

ROCKY MOUNT MEN FINED IN COUNTY COURT

Caught Hunting On Sunday Without License By Game Warden Two White Men Face Recorder

Found Guilty On Charge Of Resisting Arrest; Fined \$25 And Court Costs

Ralph Williams and D. E. Wallace, young white men of Rocky Mount, were convicted in Recorder's court on Monday morning on a charge of resisting arrest and were each fined \$25.00 and taxed with court costs.

The men, who were said to have been hunting in Warren county on Sunday morning with Alston Selwain and T. F. Wilkins, also of Rocky Mount, are alleged to have thrown a rifle and gun on Game Warden E. Hunter Pinnell Sunday morning when he caught them on a creek near Inez.

Warden Pinnell testified that neither Williams, Wallace nor Wilkins had a hunting license and that when he started to take Wallace's rifle before bringing the men in to the station, Wallace pulled back and threw the weapon on him and that when this took place Williams leveled his shotgun on him and stated that he was not taking them to any place. Under the cover of their weapons Mr. Pinnell said that he had the men that they were making it hard on themselves, that he knew who they were and had the state of North Carolina behind him and that he would get them if he took the military company to do so.

He stated that the men began to give in then and when Williams lowered his gun and placed it up against the bridge over Sandy Creek where the men were arrested he picked it up and told Wallace that if he threw the rifle on him again there would be some serious trouble. The warden testified that after the men had been disarmed he started with them for their car, which was in a side road in the woods, but that they failed to produce the key, stating that they had evidently lost it. Sellers had not come in out of the woods when the men were arrested, nor was he present when the game warden took the other three men in his truck before Magistrate Ben Tharrington where Wilkins, who stated that he was foreman of the Imperial Tobacco factory at Rocky Mount, submitted a plea of guilty of hunting without a license and was fined \$10.00 and costs. The other two were bound over to Recorder's court on a charge of resisting arrest.

In court here Monday both Williams and Wallace denied that either of them made any attempt to resist arrest or brandish a gun on the warden. Wallace said that at the time he did not know he was under arrest and that the only thing he did was to hold on to his rifle with the barrel up in the air to keep the officer from taking it from him. He was corroborated in (Continued on Page 2)

Supt. Allen Meets Irish Delegation

Supt. of Schools J. Edward Allen departed on Wednesday for Washington, D. C., to join a Masonic delegation from Ireland which is touring this country on a good will tour. Mr. Allen, who ranks exceptionally high in Masonic circles, was selected to greet the delegation, extend welcome from the Masonic bodies of this country, and accompany the members on a motor trip which will carry them to scenic and historic points in North Carolina and Virginia. Mr. Allen is expected to return to Warrenton Monday.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET

The first fall meeting of the Warrenton Garden club will be held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Baskerville on Wednesday, September 15, at 8 o'clock. All ladies interested in joining the club are asked to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fitzhugh of Garysburg and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Taylor and son of Kinston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rhem and family here on Sunday.

Mann Warns Against Forced Sale Of Cotton

Bob Bright Urges Growers To Borrow From Government

By R. H. BRIGHT, County Agent

The cotton farmers in 1937 will produce 16,098,000 bales of cotton in 1937, according to the estimate released Sept. 8. This is one of the biggest cotton crops that this country has ever produced. And I know the cotton farmer is asking the question, what is the best course to follow in marketing my 1937 cotton?

The Federal Government is attempting to make 65 per cent of the base production of those farmers cooperating under the soil conservation program bring 12 cents a pound. And the farmer may borrow 9 cents on part or all of his cotton provided it grades middling and 7-8 in staple. This loan is made without recourse, which means that the lending agency cannot call on the farmer for any refund in case cotton fails to bring the 9 cents loaned.

