

NEGRO FIREMEN TO GATHER HERE

Colored Firefighters To Hold
10th Annual Meeting
At Warrenton

CONTESTS TO BE RUN

From town after town of Eastern and Central Carolina, members of the North Carolina Colored Volunteer Fire Association will move to Warrenton next Tuesday for their forty-sixth annual meeting. The three days of the convention are to be crowded with activity.

Contests to determine the best companies and the best individual performances will be run between the representative towns and members, all competing for the more than \$400 worth of prizes and for the honor and glory of their possession.

The program opens Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the courthouse, on Wednesday there will be a parade of all the companies, and Thursday—the last day of the convention—will be given over to the races for the prizes. There will be a dance each night of the convention, and possibly there will be some baseball games.

The opening day's program at the court house will be featured by a word of welcome from Mayor William T. Polk, an address by Congressman John H. Kerr, and a speech by Sherwood Brockwell, North Carolina Fire Chief.

Members of the local company have been working hard for the success of the occasion, and they have received the cooperation of many of their white friends. Warrenton is the home of Peter Collins, veteran secretary. C. S. L. A. Taylor is president of the association.

MRS. MCGUIRE HOSTESS

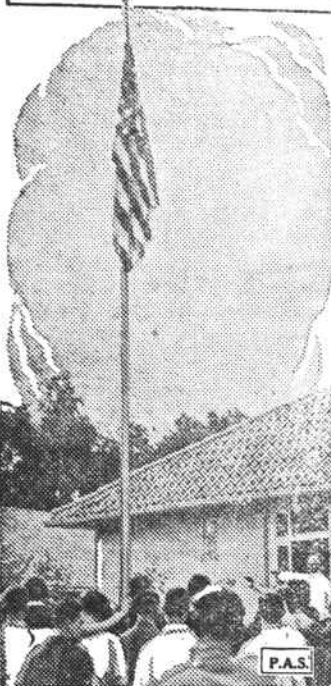
Hosting her house guest, Mrs. A. Venerable Lawson of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Mrs. M. C. McGuire was hostess to her club and other friends at seven tables of contract bridge on last Thursday evening. The sun porch, living room and dining room were tastefully decorated in quantities of zinnias of varied hues. Tally cards were handed by Miss Bessy Garland Lawson. Punch was served during the evening. Mrs. Lawson was presented a gift while Mrs. A. A. Williams and Miss Frances Robertson of Lynchburg were awarded top score prizes for club and visitor. Mesdames J. H. Kerr and E. E. Gillam won the consolation prizes for club and visitor. Attractive novelty gifts were presented Miss Julia Mahood of Lynchburg, Miss Nora King of Raleigh, Miss Frances Robertson of Lynchburg, Mrs. Philomena Allen of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. W. A. Graham of Kingston. An ice course followed by salted nuts was served after several progressions to the following guests: Mesdames Lawson, W. A. Graham of Kingston, Philomena Allen of Washington; Mesdames Julia Mahood and Frances Robertson of Lynchburg and Miss Nora King of Raleigh; Mesdames A. Williams, B. B. Williams, R. R. Weston, F. M. Allen, V. F. Ward, J. H. Kerr, E. E. Gillam, Jack Scott, J. B. Boyce, C. R. Rodwell, L. B. Beddoe, J. P. Watson, Edmund White, H. F. Jones, W. R. Baskerville, W. N. Boyd, W. D. Rodgers, G. H. Macon, T. J. Holt, and Misses Edith and Lucy Burwell, Mariam Boyd and Elizabeth Boyd.

MRS. MACON HOSTESS

Complimentary to Mrs. A. V. Lawson of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Mrs. Philomena Allen of Washington, D. C. and Misses Julia Mahood and Frances Robertson of Lynchburg, Mrs. C. H. Macon entertained at a bridge luncheon at her home on Friday morning. The home was decorated with many summer flowers. After several progressions, the guests were invited into the dining room. The table was centered with a silver bowl of varied colored peonies. Each of the guests of honor received attractive compacts, and Mrs. J. P. Watson was presented a prize for making high score. Those playing other than the honorees were Mesdames J. B. Boyce, J. G. Ellis, B. R. Palmer, Alpheus Jones, H. N. Walters, M. C. McGuire, Roy Davis and J. P. Watson.

Mrs. T. H. Wilder returned to her home in Goldsboro on Wednesday after spending some time here in the home of her sister Mrs. Margaret Barnes.

Old Glory at Berlin



BERLIN, Germany... Here is a picture of the American flag, Old Glory, as she was run to the top of the pole in the American section of Olympic Village which houses 'Uncle Sam's' champion athletes to the world's greatest sport festival.

