

Convicted



JOHN SALMON,

who was yesterday sentenced to the State penitentiary for a period of five years after a jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter.

Judge Tells Jurors That Citizens Should Know Constitution

Paying his respects in no complimentary terms to violators of the prohibition laws, gun-toters and the careless operators of automobiles, Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport charged a Warren county grand jury for 40 minutes at the opening of the May term of Superior court here Monday morning.

His opening remarks centered about the State constitution. He lamented the fact that so few citizens were familiar with its text. "It is a wonderful document and one which I am glad to see the voters are slow to change. Declaring faith in God and the equality of man before the law, it is a wonderful document. Under it the State has made progress little short of the miraculous in the past 50 years."

"No nation that forgets God, can live; no State that forgets God, can live. No citizen who forgets God is a good citizen. The good citizen must render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

"In doing this he must insist that the law have no favorites. The poor and the rich must be treated equally before the bar of justice. This is Christianity; this is good citizenship. They are inseparable."

Prohibition laws are worthy of the same obedience as are laws against arson and murder. Lack of observance is no more excuse for repeal in one case than in the other, he said, declaring that those who favored the repeal of the 18th Amendment were actuated either by appetite or greed for personal profit.

Judge Cranmer said that gun-toters were cowards, and a menace to law and order. He held that a man's character was revealed in the way he observed the automobile laws. If the motorists is one who hogs the road and disregards the rights of others he is a citizen not to be trusted in other affairs, he declared.

After disposing of a number of report cases this morning, the court in the afternoon found that Cherry Thomas and D. J. Hackney, citizens of Chatham County, were not guilty of larcen, as charged, and turned to the first of the four murder trials on the docket, State vs. Lee Jackson, charged with killing Jim Fitts at Wise more than a year ago.

Mrs. Rosa Conn Laid To Rest On Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Rosa Conn of Arcola were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Arcola M. E. church by Rev. S. E. Wright, pastor of the church, and Rev. Towse, a former pastor. Her remains were interred in the church cemetery beneath many flowers and in the presence of a large number of friends.

Mrs. Conn died last Friday morning in a Rocky Mount hospital. She had been confined there for two weeks. She was the widow of R. M. Conn, who died two and a half years ago and is survived by four sons and two daughters: W. P. Conn, Robert Conn and John Anderson Conn of Arcola and Richard Conn of Rocky Mount; Mrs. M. T. Harris of Grove Hill, and Miss Bettie Conn of Arcola.

1931 VISITOR

Mr. Lee Williams of Inez was a Warrenton visitor on Tuesday. Mr. Williams commented that this was his first visit to Warrenton during the year of 1931.

RED CROSS ENDS ITS RELIEF WORK

Chairman C. A. Tucker Makes Final Report; 475 Cases Were Given Relief

\$2900 SENT TO WARREN

Two thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars and fifty-five cents in cash, and clothes, seed and yeast valued at \$500 were used by the Warren county drought relief committee in rendering aid in 475 cases in the stricken area, according to a report of C. A. Tucker, chairman of the committee, read at a meeting of the Red Cross in the home of Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington on Wednesday night when expressions of praise for Mr. Tucker and other members of the committee working with him were voiced by Mrs. Arrington and others who gathered in her home. Mr. Tucker's report was submitted in closing the relief work in Warren county.

Sends Garden Seed

The National chapter of the Red Cross sent \$2900 in cash to this county, and in addition 400 pounds of clothing, 250 pounds of garden seed and 100 packages of yeast. Mr. Tucker said in his report. Twenty-eight hundred sixty-one dollars and fifty-five cents of this money and the seed, clothing and yeast were used to alleviate suffering in 475 cases, he said. Renters constituted the larger class of those receiving aid, the report showed. There were 244 of these and 182 croppers. Forty landowners and eight farm laborers brought the total to 475. There was a total of 839 orders issued, the chairman's report revealed.

The northern part of Warren county falling in the drought-stricken area, the National chapter of the Red Cross sent this money, clothing, yeast and garden seed to Warren to be distributed by the local Red Cross chapter to those who were in need of help. Committee. (Continued on Page 8)

Garden Party To Begin From Boyd Home At 4 o'Clock

By MABEL DAVIS

The Garden Party, beginning at four o'clock this afternoon in the picturesque gardens of the Boyd homes on Ridgeway Street, promises to be a most colorful event providing the weather is fair. Nature is resplendent in May. The pastel shades of the ladies' afternoon gowns against the more subdued colors of men's attire will be in perfect accord with the panorama of gorgeous colors of blooming plants and their background of dark green foliage.