In the face of this situation I would sell 65 per cent of my base production and borrow 9 cents on the remainder of my crop. I will be glad to give the farmer his base production as set in this office and assist him in figuring out 65 per cent of his base. I have talked with several persons that will help in establishing the farm policy in 1938 and they are of the opinion that the 1938 cotton crop will be limited to about 10,000,000 bales. In case this program is carried out the cotton that is borrowed on should bring the farmer more than the 9 cents loaned.

Farmers should save all sales certificates in 1937 regardless of when or where they make the sales. This office is here to help the farmer and we are ready to assist you. We will have a farm tour Tuesday, September 14. Those farmers that plan to go on the tour are requested to be in front of the court house promptly at 9:30. We will visit several farms that should be of interest to all farmers.

Mrs. Fleming Dies At Home Here After Long Illness

Funeral services for Mrs. Walter B. Fleming, who died at her home here on Tuesday morning, were conducted from the residence on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The final rites were in charge of Rev. J. R. Jenkins, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of which she was a life-long and active member, with the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, pastor of the Baptist Church at Warrenton, assisting. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

The health of Mrs. Fleming began to fail several years ago, but she had not become bedridden until several months ago when her condition became serious and she underwent an operation. Since that time she had been critically ill with members of the family expecting the end to come at any time. She was 61 years of age when she died.

Mrs. Fleming was before her marriage Miss India Patterson, daughter of Dr. R. A. and Mrs. Patterson of Halifax county. In addition to the active part which she took in church work, she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Surviving Mrs. Fleming are her husband and the following children: Mrs. Joe N. Ellis of Warrenton; Robert Fleming of Newark, N. J.; and W. J. Fleming of Louisville, Ky. She also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Rodger Patterson of Harme, Montana, Joe Patterson of Airle, Mrs. J. H. Norman of Halifax and Mrs. Sam T. Thorne of Airle. In addition she leaves two grandchildren, Jo-Jo and Janice Fleming.

Pallbearers were her nephews, Armistead Downtin, Whit and Robert Patterson, William Alfred Thorne, Clifton Alston and Milton Norman.

Miss Finetta Gardner will leave Monday for W. C. of U. N. C., Greensboro, to enter college.

Tells Growers It Will Pay Them To Market Crop With Coops

DINNER AT HOTEL HERE

On the heels of the government's forecast of a 16,098,000-bale cotton crop this year, M. G. Mann, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, told a group of farmers, warehousemen and ginners who had assembled at Hotel Warren at a banquet on Wednesday night that this was one year that the growers could not afford to glut the market and sell outright at prices below the cost of production and advised that producers store their cotton in government warehouses and draw an advance upon it if necessary and in so doing remain in a position to profit from any rise in the market.

Introduced by George R. Frazier, local representative of the association, who stated that the meeting had been arranged in order to acquaint producers and buyers with loans which are being made this year, Mr. Mann said that he was happy to announce that the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association was in position this year to offer the farmer the greatest benefits of any time during the 15-odd years that the organization had functioned.

Pointing out that new contracts had been drawn up which are simple in form and different in that they no longer required a farmer to market all of his cotton through the association, Mr. Mann stated that the grower had every thing to gain and nothing to lose through cooperative marketing of the 1937 crop. "Under our new contract," Mr. Mann stated, "a grower is permitted to sell as little as one bale of cotton with us, store it with the government, or sell on the local markets. We have decided to do this because we were confident that if a farmer allowed us to handle as much as one bale of cotton for him he would be convinced of the advantages which the association offers and consequently let us handle the remainder of his crop."

The general manager told those present that the association would loan 7 1/2 cents a pound on cotton (Continued on page 2, section 2)

Norlina Road Is Blocked; Traffic Is Routed By Plains

The road from Warrenton to Norlina has been closed this week in order that the highway might be re-surfaced. Traffic is being detoured by Warren Plains. It is understood that the Warren Plains road will be re-surfaced at a later date.

Home-Coming Day At Warren Plains

Next Sunday will be Home-Coming Day at the Warren Plains Baptist Church, the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, pastor, announced this week and urged that all members of the church, former members and friends be present.

