

## CANTALOUPE MOVING NORTH

Approximately Four Million  
Melons Handled Annually  
In Ridgeway Section

CROP IS WORTH \$150,000

The cantaloupe season is in full swing at Ridgeway with thousands of crates of the melons being shipped to the northern market daily.

The season, which opened about 10 days ago, lasts for little better than a month and during this period approximately four million of the melons are shipped from one of the nation's greatest cantaloupe growing sections to be served for breakfast in hotels and homes in Washington, Baltimore, New York and other northern cities.

While the cantaloupe growers, most of whom live in the area between Norlina and Manson, are not organized and it is no way of arriving at the definite number of melons which are sold from this section each year, it has been estimated by one of the growers of Ridgeway that around 5,000 crates of cantaloupes are shipped daily during the season which lasts little more than a month. The price for the cantaloupes vary from \$1.00 to \$3.00 with an average price of around \$2.00 or \$2.25, it was stated. Also the size of the crates vary, with the average crate holding around 26 melons.

It was estimated that the crop brings in revenue to the growers of that section around \$150,000 annually. Cantaloupe growing is the chief occupation of those living in the Ridgeway section.

The majority of the melons are shipped by rail, however, a considerable number of them are sold to individual speculators who drive their trucks to the fields and offer to pay so much for a certain lot. As a rule they may be bought cheaper this way due to the fact that some of the smaller growers need money at the moment, some of them are unable to buy the crates and many of them have a number of melons on hand which are too ripe for shipping purposes.

In addition to the thousands of crates which are shipped and carted away, hundreds of the melons are sold daily to tourists by children standing along the roadside with cantaloupes in their hands to attract attention. Many of them are sold for one or two cents a piece in this manner.

While cantaloupe growing is an old and profitable business for those living between Norlina and Manson, many of whom are Germans, the growers have never been thoroughly organized, which fact, it was stated, is responsible to a large degree for prices varying considerably. There is a Pride of Ridgeway Fruit Growers Association, but a comparatively few of the growers belong to this organization which has established a reputation for shipping the finest melons out of the section but which is not sufficiently strong to control the market and prices.

## Ball Game Called Off Due To Rain

The baseball game between former players of Warrenton and members of the Louisburg Junior Order team, which was scheduled to be played here on Wednesday afternoon of this week, was called off on account of rain.

The game had been talked considerably since the announcement last week with the long list of potential players and many had expressed their intentions of meeting at the Athletic Field of the John Graham High School to watch the boys of yesterday go through the antics associated with baseball.

Big Chief Jack Scott, one of the promoters of the game, expressed his disappointment over the fact that rain broke the game up this week but expressed the hope that another match could be arranged for next Wednesday afternoon.

## Cut Bait Only For Trots, Says Pinnell

Trot lines may be set in Warren county with cut bait only, E. Hunter Pinnell, game warden, stated this week. Mr. Pinnell said that it is against the law to use live bait of any type for this purpose and any one caught violating the law in this manner would be prosecuted.

## Business Men Lose Their Pants; Seek To Have Arrest

Apparently having lost their pants, several business men of Warrenton sought this week to recover the money they had advanced for the trousers by having a warrant sworn out against W. C. Crabtree of Durham, reputed agent for the Phillips Garment Company of Charlotte, charging him with chicanery.

Crabtree is alleged to have come to Warrenton more than a month ago and sold a number of pairs of summer pants to persons here, accepting deposits on the merchandise at the time with the understanding that the goods would be delivered within a few days.

As time went on and the purchasers neither received their trousers nor letters confirming the order they began to suspect treachery and wired and wrote to the firm and the agent. After being informed by the Charlotte concern that the order had never been received, the men wrote Crabtree to the effect that if the money was not returned at once or a satisfactory explanation given that he would be indicted. No letter had been received from him by Monday and a warrant was sent to Durham for his arrest.

The warrant was sworn out by Bob Bright and carried the names of M. C. McGuire and E. E. Gilliam as witnesses. In addition to these three, there were several others here, it was stated, who ordered the trousers from Crabtree, made cash deposits, and are still without their pants.

## Negro Farmers To Hold District Meet Here Next Year

A two-day negro farm conference held at Wilson last week came to a close on Friday afternoon after the approximately 1,000 growers present had accepted an invitation from the 34 Warren county farmers present to meet in Warrenton next year.

The object of the meeting, which featured talks by specialists from the State College extension service and the soil conservation service, was to enlighten negroes on the better farming methods in order that their economic and social conditions might be improved.

Dean I. O. Schaub of the extension service told the gathering that the future of agriculture in North Carolina depended to a large extent upon themselves and what they did in their work upon the farms and urged them to grow their own supplies on the farms and think of this first before they thought of growing rich on the money crops they might raise.

