

WANT STATE TO FINANCE SCHOOLS

Commissioners Pass Resolution Asking That Legislature Make Change

SEVERAL TAX MATTERS

Declaring that the burden of taxation for the support of the public schools had been shifted by the State to the counties, the board of county commissioners in regular session at Warrenton on Monday unanimously adopted a resolution asking that the 1931 session of the Legislature correct this injustice by enacting such law or laws "as may be necessary for the State to take over, operate and finance the public schools of North Carolina as a State-wide system."

The resolution reads as follows: "Whereas, Article 9 of the Constitution of North Carolina provided that the General Assembly shall provide by taxation and otherwise for a general and uniform system of public schools, wherein tuition shall be free of charge to all children of the State between the ages of 6 and 21; and

"Whereas, said Constitution further provides that each county of the State shall be divided into a convenient number of districts, in which one or more public schools shall be maintained at least six months in every year; and

"Whereas, the burden of taxation in providing such schools has been shifted by the State to the counties thereof, contrary to the spirit of said Constitution; and

"Whereas, the raising of sufficient revenue by taxation to maintain and operate said schools has become burdensome and almost intolerable to said counties, making it necessary to levy such a high rate of tax on lands as to almost confiscate the same;

"Therefore, be it resolved by the board of commissioners for the county of Warren, at a regular meeting of said board of Monday, the 7th day of April, 1930;

"That the 1931 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina be, and it is hereby, petitioned to enact such law or laws as may be necessary for the State to take over, operate and finance the public schools of North Carolina as a State-wide system.

"That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the clerk of the board of county commissioners of Bladen county."

Two White Men Under \$250 Bond

Raymond Stegall and Laurine Lete, Warren county white men are out under \$500 bonds each for their appearance at the next term of Federal court in Durham, placed upon them by U. S. Commissioner J. C. Hardy on Monday afternoon when brought before him upon a charge of manufacturing whiskey. The men were caught at a still near Wise by Federal prohibition officer B. A. Dale, assisted by deputy sheriffs W. G. Watkins and E. F. Murphy, and L. B. and W. G. Watkins Jr., of Vance county. Three negroes made their get away as the officers approached the still, which was in operation when they arrived. The still was a 200 gallon copper outfit complete. The officers destroyed the still, 25 gallons of whiskey and 1800 gallons of mash.

Dr. Alderman To Broadcast Monday

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, will discuss the career of Thomas Jefferson over a nation-wide hook-up of the National Broadcasting system on Monday, April 14, at 10:30 p. m. eastern standard time, according to an announcement received by Hon. T. O. Rodwell from Joseph Shouse, chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic National committee at Washington.

The birthday of Thomas Jefferson comes on Sunday, April 13. "It seems particularly fitting that the speaker should be the brilliant President of the great university which Jefferson founded," Chairman Shouse said. "Dr. Alderman is recognized as among the ablest educators in the county, and I know that what he says will be well worth hearing."

Jurors Are Drawn For May Term Of Superior Court

The following were drawn to serve as jurors at the May term of Superior court by the county commissioners in session at Warrenton Monday:

J. M. Mohorn, J. H. Northington, G. B. Gregory, M. T. Bolton, J. Van King, J. E. Rooker Jr., C. S. Haithcock, J. H. Riggan, T. P. Peoples, C. J. Fleming, J. B. Davis, Jack W. Bobbitt, J. W. Burroughs, Clifton C. Alston, J. T. Ellington, H. M. Williams, E. G. Tharrington, W. P. Conn, W. L. Carroll, O. F. Clark, H. Evans Coleman, W. W. Kidd, T. R. Tunstall, Foster Jones, W. A. Cheek, J. H. Gardner, C. M. Moore, A. B. Laughter, C. W. Floyd, J. C. Alston, Frederick Williams, F. R. Ryder, J. F. Smithwick, L. A. Fowler, John Rodgers, M. L. Cole.

Second week—T. T. Hawks, W. B. Mustian, G. W. Little, D. P. Limer, Geo. T. Vick, R. E. Stevenson, L. E. Traylor, W. C. Brown, H. L. Pope, W. H. Walker, H. C. Weaver, T. C. Ellington, Thos. H. White, N. E. Mitchell, W. K. Thompson, J. H. Rose, Wm. A. Benson, J. L. Overby.

