

## WOMAN ACCUSED POISON ATTEMPT

### Charged With Putting Arsenic of Lead in Flour; Is Held in Warren Jail

#### TWO OTHERS IN PLOT

Charged with putting arsenic of lead in flour that was used by members of another family, Maggie Griggs, negro girl of the Wise section, is in Warren county jail without bond awaiting trial in Superior court.

Two other negroes, Robert Branch and Mary Frances Davis, are also being held in jail in connection with the charge facing the girl. Branch is accused of having advised Maggie Griggs to put the arsenic of lead in some flour and give it to the Eddie Terry family, and Frances Davis is said to have accompanied the girl to the home of Tel Jones where she secured the poison.

Although the flour with the arsenic of lead in it was made into bread and eaten by members of the Terry family, the poison did not prove fatal.

Testifying in Magistrate W. C. Fagg's court Tuesday, the Griggs girl admitted that she put the arsenic of lead in the flour, carried her mixture to the home of Eddie Terry and exchanged it with some more flour. She said that Robert Branch told her to do it so it would kill his wife and allow him to marry her. Branch denied having told the Griggs girl anything of the kind.

Branch, according to the girl, went with her before he married Lucy Terry, and had been with her since his marriage. Although Branch said he had not seen the girl recently, the mother of the Griggs girl testified to the contrary.

Branch did not eat any of the bread that made his wife, mother-in-law and other members of the family sick. He, his mother-in-law testified, worked away from home and took many of his meals at the place of his employment.

Te Jones told the court that when the Griggs girl came to his home for the arsenic of lead he asked her what she wanted with it and she said that she was getting it for her mother. Jones said he was dubious about giving it to her but he finally did and cautioned her to keep it out of the reach of the children. Mary Frances Davis, it was testified, was with Maggie Griggs when she made the trip to the home of Jones.

Several other witnesses came before Magistrate Fagg and testified in regard to finding members of the Terry family sick after the flour had been eaten.

Magistrate Fagg placed Mary Frances Davis under bond of \$250, Robert Branch under bond of \$500 and sent the Griggs girl to jail without bond.

## More Old Coin Is Brought To Office

Coin used as a medium of exchange more than a hundred years ago was exhibited at the office of The Warren Record this week by H. C. Davis of Inez. Mr. Davis' old money consisted of five pennies. Four of them carried the dates 1844, 1822, 1822, and 1817. The fifth was so old that the date was not discernible.

Shortly after Mr. Davis exhibited his old money, J. T. Tucker of Macon came in with a gold dollar that had been made into an ear-ring and bearing the date 1851; a two-cent piece issued in 1868; and a 25-cent piece with the date worn off but which, he said, had been worn around his neck 50 years ago.

Last week F. R. Bobbitt of Macon displayed an 1894 penny, two 1863 nickels, and a 25 cent bill of Confederate money.

Week before last Pharthina Alston, colored woman, brought to light a 10-cent piece of paper money, dated 1863.

## KERR ARGUES FOR GROWERS OF PEANUTS

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Representative Kerr today went before the agricultural committee of the House in behalf of the peanut growers of North Carolina and other states. He asked that peanuts be included in any farm relief measure to be presented to Congress at this session. In this move, he is backed by Rep. Warren and others in the peanut growing region of the south.

Mrs. E. T. Harris and children, Doris and Jimmy, spent the week end in Norfolk with Mr. E. T. Harris.

## Warren Teachers Pass Resolutions Asking For Full State Support of Schools; Favor Passage of Some Kind of Sales Tax

Declaring that the cessation or impairment of school opportunity for one or two years will do irreparable moral harm to thousands of children, the teachers of Warren county, assembled in Warrenton on Saturday, passed resolutions asking for the full support of the schools by the state and the passage of some kind of sales tax to raise necessary revenue.

"It is our frank opinion," the resolution reads, "that the best interests of the school would be better served by a complete suspension of a year rather than by the plans which have been proposed." A full copy of the resolution follows:

### Resolutions

"Be it, and it is hereby resolved by the teachers of the Warren County School System, in meeting this March 18, 1933:

"That the principle of Equal Opportunity for all children in the schools in which we teach is the only principle which can be justified. This can be obtained and guaranteed to our people only by a system of financial support which provides in each school effective teachers and a school term of proper length, a curriculum which really teaches, and the opportunity of

every child to be graduated from an accredited high school offering work which he or she needs.

