

## RODWELL GIVES ROAD SENTENCE

Resumes Position On Bench At Afternoon Session; Hears Pierce Case

### SWORN IN ON MONDAY

"Two years on the roads" was the first sentence Judge T. O. Rodwell passed out on Monday afternoon when he assumed his duties as judge of Warren county Recorder's court as successor to Judge W. W. Taylor, whose formal announced resignation several months ago became effective this week.

Judge Rodwell, who resigned as Recorder in 1931 to go to the Senate from this county after presiding over the court for 15 consecutive years, meted out this punishment to James Pierce, young white man of near the Box Mill, who with Earl McDonald, smashed the show window of the Pipkin Jewelry Store here several weeks ago in order to get into prison to be treated for a social disease. McDonald was tried the latter part of November by Judge Taylor and given two years on the roads.

The morning session of the court was presided over by W. W. Taylor, who pinched-hit for his father due to illness of the Judge. This was the second Monday that young Taylor had handled the gavel for his father on account of Judge Taylor being indisposed.

Judge Taylor is the only man to have been Recorder of the county court with the exception of Judge Rodwell since the court was established in this county around 20 years ago. In the bill setting up such a court for this county, Mr. Rodwell was appointed judge and he held this place, having been elected every two years, until 1931, when he resigned to go to the Senate. "I was quite a young man when I was appointed judge—probably too young to fill the place," Judge Rodwell, speaking in a light vein, commented this week when asked how long he held the place. He was sworn into office Monday at noon by Clerk of Court William Newell and reclaimed his place on the bench in the afternoon.

## Lions To Sponsor Dance; Appeal For Discarded Toys

Seeking to provide entertainment here during the yuletide season and to bring joy to the hearts of some of the less fortunate, the Lions Club at their meeting in the basement of the John Graham school on Friday night agreed to sponsor a dance here during the holidays, to collect toys for children and to distribute a few baskets among the poor of the county.

The dance is to be given in the armory here on Tuesday night, December 29, from the hours of 10 to 1. Music for the entertainment will be furnished by Freddie Johnson's orchestra, which hails from the University of North Carolina, and there will be special favors and a well decorated hall. The dance committee is composed of John Mitchell, chm., Duke Jones and Perry Boyd. This committee has issued special invitations to members of the Lions Clubs in nearby towns to be present and will within the next few days advertise the dance by cards and posters in the surrounding territory. The dance is a script affair and not confined to members of Lions Clubs.

The Lions are appealing to all citizens of the town and county to gather from their closets, attics and basements toys which have been discarded and turn them over to school children, or a Lion, in order (Continued on Page 6)

## Garden Club To Sponsor Contest

The Warrenton Garden Club is sponsoring a contest for the best home decorations for the Christmas season. This is being done, a member of the club stated, to promote interest in making the town more beautiful, and its citizens more civic minded.

Every family of Warrenton is urged to participate in the contest. It is not necessary to be a member of the Garden Club to enter. The Carolina Power & Light Co. will give an indirect floor lamp as a prize for the most attractive decorations. Individuality is stressed. All decorations must be completed and ready for the judges' decision by Wednesday, December 23, at 5 p. m. Garden Club members from other town will serve as judges.

## Town Board Votes To Spend \$2,000 For Repairing And Equipping Hotel Warren; To Submit Zoning Plan

The sum of \$2,000 was appropriated by the Board of Town Commissioners in regular meeting here on Monday night for the purpose of making necessary repairs to and buying needed supplies for Hotel Warren, town-owned hostelry.

The board voted to make the donation after John G. Mitchell, chairman of the Hotel Committee, placed before the board requests for supplies made by T. J. McCarthy, new manager. While the estimate by the new manager called for an outlay of nearly \$3,000, after discussion and going over the items, the board expressed the sentiment that absolutely necessary supplies could be furnished for less than this sum, and other recommendations could wait upon earnings of the Hotel or until the treasury was in better financial shape.

A. A. Williams was appointed by the board to assist Mr. McCarthy in making needed purchases and supervise the spending of the town's money. He will be assisted in this undertaking by members of the Hotel committee. Members of the board who have visited the hotel since Mr. McCarthy assumed management expressed their gratification at improvements already made under his direction.

