

SUPERIOR COURT ENDS TUESDAY

Perhaps the Shortest Term
In History of County;
Bank Case Continued

NO CIVIL CASES TRIED

Continuance of the bank case, which left the criminal docket comparatively light and devoid of county-wide interest, and a decision not to try civil matters at this time were responsible for the September term of Superior court adjourning here on Tuesday about noon. This is regarded as being the shortest session of Superior court ever held in Warren.

The bank case was continued at the request of the state on the grounds that one of the material witnesses could not be present at this time, and the decision not to try a civil session of court at this time was reached by Judge Small after he had talked with members of the Warrenton bar and learned that there were only a few cases on the calendar which could be tried at this time. Judge Small is quoted as saying that he did not think the number of cases which would be tried in the event court was held justified putting the taxpayers of this county to the expense of running a week's court.

Charlie Katzenstein, who with Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn, is to prosecute the former officials of the defunct Bank of Warren on charges of violating the State Banking laws, said that one of the main witnesses for the state, an auditor, was tied up in Federal court at Roanoke, Va., and for this reason the state was forced to ask for a continuance. He expressed regrets that the case could not be tried at this time. Similar expressions came from attorneys for the defendants who stated that their clients were very anxious to have the trial over with.

Although a dozen cases were tried before court adjourned here on Tuesday afternoon, this session of court held little interest after it became known that the bank case had been postponed. The majority of those facing Judge Small were charged with larceny and assault, and the trial of these cases was brief.

Procedure which is regarded as being somewhat irregular was responsible for Hilton Reavis, negro of Warrenton who runs a meat market, escaping trial. Reavis had been tried and found guilty in Recorder's court on a charge of possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale. He appealed to the higher tribunal for another trial, but the grand jury got hold of the bill of indictment and agreed that it was not a true bill and the case was removed from the criminal docket. As a rule appeal cases do not go before a grand jury, it was stated.

From eight to ten years in Central Prison was the longest sentence meted out to any defendant who came before Judge Small at this term of court. This sentence was given Park Bryant Jr., negro who was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. The evidence in the case was that the young negro was in an old loft with another man's wife and when the husband started up the stairway of the deserted house to see what was going on Bryant shot him through the neck with a pistol, inflicting serious injuries.

Three of the Fields negroes were tried at this term of court and two were given road sentences but the third brother was found not guilty. Otto Fields, charged with assault with deadly weapon, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to serve on the roads from 12 to 15 months. George Fields plead guilty to breaking in and larceny and was sentenced to serve on the roads from two to three years. Louis Fields, charged with breaking in and larceny and receiving, was found not guilty.

John Stegall, young white man charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was found guilty of simple assault, and was sentenced to serve on the roads from 29 to 30 days. Harvey Coxhead, white, entered a plea of guilty on a charge of highway robbery and was sentenced to serve on the roads from eight to ten years.

ACCEPTS POSITION
Mr. Edward Hall has accepted a position with one of the tobacco companies at Reidsville, N. C.

Mr. Teaney Leggett of Scotland Neck arrived Wednesday afternoon to spend several days as guest of Miss Lucille Joyner.

China Girl Fly



NEW YORK . . . Miss Joan Wong (above), daughter of prominent Cantonese and an accomplished flyer, is now in the U. S. studying American aviation and planes, also flying them.

J. W. Mustain, Civil War Veteran, Dies On Thursday

Henderson, Sept. 17.—James William Mustain, 86, one of the last survivors of the Civil War now residing in Vance County, died on Thursday night September 6th. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Faulkner on Andrews Ave., after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Cokesbury Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a member and conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. A. Dalley, assisted by Rev. A. S. Hale, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Henderson. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were selected from among the grandsons of the deceased.

Mr. Mustain was a Confederate veteran from Franklin County, from which county he enlisted in the army during the Civil War, being a member of Company "C" 13th Artillery, North Carolina Volunteers.

Mr. Mustain was twice married. His first wife, Miss Agnes Llewellyn, of Warrenton, died in 1899. Four daughters survive this union, these being Mrs. W. H. Stewart, of Warren County, Mrs. Eugene Faulkner and Mrs. Maude Mustain of Henderson, and Mrs. J. M. Hartsell of Providence, R. I., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His second wife, Mrs. Lucy Joyner Young, widow of Walter Young, of Lenoir County, died several years ago. He is survived also by one sister, Mrs. Annie Roberts, of Macon.