Bellboy Confesses Brutal Slaying Of Girl At Asheville

Ashville, Aug. 10—The mysterious hotel murder of Helen Cleveger, young vacationing co-ed, was solved yesterday, Sheriff Lawrence Brown said, with the arrest and confession of Martin Moore, 22, a negro hotel boy.

Moore, after hours of grilling, made a signed statement that he crept into the girl's room at the fashionable Battery Park hotel the night of July 15, bent upon robbery, and brutally slew her when she cried out and he became panicky.

The Negro youth said he did not expect to find the New York University student in her room, since the door was unlocked, "but when I got in there she screamed, and that's why I shot her." "She screamed some more", he added, "and started to run out. I struck her with the gun. When she fell on the floor I struck her several times more to stop her screaming, as I was scared, did not want to be caught."

The arrest and confession of the hotel employee ended a three weeks investigation of a crime which had baffled authorities at every turn and led to the detention and subsequent release of eight persons.

The last of these was released this afternoon after Moore made his confession was Daniel H. Gaddy, 28 year old hotel night watchman, who has been detained for questioning almost since the crime.

Previously Sheriff Brown, the chief investigator in the case, had regarded Gaddy as the "key to the whole mystery" and said that "when Gaddy gets ready to talk, we'll break this case wide open."

Sunday he released the night watchman and said he was "completely exonerated." The pajama clad body of the 18 year old student was found in her second floor room at 8 a. m. July 6, by her uncle, Professor W. L. Cleveger, of N. C. State College, with whom she was traveling.

A bullet had pierced her heart and lodged in her back and her face had been mutilated by a severe battering with some heavy instrument. Her legs were thrown under her body, and officers said the position indicated that she was on her knees pleading for her life when she was slain.

Moore was arrested Saturday night on the tip of Banks Taylor, Negro pantry boy at the hotel who had been secretly detained since Thursday night for questioning. Moore, the sheriff said, was questioned all night before a confession was wrung from him.

Although many mysterious clues turned up during the long investigation, Sheriff Brown said that it was the pantry boy's tip and the bullet taken from the girl's body that made possible a solution.

Brown said that Taylor told him that hall boy had recently come into possession of a pistol. The sheriff took Taylor to Moore's home and confronted him with the story. Moore, at first, he said, denied.

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Two Negroes Killed, Two Badly Hurt In Wreck

Two negroes were instantly killed, two others were seriously injured and another received a slight cut on his head last Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock when the Ford V-8 they were riding towards Warrenton left the highway on a slight curve on the Warrenton-Warren Plains Road and crashed head-long into a tree a short distance north of the Warrenton Box and Lumber Company.

The force of the impact brought immediate death to Henry Johnson and Peter Davis and serious injuries to James Sommerville and Gaston Davis. Herman Coleman, the fifth occupant of the car, was bruised and received a slight cut about the head but his injuries were not of a serious nature. Sommerville was reported to have died while on the way to a hospital in Henderson but this report was later found to be erroneous and it is thought that he will recover. Gaston Davis received a broken jawbone and internal injuries but he is reported to be getting along very well in a Rocky Mount Hospital where he was carried after being placed in jail here.

Reckless driving, believed to have been brought on by whiskey, is credited with causing the accident.

The car in which the five negroes backed into another automobile only a few minutes before the wreck occurred, and when officers reached the scene of the accident they found a pint of bootleg whiskey in the Ford containing the dead and injured negroes. They were neither passing nor meeting a car, wagon nor truck when their vehicle left the highway, traveling at a speed estimated to be between 50 and 60 miles an hour, and crashed into the tree.

Gaston Davis, who was operating the automobile, and Coleman were taken from the scene of the wreck and placed in the county jail, but Davis was later released under a \$500 bond to be carried to the hospital. There was no charge against Coleman and he has been released from jail.

All the negroes, except Sommerville, lived at and around Warren Plains. Sommerville lived in Warrenton and was night watchman for the Warrenton Railroad Co. The death of the two negroes Friday afternoon makes a total of 17 persons who have been killed in automobile accidents in this county since the first of the year.

Revival Services At Vaughan Church

The meeting of the Vaughan Methodist Protestant Church started on August 2nd with a joint service of Baptist and Methodist congregations. Rev. Joe Roach conducted the services of the evening.

The pastor of the M. P. church, Dr. T. N. Johnson, was assisted by the Rev. Leo Pittard of Greensboro. Services were held each evening at 8 o'clock. Thursday afternoon there was a special service for the young boys and girls. The discussion for the afternoon was based on "Relationship Between Boys and Girls."

