

## EARL LATIMER FOUND GUILTY ASSAULT IN COURT HERE TODAY

### AFTER SHORT CHARGE BY JUDGE BOND, JURY TAKES CASE AND RETURNS VERDICT IN 15 MINUTES

State vs Latimer for assault upon Mrs. J. F. Jackson, James Mizelle, 13 year old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson and Lois Jackson three and one-half years old child of J. S. Jackson and the one who was kidnaped, was the next case called and it created much interest in the court room as Latimer is also charged with kidnaping the little Jackson grandchild which case is now being tried.

The first witness called in the case was Mr. J. S. Jackson, the son of Mr. J. F. Jackson, and his testimony upon inquiry was that his daughter, Lois, went to live with her grandparents in September 1923, that he had worked in Norfolk for ten years in a shoe store and that he was in Washington, N. C. on May 31, 1924 and that he was the father of Lois Jackson.

The next witness was Mrs. Jackson the plaintiff, herself and her testimony was explicit and convincing. She said that she knew Earl Latimer and that he came to her home May 30th when her husband was in the field about a quarter of a mile away from the house at about eight o'clock in the morning and that she and the two children were the only ones at home.

She continued, saying that Latimer stopped his car and worked on it for some minutes and then came in and asked for water, saw the little girl and picked her up and ran to the gate where he was met by a woman who got out of the car and gave the child to her while it was screaming and trying to get away. He then turned and fired at her (Mrs. Jackson) and told her if she came any further he would kill her. She further stated that she had not seen the woman in the car until she took the child at the gate. This completed the testimony of the chief witness of the plaintiff.

James Mizelle, grand son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson, was called and he testified that he was at the home of his grandfather on the 30th of May and witnessed what his grandmother had told.

Then, Mr. Jackson, husband of one of the plaintiffs, was put on the stand. He said, "I was working on my farm, one fourth of a mile away from the house at eight o'clock in the morning when James Mizelle called me, and said that somebody had come and stolen Lois and shot at his Grandmother."

"I went to the house and talked a few minutes to my wife and left, following the car tracks for about one half a mile and found it run in a ditch bank and the front wheel broken. All of this taking about twenty or twenty-five minutes from the time that they had assaulted my wife and grandchildren."

The State then rested its case after the testimony of Mr. Jackson.

The defense took the case and the first witness put on the stand by them was the defendant, Earl Latimer. His testimony was, "I live in Port Lock, Virginia, and I came from my home on Tuesday A. M. in six and one half hours and reached the Jackson home about four o'clock in the afternoon."

He was then cross examined by the lawyers for the State and to them he testified that he had lived at Port Lock three or four years, had married Mrs. Jackson twelve years ago and they had one child and she had it now. He stated that he did not know how long since she had gotten a divorce but he thought it was about seven years ago and that he had been in Kansas at the time. And he said that when he had been gone about seven years he and traveled and lived in nine state and that he finally decided to come home and reached Virginia three or four years ago.

He further said that Mrs. Jackson came to his home recently and told him what she wanted done and that his wife knew what she had asked him to do, to come to North Carolina and get her child from the Jacksons.

According to his statement, they came to North Carolina in a Dodge car and when they reached Plymouth they put up the car curtains so Mr. Jackson would not recognize them and then drove past the Jackson home several times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and when they saw Mr. Jackson in the field they went in. He said that he went on one side and the woman on the other.

In answer to counsel for the state as to where he spent the night before taking the child he said that Mrs. Jackson spent the night at Mrs. Kear's and that he stayed on the road after going to a negro Biggs to stay out did not. He denied that Mrs. Jackson went with him.

He then admitted that he left his first wife who is now Mrs. Cora Jackson and their child and that he deserted them.

The next witness called was Aaron Diggs, colored, who stated that he lived one mile from Dardens and one half mile from Jamesville and that he knew Latimer Thursday P. M.

