

Warren Delivers A Farewell Address To District Today

Lindsay Warren Day Attended By Thousands in Town Of Washington

"Lindsay Warren Day," marking the end of sixteen years of service for Mr. Warren in the National House of Representatives and advanced by his constituency to repay him in some measure, for his work there, was attended by thousands in his home town of Washington today. A feature on the program was an address by the Honorable Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator and Secretary of Commerce in President Roosevelt's cabinet. Mr. Jones reached Washington by special train at 9:45 this morning, numerous other state and national dignitaries accompanying him there, including Governor Hoey and O. Max Gardner, present and former governors. Martin County is well represented at the special day observance.

Streets were blocked long before noon today as thousands poured in to Warren's home town. Traffic was jammed and the crowds shifted much before the program got underway at one o'clock.

Following an address by Mr. Jones and after fitting tributes were paid to the congressman and his record of service, Mr. Warren delivered his farewell address, excerpts of which follow:

A few years ago an ambition of a lifetime had been realized when I rode behind a brass band at Plymouth. Today the very acme of satisfaction has been reached when we have a parade with 9 bands.

I hope that you will appreciate that this is an occasion where I am utterly unable to voice expression to all that is in my heart and soul. It is a day not only of happiness and gratification but also of much sadness for me. That this vast crowd should gather here from every county of the First District as well as from many sections of North Carolina and from without the state touches me deeply. I see here friends of a lifetime to whom I feel tied with hooks of steel for we have been "friends together in sunshine and in shade."

You will never know what it means for me to leave you. It is well known that I do it with the greatest possible reluctance. But we just cannot fashion our lives to suit ourselves. In these the most critical times in the history of the Republic, while I was voting to draft the flower of our manhood and the wealth and industry of our nation for national defense it was not up to me to be out of step or lag behind to gratify personal ambitions if my services were desired in another field. As responsible and powerful as is the office of Comptroller General of the United States, if my own inclinations and wishes could have been followed, I would have been perfectly content to represent this district as long as you desired it for I shall always regard that representation as the greatest opportunity and the highest honor that has ever or could ever come to me. This service came when we thought we were on the high road to prosperity and when we woke up to discover that we were engulfed in a desperate economic crisis that affected every home in America. It came during the period when if the nation was to be saved, heroic remedies were necessary. I did not hesitate to give that program my support, and out of it has come a reassurance to the men and women and youth of this country who were snatched from their despondency and started once again on the paths of hope. I dare say that more vital national problems have been decided

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Political Activity Into the Limelight

Politics, crowded into the background by glaring war headlines, staged a comeback this week to claim an almost undivided attention over the nation. Special commentators have been crowded off the air with their war talk, and politics today hold prominent positions on the front pages of the daily press.

Burdened with the affairs of the Nation, President Roosevelt remained quiet in the political contest until last Wednesday evening when he branded many of the Republican claims as unfounded and false. It was estimated that 75,000 persons crowded into and around a Philadelphia hall to hear him speak Wednesday evening. The President is scheduled to make four or five more political addresses between now and election day, November 5.

Following the President Wednesday evening, Al Smith, whose acts and slang still smell fishy, sneered the President in a talk at Boston before a jeering crowd. Willie followed him. Attorney General Robert Jackson was on the program for the Democrats and Joe Martin, chairman of the Republican Executive committee, had his say.

Last evening the airways were choked with political barages.

Campaign events of the past few days are indicative of a record vote on November 5, some estimates running as high as fifty million votes.

Few Absentee Votes Will Be Cast in County November 5th

Few absentee votes will be cast in the November 5 general election in this county, election authorities predicted today as the time for filing applications for ballots draws to a rapid close. While it is still a puzzle to understand why a Democratic legislature will not tolerate an absentee ballot in the primary and permit it in the general election, it is quite obvious that the recent absentee ballot law will do much to limit irregular voting in the State.

In predicting a comparatively small absentee vote in this county for Tuesday-week, Elections Board Chairman Sylvester Peel stated yesterday that only two applications had been filed with him for that type of ballot. More than 100 absentee ballots have been cast in an election in this county in years gone by.

