

CRIMINAL CASES BROUGHT TO END

Continuation of Bank Of Warren Case Shortens Criminal Docket

CONVENES ON MONDAY

The criminal docket of Warren county Superior court, which was brought to light this term, was completed on Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday the grind on matters of a civil nature was begun.

Continuation of the bank case, which was postponed until the May term at the request of E. L. Travis of Halifax, one of the defense lawyers, who pointed out that Judge Kerr could not be present at this time on account of his pressing duties at Washington since the farm program had been upset by the ruling of the Supreme court on the AAA, left the criminal docket with no cases of county-wide interest other than the charge of stealing and receiving tobacco brought by J. E. Frazier against Buck Loyd and Horace Jones, the latter a negro.

The case against these two defendants lasted from early Monday afternoon until far into Tuesday morning and ended with the jury declaring in its verdict that these two men were not guilty.

Two and one-half years was the longest period given to any one defendant during this term of court. This punishment was meted out to Lem Robertson, white, who was convicted with Doris Knight on a charge of highway robbery, and to Nelson Williams, negro, convicted of immorality.

Robertson and the Knight woman were accused of lifting around \$140 off of G. W. Wagner last week when he visited a service station near Warrenton on the road leading to Macon and Liberia operated by Robertson. The woman claimed that Robertson told her to take the money off of Wagner, that she did and later turned the wallet over to Robertson who carried it to a nearby branch and hid the funds. She said that both she and Wagner were drinking at the time.

Robertson was given two and one-half years on the roads and the woman was given a twelve month sentence in the Warren county jail which is to be stricken out in the event the welfare officer can get her in a farm colony or a state institution.

Nelson Williams pleaded guilty to the charge of immorality. Judgment of the court was that he should work the roads of the state for a period of 30 months.

Wash Carter, negro charged with non support of his minor children, was ordered to pay to the clerk of court \$4.00 each month for their support.

Twelve months on the roads was (Continued on page 4)

Failure To Test Soil Costly, Says Agent

Failure to test soil in order to ascertain the proper stimulant for land is costing farmers of Warren county hundreds of dollars yearly, C. S. Wynn, negro agricultural agent, opines. In an open letter to the editor of The Warren Record he states:

"Many farmers in Warren county are losing hundreds of dollars yearly by not having their soils tested in order to know the kind of fertilizers and the quantity of lime needed.

"To meet this condition in the future, the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, will analyze your soil, and recommend the fertilizers and other things needed; that is, if you will send them a sample of your soil at once.

"Should you desire to have your soil tested, and need my assistance, I shall be glad to serve you in any capacity desired."

WARREN BOYS TO TAKE PART IN RADIO BROADCAST

"Agriculture vs. Wild Life" is the subject of a radio program which is to be broadcast from Rocky Mount at 4:15 o'clock Friday afternoon with three Warren county boys taking part.

The program is sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Development and is under the direction of E. Hunter Pinnell, game and forest warden of Warren county.

The three boys who will take part are Steven Rodwell, Kenneth Ayscough and Bradford Heathcock.

Mr. Armistead Boyd of Concord is a visitor here.

Bankhead Act And Kerr-Smith Act In Force

By R. H. BRIGHT,
County Agent

This office has just been authorized to sell and transfer cotton certificates. All cotton producers that have surplus certificates are requested to deliver these certificates to this office at once. This applies to the two bale and regular certificates. We are forwarding all surplus certificates in this office to the National Pool not later than January 17. This means that we will not have any certificates left in this office for sale until additional certificates are turned in.

The Bankhead Act and the Kerr-Smith Act are still in force and cotton and tobacco producers with excess poundage will be required to purchase sales cards for tobacco and certificates for excess cotton poundage.

In case there is a tobacco and cotton program offered for 1936 producers will be asked to sign the new contract. I do not know just what the contract will be like. I do know that there was a misunderstanding about the cotton contract under the AAA. I understand that several producers interpreted the contract as dividing the crop produced by a tenant. This was not the case. The contract specified how the payments should be divided. In case of a share tenant the owner of the land received 37.5 per cent of the payments. The owner of the workstock received 12.5 per cent of the payment and the remaining 50 per cent was divided in the same proportion as the crop was divided. For example if a crop was produced by a half share tenant and the tenant furnished the workstock the payment would be divided as follows: The landowner would receive 37.5 per cent plus 25 per cent making a total payment for the landowner of 62.5 per cent; this would leave 37.5 per cent for the tenant.