Sheriff Reid of Washington county, who arrested Latimer, was called to the stand. He testified that he arrested the defendant at the hotel at Mackeys after going to his room in the hotel where he found Latimer with his coat and hat off. He said that Latimer told him he was from Elon College and that he denied being the man that he was looking for until he was about one half mile from Mackeys when he confessed that he was the man wanted.

Don Gilliam and A. R. Dunning spoke for the state and H. W. Stubbs and W. L. Whitley for the defense. Judge Bond made a very short charge, giving the case to the jury at 12:15. The jury, after deliberating for only fifteen minutes returned a verdict of guilty.

**Kidnaping Case Aroused Much Interest**  
The kidnaping case in which Earl Latimer was charged with the kidnaping of the grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson of Dardens and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jackson a few weeks ago from the home of the grandparents, was called this afternoon and it was heard by people from all sections of the county and a great many from the lower end of the county especially.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson are separated, he now lives in Washington where he is employed in the A. and P. store and Mrs. Jackson lives in Norfolk and since September 1923 their only child, Lois, a little girl of three and one half years of age has resided at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson.

## LOCAL MANUFACTURING CONCERN WELL ORGANIZED

### To Place Traveling Salesmen on Road At Early Date

The Nassef Manufacturing company has now been in operation for over two weeks and is now running at a little over half capacity. The company still needs a goodly number of operators although the work is getting well organized and many finished garments are being turned out daily.

The quarters are very attractive. The sewing room is very well lighted, has a large number of windows and is very comfortable during the hot days. The work is not at all strenuous, electricity being used for operating the hand machines.

It is interesting to see how quickly a pair of overalls can be made with the electric driven machines. It is only a matter of a few minutes when the cloth is placed under the machine and when it is turned out in the shape of overalls. The finished overall is well made and really a neat type of working trousers of a nice color. This type of overall is a little more expensive and much more serviceable than the average type.

At the present the company has no traveling salesman, but intends to place one on the road in a very few days. It is understood that his territory, or that of the company, will be limited to the Carolinas and Virginia, these three states furnishing a ready market for their products.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE AUGUST THE 7TH

The Council of State in session yesterday voted a unanimous approval of the proposal of Governor Morrison to call a special session of the Legislature to consider the recommendations of the Ship and Water Transportation Commission.

The Governor will call the session to begin August 7th. There is already some evidence of a fight on this subject which will, very likely, reach large proportions before the matter is ended.

## MRS. LUCY SWINSON DIES IN NORFOLK

Mrs. Lucy Swinson, one of the oldest citizens of the Darden section of the county died yesterday in Norfolk, Virginia. Mrs. Swinson left her home Saturday and visited her brother, ex-Sheriff Jackson in Plymouth until Sunday when she went to Norfolk to visit her four children who reside there. On Monday morning she suffered a stroke of apoplexy and died a few minutes afterwards.

## MAYOR HASSELL RECEIVES LETTER WELCOMING DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Mayor J. L. Hassell received the following letter from Carlen, Green & Company of New York City welcoming the delegates from this section to the Democratic convention to be held in New York next week. As there are many people from this county aiming to attend the convention we print the letter as follows:

"On June 24th the National Democratic Convention will open in New York. Possibly you or at least some of your acquaintances may be in this city at that time. We wish to take this opportunity of offering you the facilities of our office; the use of our stenographic forces and every service in our power to render. It is going to be our effort to make our Southern friends entirely at home and as closely in a Southern atmosphere as possible and we extend every hospitality in our power to offer and trust that you will avail yourself of any service that we can render. We look forward to the pleasure of a visit from you.

## IMPORTANT CHANGES ASKED BY EDITORS

(Washington Daily News)  
At the close of the State editors Convention at Morehead City last Friday night a series of resolutions were submitted by J. A. Osborne of the Daily News, Washington, chairman of the resolution committee, which command more than passing attention, as it shows the state editors are keeping tab on the growth and development of this great state in more ways than one.