R. H. Page, extension forester, warned the farmers that the forest lands of the state were being depleted and urged them to replant each time a tree was cut down.

R. S. Jones, negro 4-H club specialist, urged the negroes to have their sons and daughters join 4-H clubs as a means of bringing them up to become better farmers and housewives.

## Young Boy Buried At Zion Cemetery

Funeral services for Willie Vaughan, 3-year-old son of Hubert Macon Vaughan and Della Cleaton Vaughan of Oine, were conducted from Zion Church on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Wilson, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Harris who is conducting a revival there. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The child died in Duke hospital on Monday morning at 11:25 o'clock after an illness of a few days. In addition to his parents, he is survived by one small brother and one small sister, Otis Macon Vaughan and Dorothy Louise Vaughan. He also leaves a grandmother and a grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Vaughan.

Pallbearers were Billie Hicks, Rodney Vaughan, Charlie Cleaton, and Malvern Young.

## Balloon Jumping



HOLLYWOOD, Calif. . . . A new way to keep that girlish figure. Gas filled balloons tied around each wrist and ankle helps lift one into the air.

## Four Cases Tried In Recorder's Court By Judge Rodwell

Four cases, all of them involving members of the negro race, were disposed of in Recorder's court on Monday morning by Judge T. O. Rodwell and Solicitor Joseph Phippen.

Found guilty of possessing unstamped liquor for the purpose of sale, Lucy Bullock was given a 60-day jail sentence which was suspended upon the condition that she pay the court costs and a \$25 fine. Willie Epps Williams was found not guilty on a charge of obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duty.

John Rush and Ed Morris, who were alleged to have taken money from a man in jail, were each found guilty of larceny. Morris was sentenced to serve 60 days on the roads and Rush was given a four months sentence. He appealed to Superior court and his bond was set at \$300.

The case against Whit Perry charging him with larceny was sent to Superior court due to the fact that it contained an element of breaking and entering which carried it out of jurisdiction of Recorder's court. Bond was set at \$100 for his appearance in the higher tribunal in September.

Several other cases were continued until the fourth Monday when jury trials were asked for.

## T. P. Jones Dies At Wake Forest

Wake Forest, July 22.—Thomas Plummer Jones, 71, well-known Wake County farmer and a descendant of two of this section's oldest and most prominent families, died at his home, Cranshaw Hall, near here yesterday.

Funeral services for Mr. Jones will be held at his home at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with the Right Rev. Edwin A. Penick, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of North Carolina officiating. Burial will be in the family cemetery. Pallbearers will be S. O. Rich, P. H. Mangum, Lawrence Harris, Sol Holden, W. W. Holden and S. C. Ray.

Mr. Jones was one of the county's largest planters and was active in farming until a few weeks before his death. Surviving are his wife, who was Miss Mattie Marvin Williams before their marriage; three sons, William Martin Jones, Edward B. Jones and Thomas Plummer Jones Jr., all of Wake Forest, and three sisters, Mrs. Charles Macon, Mrs. J. B. Ellis and Mrs. R. G. Winn.

Mr. Jones, who has a large family connection in Warren county, was reared in the Sandy Creek section of Warren county where he lived until about twenty-five years ago when he and his family moved to Wake Forest.

## WARRENTON CITIZENS ATTEND JONES FUNERAL

Among those from Warrenton attending the funeral services for Plummer Jones at Wake Forest yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jones, Mrs. Rosa Heath, Mrs. Tasker Polk, Mrs. Howard Alston, Mrs. Whit Williams, James Polk, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Watson, H. L. Falkner, Mrs. Della Baxter, and Mrs. Herbert Petar and Miss Collins of Ridgeway.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Stallings returned Sunday from their wedding trip which was spent at Wrightsville Beach.

## GENERAL RAIN CHEERS FARMERS

Outlook For Good Crops In  
Warren County Best In  
Several Years

### COTTON CONDITION GOOD

A gentle and general rain which began falling Tuesday night and continued for more than 24 hours brought relief from the torrid weather of a week and fed the crops of Warren county with sufficient moisture to cause them to continue their auspicious march of progress into the harvest season.

As a general thing the crops of Warren are looking better than in years despite the fact that some sections of the county were handicapped by dry spells which necessitated replanting in some instances, a considerable amount of watering, and resulted in some of the fields being as unproductive as in years past.

Cotton, the county's chief money crop, is unusually promising this year as far as production is concerned, however a few farmers experienced difficulty in getting their stand out of the ground due to the dry spell which came at planting time. Many farmers replanted and found an ideal season which has resulted with most of the fields sown to cotton being majestically decorated with well developed stalks at present.

Likewise, the hot weather with occasional rains has been ideal for corn growing and this crop is looked upon as being the finest in Warren county in several seasons.

