

Special Term Is Called To Settle \$190,000 Suit

A Superior Court judge is expected to decide whether the sum of \$190,000 is just compensation for a considerable amount of timber and



Mrs. Emma Lou Traylor of Norlina, the current "Mrs. North Carolina," has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador for the U. S. Savings Bonds program in North Carolina.

533 acres of land flooded by Gaston Lake. Judge Howard Hubbard of Clinton will hold a special term of civil court here beginning Sept. 16 for the purpose of determining if the huge sum—the largest ever awarded in a Warren County condemnation—is a fair figure.

The sum was awarded Nannie P. Robinson and heirs of the late J. R. Robinson by three Warren County court-appointed commissioners last year.

Virginia Electric and Power Company, plaintiff in a condemnation suit heard here in July, 1962, noted an exception and appealed the case to Warren County Superior Court. The power company, which recently constructed a large hydroelectric dam on the Roanoke River, brought the condemnation to acquire the 533 acres to be covered by waters of Gaston Reservoir.

The award of \$190,000 was made by Hugh W. Holt, M. P. Burwell, Jr., and W. B. Ellington, commissioners appointed by the court for the purpose of appraising the 533 acres and timber which is part of a 1500-acre tract owned by the defendants.

Before making the award, the commissioners spent three days touring the lands, hearing witnesses and listening to arguments by attorneys.

VEPCO, in its appeal, claimed that "the award is grossly excessive, not justified by the facts and considerably more than the real damages incurred."

The case, the only one placed on the docket for the special term, will not be heard by a jury.

No Report Of Bat Bites In County Heard

No bites by bats have as yet been reported in Warren County but the danger is not over. Dr. Robert F. Young, health officer, told the board of county commissioners here Tuesday. He said that bats would soon be moving south and it is hoped that migration will soon end the threat.

Many people throughout the state are taking the anti-rabies treatment, Dr. Young said. He advised that should anyone in the county be bitten that he or she should take the anti-rabies treatment.

While a number of bats have been found to be infected with rabies they have all been of the red bat species, and not the native black bats, Dr. Young said. The red bats, he said, live outdoors in trees and bushes. Dr. Young said that while there has been a gradual decrease of rabies in dogs during the last five years there has been a corresponding increase among wild life.

Efforts To Curtail Buying Here Urged

Efforts to curtail buying in Warrenton stores entered their second week with the distribution of handbills last weekend calling for "citizens who truly believe in a real democracy" not to buy in Warrenton stores.

Advising "citizens" that "full cooperation is needed in this drive," the handbills were obviously aimed at restraining Negro trade. The handbills advised the reader that "any self respecting Negro who desires first class citizenship will not support any store where they do not hire Negroes in responsible jobs."

The handbill stated that "all citizens have an equal opportunity to employment and full enjoyment of all services of your store . . . why spend your dollars for drugs and cosmetics and not be offered fountain service in the same store."

Injury-Free Holiday

Warren County's highways remained injury free during the long Labor Day weekend. State troopers stationed here said only three accidents, all with minor property damage, was reported during the holiday.

Reports Case Of Spotted Fever In Warren County

A case of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever was reported recently from the Macon area of Warren County, Dr. Robert F. Young, health officer, said yesterday.

Caused usually by the bite of an infected tick, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever can usually be prevented by individuals searching for and removing daily ticks found attached to their skin, Dr. Young said. These insects, he added, must have remained attached and to have fed on blood for several hours before being able to infect a person.

Preferably forceps or an alcohol sponge should be used in removing ticks, Dr. Young said. Also, for people whose occupation regularly exposes them to these insects, a vaccine is available which can be obtained from a private physician and which must be repeated annually to be effective.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is a "rough" disease well worth preventing, the health officer said.

Miss Robertson To Wed Nat J. West

Miss Virginia Mae Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel J. Robertson of Macon, will become the bride of Nat Justis West, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. West of Littleton on Sunday at 12:30 p. m. The ceremony will be held in the Macon Baptist Church. No invitations have been sent but friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Mrs. J. A. Gutierrez and family of Chapel Hill spent last week here with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powell. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Powell and son of Richmond, Va., are spending part of their vacation here with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powell en route to their home from Florida.



Preparing for the opening of the Warrenton Tobacco Market on Monday is Jimmy Hawks, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hawks of Rt. 1, Warrenton. Hundreds of growers are expected to sell leaf here Monday when the Warrenton market joins nine other Middle Belt markets beginning sales.

(Staff Photo)

Criminal Court Session Adjourns Here Thursday

By WILLIAM D. JONES, JR.

The September criminal term of Warren County Superior Court ended here shortly afternoon Thursday after a session of two and one-half days marked by only routine interest.

Some 31 defendants were scheduled to appear before Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg, who presided over the term, but a number of continuations cut short the number of cases heard.

