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ROBERT FIELDS
FOUND GUILTYNegro Charged Assauling
W. B. Fleming, Given
Ten-Year Sentence

MUCH INTEREST IN CASE

A Warren county jury said by its verdict yesterday morning that Robert Fields, negro, was the man who secretly assaulted Walter B. Fleming, proprietor of the Warrenton Service Station, on the night of November 4 and robbed him of \$372 in bills and several hundred dollars worth of checks as he lay in an unconscious condition on the edge of the sidewalk parallel with the Tarwater's warehouse and a few feet from Mrs. Adelle Jones' corner. Willie Fields, who faced trial with his brother for the crime, was found not guilty.

Much Criticism Of
Court Due To Jury,
Declares Barnhill

Much of the criticism of the courts is in reality a criticism of the jury, Judge M. V. Barnhill, presiding over January term of Warren county Superior Court, which was held at Henderson on Monday morning.

Mistakes of Judges can be corrected by the Supreme court, he pointed out, but if a jury fails to return a fair verdict, then that error can not be corrected as it is final, the jurist pointed out, and urged that evidence in each case be fairly weighed. Of course, he added, where the jury does find a person guilty and the judge fails to punish, then criticism of the judge is correct.

He asked the co-operation of the grand jury and the petit jury in the trial of all defendants and promised to do his part with a view to cutting down the number of cases on the court docket.

Judge Barnhill's charge was largely in the nature of a detailed analysis of the Grand Jury's duties with instructions on how to obtain information needed to bring court action in order that evils might be corrected. He asked particularly for an investigation of any rumors of cases hushed up in Magistrate's courts and for an examination of the manner in which jurors were selected, pointing out in the latter regard the importance of a jury of men of intelligence and good moral character.

Farmers Classes To
Be Held At Vaughan

LITTLETON, Jan. 18.—Attention of the farmers who live in the communities of Vaughan and Calvary (Halifax County) is called to the announcement of a series of evening classes to begin during the week of January 22, announces A. W. Parker, Vocational Teacher of Littleton High School.

These classes will be held for the benefit of the local farmers in securing ideas on the modern method of farm management. Such topics will be discussed as: The Agricultural Adjustment Acts, which includes the discussion in detail of the cotton and tobacco contracts; How we can best use land held out of production; Soil improvement crops; Reclaiming eroded land and preventing soil erosion; Importance of improved seed and varieties; Fertilizer recommendations, and any subject the farmers care to have discussed to give the most modern method of farm activities.

Mr. Parker is very anxious to have those in Vaughan community meet at the Vaughan School Monday night, January 22 at 7:30. Those farmers who live in Calvary community (Halifax County) will meet on Thursday night January 25 at 7:30. The permanent dates and hours for the classes will be decided upon at this first meeting.

DR. CULLOM WILL PREACH

D. W. R. Cullom of Wake Forest College will preach at Brown's church on Sunday, January 21, at 2:30 o'clock, according to announcement made yesterday. The public is cordially invited.

HOME DESTROYED
VAUGHAN, Jan. 18.—The home of Stiffe Bell was destroyed by fire last night.

Tucker Seeks A
Mantle For Library

C. A. Tucker, chairman of the building committee of the Warren County Memorial Library, yesterday asked that anyone possessing a pretty mantle that they would be willing to give for the new library building get in touch with him. Mr. Tucker said that the mantle could be donated either as a simple gift or as a memorial to some loved one.

Haithcock And
Walker Appointed
Loan Inspectors

W. W. Haithcock of Macon, Route 2, and J. T. Walker of Norlina were named inspectors for Warren county at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the newly formed Henderson Production Credit Association held at Henderson on Saturday morning, according to announcement made yesterday by H. E. White, Secretary.

Plans are under way to have applications for loans taken care of at Warrenton without the trouble of going to the main office at Henderson, Mr. White said, and added that they would be announced as soon as they can be completed.

No instructions have been received, according to Secretary White, but it is expected that applications for loans will begin in the next week or ten days.