There will be special music during the morning and afternoon services. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Brickhouse, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour, and Dr. W. R. Cullom of the Chair of Religion of Wake Forest College and a former pastor of this church, will deliver an address at 2 o'clock. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

"It is very fitting at this time for a special program of this kind, as the church building has been recently repaired, improved in many ways and beautified," the Rev. Mr. Brickhouse stated. Continuing his announcement, the pastor said that on Monday, September 13, Rev. L. R. O'Brian of Asheboro will come to assist in a series of services. These services are to be conducted daily at 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Because of the special program at Warren Plains there will be no preaching service at the Warrenton Baptist Church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mesdames C. E. Lovell and Norman Lovell have returned from a visit to relatives in Freeman, Va.

TOWN-COUNTY AT ODDS OVER BOARD BILL

Town Calaboose Goes Bad, Town Prisoners Sent To County Jail; Commissioners Send Bill

BILL IS NOT SETTLED

Town Claims It Pays Its Part Of Jail Expense In County Tax; Proposals Made

A bill in the amount of \$23 odd for prisoners awaiting trial incarcerated in the Warren county jail by the Town of Warrenton was presented to the Town Board on Monday night by the Warren County Board of Commissioners. The bill was not approved for payment. It will probably again be discussed at a called meeting of the board within the next few days.

Several weeks ago, after Commissioner G. H. Macon had reported to the board that the present calaboose of the town was not adequate for the needs of the town, being without water or toilet conveniences and unsanitary, the board instructed the town police officers to have prisoners of the town placed in the county jail. A board bill from the county resulted.

In the rather animated discussion following the presentation of the bill, it was pointed out by several members of the board that the citizens of the town of Warrenton paid a county tax to support the jail—in fact about an eighth of the total bill—that nine-tenths of the prisoners sent to the jail were tried (Continued on Page 6)

COUNTY BOARD HAS QUIET DAY

No Delegations Press For Action; Order Settlement With Sheriff

APPLY FOR \$3,000 LOAN

Members of the Board of County Commissioners enjoyed a quiet day on Monday with no delegations pressing them for this or that and with comparatively few citizens dropping in throughout the day to have matters of little countywide concern attended to.

Probably the most significant action taken by the board on Monday was to order the sheriff's settlement and to take the necessary steps towards borrowing \$3,000 for additional class rooms at the John Graham High School; however, little time was lost in discussion of these matters as the sheriff's settlement is an annual affair, and the board had previously agreed to let the school folk have \$3000 to relieve overcrowded conditions at the school.

Following are the minutes of Monday's meeting:

All members were present, viz: W. H. Burroughs, chairman; H. L. Wall, S. D. King, Jno. C. Powell and R. L. Capps.

The Minutes of August 2, 5, and 18th were read and approved.

Mr. C. T. Dryden appeared before the board and requested that he be exempted from license tax to handle certain wares in Warren county; he being a World War veteran. It is therefore, on motion by Com. J. C. Powell, seconded by Com. Capps, and it is hereby ordered that Mr. C. T. Dryden be exempted from the payment of county privilege license tax.

Motion by Com. Powell, seconded by Com. Capps, that bear license be issued to J. W. Carroll, Warrenton, N. C.

Ordered that tax valuation on one Ford automobile of Mr. Sam Patterson, River township, valued at \$715, be reduced to \$500, and that a tax release be issued for the difference.

Motion by Com. Capps, seconded by Com. Wall and it is ordered that the Negro Community Center be exempted from County taxation. Ordered that Isabelle Williams be paid \$30.00 for one month for the support of her physically disabled children.

Ordered that an amount not to exceed \$28.00 be appropriated to build a shed at the county home. The Clerk is instructed to write (Continued on page 2)

Speaks Here



M. G. Mann, Cotton Association manager who spoke to a group of interested cotton producers and buyers at Hotel Warren Wednesday evening.