The principal resolutions endorsed by the convention were as follows: "Resolved by the North Carolina Press Association, in annual convention assembled; that it is the sense of this body that the general assembly of North Carolina at its next regular session should amend the state primary law to provide that the primary elections be held on Tuesdays, the same as the national and general elections, instead of on Saturdays. This change would enable the returns to be made and avoid so much working on the Sabbath."

Other resolutions adopted by the convention endorse port terminal and waterway development as a measure of relief from burdensome freight rates; endorse the proposal for an eight months minimum school term in the state and express regret that some newspapers in the state habitually refer to federal and state officials in terms of disrespect. This latter resolution calls attention to the code of ethics adopted last year by the press association, copies of which are to be printed in card form and distributed among the members for posting in their offices.

The resolutions dealing with port terminals and waterways reads: "Resolved, that the state port terminal and ship commission report as presented is one of the most far reaching and important movements to be inaugurated in the state for some years and that it is the sense of this body that the state waterways should be utilized to the fullest extent thereby bringing relief in the reduction of freight rates to the entire state."

The school term resolution says: "Resolved that this association is in favor of an eight months school term, and that as soon as practicable the general assembly pass a law to put this into effect."

Another resolution reads: "Resolved that the general assembly at its next regular session pass a law prohibiting the erection of placing of any advertising signs along any state highway."

## JUDGE CONNOR APPOINTED TO SUPREME COURT

Judge George W. Connor has been appointed on the Supreme Court bench by Governor Morrison.

The vacancy caused by the appointment of Judge Connor to the Supreme Court was filled by the appointment of M. V. Barnhill of Rocky Mount to the Judgeship in the second district.

## GREAT BALL GAME HERE TOMORROW

Williamston is to be the scene of a great ball game tomorrow. The game is going to be played between the regular local team and the business boys and men of the town. It is not known definitely who will represent the business men but it is being rumored that Gus Harrison, Pete Fowden, Dr. Coor, C. D. Carstarphen, E. P. Cunningham, Bill Manning, Noah Godard, Joe Godard and others will participate.

The game will start at four-thirty. The proceeds of the game will go to the local ball team. Your support will be appreciated. Turn out, help support the boys and forget your troubles, that is if you have any.

## STATE SOLD BONDS YESTERDAY AT LOWEST RATE OF INTEREST SINCE THE WORLD WAR

State Treasurer Ben E. Lacy sold \$10,000,000 worth of road bonds on Monday of this week. The bonds will bear interest at less than 4 1-2 per cent and this is the lowest rate of interest paid since the war.

## MRS. ROSE MADE PRESIDENT OF STATE PHILATHEAS

### Baraca-Philathea Meeting To Be Held In Raleigh Next Year

MRS. ROSE PRESIDENT THE PHILATHEAS  
At the 24th annual session of the state Baraca-Philathea convention which began session at Reidsville last Thursday and which came to a close on Sunday evening following the consecration service conducted by Rev. John D. Williams, a prominent Williamston woman, Mrs. Z. H. Rose, was made president of the Philathea for the coming year.

Mrs. Rose has served as president of the Philathea class of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church for one year and has taken a very active part in the work of her class and in the state work, especially during the past two years. It was quite an honor that has been bestowed upon Mrs. Rose for the Baraca-Philathea movement is a very vast one in North Carolina and many prominent people are engaged in carrying on its work.

At the consecration services on Sunday evening, Mrs. Rose and Mr. W. F. Penney of Hendersonville as Philathea and Baraca Association presidents, respectively placed emblems on the rostrum for the Philathea and the Baracas when J. L. Curran led the memorial meeting.

Raleigh was selected by a unanimous vote as the convention city for 1925 and at this meeting Mrs. Rose will preside at the Philathea meetings.

## WILLIAMSTON DEFEATS GRIMESLAND TEAM

Williamston amid a thousand drops of rain and a hand full of base ball fans staged a come back Friday afternoon and defeated the Grimesland farmers to a ten to six count. This was the second game to be played between the locals and the Grimesland boys, the first being played at Grimesland and was lost by the locals.