Breaks Swim Records



Miss Lenore Kight, Homestead, Pa., free style women's swimming champion of the U. S. lowered two national records in a meet of Olympic stars at Miami, Florida. Both records were set in 300 yards events.

Court Recesses On
Wednesday Account
Of Perry Funeral

Court recessed here Wednesday around 1:30 o'clock until the following morning in order that members of the bar and other officials and friends might attend the funeral of Col. Henry Perry, clerk of Vance county Superior court, which was held at Henderson on Wednesday afternoon.

COL. HENRY PERRY CLERK
OF COURT FOR 38 YEARS

HENDERSON, Jan. 15.—Colonel Henry Perry, 77, for 38 years clerk of Vance superior court, died of heart failure at his home here tonight shortly after seven o'clock. He had been in failing health for several months, and against the advice of his physician insisted on attending last week's term of criminal court. He suffered several minor heart attacks during the day Sunday and a severe one early Sunday evening. He appeared to rally, however, though his condition was not materially improved today. Shortly after nightfall another severe attack came and he died before a doctor could reach his bedside.

Colonel Perry is survived by his widow, Mrs. Janie Hall Perry, of New York city and Mrs. Flora McKinnon Perry, of New York City, widow of Henry Leslie Perry an only child, who died ten years ago, and two sisters, Mrs. A. O. Zollcoff and Mrs. W. H. Nicholson, both of this city.

Colonel Perry was widely known to judges and lawyers over the state. He was perhaps the oldest superior court clerk in North Carolina, both in age and point of service. He was first elected to the office here in 1892 but after four years was defeated in the Populist wave that swept the state. In 1900 he was reelected, however, and had held the office continuously since that time, and never missed a term of court in the entire period until last October when illness kept him at his home.

Colonel Perry was one of the county's outstanding citizens, and a lifelong Democrat. When Leslie Perry, died ten years ago, the parents and the widow donated to Henderson and Vance county the H. Leslie Perry memorial library, tax supported institution and one of the greatest benefactions in this section of North Carolina.

Colonel Perry was a native of Franklin county, but came to Henderson in his early manhood and has lived here until his death. He was affectionately esteemed by those who knew him and his name was a household word in Vance county.

Gholson Not To
Oppose Solicitor

Rumors that T. P. Gholson, Henderson attorney, would oppose W. H. S. Burgwyn for the solicitorship of the third judicial district were this week branded as false by Mr. Gholson.

Reports that Mr. Gholson would oppose Solicitor Burgwyn at the next election began circulating here several days ago.

When approached this week in regard to the rumor, Solicitor Burgwyn stated that Mr. Gholson had not only notified him by a letter and through a telephone conversation that he would not oppose him but he had also pledged his support to him in the coming election.

Several Emergency
Teachers Ineligible
For Federal Relief

Emergency teachers of Warren county whose husbands are making \$1,000 or more annually are not eligible for emergency relief, and those whose family incomes are as much as \$50 a month are only eligible in unusual circumstances, according to a ruling made by Roy M. Brown, Technical Supervisor of the State Emergency Relief Administration, in a letter sent to Jesse Gardner, Warren county chairman of Relief and Civil Works Administrator.

Numbers of Warren teachers without employment who have gone to work with kindergarten classes, classes in vocal instruction, and similar work, are affected by this order and it is expected that a great number of such classes will be discontinued. There are about 20 such in the county, according to Mr. Gardner. New classes will be started up only after Mr. Gardner has made a thorough investigation and certified to Raleigh that the teachers come within the classification of those entitled to Federal relief.

Teachers recommended through the office of the Superintendent of Schools were forwarded to Raleigh for approval by Mr. Gardner. Mr. Gardner said yesterday that after the state approved these teachers he was supposed to requisition them for work, and at that time would make a thorough investigation of their needs. Due to a misunderstanding a number of these went to work as soon as State approval was given without his orders, he said.

