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BEGIN SURVEY OF LOUISBURG ROAD

Locating Party Arrives At Warrenton On Tuesday; To Be Here Several Months

ROAD LONG AGITATED

L. H. Cook and locating party of the State Highway department arrived at Warrenton on Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning began surveying the Warrenton-Louisburg road preparatory to this route being taken over for maintenance by the State Highway commission. Mr. Cook was accompanied by H. O. Cone, M. T. Adkins Jr., W. Darden and D. P. Clifford. They have office and rooms at Hotel Warren.

The engineering party began work at Kearney's store in Franklin county and will work from there to Warrenton. They will be on the job here for several months it is said. There will be little change in the present route from Warrenton to Kearney's store, it is said, but it is expected that the road from that point to Louisburg will be straightened in several places and the distance shortened about two miles.

The engineers are working on this road following several years of agitation by interested citizens of this section, who claim that the route to Raleigh would be materially shortened thereby and a rich agricultural section be given adequate roads. It was expected that the State would take over this road about the first of last January, but Commissioner John Sprunt Hill in December wrote Chairman Powell that lack of funds would make it impossible at that time, and he thought it would be about June 30 before the road would be taken over. At that time Mr. Hill expected the surveying party to reach here early in the year. It is now believed that it will be the latter Warrenton-Louisburg road is adopted as a part of the State system.

Chicago Printers Adopt 5-Day Week

CHICAGO, May 13.—As a means to provide work for fellow printers out of employment, the 6,000 members of a Chicago Typographical Union have voted to adopt a five-day week.

The action was taken under provisions of the International Typographical Union laws permitting its locals to adopt abbreviated hours for a ninety-day period. Similar action to combat unemployment has been taken in some other cities.

At present, members of the Chicago Typographical local work five and one-half days, taking a day off every two weeks to give work to their unemployed members.

WESTERN PLAYER CAN SWALLOW BASEBALL

DENVER, May 13.—Denver baseball fans flocked to the opening game of the Western League season here last week to get a glimpse of two of baseball's oddities—members of the St. Joseph (Mo.) team.

Burton Bruckman, catcher of the Saints, is the only man in baseball to wear eye glasses behind the bat and Lefty Deck, an outfielder on the St. Joe club is believed to be the only ball player who can put a baseball in his mouth.

SENTENCED AT RALEIGH

Clinton W. Capps, white man of near Manson who was arrested in February when officers made a raid on his place and captured a 50-gallon still and 5 gallons of liquor, was sentenced by Judge Meekins in Federal court at Raleigh this week to 18 months in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

Luther Davis, white man who was implicated when a 12-horse boiler and 17 cases of liquor were captured in a raid near Ridgeway in February, was sentenced to Federal prison for one year and one month.

Brown Rodwell, white man who abandoned his car which contained liquor when he struck a car driven by J. A. Holt Jr. near Manson on Christmas morning, was sentenced to three years in the Federal reformatory.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL

Miss Henrietta and Estelle Hammett entertained their Sunday school class in the home of their mother, Mrs. E. H. Neal, Wednesday night, May 14. About thirty were present after the business program, many games were played, after which the class served an ice cream course with marshmallows.

Filing Time Ends Next Friday; Newell Replies To Rumor

Time for filing for county offices will expire on next Friday, May 23, at midnight, C. F. Moseley, chairman of the Warren county board of elections, said yesterday.

The week has brought forth no new candidates and the only item of political interest during that period was a gathering of the Bailey forces in the court house on last Thursday night, and the affidavits published in the Warren Record this week by Candidate F. B. Newell denying a rumor that he had used whiskey in the campaign.

Mr. Newell's sworn statement was that he had not given one man a single drop of whiskey during the campaign. His affidavit is followed by one from A. D. Alston, young man of Warrenton, who states that Mr. Newell had no whiskey, offered no whiskey, drank no whiskey on a certain trip to Norlina, which is believed to have been the start of the rumor. At that time Mr. Newell accepted a ride with Mr. Alston to Norlina where Mr. Newell interviewed several friends and where Mr. Alston transacted matters of business.