Banzet Wins Suit Against Former Sheriff R. E. Davis

Sam Davis on behalf of himself and father, former Sheriff R. E. Davis, noted an appeal to Superior court on Monday when Julius Banzet, Warrenton attorney, secured a judgment against them in Recorder's court. The Warrenton attorney was suing Messrs. Davis for attorney fees and interest and was awarded \$545 and costs by Recorder T. O. Rodwell.

At the criminal cases which preceded the civil case of Banzet vs. Davis, Robert Hyman was fined \$50 and cost and his license to drive an automobile was revoked for 90 days when he was found guilty of operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

The third case of the morning was also a liquor case. Charlie Newton, caught at a still last Friday, and charged with manufacturing liquor, was sentenced to work the roads for four months. The sentence was suspended upon payment of cost and promise of good behavior hereafter.

Announces Services For Holy Week

Holy Week begins on Sunday and the Rev. B. N. De Foe-Wagner, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal church, yesterday announced services as follows:

Palm Sunday, 8 a. m., Holy Communion; 8 p. m., evening prayer. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion. Maundy Thursday 10:30 a. m., Holy Communion; 8 p. m. Evening prayer and preparation for Easter Communion. Good Friday, 12 to 3 p. m., three hours devotion; the Rev. E. L. Haines of Greensboro will deliver the addresses. Easter evening, 5 p. m., Vesper services; Easter day, 11 a. m., Holy Communion.

"All are cordially invited to participate in these services and commemorate the atoning Death and Resurrection of our Lord," the Rev. Mr. Wagner said.

Drys Show Slight Gain In Digest Poll

The drys gained just about the proverbial one-half of one per cent in the Literary Digest Prohibition poll this week. The wets still have a large lead, with those favoring modification in second place, and voters who want strict enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment bringing up the rear.

Out of a total of 2,516,072 votes from 44 states and the District of Columbia, those favoring repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment have 1,049,257 votes; those favoring modification of the Volstead Law to permit light wines and beer have polled 754,268 votes, and 712,549 of those participating in the poll want strict enforcement of the 18th Amendment and the Volstead Law.

TRUSTEES TO MEET

All members of the board of trustees of the John Graham high school are requested to be present at the office of the school for the annual meeting, which is to be held on next Monday evening, April 14, at 8 o'clock, V. F. Ward, chairman of the board, announced yesterday. There are several matters of importance to be transacted. There is one vacancy on the board, on account of the death of the Hon. B. B. Williams.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

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Gene Byrnes

NEW CANDIDATES TAXPAYERS TO ARE IN THE FIELD MEET SATURDAY

J. C. Hardy, Editor of Headlight Opposes J. A. Dowtin For The House

The week has brought forth three new candidates for Warren county public officers and one for a district officer. With the exception of J. Edward Allen, county superintendent, who is elected by the board of education, Auditor P. M. Stallings is the only man in the court house with no official opposition. This was also true of Register of Deeds Joseph G. Powell until yesterday when S. G. Wilson, farmer of near Warrenton, made known his intention of running. T. D. King of River Township has published his announcement as a candidate for member of the board of county commissioners.

Only rumors of opposition had disturbed Hon. J. A. Dowtin in his race for House of Representatives until yesterday when J. C. Hardy, editor of the Norlina Headlight, Magistrate, and Federal Commissioner, announced that he was a candidate for the same position. There is still talk of John Picot of Littleton for this position in spite of Mr. Picot's statement of a few weeks ago that he could not consider running at this time.

E. R. Tyler of Roxobel was at Warrenton yesterday talking with friends and made public his intentions of contesting R. Hunt Parker in his race for Solicitor of the Third Judicial district.

The Sheriff's office continues to be the most sought after position in the county with former Sheriff R. E. Davis, W. J. Pinnell, R. O. Snipes and Ben Tharrington seeking the position now held by Sheriff O. D. Williams.

W. C. Fagg, F. B. Newell Sr., Dr. W. W. Taylor, of Warrenton, and T. C. Alston and John Taylor of Littleton are candidates for Judge of Recorder's court, now held by T. O. Rodwell, who is a candidate for the Senate with no announced opposition, although rumor has it that he will be opposed by Sam G. Satterwhite of Manson.

