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## Banzet May Seek Place As Judge

Julius Banzet, Warrenton attorney and Judge of Warren County Recorder's Court, may be a candidate for one of three judgeships for the intermediate court to be set up for Warren, Vance, Franklin, Granville, and Person Counties under the courts reorganization plan. The new court will be put in full operation in 1968. Banzet said yesterday that he was giving consideration to becoming a candidate for one of the judgeships, but that he had not definitely decided to run. He is expected to announce his decision at a later date.

Two candidates from Vance County have also been mentioned, without any confirmation of their intentions. They are Judge Tom D. Hardie of the Vance Recorder's Court and Linwood T. Peoples, Henderson attorney. It is likely that there will also be candidates from the other three counties.

The three judges will be nominated in the primary next May and formally elected in November, taking office the first Monday in December. The district court is designed to relieve congestion in superior court, and at the outset will concern itself with alimony and custody issues.

The district court phase of the new court system will be activated in December, 1968. All judges will be paid by the State and will be responsible to State jurisdiction, with the existing superior court system continuing largely as now, except that it will be relieved of much of the routine of the old system.

## Jaycees To Hold Toys For Tots Project This Year

The Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce will again hold its Toys For Tots Christmas project, Roy Pat Robertson, Jaycee president, announced yesterday.

He said the Jaycees are now collecting toys for needy children in the county. These toys will be repaired and distributed to needy children in the county who otherwise might have little Christmas.

Anyone having old toys or new ones that are not needed are asked to contact any member of the Jaycees. Robertson said that the Jaycees will collect the toys this week and next week during week days at Thompson's Warehouse in Warrenton between the hours of 7 and 8 p. m. Anyone unable to deliver the toys to the warehouse are asked to call a Jaycee member who will pick them up. "We would like to thank the public which has cooperated with the Jaycees on the project," Robertson said. "We hope that your Christmas will be brighter because of your efforts to make others happy."

## Local Bank Donates Funds For 4-H Clubs

WILSON-The Citizens Bank of Warrenton has joined a growing group of North Carolina bankers who are doing their part in "Service to Youth" by contributing to the National 4-H Club Foundation in Washington, D. C.

Foy N. Goforth, State Bank Chairman, called the bank's share in the 4-H Club program "an investment in the future." "Our banks are planning and building for tomorrow and it is our responsibility to plan also for the youth that will be part of that tomorrow," said Mr. Goforth.

Through this annual National 4-H Bank Campaign, the National 4-H Club Foundation provides bankers with an opportunity to help all 4-H'ers and to reinforce the

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ROBERT A. CLARK

## Bobby Clark Promoted; Transferred To Ahoskie

Robert A. (Bobby) Clark, 42, Highway Patrol Trooper at Norlina for the past 17 years and nine months, has been promoted to Corporal and transferred to Ahoskie.

Clark, whose first assignment was to Norlina, was sworn in as corporal in ceremonies held at Raleigh last Friday.

He left Norlina Monday for Greenville to report to Troop A headquarters, from where he reported to Ahoskie. His family will remain at Norlina until he can find accommodations at Ahoskie.

A native of Greenville, Clark is a graduate of Greenville High School. He is married to the former Rebecca Hundley of Norlina, daughter of Mrs. Andrew J. Hundley and the late Mr. Hundley. They

have two children, Lynne, 14, and Wayne, 8.

He served for many years as a member of the Norlina School District, and later as a member of the Norlina School Board. He is a member of Norlina Methodist Church and is Past Master of Francis S. Packard Masonic Lodge at Norlina.

Clark said on the eve of his departure for his new assignment, that he regretted to leave Warren County, whose people he described "as the finest bunch of people in the world." He said that he wished he could see everyone personally before he left, and asked that this newspaper express his appreciation for the friendships shown and the many acts of kindness shown to him and to his family by the people of Warren County.

## Jurors Drawn Under Jury Commission Plan

Jurors were drawn last Friday afternoon for the January term of Warren County Superior Court by Mrs. Lanie Hayes, Clerk of Court and her assistant, Miss Isabel Nelson. This marks the first time that a Warren County jury has been drawn in the office of the Clerk of Court and is a part of the procedure for jury selection under the reorganized court system.