While there has been no new candidates, as the time for the primary approaches, candidates are redoubling their efforts to secure as many votes as possible and it is expected that every candidate in the county will be found at Warrenton next week, when Superior court will be in session, interviewing friends in the interest of their candidacy.

Former School Boy Appears On Screen

Sydney Blackmer, former student of the old John Graham high school, will play the leading roll in "Strictly Modern," an all talkie at the Imperial Theatre here on Monday and Tuesday night.

Older citizens of Warrenton will remember Mr. Blackmer as a school boy here about 1910 or 1911. He probably made his stage debut in the senior play, quite an event in the life of the town in the days of the old school. That year he played the leading part in "Snow White," with Louise Moss as the leading lady.

A few years after leaving the Graham school he appeared on the New York stage where he made quite a reputation. He entered the movies in a number of pictures before the introduction of the talkies, but is the first one to be shown at Warrenton.

Power Attorney Is Hurt In Car Wreck

L. G. Benford, of the legal department of the Carolina Power & Light Co., and Mrs. Benford left on Tuesday for their home at Raleigh after spending two days at Hotel Warren recuperating from cuts and bruises received in an automobile wreck near South Hill on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Benford were riding with a Mr. McCain in his Nash sedan when they were run into by a car that is believed to have belonged to a run runner. Following the crash the driver jumped from his car and fled into the woods. He has not been captured. Mr. and Mrs. Benford were brought to Warrenton where they were given surgical attention by Dr. W. D. Rodgers, Jr., Carolina Power and Light Co. physician.

Negro Is Found Not Guilty False Pretense

Charlie Carter, negro of near Littleton, was found not guilty of a charge of false pretense in the only case in Recorder's court on Monday. Evidence was that Carter had entered into a contract with M. R. Boone, white citizen, to perform certain work for money advanced. The defense entered the plea that there was no definite time set for the work to be done and that he had not gotten to it.

POPULATION OF HENDERSON 6,345, CENSUS REVEALS

HENDERSON, May 5.—The 1930 population of the city of Henderson was announced here today as 6,345. The figure compares with a population of 5,222 in 1920, and is a gain of 1,123 or 21.5 per cent. The figure was furnished by Hobart Brantley, of Rocky Mount, census supervisor for the third district.

LEGION DEFERS STATUE ACTION

Members Divided On Form Of Memorial; Dough Boy Or Library Building

OPPOSITION DEVELOPED

Action to erect a "Dough Boy" monument on the court square at Warrenton as a memorial to the soldiers of the World War was deferred for 30 days at a meeting of Limer Post, American Legion, at the Armory on last Thursday night. Members of the Legion Auxiliary were present as the guests of the Legion.

Plans were made at a meeting in March to erect the monument here, and a committee with this purpose in view sought donations from the board of county commissioners and the board of town commissioners. It was thought that the monument would cost around \$1000. The town agreed to contribute \$200 for this purpose, the county \$425. It developed that the cost of this memorial would be between \$2250 and \$2500, according to figures presented at the meeting on last Thursday night.

Considerable opposition has developed to this form of a memorial. Many of the members of the legion contending that it would be better to spend this money for a library building, as the Warren Memorial Library had already been dedicated as a memorial to the soldiers of this war. Other members expressed the view that only a "Doughboy" would be a proper memorial.

Leading the fight for the library building was Stephen E. Burroughs of Warrenton and the Rev. S. A. Wright, pastor of the Warren Methodist circuit striving for the doughboy were Boyd White of Norlina and R. O. Snipes of Warrenton.

Members of the Auxiliary, asked for an expression of their views, told how the Auxiliary had already started a small fund for a library building and expressed themselves forcefully for the building as a memorial Mrs. C. R. Rodwell and Mrs. A. C. Blalock spoke in defense of this project and in opposition to the monument. Miss Amma D. Graham, took the view that it was a memorial to the veterans and that they should have the last word in the matter and should receive what they wanted.

"To those of us who went over the seas and wallowed in the mud and dirt of France, who saw war's horrors, to the common doughboy, a library building will not be adequate expression," Boyd White said. "We want to see a statue, a representation of the Doughboy as he was; we want to see him whenever we come to Warrenton. I would like to point him out to my son and say 'Son, that is a picture of your father, an American Doughboy.' I am sorry to say that I do not even know where the library is. I don't believe the average doughboy of Warren county knows. I think a library is a good thing, but I shall fight to the last ditch for the monument; but if I am licked, I am going to roll up my sleeves and work for the library," he concluded.