The game was played on a muddy field making the game a bit slow. While there was no individual star on either side there was consistency. With this victory in the per centage column, Williamston now stands in the 500 class. Britt pitched a very consistent game for the locals but in the sixth after the game was ice he was relieved by Jesse Harrell.

The attendance was poor due to the inclement weather.

## Autos Crash on Washington-Haughton Sts.

Monday, Mr. Eason Lilley was leaving town, going out Washington street. Just before reaching the Haughton street junction, two young ladies from Windsor came out of Haughton street and cut across ahead of Mr. Lilley. Instead of clearing his truck, as he expected, the girls placed their left back wheel just ahead of his left front wheel, causing a considerable accident, however hurting the ears only.

Those who saw the accident attributed it to the thoughtlessness of the young lady driving and thought that Mr. Lilley was in no way responsible for the accident.

## LONDON BELLES NOW DIPP SNUFF

Smart Set Discards Cigarette Smoking for New Fad of Taking Snuff

London, June 16.—Fashion's eternal swing around a circle is shown by the newest fad of Mayfair bouidoirs and the smart night clubs. It is snuff-taking.

Tobaccoists report a falling off in cigarette sales to women and a definite increase in the consumption of snuff. The recent statement of doctors that cigarette smoking is responsible for the prevalent throat troubles may have given impetus to the new movement.

The two trades most concerned—the tobaccoists and the jewelers—have not been greatly affected by the new fashion. The tobaccoists have switched from cigarettes to snuff and the jeweler has found a ready sale for jeweled snuff boxes.

## MARTIN SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE ALL THIS WEEK

### CASE OF STATE AGAINST W. H. WATERS TO COME UP TOMORROW; WILL NOT BE TRIED FOR 1ST DEGREE MURDER

The June term of the Superior Court of Martin county is in session here this week with Judge W. M. Bond of Fayetteville presiding and Solicitor Donald Gilliam of Tarboro prosecuting.

The old time court spirit seemed lacking, only the waiting and watching crowd testifying to the fact that court was soon to be called. The jurors for this term were mostly farmers and they were anxious to get on the jury that would pass through the quickest. Several of the jurors were excused so that they could get back home to attend to their farming.

The grand jury was drawn and J. D. Liley was sworn in as foreman. Judge Bond announced that he would not make a charge to the grand jury, since the general knowledge of those crimes known as common law crimes was too well established in the minds of the jurors for them not to understand when the law was violated. And that a knowledge of the violations of the things prohibited by legislative enactment could be readily ascertained by communicating with the solicitor. He emphasized the fact that no punishment could be meted out without a hearing before the grand jury and that as members of the court they owe it to society to see that crime is retrained and that supposed criminals should not be cleared without court trial.

The first case to be brought up was that of State against Lawrence Woodard for transporting liquor. This case came from the Recorder's Court on appeal by the defendant. But, through his counsel, he withdrew the appeal.

## MR. R. E. SCRUGGS AND FAMILY LEAVING

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Scruggs and little son and daughter, Ross Jr. and Rosaway left this morning by motor for Nashville where they will make their home while Mr. Scruggs constructs a road from Nashville to Castalia.

They came to Williamston in October, 1922, since which time Mr. Scruggs has supervised the building of the Windsor-Williamston road and the Hamilton-Hobcock road. While they have made their residence in Williamston they have gained the friendship of all the people of the town and both Mr. and Mrs. Scruggs will be greatly missed by their friends as will their children who have been loved and admired by everyone.

## EDISON OWNERS TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY OF HEARING ALL RECORDS ISSUED

Through the efforts of Mr. E. S. Courtney, local Edison dealer, all Edison owners in this section will be afforded the opportunity of hearing all new Edison recreations issued each month. Mr. Courtney with several other Edison dealers has formed an Edison club. This club will receive each month all the new recreations issued at the Edison laboratories and will be allowed to keep the records for one day only. During the day Mr. Courtney will invite all Edison owners to his store so that they might hear the selections and if they should happen to desire a record an order for same can be placed. All orders will be shipped out immediately afterward.

