

SUPERIOR COURT OPENS MONDAY

Judge R. Hunt Parker To
Preside For First Time
In Warren County

TWO CASES OF INTEREST

September term of Warren county Superior court will convene here Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock with Judge R. Hunt Parker presiding.

This will be the first Warren court presided over by Judge Parker. Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn will prosecute.

Principal interest in the criminal docket centers around the trials of Jesse Stevenson, Carol Knight, J. O. Parrish and Slim Stewart, white men charged with robbery and conspiracy to rob as a result of the hold-up of Mrs. Ella Ellis near the Box Mill on Wednesday night of last week, and in the case of Roney Moore, white man, charged with secret assault with intent to kill. Moore is charged with attacking Register of Deeds Joseph Powell on the night of July 4th and later on the same night assaulting Ed Baldwin and Peter Williams, Warrenton negroes.

Ethel Davis, negro woman of the Littleton section, charged with fatally shooting Helen Vincent, negro, on the 19th day of July, will be tried for murder.

Jesse Young is to face the court on a charge of having carnal knowledge of a girl over 12 and under 16 years of age. This case (Continued on page 6)

12,414,000 Bale Forecast Is Made By Government

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A 12,414,000 bale crop of cotton today was predicted for this year by the government reporting board the forecast being an increase of 100,000 bales over that of August 8.

Government experts said the staple east of the Mississippi had deteriorated but this had been more than offset by western improvement.

The board predicted the yield per acre for the entire cotton growing section would be 197.8 lint pounds as compared to the forecast of 198.4 pounds on August 8.

The individual yield per acre for this year is about .08 per cent higher than the ten years average and is the highest since 1914 with the exception of the yield in 1931.

The prediction that the United States would have virtually a normal crop of cotton was made after estimates that the farm reduction campaign had resulted in removal of 10,396,000 acres from cultivation, 82,000 more than was anticipated on the Aug. report.

The crop reporting board said boll weevil activity and unfavorable weather conditions had resulted in decline of prospects August 1 in all states east of the Mississippi river except Mississippi and Tennessee.

Allen Discusses New School Law

Supt. J. Edward Allen discussed the administration of schools under the new set-up at the first general teachers meeting of the year 1933-34, held at John Graham school at Warrenton on Thursday morning.

Every white teacher of the Warren county school system was present except J. Eddie Derrick of Warrenton. He was absent due to the lateness of his appointment as member of the faculty.

Following the teachers meeting the Warren County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association was held when Miss Emily Miliam of Macon was elected chairman. A. W. Parker of Littleton was named vice-chairman, and Miss Marian Boyd of Warrenton was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Meeting of the association will be held upon call of the chairman.

Mr. T. L. Brodie was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jones this week.

Four White Men Bound Over To Court In Connection With Robbery of Mrs. Ella Ellis On Last Wednesday Night

Four white men have been given a hearing and bound over to Superior Court under bonds of \$500 each on charges of robbing and conspiring to rob Mrs. J. M. Ellis, north Warrenton store keeper who was held up on Wednesday night of last week by masked bandits and stripped of \$112 as she was closing her store about 9 o'clock. A fifth man is under bond of \$25 as state witness.

The four men taken into custody by Sheriff Pinnell of Warrenton and Sheriff Hamlet of Henderson are Slim Stewart and Jesse Stevenson of Warren county and Carol Knight and Joe Parrish of Vance county. Robert Edwards, who has also been implicated in the plot to rob the store-keeper, is the state's witness.

Stewart, Knight and Parrish were given a preliminary hearing

before Magistrate W. C. Fagg and Magistrate Ed Petar, sitting together on the case on Saturday afternoon. Knight and Parrish, through their attorneys, Gholsen & Gholsen of Henderson, entered a plea of not guilty. Stewart maintained that he was innocent as he testified in behalf of the state.

Stevenson was arraigned before the Magistrate's court on Monday when Edwards gave his evidence to the state but he waived hearing and threw no light on the robbery. The men were arrested on warrants issued by Sheriff Pinnell after he had tracked automobile tires from Mrs. Ellis' store to Macon and back to Norlina where the car got on the hard surface and after he had picked up some information at Henderson.

