Solicitor Tyler Says He Expects To Try Warren School Superintendent On Charges Of Misuse Of Funds; Warrants Not Drawn

Rozobel.—District Solicitor Ernest R. Tyler said this morning that he expects to bring to trial J. Edward Allen, superintendent of Warren County schools as soon as he receives further information from the State Board of Education, which has ordered an audit of all the Warren County education books, and the State Bureau of Investigation, which is aiding in the investigation of the alleged misuse of over $10,000 in State school funds.

In Warrenton a telephone call to the Allen home, where the county superintendent has been confined to his bed for the past four weeks, was made and it was reported that the veteran school man was ill and "not able to answer the telephone."

Tyler said he is not certain whether or not he will bring any indictment against Allen by the opening of the September term of court in Warrenton next Monday morning, however he indicated that he will either draw up a warrant and have it served or will present a bill of indictment to the Warren County Grand Jury.

The solicitor told a reporter at Roanoke Rapids Saturday morning that he has been conducting his investigation of the alleged misuse of the school funds for several weeks but has not taken any action because he was informed of Allen's illness by the school man's physician.

Tyler said he believes there is "something wrong" in the Warrenton superintendent's office, however he said, 'I am working closely on the case with the State Bureau of Investigation and the State Board of Education and I will have no definite information to give out until I get full reports from both of them."

He said a newspaper report published this morning that he will indict the superintendent in time for trial in the September term of Superior Court at Warrenton next week was not precisely correct. "I do intend to take action," he said, "but not until the necessary investigation has been conducted thoroughly."

The investigation into Allen's conduct of fiscal affairs of the county schools was begun nearly two months ago, and allegedly there were a number of salary checks issued to several Negro school teachers who actually did not teach in the Warren County schools. The amount involved in the investigation was reportedly in the neighborhood of $10,000.

Since the superintendent's illness his office has been operated by his secretary and aunt, Miss Edna Allen, although no acting superintendent has been named by the Warren Board of Education.

Last week Harry Walker, chairman of the Warren County Board of Education, said Allen has not offered to resign nor has he been asked to resign by the Board. He said "The office of superintendent of the schools in Warren County is not vacant."

Warren County schools are slated to open tomorrow, after having had the opening postponed for two weeks because of the polio epidemic in the state, however, reports from Warrenton indicate that conditions of the school buildings are far from satisfactory, dirt and accumulated rubbish being seen in a lot of corridors and classrooms and needed repairs not having been completed in spite of the delayed opening day.

Principal Edward Bullock of the John Graham school in Warrenton said this morning

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WEATHER

North Carolina — Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday. Not much temperature change except a little cooler extreme northern section Wednesday.

Truman Assails Congress With Fiery Attack On Thomas Group For 'Smear' Tactics In Probe

Washington, Sept. 14 —(AP) President Truman assailed Congress from a new quarter today with a charge that "some politicians" are endangering the nation's safety by "smear" tactics against scientists.

The House Un-American Activities Committee — which he did not mention by name—was the obvious target of Mr. Truman's assertion that atomic experts are being driven from the government in these "hazardous times" by "totalitarian" and "Nn-American" procedure.

The president stoked up his feud with the house committee, headed by Rep. Thomas (R-NJ) in an unexpectedly firey address last night to the annual meeting of the American Asso- clation for the advancement of science. He termed the talk "n n-political."

Speaking to an audience estimated by Constitution Hall officials at upwards of 2,000, the Chief Executive asserted the country's security requires that scientists work in "an atmosphere free from suspicion, personal insult or political motivation."

Their indispensable work, he continued, "may be made impossible by the creation of a n atmosphere in which no man feels safe against the public airing of unfounded rumors, gossip and plain villification."

"Such an atmosphere," he went on, "is Un-A merican — the most Un-American we have to contend with today. It is the climate of a totalitarian country in which scientists are expected to change their theories to match changes in the police state's propaganda line."

A short while after Mr. Truman spoke, Dr. Philip M. Morse announced that he had resigned as head of the Brooklyn National Laboratory partly because of the "atmosphere of suspicion" against atomic scientists created by the House group.