Mayor Polk read to the board the recommendations of the Plan-

ning Board, recently appointed, in regard to zoning the town. The Planning Board, divided over the issue of the erection of a service station on the Harrison Taylor corner, but recommended that such building be allowed under the condition that Standard Oil Company representatives would erect a building creditable to the town. Mr. Atkins, district manager of the Standard Oil Co., present with John Bell, local distributor, stated that he believed that this phase offered no difficulty and agreed to work with C. A. Tucker, chairman of the Planning Board, also present, with this idea in view.

The City Fathers ordered that two public hearings be held upon the recommendations of the Planning Board, as required by the law establishing such boards, due notice of such meetings to be given in the town newspaper. The Town Board, in which final authority rests, will take no action upon this matter until the public hearings are completed.

H. A. Moseley, manager of the Warrenton Grocery Co., appeared before the board requesting that a quit claim be given his company on a clause covering two lots now owned by the company to be deeded to Mrs. W. H. Dameron for the purpose of erecting a picture house thereon. The clause in question

## Board Transacts Several Business Items On Monday

In addition to taking oath of office, reorganizing themselves, appointing other county officials and hearing a delegation which came before them and secured an appropriation of \$8,000 for a new school building here, the Board of County Commissioners in their regular session on Monday transacted the following business:

On motion by Com. Capps, seconded by Com. Wall, it was ordered that the Citizens Bank of Warrenton be designated as a depository for all of Warren county funds. As a protection to the county the bank has put up \$30,000 in U. S. Government Bonds.

It was ordered that \$10.00 be appropriated for the State Association of County Commissioners.

The following bonds of officials were presented to the board and ordered subject to the approval of the county attorney as to form: T. B. Gardner, auditor; Joseph C. Powell, register of deeds, and W. J. Pinnell, sheriff.

Chairman Burroughs appointed Commissioners Powell and Capps to (Continued on page 12)

## Welfare Officer Lists Opportunities

Prefixing her appeal with a piece of poetry by Edwin Markham, Mrs. Lucy Leach, county welfare officer, this week lists seven cases under the heading of Christmas Opportunities and asks that the public again manifest its customary generosity by bringing Christmas cheer to the homes of these people. The poetry and her list follow:

**TIRED OF GIVING?**  
(Edwin Markham)  
"Go break to the hungry sweet Charity's bread,  
For giving is living," the Angel said.  
"Must I be giving again and again?"  
The weary, wondering question came.  
"No," said the Angel, piercing me through,  
"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

1. Colored woman, whose husband is on the roads, needs food, fruit and clothing for two children—one two years old and the other 6 months old.
2. Widow, white, would appreciate something for two girls—one 16 and the other 14.
3. Widow, white, would like something for four boys—ages 13, 11, 9, 7.
4. Invalid white woman would appreciate fruit or anything suitable for an invalid to eat.
5. White family with five children—ages 6 months, 3, 5, 6 and 9 years old—would appreciate fruit, candy or toys. All the children except the baby are girls.
6. Woman with cancer needs money every week with which to buy morphine.
7. Invalid needs money every week with which to buy insulin.

## Mrs. Arrington Makes Report To State Art Society

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—William T. Polk, 40-year-old Warrenton lawyer, mayor, and literary man, looked at his native North Carolina critically here last night and wanted to know where "the blueprints" were for the edifice of a new State forseen 40 years ago by its prophets.

"I sympathize with Aaron, who had to weed and hoe the Promised Land," he told the opening session of the 36th annual convention of the State Literary and Historical Association.

He sympathized, too, with a State "whose favorite reading was the speedometer."

Polk's address on "North Carolina Prophets and the 20th Century" preceded Dr. Alex M. Arnett's scholarly lecture on Claude Kitchin, majority leader in the House during the World War, as "the man who kept Woodrow Wilson out of war." Dr. Arnett, professor of history at the Woman's College, spoke in place of Thomas Wolfe, novelist, who found himself unable to appear here.

Polk, president of the association, honored the State's prophets—Ed-

## Mrs. Oscar Davis Dies In Canada

Funeral services for Mrs. Oscar H. Davis of Toronto, Canada, were held at Hamilton, Canada, her old home, on Monday afternoon. She died on Sunday morning after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Davis was before marriage Miss Bertha Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Webster of Hamilton, Canada, and was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Whit Williams, Miss Estelle Davis and Oscar Davis of Warrenton and Mrs. R. E. Williams of Inez.

She is survived by her husband, a native of this county, and two children, Miss Dorothy Davis and Webster Davis, all of Toronto, Canada.