In the jury box from which names were drawn are names of residents of the county selected by a special jury commission appointed by resident Judge Hamilton Hobgood. Members of this commission are John G. Mitchell of Warrenton, Sam E. Allen of Axtelee, and Ernest R. Whitley of Rt. 2, Littleton. Mitchell was nominated by Judge Hobgood; Allen by the Clerk of Court, and Whitley by the County Commissioners.

A number for each resident on jury list is kept in the office of the Clerk of Court, corresponding with names which are under lock and key in the Register of Deeds office. Numbers drawn by the Clerk of Court were matched with names in the Register of Deeds office, which were returned over to the Sheriff for notification, as previously.

Hitherto, for decades, jurors have been drawn by the county commissioners, with a small child picking names from the jury box. All this is abolished now. The Clerk draws the numbers without any knowledge of identification until matched by names.

For the January Court term, 48 names were drawn for duty during the session. In addition, 18 others were drawn to con-

stitute the new grand jury. All will be new. While the staggered terms for grand jury members will continue, a fresh start will be made now, with an entirely new panel selected. All will serve the first six months of 1968, but half then will go off and nine new ones will be selected.

The new procedure is much more complicated than the old one, but marks the first stage of establishment of the new system for superior court.

Lists will be revised at intervals of two years, as heretofore, but in a different manner. Preparation of the jury box has been in preparation all fall.

### JURY LIST RELEASED BY REGISTER OF DEEDS

The first list of jurors selected under the new plan were released this week by Register of Deeds Jim Hundley. They will serve at the January Term of Warren County Superior Court which will convene on Tuesday, Jan. 2, with Judge Henry A. McKennon, Jr., of Lumberton presiding. They are as follows:

- Earle L. Jones, Mrs. A. E. Perkinson, Mrs. Stella B. Frazier, William Louise Evans, Harry H. King, Charles Bunch, Leon Cheek, Mrs. R. K. Carroll, Jr., Mrs. Albert Seaman, Margaret Bullock Jordan, Jimmie Brown, Eddie Pinkney, Nancy D. Moseley, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Ivy L. Coleman, Shirley R. Ellis, Handy Kirkpatrick, Frank William Bolton, Esther R. Perkinson, C. A. Jones,

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## Contract To Revalue Land Given

A contract for revaluating real estate in Warren County was on Monday awarded by the Board of County Commissioners to Consolidated Appraisal and Mapping Company at a cost of \$36,400. No mapping was included in the contract.

Work in revaluing property in the county is expected to be started early in January.

List Taxers for listing 1968 taxes were approved by the commissioners upon recommendation of Tax Collector A. P. Rodwell, Jr. They are the same list takers as appointed last year and are as follows:

- River Township—J. Robert King; Sixpound—Mrs. Edna M. Harris; Hawtree-Gid W. King; Smith Creek—W. S. Hicks, Jr.; Nutbush—Mrs. Annie N. Wilson; Sandy Creek—W. W. O'Neal; Shocco—Boyd M. Reams; Fishing Creek—Mrs. Louise H. Gupton; Judkins—Mrs. Alma W. Reid; Warrenton—A. E. Wilson; Fork—Mrs. Patsy D. Coleman; Roanoke—L. W. Kidd.

The salary of Harry M. Williams, Jr., manager of the distribution of surplus food commodities, was set at \$2.00 per hour.

Sam Walker of the Warren County Rescue Squad appeared before the board relative to the possibility of the county subsidizing ambulance service by this agency, but was told by the commissioners that this question would be fully discussed at a meeting of the board early in January.

W. H. Cordell appeared before the board to ask for aid in getting support for five dependent children of John Andrew Boyd. He was referred to the Welfare Department.

A delegation from the Snow Hill Church Community, with D. Y. Cooper as spokesman, appeared before the board to request the State Highway Commission to harden the road leading to Snow Hill Baptist Church, a distance of 2 1/2 miles.

C. J. Fleming, Dog Warden, gave his monthly report to the board.

A. P. Gooch appeared before the board to request that the State Highway Commission be asked to repair and extend County Road No. 1115. It was ordered that \$25.00 be paid to Brown's Funeral Home for the funeral expense of Enoch Davis.

A. J. Ellington, John Mayfield and Frank Newell were appointed to appraise the lifetime interest of Ruby Wiggins Johnson in a six-acre piece of property deeded from Ruby W. Johnson et al to James White and R. L. Traylor, Jr.

