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Colored Youth Given Five To Twelve Years

Sentenced as Result of Attack on Little White Girl

MANY CASES

October Court Docket Crowded With Minor Affairs

Mathew Banks, a fourteen-year-old Negro boy, was sentenced to the Central Prison for not less than five and not more than twelve years, by Judge W. C. Harris on Wednesday, after all of the evidence in the case was heard and the defense had announced that it would not resist a verdict.

The boy, a son of Sam Banks, who lives near New Hope, was indicted by the Grand Jury this week, charged with assault with intent to commit rape. He had been held in the Perquimans County jail since his arrest in July.

Trial of the case began Wednesday morning, with the State Solicitor Herbert Leary conducting the prosecution and Robert B. Lowry, of Elizabeth City, representing the defense.

State's witnesses included Katherine Ivy, the eight-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ivey, the alleged victim of the attempted attack, Bob Ivey, Mrs. Bob Ivey, Sheriff J. E. Winslow, Deputy Sheriff L. L. Winslow, and Vernon Ward.

The defense witnesses included Sam Banks and his wife, Susan, father and mother of the defendant, Christine Hollowell, Elsie Ivey and John Ross. The defendant was not placed upon the stand.

Katherine Ivy, small for her eight years, was placed upon the stand. The child, apparently very nervous, was unable to answer the questions asked, merely saying "I don't know" to most of the questions. She told her name and said she was eight years old. She also said she was in the first grade at school and told the name of her teacher.

Mrs. Bob Ivey testified that she witnessed the attempted attack.

Sheriff J. E. Winslow testified that he arrested the boy in Portsmouth, Va., where he located him after he had failed to find him at the home of his father. He also testified that the boy admitted the crime.

Deputy Sheriff L. L. Winslow corroborated in detail Sheriff Winslow's testimony as to the confession of Mathew Banks.

Sam and Susan Banks testified that Bob Ivey attempted to compromise the matter with them if Sam would pay them fifty dollars. They further testified that Bob Ivey told them their son had slapped their little girl.

This was denied by both Mr. and Mrs. Ivey, and Mr. Ivey testified that Sam Banks offered to "help him out a little bit if he would compromise the case."

Sam and Susan Banks both testified that the boy wasn't right bright and said he would often do exactly the opposite thing from what he was told to do. They admitted, however, that he was promoted from the third grade of school last year to the fourth.

First Cases Tried
Half a dozen criminal cases were disposed of during the first two days of the October term of Perquimans Superior Court which convened in Hertford on Monday, with Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presiding.

A plea of no contest was offered and accepted in the case of State against Thurman Madra, and the defendant was required to pay a fine of fifty dollars and court costs. This case was reported from Recorder's Court. Mr. Madra, who lives at Enfield, was alleged to have been the driver of a truck which was in collision with an automobile driven by LeRoy Sprull, colored, on the Hertford-Elizabeth City highway last summer.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case against LeRoy Sprull, colored, charged with receiving stolen property, to-wit an automobile tire. The prosecuting witness, Percy Sharp, who is serving a road sentence for stealing the tire in question from the service station of Joe & Bill, acknowledged on the stand that he stole the tire, and testified that LeRoy Sprull bought the tire from him knowing he had stolen it.

Clarence Burnette, colored, who was charged with possessing liquor for the purpose of sale, which case was reported from Recorder's Court, (Continued on Page Five)

MANY OFFICIALS PLAN TO ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

Law Enforcing Officers Convene In Edenton On Nov. 8

STUDY MOTOR LAWS

Various Phases of Law Enforcement Will Be Explained

The law enforcing officers of this and neighboring counties will hold a district conference in Edenton, Friday, November 8th, to discuss mutual problems and lay plans for concerted and continuous effort in crime prevention and highway safety.

A total of eight such conferences will be held throughout the State in all. The counties forming this district are Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.

The series is being arranged through the Law Enforcing Officers Division of the Institute of Government by the leaders of city, county, state and federal officers in North Carolina.