The traveling electorate is likely to forego his constitutional right to

the ballot for the simple reason that he considers the law chokes the right with too much red tape. For one to cast an absentee ballot, he must file an application with the county chairman of the election board. The application is recorded by the official. A ballot and proper forms are sent to the voter who marks and signs the ballot before a notary public. The ballot is then returned to the board chairman who makes proper distribution on election day. While the method is not at all complicated, the routine is likely to be a bit irksome.

Tomorrow, Saturday, October 26, is the last day for one to register for the November 5 election. The books close tomorrow evening at 9 o'clock. On Saturday of next week, they will be open for challenge only. One who registered for the last primary does not have to register again.

FIRST LOSS

Wiley Stalon, young Hamilton colored man, appeared greatly worried in Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne's office here yesterday afternoon. Possibly there was good reason for him to be worried; he had lost his registration card. Stalon advanced an appealing plea for a second card, assuring Mr. Wynne that he would not lose another. The draft board clerk was out at the time, but a card was later issued to replace the lost one.

Stalon is the first to report a registration card missing, the 3,217 other registrants holding on to theirs for more than a week.

Building And Loan In District Meeting Here Last Tuesday

Session Attended By Leading Members and State League Officials

The district meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League in session here last Tuesday afternoon, discussed minimum requirements to be enforced and adopted in the construction of homes and buildings.

Both the afternoon and evening meetings were presided over by H. H. Strandburg, district president of Rocky Mount. He introduced Henry Gregory, president of the State League, who spoke briefly to the fifty or more building and loan members present for the afternoon meeting. The informal discussion was led by Martian Gaudian, executive secretary of the State League. He called on many prominent building and loan officials for short talks relative to minimum requirements or standards. Among those to address the meeting was George Crone, deputy insurance commissioner of North Carolina.

The evening meeting, attended by more than a hundred building and loan officials and directors, was devoted exclusively to speech making. After the president's address was made by Henry Gregory, George Crone made another short talk giving facts and figures pertaining to the league and the insurance department of North Carolina.

"I love eastern Carolina and Williamson in particular, for the people of this town were good to my boy when he lived here," O. K. LaRoue, president of the Home Loan Bank, of Winston-Salem, said when speaking at the evening meeting. Mr. LaRoue stated that there was a possibility of a moratorium being enacted into law to protect the draftees of this country. "We have nineteen million dollars to protect the homes of the men who are being drafted to protect us and our country," the speaker said.

Mr. LaRoue did not speak kindly of those who opposed the moratorium. Rather, he referred to the individuals as slackers who would oppose any legislation or act that would protect the interests of our men and country.

RALLIES

Beginning tomorrow evening, Martin County Democratic leaders will conduct a series of district rallies. The party campaign was launched last night by Congressional Nominee Herbert Bonner in Robersonville. Rivers Johnson will speak in the court house next week. County party leaders and nominees will participate in the district or community rallies which have been scheduled by Executive Chairman E. S. Peel, as follows: Hassell, Saturday, October 28; Hamilton, October 28; Bear Grass, October 29; Jameville, October 30; Oak City, October 31; Farm Life, November 1; Williams, November 2, and Everetts, November 4. Each of the meetings will be held at 8 p. m. and in the respective school buildings except in Williams where the session will be held in the county or township voting house.

House Nominee Is Heard Last Night In Robersonville

Herbert Bonner Opens Party Campaign in Martin County

"When singing 'God Bless America,' it might be especially appropriate and timely to begin the second verse with 'God Bless Great Britain,'" Herbert Bonner, Democratic candidate for Congress from the first district, said in a speech at Robersonville Thursday night.

Mr. Bonner quoted the President when he said the battlefront of America begins in the English Channel. He also told of the difficulty the administration had in securing early appropriations for the protection of our country in the form of a large navy and army. "We must wake up in America and look the facts straight in the face for surely this country is facing a crisis that she has never experienced before," Mr. Bonner said. "Should Britain fall, we will face an economic depression of such magnitude that no one can tell just what will happen and just how the period of re-adjustment and repercussion will effect this country."

