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## OLIVER, NORRIS BOUND OVER

**Norton Fined \$2.50—Shepherd and Holt Found Not Guilty of Charges Preferred by Officers—Evidence Shows Norris Cursed Mrs. Shepherd.**

When Cecil Holt, Harry Shepherd, and the latter's wife, coming toward Franklin on the night of September 10, struck two officers' cars which were blocking the road, Charlie Oliver, township constable, began firing, two shots striking the car, and one taking effect in Holt's left hip.

When Mrs. Shepherd who was in a delicate state of health, and on her way to the hospital, attempted to get out of the car, after the shooting, one of the officers held her, swore at her, and told her to "set still" and be quiet. Shepherd was handcuffed and brought to town.

Earlier in the evening, Shepherd and his wife had been flagged by the same group of officers, and a gun pointed at them.

Such was the version of the shooting of September 10 related by three prosecution witnesses at the preliminary hearing here Monday. The defense offered no evidence, and two of those in the party of officers were bound to Superior court.

Oliver was bound over under bond of \$1,000, charged with a felonious assault with a deadly weapon on Holt.

Raleigh Norris, former deputy sheriff and acting as an officer at the time, was bound over on two counts of assault with a deadly weapon—one on Shepherd, and one of Mrs. Shepherd. He was placed under bond of \$200 in each case, or a total of \$400.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Norton, the third member of the officers' party, was found guilty of a simple assault, and fined \$2.50 and one-third of the costs in his case.

The charges against Holt and Shepherd, growing out of the same occurrence, were all dismissed. They were charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, an automobile; with reckless driving; and Shepherd with drunkenness.

The hearing attracted a large crowd, the court house being nearly full most of the day, from the time the hearing began at 10 o'clock until it was completed about 4.

Hearing the cases were Justice of the Peace John E. Rickman, before whom the warrants against Norton, Norris, and Oliver were sworn out, and Justice of the Peace George Carpenter, who issued the warrants against Shepherd and Holt. They sat together for both cases, but each passed on the case coming under his jurisdiction.

Attorneys representing Shepherd and Holt suggested at the beginning of the trial that all the cases be consolidated and tried together, but attorneys for the officers vigorously protested, and the charges against the officers were heard first, as one case, followed by the hearing of the charges against Holt and Shepherd. The justices, however, reserved their decision in the first case until they had heard the second.

In the case against Norton, Oliver, and Norris, the prosecution put but three of the 12 witnesses called on the stand, two of these being Shepherd and Holt. The third was Harry McDowell, who was with the officers on the night of the occurrence, he said.

The shooting occurred between 9 and 10 o'clock, according to McDowell. He indicated how the two cars of the officers were placed on the highway, and swore that when Shepherd and his wife came by the first time it was necessary to move one of the parked cars to allow them to pass. They returned toward Georgia, and came back north with Holt. The Shepherd car attempted to pass between the parked cars of the officers, striking both of them. About that time he saw Charlie Oliver shoot, two or three times. He heard three shots. He had been there an hour or so before the shooting, he said; the officers were looking for either a liquor car or a stolen car, and someone suggested that they go home, but Oliver, McDowell said, stated that he would rather not go in until they had had "a little excitement."

On cross examination, McDowell admitted that he became frightened after the shooting and ran about 100

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## HIGHLANDS CASE COMPLETED

**Referee Mallonee Considering Evidence and Preparing Report.**

Following four full days of evidence taking here, and a trip to Highlands Friday to view its hydro-electric plant and water system, J. D. Mallonee, of Murphy, referee, is at work preparing his report in the case in which Warren H. Booker, Charlotte civil engineer, is suing the Town of Highlands.

Booker brought suit for the recovery of \$2,380, plus interest, balance of engineering fees due him by the town, according to his contention. Highlands filed a counter-suit for damages allegedly sustained, the town's principal claim being based upon the contention that the engineer's preliminary estimates on the cost of the hydro-electric plant were too low, by approximately \$23,000.

In refutation and explanation, Booker offered evidence tending to show that conditions at Highlands were not exactly as represented, instancing the fact that it was represented to him that local sand was suitable for the construction of the dam, whereas sand actually had to be shipped from Columbia, S. C.