Morse said in Belmont, Mass., that he had quit the atomic post July 17 to return to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a physics professor. He emphasized that he is in full agreement with the necessity of investigating workers on atomic projects for security reasons, but he assailed the House committee's "manner" of investigating.

Morse was among eight scientists who wired Mr. Truman and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, GOP presidential candidate last week that "irresponsible smears" by the Thomas committee are "an imminent threat to our national security and entire governmental research program."

Mr. Truman told the science gathering last night that Americans should avoid tactics which impede research, whether they are "adopted with good intent, or advocated in ithe name of security by men with other axes to grind and red herrings to drag around."

Bermuda Repairs Storm Damage; No Lives Lost

Miami, Fla., Sept. 14—(AP) —The honeymoon and vacation resort of Bermuda cleared away debris today in the wake of a severe hurricane that lashed the area with winds of 123 miles an hour.

No loss of life was reported and property damage was not expensive, according to reports.

The hurricane had winds of 140 miles per thour in a small area near the center and heavy squalls and gales extended outward 200 miles from the center.

Clay Says He Doesn't Think War Is Near

Berlin, Sept. 14 —(AP)— Gen. Lucius D. Clay said today: "I don't think war is just around the corner."

The U. S. Military Governor made the statement to American newsmen who came to Berlin on a special Air Force flight from the United States to view the British-American air lift operation supplying Soviet-blockaded Western Berlin.

Clay added he doubted the Russians "will make Berlin the final issue on the entire German problem."

The American commander predicted that before any forceful actions were attempted to break the 82-day-old Soviet blockade, the U. S. would exhaust "all other means at its disposal" to reach agreement.

Clay declined to discuss whether bringing the Berlin question before a council of foreign ministers would mean "negotiation under duress."

He left the impression, however, that the U. S. at least would not be prepared to discuss any other larger German issues with the Russians at such a conference before the blockade was lifted.

A veteran American military government official declared today Russia and Communism have already lost the political battle for Berlin. As a last resort, he said, they have taken to rioting and force.

Margaret Smith Given Largest Majority Ever

Washington, Sept. 14—(AP)— A record smashing sweep by republicians in Main combined with new States Rights Party pressure against Congress candidates to give the Democrats more troubles today.

In Main, Rep. Margaret Chase Smith won the Senate seat being vacated by Senator Wallace White with an unofficial margin of 92,850 votes, more than 10,000 greater than the record GOP victory margin set in the 1928

Mrs. Smith immediately tabbed the outcome as "The forerunner of a great Republican national victory."

With this to worry about, regular Democrats also were faced with new pressure by States Rights supporters to get Dixie Senate adn Congress nominees to come out against the Truman-Barkley ticket.

But President Truman came back fighting in an attack on politicians with "axes to grind and red herrings to drag around' who, he said, are endangering national security by "smears" against scientists.

Mr. Truman left little doubt, as he spoke before the american association for advancement of science here last night that he was activities committee.

Main put Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith in the Senate as the first of her sex to win a six-year term without benefit of previous appointment. The victory was widely expected.

The only question was whether the majority she and other wpuld top the GOP's Maine record of an 83,000 margin—which would indicate how strong Republican sentiment is running.

Far to the south, states rights supporters who have been fighting President Truman's Cival Rights porgram brought new pressure in an effort to force Democratic Congressional candidates into their camp.

A highly-placed Democratic official, who asked not to be quoted by name, told a reporter that several house members nominated in Democratic primaries have ber opposition from the States Rights Group unless they desert President Truman.

Violence Flares In CIO Oil Workers Strike

San Francisco, Sept. 14—(AP) —Hundreds of CIO oil refinery strikers fought a rock and tear gas battle with police for two hours today in an unsuccessful attempt - , j effort to keep non-striking maintenance men out of a plant.

A policeman, a state highway patrolman and four strikers were hospitalized but none was believed in serious condition.

Cameras of three news photographers were seized and the film exposed. Several photographers were roughed up. An Oakland Tribune reporter was hit by a tear gas bomb.

It was the first mass violence of California's 11-day old strike over wages, a strike which has curtailed gasoline supplies up and down the west coast.

