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WESTON DRAWS
PRISON SENTENCE

Prominent Young White Man
Found Guilty of Whiskey
Charge On Monday

SENTENCE IS REDUCED

An eighteen months sentence given by Judge Weston in Federal court at Durham on Tuesday for violation of the Eighteenth amendment was on Wednesday commuted to one year and one day in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta by Judge Meekins when friends here journeyed to Durham and interposed for the Warren man. Possibility of a parole after four months is now being entertained by members of the delegation who plead for the convicted man.

Mr. Weston's case was hard fought in Durham through his councilor, John H. Kerr Jr., but a collection of circumstantial evidence influenced the court to find the man guilty it was stated.

Mr. Weston, former operator of the Blue Moon Filling Station at Durham, was arrested on February 6th by Federal officers when a raid was made on his place of business and two cases were found in his possession which he had been billed for. This evidence coupled with the fact that Carson McNair and Roy Walter, white men arrested at a still recently at Greenwood, turned State evidence and accused Mr. Weston of furnishing paraphernalia for the manufacture of booze, led to his conviction. It was said.

Following the adjournment of court on Tuesday W. F. Alston interviewed Judge Meekins in behalf of the Warren man and was told by the judge that he would not talk about the case out of court but would be glad to hear from him and others in open court Wednesday morning. Returning to Warrenton Mr. Alston met with Claude Bowers and the following delegation appeared before Judge Meekins Wednesday: Dr. J. T. Gibbs, Rev. B. N. de Foe-Wagner, John D. Newell, clerk of court, Joe Powell, register of deeds, Dr. F. P. Hunter, P. M. Stallings, auditor, L. C. Kinsey, Gordon Poindexter, Claude Bowers, W. F. Alston. Judge Meekins heard from practically all members of the delegation but Dr. J. T. Gibbs was the chief spokesman for the group.

"Your honor knows how we stand upon this question," the veteran minister told Judge Meekins, "but in this case there is mitigating circumstances. We plead not so much for the boy, but for his people who have lived such honorable Christian lives in our community. The shame and the humiliation is theirs to bear through no fault of their own. We hope that in this case a fine can be imposed and the young man spared a prison sentence."

Judge Meekins pointed out other cases on his docket. "If I let your man go, what must I do with those?" he asked. "What would you do with this case here if you were in my place?"

Met the same punishment to others the minister replied.

Sentence was changed from 18 months to one year and one day in Weston's case, and it is reported that Judge Meekins ordered the same punishment for other similar cases.

It is understood that Mr. Weston will be in line for a parole after he has served one-third of his time. (Continued on Page 8)

Town Primary To
Be Held Next Month

Nominations for a Mayor and members of the board of town commissioners will be in order at a primary to be held in the court house next month. The exact date of the primary is to be set by Julius Banzet, who was named as Democratic Executive Chairman to succeed W. T. Polk, who is now on a around-the-world cruise, at a meeting of the board of commissioners on Monday night.

Tom Gardner was named as registrar and E. L. Hudgins and Weldon Ball were appointed judges of election. The town election will be held in May.

House Passes Bill
To Elect Auditor

A bill to provide for the election of Warren County's auditor was passed in the House of Representatives this week. The bill has not passed the Senate. At present the county auditor is appointed by the board of commissioners.

Emergency Police
Telephone Will Be
Installed Here

An emergency police telephone with a gong that can be heard for several hundred yards will be installed in the business section of the town at an early date, following its authorization by the board of town commissioners on Monday night.

This telephone is sponsored by the local Kiwanis club. A committee from that organization, composed of W. N. Boyd, J. A. Dameron and W. R. Strickland, appeared before the board. Members of that body were enthusiastic in their reception of the proposal and authorized its installation without dissenting vote.

W. N. Boyd, spokesman for the committee, told the board members that the telephone company had agreed to install the phone free of charge, and that there would be no rental if the commissioners cared to substitute it for one of its two free phones now located in the Mayor's office and in the home of the chief of Police. The sentiment of the board was to allow these two free telephones to remain and to pay a rent on the emergency instrument.

The opinion was expressed that after the emergency telephone is installed that it might be feasible to disconnect the two fire alarm boxes in north and south Warrenton. In the event of fire the emergency number could be called quicker than a person could run to the fire box. An officer answering the phone could throw in the central alarm and tell firemen the location of the fire, thereby doing away with chasing over town hunting the blaze.

Another advantage of this system brought out was that central could keep a record of all calls. In the event of a false fire alarm being turned in, it would not be difficult to chase down the source of the call and find the guilty party.