Tobacco, second in importance as a money crop to the county as a whole, is looking good in some fields while in others it gives little promise of producing much wealth for growers. Some farmers, whose crops were rather far advanced, have already housed their tobacco and started curing while others are waiting for the weed to ripen more before housing on the belief that this procedure will result with them getting better prices when it is brought to the market here this fall. Some say that they had rather gamble on the chances of hail than to take a loss by curing too early. Others say that their crops look good enough for them at present and they are going ahead with their harvesting.

While the majority of the farmers appear to be optimistic over their crops this year, they say that low market prices will prove more disastrous this season than last due to the fact that the cost of producing this year's crop has been heavier than usual.

The increase in cost is attributed to several things. In the first place, a number of the farmers were forced to go to the expense of replanting, and many of them had the additional cost of watering their plants this year. In the second place, labor has come at a higher figure, and the cost of fertilizer and provisions have shown some increase since last year. And in the third place, many tenant farmers were able to meet their obligations last year, feel that they have established a line of credit with their landlords, and consequently call upon them for more funds than in former years. As one large farmer stated while in town this week, "I have already advanced more money and provisions to my tenants this far this year than I did up until the time the crops were marketed last year."

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### SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Signal Speed Jones of Warrenton announce the birth of a son on Monday morning, July 19—Howard Feild Jones III. Weight 93-4 pounds. Mrs. Jones before her marriage was Miss Grace Wagner of Warrenton.

### SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Plummer Fitts of near Warrenton, announce the birth of a son on Friday afternoon, July 16—William Plummer Fitts. Mrs. Fitts was before her marriage Miss Daphne Person of Littleton.

### SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Allgood announce the birth of a son, John Carleton, on Saturday, July 17.

### LAND-CLARK

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Clark of Inez announce the marriage of their daughter, Emma Verneta, to Mr. Willie Linwood Land of Norfolk, Va., on July 10, 1937.

## Crossing Guard Held



LOS ANGELES, Cal. . . . Albert Dyer, 32-year-old WPA crossing guard employed in Centinela Park, Inglewood, in his cell after he confessed to the slaying of three young girls.

## Local Bar Hosts To District Lawyers At Banquet Here

The Warren County Bar Association was host to the Third Judicial Bar Association at a banquet held at Hotel Warren at noon last Friday. There were 30 attorneys present for the meeting.

Judge Sumner Burgwyn was the principle speaker of the occasion. He spoke in opposition to the President's plan to reorganize the Supreme court and was frequently and loudly applauded by fellow members of the bar.

The meeting was presided over by William T. Polk, president. The following officers were elected: Eric Norfleet of Jackson, president to succeed Mr. Polk; Stuart Smith of Scotland Neck, vice-president to succeed W. D. Boone of Winton; and Julius Banzet, secretary-treasurer to succeed himself.

The next meeting of the association is to be held in Windsor.

## Boll Weevils Attack State's Cotton Crop

Reports of heavy boll weevil infestations in the cotton fields of piedmont and eastern North Carolina are reaching J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist at State College.

Recent warm, damp weather has been highly favorable to the propagation of this insect, he said, and if the weather continues thus, serious losses will be suffered.

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## 125 Persons Attend Dance At Hotel

Approximately 125 guests from Warrenton, Littleton, Oxford and Louisburg attended the dance given at Hotel Warren on Thursday evening with music by Paul Jones and his orchestra from Rocky Mount. Tables were arranged in the dining room where soft drinks and sandwiches were sold. A series of these dances will be given in the lobby of the Hotel frequently during the summer for the pleasure of the young people of the town and its visitors.

## ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Miss Maywood Modlin has returned from Ridgeway where she attended the 28th annual Baptist training union conference which was in session there last week with more than 1000 young church workers in attendance.

## Auditor And Board Chairman Working On County Budget

Auditor T. B. Gardner and Board Chairman William H. Burroughs have been at work for the past few days on the county budget which is expected to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on the first Monday in August for approval or rejection by the board.

Mr. Burroughs stated this week that they had not completed their budget nor had the school budget been received and, consequently, it was impossible to say what the rate would be before the entire board decided on the matter but that present indications are that the tax rate would have to be increased approximately 15c for operating purposes and debt service for the next fiscal year.

The expected increase is brought about by appropriations called for under the Social Security Act and to take care of a payment and salary increases which were authorized by the past legislature at the request of Warren's representative, T. H. Aycock.

One of Mr. Adcock's bills authorizing the county to compensate Mrs. Macey Pridgen for the loss of her husband, Sam Pinnell, who was killed several years ago during the performance of his duty as a deputy, and others of his measures ordered an increase in salaries for certain officials.