The Institute of Government, it was announced, has completed arrangements for the printing of 250,000 copies of its new guidebook on Highway Safety. These will be distributed to every officer, citizen group, and high school in the State, it was said, forming the basis for safety instruction and promotion by all three groups.

Among the topics for instruction and discussion at the conference, in Edenton are rules of evidence, arrests, searches and seizures, investigations, preparation of cases for trial, civil service, politics in law enforcement, and uniform laws and uniform enforcement of the laws.

Along with these will be featured the coordination of all groups of law-enforcing officers in the enforcement of the motor vehicle laws, which is one phase of the larger problem of crime prevention and criminal law enforcement.

ROTARIANS HOLD INTER-CITY MEET MONDAY NIGHT

William Paxton of Norfolk Will Be Principal Speaker

SPECIAL MUSIC

Club Plans to Assist in Planting of Trees in Town

William Mc. Paxton, Governor of the 56th District of Rotary International, of Norfolk, Va., will be the speaker at the Inter-City meeting of the Edenton, Elizabeth City and Hertford Rotary Clubs to be held at the Hotel Hertford on next Monday night.

Special music will be furnished by the Edenton band.

Sixty guests are expected to be present.

Plans for the meeting were discussed at the regular meeting of the Club on Tuesday night.

It was also announced at this meeting that the Hertford Club is invited to hear the president of Rotary International, Ed Johnson, who will speak at the Monticello Hotel on November 19th. A large delegation from this Club will probably attend.

A special committee was appointed by President Luther H. Butler on Tuesday night to offer the services of the Rotary Club to the Hertford Woman's Club in connection with the plans of that body to plant trees on the streets of the town this fall. The committee appointed is composed of R. N. Hines, C. P. Morris and R. T. Brinn.

Another committee, composed of Rev. D. S. Dempsey, Silas M. Whedbee and E. T. Johnson, was appointed to construct on a suitable location a barbecue pit.

MANY AT TURKEY SUPPER

The turkey supper at the Parish House was well attended on Thursday night. Both from the standpoint of a pleasant affair and as a paying proposition, the supper was quite a success.

Scarlet Fever Causes Closing First Grade

JUDGE HARRIS IS VERY EXPLICIT IN CHARGE TO JURY

Gives Ruling As To When Person Is Under Influence of Whiskey; Wants Matters Investigated

In his charge to the Grand Jury Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, who presided at the October term of Superior Court which convened on Monday, departed somewhat from the routine manner in which Superior Court judges some times follow, stating that he always found that there were generally on each grand jury several men who had previously served on grand juries and were familiar with their duties, but requesting that if they desired any instruction or information they would call upon him.

He first stated that he wanted the Grand Jury to get the last two grand jury reports made in this county and look over them and see if there were any recommendations made in those reports which had not been carried out. "There is no sense," he said, "in grand juries making recommendations and then just letting them be filed in a pigeon hole and nothing done about them."

His Honor went on to say that there were sometimes, of course, reasons why nothing was done about a grand jury recommendation, but that he wanted those reports gone into the first thing.

After instructing the body in the proper procedure in preparing and returning bills of indictment, and as to examination of the jail and county home, and the various county offices, Judge Harris said "I want you to see if any administrators or executors have not filed their reports, and whether the guardians of children in this county are making their reports." He further said he wanted the grand jury to look into the matter of the kind of guardian bonds that were given.

In reference to the justices of the peace of the county, Judge Harris directed the Grand Jury to see if each magistrate in the county had made his proper report. "Each magistrate should report before each term of criminal court," he said, stating that a report should be made of all cases tried and of the disposition of each case.

He stated that sometimes a justice of the peace took more jurisdiction than the Superior Court would take.

The usual directions were given as to the urgency of the necessity of looking into the matter of the school buses and the statement was made that much good had been accomplished by the examination of the school buses, and that he had found that those in charge always welcomed the investigation.

With reference to passing upon bills of indictment in connection with drunken driving, Judge Harris said "A man is drunk under that law if he is under the influence of whiskey or drugs to the extent that he has not got control of his normal faculties."