Sheriff Pinnell said that when he came back here from Henderson and told Slim Stewart that he wanted him Slim made the following statement: "I am not guilty and I want to see that you get the right ones. I was in Henderson on Tuesday night with Robert Edwards,"

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Cotton Reduction Checks Are Being Received Here

Checks began arriving here Saturday for farmers of Warren county who participated in the governments plan to reduce cotton acreage by destroying a portion of this year's crop.

Another batch of the checks came in on Wednesday, and it is expected by those in charge of the reduction campaign in Warren county that from now on the money will continue to arrive here fairly regularly until all of those who plowed up their cotton have been paid.

The checks received here on Saturday amounted to \$1,200. Wednesday's mail brought checks aggregating \$1,782.

Benjamin F. Fleming of Norlina was the first man to receive a check and George Pullen, tenant on the farm of R. L. Capps, was the second.

Two Men Face Judge Taylor In County Court

Violation of the automobile laws and larceny were the charges that brought two white defendants before Judge W. W. Taylor for trial in Recorder's court on Monday.

Another case, in which Norwood Munn is charged with possessing and transporting, was docketed for trial this week but was postponed until October 2.

E. C. Spence was fined \$10 and costs for operating an automobile without proper lights and license.

John Schuster was found guilty of stealing feed from the Warrenton Box and Lumber Co. and was sentenced to the roads for six months.

There will be no Recorder's court here until Monday, October 2, due to the fact that Superior court convenes next Monday.

Unemployment Shows Decline

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Unemployment in four North Carolina cities, as measured by money spent for relief aid and the number of families aided, fell off sharply in August as compared with July.

Figures compiled by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration for Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro and Winston-Salem, show a decrease of 18 per cent in the money spent and a decrease in the number of people aided in each city except Winston-Salem.

While Winston-Salem aided 1,533 families and persons, an increase of seven per cent over the 1,438 aided in July, the city spent only \$22,054, a decrease of 4.9 per cent over the \$25,183 spent in July.

Officers Search For Two Men Who Held Up Motorist

Officers are still looking for clues that might lead to the identity of the two men who held up and robbed Tom Lovell of \$410 on Thursday night of last week when he was repairing an automobile tire on the highway near Norlina.

Following the holdup Lovell drove to Henderson and reported the robbery. He said that while fixing a puncture two men drove up in a Chevrolet car with Virginia license and took \$410 in currency and \$2 in change from him. With an oath thrown in, the robbers told Lovell that he could keep his \$2 in change to have his tire repaired. It was said.

Lovell told the Vance county officers that he had been operating a concession at a beach near Norfolk and was on his way to Raleigh to visit his brother, T. C. Lovell, when he was robbed.

Chappell Resigns As Principal Of Norlina School

S. G. Chappell, principal of the Norlina school for the past several years, last week resigned to accept a position with the Meadow school, near Benson, Johnson county.

Mr. Chappell is succeeded by John H. Cowles, for 14 years principal of the Lexington City Schools. Mr. Cowles last year was out of the teaching profession doing post-graduate work.

Other changes in the faculties of Warren schools since the publication of the teacher list last week are Misses Ann Simms of Raleigh and Frances Morton of Greenville in place of Misses Mary Lib Black and Alta Rudisill, and Eddie Derrick as science teacher and athletic director at Warrenton; Edwin A. Gunn and Kate Woodburn at Littleton.

Nathan Hardy Hurt In Car-Bus Crash

Nathan Hardy is in a Rocky Mount hospital receiving treatment for injuries he sustained on Saturday night about 11 o'clock when the car on which he was traveling and a school bus collided near the Warrenton golf course.

The extent of Hardy's injuries are not known, but it was said that his shoulder was cut, and it is thought that possibly he suffered some broken ribs which may have punctured his lung.