It was ordered that the tax valuation for 1968 be fixed at 40% of the appraised valuation as established in 1960.

A. P. Rodwell, Jr., Tax Collector, reported 1967 taxes collected during the month of November in the amount of \$78,467.53, making a total of 1967 collection of \$225,711.21 47.42% of the total 1967 levy. It was ordered that the 1966 delinquent tax list be turned over to the county attorney for collection.

### In Hospital

Patients in Warren General Hospital were listed on Tuesday afternoon as follows:

- Lola Devine, Edna Strickland, Jessie Haskins, Joe B. Walker, Devilla Vick, Alice Wyckoff, Janice Ellis, Fannie Jones, Dollie Simmons, Snyder Williams, Emily Milam, Hope Williams, Annie Paschall, Neil Capps, Thomas Hawkins, Grace Halthcock, Willie T. Robertson, Henry Conner, John Shearin, William Richardson, Thenia Williams, Pattie Richardson, Cora Christmas, Herbert Johnson, William Lyons, Martha Twitty.

Mrs. Alfred J. Ellington, Jr., and family visited Mrs. Roy Davis in Vance Manor Rest Home in Henderson recently.

# Voters To Decide The Fate Of \$100,000 Bond Issue Tuesday

## Reams Resigns As Extension Chairman; Hardage Appointed

Frank W. Reams on Monday resigned as County Extension Chairman for Warren County, effective Dec. 31, and his resignation has been accepted "with regrets" by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board has appointed L. B. Hardage, long time county agent, to replace Reams as Extension Chairman.

Reams will become executive director for the Warren County Industrial Development Commission on Jan. 1.

In offering his resignation, Reams said that he was leaving his position as Extension Chairman with extreme regret, and expressed his appreciation for the fine cooperation he has always received from the Board of County Commissioners.

In accepting the promotion to Extension Chairman, Hardage said that he accepted with some reluctance as he was happy in his present job, and liked the outdoor work associated with it. He said that it had been agreed by the State Extension Service that he might continue to live in Virginia until the end of the 1967-68 school session, when he would move to Warren County, probably to Warrenton. For a number of years he has lived on his dairy farm in Virginia.

The Extension Service and the Commissioners plan to obtain a replacement for Hardage as county agent as soon as one can be found after the first of the year. Reams graduated from North Carolina State University in July, 1933. Following three years of teaching Vocational Agriculture at Angier-Coats High School, he served as County Farm Security Administration supervisor from July, 1936 to October, 1937.

In November, 1937, he moved to a Branch Extension Office in Scotland Neck, Halifax County, serving three years as assistant county agent. As a Reserve Officer, he was ordered into World War II, separated a Lt. Col. after some over five years active duty. After army separation, he arrived in Warrenton on December 10, 1945, where he has served in his present capacity for 22 years and 22 days.

Reams has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the National County Agents Association and has served as



REAMS



HARDAGE

president, vice president, secretary - treasurer and chairman of many committees of the North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Agents. He is married to the former Maybelle Barker of Fuquay Springs. They have two daughters, Mrs. Michael Busby, (See REAMS, page 4)

## Gardner Announces Reams' Appointment As Industrial Director

W. Monroe Gardner, chairman of the Warren County Industrial Commission, announced on Tuesday that Frank W. Reams would assume the duties of industrial director on Jan. 1.

He said that the commission feels that it is fortunate in being able to obtain a person of Mr. Reams' calibre and knowledge of Warren County to direct the commission.

Reams' office will be located in the Taylor Building in Warrenton.

Gardner said that he hopes the citizens of Warren County will cooperate with Reams in trying to bring industries into Warren County in order to provide new jobs for our citizens. He also said the commission wants to work with any local industry and help it in any way that it can.

## Defendant Tried On Four Counts Of Assault With D. W.; One Affray Charge

A defendant in Warren County Recorder's Court last Friday was found guilty on four counts of assault with a deadly weapon and one charge of an affray, and given 30 days road sentences on all five charges.

Alford Alston pled not guilty to the four counts of assault with a deadly weapon and with an affray, but the court found him guilty and imposed the road sentences. The defendant gave notice of appeal and appearance bond was set at \$250.