John D. Newell, Clerk of Court, is seeking re-election. He is opposed by Arthur L. Nicholson of Macon and W. T. Rooker of Norlina.

All the members of the board of county commissioners are up for re-election with the exception of F. B. Newell Sr. Others who are in the race for this office are R. L. Capps of Arcola, T. D. King of River, John H. Fleming of Norlina.

No member of the board of education has made definite announcement that they would be candidates this year, but it is quite generally accepted that all will be. No other citizens have filed notice of their intentions to run for membership on this board, neither has rumor reached this office that any one will.

OPENS PRESSING CLUB

A. E. Harris, formerly in the pressing club business here, has returned to Warrenton and this week opened the Warrenton Dry Cleaning Company.

Mass Meetings Called For Every County To Discuss High Real Estate Tax

Every farm and home owner in Warren county is asked to attend a mass meeting at the court house at Warrenton on Saturday afternoon, April 12, at 2:30 o'clock, according to Will Allen Connell, secretary of the Warren county taxpayers union. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss matters of taxation and to make plans to send as many delegates to the State meeting at Raleigh on Monday, April 21.

The meeting on Saturday is similar to one called in the 100 counties of the State on the same day by State Chairman Larry I. Moore of New Bern. He believes that untaxed action on the part of the taxpayers will secure relief from the high taxes on real estate.

In a public statement concerning these meetings Mr. Moore said:

"These county meetings next Saturday are of vital importance to the success of the campaign," Mr. Moore stated recently. "Thousands of farms and homes in North Carolina already have been sold for taxes at a small pittance of their true value and valid tax deeds have been given to purchasers. Hundreds of actions to foreclose tax certificates are now pending in every county and, unless some relief is secured, these properties will have to be sacrificed. It is up to the farm and home owners in our hundred counties to attend the meetings in their respective counties next Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Each meeting has been called for that hour. If we proceed to take action now, there is no question but that beneficial results will follow. If we display an attitude of indifference, then we can blame no one but ourselves for existing conditions. I sincerely hope that every farm and home owner who can possibly do so will attend the meeting at his court house next Saturday."

NO GASOLINE

There was no gasoline in the Warrenton fire truck and the engine just refused to run when an alarm was turned in on Wednesday afternoon because of a fire that destroyed a storage room at the home of Paul B. Bell.

The engine wouldn't start and the volunteer firemen gave it a shove down the hill to a service station, filled it with gas and then putting on full speed headed for the fire.

This time the crowd beat the firemen and a hundred citizens watched the truck rush up 15 minutes late. The storage house was completely destroyed, but the firemen were still in time to put out some flames and keep other buildings nearby from catching. Origin of the fire is unknown.

BOARD DONATES \$200 TO LEGION

Limer Post Plan To Erect Monument To Veterans Of World War

COURT SQUARE IS SITE

Two hundred dollars was donated to Limer Post of the American Legion by the Board of Town Commissioners in regular session here Monday night to assist in the erection of a suitable memorial to the veterans of the World War.

A committee from Limer Post, headed by Loyd Kinsey, appeared before the commissioners. Mr. Kinsey pointed out that the county commissioners had given \$425 for this project. This contribution together with that of the town's is to be supplemented by funds from the Legion Post. Heavy calls upon the post for financial aid to former soldiers and their dependents make it impossible for the Legion to pay all the expenses of this memorial, he said, pointing out that Limer Post had spent between four and five hundred dollars for this work in the past six months.

The Memorial, according to Mr. Kinsey, will be a Doughboy statue and will be placed on the south end of court square to balance with the Confederate monument. Plans are to have the statue erected within a few weeks and to hold unveiling exercises on Memorial Day, May 30.

Members of the board expressed themselves as being entirely in sympathy with the project of Limer Post and said their only regret was that the Town's contribution could not be larger.

A license tax of \$50 an alley was levied on the Health Centre Bowling Alleys, according to an ordinance in effect for a number of years. The cause of the recreation hall was ably represented by G. B. Gregory, but the members of the board proved adamant when it came to a lower tax, and the -150 was imposed, payable in two six-month periods.