Most of the violence occurred at the main gate of the Standard Oil Refinery in Richmond. But it also extended for blocks around the approaches to the plant.

In one melee, Richmond Police Officer Buford Aubrey was knocked to the ground. Patrol Sergeant Arthur Jacobsen of Martinez was badly cut.

Contracts Are Let For Steel On Six New Prison Camps

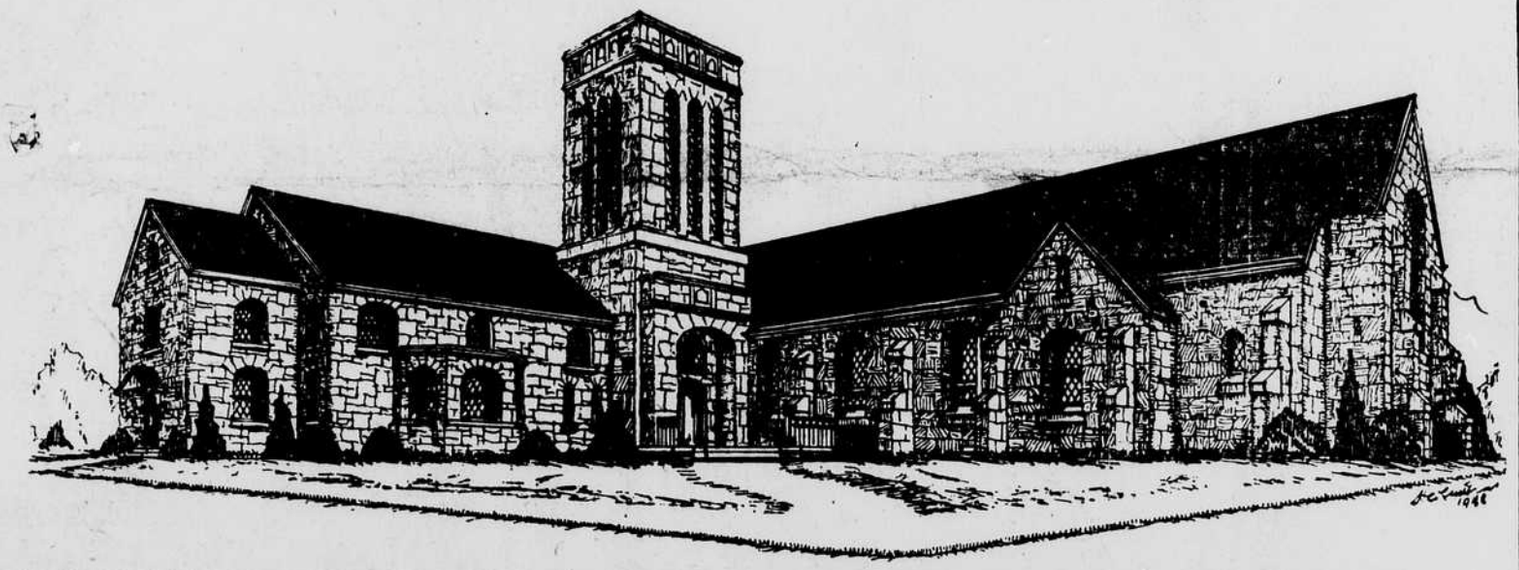
Raleigh, Sept. 14—(AP)—Contracts for structural steel and hardware for construction of six new prison camps have been let.

The contract for structural steel went to the Carolina Steel and Iron Company of Greensboro on a low bid of $21,645. Decatur Iron and Steel company of Decatur, Ala. got the contract for locking bars, steel plate door barred partitions and sliding doors. The low bid was $[illegible].

The camps, authorized in a $600,000 allocation for highway funds will be built in [illegible] Brunswick, [illegible]

Rosemary Methodists Plan New $80,000 Structure

Architect's Drawing Of New Rosemary Methodist Church



To Be Built On Jackson At Ninth Street

Plans for the construction of a new $80,000 home for the Rosemary Methodist Church were announced today by the pastor, the Rev. W. R. Stevens, who also released architects' sketches of the proposed new building.

Rev. Stevens said that since the sketches for the church were put on display the pledges and cash in the building fund have grown to about $30,000, and he said the receipts from the sale of the present property occupied by the church will be added to the fund.

