

SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS MONDAY

Judge Cranmer to Preside; Large Number of Criminal Cases On Docket

A SMALL CIVIL DOCKET

Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport will preside over the January term of Superior court which convenes here on Monday morning with more than 30 cases on the criminal docket.

Murder, manslaughter, attempted rape and larceny are charges which are docketed among the list. Whiskey cases have practically disappeared from Superior Court calendars in Warren. This term finds larceny and breaking replacing it as the cause bringing most citizens into the toils of the law.

Despite the seriousness of some of the charges, there are no cases on the docket of county-wide interest. Principal interest will probably center in the case of State against Eugene Harley, Fred Jonggoes and Louis Geberski, white men, charged with entering a filling station at Norlina several months ago. It is not the original count that is expected to bring the crowds into the court room when they face the judge. They are the trio that tore up jail fixtures and for weeks have made life miserable for Jailer C. E. Lovell and worried other officials by their conduct in the local bastils.

Next week they will also be tried for destroying county property and for other misconduct.

Lee Jackson, negro, is charged with murdering Jim Fitts at Wise on the night of April 18, 1930. Fitts was clubbed to death. Jackson was arrested at Richmond on September 18 and brought to the Warren county jail. He escaped from the bastille but was later recaptured.

Allen Green, negro of Warrenton, will face Judge Cranmer on a charge of manslaughter. Green was driving the car that crashed head-on into an automobile driven by James Rudd, negro, on the Warrenton-Norlina road on Sunday afternoon, September 14. Rudd was instantly killed. His case was continued on page 8.

Town Lends Water Company \$1,000

Shifting finance from one department of the town to another in order to maintain credit, the town commissioners agreed without dissenting vote at their regular meeting Monday night to loan the Warrenton Water Company \$1000. This action came after W. R. Strickland had submitted a report of expenditures of the recently constructed water plant in North Warrenton and explained the need for funds to take care of bills which were past due.

Mr. Strickland pointed out that the total cost of the mineral removal plant was \$7,395.96, and that the water company had paid practically all this money except a \$250.00 note held by the Bank of Warren. With the loan from the town and anticipated collections for this month, he said the water company will be practically out of debt and soon have a balance of its own.

Men Flee From Still As Officers Approach

Five men flushed at a still on Shocco Creek in Fork township by deputies J. C. and E. D. Davis Tuesday afternoon made good their escape into the ambush. Hot chase was given the men but a coat discarded during the flight through the woods was the only thing the officers were able to pick up. The coat contained one pint of beer. The still, which was of the oil barrel type, was not in operation when the deputies made their appearance and scattered the men. Three barrels of beer were destroyed and the booze outfit was brought to Warrenton.

Officers Nab Man And Booze Outfit

Raiding in Sixpound township, Constable R. O. Snipes and Robert Pinnell arrested Alvin Harris, negro, at a still Monday afternoon. An oil barrel steam outfit and two barrels of beer were destroyed. No whiskey was found.

BOARD MEETS

Only matters of routine nature were before the board of education at their regular meeting on Monday.

Man Found Hiding In Moore Home On Tuesday Night

Harvey Brown, white man of Henderson, is in Warren County jail, awaiting trial at January term of Superior court on a charge of breaking into the home of James Moore on Tuesday night.

Hiding in a recess upstairs, the robber was discovered by Mrs. Gordon Farmer as she passed from her room to her kitchenette of her apartment shortly after 9 o'clock. Mrs. Farmer was badly startled and unable to cry out, it is said, but made sufficient noise to attract the attention of her husband who came out of his room in time to see the robber running down the stairs. Mrs. Farmer telephoned the police and Night Officer C. E. Lovell responded. Accompanied by several citizens drawn to the home by the report of the entry, he made a search and found the man hiding under the rear steps of the home.

Brown was given a hearing before Magistrate W. C. Fagg the following morning at which time he plead guilty to the charge, it is said. He was unable to raise \$250 bond required and is in jail.