After visiting the Boyd gardens guests will be received and regaled in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Boyd before the itinerary is given them. Cars will be provided for those who have none. The itinerary has not been announced but it is understood that permission has been graciously given by the owners to include the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rodwell, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moseley, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Macon, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dameron. While the owners do not regard them as show places, these gardens are among the most beautiful features of Warrenton. They are a source of pleasure and inspiration to all who visit them. There will be no charge for admission, but an opportunity to make a silver offering to the library book fund will be given visitors at the Boyd gardens. Every one is invited and, as every one feels a peculiar interest in the library in addition to the love of things beautiful, the attendance will probably be large.

ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

Those attending the district meeting of the Woman's auxiliary at St. Stephens church at Oxford on Wednesday were Mesdames W. R. Baskerville, J. H. Kerr, G. W. Poindecker, J. P. Scoggin, C. H. Finch, A. B. Hall, Hannah Arrington, G. B. Massenbun, Ray Watson, B. B. Williams, Jack Scott, Herbert Petar, Donald Scott, Misses Rowe Jones, Sarah Blunt Massenbun, and Sarah Petar of Ridgeway.

TO SUBMIT PAPERS

At the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Foreign Relations Club, on Monday evening, Mrs. Frank Gibbs and Miss Katherine Taylor will submit papers on International Conference and International Federation. The meetings, held at the library, are open to all interested. Animated discussions characterize the meetings. (Continued on Page 8)

Grand Jury Would Enlarge Office Of Supt. J. E. Allen

The expansion of Warren county's school system was reflected in the Grand Jury's report to Judge E. H. Cranmer on Wednesday when that body recommended that the Sheriff's office be moved across the hall and a door cut between the present office and that of the office of the superintendent of schools to allow more room for carrying out the details of school work.

The body also recommended that an iron safe be purchased and installed in the office of the sheriff for the protection of monies left in his care after the banks have closed.

The report in full follows: "We, the Grand Jury selected for the above term beg to make the following report.

"We have examined the witness and passed on all bills presented to us by Solicitor R. Hunt Parker. We have visited the County Home, and we recommend the buildings be screened. Especially the buildings occupied by two Pellagra patients; also the roof on the main building and two outbuildings be painted immediately. We found all patients well cared for and premises well kept.

"We have inspected the County Jail and found it clean and sanitary. We recommend the upper hall window on the South side of the building be fitted up with a double set of steel bars.

"We have examined the various offices of County Supt. of schools, we recommend that the Sheriff's office be moved directly across the hall. We further recommend that a door be cut between the Supt.'s office and the office now occupied by the Sheriff and the said office be turned over to the Supt. of Schools which will give him the much needed room.

"Having been advised by the Sheriff that he frequently has large sums of money on hand after the banks are closed for the day, we recommend that an iron safe be purchased and placed in his office for the protection of money and valuable papers.

"Having thus completed our duties as we understand them we respectfully ask that unless there is some other duty, that we have overlooked or some other matter that should be brought to our attention, that your honor discharge us."

W. T. Davis was named foreman of the Grand Jury. Other members were S. H. Dillard, Macy E. Bolton, Kasper Killan, Claude King, J. A. Dameron, W. F. Alston, H. G. Heathcock, P. E. Hillard, R. A. King, Morton W. Alston, Jesse Gardner, B. O. Ayscue, W. J. Ball, F. C. Rainey, W. E. Mulchi, C. H. King, R. T. Hardy.