Until sickness and old age overtook him, Mr. Mustain had a remarkable memory. He could tell a good story, was well acquainted with ancient and modern history and knew the Civil War "from beginning to end". His relatives and friends recall that nothing pleased him better than to entertain his friends by relating events of those trying days. He remembered every member of his company and could call the roll from memory, a feat considered most remarkable.

P. T. A. Holds First Meeting Of Fall

With mothers present from all sections of the county, the Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the fall in the auditorium of the John Graham High School on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was opened with prayer by the new president, Mrs. Claude Bowers, who also made an inspiring talk. Mr. J. B. Miller pointed out the necessity for good attendance, and Supt. J. Edward Allen explained the new report cards.

The teachers were welcomed by Mrs. C. F. Moseley, head of the Hospitality committee, and short talks were made by the following committee chairman: Mrs. A. C. Blalock, chairman of the committee on Membership; Mrs. R. B. Boyd Jr., chairman of the Program committee; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, chairman of the Home and Health committee. Other new officers are Mrs. C. P. Allen, Publicity; Mrs. Herman Rodwell, Treasurer; Mrs. Beaufort Scull, Secretary.

A solo, "Last Night," was rendered by Mrs. Alfred Ellington. She was accompanied by Miss Frances Person on the piano.

Mrs. Claude Bowers gave a tea party on Wednesday to the 3rd grade A—Miss Rose Kimball's room—for the grade having the most mothers present at the Parent-Teacher meeting.

Much enthusiasm was evident at this first meeting of the P. T. A., it was said, and indications point to one of the best and most helpful years ever.

Company B Men Getting On Fine, Capt. Bowers Says

Members of Company B. on guard duty at Burlington because of the textile strike are getting along fine and conditions are far less dangerous than reported, Capt. Claude T. Bowers writes in an open letter to mothers of the members.

Every step possible for their safety is being taken, he writes and adds that much favorable comment has been received regarding the conduct of the Warren men on guard duty. His letter follows:

"To: Parents of Company "B" Members.

"Subject: Duty in Connection with Textile Strike.

"Sgt. William K. Lanier returned to Warrenton today from Subject Duty. He called me and stated that you are very uneasy about the safety of your son. I wish to assure you that conditions are not near as bad as the papers state. Every newspaper report that I have read was headed Charlotte, N. C. You know that this is Communist Headquarters for North Carolina, and that their office wants to make it look like the National Guard is in your homes. I wish it were possible for you to read the literature and hand bills they are distributing.

"Your son is getting on fine, and is carrying out orders given him in a most satisfactory and pleasing manner. I am complimented, several times each day, by different Mill owners in this county regarding the conduct and splendid manner which the boys are showing.

"Again I wish to assure you that the condition is not so dangerous as it is reported; also, next to you, nobody is more interested in the welfare, happiness and safety of your son than I, and that I am taking every step possible for their safety.

"With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

"Sincerely,
"CLAUDE T. BOWERS
"Capt. 120th Inf.
"Comdg. Company "B"

Tobacco Prices Holding Up Well On Local Market

Tobacco prices on the Warrenton market which took a rise on Monday have been holding up well all the week with averages of around 25 cents or better a pound, a local warehouseman said yesterday.

While there have been no heavy breaks this week, sales have been very satisfactory from both the farmers and warehousemen's side, he said.

Red Cross Meeting At Pinehurst 25th

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—A conference of Red Cross chapters, the second of three regional meetings set for North Carolina this month, will be held in Pinehurst on Wednesday September 26. The first of the series is set for Tarboro on September 25, and the third will open in Asheville on Friday September 28.

Richard F. Allen, manager of the Eastern Area of the Red Cross, will speak at the luncheon session on "Today's Challenge to the Red Cross." Panel discussions on Red Cross membership and organization will be led by William Carl Hunt, assistant manager of the area. A. J. Berres and Miss Mary Camp Sprinkle, field representatives for North Carolina, will also appear on the program, reporting on Red Cross committee of the Cabarrus County Chapter, will speak on the work of that organization. The meeting will be held in the Pinehurst Community church.