Mr. Gardner asked Mr. Brown for a ruling and on Wednesday received the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Gardner:

"I have your letter in regard to the employment of emergency teachers. A woman whose husband is making \$1,000 or more a year would certainly not be eligible for relief. I should say one in a family whose income is \$50 or more a month would not be eligible unless there are some unusual circumstances in that family that would plainly show that the income is insufficient for anything like a decent living. Teachers selected for any of these emergency positions should be registered with the reemployment office. They must also be investigated by you and you must certify that they are eligible for relief. In other words, you requisition your teachers from the Reemployment Office and furnish you by the Reemployment Office are in need of the relief to be furnished by this employment."

"Sincerely,

"ROY M. BROWN, Technical Supervisor."

Negro Sent To Jail
In Order Sober Up

Ed Baldwin, negro plumber of Warrenton, came into court as a witness in a case but he left as a prisoner and has been spending this week in the county jail. He was released yesterday afternoon.

The failure of Baldwin to be present when he was called to testify in a case and the fact that when he did appear he brought with him an odor which Sheriff Pinnell and Solicitor Burgwyn described as being one similar to some alcoholic drink was responsible for Judge Barnhill ordering that he be incarcerated in the county jail.

Baldwin was subpoenaed as a witness in the case in which John Coleman, negro, was charged with

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Announces Change
In Office Hours

J. C. Howard, government field inspector, announced yesterday that beginning next week he would not be in his office here in the afternoon and requested that those who wish to see him come in the mornings. He would be out of town in the afternoons, he said.

THREE CONVICTS ESCAPE
Three convicts who escaped while working a dirt road near Embro on Tuesday have not been captured.

Col. and Mrs. A. S. Pendleton of Raleigh were guests in the home of Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington on Wednesday.

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LOCAL MARKET
AVERAGES 16.44

3,118,656 Pounds of Golden
Weed Sold Here Prior To
Christmas Holidays

SHOWS A BIG INCREASE

The Warrenton Tobacco Market sold 3,118,656 pounds of tobacco prior to the Christmas holidays, according to an announcement made this week by the Crop Reporting Service of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. The average price paid on the local market was 16.44 cents compared with 9.59 cents for the same period during the previous year.

TOBACCO PRICES MORE
THAN DOUBLE IN STATE

RALEIGH, Jan. 13.—Tobacco lived up to its name of "golden weed" in North Carolina this season, bringing Tar Heel growers more than twice the amount they received from their crop a year ago, the federal-state crop reporting service indicated today.

With 40,840,955 pounds—or the major portion of the 1933 crop—sold through January 1, the report gave the average price as \$16.11 a hundred as compared with \$12.11 a year ago when sales totaled only 26,412,876 pounds.

Figured in dollars and cents, Tar Heel tobacco growers have received \$75,836,477.85, less warehouse costs, for their crop this year as compared with only \$32,505,889 for the crop

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Department Chief
Says Kerr Helped

"Your knowledge of the tobacco industry, and your unfaltering interest in behalf of the farmers who grow this tobacco crop has materially aided this section in securing improved prices for this type of tobacco," J. B. Hutson, Chief of the Tobacco Section of the United States Department of Agriculture, writes Congressman John H. Kerr under date of January 12, thanking him for his assistance. The letter of the Department Chief to Congressman Kerr follows:

"Hon. John H. Kerr,
House of Representatives.

"Dear Mr. Kerr:

"I take this opportunity to say to you that I have enjoyed working with you in our endeavor to increase the income of flue-cured tobacco growers. Your knowledge of the tobacco industry and your unfaltering interest in behalf of the farmers who grow this tobacco crop has materially aided this section in securing improved prices for this type of tobacco. Your contributions have been most helpful, not only in the passage of the Act, but in advising us in the development of a program that utilized the power given us under the Act. Your advice and counsel was particularly helpful during the negotiation of the Flue-Cured Marketing Agreement.

"Sincerely,

"J. B. HUTSON,
Chief, Tobacco Section."

Square Dance To
Be Held Tonight

A square dance will be held tonight from 9 o'clock to the early morning hours in the Warrenton Armory under the auspices of the John Graham Council of the Junior Order. Music will be furnished by Renn-Hedgpeth orchestra of Henderson. The public is invited and members of the local order promises a night of real fun.