## Benjamin F. Long Buried At Macon

Funeral services for Benjamin Franklin Long, who died at the home of his nephew, C. F. Newell and wife, on Saturday, were held at the residence on Sunday. Burial took place in the old Brame cemetery near Macon.

Mr. Long, a well known citizen of this county, was 57 years of age when he succumbed to a heart attack which he suffered while sitting on a bed in the home of his nephew. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and was a bachelor.

**TO PRESENT OPERETTA**  
A Christmas operetta, "Which, Santa Claus or Mother Goose?", will be presented by the primary grades in the auditorium of the John Graham School, Wednesday night, December 23, at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

## CUTTING SCRAPE AIRED IN COURT

Knife Used In Fight Between Brothers-in-Law At Norlina Following Dispute

### LENZ CASE NON-SUITED

Inclement weather which prevented outdoor work and a large docket which carried the names of several white persons charged with fighting and gambling were responsible for bringing a crowd into the Temple of Justice on Monday which gave the court room the appearance of a Superior court session.

Chief interest in this week's court centered around the trial of R. E. Lenz of Danville, Va., charged with assault as a result of an altercation he and E. B. Harris of near Macon had at Norlina on Sunday afternoon, November 29, when Mr. Harris went there to meet his wife who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lenz, in Danville for two weeks.

Mrs. Harris was expected to return Sunday afternoon by bus and had written her husband to meet her at South Hill, Va. Arriving in the Virginia town and failing to find her husband there, she accepted the offer of Mr. and Mrs. Lenz to bring her to Norlina. When Mrs. Harris reached Norlina she saw her husband who had driven there with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harris, and called to him. As he came over to the car and started removing his wife's packages, Mr. Lenz remarked, "You should have brought a truck or trailer to take your wife's trashy bundles," and a fight started which terminated with Mr. Lenz being cut in the back three times with a knife in the hand of Mr. Harris.

When the two men separated, or as Mr. J. J. Harris, who stepped between them expressed it, "flung themselves apart," E. B. Harris had a black eye and Mr. Lenz had three cuts in his back which necessitated (Continued on page 12)

## Flaming Airplane Landed Here By Major Connell

The spectacular conduct of a native son in bringing his flaming airship to a safe landing on the government field here several weeks ago was not known here, except to a few people, until the following clipping appeared in a Richmond newspaper:

Langley Field, Va., Nov. 20.—With one engine of his twin-motored bomber in flames, Major S. M. Connell of Mitchell Field, N. Y., stayed with the controls and brought the big airship to a safe landing at Warrenton, N. C., it was learned here today.

His radio operator, Private Zenke, of the air force, leaped to safety in a parachute from the plane.

The two of them were over Littleton, N. C., on a short cruise when the right engine of the bomber caught fire. Major Connell, who was in command of the Mitchell Field squadron that participated in joint Army-Navy maneuvers off the Virginia capes several weeks ago, immediately cut off the engine.

The gasoline continued to run and for a time it appeared the wing fabric would burn and throw the ship out of control. But the fire went out as the officer-pilot glided to a safe landing on the Warrenton Field.

### FEW DETAILS KNOWN BY CONNELL RELATIVES HERE

The clipping was brought to this newspaper office yesterday by E. A. Skillman and inquiries among Major Connell's relatives brought forth the information that he was here several weeks ago but few details of his forced landing could be learned. He visited his parents for a short time while in this county.

Major Connell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Connell of near Warrenton. He has the distinction of being the first pilot to ever land a plane in this county, having flown his ship here shortly after the war on a visit to his parents. Practically every citizen of the county who could travel visited the field near his home at that time and saw their first airship.

**WINS IN CONTEST**  
Sallie Bell Barnes, negress, of the Pine Grove school, led her competitors in a hog growing contest sponsored by C. S. Wynn, negro county agent. Her hog weighed 400 pounds at the age of 13 months.

Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington was a visitor in Wilmington this week.

## Attends Session



T. H. AYCOCK who departed Thursday for Raleigh to attend the special session of the legislature.

## T. H. Aycock Attending Special Session Assembly

T. Haywood Aycock, Warren county's representative in the General Assembly, departed Thursday for Raleigh to attend the special session of the legislature called by Governor Ehringhaus for the purpose of passing a state unemployment insurance act that will meet with the approval of the Federal Social Security Board.