Legion Asks For Orderly Conduct

A Plea for orderly conduct among those mixed up in the textile warfare comes from the former soldiers of Warren, who on Thursday night of last week passed the following resolution during their regular monthly meeting:

"Limer Post No. 25, of Warrenton, N. C., respectfully urges all strikers as well as non strikers to refrain from the use of force in the present textile trouble.

"W. F. ALSTON, Commander."

Dr. Frank O'Neal of New York was a visitor at Warrenton last night.

Mr. Johnny Abbott was in town this week.

BOARD STUDIES G. JURY CHARGES

Making Investigation of Report of Inefficiency At County Home

TO SUMMONS JURYMEN

Charges made by the Warren county Grand Jury that Mrs. W. T. Powell on account of poor health is unable to look after her duties and that her help is entirely incompetent, resulted in a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners here Thursday morning to investigate the charges. After hearing reports from Dr. W. W. Taylor, County Health Officer Dr. Frank P. Hunter, Arthur Powell and Dr. G. H. Macon, the commissioners adjourned to the County Home for a tour of inspection.

Members of the Grand Jury committee which inspected the home and made the charges will be summoned before the commissioners in executive session early next week to tell upon what grounds such charges were made.

At the meeting of the board yesterday, Dr. Frank P. Hunter, Health Officer, stated that he frequently visited the County Home in his official capacity and that he found the sanitary conditions good, the food bountiful, and the patients seemingly well looked after. He said that during Dr. Foster's term as Health Officer that he visited the Home on several occasions for the Norlina physician, absent on vacation, and that in his opinion sanitary conditions were as good now as they were then.

Dr. W. W. Taylor stated that he and Whit Watson visited the County Home on the same day as did the Grand Jury committee and found sanitary conditions good and the inmates apparently well satisfied.

The health of Mrs. W. T. Powell is good today as it has been for the past twenty years, Dr. G. H. Macon, her physician, stated as his opinion, adding that Mrs. Powell had been suffering from asthma for a number of years and her condition was worse in damp weather, but that she was active and in no sense an invalid. Dr. Macon also stated that the sanitary conditions at the County Home were in his opinion better than they had ever been.

Returning from the investigation of the Home yesterday, a member of the Board of County Commissioners said that sanitary condition were seemingly alright, but that the investigation was not completed.

Mrs. Cary Price Hurt In Wreck

Mrs. Cary Price was seriously injured and her son and daughters were painfully bruised and cut the latter part of last week when the car they were traveling in overturned between Rogersville, Tenn., and Decatur, Ala., it was reported here yesterday.

As a result of the injuries sustained by Mrs. Price she will have to remain in a hospital at Cookeville, Tenn., for three months, it was said. At the time the car overturned Mrs. Price, with her son, John Cary Price Jr., and daughters, Misses Cary, Mary and Elsie, were enroute to their home at Knoxville, Tenn., from Warrenton where they had spent two weeks in the home of Mrs. E. C. Price and family.

The cause of the accident is unknown, but the report reaching here was that the car got from under Mrs. Price's control on one of the mountain roads and overturned.

John W. Crews Is Buried On Sunday

Littleton, Sept. 20.—Funeral services for John William Crews, aged 62 years, who died Saturday morning at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. B. F. Moss, near Littleton, were held at the home of Mrs. Moss Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Elder W. C. Martin of Rocky mount had charge of the service, assisted by B. A. Barnes of Gastonia, and P. H. Fields of Oxford.

The body was taken to Oxford, his former home, where it was laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery.

He was the son of the late David and Mrs. Louisa Crews of Granville County, and is survived by his widow who was formerly Miss Tillie Moss, and the following brothers and sisters: L. B. Crews, Tar River; E. R. Crews, Hester; J. Y. Crews, Oxford; C. F. Crews, Henderson; Mrs. R. J. Jeffreys, Durham; Mrs. Ben Harris, Creedmore; Mrs. S. T. Green, Hester.

New Budget Head



WASHINGTON . . . Daniel W. Bell (above), is now acting Director of the Federal Budget, on appointment by President Roosevelt following the resignation of Lewis Douglas of Arizona.

Establish Pool Handle Cotton Certificates

Cotton farmers whose production is over their allotment will be able to purchase additional tax exemption certificates and those whose production is under their allotment will be able to sell surplus certificates through a national pool, under the provisions of a ruling issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, it is announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The sale price has been set at four cents per pound.

