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## News in a Nutshell

By W. BRODIE JONES

NEW YORK, May 25.—"These dead lighted new hopes on the battlefields in our civilization. These have served—and this is the supreme inspiration of life. I find a hundred thousand sorrows touching my own heart. It must not be again—it must not. God grant it will not be. Let a practical people join with God in so making it that it shall not be again. We shall give our best if we make certain that these dead did not die in vain," in these words President Warren G. Harding spoke Monday at Hoboken over the flag-draped coffins of 5112 American soldiers. With a tribute to these dead the Executive began a busy day in New York. He spoke at luncheon in the Astor, reviewed a regiment in Brooklyn in the afternoon and was the principal speaker at the dinner of the New York Commercial at night. Other speakers here to celebrate the 125th anniversary of this dean of business journals included Vice-President Coolidge and Secretary Herbert Hoover. The party returned on the Presidential yacht Mayflower early Tuesday morning. The city's welcome to the President and Mrs. Harding was tumultuous.

The Granite State was razed by fire yesterday at the 96 Street Pier when a spark from a motor boat ignited oil which had escaped from a pipe line under the Hudson. The historic boat, launched in 1816, took part in every war in which the U. S. engaged but was never in active service. Here it was used as a training ship. The loss was estimated at \$250,000. Fireboats aided shore equipment from all surrounding stations in fighting the flames.

Ziegfeld's Follies, a world renowned midnight and early morning entertainment, is to be no more. The management says that the absence of alcoholics has deadened professional opportunities and after this season Paris would supplant New York. Night life has suffered since the passage of the 1:30 a. m. closing law, and the decision of the Follies organization is a traceable result.

Georges Carpentier, France's war hero and challenger for the Dempsey title, is preparing near Jersey City for the world championship battle there July 2. Dempsey is training in Atlantic City. Fight fans are divided in their support but all are agreed that it will be a fast bout. Carpentier followers in France have already engaged passage for a trip to America and the event assumes international proportions in the realm of sport.

Jeremiah Mullan, died here Monday. He was a Civil war veteran and as one of three in 1867 made the first trip across the Atlantic on a raft.

Babe Ruth has a dozen home swats to his credit. He is ahead of his record of the corresponding period of 1920.

Sheriff John Shelley, Jr., of Rensselaer county is being tried at Albany. He is charged with playing poker with the prisoners and taking them on trips with him to Philadelphia.

Warrenton Has Good Diamond  
Base ball enthusiasts secured a field near Warrenton from the Misses Hawkins and have built an excellent diamond. This diamond is "getting better" every day and promises to soon be one of the best diamonds in this section. The management has just completed a nice grand stand thereupon and Warrenton is prepared to get on the base ball map. Since the team has been reorganized under the management of M. C. McGuire, with Wharton Moore as Captain, they have played two games, winning both.

Much enthusiasm is being manifested here over base ball this year and the attendance at the games and practices has been excellent.

## YOU ARE RICH

"Why you're rich; you've got the earth;  
Why if you're a tramp in tatters,  
While the blue sky bends above,  
You've got nearly all that matters;  
You've got God, and God is love."

## HUNTER GETS EIGHT YEARS

RIOT CASE HEARD WEDNESDAY MORNING

Gives Court Proceeding For First Three Days May Term Superior Court

The following cases were disposed of during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:

State vs. Clyde Hobbs—breaking into freight car. The defendant was adjudged guilty. He proved a good character, having had a steady job with a Raleigh firm 14 years. The judgment was suspended and Hobbs was allowed two days to get out of the county and get another job.

The case of the State vs. Joe Davis, Al Alston, Lockett Williams, Tom Davis and Phil Sommerville. This was a case of alleged breaking up of public worship. The case was settled by entering a plea of not guilty, and in further settlement of the whole controversy, including the Civil suit on the docket, it was agreed on the part of Rev. Joe Davis, the Pastor now elected by his faction of the membership, that he would send in his resignation, get his letter of membership and connect himself with some other church. This had been agreed to previous to the trial by the faction of the church supporting Rev. Joseph Davis. No witnesses were allowed to prove attendance, and the cost of the suit was paid by both factions.

State vs. Joe Herring—for passing worthless checks. Guilty.

State vs. John Hawkins—for larceny. Guilty.

State vs. Ryal Moseley—for slander. Continued to September term.

State vs. Mordecai Shearin—making and disposing of cider illegally—continued to Sept. term.

State vs. Young Clanton—False Pretense—nol. pros.

H. H. Taylor, Jr., vs. Mary B. Taylor—divorce granted.

## TRIAL OF RIOTERS

The case of State vs. Jerome Hunter for secret assault upon Rabie Traylor. Hunter plead guilty, and was sent to the State prison at hard labor for a period of eight years.