This division may or may not apply to any contracts offered in 1936.

Relief activities in Warren county are now being carried forward from the court house under the supervision of Miss Lucy Leach, welfare officer, and Miss Clyde Satterfield, who has been named head case worker for the welfare department.

Under the new set-up Miss Leach and Miss Satterfield will not only have the responsibility of meeting relief needs but will certify relief clients to WPA, the CCC camps and the Resettlement project.

Miss Leach said yesterday that garments made by those employed on the sewing room projects have been transferred to her office in the county and that in the near future she would receive food supplies for the indigent who are unable to work.

The added duties of the welfare officer were set forth in the following letter to Miss Leach from Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare:

"In submitting to the FERA a request for the final relief grant to North Carolina, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus asked that sufficient funds be included for the purpose of integrating the remaining relief activities with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the local welfare units. Accordingly when the budget was set up, funds were earmarked for that purpose.

"The funds thus made available makes possible the strengthening of the state and county welfare units now being charged with the responsibility of meeting relief needs not only of the unemployables but those employables not yet absorbed through WPA. Inadequately staffed, many of the county welfare departments have found it practically impossible to meet the excessive demands of recent months in the matter of servicing clients. Establishment of active welfare units in the one hundred counties of the state at least through June 1936 and probably longer is now under way.

"In addition to the routine duties of the County Superintendent of Public Welfare the enlarged county unit will be responsible for certification of relief clients to WPA, the CCC camps, Resettlement, etc.

"Likewise, the State Board, through six additional field representatives, under a trained social service director, will be enabled to (Continued on page 8)

JURY DECLARES LOYD NOT GUILTY

Former Baseball Player Is Freed of Charge Of Tobacco Larceny

NEGRO IS ALSO FREED

C. E. (Buck) Loyd, former baseball pitcher, and Horace Jones, negro, were found not guilty by a jury on Tuesday on charges of larceny and receiving. They were accused of stealing between three and four hundred pounds of tobacco from J. E. Frazier, prominent farmer of near Warren Plains, on the night of October 23rd.

Mr. Frazier testified that after his tobacco had been stolen he went to a re-drying plant in South Boston and found some tobacco there sold at South Hill under the name of C. E. Loyd and Overby which he identified as his tobacco. He identified the tobacco as being his by the color and the way it was tied. J. E. Frazier Jr. and a Mr. James also identified the tobacco as being the property of the senior Mr. Frazier.

Sheriff Pinnell and Deputy Roy Shearin testified that barefoot tracts found across a field leading to Mr. Frazier's packhouse corresponded identically with tracks made by Horace Jones, that automobile tracks found near the scene of the crime tallied with tracks made by Jones' automobile, that they found crumbs of tobacco in (Continued on page 8)

Judge Cranmer's Charge Covers Various Subjects

In addition to instructing members of the Grand Jury in regard to their duties as officers of the court, Judge E. H. Cranmer touched on several other subjects in his charge on Monday morning in an effort to improve the morals of the people of Warren. Following are a few of the highlights of his speech:

THE CONSTITUTION—We hear a great deal about changing the constitution these days but I am glad to say that there are few radicals in North Carolina and most of the people of this state are willing to continue under the same document that our forefathers worked under when they began to rebuild the nation.

RELIGION—The Bible is necessary for good citizenship and prosperity. The survival of nations and of individuals is dependent upon spiritual guidance. The fall of Rome and Greece was due to departure from the teachings of God.

A. B. C.—I understand Warren county is one of those counties which voted for legal whiskey. I presume that you have done away with bootlegging, that you don't have any taxes to pay, and that you have reached your millennium. To some people A. B. C. means Alcoholic Beverage Control but to me it means Alcohol Before Christ.

AUTOMOBILE WRECKS—We are now killing people in North Carolina with automobiles at the rate of about three a day. Accidents don't just happen; they are caused. You never hear of any one running into a road machine on the highway; that's because drivers slow down and exercise caution when they approach this powerful machinery.

YOUNGER GENERATION—The younger generation gets criticised often these days. The trouble is not with these young people but with the older generation which sets them bad examples. If we drink and gamble we cannot expect our children to refrain from these vices.

DRIVING—If a man will take more than half of the road when operating an automobile he will take more than his share of other things. He is not the type of man to be appointed guardian for your children or administrator of your estate.