A. J. Mangum, negro of Oxford, appeared before the board asking permission to open a pool room in the Reavis building. He said he proposed to operate two tables at present. Permission was granted and he was allowed to pay \$50 of the \$100 tax required now and the remainder six months later.

Other matters before the board were of routine nature. Mayor F. H. Gibbs presided. All members of the board were present.

To Present Flag And Bible At Vaughan

The Afton-Elberon Council No. 207 J. R. O. U. A. M. will present a Bible and flag to the Vaughan school on Sunday afternoon, April 13, at 2:30. The public is invited to the program which will be presented as follows:

Presentation of flag, H. C. Mortongery; presentation of Bible, D. P. Limer; address, P. W. Cooper; acceptance, A. D. Early; remarks by Mr. Lankersley, deputy district, and J. F. Bobbitt, counselor, Norlina council.

M. K. Aycock is chairman of the program committee.

Murphy Duke Buried At Sulphur Springs

Funeral services for Murphey Duke were held at Sulphur Springs church on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse. Mr. Duke, died on Friday afternoon. He was 76 years of age.

Mr. Murphey is survived by one son, James Duke of Kittrell, and by four daughters, Mrs. Haskins of Stem, Mrs. William Hester of Warren Plains, Mrs. W. A. Miles of Warrenton, and Mrs. F. F. Jones of Afton-Elberon.

No Trouble To Live At Home, Says Hawks

"Any farmer who really works has no trouble in living at home," said L. C. Hawks of Warren Plains as he came into the office of the Warren Record this week with several ears of corn to be measured. Each ear measured from 10 1/2 to 11 inches. He said it was grown on rather poor land. "I have plenty of corn to last me until the next crop is harvested and sufficient meal ground from home grown corn," he concluded.

School Folks Here for County Commencement

Programs Will Be Held Simultaneously At The Court House And John Graham High School This Morning Beginning Promptly At 10 o'Clock

FIELD DAY EXERCISES TO BEGIN AT 1:30 O'CLOCK

Speeding school buses and automobiles will pour into town this morning, bringing hundreds of school children here for county commencement exercises, and their parents and other friends of the school to watch the exercises and listen to the young students as they debate the merits of the chain store at the court house and portray their histrionic abilities at the school building. They will examine the exhibits of live-at-home posters in the school building and in the afternoon will journey to the ball park to watch the students participate in athletic competition.

Officers Capture Negro Wanted On Charge of Murder

James Dunn, 35, negro, charged with murder, was captured by Sheriff O. D. Williams and Deputies Neal and King at Harris' sawmill near Wise on Tuesday morning.

Dunn is said to have killed Armstead Hodge, another negro, at Zebulon, last October. His arrest followed a visit of Lemon Hodge to the Sheriff's office this morning advising the Warren officers of Dunn's whereabouts. Lemon Hodge had been working for the Seaboard Air-line for several weeks near Norlina and putting in his spare time tracking the alleged slayer of his brother.

Dunn is reported to have told Sheriff Williams that he killed Armstead Hodge in a quarrel over a woman and claimed self-defense. He was carried to Zebulon Tuesday afternoon by Wake county officers.

Mrs. G. H. Macon Heads Woman's Club

Mrs. G. H. Macon was elected president of the Woman's club at a regular meeting of that organization held at her home on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Macon succeeds Mrs. M. P. Burwell who has served as president for the past two years. Other officers elected were Mrs. Frank Allen, vice president; Mrs. Mattie Graves, secretary; Mrs. J. A. Dameron, treasurer, and Mrs. C. P. Allen, chairman of the health committee.

The treasurer's report showed that there was a balance of \$29.04. The club members voted to send this to Oteen hospital in order that the soldiers might have Easter flowers. Plans were also made and a committee appointed to work out the details of a flower show to be held this Spring.

Miss Margaret Herrin, teacher of Economics in the John Graham high school, gave an interesting talk on "Home Life."

Golf Tournament For Ladies Begins Here On May 6

A golf tournament for the ladies will be held at Warrenton beginning May 6, M. C. McGuire announced yesterday.

A silver loving cup, offered by the late W. K. Williams, is the trophy for which the ladies will battle. All who wish to enter the tournament are asked to give their names to Mr. McGuire as early as possible in order that proper pairs may be arranged.

