

## G. JURY ORDERS JAIL REPAIRED

Tells Register of Deeds More Dignity Needed In Conducting His Office

### REPORT READ IN COURT

The Warren county jail, which has been condemned by several Grand Juries as "inadequate, unsanitary and unsafe," was again given a black mark during this term of court when another Grand Jury reported that these conditions have not been remedied and made recommendations that improvements be made at once.

The report, which was completed in an unusually short time and showed that a thorough investigation had been made into the affairs of the county, also called on the Register of Deeds to conduct his office with more dignity, pointed out that two magistrates had not filed their reports, and recommended that a new school bus be purchased in the event one in use at present cannot be properly repaired.

After the report had been tendered to Judge Grady for his inspection Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, the jurist remarked: "I think the public should know of these findings and recommendations," and called on Solicitor Burgwyn to read the report aloud in court.

When the solicitor finished reading Judge Grady asked Foreman Fitzhugh Read how many copies he made and instructed the Clerk of Court to file a copy, save him one, and mail one to the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. At the suggestion of the solicitor, he also expressed his wish to have one published in full in the county paper.

Judge Grady told members of the Grand Jury that their report showed that they had followed closely the duties he outlined to them in his charge on Monday morning and expressed the appreciation of the court for the service they had rendered.

Following is the report in full: Hon. Henry A. Grady, Judge of Superior Court, Presiding. Your Honor:

We, the Grand Jury for the January, 1937, term of Superior Court of Warren county, beg to make the following report of work done by this body while empaneled as a Jury.

We have carefully examined witnesses and passed on all bills presented to us by the Solicitor.

We have visited the County Home through a Committee and find that the inmates are well cared for, and it appears that conditions are better than they have been in the past. We find that certain recommendations regarding the County Home made by the September, 1936, Grand Jury have been complied with in as near every detail as possible. We find that the roof of the main building leaks and that these leaks can be stopped by minor repairs and we recommend that these repairs be made as soon as possible. We also find that there is but one lock-up at County Home and recommend that another one be built, due to the fact that accommodations are needed for both races. We also find that a good many chairs are in bad repair and recommend that these be repaired and enough new ones added to accommodate every inmate.

We have looked into conditions of school buses operating in the county and discussed with Mr. Allen, Superintendent of schools, and his mechanic, Early Shearin, various phases of the operation of these buses. We have recommended to the Supt. that bus No. 16 be repaired and that it be replaced by a new one in the event that it cannot be put in a safe condition for children to ride in. We also recommend that buses which have been previously parked in front of Hawkins High School and at times temporarily blocking highway to find other parking places. He has agreed to comply with our request. We have checked up to see if reports required by law have been made to the state as to mechanical condition of these buses and find that they have been checked up on at specified intervals as required.

The Prison Camp was visited by a committee and found to be in good condition in every respect. The Jail was visited by a committee and found to be still inadequate and unsanitary. Accommodations are not sufficient to take care of women of either race in privacy.

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## Secret Service Head



WASHINGTON... A new picture of Frank J. Wilson, 50, head of the Secret Service, succeeding Wm. H. Moran, retired, who served 54 years. Wilson has been acting chief since Sept. 8, 1936.

## Bright Discusses Crop Control Plan For 1937 Season

By R. H. BRIGHT,  
County Agent

We still have a few applications under the soil conservation act for 1936 that the producers have not signed. These producers have been notified three times and we will notify them again, but they should come in and sign their applications at once.

I do not know just what the 1937 compulsory control will be, but I do know that those farmers that cooperated in 1936 will be able to carry out the same program in 1937. We expect to be able to announce the 1937 program under the soil conservation act within a few days. I will send out notices and hold meetings over the county as soon as I am authorized to do so by the state office. In the mean time I will be glad to go over work sheets with producers and give them all the information I have. I realize that farmers are anxious to know just what program will be offered them in 1937. This is necessary because of making plans for 1937. Farmers will be safe in their 1937 farming program along the following lines: A reduction of 25 per cent for tobacco, 35 per cent for cotton and other crops may be planted to suit the needs of farmers. We expect to take some time in making clear to the farmer the 1937 program and I wish to urge all farmers to attend the meetings when announced and inform themselves concerning the program.