Federal Loans Must Be Repaid, Sec'y Hyde Writes

"The funds advanced by the Federal government constitute a loan which is to be repaid, and is not in any sense a gift," Secretary Hyde of the Department of Agriculture writes R. H. Bright, vocational teacher in the John Graham high school and county agricultural agent, thanking him for the cooperation he has given the government in making these loans and urging that he keep in contact with these borrowers during the summer and assist them in repaying the loan. The letter in full follows: "Dear Mr. Bright:

"During the past several months unusual responsibilities have been placed on you in the handling of applications for seed, feed, and fertilizer loans. Your regular extension work, even without this extra burden, would have been heavy because of unusual conditions imposed by the drought. The American Railway Association, which supervised the reduced freight rates last fall, has expressed admiration for the fine way in which county agents met the responsibilities placed on them. In the setting up of county and community seed loan advisory committees, in the issuance of publicity regarding drought relief loans, in assisting farmers in making applications for loans, and in many other ways your services have been valuable to your people and to this Department. I want you to know that we appreciate your service in both these lines of work and I trust that your county realizes the excellent way in which you have met this emergency.

In the handling of seed loan applications you have made contact with farmers who have not previously shown much, if any, interest in extension work. We should take advantage of these contacts (Continued on Page 8)

Milkman, Housewife, Sportsman, Winners in \$50,000 Contest



Top, James Thomas Sharkey, first prize winner; lower left, Mrs. Walter Sweet, winner of second prize; lower right, Julius M. Nolte, winner of third prize.

Pictures show the three major prize winners in the Camel cigarette contest. James Thomas Sharkey, 32, a milkman in Boston, was awarded first prize of \$25,000; Mrs. Walter Sweet, mother of three children and wife of a Marine Corps captain stationed at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Navy Yard, won second prize of \$10,000, and Julius M. Nolte, real estate dealer, and former secretary of the Duluth Commercial Club, received the third prize of \$5,000. In addition, five prizes of \$1,000 each, five prizes of \$500 each and twenty-five prizes of \$100 each were awarded. The three fortunate prize winners will go to Winston-Salem, N. C., where Camel cigarettes are manufactured, to receive their checks.

Winifred J. Parker Is Buried At Macon On Thursday

Funeral services for Winifred Jasper Parker, formerly a traveling saleswoman of Darlington, S. C., were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lula Harris of Macon, with whom he and his family had made their home for the past year. Burial services were in charge of the Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor of the Methodist church, and interment took place in the Macon cemetery. Mr. Parker, who was 47 years of age, died Wednesday morning at 4:15 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered yesterday about noon. This was his second stroke, his first attack having come about a year ago when he and his family lived in the South Carolina town. Following his first stroke he gave up his occupation as a salesman and moved to Macon to make his home with his sister-in-law. Since living in Macon Mr. Parker had been able to get around, but was not active.

He is survived by his wife, who was before her marriage Miss Elizabeth Gardner, and two daughters, the Misses Dorothy and Jane Parker. Pallbearers were B. L. Rawlings, W. R. Bowers, B. W. Gardner, Jesse Gardner, Herbert Gardner, Elwood Parker, Graham Parker and C. L. Hallett.

Among the out-of-town people here were Mrs. Ada Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Parker, Miss Marjorie Parker and Mr. Elwood Parker, all of Pine Level; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coppedge, Mrs. Lizette Brantley, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Murry, Mrs. I. B. Gardner, Mrs. Mary Earl, Mrs. Roy Wilker and daughter and Mrs. Norman Stallings, all of Spring Hope; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Gardner of Roxboro; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hallett of Cape Charles, Va., Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Rawlings, Mr. W. B. Rawlings and Master Scott Rawlings, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bowers and family of Brinkleyville; Mrs. D. B. Wilson and Miss Annie Bowers, of Littleton.

ARCOLA GIRLS ORGANIZE 4-H CLUB IN COMMUNITY

The girls of the Arcola Community met at the school building and organized a 4-H club on Wednesday, May 13.

The meeting was called together by the local leader, Miss Margaret Hunter. We first elected officers. They are as follows: President, Bettie Cooper Davis; Vice-President, Helen Hunter; Secretary, Kathleen Capps; Treasurer, Lottie Neal; Cheer Leader, Avis Odom; Publicity Committee, Helen Hunter and Bettie T. King.

After we had transacted all of the business, we had a flower contest. There were fifteen different flowers. We were given pencil and paper and told to name all we recognized. We did not recognize as many as we thought we should, therefore we decided to plant flowers and keep records of their growth, for our first project.

We adjourned after a very pleasant meeting to meet again June 11.

Warren Girl Wins Highest Honors In History of College

Miss Drusa Wilker has returned to her home at Warren Plains after winning the highest honors and grading ever accorded in the music department of Converse college, Spartanburg, S. C., where she was graduated this year with the B.M. degree.