Relations Club To Meet On Monday

The International Relations Club will meet at the library on Monday evening, January 12th, at 8 o'clock. The discussion will center about the two papers—"Why we should study International Affairs," written by Mrs. C. R. Rodwell, and "Significance of differences in the various nations," by Bignall Jones. Those who have decided on the particular countries they will represent in the course are asked to make a survey of the origin, social, economic and political conditions of his or her chosen country. This information may be found in clear and concise form in Bowman's "The New World," which may not be taken from the library because it must be used as a reference book and kept always accessible.

The course is open to all who care to take it. There is no cost attached except the small cost of the text book, "This World of Nations," by Pittman E. Potter. Other books needed will be found in the International Mind Alcove. The course of study was arranged by Amy Hemmings Jones, Division Assistant of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, is Director of the Division of Intercourse and Education sponsoring this course.

Medici Prints To Be Displayed Here

Endeavoring to bring art into the homes of Warren county and at the same time enrich the treasury of the Woman's club, 133 prints from the Medici Art Society of Boston will be on exhibit and for sale all next week at the Warren County Memorial Library. Twenty-five per cent of the proceeds from the sale of these Prints will go to the Woman's club.

The collection was secured for the library through Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington, president of the North Carolina Art Society, however the Warrenton Woman's club, headed by Mrs. G. H. Macon, is sponsoring the exhibit and sale.

The Medici prints are considered the nearest possible to the original, and according to R. A. Shirley of the Boston society, an unusually fine collection has been brought to Warrenton. The same prints as offered here, Mr. Shirley said, are (Continued on page 8)

