

SUPERIOR COURT OPENS MONDAY

Principal Interest Centers In
Civil Docket; Dr. Taylor
Defendant In Suit

WILL CASE TO BE HEARD

The January term of Warren Superior court will convene on Monday morning with Judge Clayton Moore of Williamston presiding. Judge Moore is one of the four special judges appointed by Governor Gardner, there being two in Eastern Carolina and two in the Western part of the State, and his regime over the two week session here will mark his first visit to Warrenton as a jurist. Judge Henry Grady was scheduled to have been here during this term of court.

Although there are several cases on the criminal docket which are expected to bring many within the court room during the first three days of the week, civil matters become of paramount interest at this session due to the trial of Dr. W. W. Taylor and the retrial of the Byron Brown will case.

Dr. Taylor is being sued for \$50,000 by J. L. Harris of Wise who claims that dental work done by Dr. Taylor early in March 1930 necessitated him going to hospitals and finally losing part of his jawbone.

Dr. Taylor will be defended by George C. Green of Weldon and R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids. The plaintiff is to be represented by Cooley and Bone of Nashville and Yarborough and Yarborough of Louisiana. The attorneys for both sides have reputations in Eastern Carolina as outstanding lawyers, which fact, no doubt, will bring many into the court room to watch these legal minds work as well as to hear the details of the case. The suit is scheduled to begin Friday, January 22.

The Byron Brown will case is of more than usual interest due to the fact that an estate valued at more than \$100,000 is involved and the presence of the legal artillery which is expected to resound throughout the court room as the battle begins with the heirs of Brown endeavoring to have his will, in which the bulk of his estate was left to Grover Brown, broken. This will be the second attack on the will of the wealthy negro, the case having been tried here in the May term of court before Judge Cranmer. A mistrial resulted at that time. The defense attorneys in the case are Julius Banzet, George C. Green of Weldon, Bennett Perry of Henderson and Bob Kittrell of Henderson. The plaintiff will be represented by Kerr & Kerr of Warrenton and Yarborough and Yarborough of Louisiana.

The criminal docket, composed of about fifteen cases in which man-handling, assaulting an officer, larceny, embezzlement, transporting whiskey, housebreaking, giving worthless check, and reckless driving are involved, is expected to be completed the first three days of court.

Regardless of the fact that not one of these cases on the criminal docket has created county-wide interest, it is expected that they will draw many from various sections of Warren who are looking for some means of occupying their time.

The case of the State against Frank Ware, powerful negro who resisted arrest, assaulted an officer, and later was shot in the leg, is expected to bring a delegation from Littleton where he created a commotion Saturday night two weeks ago. The case was tried in Recorder's court Monday morning and after Judge Taylor had pronounced the negro guilty and appeal was taken.

The manslaughter case in which George Prescott is to be tried in connection with the death of Har-

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Sheriff Explains Levy On Paschall

"A few people have condemned me for levying on the personal property of A. E. Paschall," Sheriff W. J. Pinnell told a representative of this paper yesterday afternoon. "I wish that you would state in the Warren Record that this levy was made at the request of a mortgagee and that there was nothing that I could do, as Sheriff of the county, but to make the levy."

Sheriff Pinnell said that he regretted that his duties made it necessary to make the levy and understood his position and would not think that there was anything personal in his enforcement of the law.

LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller

FOUND MULTI-MOTORED PLANE IN SHIRT



IN 1902, A SHIRT ON A WASH LINE BLOWN IN THE BREEZE—IGOR SIKORSKY DECIDED THAT IF A WIND WOULD SUPPORT A SHIRT, IT WOULD SUPPORT LARGER OBJECTS.—EXPERIMENTS DEVELOPED THE PRESENT MULTI-MOTORED SIKORSKY AMPHIBIAN

IGOR SIKORSKY

Norlina Editor Tells Board That Grand Jury Could Obtain Desired Information

A suggestion that desired information could be obtained by grand jury action was made by Editor J. C. Hardy of The Norlina Headlight on Monday afternoon after Boyd White, school committeeman of Norlina, had appeared before the Board of County Commissioners and stated that he had been unable to obtain satisfactory explanation of the reason that the Norlina teachers had not been paid for the last two months of the 1930-31 session.