On Friday evening, Mary Elizabeth Adams, talented four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Adams of Vaughan, sang the solo part of "At the Cross," while the junior choir joined in on the chorus. A duet, "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," was sung by Mrs. Will Fishel and daughter, Margaret.

The Rev. Mr. Pittard closed his service Friday evening with the old hymn, "Best Be the Tide That Binds."

Commenting on the services, one of the members of the church stated, "We are very happy to be honored by having Rev. Leo Pittard to hold our revival for two years in succession, and we appreciate the part that both denominations took throughout the week."

NO SERVICES SUNDAY

There will be no services in the Presbyterian churches at Warrenton and Littleton or at Gruver Memorial church on the third or fourth Sundays due to the absence of the minister. The Rev. C. R. Jenkins, pastor of these three churches, will be away for two weeks visiting at his father's home in Charleston, S. C. Services are to be resumed on the fifth Sunday.

Mrs. R. B. Boyd of Oxford was a week end visitor here.

WARREN SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 9

Date Nine Days Earlier Than
Last Year; Negro Schools
Opened Monday

TO STOP FOR PICKING

The John Graham High School and other white schools of the Warren county school system will open on Wednesday, September 9, it was learned yesterday from Supt. J. Edward Allen. The date set for the beginning the 1936-37 session is nine days earlier than last year when the opening was postponed until September 18 on account of the prevalence of infantile paralysis in this section and throughout the state.

Thirty-nine of the negro schools—all of them except Wise Training School, the Hawkins High School and the Norlina School—opened last Monday, but they will close down for a brief period when cotton picking time arrives in order that the students may help their families with farm work.

Incensed Negro Is Charged With Ruining Tobacco

James Johnson, negro, who is alleged to have pulled up from 400 to 500 hills of tobacco on the farm of L. O. Reavis of Manson Saturday night because he was mad with his employer for not buying him a pair of shoes, was given a hearing in Recorder's Court on Monday and bound over to Superior Court by Judge Taylor on a charge of destroying the crop of another.

The case was not gone into fully in Recorder's Court due to the fact that brief evidence disclosed that the charge was of a felonious nature and beyond the jurisdiction of Judge Taylor, but according to the story told outside of the courtroom, Johnson, a Humber, S. C. negro, had worked for Mr. Reavis for two days when he asked him to advance him money to purchase a new pair of shoes. Mr. Reavis' refusal, it was said, led Johnson to take his revenge out on his employer by destroying his tobacco crop.

The negro was placed under arrest Sunday after bloodhounds of R. I. Burroughs, Dabney township constable, Vance county, had been used to bring about his capture.

Permitting her 14-year-old son to operate the family car while she sat by his side was responsible for Mrs. Stephen Bowen being brought before Judge Taylor to face trial on a charge of permitting a minor to operate a motor vehicle. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Judgment was also suspended in the case of the state against Macon Moore Jr., who was arrested on a charge of operating a car on the public highway with a straight exhaust and without a muffler. He was taxed with the costs.

John Carter, charged with driving while under the influence of whiskey, was found guilty and fined \$50.00 and taxed with the costs. He also had his driving license revoked for two years.

Having concealed about his person a pair of home-made wooden knucks was responsible for C. N. McClellon, negro, being arraigned before Judge Taylor to face a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. The negro pled guilty to the charge but according to Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, the only witness to testify in the case, he claimed at the time of his arrest he did not know it was unlawful to have them. The statute states that it is unlawful to have brass, iron or pewter knucks but makes no reference to wooden knucks, it was said. Judge Taylor took the position that the only purpose for having the knucks would be to use them as a weapon and fined McClellon \$10.00 and court costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs in the case against Richard Drake, negro. He was charged with assault on a female.

Eddie Hicks, negro, charged with (Continued on page 8)

RETURN FROM COAST

James Polk and Henry Hunter Fitts returned Sunday from an automobile trip through the western states to the Pacific coast. They were gone from Warrenton six weeks on their trip.

Who Wants Dimples?



ROCHESTER, N. Y. . . . Isabella Gilbert (above), demonstrates the dimple producing gadget which she invented and will exhibit at the National Inventors' Congress, at Springfield, Mass., early in September. Knobs press into the cheeks to imprint dimples.

Nurse To Give Smallpox Vaccine To School Children

Mrs. Joseph S. Jones, county nurse, was instructed by the Warren County Health Board, in session on Wednesday, to give the smallpox vaccination to children who are to enter school for the first time this year. It is presumed that she will be at her office in Warrenton on certain days to give the treatment and on other days she will be in various sections of the county immunizing the children. She was working in the county yesterday and could not be reached for details of the campaign.