The case of State vs. Matthew Bullock, Richard Crossan, Bennie Crossan, Alex Milam, Claudie Jones, Robert Moss, Jerome Hunter, Elias Alston, Eddie Lee Jones, James Hunter, John Bracy, Norman Smith, Henry Jones, Charlie Rodwell, Walker Perry and Arthur Kearney for Rioting, etc., was disposed of as follows:

The State takes a nol. pros. with leave as to John Bracy, Henry Jones, James Hunter, Charles Smith, Norman Smith, Elias Alston, Walker Perry and Arthur Kearney.

Through Counsel the following plead guilty of Rioting, etc., to wit: Eddie Lee Jones, Ben Crossan, Richard Crossan, Alex Milam, Claudie Jones, Robert Moss, the younger, and Charles Rodwell.

Jerome Hunter plead guilty of Rioting, etc. The Judgment of the Court was that Jerome Hunter serve a sentence in this case of eight years to end at the same date as in first case.

The Judgment of the Court as to the following prisoners was that Eddie Lee Jones, Richard Crossan, Alex Milam, serve one year each on the public roads of this State; that Ben Crossan, Claudie Jones, Robert Moss, the younger, and Charlie Rodwell serve six months each on the public roads of the State.

Thus ended the very unfortunate and serious rioting which commenced at Norlina Sunday morning January 22, 1921.

To Solicitor Midyette and his able assistants, Messrs. Tasker Polk and B. B. Williams, the county is indebted for invaluable service in bringing the guilty to justice, and at the same time for good judgment in consenting to be reasonable in the request for the degree of punishment. Under the law a punishment of longer terms could have been enforced; but in the interest of the State and County only sufficient punishment was inflicted to give warning, that the violators of law and good feeling between the races cannot escape punishment.

This paper has heard no criticism from white or black law-abiding citizens of the way the Court handled

## MICKIE SAYS

IF YA DONT LIKE T BE BOTHERED RENEWIN YER SUBSCRIPTION EVERY YEAR, THEY AINT NOTHIN T PREVENT YA FROM PAVIN TWO OR THREE YEARS AT A TIME, LIKE SOME OF OUR SUBSCRIBERS DO



this matter. It was handled with firmness as to those guilty and yet with no disposition to punish the innocent.

## ARCOLA ITEMS

Mr. George Davis, of Creek, was in our midst last Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Bellamy, of Enfield, is spending several days with her mother Mrs. Lucy Warren.

The Young People's Missionary Society met with Miss Maud King last Saturday night.

Mr. Clarence Skillman, of Warrenton called to see Miss Lula Hunter last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ross and children, of Hollister, spent last Sunday afternoon with Mrs. R. M. Conn.

Miss Maud King spent last Saturday night with her cousin Miss Ethel King.

Mr. Herbert Northington, of Littleton, was in our midst last Sunday.

Mr. Ezra Harris, of Warrenton, was in our midst last Sunday.

Mr. Stephen Odom called to see Miss Carrie Hardy last Sunday.

Mr. T. W. King fell last Sunday and seriously hurt his side. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Little Miss Martha King has been spending several days with her sister Mrs. Bailey Ayscue, of Inez.

Miss Alma Scull is at home from Louisburg college where she has been attending school.

Misses Mary, Sallie V. and Rebecca Tharrington, Mildred and Rosa Frazier, of Rocky Mount, spent a short while with their cousin Miss Ethel King last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary King spent several days with relatives last week.

Messrs. Claud Tharrington and Joe Melton were in our midst last Sunday.

With many good wishes to the Warrenton Record and its many readers.

MAE BLOSSOM.

## Warrenton Wins Again

Warrenton again was winner in a base ball game Wednesday afternoon. The victim this time was Warren Plains assisted by players from different parts of the county. The score was 18 to 6.

Warrenton will play Macon Friday afternoon.

## Warren County Man Passes Board

Friends of Dr. R. A. Betts are delighted to know he passed the Chiropractic State Board at Winston-Salem May 5. He was only Warren man to take examination and is Warren's only chiropractor. Dr. Betts also wrote a very interesting article upon Chiropractic Publicity which he read before the State Chiropractic Association May 7, stating the need of publicity for their work.

## Military Company Inspected

Tuesday night Warren's military company was inspected by the battalion commander, Major Jenkins, of Henderson. He stated that the progress made by this company was remarkable, that it stood first among the companies that he had inspected. Continuing his remarks Major Jenkins declared Warrenton's military club the finest in the state to the best of his belief, and certainly the finest he had seen on his out-of inspection.