One capital case, that of 16-year-old Clifton Alston, charged with the rape of a 17-year-old Negro girl, was included among the cases continued for either the State or a defendant. Alston was ordered held in jail until the January term of court.

Sentences generally were light, ranging from 30 days to two years. Several jury cases were included on the agenda.

Court opened at 10 a. m. Tuesday, after a customary one-day delay for Labor Day. Nine new members of the grand jury were sworn in and informed of their duties. Grand jurors were dismissed following a presentation of their report and action upon bills submitted by Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr. One defendant, Charlie Lee Alston, was released when the grand jury failed to return a true bill. He had been charged with carnal knowledge.

In the first case brought before the court, Leonard Davis pled guilty to assault on a female. Davis was sentenced to 12 months in jail, with sentence suspended upon condition he pay a fine of \$50 and costs.

Beverly Hunter pleaded guilty to non-support and prayer for judgment was suspended on condition he pay the costs of court.

Sterling Richardson, Jr., pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and was given a 90-day jail sentence.

Arthur Durham entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault and was given a suspended six-month sentence upon condition he pay \$50 and costs.

A plea of guilty was also tendered by Robert Lee Alston, charged with transportation of non-taxpaid whiskey. Alston was sentenced to two years in jail, but sentence was suspended upon condition he violate no liquor laws, pay a fine of \$200, and pay the costs.

The jury, impanelled earlier Tuesday, got its first case in the afternoon when Robert Henry Dunston, charged with drunken driving, entered a

plea of not guilty. Dunston was sentenced to 60 days in jail, the sentence suspended upon condition that he surrender his operator's license, pay a fine of \$200 and pay the court costs.

A jury also found Anthony Davis, Jr., guilty of speeding 90 miles per hour in a 55-mile per hour zone. Warrenton police testified that they had pursued Davis in the direction of Henderson at a speed of more than 90 miles an hour. Davis was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for six months. He was also ordered to surrender his driver's license.

Another witness for the State, Mayor W. A. Miles, testified that Davis had admitted in a hearing in Mayor's Court that he had been the driver of the car. Davis testified in his own behalf. A verdict of guilty was returned and Davis was ordered to begin serving a six-months sentence.

On Wednesday, James Alfred Fields was convicted of drunken driving and sentenced to 60 days in jail. Sentence was suspended upon condition he pay a fine of \$100, surrender his operator's license, and pay costs. John Wiggins pled guilty to two violations of liquor laws and was sentenced to two years in the county jail (See COURT, page 6)

Tax Settlement Audit Is Ordered By Board

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session here on Tuesday ordered that the audit of the tax settlement of A. P. Rodwell, Jr., tax collector, by Watts & Byrd, CPA, be accepted.

The audit showed that the total amount of taxed charged to the auditor for collection amounted to \$357,916.08, and that cash remittances, penalties collected and released totaled \$335,598.80, leaving a balance of uncollected taxes in the amount of \$22,317.28.

J. R. Peeler, superintendent of schools, requested office space for the new assistant superintendent, J. Comer Griffin; the new guidance counselor, Mrs. E. K. Fishel; and the supervisor of schools, Calvin C. White. White now has an office in the Taylor Building, but needs to be closer to the superintendent's office, Peeler stated.

Peeler was asked to try to solve the problem within his present quarters until the new education building is built. The site has been selected, the architect is working on the building plans, and construction is expected to take about four months.

The site for the new building is located near Warren General Hospital. A request that an old unused building be moved or torn down at a dangerous intersection in Warren Plains was made. The building belongs to the Selma Katzenstein estate. The matter was discussed later with Beddingfield, Warren County highway supervisor, who will pursue the matter with other highway officials. Other road matters discussed with him were a road from Warren Plains to Oakville, one from Long School section toward Odell and culverts near Bethlehem Church at Arcola.

A request from Frank Reams, county agent, to adjust salaries of two secretaries within their own department budget was turned down. The request was made because the state did not increase its part of the salaries as the county did. Reams also made a report on the grain and hay situation. Grain will be available for foundation herds and breeding herds at a cost of approximately \$1 a bushel. There is (See BOARD, page 6)

Warrenton Leaf Market To Open Monday Morning

New Phone Numbers In Use Sunday

Telephone subscribers in the Warrenton, Macon and Norlina area will begin using their new telephone numbers Sunday morning.

Howard T. Pitts, area manager for Carolina Telephone Co., said yesterday that during the past few weeks telephone company workers have been busy installing new central office equipment in Warrenton for the change over at 2:01 a. m., Sunday, Sept. 8. Most subscribers, he said, have received stickers in the mail with their new telephone number on it and are asked to put this on their dial Sunday morning. Others, those who have had some change in their service recently, have their new number on the telephone covered by a tape with the old number on it—this they have been asked to remove the morning after the change over.