A large number of witnesses were examined. Testifying for Highlands were practically all the members of the Board of Aldermen and most of the employes of the municipality. No expert testimony was offered by Highlands, however.

The Charlotte engineer did nothing inconsistent with good engineering practices, it was testified by four engineers, Thomas G. Coxe, of Cullowhee, Roy J. Hart and George Vickery, of Highlands, and Fred Coffman, of Charlotte. The hydro-electric plant at Highlands, which cost slightly more than \$100,000, is worth approximately a quarter of a million dollars, Mr. Coxe testified.

Highlands began the installation of a water system under Mr. Booker's supervision about two years ago, later employing him to superintend the construction of the hydro-electric plant and a sewer system. The entire program was completed last April.

Booker was represented by Frank Kennedy, of the Charlotte law firm of Tillett, Tillett, and Kennedy, and by Jones and Jones, of Franklin. Attorneys for the Town of Highlands were Horn and Patton, of Franklin.

## Flappers and Grandmothers

The ladies in the school class of the early eighties taught by Major N. P. Rankin met at the lovely country home of Mrs. Mary Waldroop Tuesday, September 20, 1927.

After many fond embraces and having reverted to various scenes of the past of the school mates the following "school chums" and a few invited friends gathered around a sumptuous picnic dinner:

The roll was called and answered with these responses:

Mrs. Tom Slagle—Young as I feel.  
Mrs. Lee Crawford—Old as you feel.  
Mrs. Mays Crawford—Not as old as the others.

Mrs. Lee Waldroop—Older than wise.

Mrs. Mamie Rogers—Too old to mention.

Mrs. James Conley—Older than good.

Mrs. E. R. Kinnebrew—Just the right age.

Mrs. Mary Waldroop—25.

Mrs. Will Sloan—"Sweet 16."

Mrs. Tom Roane—Just as old as I look.

Mrs. F. T. Smith—Old enough to be a grandmother.

Mrs. Will Curtis—The youngest one in the crowd.

Mrs. Fred Moore—She says she don't belong.

Miss Annie Slagle—Oh! young and tender.

Miss Mary McDowell—Young as the youngest flapper.

Miss Lilly Rankin—Oh! I'm the real flapper.

The last three ladies were the youngest in the class and the older ones especial pals.

The class of the early eighties did full justice to the lovely dinner which was really wonderful when one considers the extreme youth of the girl who prepared it.

After many pleasant recollections, and some good old time music, farewells were said, with the hope to meet with Mrs. Lee Waldroop next year.

## HIS MAJESTY THE GREAT DEMON WASTE

(By Lyles Harris, County Agent)

With all of Macon county's virtues, progressiveness and achievements, there is, gnawing at her very vitals, one thing that bids fair to upset the whole scheme of things. This is nothing more nor less than waste.

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Just stop and take a survey of the insidiousness of His Satanic Majesty. The Great Demon Waste. The multitudinous methods he uses to perpetrate and accomplish his nefarious ends are legion.

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His Satanic Majesty is no respecter of person, things or animals. He has no rules but one, and that is to take advantage of every opportunity, and where there are no opportunities existing, to make an opportunity. He begins with the soil; he uses the sun, the air, the water, the weeds, the insects, fungus diseases and chemical reaction of elements found in nature. He particularly revels in barren fields through the winter, and in negligent soil preparation and crop cultivation. By these means he takes from the soil, annually, from 600 to 900 pounds per acre of lime salts on soils where there are no winter crops.

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Among the plant life of the land he worms his poisonous presence in the shape of insect pests, fungus diseases and absence of proper plant food.

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In the animal world he is most energetic along the lines of improper breeding, negligent feeding, improper sheltering, intestinal parasites and external parasites,—where he takes full advantage before his presence is observed, owing to ignorance or carelessness of the owner.

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His titanic majesty wields a wicked warfare upon the orchards of the county by using the weapons placed in his hands in the way of lack of spraying material, lack of proper fertilization and cultivation, and lack of forethought and energy on the part of the owner.