## THE COUNTY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

Reedy Creek Baptist Church, near Grove Hill, is on Sunday, May 29th, to be the host to the Warren County Baptist Sunday School Association in its first regular meeting. Prof. H. T. Hunter, of Wake Forest College, who is one of the liveliest men in the Sunday School work of the state, is to deliver the principal address at this time, and every Baptist Sunday School in the county is expected to be well represented. Each Sunday school will be expected to have a report of its work.

Visitors are invited to be present for the morning session with the Reedy Creek Sunday School, with later discussions of effective Sunday School work. At 12:30 dinner will be served, and in the afternoon Prof. Hunter's address will be followed by reports, election of officers and other business.

Much interest is expected in the contest for the largest attendance by any one Sunday School.

H. A. NANNEY,  
H. E. RODWELL,  
J. EDWARD ALLEN  
Committee.

## BLANKINSHIP-BOOKER

Naruna, Va.—A quiet but pretty wedding took place Thursday evening, May 12, at 8:30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Booker, of near Naruna, when their daughter, Flossie Queen, became the bride of Mr. Claude Blankinship, of Lawrenceville, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blankinship, of Hat Creek. Rev. J. B. Lavinder, of Brookneal, performed the ceremony.

The house was decorated with cut flowers and potted plants. Just before the bridal party entered Miss Beatrice Blankinship, sister of the groom, sang "At Dawning." To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the bride, wearing a grey suit with accessories to match and carrying a shower bouquet of brides roses, entered with her marion of honor, Mrs. P. H. Booker, Jr., who wore blue embroidered satin and carried sunset roses. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Cecil Blankinship.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for an extended northern trip, after which they will make their home in Lawrenceville. Mrs. Blankinship is a young lady of much charm and ability and has a host of friends here and elsewhere to wish her happiness. Mr. Blankinship is a prosperous tobacconist.

Owing to an illness in the bride's family only the immediate relatives and a few close friends were present.

## MRS. GEORGE VERNON DUKE

Willie Bennett Duke, known by her relatives and friends by the pet name of Willie Girl, is dead. She was born in May 1897; and was therefore, at the time of her death nearly twenty-four years of age.

She received most of her education in the excellent school of the Misses Hawkins, but she finished her high school work in the Warrenton High School from which she graduated several years ago. Immediately after her graduation she entered the school room as teacher, and spent four years in this important work. Warren, Vance, and Durham enjoyed the benefits of her labors. She was an efficient and popular teacher.

Mrs. Duke was a most excellent woman, devoted to her family and especially thoughtful of her mother. In her early girlhood she united with the Baptist church in Warrenton, of which she remained a faithful and consistent member as long as she lived.

She was the youngest daughter of the late William A. Bennett and his wife Mrs. Lola Bennett. She was united in marriage to George Vernon Duke on June the 23rd, 1920; and after nearly ten months of happy wedded life died on the 12th of April 1921. After life's brief journey, her body sleeps with her loved ones in Fairview cemetery, and her spirit has doubtless entered into the blessed "Home of her eternity." She is sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends who extend heartfelt sympathy to her family.

T. J. TAYLOR.

## Wood-Frazier

Friends of Mr. Edgar Wood and Miss Olive Rose Frazier will be surprised to learn that they were married in Nashville Monday night, and join with the Record in wishing them much happiness and prosperity as they travel Life's road together.

## Editorial Comment

The citizens of Warren county are delighted with Judge E. H. Cranmer. He is now presiding over Warren Superior Court with ability and impartiality, holding the Scales of Justice evenly.

His Charge to the Grand Jury was one of the best ever delivered here. His tribute to Judge John H. Kerr was flattering indeed and pleasing to Judge Kerr's many friends in Warrenton.

Judge Cranmer believes in the supremacy of law, and the necessity for its orderly administration. He has no patience with the violators of the Prohibition law, and with "pistol toters." In his remarks to a prisoner at the Bar he said there were only two kinds of folks who carried pistols—fools and cowards.

The entire Bar and the officers of the Court, as well as all citizens who have spoken in our hearing are delighted with Judge Cranmer the exponent of law and order, and with Judge Cranmer the citizen.

Solicitor Midyette has a warm place in the hearts of the law-abiding citizens of Warren county. He is fearless in the discharge of his duties and highly efficient in the prosecution of crime. He is an ideal Solicitor. He is not vindictive, yet he is resourceful and determined to see that the evil doer shall not flagrantly disregard the dignity and majesty of the State, and to this duty he brings a keen mind and the rare quality of getting at the truth from witnesses under cross examination.