We are in a position to clean tobacco seed and will be glad to render this service to the farmers.

## W. J. Arrington Buried Saturday

Funeral services for William Jones Arrington, 61, were conducted from Emmanuel Episcopal church, Warrenton, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, rector. His remains were carried from here to Petersburg, Va., where interment took place. Mr. Arrington, who had been in declining health for some time, died late last Thursday night or Friday morning. He was found dead in bed at the home of his sister, Mrs. Howard Alston, with whom he made his home, Friday morning when efforts were made to awake him.

The son of the late Sam Peter Arrington and Mrs. Hannah B. Arrington, the deceased was born in Petersburg, Va., but came to Warrenton with his parents many years ago and since that time has made his home here.

He is survived by one brother, John W. Arrington of Greenville, S. C., three sisters, Mrs. T. F. Heath of Petersburg, Mrs. W. G. Rogers and Mrs. W. H. Alston of Warrenton. His mother preceded him to the grave a few months ago.

Pallbearers here were W. Keppel Falkner, Richard Arrington, M. C. McGuire, Ernest Hudgins, Russell Palmer and Weldon Hall.

### A CORRECTION

Last week it was stated in this paper that A. T. Stewart, young white man of Sandy Creek township, was found not guilty by a jury when he was tried in Vance county Superior court with two negroes, Lee Durham and Robert Currin, on a charge of stealing tobacco from warehouses in Henderson. We were informed by his brother this week that the case was thrown out of court by Judge Grady before it went to the jury and at his request gladly make the correction.

## CASES IN COURT MOVE SMOOTHLY

Winkler Trial Only Case Of Outstanding Interest; Bad Weather Crowds Court

### JUDGE GRADY PRESIDES

Moving along smoothly without waste of time, rapid progress was made in disposing of the criminal docket of Warren county Superior court until Wednesday when the hard-fought and long drawn out Winkler trial began. With the exception of this case and a manslaughter charge against James M. Hodge, and an assault charge against Meredith Stewart, negro, evidence coming from the witness stand was comparatively brief and consumed little of the court's time to remove more than a dozen cases from the docket.

The wheels of justice were set in motion early Monday morning after a brief charge by Judge Henry A. Grady. The jurist touched on no matters other than the duties of the members of the Grand Jury and finished his charge in about fifteen minutes.

Although the temple of justice has been crowded beyond seating capacity all the week, no cases of paramount interest was tried at this term until the Winkler case, which is an indictment against two Virginia brothers for breaking into and robbing the Swan Sandwich Shop and Beer Garden at Norlina, started Wednesday morning. The large crowds in court is attributed to inclement weather which has prevented work on the farms rather than to particular interest in any of the cases.

James M. Hodges of Washington, D. C., faced a charge of manslaughter as the result of an automobile wreck near Norlina in October. His car was in collision with one driven by C. L. Noel, 34-year-old white man of Starkey, Va. Noel died the night of the accident from a broken neck and internal injuries. Hodges, nor his brother, Frank who was riding with him, was not seriously hurt. Found guilty of manslaughter, Hodges was sentenced to the roads for eight months by Judge Grady.

Fourteen months on the road was the punishment meted out to Meredith Stewart, negro, who was convicted on a charge of assault with deadly weapon doing serious harm. Lonie Cox, charged with public drunkenness, came into court and pled guilty to being a public nuisance. An eighteen months road sentence was suspended upon the condition that he remain of good behavior. If at any time within five years he fails to meet with the terms of the judgment, a capias is to be issued for him.