Mr. White said that he had been to see Superintendent Allen about the matter and that he had received two letters in regard to the question but he was still unable to understand the reason why, and suggested that an auditor find the answer.

Editor Hardy wanted to know about the Norlina school district sinking fund and whether or not it was intact. He suggested that the Grand Jury might obtain the desired information about both of these questions.

The Commissioners told the complaining citizens that their authority only extended over the collection of funds and that they had no power over the expenditure of school monies other than to approve the budget, as this matter was handled entirely by the board of education. It was suggested that if Superintendent Allen was called in he would probably be able to explain the matter. Commissioner Skinner stepped across the hall but found that Superintendent Allen was not in his office.

Editor Hardy and Mr. White left the meeting. A few minutes later Superintendent Allen came in and was told about the complaint of the Norlina citizens. He denied that

information had ever been withheld from any citizens and stated that he had written the Norlina committee two letters in explanation of the matter.

"You gentlemen know why the teachers have not been paid?" Superintendent Allen asked.

"Yes," the members replied. Later Superintendent Allen explained that repayment of funds borrowed from the State Literary Fund and the Special Loan Fund for all districts, under the new law, came ahead of teachers' salaries. These notes fell due before the collection of 1931 taxes and it was necessary to use 1930 teachers funds for this purpose as it was impossible under present conditions and new school laws to borrow in anticipation of the collection of taxes, and these State loans had to be paid when due. Funds collected for the payment of these notes will be applied on teachers' salaries for the last months of the past session as rapidly as collected. Due to slow collection of 1931 taxes sufficient funds to pay the teachers or State loans have not accumulated.

As for the sinking fund of the Norlina school district, Superintendent Allen said that several years ago when the validity of a special State loan was being decided in the courts, work was held up on the Norlina school building addition after the walls had been raised and that the property was being damaged by weather. With the full approval of the State Superintendent of Schools and over the signatures of two members of the Norlina school district committee the county borrowed money from the State Literary fund to complete the addition. The loan was made for

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Less Than Half Of North Carolina Farmers Own Cars

There is a wide range in the percent of farmers who own automobiles and trucks. In Nebraska ninety-two farmers out of every hundred own one or more automobiles, and there are more farmer-owned automobiles than there are farms in the state.

At the other extreme we find Louisiana where only one-fourth of the farmers own automobiles. In no state in the Old South do as many as half the farmers own automobiles.

In North Carolina approximately forty-five percent of the farmers have an automobile, which is probably a much smaller ratio than is generally thought. Half of the people of North Carolina live on farms, yet they own barely more than one-fourth of the automobiles of the state.

Rhode Island leads in percent of farmers who own motor trucks, forty-one percent, and Kentucky is last with less than three percent. In North Carolina only one out of every sixteen farmers owns a motor truck, a ratio probably much below the general impression.

Shot That Wounded Negro Said To Have Been Accidental

A pistol ball fired from a small calibre gun Saturday night sent one Shocco negro to the Henderson hospital and another to the Warren county jail.

The shooting was accidental, according to the story told Magistrate W. C. Ellington by Melvin Alston, who is being held in jail pending the outcome of the wounds which sent Sam Robertson to the hospital. Alston said that he had a gun under his belt and while tussling with Robertson the trigger of the pistol was pulled in some manner and the gun fired, the ball taking effect in the stomach of Robertson. The wounded man is expected to recover.

S. J. SHEPPARD, 80, WEDS MISS MAGGIE O'MARY, 35

S. J. Sheppard, well known farmer in the Sandy Creek neighborhood, and Miss Maggie O'Mary of near Wise were united in Marriage Saturday at Emporia, Va. Mr. Sheppard is 80 odd years of age and his wife is 35.