This club will be of much help to all Edison owners in that the records will be brought to their door. Heretofore it has been impossible for the smaller dealers to purchase all the new recreations and this club will be of value to both owner and dealer. Mr. Courtney desires every Edison owner in this section to leave his or her name with him so that he can inform each member just what day the records will be here. The scheme has not yet been tried but it is understood that it will be put into effect very shortly.

and the original sentence of \$100 fine and twenty days in jail was accented, with the jail sentence to be delayed until November the first this year.

State vs E. D. Edmondson, charged with housebreaking. This case had been continued for judgment from the March term of Superior Court. The case was disposed of by payment of cost.

State vs M. I. Daniel, abandonment of capital and contrast.

State vs Head, possession of concealed weapon and assault with deadly weapon. Guilty, 30 days in first case and four months on the public road.

State vs Benjamin Silverthorn, manufacturing liquor. Silverthorn pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,000 and the cost.

State vs Ed Salisbury, forgery. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary for one month.

**Waters Case tomorrow**  
The case of State against W. H. Waters for the killing of Henry Bowen will be tried tomorrow. It is understood that the solicitor will not try the case for first degree murder.

The evidence as has been stated by several who witnessed the shooting is that Waters and Bowen had had some minor troubles long before the final shooting came about. Waters' car home, got his gun, secured shell and went back to look for Bowen, finding him in Reuben Speller's store eating hardies. He immediately opened fire upon Bowen, the lead striking him in the back and went into the right lung, causing death a week later.

## FURTHER LEGISLATION IS GIVEN 60-DAY JAIL TERM

Friedericksburg, Va., June 16.—C. C. Conway pleaded guilty before Judge R. H. L. Chickster in Caroline Circuit court, at Bowling Green, to the indictment charging him with manufacturing liquor and having a still in his possession. He was sentenced to \$100 fine and sixty days in jail. Conway was released on \$1,000 bond until the October term of court when the jail sentence will begin.

Conway is a prominent citizen of Caroline county and is a member of the county democratic committee. He was a member of the legislature for one term as the delegate from Caroline.

## REV. MR. DODD HAS BUSY DAY SATURDAY

Rev. F. D. Dodd of the Methodist church had a most busy day last Saturday. He was getting off to the League meeting on Monday morning and was some postponing in the old car to make it look brand new when he was interrupted twice to come to the courthouse on very urgent business.

Each time it was a call to join a happy couple in wedlock. One couple he carried back to the Methodist church and married them there. They were Miss Ina Harper and Mr. L. E. C. Mitchell of Beaufort county. Mrs. Mitchell is the daughter of J. G. and Mrs. J. V. Harper and Mr. Mitchell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Mitchell both families residents of Fairport county.

The next couple was married in the courthouse by Brother Dodd. They were Miss Ruth Estelle Gray and Mr. Lawrence J. Lilley. Mrs. Lilley is the daughter of Mr. and Mr. J. J. Gray of Pitt county and Mr. Lilley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lilley of this county.

## NEW CITY LICENSE MAY BE SECURED AT MAYOR'S OFFICE

City license for the year 1924-25 can be secured at the office of the Mayor. Charges for license will be one dollar. All citizens who own cars must have a special city license on or before July 1st, 1924.

## TWO YEAR OLD CHILD DIES OF COLITIS

Anna Elizabeth, the two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Manning of Jamesville, died Sunday after an attack of colitis.

## MR. TEER, ROAD CONTRACTOR HERE YESTERDAY

Mr. Nello Teer of Durham was in town Monday. Mr. Teer is building the road from the Washington county line to Williamston.

## HON. R. G. ALLSBROOKS VISITOR HERE YESTERDAY

Hon. R. G. Allsbrooks who served in this district as solicitor for more than ten years was a business visitor in our town yesterday. Mr. Allsbrooks looks quite natural except he appears younger than when he was carrying the burdensome duties of the solicitorship.

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