"This plan of handling the excess certificates," says Charles A. Sheffield, assistant extension director at State College in charge of the cotton adjustment program in North Carolina, "does not mean that the Government will purchase such certificates but does mean that those who have more certificates than they have cotton to gin and sell may turn the excess certificates over to the manager of the national surplus cotton tax-exemption certificate pool who will handle them for producers under a trust agreement."

The price of four cents per pound is approximately 70 percent of the tax of 5.67 cents per pound imposed by the Bankhead Act on the ginning of cotton. Under the pool provisions, farmers who do not produce as much cotton as their allotment calls for will get some cash (Continued on Page 8)

Negroes Escape Death In Wreck

Ten or more Warrenton negroes miraculously escaped serious injuries Wednesday morning about 1 o'clock when the two Chevrolet cars they were traveling in overturned at the curve near Roy Davis' service station.

Fast driving was said to have been responsible for the accident. It was said that Ransom's car, containing seven negroes, failed to make the curve at the service station and turned over five times before it came to a halt, and that the car behind him, driven by Virgil Dowtin and containing three or more persons, crashed into a bank and turned over when the driver attempted to dodge the Ransom automobile.

All the negroes were badly shaken and bruised, and Andy Harris, who was riding with Ransom, received several cuts about his face and head. These injuries are not regarded as being of a serious nature.

The Chevrolet coach driven by Ransom was torn all to pieces.

Negro Jailed As A Result Of Cutting

A knife in the hands of Sandy Griggs brought serious injuries to Ernest Allgood when the two negroes clashed near Warren Plains on Saturday night.

As a result of the fight Allgood is being treated for a badly cut ear and cuts about his face and arm, and Griggs is being held in the Warren county jail in default of a \$75 bond, which he was placed under by Magistrate W. C. Fagy. It was said that bad blood had been existing between the two negroes for some time on account of a part of a whiskey still which was found and hidden by each of them on several different occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrington of Philadelphia are visiting Mrs. Harrington's mother, Mrs. R. B. Davis, of Grove Hill. Mrs. Harrington is in charge of a mental hospital at Byberry, Penn.

Judge raises Warren For Lack Of Textile Trouble

Warren county was congratulated by Judge Walter Small Monday morning in his charge to the grand jury on the fact that the textile mill here has operated without any disturbance during the nationwide textile strike. The fact that you have had no trouble here reflects creditably on the type of citizens you have in your county and on the mill itself, he said.

Touching on the subject of the picket lines, Judge Small said that the operatives in the mills had a right to strike if they so desired but that they were violating the law when they tried to force the mills to shut down by resorting to force and interfering with those who wished to work.

Stating that within the last two weeks he had received several letters in which the complaints were made that members of the grand jury were not keeping secret what went on between members of that body, Judge Small laid particular stress upon this part of the oath which they had taken. "It is in violation of your oath and the law for you to disclose the secrets of your body—to tell what goes on behind those closed doors," he said, pointing out that he had known murder to result from just such a thing.

Robert Tanner Dies Palmer Springs Home Wednesday

Funeral services for Robert Tanner, well known citizen of Palmer Springs, Va., were held from the Tabernacle Methodist Church near Townsville yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Hall, Methodist minister of South Hill, Va. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mr. Tanner died Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock following an illness of about three years. At the time of his death he was around 70 years of age.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Tanner is survived by one brother, Mr. Bill Tanner of Palmer Springs, and one sister, Mrs. Rebecca Coleman of Boydton, Va.

Active pallbearers were Bob Tanner, Billy Tanner, Jake Tanner, Tom Tanner, Evans Coleman, Walter Haskins, Whit Peoples and Ed Tucker.

Warren Is Added To Reemployment Group

Effective September 15, Warren and Franklin counties will be added to the territory now being served by the Raleigh District Office, National Reemployment Service, James T. Maddrey, District Manager, announced Thursday. Addition of these counties to the Raleigh office is in line with the consolidation of employment offices, which is being carried out throughout the State.

The Raleigh office now serves unemployed in Wake, Johnston, Franklin, and Warren counties.