Jerry Stegall, charged with an affray, was found not guilty.

The Court found probable causes in four cases in which Wilbert Campbell was charged with forgery. He was ordered to appear at the January term of criminal court and appearance bond was set at \$200 in each case.

Tommie Warlick was sentenced to the roads for 30 days when he was found guilty of an affray. The sentence was suspended for two years provided the defendant does not go on the premises of the

Balcony Club of Norlina for two years, remains of good behavior and does not violate any of the criminal laws of the State for two years and pays court costs.

Warlick was also charged with assault with a deadly weapon, but was found not guilty. Carter Smith was found guilty of an affray and sentenced to the roads for 30 days. The sentence was suspended for two years provided the defendant does not go on the premises of the Balcony Club in Norlina for two years, remains of good behavior and does not violate any of the criminal laws of the State for two years and pays court costs.

Robert Epps, charged with drunk driving, entered a plea of reckless driving. He was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

Julian Clarence Stegall pled guilty to charges of drunk driving and hit and run. On the charge of drunk driving the judgment of the court was that the defendant pay a fine of \$100 and court costs. On the charge of hit and run, the

judgment of the court was that the defendant be sentenced to the roads for 60 days. The sentence was suspended for five years provided the defendant does not drink any alcoholic beverages for five years, not violate any of the criminal laws of the State for five years and be placed on probation for five years.

Curney Edward Allen, who pled guilty to a charge of escape, had 30 days added to the road sentence he was serving at the time of escape.

Allen Mace, found guilty on a non-support charge, was ordered to serve two years on the roads.

Bryant Caulder and Sherwood Harrell were each found guilty of an affray and sentenced to the roads for 30 days. Each sentence was suspended for two years provided the defendant does not go upon the premises of the Balcony Club in Norlina for two years, remains of good behavior and does not violate any of the criminal laws of the state for

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## Funds To Be Used For Water Tank

Warrenton voters will go to the polls on next Tuesday morning, Dec. 12, to decide the fate of a proposed bond issue which would permit the issuance of not more than \$100,000 to erect a water tank to replace the one destroyed in the warehouse fire here the latter part of last summer.

Water pressure is now being maintained by a 50,000 gallon pressure tank which the town has rented for six months at a cost of \$5,000.

Should the bond issue be carried, as is anticipated, the town commissioners hope to have a 150,000-gallon tank installed on a site at the Warren Fair Grounds before the lease period on the pressure tank expires.

While citizens are being asked by the town commissioners to approve a maximum of \$100,000, it is not anticipated that the full amount will be used. J. Edward Rooker, Town Manager, said yesterday that the town is very hopeful of obtaining a federal grant covering 60 per cent of the cost of erecting the tank. In that event it is anticipated that only \$40,000 of the bonds will be issued.

But Rooker said that the town had to prepare for the expenditure in the amount of funds derived to take care of eventualities in case the grant is not made. Rooker said that in either event it is not anticipated that there will be any increase in the town tax rate as a result of issuing the bonds. He said that the commissioners raised the water and sewer rates two months ago and funds raised by this increase should be sufficient to retire the bonds.

The election will be held in the Fire Station at the Municipal Building. The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. Mrs. Mary Eleanor Grant will serve as judge of elections, and Mrs. Wiley G. Coleman and Miss Zenobia Lancaster will serve as judges of election.

The ballots on which the voters will vote for or against the bond issue reads as follows: "The ordinance authorizing \$100,000 of bonds to finance, together with any other funds which may become available therefor, the improvement of the system maintained by the Town to provide a supply of water to said Town and its inhabitants by the construction of an elevated water tank and the installation of water mains, including the acquisition and installation of the equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor and the acquisition of the necessary lands or rights-in-land and a tax therefor."

## Carol Service To Be Presented At Oxford

OXFORD - The Choirs of Oxford Presbyterian Church, constituting over 50 voices, will present a Carol Service in the sanctuary of the Church on Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. D. D. Hocutt.

Preceding the program there will be a 20 minute prelude of Christmas selections for the organ by composers Bach, Brahms, Richard Purvis, and D'Aquin, played by Mrs. D. D. Hocutt, organist and choir director.

At 4:00 p. m. the choir, composing all of the Sunday School grades beginning with the first grade, and the concert

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