According to a report of the accident given here, Hardy was on his way home, riding on the running board of Willis Neal's car which was being driven by Neal's son, when they met one school bus towing another into Warrenton. It was stated that the back school bus swung into the path of Neal's car and that Hardy was caught between the two vehicles when they struck.

Following the accident Hardy was given first aid treatment by Dr. C. H. Peete. Later that night he was taken to a hospital in Rocky Mount by Edmund White, owner of the farm on which Hardy resides. W. R. Baskerville accompanied Mr. White and Hardy to the hospital.

WARREN SCHOOLS OPEN THURSDAY

Allen Says Opening Most Satisfactory; 636 Enrolled at John Graham

LESSONS ARE ASSIGNED

Eight white schools embraced in the Warren county school system opened their doors to more than 2,000 children of the county on Thursday morning in an opening described by Superintendent of Schools J. Edward Allen as most satisfactory. The ninth school of the system, Littleton, began its work on Monday and recessed for the general teachers meeting held here on Wednesday.

Enrollment at Norlina was particularly good, according to Mr. Allen, who said that an increase in all schools was expected to be noticed as soon as the rush cotton picking season was over. He held that this, coupled with the mid-week opening held down enrollment somewhat in a number of the schools, as has been the case for years.

With an enrollment slightly below that of opening day last year, the John Graham High School began its work here yesterday, when lessons were assigned to the 636 pupils present. No formal exercises were held yesterday. Instead, they were postponed until this morning.

J. B. Miller, principal, said that the 636 pupils enrolled this year represented 122 less than the total enrollment for last year, but that he expected enrollment to rise as the season advanced to approximately 800. He stressed the importance of all pupils entering school as early as possible, as this not only assures better work, but helps the average daily attendance record upon which the state allots teachers for next year.

One hundred and ninety-two of the pupils enrolled here are in the high school and 444 are in the elementary grades. The first grade with 79 leads in number of pupils. There are 66 in the second grade; 73 in the third; 74 in the fourth; 46 in the fifth; 63 in the sixth, and 43 in the seventh grade. Fifty-two pupils are enrolled in the eighth grade; 64 in the ninth; 38 in the tenth, and 41 in the eleventh grade.

Roosevelt Steps Into Drive For Better Prices

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—President Roosevelt today imparted to his national recovery drive the vigorous pressure of his own determination to provide quickly more jobs and better prices.

Ample credit for business and agriculture by seeking immediately the reopening of banks now closed or restricted was a major objective of the Chief Executive as he looked especially toward sluggish farm prices.

Somewhat impatiently he looked forward to an agreement between soft coal operators and miners on the long-disputed NRA code for this basic industry.

Eagerly, too, the President awaited receipt of an agreement between the NRA labor and industrial advisory boards which is intended to moderate, if not finally settle, conflicts over the collective bargaining provisions of the recovery law.

With today's return to the capital of Hugh S. Johnson, industrial administrator, Mr. Roosevelt was expected to proffer such force as his administrators deem necessary for (Continued on Page 8)

Congressman Kerr Speaks At Weldon

Congressman John H. Kerr was principal speaker at a banquet given by the Weldon Baptist Sunday school in the American Legion Hut at Weldon on last Friday night. Judge Kerr chose as his subject, "Indifference." About 85 were present.

Judge and Mrs. John J. Parker of Charlotte were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Scoggin on Friday. Their daughter, Miss Sarah Parker, accompanied them here and remained for a visit with Miss Katherine Scoggin.

White Wires Governor Ehringhaus That Ginners And Growers Of This Section Are Opposed to Any Ginning Holiday

Farmers and ginners of this section are greatly opposed to declaring a four-weeks ginning holiday, Edmund White, Warren county ginner, and director of the North Carolina Cotton Ginners Association, wired Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus on Wednesday.

Mr. White pointed out in his wire that many farmers did not have proper housing facilities and that green cotton packed green for this length of time would heat to such extent as to ruin seed and damage lint. He suggested a better plan would be to prohibit sale of cotton for four weeks in the event that a cotton holiday was deemed to be necessary.

