

MANY CITIZENS IN COUNTY COURT

German Case Proves Drawing Card In Record- ers Court Monday

FINED \$25 AND COSTS

Recorder's court had the bearing of the higher tribunal on Monday morning as many white and colored citizens assembled at the justice house to hear the case against James German, powerful negro of Warren who fled to the W. H. Dameron home when officers sought to arrest him Saturday afternoon.

German was charged with having whiskey in his possession. He had been found guilty earlier in the morning by Mayor Frank Gibbs on a charge of creating a public disturbance. Evidence was brought before Mayor Gibbs to show that he had been drinking at the time of the disorder and had liquor on him.

According to evidence in court German and Ramsey had been having words when German drew a bottle of whiskey over his head and threatened to strike the proprietor. Ramsey hit him over the head with a coca-cola bottle. German testified that he and the cafe owner were arguing over payment for some home-brew that he had bought from Ramsey, and that he also bought the whiskey from Ramsey.

When asked why he ran to the Dameron home, the negro replied at the blow that he had received from his head from Ramsey had knocked his sense out and he did not know where he was going.

Judge Taylor found German guilty of transporting whiskey and fined him \$25 and costs and gave him a three months road sentence which was suspended on the condition that the fine and costs were paid. He is still in jail.

Following the case a warrant was run out against Dick Ramsey arguing him with selling whiskey. The cafe proprietor was tried before Mayor Gibbs, but evidence was insufficient to find him guilty of the charge.

Two bills of indictment were run up against Robert Arrington, colored negro; one charging him with fornication and adultery, and other charging him with having whiskey in his possession. Liz Roberts was the woman who was named in the charges which grew out of an escapade on the night of July 4th. The negro was found guilty on the first count and fined \$10 and costs and given three months suspended road sentence on the whiskey charge.

The fight at the swimming hole at the Virginia-Carolina line between two young white men resulted in N. G. Hudgins receiving a black eye, having his glasses broken, and with George King being arrested in court to face a charge of assault. The affray, according to evidence, was the outcome of uncomplimentary remarks that passed between the two men after King accused Hudgins' younger brother of stealing his pistol, which had been denied by the younger Mr. Hudgins. Testimony of Judge Taylor to find King not guilty of the assault charge.

Alvin Banzet represented Robert Arrington in court; Overby and King represented King; James German was without counsel; Cromwell represented the State. Questioning witnesses to attack the accuracy of their testimony, objection, coverage of the same ground several times was, to a great extent, responsible for the lengthy session which lasted all the morning.

Alphabet In Naming 16 Children

WARRENTON, Ga., July 15.—For baby nomenclature Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ginn, who live near here, recommended the alphabetic system especially for a family with 16 children.

Relative ages, they find, are called to mind and all elements of error is practically eliminated in giving a complete enumeration.

Their children are named as follows: Brodie, Corbin, Dorcas, Elizabeth, Pezzan, Gregor, Hossie, Ithel, Jessie, Kester, Lisbon, Manly, Nelson, Ornice, Paschal, and Peter.

Each of the children have children of their own.

Alfred Williams Escapes Injury When His Car Overtakes

Alfred Williams, young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williams of Warrenton, escaped injury on Saturday night when the Studebaker he was driving turned over twice and landed in an upright position in a pea patch about half way between Warrenton and Norlina.

The accident occurred, it was said, when Mr. Williams attempted to avoid crashing into a buggy which was traveling in the center of the road while the man at the reins slept.

The car was badly damaged.

Man Badly Shocked And Horse Killed By Stroke of Lightning

Mason Williams, negro tenant on the Roy Daniel farm three miles south-west of Warrenton, was hurled twenty feet and knocked unconscious, it was said, by a shock from lightning which killed his horse as he was plowing Wednesday afternoon when a storm occurred. Williams regained consciousness shortly afterwards and is recovering from the shock.

Rains Badly Needed All Sections County

Rain is badly needed in all sections of Warren according to reports that have come to this office from farmers of all sections of the county. Although the situation is not as acute as last year when the crops were paralyzed by the drought, the fields are thirsting for rain, and growth is being retarded.

There have been several rains of late but most of these have been mild in nature and have not been general. For example, Warrenton welcomed a gentle rain that lasted for a few minutes on Tuesday, but the space which these drops covered did not extend as far as Warren Plains, it was said. And so it has been for several weeks.

Oyster Good Any Month, Says Expert

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The belief that oysters should be eaten during the "R" months only is a widespread popular fallacy according to J. M. Lemon, associate technologist in the Commerce Department's Bureau of Fisheries, who has just completed a study of the market for fresh oysters in fourteen cities of the United States.