A committee was appointed to select a suitable location and have the telephone installed at an early date.

Company B. Five
To Play At Rocky
Mount Saturday

With another victory chalked down on their scoreboard when they defeated Company D of Durham here Wednesday night, members of the basket ball team of Company B are in fine tone and will strut their stuff Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at Rocky Mount in the Eastern Carolina basket ball tournament being held there. Rocky Mount's Y. M. C. A. team and Mt. Holly will play this afternoon, and Company B will take on the winner.

The local team will leave this afternoon and spend the night at Rocky Mount in order that they may see the type of basket ball that they will have to combat. Members expected to go as P. Terrell, F. Floyd, E. Weldon, E. Overby, H. Weldon, Jack Loyd, S. Loyd, Kay Halthcock, Gordon Halthcock, Bailey Overby, Allen Peoples.

Company D of Durham was defeated here Wednesday night by the local military company by a score of 20 to 18. The game was hard fought and of interest throughout, it was said.

Co. B's line-up and individual scores were as follows: Terrell, R.F., 7 points; Floyd, L.F., 10 points; Weldon, C, no points; Overby, R.G., no points; Weldon, L.G., 1 point.

Jimmie Mayfield has been coaching the local boys this season and the military company's team has shown up well, it was said.

Principals Favor
Abolition of Added
Commencement Cost

Commencement programs in the schools of Warren county will be so arranged as to cost the minimum amount of expense to parents, it was decided at a meeting of the school principals in the office of Supt. J. Edward Allen on Wednesday afternoon.

Exercises will have to be so arranged this year as to do away with costuming that in years past has put parents to additional expense in the effort to have their child look as well as that of their neighbors. This year programs must be in keeping with the times, it was decided.

L. G. Whitley, chief penal inspector, of Raleigh, and F. B. Batts, sanitary inspector for the State board of health, were in town this week.

ORDERS TRAFFIC
LIGHT ERECTED

Work Halted By Additional
Cost; Commissioners In-
crease Appropriation

LICENSE TAX LOWERED

The town commissioners are determined to have an automatic signal light at the intersection of Main Street and Macon road and are not willing to let a \$50 additional cost bar its erection. This was the sentiment expressed at the regular meeting of the board held on Monday night.

Upon motion of E. E. Billam the board voted to install this light at the regular February meeting, at a cost not to exceed \$100. Due to the fact that no allowance had been made for the automatic signaling device, it was found that the maximum amount allowed by the board was not sufficient and no action towards its erection was taken by C. F. Moseley, chairman of the street committee.

Following discussion of the need for such a light at this street intersection, an expression of the view that the light would not only lessen traffic danger at this point, but would also remove much heavy traffic from the street, Mr. Gillam moved that it be installed in spite of the additional cost. Raised figures for the work were placed at approximately \$150. The board approved this work, but raised the maximum to \$175 in order that there may be no further delay. The light will be installed as quickly as it can reach Warrenton, it is said. A member of the board said yesterday that he believed it would be in place before the next regular board meeting in April.

The board ordered that the privilege tax for operating a pool room be lowered after Jimmie Mayfield, local operator of a pool room, appeared before the board and told its members that he and his brother were paying the town \$50 each for their four tables, and that this was in addition to a \$25 per table State tax, and a local county and town property tax. The board amended the section of the ordinance to read, instead of \$50 a table, \$50 for the first two tables and \$25 for each additional table, granting Mr. Mayfield a reduction of \$50 a year in his privilege tax.

Postoffice Safe Is
Found Near Macon

With the bottom bored out and money gone, the Macon postoffice safe was found about a mile from Macon near the home of Callie Williams on Monday by Hilton Gup-ton. Robbers entered the postoffice Sunday night and removed the safe. The amount of cash in the safe is not known.

Answering a call in the Macon vicinity about 3 o'clock Sunday night, Dr. W. D. Rodgers saw the safe on the side of the road. Fifteen minutes later when he returned there after attending his patient, the safe had been removed. Tire tracks and a number of footprints were found around the spot where the safe had been resting.

It is thought that robbers placed the safe on the back of a truck and drove from the highway where it was bored into.