Mr. White's action was taken following a four-state cotton grow-

ers conference in Columbia, S. C., on Tuesday when a cotton holiday was suggested until a plan to raise the price of the staple could be worked out. Among other suggestions was that ginners be not permitted to operate for a period of four weeks.

The more than 2,000 farmers from North and South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia attending the meeting unanimously approved a program calling for:

1. Immediate currency expansions under provisions of the agricultural adjustment act.
2. Abandonment of the cotton processing tax.
3. Declaration by the government of a minimum price of 15 cents a pound for cotton and of \$25 a ton for cotton seed.
4. A cotton marketing holiday until the proposed minimum price is obtained.
5. A plan for reduction of cotton production under which the secretary of agriculture would license the production of only 9,000,000 bales next season.

Governors of cotton-producing (Continued on page 6)

Changes Made In Faculty of John Graham School

Last minute resignations on Saturday were responsible for the inclusion of three new teachers in the John Graham High school faculty on Monday.

Bob Bright, teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the local school for the past three years, resigned to accept a position of county agent. His successor is to be named by the state. Until that time Mr. Bright will conduct classes.

Misses Mary Lib Black of Shelby and Alta Rudisill of Hickory on Saturday wired the school board for releases, as they had obtained schools in their home towns.

The Board of Trustees on Monday selected Miss Frances Morton of Greenville and Miss Anne Simms of Raleigh to fill the vacancies. At the same time J. Eddie Derrick of Waccamaw was named member of the faculty and athletic coach.

Miss Morton was graduated from East Carolina Teachers College in 1933. She has had two terms practice teaching in public school music and grammar grade work. She will teach the fourth grade.

Miss Simms obtained her degree from Wake Forest College in 1932 and since that time has taken post-graduate work at the University of North Carolina in Music, Education and Art. She will also teach the fourth grade.

Mr. Derrick obtained his A. B. degree from Newberry College at Newberry, S. C., in 1929 where he was a member of the football team. In 1929-31 he was science teacher and athletics director in Hallsboro high school. Last year he held a similar position in the Bladenboro high school.

Miss Helen Thompson and Mrs. Beaufort Scull are making their homes during the school year with Miss Edna Allen; Miss Ann Simms with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boyd; Misses Mary Randolph, Rose Kimball and Claire Williams with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cawthorne; Mrs. Rosa Hamilton with Miss Anna Graham; Misses Annie Laurie Her-ring, Elizabeth Morton, Frances Morton and Frances Person with Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Miller; Mr. Derrick with Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Macon.

Cotton Growers To Meet On Monday

Warren county cotton growers will meet in the Imperial Theatre here Monday afternoon, September 18, at 2:30 o'clock for a discussion of the cotton situation with M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, as the principal speaker.

Free motion pictures will be given beginning promptly at 2:30. The price outlook, Agricultural Adjustment Act and its effect on the cotton farmer, the condition of the crop in State and nation—these and other timely topics will be discussed by Mr. Mann.

"The increase in the price of things that the farmer has to buy means that present day prices of cotton will not leave him as much money as he had last year on six-cent cotton," said Mr. Mann in a letter which has been mailed to all (Continued on page 6)

Bright Expected To Be Appointed Agent On First Monday

Bob Bright, who has been serving as emergency county agent since the government began its cotton crop reduction plan here in June, is expected to be appointed full county agent at the October meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Bright, who has been teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the John Graham High school for the past three years, resigned the latter part of the week. He will however, continue to hold classes in the local school until the state appoints his successor.

The Board of County Commissioners refused to appropriate \$900 for this purpose at their regular September meeting and it was understood that the Federal Government would appoint a civil service man as emergency agent to take care of the Cotton and Tobacco reduction campaigns.

The latter part of the week, however, B. T. Ferguson, of the State Extension Service, interviewed Commissioners Capps, Wall and Powell and after pointing out that the Federal Government had made a rather large appropriation of funds to be spent in counties with regular agents and stressing the need for such work at the present time, obtained the consent of these commissioners to have Mr. Bright appointed. This was learned yesterday from an authoritative source.