The health board meeting on Tuesday was attended by W. H. Burroughs, chairman, Wm. T. Polk, County Supl., J. Edward Allen, Dr. C. H. Peete, Dr. G. H. Macon, Dr. Rufus Jones, and Joseph C. Powell, secretary. The meeting was called by Dr. Macon, county health officer.

Highway Group Has 'Cue-Stew'

Members of the highway force and especially invited guests from Warrenton, Henderson and Brunswick attended a barbecue and luncheon given at Weldon's pond by the highway forces of Warren, Franklin and Vance counties on Wednesday afternoon. There were around 80 persons present for the occasion. Short talks were made by Wm. T. Polk, Judge T. O. Rodwell, Oscar Pitts, director of the state highway prison system, and L. G. Whitley, assistant director.

MRS. HINSON HOSTESS

Mrs. O. I. Hinson was hostess to members of the Young Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist Church on Tuesday night. Miss Margaret Hunter, president, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Hinson gave an extra chapter of the recipe book of helpful hints and correct recipes which was the feature of the evening. Delicious refreshments demonstrating some of the recipes were served. Miss Ellie Ford Hinson assisted in serving. Those present were Mesdames Macey Pridgen, J. C. Powell, Margaret Barnes, W. A. Graham of Kingston, J. E. Allen, W. H. Wesson, A. J. Ellington, John Rodgers, Paul Welch, Mark Perry, Virginia Pearsall, J. A. Dameron, Timothy Thompson, Misses Louise Allen, Edith Brocm of Fayetteville, Margaret Hunter, Lucy and Edith Burwell, Zenobia Lancaster, Elizabeth Rooker and Mariam Boyd.

PHILATHEA CLASS MEETS

Mesdames Ruth Baird, John Tarwater, and Miss Annie Belle McCraw were joint hostesses to the V. L. Pendleton Philathea Class in the home of Mrs. J. E. Rooker on Tuesday night. The program on "Our Association" was given by the president, Mrs. Robert Bright. Each member present answered to the roll call with a Bible verse. The following were appointed to serve on the nominating committee: Mesdames A. C. Blalock, A. D. Harris and Ruth Baird. Several amusing stunts were put on by the stunt committee. Those present other than the hostesses were Mesdames Bob Bright, A. C. Blalock, A. D. Harris, B. P. Terrell, H. P. Reid, Elgin Lovell, W. L. Wood, E. R. Wood, L. O. Robertson, P. W. Cooper, Early Shearin, Raymond Modlin and guest, Mrs. Morrisette of Richmond, Herman Riggan, William Fleming, Misses Mamie Gardner and Ann Rodgers.

H. McRary Jones Dies In Canada Result Pneumonia

Hamilton McRary Jones, Warren county boy who rose in the field of electrical engineering to the general management of the International Power Company of Canada, died in a hospital at Montreal, Canada, on Wednesday morning at 5:30 o'clock. His death came from pneumonia which developed following an attack of influenza which carried him to his bed about a week ago.

Before being made general manager of the Canadian utility, Mr. Jones, who was graduated from the University of North Carolina in Electrical Engineering, was connected with Westinghouse Electric Company for about 20 years. His home for the past eight or nine years has been at Montreal, but several months of each year were spent in foreign countries.

The body will arrive at Norlina on the 6:58 train tonight and funeral services will be conducted from Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The eldest son of Mrs. Adel Jones of Warrenton and the late George Jones, he was born in Warren county, in the Afton-Eberon neighborhood, in August, 1883, and had lived until the 20th of this month he would have been 54 years of age. His early boyhood days were spent at his country home and with relatives in Wilmington.

In 1912, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Helen Baker of Denver, Colorado, daughter of the president of the University of Colorado.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two brothers, Ernest Jones of Evanston, Ill., and George Herbert Jones of Burlington; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Dameron of Warrenton and Miss Rowe Jones of Warrenton.

News of Mr. Jones' serious illness was received here on Monday and Mrs. Dameron was on her way to his bedside when he succumbed a few hours before she arrived at Montreal.

Mr. Jones will be buried here but funeral arrangements had not been completed last night.

Mrs. Pridgen To Run Richmond Store

Mrs. Macey Pridgen, who for several years has operated the Style Shop at Warrenton, left on Monday for Richmond where she has gone into the grocery business. Her husband and one of her sons, Sam Pinnell, are with her in Richmond at present, but Mr. Pridgen, who operates a pool room here, is expected to return to Warrenton in a few days. Their future plans are not known. The Style Shop is being operated at present by Mrs. Joseph Powell, but it is thought that this ladies' establishment will be sold at a later date.