BAPTIST SERVICES

Sunday school in the basement of the John Graham High School at 9:30 o'clock and preaching service at 11 o'clock in the Parish House at 11 o'clock were announced this week by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, pastor of the Warrenton Baptist church, which was destroyed by fire several weeks ago.

Bruno Hauptmann, convicted kidnap-murderer of the Lindbergh baby, was granted a 30 day reprieve yesterday by Governor Hoffman of New Jersey which saved him from being electricuted today.

Mud Balks Buses; Schools Ordered To Close Until Monday

The John Graham High School, as well as other schools in the county dependent upon bus transportation, closed on Wednesday afternoon until Monday morning on account of road conditions.

In suspending class work, Supt. J. Edward Allen, set forth his reasons as follows in a letter to committeemen:

"This morning I found that ten of our school buses were stuck in the mud or otherwise delayed by road conditions. Moreover, I found that it is practically impossible to keep the brakes properly adjusted and safe, under road conditions now prevailing. And the roads are going to be worse tomorrow and Friday than they are today. Altogether it seemed that for the next two days school buses could not be operated with reasonable safety to children, and the certain damage to equipment seemed to promise to run high.

"Therefore, after consulting with school officials, members of the Board of Education and others, I have asked principals of schools dependent upon transportation to suspend all work until Monday morning next. Roads are worse than we have known them in several years. I trust that this action will meet with your approval.

"Very sincerely,
"J. EDWARD ALLEN,
"Superintendent."

Mrs. Annie Porter Dies At Littleton

Littleton, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Annie E. Porter died at the home of her son, W. I. Porter, near Littleton at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. She was 84 years of age and had been in declining health for several months.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in Corinth Methodist Protestant church near Littleton and were conducted by the pastor, Dr. T. M. Johnson, assisted by Rev. E. O. Peeler of Enfield. Mr. E. L. Smith and Mrs. J. B. Bellamy of Enfield sang a duet, "Peace, Sweet Peace" and Mr. Smith sang "The Old Rugged Cross." The choir sang "O, Bear Me Away" as she was gently laid to rest in the family plot at the church cemetery. Pallbearers were the following grandsons, Tom Porter, Henry Porter, Forest Porter, Benton Porter, Horace Porter and Waverly White. The flower bearers were her granddaughters.

Mrs. Porter is survived by four daughters, Mrs. W. F. White of Richmond, Va., Mrs. J. R. Powers of Enfield, Mrs. J. W. Warren of Littleton, and Mrs. Allie Tharrington of Hollister; and five sons, L. U. Porter, J. E. Porter, W. I. Porter, C. W. Porter and W. C. Porter.

Institute Sends Student To Hawkins

The Hawkins High School has again been chosen by the Hampton Institute as one of the six outlying communities in which to place its this year's graduates for the purpose of observing and practicing the methods and teaching of vocational agriculture, according to Prof. H. G. Rose.

For the past five years, he said, the department has furnished adequate facilities for a good training on the field.

Robert Sanford is the trainee selected for the local negro school. He will complete one month of work here.

COURT OFFICIAL GUESTS AT COUNTY PRISON CAMP

Judge E. H. Cranmer, Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn and Sheriff W. J. Pinnell were luncheon guests of Supt. T. H. Aycock at the Warren County Prison Camp on Wednesday.

It was reported that the court officials complimented Supt. Aycock and the entire personnel of the camp on the manner in which the prison is being maintained. According to one source of information, the solicitor is reported to have stated that the Warren camp is a credit to the state and later added in a light vein that if it ever got so he couldn't stay at home he would make application to Supt. Aycock.

Dr. John Burwell of New York is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burwell.

Mr. John Henderson of Clayton was a visitor here last night.

Mr. Kemp Malone of Salisbury, Maryland, visited his aunt, Mrs. E. H. Parker, over the week end.

JAIL INADEQUATE SAYS GRAND JURY

Warren Bastile Is Unsanitary And Not Safe, Say Jurymen In Report

SEVERAL BUSES UNSAFE

The county jail and school buses were found to be in bad condition by the Grand Jury which also discussed in its report tendered yesterday that two guardians, six magistrates and eight administrators had failed to make their report.

The jail was labeled "inadequate, not sanitary or safe," and a number of school buses were declared "poor and unfit for service," "too small for load," "overcrowded."