In making public the addition of the new offices to his territory, Mr. Maddrey pointed out that it will not be necessary for those already registered in Franklin and Warren counties to come to Raleigh to keep their cards active. This may be accomplished either by letter or postcard. Those registered who wish to have the service continue to assist them in finding employment must renew their registration cards every three months, otherwise it is assumed that the applicant has either secured work, has moved from the district, or otherwise is not available for employment, and his card is removed to the inactive file.

The transfer of the records from Warren and Franklin counties was completed Thursday, Manager Maddrey and Lee J. Craven, of his staff, bringing the files to Raleigh. In the future all contact of persons seeking employment in Franklin and Warren counties must be made through the Raleigh office. For the past several months the reemployment activities in these counties have been handled from the Henderson office of the National Reemployment Service.

POWELL ASKS THRESHERS TO SECURE LICENSES

All threshermen to whom licenses were issued for this season, and who have not forwarded their preliminary report, are asked by Register of Deeds Jos. C. Powell to do so at their earliest convenience. Mr. Powell said these reports are due before Sept. 15.

COUNTY HOME IS G. JURY TARGET

Body Charges Mrs. Powell Is Ill And Her Helpers Are Incompetent

KEEPER MAKES REPLY

Charges made by the Grand Jury that conditions at the County Home are bad are denied by the superintendent, Mrs. Nannie B. Powell, in letters to this newspaper and to the board of county commissioners.

The Grand Jury report states that the superintendent of the home, on account of bad health, is unable to look after the duties of superintendent and that what assistance she has is entire incompetent and that the patients as a whole are badly neglected and not properly treated.

Answering these charges, Mr. Powell states that in-as-much as members of the Grand Jury have not verified the condition of her health from her physician, she doesn't see how they know anything about it. She says that she has competent help, and that on the day the Grand Jury made its investigation she had some of the most intelligent and highly respected men of Warrenton visit every room and patient except one and that these men said that everything was clean and in good condition and the patients satisfied.

Warrenton, N. C. Sept. 18, 1934.

"To the Honorable Walter L. Small, Judge Presiding.

"We, the Grand Jury selected for the September term 1934, of Warren County Superior Court, beg to make the following report:

"We have carefully examined witnesses and passed on all bills presented to us by Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn. We have examined witnesses and made presentations in all matters brought to our attention.

"We visited the County Jail by Committee, appointed from our regular Jurors and find, that the interior and exterior are well kept and in satisfactory condition.

"We have visited the Warren County Prison Camp, by a committee appointed from regular Jurors, and find from our observation that conditions are satisfactory for the well being of the inmates.

"We have visited the County Home by a committee appointed from our regular Jurors and our findings are as follows: We regret to report we find conditions very bad. The Supt. Mrs. Powell on account of bad health is unable to look after duties of Supt. and what assistance that she has is entirely incompetent. The patients as a whole are badly neglected and not properly treated. We strongly recommend that the Board of County Commissioners immediately look into this matter fully and make proper changes that in our opinion should be done at once.

"We have examined the Court House building and all of the different offices and find the building in good condition, offices well kept and courteous gentlemen to answer all questions, propounded by our foreman. Supt. J. E. Allen has handed to us a letter with regards to the Public Schools of the County which letter we herewith attach to our report; This letter is indorsed by us.

"Having performed our duties to the best of our ability, we respectfully request that we be discharged.

"M. P. BURWELL,
"Foreman."

Other than the forman, members of the Grand Jury were Willie T. Robertson, Jack Nelson, W. Fryor Rodwell, W. T. Carter, L. M. King, R. H. Pike, Percy A. Harris, R. H. Frazier, N. M. Capps, C. J. Fleming, Robert Turner, R. M. White, Walter Stalling, C. H. Buchanan, C. P. Holtzman, W. A. Tharrington, Leon W. Perkinson, Elmore W. King, R. D. Bolton.

"Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, Warren County Superior Court, September Term, 1934:

"As requested by your Honorable Foreman and Committee, I make report to you concerning School Transportation, as follows:

"All School Buses are in as good condition as it is possible to make them for the present; we consider them safe and permit no unsafe practices. Several of these school buses are overcrowded. The State School Commission has obtained a Federal Grant for the purpose of buying additional buses, and has allotted to Warren County nine new ones of large capacity, which will be delivered as early as possible after October first. These will relieve (Continued on Page 8)