Harrison Predicts Inflation Measure

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Chairman Harrison of the Senate Finance Committee predicted to newspapermen today that the administration would take some action to raise commodity prices, "pretty quick, whether you call it inflation or not."

Harrison, in reporting the reactions to his conferences with President Roosevelt, director of the Budget Douglas and Governors Eugene Black of the Federal Reserve Board, did not specify what form the action would take but indicated strongly it might be a devaluation of the dollar.

"If something is not done to raise commodity prices," he said, "Congress when it reconvenes, is going to compel and not leave the proposition discretionary."

He referred to the inflation amendment of the farm bill authorizing the President to inflate the currency, but not making it mandatory upon him.

Howard Changes Office Location

J. C. Howard, Government field agent, has moved his office to the building occupied by the Farmers' Mutual Exchange, next door to Carolina Power & Light Co. office on Main Street.

Miss Jane Parker left Wednesday for Meredith College, Raleigh, where she will be a member of the senior class.

REDUCTION GOES OVER IN WARREN

Practically 100 Per Cent Sign-up Follows Mass Meeting Monday

IS TERMED A SUCCESS

Warren county tobacco farmers have signed up nearly 100 per cent in the acreage reduction campaign which went off with a bang on Monday in each of the 57 flue-cured tobacco counties of the state. Less than a half dozen farmers have refused to sign the contracts it is understood.

County Agent Bob Bright, erstwhile vocational agriculture teacher in the John Graham High School, yesterday afternoon termed the campaign a huge success. He said that the farmers of Warren had responded magnificently in the sign-up drive.

While all the contracts are not yet in, a check-up of those that had been returned to the court house here yesterday afternoon revealed that 262 contracts covering 3119 acres have been signed. These 3119 acres have an estimated yield of 2,308,428 pounds of tobacco.

Although the active campaign came to a close on Wednesday, contracts will be available until tonight for those who wish to enter into the agreement to curtail their acreage in the drive to bring about better prices for the weed.

While no definite word as to reopening the warehouses had been received from Washington up until late yesterday afternoon, it is believed the eastern North Carolina and South Carolina markets will begin operating again on Monday, and it is expected that local warehouses will be opened two weeks later. Although reports from over the state indicate that the campaign has been a tremendous success, Governor Ehringhaus said on Wednesday he would wait until he heard from Washington before declaring an end to the tobacco holiday which he called on September 2.

Tobacco farmers and other interested citizens of both races filled the courthouse here on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock when Bob Bright, new county agent, called the meeting to order.

W. N. Boyd of Boyd's warehouse was called upon by Mr. Bright. The warehouseman told the farmers that the plan had his full endorsement and called to the attention of those present that low averages effected the warehousemen's profits as well as the farmers.

J. L. Skinner, county commissioner, endorsed the sign-up campaign though he questioned phases of the plan and wanted to know what was to become of the man who grew only one barn of tobacco.

Ed Turner, farmer of Sandy Creek, said that the tobacco farmer had rather get a good price for half a barn than present prices for a full barn.

Will Allen Connell Jr., who followed Mr. Skinner, said he thought that the farmers should not bother too much about the form of the contract, that the government drew (Continued on page 6)

District Conference Held At Littleton

LITTLETON, Sept. 14.—An all day Group Conference of District No. 3 of the Granville Presbyterian was held in the Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, Sept. 13th. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a. m. The welcoming address was given by Mrs. W. H. Johnston, president of the local Women's Auxiliary, which was responded to by Mrs. W. B. Tarry of Townsville.

The theme of the meeting was "Bearers of the Light", and many interesting and inspiring talks were made thereon.

From 1:00 to 2:00 o'clock a social hour was enjoyed and a delightful lunch served in the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. Rees Jenkins. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 o'clock.

There were about fifty representatives present from the Presbyterian churches in Roanoke Rapids, Henderson, Warrenton, Durham, Townsville and Raleigh.