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His "Worship" brings his cohorts of devastation in full force into the small pen of the confined hog, and revels in the unsanitary conditions found there. Nothing is more conducive to his achievement than the opportunity to develop billions of bacteria in the filth and excretion in which the majority of our hogs have to live.

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He worms his vulgar presence into the wet, damp, filthy, unsanitary cow stall; pollutes the milk with filthy odors and injurious germs, thereby causing our babies to suffer.

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He creeps into the poorly ventilated, filthy chicken roost and puts his cohorts to work in the way of mites, lice, roup, gaps, clytes, typhoid, diphtheria, cholera, black head, etc.

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One of the best accomplishments of the great god Waste, is his squandering of time among the farm population of the land. If he can keep a water system out of the house and barn; if he can cause the farmer not to think or plan; if he can cause him to feel sorry for himself and bemoan his luck, if he can cause the man to so arrange his buildings and equipment that he will get the least profitable return from them, he has accomplished one of the main desires.

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In the marketing world, both buying and selling, Waste brings to bear many things to obtain the desired end. First and foremost he makes use of the mental attitude of most of the people to refrain from co-operation; to accept the other man's plan; to accept the other man's prices and goods, and to offer to the market produce of an inferior quality, in

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## COMMISSIONERS ARE LIABLE

**Tax Lists Must Be Turned Over to Tax Collector First Monday in October—Law Says All Previous Taxes Must Have Been Collected—Sheriff to Give Bond Before Receiving Tax Books.**

Preparation of two copies of the tax list for each township and a settlement in full of all taxes for last year must both take place under the law by the first Monday in October, when the county commissions of the various counties meet to make provision for the collection of the 1927 tax levy.

The county commissioners are charged with the responsibility of preparing the duplicate tax lists and the sheriff or other tax collecting officer must make the full and complete settlement for the 1926 taxes. The sheriff is also required to give bond before receiving the tax books on the first Monday in October.

The board of county commissioners must furnish an order along with the tax lists and the sheriff or other tax collecting officer of the county to collect the taxes due.

### Law Has Teeth

Charles M. Johnson, county advisor, under the County Government Advisory Commission, calls the attention of the boards and other county officers to the strict provisions of the act to provide for the collection of taxes and the provisions governing in particular the meeting of the board of commissioners on the first Monday in October, which are as follows:

"Any county commissioner who shall vote to deliver the tax list and receipt books to any sheriff or tax collector for the succeeding year, when settlement has not been made as herein provided of the taxes for the previous year, shall be individually liable for the amount of taxes due by such sheriff or tax collector.

"Any county commissioner who shall fail to vote on the first Monday in October to make provisions for the collection of the taxes for the then tax year, as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of ten dollars for each day failure to make provisions as herein provided shall have continued.

"Any county commissioner who shall fail to require a report herein required or wilfully fails to perform any duty herein imposed, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court.

"Any sheriff or tax collector who shall fail to perform any duty imposed by this article shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, and in addition thereto shall be liable under his bond for all damages resulting from his negligence."

### North Skennah Locals

Messrs. Ray Sanders and Carl Tal-ent were in this section Saturday night.

Miss Leobelle Bradley spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bradley, of Iotla.

Messrs. Pink and John Jones are visiting old friends and relatives this week here.

Frank Carpenter and Lonzo Knight were the guests of Mr. Robert Carpenter Saturday night.

Mr. Fred Kimzey was visiting his sister, Mrs. Carrie Roane, of Cartoogechaye Saturday night.

Miss Bradley returned to her school Sunday afternoon, accompanied by her cousin, Mr. Early Bradley.

Mr. Ed Sanders was in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Carpenter were in this community Sunday afternoon and took supper with his uncle, Mr. Robert Carpenter.

Mr. Zeb Shone spent the week end with home folks.

### Bullock-Gribble

Miss Willie Mae Bullock, of Abbeville, S. C., a nurse at Angel Brothers' hospital, and Mr. Ted Gribble, of Franklin, were quietly married at the Presbyterian Manse by Rev. J. A. Flanagan on Sunday, September 18. Since their marriage this happy couple have been receiving congratulations and best wishes of their numerous friends.