R. O. Snipes and Russell Palmer also made short speeches supporting Mr. White's views.

"The ideal behind the American Legion is service," the Rev. Mr. Wright said. "I cannot feel that it would be carrying out this ideal to erect a statue; rather I think it best to erect that form of memorial that not only will commemorate the past but will be a living memorial that will serve today and will prove a benediction to generations yet unborn. I think that a library building is the better form of memorial."

Henry Montgomery, expressed himself as favoring the library building, as did Walter Gardner, Bignall Jones, Jasper Shearin, C. A. Tucker and Harold Skillman.

"Speaking not as your commander," said Loyd Kinsey, "but as a member of Limer Post, I feel that while I would give \$25 for the doughboy, I would donate \$125 for a library building. Ten years have past and we have neither. Let us have action. I feel certain that we can have either form of memorial that the post may choose, but let us go to work and erect one or the other."

Following discussion of Memorial services here on May 30, the form of the exercises was left to the discretion of the Memorial committee, of which the Rev. S. A. Wright is chairman and the meeting adjourned.

Federal Officers Continue Drive In Warren County

Continuing their efforts to encircle violators of the Eighteenth amendment into the coils of law, Vance county deputies, led by a Federal officer, had a full day last Friday when they captured a still at Manson, 500 gallons of mash at Cole's Bridge, a still at Fargo, and arrested Ed Stone and Mrs. Mae Purdy at Raines Filling Station following a search which revealed a gallon and half of liquor.

As a follow-up to raids made last Monday and Tuesday when five men, two stills and 116 gallons of mash were captured, Deputy Sheriffs W. G. Watkins, L. C. Walston and H. E. Brewer of Henderson, led by Federal Officer F. E. Street, working out of Raleigh, made a raid at Manson last Friday morning and captured a steel drum outfit with 300 gallons of mash. No men were taken.

Saundersing forth to the Largo vicinity, the officers came upon an old still site. While there a shot was fired in the distance, supposedly a signal, and the men moved down the branch where they seized a new six-horse boiler still with 12 boxes of mash. The operators were not present.

A raid at Cole's Creek in Smith Creek township, gave the officers 500 gallons of mash, but neither still nor men were captured.

Searching the Raines Filling Station, between Norlina and Ridge-way and formerly operated by Mrs. Raines in whose home Lillie Mae Stewart shot Bryant Bragg, the officers seized one and a half gallons of whiskey and arrested Ed Stone and Mrs. Mae Purdy, operators. They were given a hearing before J. C. Hardy, Federal commissioner, and sent to the Warren county jail when they failed to raise their bonds—\$1000 each. The heavy bond, it was said, was due to the reputation of the service station and its connections.

BYRD DOG IS KING CANINE IN HOME TOWN

HAMILTON, Mass., May 13.—"Fox," half dog and half wolf member of the Byrd antarctic south pole expedition, is nothing less than king of the Massachusetts canines.

Here, among domestic animals that have never travelled beyond the town limits of their home, "Fox" settled down to a long period of rest to dream away the long summer nights of trackless ice fields, frigid weather, and of "mushing" in frozen southland.

Norman Vaughan, in whose care "Fox" remains, and who brought the dog here, was in charge of the dogs and sleds on the Byrd expedition.

Town dogs, spoiling for trouble, will have to search no further than the home of "Fox."

MISS LEACH TO BE HERE MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Miss Lucy Leach, welfare worker of Warrenton county, said that she would be in the court house at Warrenton each Monday and Thursday in the interest of her work, instead of each Monday and Tuesday as announced in last week's paper.

CONTRIBUTIONS ASKED

The Woman's club will appreciate contributions of flowers or food for their sale to be held on Tuesday, May 20, a member of the committee in charge of the sale said yesterday. Proceeds will be used for the milk fund which goes to the undernourished school children in the county. Citizens desiring to contribute are asked to call Mrs. George Scoggin or Mrs. W. N. Boyd.

