowe's remarks and recommendations came at the close of a lengthy trial in which James Worthy Cole, 17, was convicted of having carnal knowledge of the young girl. He had been brought to Court on a warrant sworn out by the girl's father. The young girl, whose identity is being withheld by this newspaper from publication, is pregnant and, she told the Court, by the Cole youth.

Defense attorney W. W. Staton of Sanford paraded several boys to the stand and each testified he had engaged in sexual experiences with the girl. She denied it in later testimony and said that only James Cole had been with her.

Staton was attempting to prove that any of the boys could have fathered the unborn child, and also to give weight to his contention that the statute covering such cases applies only to girls who have had no previous relations with men. None of the boys admitted, however, that they had been with the young girl prior to the time she said she became pregnant by Cole.

The trial consumed most of the afternoon. Judge Rowe, in making his recommendations to Solicitor Brown about the

young boys, said he didn't know what the charge should be: carnal knowledge, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, or prostitution. He suggested the indictments extend also to another boy who was not present for the trial but whose name was mentioned during the testimony.

Most of the youngsters who testified in the trial said that the young girl's reputation in Cameron was "bad." They contended that she had been the subject of a great deal of talk among the young boys of the Cameron community "and everybody knew her reputation."

Young Cole was convicted of the carnal knowledge charge and ordered to serve four months on the roads. The sentence was suspended by Judge Rowe, however, on conditions he pay a \$100 fine and costs of the Court action, and that he be under the supervision of the State Probation Officer for the next two years.

Staton filed notice of appeal to the Superior Court and Cole was released under \$500 bond for his appearance in the next term, scheduled for August.

Other cases disposed of: Sam Wicker and Garland G. Doub, Carthage, disturbing peace, 30 days on roads as to each, suspended on payment of fine of \$25 plus costs as to Wicker, and suspended as to Doub on payment of costs.

Lee Holt, Southern Pines, assault with a deadly weapon, 60 days on roads, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, good behavior next 12 months.

Clarence Edward Deaton, Robbins, speeding 70, careless and reckless driving, \$50 including costs.

Lenn Tarton, Sanford, unlawful possession of tax paid whiskey, with seal broken, and Byron Hubert Patterson, Broadway, same charge. Joint fine of \$25 and costs.

A. C. Thompson, Southern Pines, driving without operator's license, using another's operator's license, amended to charge driving after and during period of revocation. Not guilty on amended charge, it appearing that period of revocation expired about three years ago. Sixty days on

roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Arthur Thomas Bridges, Route 1, Sanford, driving drunk. The court amends the warrant charging careless and reckless driving, and driving on wrong side of road. Guilty of careless and reckless driving on wrong side of road, not guilty of driving drunk, \$25 and costs.

Milton Dowdy, Carthage, assault and battery on wife, 60 days on roads, suspended 12 months on payment of costs and good behavior to wife during that time.

James Edward Latham and Dallas Latham, violation prohibition laws, state takes nol pros with leave in both cases.

Preston Chaves, West End, assault with a deadly weapon (stick) jury. Not guilty.

on a female, inflicting serious injury. Not guilty.

Frank Harley Hancock, driving without operator's license, called and failed, capias issued, returnable next Monday, bond fixed at \$50.

Bettie Jean Dowdy, Route 1, West End, abandonment of infant child, ten days in Moore County jail.

Thomas Madison Smith, Route 1, Robbins, assault and battery on wife, prayer for judgment continued on payment of a fine of \$25 to include the costs and on condition he be of good behavior to wife for next two years.

James Ray McNeill, Lakeview, speeding and accident, \$25 fine to include the costs.

Lacy D. Hill, Aberdeen, non support, 60 days on roads, suspended on payment of \$10 per week toward the support of the three children his wife has, until further order of the Court, and pay the costs.

James Worthy Cole, Route, Cameron, carnal knowledge of a female child under 16 years of age, he being a male under 18 years of age. Four months on roads, suspended on condition he pay \$100 fine and costs, be of good behavior and not violate the law during the next two years and during that time be under supervision of the State Probation Officer and obey all the rules and regulations of that office. Appealed to Superior Court, bond fixed at \$500.

Victor Gunn, Yanceyville, speeding 70, \$25 to include costs.

Robert Cunningham, New York, speeding, \$50 including costs.

Alma Spicer, New York, seal broken whiskey, \$25 including costs.

Benjamin Wright, New York, driving without license, \$25 and costs.

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Farm Improvement Loans Have Shown Tremendous Jump

From 225 members and a peak volume of business in 1934 of \$142,315, to a 1958 membership of 1,672 and business in excess of \$1,500,000. That's the record of the Carthage Production Credit Association, now nearing its 25th birthday.

The association, completely owned and operated by the farmers it serves, has played more than an outstanding part in the life of this and the three other counties it serves. It has at times been a matter of almost life and death to agriculture, business, and even home life. Its financing has aided the growth of the area's livestock enterprises when they needed it, broiler and dairy industries, has helped its members acquire farm equipment, homes, farm buildings and automobiles, and has helped in the financing of irrigation and other farm improvements.

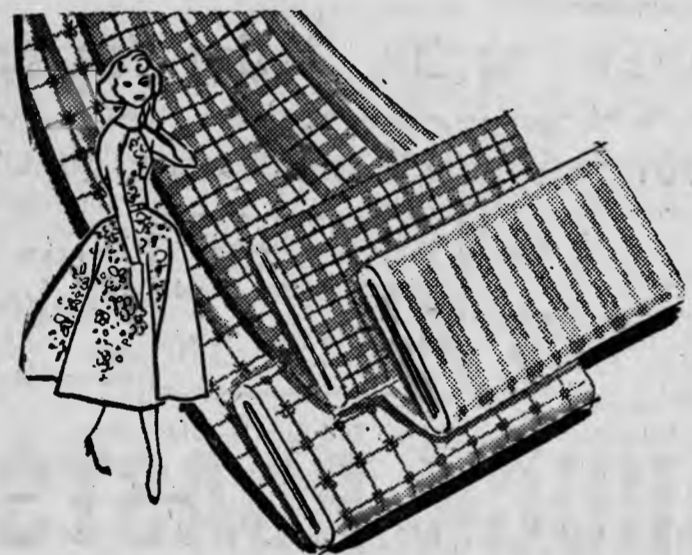
"We have grown from a small—very small—lending institution to well over a million and one-half dollars in lending in the quarter century we've been in business," W. Stowe Cole, manager, said this week.

The association was organized in the Moore County Courthouse December 8, 1933. The late J. M. Wilcox was elected first president and J. L. Cochran secretary-treasurer. Seven other prominent men in the four county area—Moore, Lee, Montgomery and Richmond—were named to the Board of Directors. One of them, Howard Harrison of Eagle Springs, has served on the board continuously since the first election in 1933. He is now president of the board and, many think, one of the men who has done most to push the influence of the association to its present eminence.

Cochran served as manager of the association until his retirement two and one-half years ago. Cole was appointed to succeed him.

The association employs four others to aid Cole in the association's activities: Gaither Edwards, assistant secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Margaret W. Matthews, bookkeeper; Mrs. Kath-Marsh, application-taker; and Miss Marie Purvis, stenographer.

Present directors, in addition to Harrison, are R. E. Smith of Lemon Springs, vice president; T. Clyde Auman of West End; Robert Chappel of Candor; and W. Nat Nelson of Ellerbe.



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