"That these things can be obtained under conditions which now confront us, only by a state supported school term of eight months and we therefore stand unequivocally for this principle and plan. Unless and until the principle of a complete school term financed without depending on a district or other ad valorem tax is written into the statutes, it is apparent to us that no high school in Warren County can be operated as an accredited high school. We deplore most deeply the prospect of the destruction of our most cherished high schools, and call on their friends to assist in preventing this disaster.

"That the schools be conducted by teachers earning a living salary, a salary equal in terms of preparation and responsibility, with those received by other employees and officials of the State, as well as comparable to the incomes from other professions.

"That the cessation of, or impairment of, school opportunity for one or two years will do irreparable

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## Pellagra Cases In Warren Showing Gradual Decrease

Pellagra cases have been gradually decreasing in Warren county for the past three years according to figures submitted this week by Miss Lucy Leach, county welfare officer, from the North Carolina Health Bulletin.

The Health Bulletin reveals that there were 19 cases of pellagra in Warren county in 1929 as compared with 6 cases in 1933.

The decrease in the number of cases of the disease is due, Miss Leach said, to people being taught in schools and elsewhere the value of proper diet and to the distribution of yeast to pellagrous patients in the county by charitable organizations for the past few years.

Pellagra, according to the State Department of Health, follows a diet limited to dried foods like flour, meal, grits, sweet potatoes, onions as well as molasses, salt pork and lard. To safeguard against the disease, it is recommended that a fall garden be planted and that the following foods be eaten: Turnips, mustard or rutabaga greens, collards, cabbage, tomatoes, lean meat poultry, canned salmon, milk, green peas and dried beans or peas.

## Garden Club Plants Trees Norlina Road

The Warrenton Garden Club held its regular meeting with Mrs. G. H. Macon last Friday afternoon. The meeting was well attended and several new members were enrolled.

Mrs. Wallace Cawthorne gave an interesting discussion on "Cold Frames". An interesting paper on berry bearing trees and shrubs was read by Mrs. W. A. Connell, Jr. Mrs. John A. Dameron told about the best annuals. Mrs. Jack Scott gave a review of the Harvester.

Mrs. W. H. Dameron, chairman of the civic committee gave a report that created great interest among the club members. Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. H. A. Moseley, Mrs. A. J. Ellington and Miss Lillie Belle Dameron, members of this committee, worked last week improving the Warrenton-Norlina highway.

The club wishes to express its thanks to the owners of the sign boards who allowed them to be removed, to Mr. Joe Taylor who sent over fifty convicts to prepare the ground for planting and to Mr. Jesse Gardner who assigned four men from the Reconstruction Plantation Corporation group to plant the crepe myrtles and dogwoods.

## MAKES CORRECTION

Stating that due to the fact that she had been misinformed, she misquoted Dr. Allen in her article last week on diphtheria immunization, Miss Katherine Livingston, State school nurse, writes this week requesting that notice to this effect be made. Last week Miss Livingston credited Dr. Allen with saying that we spend \$10,000,000 every year on repeaters (children staying in one grade more than a year). Miss Livingston points out this week that \$10,000,000 is nearly as much as North Carolina spends on all her schools a year.

## Short Session Of Recorder's Court Held Here Monday

A short session of Recorder's court was held on Monday morning when only one defendant was brought before Judge W. W. Taylor.

Robert Davis, negro of Littleton, was tried and found guilty of assault. His conduct resulted with him going to the roads for two months.

A case against Haywood Davis, white man, charged with possessing and transporting whiskey, was continued until April 3.

## Orphans To Give Sacred Concert At Methodist Church

A sacred concert to which the general public is invited will be given in the Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the singing class of the Methodist orphanage of Raleigh. The class will come to Warrenton early Sunday morning by motor and leave in the afternoon. While here they will be guests in homes of members of the Methodist church.