## Supervisors Begin Compliance Check Monday, July 26

### BY COUNTY AGENT BRIGHT

The supervisors will start checking compliance Monday, July 26. Producers should assist the supervisors in every way possible when they visit the farms. Under this year's rulings and regulations practically all of the cotton and tobacco acreage in this county will have to be measured. This is going to increase the expense and the farmers' payments will be reduced by the amount of expense required for compliance.

Supervisors will not calculate the cotton and tobacco acreage while on the farm. All calculations will be made in the county office. We are doing this to reduce expense. Producers will be notified from the county office if they fail to have sufficient acreage in soil conserving crops to qualify and we may send notices giving the acreage of all crops that a diversion payment is made on.

Producers are requested not to delay compliance by arguing with the supervisors concerning the status of a tenant or any other administrative ruling, but come to the county office and take the matter up with the county committee. (Continued on page 8)

## Revival Services At Sulphur Springs

Revival services have been underway at the Sulphur Springs Baptist church this week with the Rev. Charles L. Gillespie of Smithfield assisting the pastor, Rev. I. B. Jackson, during the meeting which started on Sunday, July 18. The inspiring messages which have come from the two ministers during the week of services have been well received, it was stated.

## Home Coming Day At Shady Grove

There will be a Memorial and Home Coming Day service at Shady Grove Church, Inez, on Sunday, August 1, at 4 o'clock, the Rev. L. C. Brothers, pastor, announced this week.

The Rev. William Towe, under whose pastorate the church was constructed, and Mrs. Towe will be present for the occasion. Rev. E. H. Davis of Louisburg is also expected to be present, the Rev. Mr. Brothers said.

## Library To Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Warren County Memorial Library Association will be held in the library building next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. C. A. Tucker, secretary-treasurer, stated this week.

The purpose of the meeting is to select the board of trustees for next year, Mr. Tucker said, and urged all friends of the library to be present.

## TYPHOID CLINICS CONTINUED WEEK

Health Officer Asks Citizens  
To Spread News Of Continued Treatments

### PLEASED WITH RESULTS

The campaign to eradicate typhoid fever and diphtheria through vaccination, which started in this county four weeks ago tomorrow, will continue for another week in order to give those who failed to receive these treatments at the beginning an opportunity to become immunized.

The announcement that the treatments are to continue for another week at all points where the doses have heretofore been given was made on Wednesday by Dr. C. H. Peete, county health officer. He requested that neighbors and friends inform one another of the additional week to receive the treatment against the dreaded diseases and that every one come on time.

Dr. Peete expressed himself as being pleased with the response which the campaign this year had received.

## Victory For Foes Of Bill Almost Won

Washington, July 22.—The Senate virtually killed President Roosevelt's Supreme Court enlargement proposal today for this congressional session.

It voted to send the administration court bill back to its judiciary committee.

The committee was instructed to prepare a new measure affecting the lower courts only and report it to the Senate within 10 days. The new measure, based on an eight-point program worked out in committee this morning, would not affect the Supreme Court in anyway. Senator Logan (D-Ky) made the motion to return the bill to committee. He acted upon instructions from the judiciary committee, with whose plan of ending the court dispute both administration chieftains and leaders of the court bill opposition were reported to be in substantial agreement.

It decided instead to ask the Senate to send the pending bill back to it. There were only two or three dissenting votes.

The action was taken, committee members said, after Vice-President Garner had pleaded with tears in his eyes for settlement of the bitter dispute which threatened to split the Democratic Party wide open.

There was some disagreement among committee members as to whether the administration spokesmen present had agreed to the plan. Some opponents of the bill said they had, others that they had not.

## Tenant Farmers Assisted By RA

The President's recent tenancy message and legislation now before Congress indicate a concerted drive to solve the problems of farm tenancy and bring aid to thousands of farmers at the "bottom of the agricultural ladder," states T. F. Stallings, Rural Rehabilitation Supervisor for the Resettlement Administration in Warrenton.

The helping hand of the federal government already has been extended to many tenant farmers through the Rural Rehabilitation program, Mr. Stallings said. Of the 118 families who have received rehabilitation loans in Warren county, approximately 100 have been tenants. "An important beginning in the movement to reduce the prevalence of farm tenancy and in providing greater opportunity for farm ownership for tenants has been made through this rehabilitation work," Mr. Stallings declared. "It is recognized that the farm and home supervision given in connection with the rehabilitation loans, along with farm debt adjustment and co-operative services, will go far toward helping thousands of farmers take the important upward step from tenancy to farm ownership."

"The latest agricultural census figures show there are 1818 tenant families in Warren county and that 57 per cent of all farms in Warren county are operated by tenants."

Mrs. Robert Scott of Ridgeway was a visitor here this week.