Miss Wilker maintained an average of 94 in her course for the entire four years that she was a student in the South Carolina college and was rewarded with a silver loving cup which at present is on display at the Hunter Drug Store. This cup is the only honor voted by the entire faculty of the college and it became the permanent possession of Miss Wilker this year when she won it for the third consecutive time. This cup is presented each year by the college to the leading music student, but has to be won for three years before it is given permanently. Miss Wilker copied this honor and brought the cup back to Warren county.

A number of other honors were Miss Wilker's while a student at Converse. She was one of eight students chosen for honorary leadership in the college and is a member of the Alpha Sigma society, whose membership is based entirely on leadership. She was accompanist for the Converse College Glee club for three years and chairman of the music committee for the May Day pageant at Converse. Her playing featured in practically all the musical entertainments sponsored by the college, and praise for her as a pianist has been widely broadcast.

Another honor came to Miss Wilker when a Sonata was written and dedicated to her by N. Irving Wyatt, famous American composer and winner of Mendelssohn prizes in composition. Mr. Wyatt is a professor of composition in Converse college, which is one of the only two schools in the south that is a charter member of the National Federation of Conservatories and Schools of Music, and was rated this year as second to none in the United States.

Miss Wilker has not completed her plans for next year and at present is spending her time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilker of Warren Plains.

HIGHWAY MEN HERE

State highway men, headed by L. H. Cook, arrived in town this week to check route 59 leading from Warrenton to Louisville. Members of the party, which have worked out of Warrenton on several occasions and have a number of friends here, are L. H. Cook, Merle Atkins, Roy Cates, Herman Cone, E. C. Darden and A. E. Ellington. While here they are residing at Hotel Warren.

WARRENTON LOSES

Members of the Henderson golf club defeated Warrenton players at Henderson on Wednesday afternoon by the score of 28 to 14. This is the first game of the year between Warrenton and Henderson. A return match will be played at Warrenton at a date to be announced.

COURT TRIES ITS 4TH MURDER CASE

Williams Accused of Murdering John Davis With An Axe; Dortch Sentenced

JACKSON IS CONVICTED

Having disposed of three murder cases, Warren county superior court late yesterday afternoon turned to its fourth and last, that of State vs. Kintinchen Williams, negro, accused of killing John Davis with an axe following an altercation near the county home in which Williams received a pistol wound in his face. The State is asking for a verdict of murder in the second degree. Williams plead not guilty.

In addition to the Williams case a number of minor cases remain to be heard and it is doubtful if the criminal docket is completed by night.

May term of Warren county Superior court convened on Monday morning at 9:45 o'clock with Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport presiding. Clerk of Court John D. Newell has been confined to his home by illness and Deputy Clerk of Court William K. Newell has been serving in his stead. John Hunter Newell is serving as office deputy during the term of court.

Lee Jackson Tried

After disposing of a number of report cases and minor cases the court called the case of State vs. Lee Jackson, murder, on Monday. Jackson, young mulatta negro, was accused of murdering Jim Fitts, negro man of all-work around Wise, on the night of April 18, 1930. The State asked a verdict of murder in the second degree. Jackson was found guilty on Monday afternoon and sentenced to a term of 20 years in the State penitentiary.

A note of the comic was added to the case when Weldon Hendricks, negro pseudo-detective, took the stand for the State. He told the Solicitor that he lived here and there and that his occupation was walking streets and turning corners. He later told Julius Banzet, defense attorney, that he was joking with the solicitor. As he shouted his replies, evaded questions on cross-examinations, and mumbled upon occasions the court room crowd was thrown into laughter that spread upon occasion to the countenance of the judge, in spite of his raps for order. Hendricks said that Jackson, while drunk, told him that he killed Jim Fitts.

Killed In Bed

Jim Fitts was found dead upon his bed on the morning of April 19, 1930 with his head battered in. Evidence led to the arrest of Lee Jackson in Richmond several months later by K. W. Gates. (Continued on Page 8)

Earl Kinsey To Coach Local Team

Earl Kinsey, brother of Loyd Kinsey and former league baseball player, will coach a baseball team for Limer Post No. 25. It was announced yesterday by Henry Montgomery, adjutant of the local post. All boys seventeen years of age or under who wish to try for this team are asked to communicate with Mr. Kinsey or with Mr. Montgomery.