Birthday Party Given For Mrs. A. L. Godfrey

A surprise birthday party was given for Mrs. A. L. Godfrey on Tuesday by her children. Mrs. Godfrey celebrated her 41st birthday.

The home was attractively decorated with beautiful fall flowers.

A delicious birthday dinner was served, and after dinner ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. Godfrey received many beautiful and useful presents.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deal, Mrs. Raymond Ivey, Mrs. H. E. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ward and children, Elizabeth and Mary Vernon, Mrs. L. C. Symons, Mrs. Linwood Ward, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Godfrey, Grizelda, Katherine, Daphne, Bond, Alpha Bettie, Wilma Frances, and Abe Godfrey, Jr.

A. L. Skinner Leaves J. C. Blanchard Co.

A. L. Skinner has resigned his position with J. C. Blanchard & Co., and has accepted a position as salesman with the Hollowell Chevrolet Co.

Mr. Skinner has been connected with J. C. Blanchard & Co. for the past eight years, during which time he was head of the grocery and hardware departments.

Mr. Skinner is one of the widest known and most popular salesmen in the community and enjoys the confidence of a large circle of friends.

He expects to take over his new duties on Monday of next week.

Three Cases of Disease Reported In Grammar School

ISSUE ORDER

Precautions Taken to Prevent Spread of Sickness

The first grade of the Hertford Grammar School was ordered closed for this week by the Perquimans County Board of Health at a meeting held last Saturday, as a result of two cases of scarlet fever in the grade.

Mollie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Oakey, Jr., was the first child to have the disease. This case developed two weeks ago. Mary Leland, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Winslow, developed the disease last week. Both children at this writing are getting along very nicely.

Another case of scarlet fever developed over the week-end, the child Moody Mathews, Jr., being in the fifth grade of the Hertford Grammar School. The Mathews family live in the country.

The order as passed by the Board of Health on Saturday, and signed by F. T. Johnson, secretary of the Perquimans County Board of Health, reads as follows:

"To the Patrons of Hertford Grammar School:

"At a meeting of the Board of Health held on October 26, 1935 the prevalence of scarlet fever was called to the attention of this Board. Dr. P. T. Brinn, County Health Officer, reported two cases of scarlet fever in the first grade of the Hertford Grammar School. In the interest of the public, the Board, after discussing the situation makes the following order: It is the order of the Board of Health that the first grade of the Hertford Grammar School be closed until November 4, 1935. It is further ordered that any child who lives in the same house with any pupil of the first grade in the Hertford Grammar School be kept at home until November 4, 1935. It is further ordered that the above children be kept away from Sunday Schools, Churches, moving picture shows, all public gatherings, and kept off the streets."

Former Resident Buried In E. City

Mrs. Lula Waugh Moss, wife of R. R. Moss, died suddenly on Friday, October 26, of a heart attack.

Funeral services for Mrs. Moss were held at Ziegler's Funeral Parlor in Elizabeth City at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and were conducted by the Rev. D. S. Dempsey, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, Elizabeth City. Burial took place in Hollywood Cemetery, in Elizabeth City.

Pallbearers included R. M. Riddick, W. H. Hardcastle, Cook Winslow, J. E. Winslow, Dr. C. A. Davenport, Thomas Nixon, T. S. White, all of Hertford; Lidius Old, of Great Bridge, Va.; C. H. Ward, Ray Toxey, and Grover Jackson, of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Moss, who was 63 years of age, was formerly Miss Lula Waugh, the daughter of the late John F. and Sarah Harney Waugh, of Elizabeth City. She lived most of her life in Elizabeth City, coming to Hertford seven years ago from Bennettsville, S. C., where she had lived for some time.

During her residence in Hertford she had made many friends here who deeply regret her passing.

Mrs. Moss had been suffering with a heart affection for some time and only a few months ago had been very sick. She recovered from this attack, however, and had been apparently much improved. She had been slightly indisposed for several days but felt better Friday and had left her apartments and gone to Mrs. J. E. White's boarding-house, where she took her meals, and was at supper when the end came suddenly.