As a possible reason advanced for the growth of the popular fallacy that oysters are not good in the summer, Mr. Lemon pointed out that 80 or 100 years ago, methods of transportation and handling were not advanced to the modern level, and that, as a consequence, oysters were more liable to spoilage. It was mainly on economic matter. Dealers did not want to keep on hand products that would deteriorate.

79-Year-Old "Boys" To Run A Foot Race

YORK, S. C., July 14.—A couple of 79-year-old York county "boys" will run a foot race here the first Monday in August.

They are Robert M. ("Uncle Bob") Whitesides, of Hickory Grove "official" county auctioneer, and William A. ("Uncle Billy") Fewell, of Rock Hill, a member of the board of registration.

Said "Uncle Bot" recently when the two chanced to meet: "I can outrun any 79-year-old man in the country."

"Uncle Billy," who takes pride in his own ability and fleetness of foot, fired back: "You just can't. I can outrun you any old day in the year."

Arrangements for the foot race to be a 50 to 100 yard event, followed.

TRAVEL FROM NEW YORK IN LESS THAN 13 HOURS

"I believe we set a mark for others to shoot at when we came from White Plains, 20 miles beyond New York, to Warrenton in 13 hours," commented J. Boyd Massenburg, Warrenton tobacconist yesterday. Mr. Massenburg and his son, Walter Boyd Massenburg, returned from White Plains, New York, on Sunday. They left Warrenton on last Thursday with Mrs. J. B. Massenburg and Mrs. Sue D. White and spent a few days visiting Mr. Willie White in that city. Mrs. Massenburg and Mrs. White remained for a visit of several weeks.

LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller



VALLÉE AND BOGARDUS GOT SOAKED!

While swimming in a Y.M.C.A. pool Henry A. Bogardus saw Rudy Vallée come into the room with a saxophone. When Rudy got into the pool Bogardus engaged him in conversation—found he could not play—offered to teach him.

—A LUCKY SWIM FOR RUDY—

Negro Boy Charged With Assault On Little Negro Girl

James Davis, 16 or 18 years old negro boy, is being held in the Warrenton county jail without bond to face charges in Superior court of criminally assaulting Teola Yancey, 9-year-old negro girl.

According to evidence brought out before Magistrate W. C. Ellington Monday afternoon, the negro girl and her 7-year-old brother had gone to the spring Sunday afternoon after water when she was attacked, thrown down and assaulted by the young negro boy. Screams from the girl and from her little brother brought her parents to the scene and the negro boy fled into the woods.

Davis was arrested at his home Sunday night about 12 o'clock by W. J. Pinnell, sheriff of Warren county, and placed in jail here. Both negroes live in Sandy Creek township, about twelve miles from Warrenton.

Twins Enjoy Fooling Friends and Police

NORWALK, Conn., July 15.—The pretty Binney twins, who look so much alike they are always having fun confusing their friends, policeman, and everybody else, are in another jam today. They are eighteen and full of pep.

You never can tell which is Ida and which is Anna.

Last January Ida went to Harlem prison for two days rather than pay a \$25 fine. She wanted the experience for a book she is going to write.

But it was Anna who had been arrested. Anna lost her drivers' license, and the switching of names was discovered yesterday by a girl reported when Anna got in trouble again for speeding in Darien.

Anna gave the name of Ida because she had no license. But this time Ida is not going to jail. It is too hot at this time of the year.

In this swapping of names Ida usually comes out second best, Anna got a job as waitress recently, and when Ida took her place one night Ida was fired, so she didn't get much material for her book.

Hoover's Camp Was Isolated By Storm

LURAY, Va., July 14.—For two hours late Saturday afternoon, the three highest executives now in the United States were entirely shut off from communication with the outside world.

The executives were President Hoover, Vice President Curtis and Acting Secretary Castle of the state department, ranking officers of the ranking departments in the absence from the country of Secretary Stimson.

While resting at the presidential lodge in the mountains near here, a brilliant electric storm disrupted all wire service, including the President's special telephone connection with the White House.

TAXPAYERS SAVE RESULT STATE AID

New Road and School Legislation to Reduce Property Tax Over \$12,000,000

FIGURES ARE RELEASED

RALEIGH, July 15.—A net reduction of \$12,167,849 from the 1930 property tax levies for the six months school term and county roads will be realized by North Carolina taxpayers as a result of the school and road legislation of the 1931 General Assembly.