The play will be similar to the men's tournaments held here in past years with the exception that the final contest will be over 18 holes instead of 36, according to Mr. McGuire. He urges that as many as possible participate. "Tell them to get out their clubs," he said. "We are counting on pulling a real tournament."

A tournament for the men will be held after the ladies determine their champion, it is said.

J. C. and E. D. Davis Capture Man and Still

Raiding in Fishing Creek township on last Friday, Deputies John Cary Davis and E. D. Davis captured Charlie Newton, a negro, a 75-gallon copper still and destroyed six gallons of whiskey and 1,000 gallons of beer. Two other men at the still with Newton escaped.

Deputies Davis captured a 100-gallon capacity copper still in Fork township a few days previous. Operators of the still escaped.

Senior Class Play Pleases Many Here

The Senior class play "All At Sea" at the John Graham high school last week pleased the large crowd of Warren citizens who attended, it is said, and more than \$150 was realized for school purposes.

The parts were well taken, the programs unique and stage effects were artistic. The songs and dancing of Miss Loyce McCord, the playing of Mrs. R. B. Boyd, Jr. and the tap dance by Norman Lovell, who assisted the seniors in the evening's entertainment, has merit, as has the painted ship by Miss Julia Mahood.

The day's event at Warrenton will begin promptly at 10 o'clock this morning when two programs will be held simultaneously. One of these will be held at the school auditorium and will take the form of stunts put on by the 13 white schools of the county, each school being allotted 8 minutes. The other program will be held at the court house and will be in the form of a debate. During the morning hour there will also be an exhibit of live-at-home material in the cafeteria room of the John Graham high school.

The query for the debate is "Resolved that the chain-store is detrimental to the best interests of the Warren County public." The affirmative side of the question will be upheld by Warrenton, represented by Miss Annie Sue Howell; Vaughan Edward Miller; Afton-Elberon, Manly S. Martin; Littleton, Miss Mary Faucete Ricks. The negative side will be debated by Wise, represented by Miss Louise King; Drewry, Eugene Paschall; Macon, Bryant Miller; Norlina, Miss Martha Hillard.

Judges of the debate will be Joseph P. Pippet of Littleton; Julius Banzet of Warrenton, and the Rev. J. L. Midyette of Norlina. P. W. Cooper of Afton-Elberon is chairman of this event, and H. T. Ray of Norlina, secretary. Marshalls are Edgar Reavis, Afton-Elberon; Perry Wilson, Drewry; Wilbur Shearin, Littleton; Marvin Drake, Macon; Franklin Johnson, Norlina; Hal Connell, Warrenton; William Dameron, Warrenton; Miss Martha Hillard, Norlina.

J. W. Beach principal, will preside over the exercises at the local school auditorium. The programs will consist of a playlet, "Live-at-Home, by the Warrenton school; a play "All on the King's Highway," Vaughan, reading, duet, Arcola; Holland Song, Matalia; reading, Inez; reading, song, Drewry; "The Circus Clowns," Afton-Elberon; song, recitation, Epworth; the Toy Orchestra, Wise; "The Air Gun," Warren Plains; "The Sailors Horn Pipe Dance," Littleton; playlet, "Warren County Products," Norlina; "A Mad Tea Party," Macon.

Marshals at the school are Ashton Jones of Afton-Elberon; W. W. Kimball, Drewry; Wilbur Myrick, Littleton; David Rodwell, Macon; James Poindexter, Warrenton.

Winners of the live-at-home contests will be announced at the court house and at the school building following the completion of the exercises. Mrs. J. E. Allen of Warrenton, Mrs. H. H. Foster of Norlina, and Miss Urtie Harrison of Littleton will judge the posters. Mrs. C. R. Rodwell, Miss Mabel Davis and Bignall Jones of Warrenton will judge the grammar grade papers, and the high school papers will be judged by Miss Amma Graham, Dr. T. J. Gibbs and W. T. Polk of Warrenton.

The live-at-home contest prizes Building Supplies, Scoggin Motor Co., Bank of Warren, Kiwanis Club of Warrenton, Allen, Son and Co., the late B. B. Williams and the County Board of Education.

Following the exercises at the (Continued on page 3)