The Democratic meeting, called by Elbert Peel, chairman of the Martin County Democratic executive committee, was attended by a hundred or more citizens. However, the size of the crowd did not minimize the enthusiasm and interest of those present.

The speaker, introduced by Paul Roberson, Robersonville attorney, paid tribute to his chief, Lindsay Warren, with whom he had been associated for 16 years. He referred to Mr. Warren as a powerful influence and a well-balanced and well-rounded individual who served well the district for a long number of years.

Mr. Bonner briefly reviewed Roosevelt's administration and enumerated the constructive legislation that had been enacted into law primarily to help and assist the poorer classes of America.

In conclusion Mr. Bonner dedicated himself to his party and district. "I will serve diligently and honestly, not one section or one group, but all the people of the whole district," Mr. Bonner said.

Mr. Bonner's address marked the opening of an extensive campaign in this county. Rivers Johnson, orator and party leader, speaks in Williamston next week, and a county canvass gets underway tomorrow evening.

Hitler Seeks Aid Of France - Spain Against England

Outlook Darkens for England As Diplomatic Events Hold Spotlight

Hitler, temporarily blocked in his bloody drive for world supremacy, is turning to France and Spain for aid in a final bid for peace on his terms or total warfare against England. Strong feelers have already been made in France and it is predicted that if Pétain refuses to join the Axis he will be replaced by Laval and that a dictator government will be imposed upon the French nation and its aid and all resources devoted to the cause of Germany. Efforts are being made to bring Spain around, and it is reported that pro-Nazi elements, hopeful of gaining possessions in Africa and possibly even on this continent, are suggesting that Spain join up with Hitler, English sources maintain that Franco, Spanish leader, is not yet convinced that it is advisable or feasible to take such a step.

While those negotiations are being advanced, attention is centering on an announced conference between German, Italian, Rumanian and Russian representatives next Monday in Bucharest.

Germany resumed its air attack on England today after a lull of a few days. However, Britain was also peppering military objectives in Germany including Berlin itself. Italian planes are said to be participating.

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UNNOTICED?

A change in the national wage-hour law went into effect yesterday, a hurried survey of local industry today indicating that more people are employed than there were a week ago. If there has been any curtailment in the employment lists, it could not be observed here today.

Contrary to a previous announcement, the change just effected in the law does not grant an increase in the hourly wage rate. It merely reduces the work-week from 42 to 40 hours. When questioned this morning, the management of one firm stated that the old schedule would be maintained, but that the rate of pay would necessarily be fixed at time and a half for the extra two hours. Thirty cents is the prevailing minimum wage.

Drive Being Made in County For Personal Property Taxes

A last round-up for county taxes delinquent on personal properties is now well advanced, according to a statement released by the office of the collector here this morning. Preliminary reports indicate that the insolvent list will reach a new low point this year, that in many cases personal property will be confiscated to account for taxes past due and unpaid.

Levying on a number of automobiles last week, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stated that the tax accounts were paid before sales could be made. In nearly every instance, personal property owners suggested that other items be taken as collateral rather than the family car. A few mules, horses and hogs have been taken in by the collector, but to date every item has been recovered by the owner.

Real estate taxes can be collected after a long period, and it is possible to force settlement on personal property, but the several thousand poll tax accounts are a thorn in the flesh for the collectors. The number of unpaid accounts is comparatively small, the officers stating that wages were garnished in industrial plants and that farm owners were notified to have their tenants settle the small tax accounts held against them.

Personal property owners and especially those operating automobiles are warned that they are subject to lose their property if the taxes charged against them are not paid immediately. The collectors have several assistants and they are moving from one township to another as rapidly as possible.