CITY FATHERS IN BUSY MEET

Library Donation Increase Is Denied; Service Station Permit Is Given

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

The Board of Town Commissioners were in session for more than two hours Monday night during which time it heard a delegation from the Warren County Memorial Library, discussed with Mr. May of Henderson the tax covering the solicitation of laundry and the establishment of a laundry or laundry branch at Warrenton, heard at some lengths arguments pro and con relative to the issuance of a building permit for a service station on the Harrison Taylor corner, accepted two resignations, approved the codified form of ordinances of the town and attended to a number of other matters.

Capt. S. E. Burroughs and Miss Mamie Williams of the board of trustees of the Warren Memorial Library appeared before the board asking that the annual appropriation of the town to the library be increased from \$200 to \$300. After hearing Captain Burroughs state the needs for the library, Commissioner John Mitchell voted that a donation of \$250 be made to the library. Commissioner Bignall Jones seconded Mr. Mitchell's motion, but other commissioners, holding that the budget would not allow for the increased appropriation, voted against the measure, notwithstanding Mr. Mitchell's statement that it could be taken care of from the emergency fund, and the annual donation of the town will remain \$200 for the present year.

Mr. May of May-Smith Cleaning Company of Henderson told the board that his company was interested in coming into Warrenton and he wanted to be informed of the laws in order to know whether it would be best to run a truck, establish a plant, or establish a branch (Continued on page 7, section 2)

Palmer Tells Of Good Samaritan

By JOHN B. PALMER

In a world of greed and exploitation a noble act of generosity and unselfishness such as I witnessed the past Saturday is worth recording.

The little home of an aged respected negro woman living with and caring for an afflicted sister had been advertised to be sold for 1936 taxes, Monday, September 6th. There had been some delay in collecting a small sum of money due her which she intended to pay on the day before advertisement and sale. Monday, the fatal day of sale by the Sheriff, was fast approaching. She saw no hope of getting the \$6.72 to prevent the sale.

A big-hearted, generous white citizen of our county seeing the old woman's distress stepped into the Sheriff's office before the day of sale and paid the tax for her. While others richer than he is waited to pounce upon the old woman's home and buy it in at a low price, this gentleman, as the Good Samaritan of old, without reward or hope of reward, saved her home for her.

Such acts of unselfishness, even in a cynical age, give a new dignity to humanity and makes us believe that we are closer related to Divinity than we supposed.

Tobacco Market Opens Thursday, September 16

733 Students Enroll At School On Opening Day

The John Graham High School, simultaneously with other white schools of the Warren county system, opened on Tuesday for the beginning of the 1937-38 session with an enrollment of 733 students which represents an increase of between 15 and 20 students over the attendance on the opening day last year. The enrollment is expected to increase within the next few days, Paul Cooper, principal, stated yesterday, saying that he personally knew of some students who would attend school this year but had not yet entered the class rooms due to factors over which they had no control.

While figures were not available here yesterday as to attendance in the various schools of the system on the first day, it is understood that they all had an auspicious opening with increased enrollment in all of the schools. Littleton's enrollment on the first day was 450 students, Principal G. E. Crawley stated when in Warrenton on Wednesday afternoon.

On the opening day students were welcomed back to the class rooms and announcements and assignments were made. Teachers met with their respective principals on Monday night and on Tuesday night a general county-wide teachers meeting was held here in the basement of the Warren County Memorial Library, with Jule B. Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Educational Association, A. B. Combs, associate director of the Division of Instruction, and J. Edward Allen, county superintendent, present.

The main objective of the meeting was to become organized for the year's work, to receive instructions in regard to the text books and supplementary readers which the state is furnishing this year, and to acquaint the teachers with their salary scale.

At the John Graham school students were kept in the class rooms for a half day on Tuesday and Wednesday and yesterday work started on the regular full school day schedule.

Warehouse Scales Given Okeh By State Inspector

Scales used in weighing tobacco on the floors of Warrenton's three warehouses were checked this week, found to be correct and given the state's seal of approval.