Littleton Board Holds Meeting

Littleton, Aug. 13—The Board of Commissioners of Littleton met in regular session on Monday night, August 10. At this time the tax collector, J. W. Harvey, was ordered to advertise for sale all real estate on which the 1935 taxes have not yet been paid, the sale to take place on the second Monday in September.

Twenty-five dollars was donated to the Littleton Fire Department to defray the expenses of delegates to the Firemen's Convention held in Raleigh this week.

The time for the adoption of the budget was extended to the next regular meeting in September.

The water committee, composed of J. R. Wollett and A. J. May, was directed to buy and have installed a new pumping outfit for the town's water supply. A number of accounts were ordered paid.

BUY SODA SHOP

The Warren Soda Shop, located next to the Warren Theatre and formerly operated by Butler Brown of Roanoke Rapids, has been bought by Jeff and Charles Lee Terrell and now is being operated under the management of Mr. Charles Lee Terrell. Mr. Jeff Terrell will remain for the present at Henderson where he holds a position with a soda shop.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Burkette and Mr. John Buxton Williams spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. J. E. Williams.

HIGHER PRICES ON BORDER BELT

Market Towns In Carolinas
Packed With Heavy Offering On Opening Day

GROWERS ARE PLEASED

Raleigh, Aug. 13—Bright leaf growers of the Carolinas "border belt" generally were pleased at opening prices on the 21 markets Thursday, reports from over the belt indicated.

From many markets came reports opening sales were bringing better average prices than at last year's opening and others said better grades were holding their own against 1935 prices.

With thousands of growers and auction season followers swarming about the warehouses, elaborate ceremonies marked the launching of sales at some markets and a carnival spirit prevailed. Others plunged directly into the business of selling.

At Fairmont, with one of the largest crowds on hand for the opening sales since the market was established, the first 60 piles, weighing 5,056 pounds, brought an average price of \$23.70 a hundred.

Opening prices ranged from \$2 to \$44, with smoking tobacco prices higher than last year. Reports said the quality of the first offerings was poor. An average of around \$23 or above for the day was indicated, compared with \$21.64 at last year's opening sales.

Seven warehouses at Lumberton, reported 800,000 pounds on their floors, with common grades predominating. Prices ranged were \$3 to \$18 a hundred for common, \$25 to \$42 for smokers, and \$50 to \$60 for fancy grades. Average for the first 10 piles sold was \$33.40. Bob Rankin, sales supervisor, estimated the average for the day would be \$5 higher than last year.

The Clarkton market opened with heavy sales, estimates forecasting sale of 150,000 pounds during the day. Highest prices were 40 cents a pound, with an average of 25 and 30 cents prevailing.

No tags were turned during the morning. Reports from the Chadbourne, Fair Bluff and Tabor City markets said better grades were showing strength over last year's opening offering while poor and common breaks were weaker. First offerings were of good color but light weight because of early drought conditions.

The largest opening day offerings in the history of the market, between 800,000 and 1,000,000 pounds, were reported from Whiteville, where the first row sold brought an average of \$25.85 a hundred. Walter E. Pierce, sales supervisor, estimated the day's sales would exceed 500,000 pounds. Highest prices were 75 to 85 cents a pound. Farmers appeared pleased and few tags were turned.

The Mullins, S. C., market opened its auctioning at 9 a. m. with more than 1,500,000 pounds of the golden leaf on the floors of the eight large warehouses there. Prices for the first two hours averaged 30 cents a pound. Opening bids ran from \$5 to \$60 a hundredweight.

Dillon, S. C., warehouses were jammed with an estimated 300,000 pounds for the first sales. Pile prices were low, with first bids ranging from \$5 to \$45 a hundredweight. Officials estimated upon the basis of early sales the day's average would amount to \$23 to \$25 a hundredweight.

ON BORDER MARKETS

Warrenton tobacco buyers, two of them accompanied by their wives, left this week for the South Carolina tobacco market which opened on Thursday. M. C. McGuire is on the Whiteville market and Weldon Hall, Frank Newell and John Tarwater are on the Loris market. Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Newell accompanied their husbands.

GIVES RECITAL

Miss Alice Vaiden Williams of New York gave an organ recital at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Saturday night.

Mrs. J. E. Adams and little son, Jimmy, are visiting in Cape Charles, Va.

Mr. Wilkins Lewis Jr. of Jackson was a guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Williams, this week.

Miss Edith Broom of Fayetteville is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Allen.