TO OPEN FLOWER SHOP

The Warrenton Flower Shop, under the management of E. T. Odom, florist representative here for a number of years, will be opened in the Warrenton Dollar Store on Monday night.

Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington will leave today for Henderson, Ky., to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. William Conway.

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Criminal Session
Court Expected To
Be Ended Today

The last case on the criminal docket to be presented at this term was being tried yesterday afternoon when court adjourned after four witnesses had testified in the case of the state against James Parker, Neal Robertson, George Gaines and Wiley Williams, four negroes charged with breaking and entering, larceny and receiving stolen goods in connection with the robbery of W. F. White's store at Norlina nearly two weeks ago.

It is thought that the case will be concluded by noon today when court is expected to adjourn until Monday when the grind on matters of a civil nature will begin.

Parker plead guilty to the charge and testified that Robertson was with him when Mr. White's store was broken into and robbed of merchandise said to be worth several hundred dollars. He said that the other two defendants received some of the stolen goods.

Although the state's witness said that Robertson was with him at the time of the robbery, he admitted that Robertson did not receive any of the stolen property. He also admitted on cross examination that he testified at a preliminary hearing that no one was with him when he committed the crime.

A. T. Allen testified as to the dependability of his bloodhounds and said that they followed a track from where Mr. White had seen the man to the place where Robertson was staying.

Hearing someone at the door of her bedroom, which is in the same building with the store, Mrs. White awakened her husband. When he went to the porch door, upstairs, he saw a man leaving the building from the first floor. He made an effort to shoot the fleeing man, but before he could get the safety off the gun the robber was out of range of shotguns.

Bloodhounds were brought from Enfield. The work of the dogs led to the arrest of Robertson. The stolen merchandise was found at a lumber camp and the other three defendants were arrested.

John Coleman, the first man to be tried before Judge Barnhill at this term of court, received a sentence of 30 months. Stealing was the cause of this negro becoming entangled in the meshes of the law.

Testimony brought out during his trial convinced a jury that he had entered a blacksmith shop of Richard Thrower, negro of Wise whose place of business is at Warrenton and stolen a brace, bits, and a saw. In addition to the robbery of the blacksmith shop, it was also testified that Coleman had stolen wood from the property of C. A. Tucker, and that he had attempted to steal a cow from a negro named James Alston.

Thrower, the blacksmith, testified that he discovered that a brace and bit had been stolen from him on December 28th and that he later found them at Hilmon Reavis' place of business. Reavis explained to the court that Coleman brought the brace and bit to his place of business and left them with the understanding that Ed Baldwin, negro plumber of Warrenton, would call for them.

Baldwin testified that Coleman came to him and told that he had a brace and bit he would sell him. Before the transaction had been completed, Baldwin said, Thrower came to him and inquired if he had bought a brace and bit from Coleman. Baldwin said that he told Thrower that the purchase had not been made and later went with him to Reavis' place of business where the brace and bit were identified by Thrower as his property.

Coleman, who plead not guilty to the charge of breaking, entering and stealing, endeavored through his testimony to influence the jury to believe that Lady Luck was responsible for his possession of the stolen articles. He said that he picked up one of the bits near the door of the blacksmith shop and that he found the brace and another bit just outside of the shop.

Before the blacksmith angle of the larceny count was concluded, Thrower recognized a saw on the table before the solicitor as his property. He apparently was surprised.

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WORK STARTED
COUNTY LIBRARY

Force of Ten Men Excavating Basement For New Library Building

DESIGNED BY DETRICK

Excavation was started on the Court Square on Wednesday preparatory to the erection of a modern home for the Warren County Memorial library. Ten men and foreman have been at work for the past two days and the work has been progressing rapidly.

When actual construction will begin is not definitely known. C. A. Tucker, chairman of the building committee, pointed out yesterday that the work was being done by CWA forces and under the circumstances was not being built under contract and therefore it would be hard to state any definite date for the erection of the building. However, he added that bids had already been let on some of the material.

The building, designed by William Henley Detrick, of Raleigh, architect of the Hugh Morrison High School