Surviving are her husband, R. R. Moss, who is superintendent of the Saw Mill at Major and Loomis Co., and two daughters, Mrs. Aubrey McCabe, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Evelyn Walston, of Great Bridge, Va.

MRS. HOLMES ELECTED AS TEACHER IN LOCAL SCHOOL

Mrs. C. R. Holmes has been elected a teacher in the Perquimans High School. Before her marriage, Mrs. Holmes was Miss Hannah Mae Fleetwood and was a member of the faculty.

Joe White Proves That Where There's a Will There's a Way

Don't make the mistake of feeling sorry for Joe White. He isn't sorry for himself. That state of mind, so common to certain types of less fortunate folks, is utterly foreign to Joe's nature. In fact, Joe has been too busy all his life climbing over the obstacles in his way to waste time in worry over things he couldn't help.

Joe White is a colored man, fifty-five years old now. He lives on the farm of Jacob L. White, two miles from Hertford. He has spent most of his life on this farm.

When Joe lost his right leg, back in his youth, it was a blow. Joe doesn't deny that. It is a considerable handicap to work, to do manual labor, farm labor, with one leg gone. The cancer which caused the leg to have to be amputated became inactive after the amputation, and so Joe went back to work. He had always been a good farm hand. The loss of his leg didn't alter that. It must have been pretty difficult, but with that peg leg he worked right on.

It was some years after the loss of his leg that, from a tiny scratch on his right hand an infection spread until Joe's good, right arm had to be taken off. That was mighty bad, Joe says. But he didn't waste any time grieving over it. It couldn't be helped. Work was more difficult, of course, but with the empty sleeve pinned out of the way, Joe went on working. He held his own, too, according to his employer. In fact, Joe was always one of the best hands on the farm. He always did as much work as anybody else did. He could do anything, too, ploughing, hoeing, ditching, cutting wood, harvesting crops, anything.

Working in a saw mill one day, sawing wood, Joe got the thumb of his one hand caught in the machinery and it was so mangled it had to be amputated. Now there were just four fingers to do everything with—only one hand, and on that only four fingers. The handy thumb was gone.

Of all Joe's misfortunes, it is doubtful if any of them outweighed the loss of that thumb. If Joe had given up in despair then who could have blamed him?

But did Joe give up? He did not. Still, essentially grinning—Joe's

smile is always pleasant, wistful sometimes perhaps, but he smiles—he kept right on working. He could still plough, and hoe, and ditch, and do anything any other farm hand does.

But he hasn't been able to plough much since his last accident. That was almost the finish of Joe. He was working at the oil mill in Hertford some four or five years ago. Incidentally, Joe always fills in any in between season on the farm with jobs he picks up in town. A freight engine on the mill siding jumped the track one day and pushed in the brick wall of the building in which Joe was working. "Poor Joe," said the sympathetic fellow workmen, who hastened to dig away the fallen brick and mortar and find the body of the unfortunate Joe. It seemed like a shame, they said, for Joe to be killed in this way, after he had been so game, too, about so many accidents.

But Joe wasn't dead. He was unconscious when they finally got him out. Two tedious months in a hospital followed. The injuries had been pretty severe. But Joe went on back to work when he left the hospital, living with the family of his cousin whom he has always helped to support, having no dependents of his own.

"Joe can do as much work as anybody on the farm now," said Jacob L. White, who now owns the farm where Joe has spent most of his life, "except ploughing." Since the brick wall fell on him, he said, Joe had not been able to plough much.

Mr. White then told how he set Joe to cutting fire wood some time ago, expecting him to cut perhaps a load in a day. "And don't you know he cut a whole cord of wood that day," he said.

Joe was asked to come to town and pose for his photograph. He said he would be glad to come if he wasn't too busy. It is harvest time in Perquimans and Joe is busy digging and shaking peanuts now.

"Joe," a man said, "lots of folks who have lost just one leg or just one arm stop work and get a living by begging. There was a world of pride in Joe's reply, "I never have begged," he said.