But it is to citizen Midyette we desire to pay tribute. Those who had the good fortune to hear his address on Christian education in Warrenton and at Warren Plains last Sabbath saw a delightful side of his character not known to our citizens. His address at Warrenton was the theme of many complimentary remarks from our citizens, as was also his address at Warren Plains Sunday afternoon. Among many beautiful word pictures of our christian duty, based upon "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" and all these things (temporal) shall be added to you; was the sobering thought that the man who expected to walk the "golden streets of the New Jerusalem," had best be learning to walk the "golden streets" in his daily walk on this earth; that the man who could not see the music of God in the songs of the birds; His smile in the golden sunset, His greatness and goodness in the "starry sky" His love in the mother's smile as she tenderly looked into her infant's eyes, had best turn his thoughts from material things to things eternal. That this was the christian education our people so much needed, rather than that education which neglected these, but trained the mind to read the poems of Homer, or work the problems of Trigonometry.

It was a great address and left with our citizens the thought that "Christian Education was more to be desired than gold, yea fine gold."

Hon. John E. Woodard of Wilson, known throughout the State as one of its great criminal lawyers has been in town this week as counsel for the defendants in the Norlina rioting cases.

Mr. Woodard has faithfully and with skill and ability served his clients. He has done so on the high plane of a citizen determined to do his duty fearlessly and at the same time conducted his case in such manner that he has left no feeling of bitterness between the races. He saw that his clients were protected in all their rights, and he knew that they would receive a just and fair trial. Knowing these things, he quietly sifted the evidence and reached a just and fair decision. Having done this and done it quietly, orderly and in love and admiration for law and order, he submitted his clients who were guilty and procured a Nol. pros. for others.

It is the opinion of our citizens that Mr. Woodard has conducted his case in such manner as will leave higher respect for the majesty of the law, and for the orderly processes of our courts.

## Moses Winston, Jr.

The Record joins a host of friends in sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston in the death of their infant son, Moses, Jr., in Greensboro, Tuesday, May 24th.

## HIGH SCHOOL CLOSSES SES.

FINAL EXERCISES WEDNESDAY NIGHT

School Ends Successful Year. Give Interest Pageant Monday Night

With the presentation of Diplomas Wednesday night Warren High school closed one of the most successful years in its history with a graduation class of eight. This ends the work of the Warrenton High school. Next year, by special act of Legislature, Warrenton Graded and High Schools, Inc., will begin its work under control of the Board of Trustees instead of the Warren county school system.

The closing exercises this year have been a decided success. Commencing Monday night, the pupils gave an excellent pageant of Warren County's early history. This was not only interesting but instructive and reflects credit upon those who directed it. The character interpretations were of the highest order and shows good training and co-operation between teachers and pupils.

Tuesday night Dr. W. D. Moss of Chapel Hill delivered the Baccalaureate sermon in the Methodist church, taking as his text: "If a man compels thee to go with him a mile, go with him twain."

The graduation exercises were held Wednesday night in the school auditorium. At an early hour the public began to arrive and the Marshals, Miss Dorothy Walters, Chief, Misses Olivia Burwell, Ruth Green, Undine Draper and Lucie Tucker, were kept busy until the building would hold no more. The invocation being said by Rev. J. T. Draper, the high school sang a chorus. After which the following program was rendered in a manner that speaks well for these young people, showing much thought and study and each contribution given with an ease of manner that added much to the pleasure of those present:

President's Address—Hattie Connell  
Class History—Mamie Mustian  
Piano Solo—Annie J. Lancaster  
Prophecy—John Henderson  
Class Poem—James Polk  
Valedictory—Philip Skillman  
Class Song—Philip Skillman  
Last Will and Testament—Allen Hilliard

Following this delightful program Hon. Dennis G. Brumitt, of Oxford, was introduced by Supt. Allen (who took this opportunity to make a few very timely remarks) and delivered the address of the evening. The address contained much fruit for thought and was highly enjoyed by those fortunate enough to hold seats.

Prof. G. O. Mudge then presents the diplomas and the final exercises of Warrenton High School ended.

## LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

The following prizes were offered and won on county commencement day:

The best appearance in the parade prize of \$5.00, offered by Mr. R. S. Register, was won by Norlina High school.

The best exhibit prize of \$10.00, offered by Boyd-Gillam Motor Co., won by Warrenton High School.

Best primary program prize of \$5.00, offered by Dr. H. N. Walters, won by Norlina High school.

The following prizes were offered for winners in the athletic events. There were only a few prizes offered for these events as none were solicited:

A tennis racket was offered by Hunter Drug Co. for girl winner of the fifth class. This goes to Miss Lillian Haithecock, of Macon High school.

Edward Bell of Macon High school, wins baseball glove offered by G. B. Harris for 100 yard dash in fifth class.

John Wilson, of Mount Auburn school, won a cap offered by Allen Fleming Company, for high jump.

Virginia Davis, of Creek, won an umbrella offered by Allen and Fleming Co., for running high jump.

## Speaker at Hebron

A speaker will deliver an address on the Christian Education Drive, at Hebron church Sunday at 11 a. m. All are urged to attend.