Due to the fact that court had adjourned until Monday morning when the report was returned, Judge Cranmer was not here to receive it. In his charge on Monday morning he instructed members of the jury to examine the buses, and county offices and institutions and make a thorough investigation and to find out from the clerk of the court if all guardians, magistrates and administrators had filed their reports. "You find out if they have reported and if you find any who have not, let me know and I will find out why," he stated.

Conditions of school buses were set forth as follows: Bus No. 10—Brakes, poor; condition of body, fair; load, 47. Bus No. 4—Unfit for service; load, 43. Bus No. 24—Unfit for service, load 32. Bus No. 38—Brakes bad and too small for service. Bus No. 119—Late, not reported. Bus No. 28—Front wheel out of line. Bus No. 6—Overloaded, glass broken. Bus No. 29—Brakes poor. No. 48—Late, not reported. No. 12—Unfit for use. No. 16—Unfit for use. No. 14—Unfit for use. No. 25—Brakes bad. Seven buses at the colored school were found to be in good shape and two were found to have bad brakes. Other buses examined were found to be in good shape.

The full report, with the exception of that part dealing with school buses, which was condensed in the interest of space, is printed below:

"Warrenton Jan. 1936.

"Hon. E. H. Cranmer,
"Judge Holding Superior Court
Warrenton County.
"Your Honor:

"We, the Grand Jury selected for Superior Court 1936 of Warren County, do beg to make the following report. We have carefully examined witnesses and passed on all bills presented to us by Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn.

"We have visited the County jail and found that the jail is inadequate, not sanitary or safe. The jailer is doing the best he can considering the physical condition of the property.

"We inspected the Court House and find that window shades need to be put up in the Grand Jury room and a transom glass over the door is broken. The cellar that contains the heating plant needs cleaning up.

"We visited the County Home and found that the dwelling house needs painting inside and the roof also needs paint. The lockup roof needs repairing. We recommend that the dead be given a better coffin with suitable lining, burial not to exceed \$15.00. Mr. Hugh Davis, the keeper, is doing all that can be done with present equipment. The inmates are well fed and have good clothes and seem to be satisfied. We find that the present buildings and equipment are inadequate for the comfort of the inmates and recommend operation of the county home.

"The Road Camp was found in excellent shape and well managed.

"The following magistrates have failed to make report to the Court: E. G. King, H. J. Ellis, H. L. Coleman, L. O. Reavis, J. E. Moseley, Edward Petar.

"The Clerk of the Superior Court reported that the following Guardians have not reported: A. S. Bugg, Guardian Albert Davis Bugg, last (Continued on page 8)

Nurse To Inspect School Children

Miss Cleone E. Hobbs, state school nurse, is now in Warren county to make the regular inspection of school children from the first through the seventh grades, it was learned this week from County Superintendent J. Edward Allen.

The law requires that this work be done at least every three years, it was said. It has been two years since the work was done here.

Judge Makes Apology To Taylor In Open Court

Judge E. H. Cranmer, here presiding over the January term of Warren County Superior court, apologized in open court to Dr. W. W. Taylor, judge of Recorder's court, on Wednesday for the rebuke he gave him the previous day in open court.

In his apology, the Southport jurist told Judge Taylor that he had been informed by several of his friends that he dealt rather harshly with him the day before and that if he was too hard he was sorry.

Judge Taylor replied that he appreciated the spirit that caused him to express his regrets and assured him that when he arose in court Tuesday morning he was not attempting to point out law to him but was endeavoring to show why he had acted as he did in quashing the indictment.

The criticism of Judge Taylor was made by the Southport jurist after he had denied a motion to quash an indictment charging Ray Weston and Beulah Dean with possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale. The motion to quash was granted in Recorder's court several weeks ago by Judge Taylor who ruled at the time that inasmuch as the Turlington Act had been repealed in Warren county there existed no law by which to punish the defendants in the event they were tried and found guilty. Solicitor Phippen took an appeal at the (Continued on page 8)

Three Cases Heard In County Court Monday

Departing from the usual procedure of taking two weeks' recess while Superior court is in session in Warren county, Judge W. W. Taylor and Solicitor Joe Phippen of Littleton held court on Monday morning of this week in the city hall. They disposed of three cases as follows:

Robert Hunt and Dan Terry, negroes, were found guilty on a charge of larceny. Prayer for judgment was continued for each of them provided the costs in the action was paid.

A three months road sentence was meted out to J. R. Davis, negro convicted of larceny. Pug Drew, another negro facing a charge of larceny and concealing stolen goods, was also given a three months road sentence.