LENGTHY SESSION OF LOWER COURT

Littleton Negro Is Tried For
Resisting Arrest; Was
Shot In the Leg

CASE IS HARD FOUGHT

The presence of several out-of-town attorneys and the large number of spectators who gathered in the Hall of Justice gave Recorder's court the aspect of the higher tribunal on Monday morning. Although there were only three bills of indictment presented by Solicitor Cromwell Daniel, two of these cases evoked such lengthy arguments and questioning of witnesses by attorneys as to cause court to last until 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon without adjourning for dinner.

Principal interest in the court proceedings centered around the trial of Frank Ware, powerful 250 pound Littleton negro who spurned authority with insolence and struck an officer in the face and knocked him down during the melee that followed when efforts were made to reduce him to order. Lick after lick from the black-jacks of officers failing to suppress the negro's pugilistic spirit, he was shot in the leg by one of the several men assisting in the arrest, overpowered, tied with ropes and carried to the Littleton bastle. He was later carried to a hospital at Roanoke Rapids where his wound was treated.

Testimony presented before Judge Taylor by half a dozen or more citizens of Littleton was to the effect that Ware and a girl were in front of a service station at Littleton cursing and quarreling when an officer was notified. Chief Harvey approaching the negroes and asking what was the trouble, was told that there was no trouble. Told by the officer to move along, Ware responded that he was "three times seven" and wasn't going anywhere and, in extreme profane language, added that no two white men were going to lock him up. In the combat that ensued the negro was shot through the leg after licks from two bluffs failed to bring him to order and under arrest.

Ware, as well as two women who went on the stand for him, testified that he and the girl had not been fussing nor cursing, and as he had not done anything he did not see why he had to move along. He said that he was beat over the head unmercifully with black-jacks and that he did not know whether or not he struck the officer during the excitement. He said that he was being whipped over the head with whistles when he was shot in the leg by J. N. Moseley.

The negro's demeanor on the witness stand was not good.

The case was hard fought with E. L. Travis of Halifax prosecuting and Joe Pippet of Littleton and Julius Banzet of Warrenton representing the defendant. When found guilty and sentenced to twelve months on the roads by Judge Taylor, Ware's attorneys appealed the case on the grounds of improper arrest.

A verbal combat between two attorneys spiced the case of the State against M. S. Boyd with interest. Boyd was being tried on a charge of reckless driving and assault in connection with an accident which occurred in December when John Champion, riding down the road in a single-horse wagon atop a load

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Kansas Judge Offers Leap Year Pointers

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Jan. 13.—Judge Henry Meade, of the Wyandotte County Probate Court, has announced ten commandments for women in leap year.

They follow:
Don't pick a sheik.
Don't let a handsome face influence your better judgment.
Don't shy from the bashful because the bashful are shy.

Consider the man who considers his nickels.
Believe not that the man with the motor car has the only vehicle to happiness.

Remember, clothes may make the man and fill the clothes closet, but they don't fill the pantry.

Don't delay a proposal because he is old-fashioned. He may be like your father.

Demand much character, but be satisfied with a small part of the pay check.

Don't be finicky; you have faults yourself.

Let love be the only consideration after all nothing else counts.

Had Close Call



Winston Churchill, famous British statesman, got confused in New York traffic and was badly hurt when a car struck him.

Tarwater Denies Repeated Requests To Remove Wall

Denying, as his mother's agent, that he had been repeatedly asked to remove a wall at her home that encroached on town property, and claiming that after this request that he had made a counter proposal to a member of the street committee who promised to bring it to the attention of the board, John G. Tarwater writes The Warren Record an open letter to correct an impression made by a news story concerning this matter in the last issue of this newspaper. His letter in full follows:

"In the last issue of The Warren Record you referred to a discussion of the board of town commissioners in respect to a wall erected by mother, Mrs. John Tarwater, and which certain parts appear to encroach on town property.

"I would like to state that this matter has been handled entirely by me, as representative of my mother, and Mr. E. E. Gillam, chairman of the street committee, with one exception, and as far as I know in a very pleasant and agreeable manner.

"As to repeated requests to remove the wall I would like to state there have been no repeated requests to remove the wall as I have only been requested one time to remove a certain part of the wall and that was after the December meeting of the board, which I did not refuse to do. However another member of the board and street committee personally viewed the property and I offered to give the town a written agreement to remove that certain portion of the wall and also to bear a part of the expense of building a sidewalk if the town desired to do so. This member of the board suggested that I leave the matter just as it was until the next meeting and that he would present and recommend this offer to the board.

