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JOSHUA NORMAN CHARGED WITH COMMITTING RAPE ON YOUNG GIRL

The Alleged Crime was Committed in the Skinnersville Section Sunday Afternoon

HELD WITHOUT BOND FOR SUPERIOR CT.

Joshua Norman, aged about thirty years, and a big husky looking fellow is in jail here awaiting trial for alleged rape upon Mildred Norman, age between thirteen and fourteen so she believes. At a preliminary hearing before judge Bailey Monday he was ordered held without bond until Superior court begins here next week, or until his case is called. It is thought that the charge will be somewhat modified, however, as there was some minor conflicting statements made by the girl in her testimony.

She claims to have gone to the home of Joshua Norman Sunday morning just after Sunday School services were over on a friendly visit, although the two families are not on very friendly terms. Upon leaving the home of Joshua she was accompanied by two boys and one girl for a part of the way. And on the journey Joshua yelled to one of the boys telling him to hold her until he arrived, which Mildred claims was done. She states that while the other two boys were only a very short distance from them Joshua seized her by the arm and compelled her to enter the woods with him for a short distance.

She stated that she cried, screamed and begged him to release her which he refused to do until after he had accomplished his full purpose.

The young girl seems to be below normal intelligently and her story was somewhat conflicting at times. It is thought by several who heard her testimony that Joshua will be tried for having carnal knowledge of a female under sixteen years of age, rather than that of rape.

APPLICATIONS FOR EX-SOLDIERS ARE HERE

All men who served in the army, coast guard or marine corps may obtain application blanks for use in applying for adjusted compensation at the post office.

Postmaster at Plymouth has received a number of these application blanks for disposal among ex-soldiers who are served by the post office. While we have information that all post offices of the county are supplied with these blanks, we presume that they may be obtained in any of them.

We would suggest to all ex-servicemen who served in the World War that they apply to their nearest post office for the necessary blanks. It is hoped that some organization or individuals will arrange some plan whereby ex-service men may be assisted in the preparation of these blanks. So far we have heard of no such effort, but in case such a thing is done it will be announced through these columns.

Heavy rains have greatly hindered progress on the new buildings being erected in our town.

EDENTON WINS OVER LOCALS.

The local base ball team played at Edenton last Thursday afternoon and the result was learned here after we had closed our forms, consequently we were unable to publish it. The game was said to be fast and interesting, revealing that the teams are very evenly matched. The result of the game was one to nothing in favor of Edenton.

Weather permitting and no other hindrances arising these teams will play here this morning at ten o'clock, and immediately after dinner both teams will go to Edenton where another game will be staged. A large number of local fans are contemplating accompanying our team.

SEVERE STORM VISITS OHIO

Property Damage Estimated as Being Around 40 Million

The storm which went through Ohio on Saturday night was perhaps one of the worst that ever struck that section of the country, a section of our country that is accustomed to having bad ones, too.

More than one hundred people were killed and five hundred were injured. The property damage is enormous and is estimated by conservatives as being around \$40,000,000.

Summary of Damage
The casualties and damage done by the tornado as it twisted its way across northern Ohio last Saturday night are:

At Lorain: Fifty-nine dead, probably several hundred injured and property damage amounting to between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 inflicted.

At Sandusky: Six dead, probably 10 injured and property damage between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

At Cleveland: Seven dead with small property damage.

At Mantua: Three reported dead.

At Akron: One dead; property damage estimated at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

At Youngstown: One dead.

At Bay Village: Apartment house said to have collapsed, burying two.

At Alliance: One hundred isolated in flooded homes, rescued by police.

Near Weymouth: Two children drowned in flooded creek; three washed off bridge in automobile but rescued.

At Cedar Point: Six cottages blown down; no casualties.

Military on patrol duty at Lorain and Sandusky, although martial law has not been declared.

State health boards takes action to prevent disease by supervising water supply at Lorain and Sandusky.

Wild reports of looting Saturday night at Lorain prove untrue.

Many miraculous escapes reported by eye-witnesses at both Lorain and Sandusky.

Tornado jumps almost 35 miles from Sandusky to Lorain with virtually no damage in between.

Mesdames. W. F. Midgett, Irene Burgess, Mr. Everett Burgess and Miss Kathleen Midgett motored to New Bern last Sunday.

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RECORDER'S COURT ATTRACTS LARGE ATTENDANCE

The regular weekly session of the Washington County recorder's court was attended Monday by an unusually large crowd. Quite a number of farm owners attended so as to get first hand information as to the obligation of owner to tenant, and vice versa. The case of M. L. Swain vs. Jamie Taylor, in which it was charged that Taylor abandoned a fourteen-acre crop on the land of Mr. Swain about June 21st, without having made arrangements for the future care of the crop.