Mrs. W. N. Boyd is chairman of the committee which is arranging all details. A special invitation is extended by Mrs. Boyd and the Rev. E. C. Durham for members of all denominations to attend. Appearances of the class heretofore have always brought a large audience and it is expected that the same interest will draw a representative crowd on Sunday morning.

An offering will be taken to help meet the church's annual assessment for this orphanage.

## Sunday School Contest To End

With the blues still in the lead, the attending interest which has been sponsored by members of the Men's Sunday School Class of the Warrenton Methodist Church for the past several weeks comes to a close this Sunday morning. With the closing of the contest, the winning side is to be feted by the losing team.

Since the class was divided into two teams—the blues and the whites—rivalry among members of each side has been keen and has resulted with a conspicuous increase in attendance.

From a handful of regular members, the attendance during the period of the campaign has grown to 40 odd. Last week there were 45 present. Each Sunday, with the exception of one time when there was a tie—the blues succeeded in mustering a majority of the recruits.

According to members, the class has been interestingly taught by J. E. Rooker and the campaign has been interesting throughout and a great success.

## JUNIOR ORDER CHAPTER FORMED AT WARRENTON

A chapter of the Junior Order was formed here last Friday night with a membership of 39. Jim Moore was named counselor. A meeting of the Order is held every Friday night in the Masonic Hall.

## Thaw Now Air Pilot



Russel Thaw, son of Harry Thaw, has long since qualified as an expert aviation pilot. He has just made a flight, Los Angeles to New York, delivering a beautiful monoplane sky sedan to the home of Mrs. E. A. Guggenheim on Long Island.

## Co-ops To Hold Annual Convention Here On Monday

Warren County members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association will meet here in annual primary convention Monday, March 27, at 2:30 with M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer, the principal speaker.

The purpose of the primary is to select delegates to represent Warrenton at the sixth district convention at which nominations will be made for director of the district. Dr. B. W. Kilgore, of Raleigh, is present director of the district which is composed of Wake, Franklin, Warren, Granville, Orange, Vance, Durham and Alamance counties.

In his address Mr. Mann will discuss the procedure for obtaining loans from the seed loan division and from the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation, sketch the high spots of national legislation being considered by the present session of Congress, and also touch upon improved seeds and fertilizers.

He will place particular emphasis on a discussion of the Roosevelt farm relief bill which is now under discussion in Congress.

Although the convention here is a membership meeting, it will be an open one and letters have been mailed from the cooperative's Raleigh office inviting them to bring their non member friends along with them to the meeting.

## Diphtheria Clinic Will Require \$15 For Each School

Fifteen dollars must be raised for each school where the diphtheria clinic is given, Supt. J. Edward Allen points out this week in a letter to principals. Mr. Allen writes:

"The physicians of Warren county have decided that they will give diphtheria 'toxoid' in any school, to all children between six months and ten years who present themselves, for the lump sum of \$7.50 per afternoon. It requires two visits to do the work, or \$15.00 to be raised for or in any school who want this done. Immunization is permanent. In connection, with the assistance of teachers, the pre-school clinic should be put on. Toxoid is furnished free. Please ascertain whether this immunization clinic can be put on in a particular school, and advise me. There must be three weeks between visits so an early start is important."

## Water Will Not Be Cut Off-Skillman

In order to prevent a run on the tank and hoarding of water, Harold Skillman this week issued a statement that town water will not be shut off during the two days necessary for repainting of the tank. Panic inquiries from citizens, Mr. Skillman says, have been pouring in. It is true, he says, that the tank is to be repainted, but there will be no suspension of water service on that account.

Mrs. Ivey Watson and son, Ivey Jr., of Enfield were visitors here on Monday.

## BEER AND WINE ARE LEGALIZED

### Machinery Set in Motion That Will Permit Their Sale On April 7

### DRYS PLAN AN ATTACK

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The President starred in a one act drama at the White House today that will start the beer pumps on April 7.

As the moving picture cameras clicked off the historic event, and with a curt "that's done," the President signed his name with four pens to the Cullen-Harrison bill legalizing 3.2 per cent beer and wine and it thus became the law of the land.