There will be a meeting at the ball park at Warrenton on Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Mr. Montgomery announced, and all boys who participate playing on this team are requested to bring a copy of their birth certificate or a copy of their high school record to the field, the adjutant said.

In speaking of the interest in baseball this year, Mr. Montgomery said:

"Demand for information on The American Legion Junior Baseball program for 1931 has been so widespread this season that an illustrated baseball handbook containing the official rules and guide has been printed and will be distributed free to anyone interested. "The new twenty-eight page handbook has fifty-six illustrations and contains a comprehensive survey of the entire junior baseball movement," he said.

"The book contains information that answers most of the questions asked by the boys and those who have charge of the program. Among the things discussed are the junior baseball plans for 1931; the rules for the 1931 tournament; a word to team managers; helpful hints for (Continued on page 8)

JUDGE TO TALK

Judge E. H. Cranmer, who is at Warrenton presiding over the May term of Superior court, will make a talk at the worship service of the Methodist Sunday school on Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

SALMON IS GIVEN YEAR SENTENCE

Returns Verdict Manslaughter With Plea For Mercy of Court

NOTICE OF APPEAL

John Salmon, young man charged with the murder of his uncle, Tom Salmon, was yesterday afternoon sentenced to five years in the State penitentiary. Salmon, through counsel, gave notice of appeal.

Following the plea of Salmon's counsel, the jury shortly returned a verdict of manslaughter, with a plea for the mercy of the court.

After striking his uncle the fatal blow Salmon fled from the county. The state and county offered a reward of \$200 for his arrest. Salmon was returned to the county the latter part of March and surrendered. Since the preliminary hearing has been out of jail on \$1000 bond.

Called On Wednesday

The case of State vs. John Salmon was called about 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Solicitor Parker stated that the State would not ask for conviction of murder in the first degree, but was asking for conviction of murder in the second degree. Salmon plead not guilty.

Nearly an hour was used in the selection of a jury. Salmon was defended by Julius Banzet of Warrenton and Bunn and Peace of Henderson. Solicitor Parker was unaided in the prosecution.

Tom Salmon Cranks Car

Tom Salmon was the first witness called. He said that he went to the home of Willie Young on Sunday July 29, 1929, about 9 o'clock to attend church. He found Tom Salmon playing a Victrola at Young home. Shortly afterwards Tom Salmon drove up to the house and sent one of the Young men into the house to ask John Salmon to come out to his car as he wanted to speak to him. John Salmon, the witness said, continued to play the Victrola for two or three minutes, before one of the Young men again told him that Tom Salmon wished to speak with him in the car. Thereupon John Salmon drove outside.

Young said in a few moments he followed John Salmon (Continued on Page 8)

Wharton Green Dies At Fayetteville

Wharton J. Green, a former resident of Warren county and at the time the first lady of the land, died at her home in Fayetteville on Monday afternoon. When a resident of Warren county Mrs. Green lived at "Emeraldia," near Shocco springs, the home of her husband, Col. Wharton J. Green. She and her husband moved from this county about 10 years ago. Funeral services were held at Fayetteville on Tuesday.

Mrs. Green, who was Miss Adeline Green, was born in Como, Illinois. She was married in March, 1883, to Wharton J. Green, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court and United States Senator from Illinois, who acting vice-president during the Presidency of Chester A. Arthur. The President being unmarried she was the first lady in the land. It is reported that President Arthur wished her to preside over the White House and that she was the only woman who ever declined that honor. After Judge Davis' death she returned to Fayetteville, and in 1888 married Wharton J. Green, Confederate Colonel, United States Congressman and author. The hospitality of Colonel Green and his hospitable wife made their country home, "Tokay," known far and wide.

General Wade Hampton, and many other notable persons were entertained there. After Colonel Green's death Mrs. Green built a home in Fayetteville. (Continued on Page 8)

CHANGES STORE FRONT

The appearance of Boyce Drug Store has been enhanced by the removal of the old front with its heavy door and installing a new front. This front is slightly recessed and has an eight-foot opening, closed with two pairs of double doors. The change has called forth much favorable comment from local citizens.