The testimony in part was that Taylor made an agreement with Swain during the month of December and moved his family in a dwelling on the land he was to cultivate, and that the crop would be produced and marketed on a fifty-fifty basis. Mr. Swain testified that the crop was as good as any he had seen this year, and that he had advanced money to Taylor and had also supplied him with some provisions. Counsel for Taylor contended that the amount advanced was not sufficient to properly support his family, while the solicitor claimed that it was.

Solicitor Norman made a proposition that if Taylor would go back to the crop and resume his duties until the crop had been harvested that he would be satisfied. Mr. W. L. Whitley who represented Taylor, vigorously objected to any such arrangement. Judge Bailey advised counsel for both sides that he wished the superior court, which convenes here next week, pass upon this case and consequently placed a fine of \$5.00 and cost on Taylor and suggested that appeal be noted, which was done, and the bond was placed at fifty dollars.

It was contended that there was a flaw in the law governing cases of this particular kind.

Will and Lucy Patrick, colored man and wife of the Skinnersville section, were brought up for alleged assault upon Isabelle and Ethel Burnett of the same locality. The case consumed a good deal of time, and is not of enough importance, in our opinion, to go into detail. Will and Lucy Patrick, the defendants, were required to pay one-fourth of the cost each, while the Burnett girls were given fines of \$15. each and the remainder of the cost. Both girls have small babies but disclaim any ownership of husbands.

July Brown, who came here from New Bern about a year ago, received a badly lacerated head and arm from Lade Steely last Saturday night and had her brought to the court to be dealt with. The fight occurred in the Steely home on Sugar Hill at about one-thirty, and Brown claims to have bought liquor from Lade and Lade claimed that Brown brought with him whatever liquor there was in the house. The officers found an unopened quart bottle. The attack upon Brown was made with coco cola bottles administered by Lade and her young daughter. The judgment was that she be placed in jail for two years; the sentence to begin Wednesday morning at nine-thirty.

Another case which attracted quite an amount of interest was a charge

COTTON BLOSSOMS

The first cotton blossoms of the season have been brought to us since our last edition. The first one was brought us from the farm operated by Messrs. A. R. Latham and P. W. Brinkley and was raised by their tenant, Mr. Leonard Hassell, and was brought in last Friday, June 27th.

On Monday we received one from the farm of Mr. W. T. Craddock, and we understand this blossom appeared on Sunday, June 29th.

COMMUNITY PIC-NIC NEXT WEDNESDAY

The grand lodge, Charitable Brotherhood, will hold its annual meeting next Wednesday on the Satterwaite grove about two miles from here.

At this time the local order of this lodge will hold its annual basket picnic.

Such affairs as these are eagerly looked forward to each year, and jovial crowds almost invariably attend.

We are requested to insist that the people prepare basket lunches and be on hand early so as to not miss any of the speeches that will be made by brilliant talkers.

IN CAMP AT MACKEYS.

The same demonstration and farm agents entertained the county officials at a supper in their camp at Mackeys Wednesday night. The camp is conducted for the boys and girls farm clubs of the county and are proving worth while in every respect. The camp this year, which is held in the school building, is attended by forty-seven boys and girls. Recent rains have made it necessary for many of the boys to remain at home, and unfortunately they are not getting the good times and benefits from the camp this year.

It is pleasing to notice how rapidly interest is growing in club work among the boys and girls in our county and how enthusiastic the young people are in this work. They will leave camp for their homes tomorrow morning.

COMMISSIONERS TO ASSIST FARMERS

The county commissioners, being very anxious to do all in their power to assist the farmers in their fight against the boll weevil, have decided to purchase calcium arsenate in large quantities and keep it stored in the basement at the court house. The calcium arsenate will be sold to farmers at wholesale cost, and it is estimated that it will cost approximately twelve cents per pound.

Mr. R. W. Johnston, county agent and Mr. T. J. Swain of the commissioners, left yesterday for Windsor where they were to arrange contract with a New York concern to furnish whatever quantity the farmers of this county will require.

On account of excessive rains the game of base ball between Plymouth and the combined teams of Creswell and Columbia, scheduled to have been played here Tuesday, was called off.

Mr. A. F. Harrison of Norfolk, was in town on business during the latter part of last week.

Quite a crowd of our people spent Sunday afternoon at Albemarle Beach.

of rape against Joshua Norman, aged about thirty, upon the person of Mildred Norman, aged thirteen, last Sunday afternoon in the Skinnersville section. This case is reported elsewhere on this page.

Y. P. S. L. AT GREENVILLE

The Y. P. S. L. of the Episcopal Church of East Carolina met in Greenville June 24-26, opening with a short service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 10:30 A. M. At 11:30 A. M. they met in the high school auditorium at which time Miss Ada Jones of Greenville delivered the welcome address. Lunch was served at 1 P. M., and a lawn party was given by Mrs. E. B. Ficklen from 4 until 6. A short service was held at 7:30 by Cannon Gordon M. Reese of St. Louis.