71st Congress Ends
Session Wednesday

The 71st session of Congress closed Wednesday at noon. During this session which began December 1 all major appropriation bills, aggregating some \$4,000,000,000, have been passed in spite of the fact that some of the Congressmen thought a special session would be necessary. Most of the time has been given to the passage of appropriation bills but two important constructive legislation measures were enacted. They were the Wagner bill for long-distance planning of public works, and the bill cutting the work week of most postal employees from 48 to 44 hours. One of the most outstanding bills of this session was the World War Veterans' Loan measure which was passed last week over the President's veto. Action on the Muscle Shoals bill is yet to be taken. An effort will be made to induce Henry Ford to renew his bid for operation of Muscle Shoals.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION
There will be a Fiddlers' Convention at the Hollister school on Friday night, March 13. This merry-making occasion is being sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association, and a large crowd is desired.

Fight Over 90 Cents
Account Lands Two
In County Court

Fighting over a ninety cents account resulted with both creditor and debtor being fined \$5 and the costs of court when Frank Reavis, young white man, and James Rodwell, young negro, were each found guilty of assault by Recorder W. W. Taylor Monday morning. Marshall Reavis, who assisted his brother in the fracas, was not fined.

Testimony brought out in court was that Rodwell had been owing Frank Reavis ninety cents for some time. Saturday Frank Reavis and Marshall Reavis ran across Rodwell in the stables of the Dameron Supply Co. where he was working on a mule. Solicitation of the fund brought on profanity from both sides, and a fight occurred. Marshall Reavis was struck across the nose with a stick in the hand of Rodwell, and Rodwell received a blow across the head from a bottle in the hands of Frank Reavis. It was brought out in court that Marshall Reavis was in bad health, that he was in no condition to fight, and that he only acted in defence. He was freed by Recorder Taylor who taxed each of the other men \$5 and the court costs.

No other cases were before the court, but a capias was issued for Ed Knight, young white man of near Warrenton who was found guilty last week of abandoning his wife and children, and who failed to comply with the sentence of the court that he pay \$5 each week to Miss Lucy Leach towards the support of his family.

Black Cats To Have
Sale Saturday; To
Pull Treasure Hunt

Pies, cakes, candies and other delicacies will be offered for sale tomorrow at the Home Furniture & Supply Co. by the Black Cat Club, an organization recently formed at Warrenton by a number of young ladies to aid Miss Lucy Leach, welfare officer, in caring for the unfortunates of the county. A sale promoted by the club two weeks ago resulted with the organization making over \$15.00, it was said.

Next Friday night, which happens to be the thirteenth, the Black Cat Club is sponsoring a treasure hunt and dance. The hunt, which will take place in automobiles, will start at the home of Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington at 8 o'clock, and have as a climax a dance in the Williams home here. A charge of 50c to each participant will be made, and it is expected that many people from Warrenton and the county will have part in either the chase or dance.

Robert D. Baskerville
Dies At Richmond

Robert Dortch Baskerville, brother of W. R. Baskerville of Warrenton, died at his home in Richmond, Va., on Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks. He was 64 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at his home in Richmond Thursday morning at 10 o'clock by the Rev. Henry Lane. Burial services were held at the Lombardy Grove church near the old Baskerville home in Mecklenburg county, Va., on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Davis George.

Mr. Baskerville is survived by his widow and one son, Robert D. Baskerville, by two brothers, W. R. Baskerville of Warrenton, and Dr. George Baskerville of Greenwood, Miss., and by four sisters, Mrs. Sallie Neblett of Richmond, Mrs. J. T. Neblett of Alexandria, La., Mrs. F. H. Hobbs of Norfolk and Miss Nannie Baskerville of Norfolk.

Singing Class To Be
Here On March 16

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will give a concert in the high school auditorium at Warrenton on Monday, February 16, J. Edward Rooker Jr., chairman in charge of the committee on arrangements, announced yesterday. No tickets will be sold for the performance, Mr. Rooker said, but a free-will offering will be taken during the evening.

PICTURE AT PARISH HOUSE
A lecture and lantern picture on India will be given at the Parish House on Friday night at 8 p. m. A silver offering will be taken at that time. The public is invited to attend.

WARRENTON TO BILL
U. S. GOVERNMENT

Commissioners Order Fees
For U. S. Crop Liens Be
Charged United States

HAVE ALL-DAY SESSION

Warren county will bill the Federal government each month for fees in recording United States Crop liens, according to an order of the board of county commissioners in regular session at Warrenton on Monday. The United States liens are taken to secure the government for loans made to farmers in the drought area of this county.

The board ordered that the Clerk of Court probate and the Register of Deeds record these liens as they are received and that bills by said officers be presented the board for payment of their fees each month from the general fund, and that a statement be forwarded the government for such fees each month to reimburse the general fund.