The case against Arthur Mitchell, charging him with manufacturing whiskey, was continued due to the fact that a jury was called for.

The case against Doris Knight and Lem Robertson, charging them with immorality, was also continued. Robertson was convicted in Superior court this week on another charge and was sentenced to the roads for two and a half years.

Four Negro Students Attend Convention

Four negroes from Warrenton were selected to attend the statewide meeting in Raleigh a few days ago of vocational students who produced the greatest yields in their respective communities, according to Prof. H. G. Rose.

According to Rose, the students not only enjoyed an interesting program and banquet but returned to Warrenton with good ideas and added inspiration to triple the North Carolina per acre average in corn production, as the "Three to One" implies.

JUDGE CRANMER MAKES TALK AT PRAYER MEETING

Judge E. H. Cranmer, here presiding over Superior court, spoke at the Methodist church on Wednesday night at the regular prayer meeting hour. His remarks, which were heard not only by Methodists but also by members of other denominations, were well received.

"His talk revealed that he has great knowledge of the Bible and his manner of getting across his message was liked by those who heard him," one of those present reported.

WILL HARRIS INJURED

W. B. Harris of High Point, formerly of Warrenton, is recovering nicely from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident on Sunday afternoon, December 22, it was reported here this week.

Mr. Harris was on his way to High Point after spending Sunday with his mother in Franklinton when the accident occurred, it was stated.

GOVT. SELECTS POSTOFFICE SITE

To Be Located Opposite Hotel Warren On Site Of Service Station

SPENDS \$12,000 FOR SITE

The new post office which several months ago was promised Warrenton will be located opposite Hotel Warren on property which has been acquired from the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

It is not known when work of erecting the new federal building will begin but it is understood that the government's total investment in the post office will be \$50,000. Information pertaining to the new post office is vague here. The only definite facts in regard to the post office to reach this paper are contained in a special release which was given The Warren Record upon request by the Procurement Office of the Treasury Department. This release states:

"Acceptance of the proposal of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in the sum of \$12,000.00 for a site for the Post Office is released."

The oil company came into possession of this property four or five years ago when it purchased several lots from the Jimmie Ransom estate for a sum of \$6,500. A service station was erected there and at present is being operated by P. G. Seaman of Warrenton.

Compact Plan Best Method, Says Congressman Kerr

A compact of cotton and tobacco growing states is the best immediate solution of the agricultural problem created by the Supreme Court decision, Congressman John H. Kerr, author of the Kerr-Smith tobacco act, says in a statement for The Warren Record this week. His statement in full follows:

"I attended the meeting this morning at which Secretary Wallace and AAA Administrator Chester Davis outlined their views. After hearing them, I am of the opinion that a compact of the cotton and tobacco growing states is the best immediate solution of the agricultural problem created by the Supreme Court decision. I do not feel that the so called debenture plan is practical; neither is the old McNary-Haugen bill. I am not impressed with the idea of the Government buying thousands and thousands of acres of land but I do feel that the several states so vitally affected can work out this situation.

"Unless there is more political hostility than I now foresee, the compact plan I advocate seems to offer the most substantial and the quickest aid to our farmers in this crisis."

According to his secretary, Howard F. Jones, Judge Kerr was the only Member of Congress to attend the morning conference of the Agricultural leaders.

Five Divorces Are Granted Thursday

Five divorce cases were heard by Judge Cranmer yesterday before adjourning court until Monday morning. The bonds of matrimony were severed in each case.

Following are the cases in which the divorces were granted: Caroline C. Sahr, nee Miss Caroline Ward, vs. Aiden J. Sahr; C. Carroll Oldham vs. Evelyn Gray Oldham; Lucy S. Lambert vs. Eugene A. Lambert; Clarence W. Gooch vs. Susie S. Gooch; Helen Duke Maulsby vs. James Franklin Maulsby.

Alimony of \$20 a month was granted the former Mrs. Maulsby for the support of her son. The other divorcees are without children.

CHILDREN STUCK IN MUD LEAVE SHOES BEHIND

Mud, working like quicksand, balked the small children of J. P. Capps of Nubush township a few days ago when they started to cross a field for the mail box and held them until released by their father who was attracted by their cries, according to A. E. Paschall.

It was stated that after Mr. Capps rescued his children and carried them home he became aware of the fact that their shoes were missing, retracing his footsteps to the place where he dislodged the children he stirred beneath the mud and found their shoes still gripped by the gummy substance, Mr. Paschall said.