Further assurance to the farmers of correct tobacco weights is given for the first time this year in a law which was passed by the last session of the General Assembly requiring all weighers to take an oath in which they swear to be accurate as to the weights. These affidavits are recorded before the clerk of the superior court.

The scales were inspected here this week by H. W. Hood, state inspector for the Department of Weights and Measures. Mr. Hood, incidentally, was a student of the John Graham Academy 30 years ago and was generous in his praise for the late Mr. Graham and to the town for the considerations shown him when he came here as a small boy.

Deputy Shearin Is Appointed Jailer

Deputy Sheriff Roy Shearin will assume his duties as custodian of the Warren county jail on September 15. Officer Shearin replaces Lee Wilson who some time ago entered the furniture business at Roanoke Rapids. Mrs. Wilson has been looking after the jail during the day time since Mr. Wilson's absence.

The jailer receives a salary of \$30 a month and receives additional compensation for each prisoner he boards.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fleming Jeffers of Palmer Springs, Va., announce the birth of a daughter on Friday, Sept. 3rd. Mrs. Fleming was formerly Miss Aelise Vaughn of Franklin, Va.

Merchants And Farmers Are Eagerly Awaiting Beginning of 1937 Season Of Tobacco Sales

GOOD CROP IN WARREN

Prices Paid On Border Markets Offer Encouragement To Growers

Farmers and business men alike eagerly await the opening of the tobacco market next Thursday morning, September 16, when the doors of the three warehouses here will swing wide to receive the first of the 1937 crop.

As has been the custom for years, Warrenton will have a full set of buyers representing the big companies and warehousemen will be on the floors to keep their customers satisfied by keeping the price margin up as high as possible.

A comparatively good crop of tobacco in this area and prices which have been paid on the markets opening previously lend a note of optimism to the opening of the market here this fall.

Warehouses in the Border Belt, which opened several weeks ago have been maintaining averages in the neighborhood of \$22.00 per hundred and farmers of this county who are familiar with the type of weed which has been disposed of on these markets claim that the Warren county crop of tobacco is superior to that which was grown in the counties further east.

While unfavorable weather, mostly too much rain, injured the Warren county crop to the extent of approximately 25 per cent, the biggest portion of the crop in this section cured out well, leading growers state. The tobacco down east was regarded as being too light, while tobacco from this immediate section is said to have a nice color with a good deal of substance to the leaf. Of course, the long rainy spell practically ruined some tobacco, but the crop taken as a whole is regarded as being fairly good.

With experienced men here and one of the oldest markets in the state, the prediction is freely made that Warrenton's prices will be as good as those paid anywhere, and the merchants and warehousemen join in the invitation to make Warrenton the selling and purchasing center for this section.

Street Dance To Be Held On Eve Of Opening

Farmers, their wives and friends, are invited to Warrenton on next Wednesday night for a get-together rally which will feature a speech by Congressman John H. Kerr and a free street dance in front of the court house square.

While full details of the night's entertainment have not been worked out it is expected that in addition to the public speaking there will be two bands here to furnish music for both round and square dancing. It is also probable that free lemonade will be served.

The performance here on Wednesday night, which is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock, is on the eve of the tobacco market opening and is being arranged by the Lions Club and merchants of the town to encourage growers to market their crops and trade here and to assure them that the town values their friendship and patronage to the extent that it not only welcomes them here on all occasions but that it also desires to show its appreciation for their visits by providing entertainment for them.

The entire program is free from beginning to end and is expected to last as long as the crowd remains to enjoy the occasion.

Although the program is especially arranged for the farmers, the public is invited to attend.

PHILATHEA CLASS TO MEET

The V. L. Pendleton Philathea Class will be entertained on next Tuesday in the home of Mrs. George Robinson with Mesdames Brown Crinkley and R. F. King as joint hostesses, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Mrs. T. F. Heath and daughters of Petersburg were guests of Mrs. T. F. Heath here on Sunday.