On Wednesday from 9:30 until 11 a business meeting was conducted by Cannon Reese, after which an old fashioned barbecue dinner was given at the country club. Sports and bathing was thoroughly enjoyed at the club. At 7:30 P. M. the confirmation class was held in St. Paul's church by Bishop Darst. At 8:30 a short service was held in the school auditorium.

Thursday, the last day, was devoted to hard study in Y. P. work from 9:30 until noon. At this meeting the Y. P. Diocesan organization was formed. The conference closed with a delightful lunch at 1 P. M.

Those attending from Plymouth were Rev. Theo. Partrick, Misses Edna Nurney, Mavis Thigpen, Margaret Brown, Lydia Norman, Katherine Flaughter, Minnie Gordan Cahoon, Jacquelin Williford, Margaret Ross Walker, Messrs. Stark Nurney, Harry Landing, L. P. Hornthal, J., Bobby Martin and Buster Adler. They all report a most enjoyable occasion.

ONE FARM COMMUNITY GREATLY BENEFITED

The children in one rural district in the South have been fortunate during the past few years in having their six months term extended to a nine-months term. The State Normal School at Troy, Alabama, according to a report received by the United States Bureau of Education, kept its elementary school open free of charge to the neighboring rural children during the three summer months. The district furnished the trucks and the normal school furnished the gasoline and drivers for transporting the pupils.

When this service was first extended to the rural districts they looked upon it with distrust. Attendance was optional. The misgivings rapidly cleared away as is illustrated by the growth in number of the pupils along one of the bus lines. The load increased from six pupils the first day to 26 the second day, to 60 by the end of the fifth day.

The pupils were classified on the basis of needs as revealed by standard tests. The regular rural course of study was pursued, each pupil beginning where he left off in the rural school. The normal school was glad to extend this service since its summer school students could thus see and get experience with the type of pupils they were to work among during the coming year. The rural people were grateful for the service since it offered their children educational opportunities, during that period, equal to those received by the more fortunate urban children.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. Stark Nurney and Misses Lydia Norman, Margaret Brown and Edna Nurney spent Friday night in Goldsboro visiting the Oddfellows Home.

Mrs. Dezzie Davis of Beasley, was a business visitor here Monday.

If the weather is favorable a great number of our people are planning to spend today at Rea's Beach. A program has been arranged by Mr. Hollis for their amusement, so we are informed.

Mr. Walter Bowen of the Long Acre section left here Tuesday for a visit to Norfolk and Ocean View.

Material has been placed on the premises for the completion of the new jail which is located on the top floor of the court house. We understand that actual work will commence at once.

Misses Lena Pittman and Annie Mae Allen of Washington are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Darden.

Mr. E. S. Blount and Mrs. J. F. Blount, county, were in town on business Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. R. W. Johnston is beginning the erection of a new residence on Main street.

Mr. W. F. Midgett returned Monday from Norfolk, where he has been visiting friends and relatives.

President Coolidge is celebrating the anniversary of his birth today.

A. L. Holmes, W. D. Peal, Alfred and W. T. Alexander of Creswell, were in town on business Monday.

Capt. C. E. Mizell of Roper, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. W. Auson and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Auson and little son went to Mackeys Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. L. Hamilton and daughter, Miss Eleanor, and son, Louis Jr., of Orangeburg, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton.

Mr. Louis Hamilton of Orangeburg, S. C., who has been visiting his father, Mr. J. H. Hamilton, left Sunday for New York.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardison, Garland and Jessie Hardison, Mrs. S. L. Owens and son, Herman, motored to Rocky Mount Sunday.

The new residence of Mr. R. A. Williford on Madison and Church streets presents a splendid appearance and adds very much to the appearance of that part of town.

Mr. W. D. Peal of Creswell was a business visitor here Monday.

North Carolina, Washington County.

In the Superior Court.
NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE.
United Commercial Bank,

vs.

Joseph Gurganus.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Washington County in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 4th day of August, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House door of said County, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said Joseph Gurganus, defendant, has in the following described real estate, to-wit:

Being an undivided one-eighth (1-8) interest in and to all that tract or parcel of land which descended to said Joseph Gurganus as one of the heirs of Jno. Thos. Gurganus. Said land being bounded on the East by the county road leading from Washington to Plymouth, on the south by Wm. Harrison, on the West by Wm. Bowen and on the North by the Hollis road, containing 60 acres, more or less.

This the 18th day of June, 1924.

J. K. REID, Sheriff.
Washington County.
Zeb Vance Norman, Attorney.