The church has already purchased five lots on the corner of Ninth and Jackson streets, where the new building will be erected. The need for a new church building was realized by members of the congregation several years ago, and the building fund was started. It grew gradually to about $8,000 by 1945, however since that time it had grown more steadily until the fund reached a total of about $20,000 by the first of 1948.

The sketch of the exterior of the church was made by the architects' firm of Linthicum and Linthicum of Raleigh. The architects are now engaged in drawing up working plans of the edifice, which will be a stone cathederal-type building with a two-story church school plant, a large assembly room and a kitchen. Space is being provided for different departments of the Sunday school, a class room for every class, a choir room and a pastor's study.

Rev. Stevens said the new church, when built, will be the third building on the same number of lots in the 46-year history of Rosemary Methodist Church. The church was first organized and a church was built in the 1100 block of Henry street during the pastorate of the Rev E. R. Welsh. The first members are recorded as received on September 7, 1902.

In December, 1908, the first building burned, and until the present building at 930 Jackson street was erected services for the church were conducted in the Band Hall at 1000 Henry street. The building which houses the church at present was constructed during the pastorate of the Rev. W. A. Piland in 1909 and 1910. Church school rooms were added to the building several years later.

Rosemary Methodist Church was attached with the First Methodist Church until the pastorate of the Rev. William Towe in 1912-1915. During the Rev. Mr. Towe's ministry the Rosemary charge was formed, being composed of Rosemary, New Hope and Smith Methodist churches. This combination was retained until 1940, when Rosemary became an independent station church.

In discussing the plans for the new church building today the Rev. Mr. Stevens said, "Members of the entire community have shown a great interest in

Daniels Urges Greater Increase In Agricultural Development In Talk Before Local Rotary Club

Frank Daniels, president of the North Carolina Press Association and general manager of the Raleigh News and Observer, told members of the Roanoke Rapids Rotary Club and special guests here last night that agricultural interests in the Roanoke Rapids area must be developed and kept in balance with the great industrial expansion which has taken place in the past few years.

The Raleigh newspaperman visited Roanoke Rapids on the occasion of the first edition of the Daily Herald and he spoke highly of the new venture and the community which had fostered it.

Daniels said, "Roanoke Rapids is not only ready for a daily newspaper today, but it has one of the brightest futures of any community I know. With the new construction planned by the Virginia Electric and Power Company and the Bugg's Island development, this Roanoke river valley is destined to be one of the great industrial valleys of America. This valley with its ample electric power, its natual resources and its people cannot keep from developing."

He commented on the vast improvements which have taken place in recent years in Eastern North Carolina in industry and in agriculture, adding, "It is difficult for us North Carolinians really to appreciate the vast improvement that has taken place. For example, here in this area that is to be covered by the new Daily Herald there has been more than a three-fold increase in the retail sales in the last ten years from some fourteen million to forty-nine million and in Halifax County the increase has been more than three-fold- from eight and one-half million to twenty-seven million. And as a newspaperman and a seller of advertising I believe that your new daily paper can increase that figure, because your area has a spendable income of eighty-two million dollars and the newspaper is the best possible means to increase sales and to tap as much as possible of that vast eighty-two million dollar sum."

Daniels spoke of the earlier days of the News and Observer, when much of the newsprint used came from a plant at Roanoke Rapids, and he recounted the indebtedness of the Raleigh paper to the Halifax Paper Corporation for aiding in the one issue which was printed on the kraft paper turned out by the local plant. He spoke of his work in helping develop a large newsprint mill in Alabama. He predicted the rise of a newsprint plant in the Roanoke Rapids, saying that it would not only bring in an industrial payroll but would add additional money in adding a cash crop—pulp wood—for the farmers in the area.

In speaking of the develoment of the Herald, Daniels said, "If the commercial concerns take advantage of the personality of this newspaper, made of paper and ink, it can do wonders towards developing the community. Here in Roanoke Rapids, as I see it, you have not only the destiny of the future but you have the problems of expanding your present magnificent industrial organizations. But the daily newspaper can do more than any other medium to maintain the growth that has come to Roanoke Rapids in the last 55 years and, also, to see to it that the agricultural interests in this area are developed and kept in balance with your progress as it should. And more than any other business institu-

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Indian Columns Envelop Half Of Hydeabad

By The Associated Press

Swift Indian columns invading hyderabad covered half the distance to its capital from the wast today and scored major ad west today and scored major ad and south.