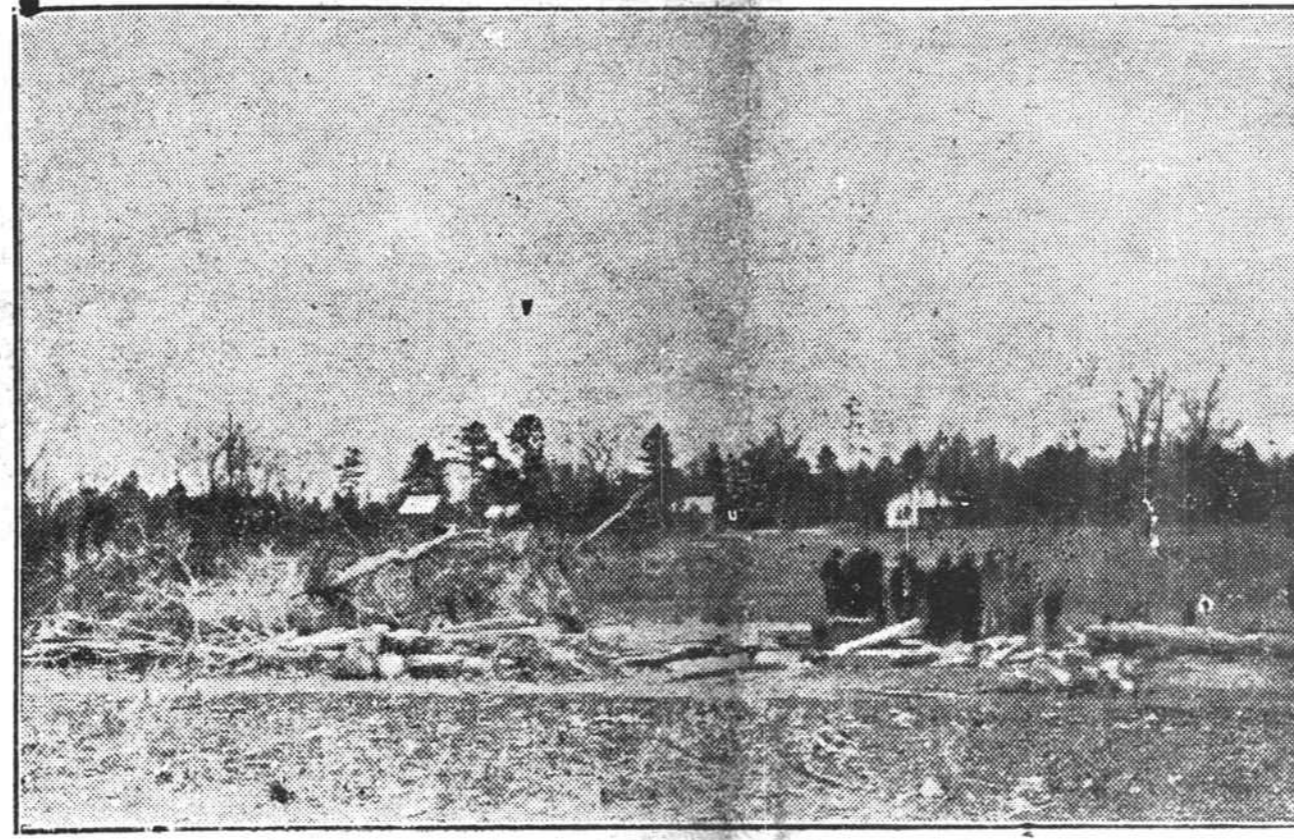
Negro Injured When Hit By Automobile

Whit Kearney, negro of near Warrenton, was seriously hurt on Sunday night when he was struck by an automobile driven by C. S. Pusey, white employee of the Warrenton Box and Lumber Co. Kearney suffered concussion of the brain, lacerated scalp and a broken ankle.

Mr. Pusey was arrested on a charge of reckless driving and given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Frank B. Newell on Monday and bound to Superior court under \$200 bond which he gave.

Kearney, according to the evidence, was walking along the road near the box mill when struck by the car. Mr. Pusey said he was meeting a car at the time and failed to see the negro.

CYCLONE CAUSES HAVOC IN WARREN COUNTY



The lower picture shows where the house of Jim Dunston, colored, stood before Monday's cyclone. The three sons were killed and a fourth fatally injured. The upper picture is of one of the colored churches blown down by the fierce wind.

BOARD FAVORS TAX LAW CHANGE

Requests Representatives To See That Measures Are Passed By Assembly

The Board of Commissioners of Warren County favor the abolition of law exempting stocks in foreign corporations from taxes, the addition of one cent to the present gasoline tax to work the county roads under State supervision and direction, and a bill taxing electric energy as a means of raising revenue. They also favor a tax on stock dividends not to exceed 1 per cent to be used as a means of reducing property tax.

Meeting in regular session here on Monday they voted that John S. Davis, member of the House of Representatives, and T. O. Rodwell, member of the State Senate, be requested to do all in their power to see that these measures were carried through the 1931 session of the General Assembly which convened this week at Raleigh.

The motion was made by John L. Skinner and seconded by R. L. Casps.

The board refused to okay a proposal made before them by Representative Davis. Mr. Davis asked that income from real estate be used as a basis of valuation. The representative held that a piece of property bringing in no income was not able to pay tax. He asked that if the board had no power to make this recommendation to the assembly. (Continued on page 8)

Limer Post Favors Payment Certificates

Unanimous vote in favor of the Federal government paying at once the adjusted compensation certificates held by veterans of the World War has been given by Limer Post, No. 25, of the American Legion. The vote came after a lengthy discussion, in which many of the members of the post spoke briefly in expression of their views.

It was decided that the action of the post be communicated at once to Congressman J. H. Kerr of this district and Senators F. M. Simmons and Cameron Morrison, of North Carolina.

Commander L. C. Kinsey tendered his resignation at the meeting last night, stating that press of other matters prevented his giving proper time to the duties of Commander. His resignation was accepted and Dr. Wallace Mustian was elected to head the post.

Three Men Face Judge Taylor In Recorder's Court

Disorderly conduct and carrying a concealed weapon, larceny, and violation of the Eighteenth Amendment composed the three cases given a hearing in Recorder's court on Monday morning before Recorder W. W. Taylor. Another case of larceny, involving Jesse Quinchette and Louis Henderson, was continued until January 26.