The central office installation is complete and all is in readiness for the change early Sunday morning, Pitts said. New directories will be mailed so as to be in the hands of all subscribers prior to the number change.

Pitts asked that all subscribers do three things to insure their getting the best possible service: First, all who receive stickers for their telephones put them on the morning of change over.

Second, consult the directory for the numbers whenever making a call.

Third, when calling a party on your line, follow the new instructions as the codes for this service have been changed.

An appeal to telephone users was made this week by Jimmy Roberts, chief of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, who asked that a note be made of the volunteer fire department's new number.

Roberts said the number '257-3456' had been assigned to the fire telephone.



JUDGE HOBGOOD

Judge Calls For Control

A Superior Court judge this week called on the nation's political and sociological leaders to attack the problem of "illegitimate and half-witted" children with "more positive birth control programs than heretofore practiced or promoted in this country."

Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg, presiding over the September criminal term here, told members of the grand jury that he had become "quite disturbed over the alarmingly increased number of half-witted people and illegitimate young defenders who are on the criminal calendars of our courts."

The veteran jurist said "it is obvious to any clear-thinking person that for the good of our state and nation that the more intelligent parents should have the largest families, but the reverse is true."

He charged that the government "not only permits but actually encourages both feeble-minded and unwed mothers to produce the largest families, thus compounding and encouraging this problem by producing more criminals and idiots. Our government gives these women extra money for every child she bears, often half-witted and illegitimate."

The judge told jurors that 20 years later hordes of these children would fill prisons and institutions and become (See HOBGOOD, page 6)

Sales May Be Light For Week

Sale of tobacco on the Warrenton Tobacco Market is slated to begin here Monday morning amid hopes of growers and warehousemen that increased prices will offset reduced poundage.

Market officials predicted this week that sales would be light for the first week, due to the late harvest. They said the area's crop should be "fair," considering growing conditions.

First sale on the Warrenton market, one of ten-markets operating in the Middle Belt, will begin at 9 a. m. at Thompson's Warehouse. Auctioneer Bill Martin will be on hand to open sales at both Thompson's and Boyd's Warehouses.

Five sales will be conducted daily, E. R. Wood, sales supervisor, said yesterday. A full set of buyers will be here for the market's opening and all major companies will be represented. Luke Lea will auction leaf at Curran's, Farmers, and Centre Warehouses.

During the first week of sales the government will support both loose leaf—which is sold during the first week—and tied bundles. Last year, when untied tobacco was sold on the warehouse floor for the first time, government support was not extended to tied bundles during the first week. This year government graders will place a six-cents per pound premium on tied tobacco.

"Poundage is expected to be lower than last year's unusually heavy crop," Wood said. Last year the market sold 12,802,884 pounds—one of the best years in its long history.

While eight warehouses are in operation this season, warehousemen owning more than one warehouse are allowed only one sale. Second sale on Monday will be held at Farmers. Curran's will have third sale, Boyd's fourth, and Centre, fifth.

Centre Warehouses will be operated by M. P. Carroll, Edward Moody and Edward Radford. Thompson's two warehouses will be operated by C. E. Thompson and R. S. Young. Curran's Warehouses will be operated by Mrs. D. G. Curran, D. G. Curran, Jr., C. W. Curran and D. E. Tillotson. Farmers Warehouse will be operated by E. G. Tarwater and Miss Gayle Tarwater. Boyd's Warehouse will be operated by Walker P. Burwell.

Wood said tobacco company representatives back from last year would include Tom Traynham, American; Ben Franklin, Liggett-Myers; Bill Curran, Reynolds; St. Nunn, Imperial; and Phillip Meeler, Monk Henderson. Export Tobacco and Henderson Tobacco Company will also have buyers on the market.

To Show Slides The Rev. and Mrs. Troy J. Barrett will show color slides of their European Caravan trip in the Fellowship Hall of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church for any and all interested persons in the church and county who wish to attend.

The slides will be shown at 6 p. m. on Sunday, Sept. 8, and at 7 p. m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Assistant Negro Farm Agent Is Named Here

C. W. Koonce, 25, former assistant Negro agricultural agent in Granville County, has been appointed to serve as assistant agent in Warren County.

The Jones County native's appointment was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting here Monday upon recommendation of the Extension Department. Warren County has been without an assistant Negro farm agent for several months.

Koonce will begin his new duties here on October 1. He graduated from A. and T. College, Greensboro, in 1960 with a B. S. degree. Following his graduation he went to Granville County where he served for nearly three years.

A member of the Baptist Church, Koonce is unmarried. Appearing before the board with Koonce were J. A. Spalding, district Negro extension agent, and L. C. Cooper, Negro county agent.



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