The governor, who had been under pressure for some time to call the special session in order that this state might not run the risk of losing approximately \$2,500,000 which the working people of this state are entitled to under the provisions of the Federal Act, fell in line with the policy of other states (Continued on page 12)

## State Problems Discussed By Polk At Society Meeting

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—Members of the North Carolina Art Society brought their 10th annual convention to a close here Wednesday with the election of a board of directors.

The board will meet in the office of Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell Saturday at 12 o'clock for the election of officers for next year.

The board members elected today follow: Dr. Clarence Poe, Raleigh; William T. Polk, Warrenton; Miss Elizabeth Dortch, Raleigh; Jonathan Daniels, Raleigh; Mrs. James McLean, Raleigh; Mrs. Louis C. Burwell, Charlotte; Mrs. Henry M. London, Raleigh, and Mrs. Charles Cannon, Concord.

The society members heard their officers for the past year make their reports, and moved to adopt a suggestion of Charles Tucker of Warrenton, a district director, to encourage the appreciation of art by the town libraries working in conjunction with the schools.

The convention got underway Tuesday afternoon, and that night heard Mrs. Katherine Pendleton Arrington of Warrenton, president, (Continued on Page 6)

## Flames Destroy Manson Buildings

The Manson Cash Store, in which was located the post office, an adjacent building and a grist mill which stood nearby were completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin on Thursday morning around 4 o'clock.

The stock of goods in the store was said to have carried a value of around \$4,000 but an estimate of the complete loss as a result of the fire could not be obtained here. Nor could it be learned whether the buildings were protected by insurance.

All of Wednesday night's mail was eaten up by the flames which were discovered during the early hours of the morning by Willard Robertson and Thomas Paschall, store clerks who sleep in an upstairs room of the Cash Store. They were awakened by cracking flames but escaped without injury.

The Cash Store was said to be the property of Mrs. John Dowling and was managed by Albert Paschall. The store adjacent to the Cash Store was reported to belong to a Mrs. Dill, and the grist mill was operated by Lee Hamlet.

## W. H. Burroughs Again Chairman Of County Board

William H. Burroughs was re-appointed chairman of the Board of County Commissioners Monday afternoon after which the county governing body re-appointed all former office-holders of the county who are not elected by the people. There was no opposition to any of the men who had held office for the past two years.

The naming of a chairman and the appointment of an auditor, solicitor, county attorney, janitor, etc., took place after the newly elected officials were sworn into office by Clerk of Court William Newell.

While all the officials elected by the people were required to take an oath, the only two new men to go into office on Monday were T. O. Rodwell, judge of Recorder's court, and Sam D. King of Littleton, a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

Following is the list of those who were elected in the election on November 3 and those who were appointed by the board on Monday:

Sheriff W. J. Pinnell of Sandy Creek, Register of Deeds Joseph C. Powell of Warrenton, Judge of Recorder's Court T. O. Rodwell of Warrenton, Solicitor to Recorder's Court Joseph P. Pippin of Judds, County Auditor T. B. Gardner of Warrenton, County Attorney J. E. Banzet Jr. of Warrenton, County Commissioners W. H. Burroughs of Warrenton, John Clay Powell of Fork, R. L. Capps of Fishing Creek, Sam D. King of River and Henry Wall of Roanoke; Coroner Jasper Shearin of Sixpound and Constables Fate Weaver of Warrenton and Henry Haithcock of Sixpound.

## Jurors Are Drawn For January Term Superior Court

Jurors drawn on Monday by the Board of County Commissioners to serve at the January term of Warrenton county Superior court were as follows:

First week—John A. Conn, June Peoples, Claude Paynter, Robert Lynch, J. E. Frazier Sr., Julian Alston, H. W. Rodwell, Hugh E. Hight, Sam P. Cheek, George L. Bender, Kearney Peoples, J. H. Newsom, J. H. Duke, A. L. Nicholson, J. C. Brauer, W. B. Brack, C. C. Perkins, Dennis A. Rose, Robert O'Neal, H. W. White, R. L. Powell, J. A. Kimball, T. R. Walker Jr., J. A. Cheek, R. G. Norwood, Guy Overby, Leon King, J. Wm. Limer, C. K. Saddle, F. T. Read, F. B. Newell Sr., R. J. Stewart, R. G. Harris, M. T. Harris, A. O. Evans, W. H. Felts.