In 15 days beer and wine can be sold in 22 states. Brewers will be licensed immediately. Also, they may begin now to bottle the large quantity of beer already brewed so that it will be ready for sale in the immediate localities on April 7. It cannot be shipped from breweries until the effective date.

Shortly before signing the bill, the Chief Executive set in motion an inquiry which may free hundreds now in jail for beer violations. Without indicating his possible course, he asked Attorney General Homer S. Cummings to investigate the possibility of such wholesale pardons.

### New Experiment

President Roosevelt's signature partially scrapped what his predecessor, President Hoover, once called "the noble experiment." He instituted also a new experiment which resentful prohibitionists insist will react to prevent repeal of the 18th Amendment which it modifies.

This may depend upon restrictions which states place upon its sale. They are the sole judges. The federal government promises only to attempt to prevent shipments from "wet" into "dry" states and to check on the breweries to see that the beer has no greater "kick" than 3.2 per cent. For this last duty, Commissioner of Alcohol James M. Doran, once federal prohibition commissioner, has assigned part of his force. No new agents will be employed for this purpose.

### New Revenue

The government expects new revenue of between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000 to flow into the depleted treasury in the next year from the five dollar a barrel tax and the various license fees. States and local governments will derive other millions, which will enhance the price, but, according to brewers themselves, should make possible a "nickel" glass of beer and a 10 or 15 cent bottle. The legalized beverages may be advertised nationally—in newspapers, periodicals, billboards, radio and other avenues after April 7, the Justice Department ruled today. It will be illegal to advertise the beverages before that time, officials here declared.

Drys now will begin a counter offensive in the courts. Edward B. Danford, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, said today the new law would be attacked "when the requisite circumstances arise," which will be after the law takes effect.

### BEER SITUATION VARIES IN DIFFERENT STATES

RALEIGH, Mch. 22.—State capitals report that:

There are at least 14 states in which beer can be sold as soon as the Federal government legalizes it, which will be 15 days after President Roosevelt's signature to the 3.2 per cent bill.

In others a varied situation exists. In some beer can be sold after a specified time; in some it can be sold in certain localities; in others proposed action to license or regulate the beverage is pending. In still others—at least 10 states—neither has there been repeal of prohibition laws nor is official action pending toward licensing beer.

The 14 in which beer can be sold immediately after United States legalization are: Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wisconsin.

In North Dakota beer can be sold after July 1, in West Virginia after June 9, and in Wyoming after May 18, contingent on legalization by the Federal government. Maryland and Delaware laws permit sale in certain parts of the states. Some states have repealed their prohibition laws, but will not permit beer sales until control laws have been passed. In others that have passed repealers, beer can be sold without such control legislation. Many states have licensing or control proposals pending.

## Sousa Poise



Leone Sousa, daughter of the famous late March King, John Philip Sousa, was one of the six champion apparel wearing beauties selected by a group of noted artists, as being the model with most poise.

## Mrs. Mattie Gideon Suffers Broken Leg In Auto Accident

LITTLETON, Mch. 23.—Mrs. Mattie Newsom Gideon, daughter of Mrs. Addie Newsom of this city, is in the Roanoke Rapids hospital with a broken leg as the result of an automobile accident, which occurred Saturday afternoon on the Emporia-Richmond highway near Emporia. Mrs. Gideon's condition is reported satisfactory.

At the time of the accident, she was enroute from her home in Washington, D. C., to Littleton, where she had intended spending the week end with her mother.

Miss Heathie Lendon of Oxford was instantly killed in this accident. Marshall Turner, also of Oxford, another occupant of the car, was uninjured.

## Frank W. Hunter Buried At Fairview

The remains of Frank W. Hunter were brought here from Louisburg and interred in Fairview cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock following a short burial service at the grave by the Rev. E. C. Durham. Mr. Hunter died at Louisburg Tuesday a few hours after suffering an attack of pneumonia. He was 66 years of age.

Mr. Hunter was a native of Warren county, having been born at Edgewood, a few miles from Warrenton, on the 6th day of May, 1867. The greater part of his life was spent in this county, he having moved to Louisburg about 10 years ago following the death of his father, Henry B. Hunter.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. L. J. Jones of Durham and Mrs. Emma Robertson of Wadesboro, and four brothers, Blunt and Robert of Norfolk, Edwin of Staten Island, N. Y., and Jerman Hunter of Petersburg.