Figures compiled and just released by the State Tax Commission indicate that a saving of nearly twelve and a quarter million dollars from the actual 1930 levies will accrue to the owners of property from the passage of the administration road law under which the state takes over the entire maintenance of county roads, and the MacLean school law under which the state takes over the entire maintenance of the six months school term and reduces the levies on property for school support to 15 cents.

The net reduction from the 1930 levy for the six months term is \$9,652,491 and for roads \$2,515,358. The average reduction in rate for schools is 32 cents and for roads 9 cents.

The actual levy for county and township road maintenance in 1930 was \$5,252,113, none of which is levied in 1931. The counties will have to assume additional responsibilities this year, however, in the amount of \$2,736,755 for the payment of county road debt service which last year was paid out of state aid appropriated to the counties. This leaves a net reduction from the 1930 actual levy of two and one half millions.

While the twelve and one-quarter million dollar decrease from the actual levy in 1930 is the biggest total reduction in property taxes ever effectuated at one time in the history of North Carolina—a reduction of more than twenty per cent of the total taxes levied on property, county, municipal, and district, for all purposes—the reduction itself would be \$600,000 bigger if every county had levied in 1930, as much as it actually spent for road maintenance that year.

A number of counties have been spending a great deal more for road maintenance than they have been levying. For example, Buncombe County spent \$327,000 in the year ending June 30, 1930; but in 1930 Buncombe County levied a rate of only five hundredths of one cent—or \$819—for roads. If Buncombe County had raised its road maintenance funds from taxes it would have had to levy twenty cents.

In the same year Craven County spent \$81,257, and levied a rate of three-tenths of one cent which produced \$807. It spent nearly \$80,000 more than it levied, and would have found it necessary to levy a rate of thirty cents for roads if it had met its road expenditures out of road tax levies.

The same condition existed in many other counties. Currituck County, which spent \$18,486 for the year ending June 30, 1930, did not levy any tax for road maintenance in 1930.

The average state-wide reduction for roads and schools combined is 41 cents. The twelve counties receiving the greatest reduction are led by Rutherford with an even \$1.00, followed by Dare with 77 cents, Columbus 69 cents, Vance 68 cents, Nash 67 cents, Currituck 64 cents, Pitt 64 cents, Scotland 64 cents, Union 62 cents, Davidson 61 cents, Greene 60 cents, and Camden 60 cents.

The county receiving the lowest reduction from the 1930 levy for schools and roads is Clay which could not receive a large reduction from last year's rate, because it levied only \$10,500 for roads and schools combined. When it again assumes the payment of its road debt service charges, for which it received last year \$10,000 of state aid, its tax rate will actually be increased 13 cents. This county levied only \$3,377 for roads last year, but it actually spent twice this amount. The true net result of the operation of the school and road law will, therefore, leave Clay county with approximately the same rate in 1931 as in 1930. This county incidentally has a high total county tax rate for the reason that its debt service needs (not operating costs) for roads and schools require a levy of \$1.39.

Other counties that will receive small reductions as a result of the road and school laws are Macon 6 cents, Brunswick 7 cents, Ashe 8 cents, Brunswick 7 cents, Ashe 8 cents, Brunswick 7 cents, Ashe 8 cents.

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Man Fleeing From Officers Hides In Dameron Home

The W. H. Dameron home in south Warrenton was thrown into bewilderment on Saturday afternoon when James German, herculean negro of Warrenton, dashed up the back steps to the cooks headquarters up stairs to closet himself from the city police force from which he had made a break when an attempt was made to arrest him on a charge of being disorderly and creating a disturbance in the Ramsey cafe, negro restaurant in Warrenton.

Chief of Police M. M. Drake, who had shot over the negro's head in an attempt to make him halt when he started running, and Night Policeman C. E. Lovell, who was assisting in the arrest, were close behind the fugitive when he ran into the Dameron home. A number of people who had gotten ear of the excitement gathered at the scene as the two officers, with pistol and blackjack drawn, climbed the stairs and brought the negro out. In a sullen attitude he was carried to the county bastille and the crowd dispersed.

The chase began when Chief Drake, who had been summoned by Dick Ramsey, proprietor, went to the cafe to arrest German. The negro ran with Chief Drake following and Night Policeman Lovell joining in the chase which terminated at the Dameron home.

German was tried before Mayor Frank Gibbs on Monday morning on a charge of creating a public disturbance and was fine \$15.00 and costs. He was bound over to Recorder's court to face charges of having whiskey in his possession.

40 Million Dollars Set As Goal For Southern Baptists

RALEIGH, July 14.—"Baptists of the South have set a goal of forty million dollars this year," said Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the First Baptist church, to his congregation Sunday morning.