Routine matters of the day and a joint meeting with the board of education to consider school financial matters kept the members of the board in session until late in the afternoon.

No blanket rule will be used in giving tax relief for sufferers in the tornado district, the board decided. Each case is to be handled on its own merit, according to an order of the board. Several of these cases were brought to the attention of the members during the morning session.

The board ordered that W. J. Bishop received a reduction in valuation for the year 1930 in the sum of \$500 on account of damage to his property by the tornado. R. O. Leece was given a similar reduction for the same reason. Virginia Phillips, aged colored woman, was also given a \$500 reduction in 1930 valuation on account of the tornado. The board ordered that Mrs. Willie Robertson of Hawtree township receive a reduction of \$1,000 in valuation on her property for one year on account of property being destroyed by the tornado.

It was ordered that E. D. Davis be paid \$10 for the capture of a still. Later in the day Mr. Davis brought up the question of fees where an illicit still operator was captured by a local officer while on a raid in conjunction with Federal officers. The board held that where such a capture was made without assistance of Federal men that the local officer should be credited with the capture and be paid \$20 by the board of commissioners. This motion was introduced by Commissioner Fleming and received the vote of all members except Commissioner Skinner. "If you gentlemen will show me where we have any authority under the law to pay for the capture of a moonshiner, I will be glad to change my vote; but I am under the impression that it is illegal," Mr. Skinner said.

The board ordered that a midwife be paid the sum of \$10 for services rendered an inmate of the county home. It was ordered that C. E. Thompson's bill for the burial of four paupers be paid.

Mrs. Will Carroll's name was placed on the mother's aid list for a term of eight months, and to be paid \$5 per month by the county. This action was taken after it was revealed to the board by the Welfare Officer that Mrs. Carroll was the mother of several children and that her husband was serving a road sentence.

It was ordered that H. D. Fulford, Smith Creek township, be credited with \$200 valuation on account of clerical error, and that I. L. King of Hawtree township be credited with \$350 valuation due to an error in acreage listed.

The board ordered that the road leading from hard-surfaced Warrenton-Rocky Mount road to the county home be repaired. This work is to be done under the supervision of John C. Powell, chairman of the board of commissioners.

It appearing that J. D. Dickerson had listed for taxation property valued at \$2890, which was purchased for a home, and it further appearing that S. E. Allen, agent, had a note in the sum of \$1500, secured by said property, listed for taxation, the board ordered that the said Dickerson, homestead owner, and the said Allen, note holder, each receive a reduction of \$750.

The board ordered that G. D. Goodwin, Fishing Creek township, receive a reduction of \$100 on one Ford automobile listed for taxation, on account of error in listing.

2200 Pounds Of
Poultry Sold At
Norlina Saturday

Twenty-two hundred pounds of poultry was sold at Norlina on Friday for the sum of \$342.63 as a result of Warren's first poultry car, sponsored by the Warrenton Kiwanis club.

We are well pleased with the response to our efforts to have as many farmers as possible sell chickens on this day, William Hunt, president of the local Kiwanis club, said yesterday. "As a result of the sale last Saturday," he continued, "we have been assured that we could obtain another car whenever we desire. We will do this when demand for such is indicated." Mr. Hunt said that plans would probably be made for a shipment of hogs.

R. H. Bright, teacher of vocational agriculture in the John Graham High School, who assisted in having the car brought to Norlina and who aided in its loading, said that he thought that the public was well pleased with Warren's first sale. "Now that the experiment has been started to the purpose of surplus poultry, I can see no reason why such sales should not grow in popularity," he added.

The sale of the chickens on Saturday was made through the State department of agriculture. In these poultry shipments the department calls for bids from produce houses, and lets the contract to the highest bidder for the chickens. Chickens sold at Norlina Saturday were consigned to a Philadelphia produce house.

Size of the sales Saturday ran from a one-chicken affair in a few instances to a \$50 sale in another.

Red Cross Supplies
Yeast In Fight On
Pellagra In County

Waging a fight on Pellagra in Warren county, the Red Cross is supplying yeast free of charge to sufferers upon physicians prescriptions, according to Miss Lucy Leach, welfare officer. She said that poorly balanced diet of the past several months has caused an increase in this disease.

Miss Leach asked that after the prescription has been filed by a physician that they be taken to Mrs. J. Edward Rooker at Warrenton who will supply the yeast. If it is not convenient to call on Mrs. Rooker, Miss Leach asked that patients apply to her, and said that she would apply to Mrs. Rooker for them.