"Please understand that I have stated clearly that I am making, and have not made, any claim to that part of the land and that the wall was simply carried around the side for appearance only and not with the intention of gaining any land or obstructing any alleys or

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Miss Lucy E. Ford Dies On Monday

Miss Lucy E. Ford, sister-in-law of W. H. Riggan, died Monday morning at 3:50 o'clock following several weeks of failing health. She was buried at Fairview cemetery Tuesday afternoon following services conducted at her home near Warrenton by the Rev. E. C. Durham, pastor of the Methodist church, and the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, Baptist minister.

Miss Ford was in her 65th year when death came. She had been making her home with her brother-in-law since the death of her sister, Mrs. Riggan.

Surviving her are one sister, Mrs. Pittman of Dunn, and two brothers, C. M. Ford of Kinston and John Ford of New York.

Fallbearers were J. E. Rooker Sr., C. R. Rodwell, A. W. Hall, C. C. Hunter, John Bell and H. L. Falkener.

FAB PENDLETON MARRIES

Announcement has been made here of the marriage of Fabius Busbee Pendleton, son of Col. and Mrs. Arthur Pendleton of Raleigh, and Miss Nyura R. Easterling of New York City. The marriage was quietly solemnized on Monday, January 11, in New York.

Mr. Pendleton is a nephew of Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington and has many friends here where he has visited on numerous occasions.

Board Cuts Salaries Of County Officials

Warrenton Boxwood Decorates Home Of Washington's Sister

Warrenton boxwood is being used to enhance the beauty of the home of George Washington's sister, according to the following clipping from Sunday's edition of The Washington Post:

Kenmore, in Fredericksburg, Va., the home of Betty Washington Lewis, only sister of George Washington and the gathering place of many of the early patriots (Washington and his friends), is being beautified by the planting of 610 feet of boxwood, by the Garden Club of Virginia, on each side of the walk on the old terrace between Kenmore and the home of Mary, the mother of Washington. This boxwood is about 3 feet high and came from Warrenton, N. C.

"Ghost House" To Be Presented Here On January 21-22

By PRESS AGENT
The cast for "Ghost House," the thrilling home talent mystery drama, sponsored by the St. Mary's Guild, which is to be presented at the High School auditorium, on January 21, and 22, for the benefit of the building fund of the Episcopal church, has been definitely chosen.

The members of the casting committee have succeeded in securing the best talent in Warrenton for this production.

Mrs. W. R. Baskerville is splendid as Martha Brown, as the precise, cultured head of the household. Barbara Brown, Martha's niece, a charming refined girl is played very well by Miss Bobbie Jones. James Oliver, the formal English butler, is taken off perfectly by Alfred Ellington, while Paulette Andrews, the Comedy maid part, is very cleverly handled by Panthea Massenburgh. Jimmy Mayfield as Donald Kent, the dissipated, sophisticated man about town is splendid. Benton Thompson, the lawyer, dignified and purposeful is portrayed perfectly by Robert Bright, while Mr. Earl Kinsey makes a perfect Mr. Bates, tired henpecked husband of Elizabeth Bates, a domineering, un-successful social climber, which is played very well by Margaret Kidd.

Mrs. J. R. Stanley has the part of Mandle Washington the colored cook who is very superstitious, and Mrs. Stanley can really get a rabbit's foot. Ted Wilson, newspaper reporter, light hearted, vigorous young man is played splendidly by Dr. Rufus Jones, while Henry Anderson has a perfect take off on inspector Brooks, detective, very forceful and commanding. Then, there is "the stranger," the weird spooky, thrilling character, played by ??? ? ?

One of the outstanding choruses in "Ghost House" is the sneak dance chorus. This chorus is made up of several girls cleverly costumed, in a tap routine.

One of the most unusual choruses is the Ghost dance chorus. This chorus has six girls who dress as Ghosts and entertain with a phantasy of weird and ghostly actions.