Dr. Tucker had just returned from Birmingham where he attended a conference between a subcommittee from the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and the promotional committee of the convention. Dr. Tucker is a member of the subcommittee from the executive committee.

Other members of the subcommittee are Dr. J. H. Dillard, of Birmingham, and Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, president of Furman University and also president of the convention. The conference was to discuss the functions of the promotional committee, a new committee. "Among other things," said Dr. Tucker, "that were determined upon was that the executive committee could transfer none of its functions to the promotional committee since these functions are prescribed in the constitution of the convention and cannot be taken from the committee except by amending the constitution. However, there was no friction and the meeting resulted in clarifying the situation.

"The promotional committee," said the minister, "has the power to fix goals and did fix \$40,000,000 as the goal for the current church year. Of the \$40,000,000, \$31,000,000 is for 1931." (Continued on Page 8)

Parents Fight Over Name For Bambino

BELLEVILLE, N. J., July 11.—Peter Peddina was in jail today, stubbornly insisting that his two weeks' old son should go through life tagged Frank. The mother showed Recorder George Fitzsimons bruises she said were inflicted by Peddina because she held out for the name Albert.

The recorder declined to act as arbiter when Mrs. Peddina held her husband in court last night, and jailed Peddina in default of \$500 bail on a technical non-support charge.

Lightning Strips White House Tree

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Lightning today struck within 150 yards of the White House, destroying a big hickory tree in the northeast corner of the grounds.

The bolt struck near the top of the tree and came down, tearing out large pieces of wood and throwing them 30 and 40 feet away.

Where tree surgeons had filled in a cavity on one of the limbs the concrete was torn out and flung some distance.

175 TEACHERS TO WORK IN WARREN

Twelve Fewer Teachers In White Schools According To Ruling By State

BOARD MEETS MONDAY

The 175 teachers announced for Warren county on Wednesday by the State board of equalization will mean twelve fewer teachers in the white high and elementary schools of the county, according to information released yesterday at the office of the superintendent of schools.

In addition to the 175 teachers apportioned to run the State six months school in the county, there will be a new teacher of agriculture serving the Macon and Norlina schools together, and a teacher of agriculture at Littleton for the first time, as well as the agricultural teacher at Warrenton.

Superintendent Allen, who was in Raleigh on Wednesday seeking information as to the operation of the six months term by the State, said yesterday that detailed instructions would be certified to the Board of Education the latter part of the week, and would be made public on Monday when that body meets at the court house at Warrenton at 10 o'clock. School committees and other interested citizens are invited to be present.

Following the public session where school details will be discussed, the board will meet in executive session at 12 o'clock to open bids for the construction of the new Drewry school.

The 175 teachers apportioned Warren are divided into four classes, according to Superintendent Allen. There will be 21 white high school teachers and 46 elementary white teachers; thirteen teachers will be employed in the colored high schools, and 95 teachers will be employed in the colored elementary schools.

The State as a whole will use a total of 21,894 teachers, 305 less than were employed last year, according to the Board of Equalization. A statement issued by Leroy Martin, secretary to the board, said that it was found that actual elimination in the State would be 52 high schools and 413 elementary schools.

Explaining the action of the board, Secretary Martin said "The State Board of Equalization, in its work of allotment of teachers to the several schools of the State, kept in mind the fact that the recent school legislation apparently intended that all economies consistent with efficiency should be effectuated. With this in view, a very earnest effort was made on the part of the board to make a complete study of the school organizations at present existence in the various counties. The organization statements obtained from all counties, showing the number of rooms in the school buildings, the enrollment and attendance for the past two years, together with showing the location of these schools, a copy of the recent road maps proved very valuable in this work. In addition, very nearly every county in the State was visited, and the county school officials therein consulted by the district board member.

"It was apparent from this study that many economies could be made in a number of the counties through working out a better organization. It was found that there were 152 schools doing high school work in the State with less than 50 high school pupils attending daily. In practically all of these three teachers were employed, and in many instances four, to carry on this high school work." (Continued on Page 8)

Thursday Hottest Day, Skillman Says

Yesterday was the hottest day that citizens of this town and county have experienced this summer, according to E. A. Skillman, official weather forecaster for this vicinity.

Mr. Skillman has been serving in the capacity as weather man for Warren county for several months. Each day he reads the thermometer and cast an eye upward in order that he may wire the atmospheric conditions here to the Curtis Airport at Raleigh. Yesterday afternoon he notified the office of The Warren Record that the mercury had climbed higher than any day since he had been reading the thermometer for the benefit of aviators who carve their way through the fleecy clouds that at times hover over Warren. His reading showed that the temperature was 101.