Pallbearers were Dr. Rufus Jones, R. T. Watson, Norwood Boyd, Boyd Massenburg, Martin Davis and Frank Allen.

Among those attending the funeral of Mr. F. W. Hunter of Louisburg on Wednesday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Roberson of Wadesboro, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Jones and Mr. Hunter Jones of Durham, Mr. Leon Jones of Raleigh; Messrs. R. L. Hunter and H. B. Hunter of Norfolk, Mr. P. J. Hunter of Petersburg, Messdames W. A. Mabry and T. A. Baxter of Ridgeway, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Stallings and Miss Bettie Stallings of Macon, Dr. Dan Smithwick and Messrs. Edwards and Bobbitt and Mrs. Tucker of Louisburg, Mr. Johnnie Daniel of Afton, Mrs. Rob Powell of Henderson, and Mr. J. B. Davis of Shocco.

## Oxford Singing Class Pleases Here

Both selection and performance were acclaimed by a considerable audience gathered to hear the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class in its initial concert of the season, at John Graham High School auditorium on Tuesday night. The proceeds, which were somewhat over sixty dollars, will go toward the maintenance of the Orphanage, a Masonic project. Members of the class were entertained by local citizens during their stopover here.

## Capture Man After A Short Foot Race

June Walters, negro, was placed in jail Monday afternoon on a charge of possessing and transporting whiskey. The negro was captured by Sheriff Fennell following a short foot race in the northern part of Warrenton.

## BIG HEN EGG

A hen egg weighing nearly 5 ounces was left at the office of The Warren Record this week by L. H. Benson of Inez. The egg is seven inches around one way and 8 1/4 inches the other.

Miss Katherine Baxter spent the week end in Norfolk.

## FIELD DAY IDEA IS ABANDONED

### Excercises To Be Held In Various Schools Instead Of At Warrenton

### TEACHERS VOTE PLAN

The schools throughout Warren will not hold a county-wide field day here this year, it was learned at the office of Superintendent of Schools J. Edward Allen yesterday. Mr. Allen said that the annual field day and project day exercises had been abandoned this year in favor of the seven unit plan of Education Day.

The adoption of the seven unit plan means that the schools over the county will hold their exercises at their schools rather than bring the pupils to Warrenton as has been done for a number of years in the past.

It is understood that the seven unit plan was approved this year as an economy measure and was voted favorably by the teachers of the various schools throughout the county.

## Announces Change In Methods Handling Farmers' Loans

RALEIGH, March 22.—At the office of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Raleigh, N. C. this morning Mr. John P. Stodman, Executive Vice-President and manager, announced a complete change of procedure in the matter of the handling of loans by this corporation. Mr. Stedman said that instructions to persons designated to make out applications and attorneys whose certificates of title were acceptable to this corporation were already in the mail.

"The new plan," Mr. Stedman said, "simplifies the matter and method of making applications for loans, and will tend to expedite the handling of applications, so that when the applications are approved the money will be made available to farmers much more quickly than under previous plans. The present plan provides that only the application and additional sheet, completely describing the property to be mortgaged, is to be made out and signed by the persons seeking the loan. This paper is then submitted to the County Committee, who will pass on the credits involved, then the application in duplicate will be forwarded to the corporation in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The application will then be submitted to the loan committee, and upon approval by the loan committee of the security offered, a copy of the application will be forwarded to the borrower, who will be instructed to present the application and the sheet describing the property to be mortgaged to the attorney whose certificate is acceptable to this corporation in the county where the applicant lives.

"As soon as the attorney can determine that the property to be embraced in the mortgage is unencumbered and the title is in the person offering the same as security, he will prepare the note and mortgage and have the same executed, acknowledged, probated, and placed on record. He will then notify the corporation in Raleigh which will immediately order the loan to be disbursed."

Mr. Stedman further stated that there was a great demand for agricultural credit in the area served by the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Raleigh, North Carolina, and that the entire organization of the corporation was working night and day to meet the demands being made upon the corporation for loans to the farmers of the two states.