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## McColl Discusses 4-H Club Work

By G. R. McCOLL,  
Assistant County Agent

In 1936 35 boys from all communities of the county took part in organized 4-H Club work. They took up projects in Corn, Cotton, Tobacco, and Garden work.

The Lions Club bought enough seed corn for 16 club members, and of this number 15 turned in completed project books. The average for the group was 35.4 bushels per acre with a profit of \$25.00 per acre. This average for a dry year and late planting was higher than we expected. The seed were late in arriving and the long drought caught most of the boys before they could plant.

A larger Corn Club project is planned for this year. It is hoped that at least 50 boys will take part in this phase of club work.

The winner in the County Corn Contest, Bill Benson of Inez, will be awarded a wrist watch for his work. He had a trip to the State Fair in (Continued on Page 8)

### BASKET BALL GAMES

There will be a double header basket ball game played here in the armory on Friday night when both the boys' and the girls' teams of the John Graham High School face basketballers from Gold Sands. The game is to start at 7:30 o'clock and there will be a small admission charge.

### CLAIM AGENT HERE

William A. Bramberry of Norfolk, chief claim agent of the Seaboard Airline Railway, was a visitor in Warrenton Wednesday.

## INABILITY TO LOCATE WILLIAMS RESULTS CONTINUING BANK CASE

Former President Defunct Bank of Warren, Indicted As Result of Bank Failure, Not To Be Found In Home Town Of Richmond; Bond Declared Forfeited

### GOVERNOR HOEY ISSUES REQUISITION PAPERS

Inability to locate Carter N. Williams in his home town of Richmond, Va., and his failure to appear here Monday to face charges of violating the banking laws, was responsible for Judge Henry A. Grady, here presiding over the January term of Warren county Superior court, to order his bond in the sum of \$1,000 forfeited and for a capias to be issued for his appearance here at the May term of court.

Mr. Williams, head of the Richmond Steel and Structural Co., and former president of the defunct Bank of Warren, is charged with receiving deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent and with publishing false reports as to the condition of the bank. Other defendants in the action, which came into court in 1933, are G. B. Gregory of Richmond, cashier of the bank, and L. C. Kinsey of New Rochelle, N. J., and John G. Ellis of Warrenton, directors.

Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn, who has asked at each term of court that the case be tried with one exception, when he was ill with pneumonia, stated in court that he went to Richmond the past week end in an effort to get Mr. Williams back here and that he could not be located in that city. After the solicitor

had acquainted the jurist with the facts in the case, Judge Grady ordered the sheriff to call Mr. Williams name out in court. He failed to answer, his bond was ordered forfeited, and a capias was ordered issued. A Richmond man is on his bond.

The case has been continued for various causes, several times on account of the illness of the defendants, and at the September term of court the indictment was quashed on the grounds that an initial was wrong in the name of one of the men who served on the Grand Jury which returned the indictment. At the same term of court another Grand Jury indicted them on the same charges.

After the indictment had been quashed, Mr. Williams issued a statement in Virginia papers in which he said that he was not a resident of North Carolina at the time of the indictment, that he had been here several times for trial, and that he would not return again.

Requisition papers were called for by Solicitor Burgwyn and were issued by Governor Hoey as one of his first official acts.

The case has been set for trial the first thing when court convenes here in May.

## Debt Adjustment Committee To Hold Meeting Here

A meeting of the local Farm Debt Adjustment Committee will be held in Warrenton on Monday, January 19, according to an announcement by Theo F. Stallings, county supervisor in charge of the Rural Rehabilitation Program of the Resettlement Administration in Warren county. The meeting will be held in the Dameron building and will begin at 10 a. m.

The purpose of the meeting, Mr. Stallings said, is to assist farmers to smooth out their debt problems.

These voluntary committees, composed of public-spirited citizens, have been organized in every county to help with this Farm Debt Adjustment service. They meet with the debtor and creditor and try to have the debt reduced in accordance with the debtor's ability to pay, or to get the debtor more time in which to pay off the debt, or to find a new creditor.