Second week—J. Van King, N. M. Thornton, Otis E. Capps, R. B. Whitby, S. J. Satterwhite, J. Boyd Davis, C. P. Pope, Ed Faulk Alston, A. L. Fleming, W. D. Bolton, Ben F. Stansbury, Bryant Ayscue, Whit Shearin, M. K. Aycock, Henry H. Jones, Edgar Jones, Vernon Mabry, Bignall S. Jones.

## Charles M. White Dies At Drewry

Drewry, Dec. 10.—At Holly Hill, the ancestral home of the White family at Drewry, Charles Mayfield White died suddenly at 7:30 o'clock Friday morning, December 4, at the age of 76.

He was a native of Vance county, having been born March 3, 1860, in the Drewry community which was then a part of Warren county.

He was the son of the late Captain William Wallace White and Mrs. White, who was before her marriage, Miss Panthea Burwell Boyd.

In 1899 he married Miss Sallie Daniel Boyd who preceded him to the grave many years ago, having died December 18, 1907. To this union were born two sons, Charles Mayfield White Jr., Drainage Control Engineer with the State Board of Health, and William Wallace White, State Senator from the 14th Senatorial District, both of Manson, and a daughter, Mrs. Fuller McDuffie of Biscoe. He is also survived by a grandson, Charles Mayfield White III, one brother, Henry B. White, and a sister, Miss Nena White of Drewry.

Besides his immediate family, Mr. White is survived by a large number of relatives and friends whose esteem was shown in the many beautiful floral designs and the large attendance of those who gathered to pay their last tribute.

For a half century, Mr. White was a merchant and farmer in his community and highly respected as a (Continued on page 12)

## BOARD VOTES TO ADD TO SCHOOL

Commissioners Agree To Appropriate \$8,000 For Addition At John Graham

### EXPECT AID FROM WPA

Faced by a large delegation from the Lions Club and other interested citizens who are back of the project, the Board of County Commissioners on Monday afternoon agreed to appropriate \$8,000 to be used towards the construction of a proposed \$20,000 school building here to take care of the present over-flow of students at the John Graham high school. The other money is expected to be provided by the WPA.

The action of the board Monday in making this money available on the condition that the WPA will put up a school building here at an approximate cost of \$20,000 without any additional expense to the county was in line with a promise made several months ago by the commissioners to the trustees of the Warrenton Graded and High School and other citizens interested in providing adequate space at the local school to take care of the students. The board said in effect at that time: "See here, we will appropriate \$8,000 for a school building as an addition to the John Graham school and you can construct any kind of building you please, but don't come back to us looking for any more money if the WPA fails to carry through the project."

Since the time of that promise the school folks have been stirring their stumps to work out some acceptable WPA project whereby an additional building could be erected here at no greater cost to the county than the \$8,000 and as one of the first steps towards this goal an option was acquired on a piece of property near the present building belonging to Mrs. John Graham, at a purchase price of \$2,000.

After the project had been put Bowers, president of the Warrenton before the board Monday by C. T. ton Lions Club, and others had added words of endorsement and recommendations, the commissioners agreed to appropriate \$2,000 at (Continued on page 10)

## Would Welcome Former King To Warrenton Hotel

Warrenton manifested its hospitality and placed its bid for royalty this week when the new management of Hotel Warren made it known that he would be glad to provide a suite of rooms and free meals indefinitely to former King Edward VIII who abdicated the English throne Thursday in order to marry the light of his love, Wallis Simpson, Baltimore beauty who captivated his heart and set the entire world agog as he strove to retain both his title and two-times divorced fiancée in the face of an unyielding British Cabinet which demanded that he give up the throne to his brother, the Duke of York, or Mrs. Simpson. He chose the woman and made known his decision yesterday.

The hotel's offer to have the former King as its guest was made in all sincerity but with no thought of Edward VIII ever coming to Warrenton or learning of the invitation. It was made, as has been the case in several other places of this state where offers somewhat similar have been made, as a gesture to show that whatever may be the reaction of the people of England to his problem and to his final decision, that a warm welcome awaits him here.

But if the former Crown Prince (Continued on page 10)

## Asks For Gifts On Macon's Birthday

Thursday, December 17, is Nathaniel Macon's birthday, and Miss Amma D. Graham, president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and J. Edward Allen, superintendent of Warren schools, are asking school children to bring a free will offering to their schools on this day for the purpose of completing the work of restoring the Macon home place near Vaughan.

The money brought by the children will be turned over to their teachers, collected from them by the principals and turned over to Miss Graham who has been largely instrumental in the work of restoration that has been going on for several years.