Name Advisory Board To Assist Draft Work

County Board Has A Special Meeting Here This Morning

Assistants Will Be Named To Assist Draftees in Filling In Questionnaires

Meeting in special session here this morning, the Martin County Board set up machinery for assisting draftees in preparing their questionnaires which will possibly start moving into the hands of registrants within the next week or ten days. It was announced by the county board that the registration list, now numbering 3,218, had been posted in the county courthouse. A complete list of the registration, broken down in alphabetical order and by race and town and route, is scheduled to appear in this paper next week. The list will carry the name of the registrant and his serial number. If one has the serial number 425 and that number is drawn first, that registrant will then be given Order No. 1, and so on. The national drawing is slated for next Tuesday noon, and all numbers will be drawn as rapidly as possible. As soon as the order numbers are released to the various county boards, questionnaires will be distributed at the rate of 50 each day, according to Board Chairman R. H. Goodman.

It was in connection with the questionnaire that the meeting was held here this morning. Messrs. J. C. Smith, of Robersonville; Charles Davenport, of Jamesville, and W. Hubert Coburn, of Williamston, were named by the board to the advisory committee with Coburn as chairman. These men, so to speak, are expected to supervise the task of filling in the answers to the questionnaires. They will name associates or assistants in every part of the county who will also assist the registrants in preparing the questionnaire answers. No charge for the work is to be made to the registrant.

It was pointed out in the meeting that a registrant does not have to call upon members of the advisory committee or the committee assistants in filling in the questions required. Any registrant may fill in his own blank, or he may call on the advisory committee or the committee assistants for help in answering the questions.

The advisory committee, breaking the county down into three districts, as follows: Chas. Davenport, Jamesville, Williams and Griffins; W. H. Coburn, Bear Grass, Williamston and Poplar Point, and J. C. Smith, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Hamilton and Goose Nest, will name the assistants between now and next Tuesday. About the middle of latter part of next week, the committee and the named assistants will meet with the county draft board in the agricultural building for a study of the questionnaire. The date of the meeting will be announced early next week or just as soon as the question blanks are received.

Questionnaires will be mailed possibly beginning on or about November 4 at the rate of fifty each day until the more than 3,200 registration is covered. The forms, properly filled-in and notarized, must be back in the office of the draft board five days after they are mailed by the board.

Start Work On Highway 64 Project Next Week

Work on widening U. S. Highway 64 from a point just east of Everetts to the Pitt County line, is slated to get underway next week. According to reports reaching here today the contract for the work has been awarded the Brown Paving Company by the original contractor. The subletting was effected, reports state, principally because the Brown Company already had its equipment in this section of the State.

Little Child's Life Is Snuffed Out By Car On County Highway

Beulah Faye Hopkins, Three Years Old, Dies in Local Doctor's Office

Beulah Faye Hopkins, little three-year old, bright-eyed child of Mr. and Mrs. Thade Hopkins, died in a local doctor's office yesterday afternoon at 5:20 o'clock, the victim of an automobile accident about three hours earlier on the Bear Grass highway near the John W. Green farm. Her head battered and bruised and other parts of her little body broken, the fair-skinned tot died without regaining consciousness. Her blond hair, a bit tangled as if she had been romping and rolling with a playmate, did not hide the ugly marks placed on her head by an on-rushing automobile. Death came almost unnoticed by those who held a hopeful watch beside the operating table. Only the drawing of a dark gray blanket over her head by the attending doctor proved that another life, a life full of promise and hope, had been snuffed out by our modern system of transportation.

Playing in front of her home, the little child started to dash across the road to join two playmates there. Hardly had she entered the road before a car driven by Simon Gardner, young man, bore down upon her. Gardner, the speed of his car not definitely determined, swerved to the left. The front of the machine cleared the child, but the right rear fender struck her head and the little bit of humanity was thrown 10 feet or more into a ditch. She never realized what had happened, and although there was an apparent struggle for life she knew no pain as death crept ever closer to claim its fourth victim of the year on the highways and streets of Martin County.

Unnerved by the accident, Gardner, accompanied on the car by his brother, Noah, and John Hyman Crowninshield, could hardly talk the crowd, it was reported. "I did not see the child until I was within ten or fifteen steps of her. I turned to the left quickly but could not avoid striking her," Gardner was quoted as saying by Patrolman Whit Saunders who investigated the accident. Gardner brought his car to a stop about 60 steps away from the spot of the accident.