Mr. Stallings states that any farmer requiring Farm Debt services, which is now a part of the work of his division, may leave his name and address with him. His office is located in the Dameron building at Warrenton.

Members of the committee are E. H. Pinnell, W. H. Burroughs, R. L. Capps and Jesse Gardner.

## Littleton Lions Hold Charter Night Meet

Littleton, Jan. 14.—Littleton in the presence of enthusiastic representative Lions from Warrenton, Roanoke Rapids, Henderson, Durham and Wilson held their charter night banquet on Tuesday, January 11, at 8 o'clock.

Lion J. P. Pippin acted as toastmaster who welcomed the visiting clubs, their wives and other guests. District Director Lion Sam Alford introduced the speaker of the evening, District Governor Lion V. J. Ashbaugh who presented the charter and delivered a most interesting and instructive talk on Lionism and its purposes.

The charter was accepted by Lion Rev. C. R. Jenkins, vice president, for the Littleton Lions in the absence of its president, Lion W. G. Alston, who could not attend on account of sickness.

### EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated at Emmanuel Episcopal church on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, but the night service will be omitted to allow for a Church School Conference in the Parish House at 7:30 o'clock when Miss Maude Cutter, director of Religious Education, will speak. A cordial invitation to attend is extended the public by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Newell were visitors in Raleigh Sunday night.

## Finds Mother



NEW YORK... Wallace Ford (above), film actor, was placed in a foundling home in England when 3 years old. He arrived in Canada at 7 and first went on the stage at 15. Now, after a 21 year search, he has found his mother in England where he is buying a home for her.

## Recorder Holds Session Of Court In Town Hall

Departing from precedent, Judge T. O. Rodwell held Recorder's court here this week in the town hall, while Superior court was in session. As a rule Recorder's court takes a two weeks' recess while the higher tribunal is in session in the regular hall of justice.

In commenting on the change, Judge Rodwell said: "I see no reason why Recorder's court should cease to function simply because Superior court is in session. Of course we do not have sufficient space in the town hall for jury trials, but when we do not have any cases of this nature we can transact our business there as well as in the court house."

Violation of the motor vehicle laws was responsible for three of the six cases which were disposed of on Monday. The other counts were larceny, allowing cattle to stray, and cruelty to an animal.

Milton Wilson, employee of the Carolina Power & Light Co., was found guilty of reckless driving and was fined \$25.00 and taxed with the court costs. The charge was booked against him as a result of a wreck he and Baker Plummer, negro, had with a group of Duke University students near Ridgeway about three weeks ago. Several of the students, who were enroute to their home in New York for the holidays, were seriously hurt but their injuries did not prove fatal.

Baker Plummer was also hurt but not seriously. A charge of reckless driving was also booked against Philip Reichers, driver of the car which was in collision with the Carolina Power & Light Co. truck occupied by Wilson and Plummer but the state took a nol pros as to him. Dave Ayscue and Green Abbott came into court over a cow. The animal, the property of Ayscue, strayed from home to the property of Abbott and was fired upon with a shotgun in the hands of Abbott. Ayscue faced a charge of cruelty to animal; Ayscue was charged with allowing cattle to run at large. Judgment was suspended in both cases on the condition that the defendants pay the costs in the action.

Found guilty of operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey, John Coleman, negro, was given a four months road sentence which was suspended on the condition that he pay a \$50.00 fine and court costs. A similar charge is booked against George West, negro, but he will not be tried until the fourth Monday morning, at which time a jury will decide on the case.

Charlie Hawkins, negro, was sentenced to four months on the roads on a larceny count. He is alleged to have stolen cotton from a negro named Crosson and sold it at White's gin in Crosson's name.