Charles Jones was found guilty of constructive possession of whiskey and fined \$5.00 and the cost of court. Evidence was induced to show that Jones had bargained for the whiskey, but at the time the fluid had not come into his possession.

Moses Levester was assigned to work the roads six months in this district as penalty for acting in a disorderly manner and carrying a concealed weapon. Levester, it seems, created quite a disturbance at the home of Alford Tubbs and threatened to shoot several people.

Foster Ayscue and Norman Stevenson were fined \$25.00 and costs and assigned to work the roads for a period of six months as the result of stealing gasoline. The road sentence was suspended upon payment of fine and costs.

Negroes Arrested On Robbery Charges

It is possible that Wade Dowtin and George Alston, negroes, stole because they were hungry, but judging from the evidence one would believe they planned to open a store or supply a neighbor.

The two negroes were arrested by Constable R. O. Snipes and Frank Pinnell and Buck Wilson, railroad detective on last Friday. They were charged with stealing 500 pounds of meat from Sam Ingram on December 31; five chickens from J. H. Harper on December 31, and five chickens from George Myrick the same night, with breaking into J. H. King's Service Station on December 28 and stealing goods to the value of \$100. The same night, according to the charges, they also stole 50 pounds of lard and 200 pounds of meat from Robert McKnight, and 500 pounds of meat from Jim Alston.

They were given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate W. C. Fagg on Wednesday. He found probable cause, and bound them to Superior Court under \$300 bond each. Unable to raise this amount, they are in Warren county jail.

RED CROSS AIDS TORNADO VICTIMS

National Field Representative Takes Charge Of Relief Work

Relief work in the tornado struck area of Warren county is being conducted by the National Red Cross working in conjunction with the local chapter and interested citizens of both races.

Mrs. Elise Mullikan, National Field Representative of the American Red Cross, arrived in Warren on Tuesday morning and with Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington, county chairman, and R. M. White of Norlina, made a survey of the field. Getting in touch with leading citizen relief work was immediately begun. Appeals for old clothing were made through the schools at Wise, Norlina and Warrenton on Wednesday, and on Thursday generous supplies received, together with food, were distributed to the needy families.

Mrs. Mullikin reported to a special Red Cross relief committee, representing churches and civic organizations of Warrenton, the result of her survey at a special called meeting at the home of Mrs. Arrington on Wednesday night. Her survey showed that more persons were affected by the tornado than was at first believed. A special advisory committee of nine members was appointed to assist the National Representative in her work. Members of this committee are C. R. Rodwell, P. B. Bell, R. M. White, C. C. Perkinson, R. C. Cox, R. R. Jackson, S. G. Chappell, J. E. Allen, N. H. Gholson.

The expense of the relief work will be borne by the National Organization, the local chapter and from contributions from Warren citizens. It was the consensus of the Red Cross meeting that the disaster had hit at a hard season but that Warren county wished to show its usual spirit of good fellowship and do its share so three places were opened for contributions of money or supplies and any citizen wishing to give any amount, no matter how small, can do so at Burroughs Grocery Company, Warrenton, Walker's Drug Store in Norlina, and Perkinson Brothers Company in Wise.

Contributions have already been made along various lines, Rodwell Brothers having sent nickel spoons, tin cups and enamel plates, Tom Williams offering free transportation for any lumber necessary in (Continued on page 8)

Six Warren Persons Killed By Tornado

Strikes Northern Section of County Monday Afternoon; Many Are Injured; Huge Property Damage Results; Church Is Blown Away

RELIEF IS BEING GIVEN TO STRICKEN FAMILIES

Six persons are dead, two seriously injured, and a dozen painfully hurt as a result of a tornado that swept over the northern section of Warren county late Monday afternoon, destroying thousands of dollars worth of property and making several families homeless.

The dead are Jim Dunston, negro, and four children; Edna Harris, negro student at the Warren County Training School at Wise.

Seriously injured are Mamie Adams, negro teacher at the Warren County Training School, broken ribs; Sam Allgood, three-year-old negro child, broken leg.