Mrs. Hopkins, handling the car approaching and heard the report of the crash but did not see it. Gardner picked up the child and brought her here.

Pending a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell here next Monday evening, the death car driver was placed under a \$500 bond. A formal charge of manslaughter is pending against him. Possibly Gardner, a farmer of Bear Grass, was driving at a fast rate of speed within the limit, but the grief-stricken father suggested that the driver could not have helped it.

The accident is said to be the first of a fatal nature reported on the Bear Grass highway since it was surfaced about two years ago.

Moving Equipment For Fill Bridges

Equipment to be used in the construction of four concrete bridges in the Roanoke River fill at this point is being placed on location by the contracting firm, F. A. Triplett, of Chester, S. C. Work on the project is to be started the early part of next week.

Material for the construction of four temporary bridges was placed on the fill yesterday. The temporary structures will provide two-way travel. The bridge projects are to be complete in 125 working days or less.

Other than that the contractor, W. B. Kiker, had started moving equipment a week ago for repairing and enlarging the fill itself, no information has been received in connection with scheduled work on that project.

Cotton Farmers Get More Checks

Cotton farmers, cooperating with the farm program, are receiving \$3,124.13 in price adjustment payments in the county this week. The checks, representing 82 applications, push the total received in price adjustment payments to \$23,887.45.

There are 152 applications still pending, officials in the office of the county agent stating that they believed the total payments will exceed \$25,000 in Martin County.

Services For Accident Victim This Afternoon

Funeral services for little Beulah Faye Hopkins, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thade Hopkins, are being held at the home in Bear Grass Township this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will follow in a burial plot on the Green farm, close by.

Besides her parents, the child is survived by two sisters, Addie, age six, and Mary Alice, age four.

NEW REGISTRATIONS

Additional persons in this county are registering from day to day under the Selective Service Act. Releasing about one a day, prisoners are appearing before the county draft board to register as the first act upon their release from the camp near here. Prisoners, caught in the camps on registration day, did not have to register at that time, but they are notified to do so on the day of their release.

Professor Speaks To Building And Loan Meeting Here

Must Be On Guard Against Threat of Totalitarianism Duke Teacher Warns

Speaking before the first district meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League in session here last Tuesday, LeRoy Lewis, professor of public speaking in Duke University, enumerated the threats our Democratic form of government is receiving both internally and externally.

Living up to his reputation as a speaker and an instructor, Mr. Lewis spoke of totalitarianism as the first and chief obstacle to the preservation of our democratic type of government. He left no doubt in the minds of his listeners as to the possible far reaching effects of the present European and Asiatic conflicts on the Western Hemisphere.

"The Axis powers are thriving on conquest and the subjugation of their neighbors and their dynamic type of government is diametrically opposed to democracy," the speaker pointed out. "The individual is subservient to the state and the philosophy of the totalitarian state governs the activity and thinking of its people."

The professor said invasion was not necessary to break down our Democracy. The gradual undermining and boring in of the fifth columnist was responsible for France being on her knees today, the speaker continued, and many of the refugees coming to this country are nothing more than paid agents of the Axis powers.

Mr. Lewis spoke not the words of a war monger; neither did he suggest our participation in the war. However, he did make it clear that he was opposed to strict neutrality, appeasement or our entering the war unprepared. Far from being an isolationist, however, Mr. Lewis stated clearly that he was opposed to peace at any price.

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DRY WEATHER

While the season has been ideal for harvesting work, the past several weeks have offered perfect weather for one of the worst dust blitzkriegs seen in this county in some time.

Less than one-half inch of rain has fallen here in over a month, and to aggravate the dust situation the slight rainfall followed a comparatively dry period in September. Last month 2.34 inches of rain fell at this point, most of that amount coming down the early part of that period.

Small streams are drying up and water in the creeks and river is at a low level, the Roanoke being possibly more than 15 feet below the high water mark reached last August.

September, 1939, was a dry month, but it was followed by a wet period in October. Month before last there was a total of 11.07 inches of rain at this point.