Call For Bids On
Main Building At
Training School

Meeting in joint session with the county commissioners on Monday afternoon, the board of education authorized Supt. J. Edward Allen to call for sealed bids for the erection of a main building at the Warren County Training School at Wise to replace the building destroyed by the recent tornado. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 15.

Tentative assurance of \$6,000 from the Rosenwald fund for this construction has been received, it was learned yesterday at the office of the superintendent of schools. An additional fund for this purpose will be received from the General Education Board. It is understood that this will be approximately \$4,000.00.

The building must be completed by June 15, according to the terms of the contract. The successful bidder must also bind himself to give preference to Warren county labor where such course is feasible.

Two Arrested On
Car Stealing Charge

Jack Rich and Lee Coliver, charged with stealing an automobile in Cullom, Ga., were arrested near Greenwood church Wednesday night by Constable R. O. Snipes, brought to Warrenton and turned over to Georgia and South Carolina officers. The allegedly stolen car was said to have been in their possession at the time of their arrest.

LOYD REPLACES PRIDGEN
Lee Loyd replaces Macy T. Pridgen as meat cutter at Burroughs Grocery Co. Mr. Pridgen, who has been connected with Burroughs Co. for several years, left this position on Saturday night to open a store of his own in the M System old stand.

RETURN FROM WASHINGTON
Howard F. Jones Sr., secretary to Congressman John H. Kerr, and Mrs. Jones returned to Warrenton on Tuesday to spend the summer. Congressman Kerr is expected today. He will return with Mrs. Kerr and Edward Hall, who motored to the capital city on Wednesday.

THOUSANDS DUE
LOCAL VETERANS

Estimated Loan Value of Cer-
tificates In Warren Is
Placed At \$325,000

MANY APPLY FOR LOANS

Three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars is the estimated loan value of certificates in the hands of more than 650 World War Veterans scattered over Warren who may borrow money at once as the result of the passage last Friday of the Veterans' Loan Relief bill over the veto of President Hoover.

The average loan available to each former service man in Warren county is said to be \$500.00. Interest of 4 1-2 per cent will be charged. This money may be borrowed at any time by filing application with any of the following men: Henry Montgomery, L. C. Kinsey, Claude Bowers, Stephen Burroughs, Boyd White, Dr. W. F. Mustian, Simon Gardner.

Although little of this loan money has yet come to the county on account of the fact that few of the application blanks had been received until late this week, a little of the money has already been turned loose here, and a little more optimism is beginning to show on the faces of business men of the county. A few citizens, badly pushed for financial aid, journeyed to the Regional office at Durham on Saturday following the passage of the bill Friday and cashed in on their certificates, it was said.

A few of the application blanks have been filled out by Simon Gardner but as it has not been generally known who was in possession of these blanks, only a small number of the veterans have yet had an opportunity to secure financial aid for their service in the army. It is expected that the certificates will be much in demand during the coming weeks as a number of citizens are in need of funds to start a new crop, pay taxes, buy food and clothing.

Although it is generally expected that the greater part of the veterans will cash in on their certificates at once, there are some soldiers who will not borrow until absolutely necessary, as they have to pay the 4 1-2 per cent interest on the money loaned to them.

Press dispatches from cities where a great amount of the money has been paid state that business has taken on new life, and according to a communication from Washington, D. C., veterans there were in such need of money to purchase food and clothing that they stood in line all day and much of the night and had to be fed by the Red Cross while waiting for their cash.

The World War Veterans' Loan bill was passed over the President's veto Friday when the Senate repassed the bill by a vote of 76 to 17. After the bill had passed President Hoover announced that the government would cooperate in every way possible to facilitate issuance of the loans. The director of the Veterans' Bureau issued a public appeal for veterans not in actual need to withhold their loan applications for a few days so that those in desperate circumstances could get quick action on their loans. The law makes loans of 50 per cent (Continued on Page 8)

Mrs. Sara Spain
Dies At Norlina

Mrs. Sara Spain, widow of the late James Spain, died at her home at Norlina on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. She was 83 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at the Norlina Methodist church by the Rev. Mr. Woodall of Middleburg. Interment was in the Mt. Auburn cemetery.

MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the County Historical Society as scheduled for this (Friday) evening has been postponed until later in March. The change was made to avoid conflicts with school and church programs previously arranged, also an unforeseen business engagement which would necessitate the absence of one who has been assigned an important place on the program. Further announcement will be made later.