## Brother Of Local Man Wins Honor

High honor has been paid to Dr. Thomas A. Russell, native of this county and brother of Edwin Russell of Macon, according to the following clipping taken from the Journal American Medical Association in the issue of December 26:

"Dr. Thomas H. Russell has succeeded Dr. Charles Gordon Heyd, President of the American Medical Association, as executive officer of the department of surgery at New York Post Graduate Medical School and director of the surgical service at New York Post-Graduate Hospital and Dispensary. Dr. Russell was also promoted to the rank of professor of surgery.

Mack Drake improves. Mack Drake, who has been seriously ill at his home here with pneumonia, was reported last night to be much improved.

Mr. William Alston of Littleton was a visitor here Thursday.

## ABSENT LAWYER CAUSES MISTRIAL

Failure of John Kerr Jr. To Appear In Court Puts End To Trial Of Winklers

### NO OTHER WAY OPEN

Failure of John Kerr Jr. to appear in Superior court here Thursday morning and represent his clients was responsible for Judge Henry A. Grady to withdraw a juror and order a mistrial in the case against J. D. and D. M. Winkler, brothers of Mecklenburg county, Va., who were on trial for breaking into the Swan Sandwich Shop and Beer Garden, near Norlina, on the morning of April 6, 1936, and robbing the place of several hundred dollars worth of property after disarming the night clerk, Clyde Jeff Coat, and leaving him tied to his cot in the building.

Mr. Kerr, who with John Hutcherson of Boydton, Va., represents the two young white men, was in court all day Wednesday in behalf of his clients and the case, one of the most important to be tried at this term, was more than half finished when he failed to return to court yesterday morning for the rest of the trial.

In ordering a mistrial, Judge Grady said: "The embarrassing situation which has arisen is regrettable, but in fairness to the defendants I see no other course to pursue than to order a mistrial." He then turned to the court stenographer and issued the following order: "State vs. J. D. and D. M. Winkler."

"Pending the trial and on Thursday morning when Court opened, counsel for the defendants who reside in the state of Virginia stated to the court that Mr. J. H. Kerr Jr., the only local counsel who represents the defendants, cannot be present in court and they cannot therefore proceed with the trial, and the court being of the opinion that the defendants ought to have the benefit of local counsel:

"Now, at their request made in open court, they agree in person and through their counsel to take no advantage of the fact that this case is continued, a juror is withdrawn and a mistrial ordered. (Signed) "HENRY A. GRADY, Judge Presiding."

This was the second time that the Winkler case was to be tried in Warren county Superior court. The men were found guilty at the May term, 1936, and sentenced to from six to ten years in prison. Counsel for the defendants noted an appeal and a new trial was granted by the Supreme court, chiefly due to the fact, it was stated, that Judge E. H. Cranmer, who was here presiding at that time, asked one of the witnesses for the defendants if he thought a man who played poker on Sunday night was a man of good character.

Immediately after the crime was committed, Sheriff W. J. Pinnell started an investigation which ended with the arrest of the Winkler brothers by a Virginia officer. They were brought to the Virginia-Carolina line and identified by Jeff Coats as the men who threw a gun in his face, robbed the Sandwich Shop and tied him to a bed. The defendants claimed that they were in a poker game at the time of the crime and brought half a dozen or more witnesses here from Virginia who testified that they were in the game with them at the time.

After the mistrial had been ordered yesterday morning, the solicitor cleared the docket of the few remaining cases in short order and court adjourned around 11 o'clock until Monday morning when the civil calendar will be taken up.

The cases tried yesterday morning were: Arthur Green, negro, charged with larceny as the result of tobacco stolen from Leon Perkins of near Wise, found guilty and sentenced to from three to five years on the roads; Damon Griggs, negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting bodily harm, three years on the roads.

### MAKE HONOR ROLL

William F. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Ward of Warrenton, was one of the students from this state attending Fishburn Military School, Waynesboro, Va., who made the honor roll. Others from this section who also made an average of above 90 were Benjamin H. Brown Jr. of Littleton, Hill P. and Scott P. Cooper of Henderson, and Sam T. Gregory of Halifax.