The Indian communique said a force advancing from Sholapur in a "Lighting" drive captured Rajasur, 90 miles west of Hyderabad city and midway to its goal.

Another column drove seventy miles north of Sholapur to Yermana while troops from the northwest captured Daulatabad and the important rail town of Jaina, 250 miles northwest of Hyderabad. These armies appeared to be enveloping quickly the whole northwest corner of the reluctant state. The ends of the pincers were 100 miles apart at Jalan and Yermana.

Osmanabad, 40 miles inside Hyderabad, was taken in the west.

Hundreds of Razakars, private troops of Hyerabada, were reported captured.

Indians marching from the east took Suriapet, 90 miles from Hyderabad city.

689 Motorists Had Licenses Revoked During Last Month

Raleigh, Sept. 14 — (AP) — During August 689 motorists lost their drivers' licenses through revocation, the State Motor Vehicles Department reported today. In addition, 153 licenses were suspended.

The total of revocations and suspensions since Jan. 1 rose to 7,511.

Drunken driving cost 500 motorists their licenses last month, compared with 789 in August, 1947. Revocations since Jan. 1 for this offense reached 3,565.

Community Chest Board Will Discuss Budget At Meeting To Be Held Thursday Night At 8

The 1949 budget will be the chief item ofr discussion Thurs day evening at eight o'clock, when the board of trustees of the Roanoke Rapids Community Chest will meet in the high school library.

At Thursday's meeting the budget committee will present the budget requests from the various agencies for 1949 for the approval of the board. It is this budget which will determine the goal for the annual fund-raising campaign slated to get underway soon.

The dates for the Red Feather campaign have not been set yet, however Rev. John M. Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Roanoke Rapids, was appointed last week to head this year's Red Feather campaign.

During the month of August the Associated Charities reported that they had handled 20 cases. The work of this organization is sponsored by the Community Chest and is a yearround Red Feather family service.

The August report shows that 15 of the 20 cases applying for aid were accepted by the organization, four were rejected and one was transferred to the Halifax County Welfare Department, which works closely with the group. There were five cases reopened, six new cases, 14 old cases and two cases closed.

The cases rejected were those in which it was found that aid was either not needed or because the applicants in question were found not to need aid.

Aid was given in a number of cases by buying food, medicine and clothing for people who were sick, unemployed or had unsufficient income to care for

Employment Office Cuts Visit Days In Warren County

Henderson.—A recent decrease in personnel in the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, both in central and local Employment Security offices, did not affect the Henderson office, but itinerant services to Warrenton and Oxford have been cut to hold expenditures within the funds allotted, Hall Brooks, local manager, has announced.

The regular schedule of a visit each week to Warrenton and Oxford has been cut to two days a month. Members of the Henderson staff will now be at the Warrenton court house on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 9:30 a. m. until noon.

State's Worst Polio Epidemic Is On Decline

Raleigh, Sept. 14— (AP)— North Carolina's worst polio epidemic is on the downgrade, although the decline is irregular, State Epidemiologist Dr. Charles P. Stevick reported.

How many cases will be added to the state's record total before the epidemic is halted cannot be told, he said. The peak came during the week ended July 24, he added.

The total of cases reported to the State Board of Health reached 2,025 yesterday when 21 additional cases were listed. Seven more deaths sent the year's toll to 108.

Cooper Seeking Details Of ECA Tobacco Buying

Washington, Sept. 14—(AP)— Senator Cooper (R-KY) today asked full details on allocation pf $7,000,000 by the Economic Co purchase of tobacco for Bizonal Germany.

The ECA announced approval today of $4000000 to be used for purchasing American tobaco and $3000000 "for Greeke-Turkish tobacco" for the U. S. and British Occupation Zones.

Cooper said he had written Dr. Dennis Fitzgerald in charge of the food and tobacco division of ECA "for full informa-