Those suffering minor injuries were four children and the wife of Wallace Allgood, negro; Ella Cobb and daughter, negroes; Jess Balwin, negro, reported hurt; Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson and little son, Mr. L. M. King and Miss Edith King.

Property damage, according to survey of Mrs. Elise Mullikan, field representative of the American Red Cross, who is directing relief work, included:

Home of Badger Davis, negro, blown off foundation; chimneys blown off house of Mrs. Willie Robinson, white; barn and packhouse destroyed at the home of W. J. Bishop, member of Warren county board of elections; home of Robert Leete, white, moved off foundation, roof off, kitchen and outbuilding blown away; home of Sam Mayfield, negro, off foundation, kitchen blown off; home of Rose Thomas and nine children, negroes, demolished; home of Annie Duke, 77, negro, house off foundation, kitchen blown away; Locust Grove negro church, demolished; negro Christian church, blown away; main building Warren County Training School, off foundation and wrecked beyond repair; dormitory and garage demolished and agricultural building blown off foundation at Warren County Training School.

Daylight Tuesday morning revealed a scene of devastation greater than was realized the night before and brought forth stories of marvelous escapes and experiences as thousands of people journeyed to the site of the Jim Dunston home and to the Warren County Training School where the tornado was at its worst. The twister struck shortly before 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

The tornado struck a grove in which was located the home of Jim Dunston. Giant oaks lying twisted on the ground and the blackened ruins of a home here tell their tragic story. It was here that Dunston and three children were killed and a son fatally injured, while his wife and baby escaped death. The house was blown down and the remains caught fire. Unverified reports are that the woman with the baby in her arms was blown for fifty yards. Dunston and his sons were found dead in a cotton field many yards from the home. It is reported here that a hunter saw the cyclone strike the negro home, and according to his account Dunston was carried several hundred feet into the air.

Rising into the air the tornado passed over the outlying districts of Wise and again dipped near the Warren County Training School. Locust Grove negro church was demolished and the debris from the building littered the grave yard nearby. The negro Christian church, located across the road from the training school, was lifted from its foundation. The rest of the building was carried off in the air. Where it was deposited is not known. It is reported that a roof of a building was seen in the air a mile from the church.

The main school building that housed between four and five hundred negro pupils, still stands but it has been twisted many feet from its foundation and badly wrecked. A giant tree is deeply embedded in one corner of the building. Seventy-five yards away one of the buildings stands, but it is also off its foundation. The girls' dormitory nearby was wrecked as was the garage that housed the school trucks. Twisted and overturned machinery lies in the ruins there. Another dormitory, 50 yards to the left of the girls' building, is standing.

A horse was backed before this building Tuesday morning to carry away the body of Edna Harris, negro girl, who fled from the dormitory to be struck by a piece of flying timber and, caught by the force of the wind, swept for many (Continued on Page 3)

Dr. W. D. Rodgers Jr. and Dr. G. H. Macon were named members of the Warren County Board of Health at a meeting here on Monday attended by John Clay Powell, chairman of the board of county commissioners; J. Edward Allen, superintendent of schools, and F. H. Gibbs, Mayor of Warrenton.

Rodgers and Macon On Board of Health

Dr. Rodgers and Dr. Macon were recommended for appointment on the board at a recent meeting of the Warren County Medical Society. A meeting will be held at the court house next Monday at 12:30 o'clock at which time a Health Officer will be elected. Dr. H. H. Foster of Norlina has been recommended for this post by the medical society and it is expected that he will be elected by the board to succeed Dr. W. D. Rodgers, incumbent, under the system of rotation in effect here for years.

Boydton Man Jailed For Entering Store

L. J. Harris, young white man of Boydton, Va., charged with breaking into the store of F. J. Brown near here on Monday night, plead guilty yesterday morning at the preliminary hearing held before Magistrate W. C. Fagg. Unable to raise \$500 bond, he is in jail awaiting trial at the January term of Superior court.

Harris was arrested in South Hill by Virginia officers and brought to Warrenton yesterday by Constable R. O. Snipes.