The children's pageant "Boogie Land" promises to be one of the best ever presented here.

These choruses and pageant are in addition to the play proper which, according to various reports is one of the most sensational dramas ever in Warrenton.

Warrenton Train Wrecks Automobile

The Warrenton train, unique in appearance and performance, and sometimes referred to in a joking manner as the demon of the rails that tears from Warrenton to Warren Plains at the hellish speed of 20 miles an hour, this week crashed into the limelight of news by wounding one of Henry Ford's namesakes.

Backing from Warren Plains at the rate of around 20 miles per hour the locomotive caught a Ford touring car on the track at a crossing near the Warrenton Box and Lumber Co. The force of the impact badly damaged the car, but the two occupants, Slim Stewart and Lem Roberson, two white men, escaped injury. It is not known whether the car stalled on the track or whether the driver misjudged the speed of the train and thought he had time to pass over the rails.

Sheriff Tells Members He Is Willing To Take His Cut With Other Officials

BONDS DELIVERED HERE

All salaries paid by the county were ordered to be cut 10 per cent at the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners at the court house at Warrenton on Monday.

This action came after Sheriff Pinnell had appeared before the board and told the members that it was reported that this action was to be taken, and while that he needed his money badly, if it was deemed necessary on account of economic conditions that he would be perfectly willing to take his cut in common with the other officials.

The motion reducing salaries, as made by Commissioner Skinner, and seconded by Commissioner Capps and passed without dissenting vote, ordered that all salaries paid by the county, including jail, county home, list taker and health department be reduced 10 per cent effective January 1, 1932. This emergency order to be in force until revoked.

The salary of the Welfare Officer was reduced from \$1200 to \$900 due to the fact that she is receiving \$300 more from the state than was anticipated at the time she was voted the \$100-a-month salary. In addition she is to take the 10 per cent cut that affects the other officials.

Due to the fact that since the State has taken over the six-month school term and the care of the county roads the amount of money collected by the sheriff has decreased more than one-third, the commissioners with this in mind ordered that he be required to give \$30,000 bond instead of \$40,000 as heretofore.

Finding that sufficient funds were not on hand to pay all county vouchers, the board approved the current bills and instructed Auditor Stallings to pay these as fast as funds were available. It was stated by a member of the board that sufficient taxes had been collected since the meeting to pay these bills. This delay was caused by the facts that county funds were temporarily tied up in the Bank of Warren until securities held as bond for county monies could be obtained.

Upon order of the board the chairman and clerk wrote to the American Bank & Trust Company, Richmond, holders of the bonds, requesting that these bonds be forwarded to the Citizens Bank, county depository. They arrived at Warrenton on Wednesday. It is stated that a sufficient amount of these securities will be sold to meet current needs, that part will be held as an investment until needed, and that the remainder will be used in discounting \$10,000 worth of county obligations, thereby saving the county \$600 in principal and yearly interest in a like amount.

W. M. Carter, colored, appeared before the board and was upon motion of Commissioner Skinner, duly seconded, ordered exempted from payment of pedlar's license to sell lawful wares, on account of services rendered in the Civil War and disability, he being 88 years of age. Carter stated that he served under General Wade Hampton, who, he claimed, was the greatest man that South Carolina has ever produced.

On account of urgent repairs needed, it was voted, upon motion of Commissioner Skinner, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, to grant Mrs. Mary E. Price-Grant a reduction of \$500 in the value of her home place at Warrenton. Voting for the motion, Commissioners Skinner and Fleming, and Chairman Powell; against the reduction, Commissioners Capps and Burroughs.

Kerr Introduces Bill To Reloan Money

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Representative Kerr today introduced a bill providing for the reloaning of money to people in the drought stricken area of the South. Fifteen North Carolina counties were hard hit in 1929, and farmers obtained funds from the government. About 85 per cent of that money has been or will be paid back. Mr. Kerr would have the government reloan some of the money to people who need it. He contends that the emergency is still on, and he is sure Congress will pass his bill. The total area affected borrowed about \$28,000,000 in 1930.