TAKE PRISONERS TO RALEIGH

Five prisoners captured by Federal prohibition officers in the county in recent raids and bound to Federal court by Commissioner J. C. Hardy were carried to Raleigh on Wednesday by Marshall Edwards and E. L. Green.

GOES TO NEW YORK

Miss Margaret Davis, daughter of former Sheriff R. E. Davis, departs today for New York where she will attend a business school.

Mr. Loyd Kinsey is spending this week at Philadelphia on business.

Mr. C. W. Fleming of Wise was a visitor here on Thursday.

Mr. Jimmie Miller of Henderson was a business visitor at Warrenton this week.

Mr. John Henderson was a visitor at Littleton on Tuesday night.

Mrs. A. A. Williams is spending several days at Philadelphia.

Mr. A. A. Williams spent a few days at his home here last week.

TAXPAYERS TO MEET SATURDAY

R. T. Grandy Will Discuss Tax Question At Court House At 2:30 o'Clock

IS A VITAL QUESTION

R. T. Grandy of Wilmington will discuss the tax question at a meeting of the Warren county taxpayers at the court house at Warrenton tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. W. A. Connell Jr., secretary of the Warren county union, announced yesterday.

Not only members of the union are asked to attend the mass meeting, Mr. Connell said, but every taxpayer in Warren is urged to come out. "We feel that he will present a vital message, and that if we are to secure any relief from the burdensome tax on real estate that we must have united action. Other counties are falling in line, and Warren must not lag."

W. E. Turner of Sandy Creek Township is president of the Warren county taxpayers union which has members in every township in the county. Mr. Turner recently pointed out that Warren was falling behind other eastern counties in the number of members and expressed the desire that as many members as possible would attend the meeting tomorrow afternoon.

More Cotton Is Being Used In Dress Materials This Year

NEW YORK, May 13.—Sixty-five per cent more dress manufacturers are making cotton dresses this year than at the corresponding period in 1929, according to reports just received by the Cotton Textile Institute.

This indication of greater fashion popularity of cotton is contained in advices received by the Institute from the Associated Dress Industries of America, comprising upward of 1,000 dress manufacturers, a large majority of whom are situated in New York City.

"The increased extent to which these manufacturers are now working with styled cottons," states C. K. Everette, of the New Uses Section of the Institute, "reflects to an important degree the growing consumer interest in cottons which has been noted throughout the country this season. It is interesting to find that these gains in manufactured ready-to-wear apparel of cotton are distributed very generally throughout all important price ranges. They may be considered additional evidence of the fact that cottons this year are being interpreted in many new phases of the mode."

"In connection with this gain in business by so many important dress manufacturers it is also significant to find a strong and steady consumer demand for cotton goods for this merchandise reflects in market reports of resident buyers during the past month."

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gardner and son, Thomas Scott, left Monday for an extended trip South. While away they will visit points of interest in Florida, and will be guests of Mr. H. M. Gardner of Stilton, Georgia and Mrs. W. J. Parker of Darlington, S. C.

Mrs. Roy Davis is visiting in Windsor.

Mrs. L. C. Kinsey and Miss Loyce McCord spent Saturday in Richmond.

Mr. Sol Fishel of Vaughan left on Tuesday for treatment in the Marine hospital at Norfolk, Va.

Miss Martha Reynolds Price spent Sunday in Jackson as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gene Gay. She was accompanied home by Miss Lula McCraw Gay who will remain for some time.

Friends of Mr. Gene Gay of Jackson will be pleased to know that he is slowly improving after a serious illness of pleurisy and pneumonia.

Mrs. Gordon Farmer and son, Gordon Jr., have returned from a visit to Mr. Farmer's mother in Clayton.

Friends of Mr. H. Henderson are glad to hear that he returned home yesterday from Watts hospital, Durham, where he underwent an operation several weeks ago.

Mr. Rennie Jones of Nashville was in town on Thursday morning.

Mr. T. V. Allen was a visitor in Raleigh on Thursday.

Miss Katherine Arrington and Miss Keller of Raleigh spent the week end here.

To Shoot At Fleeing Robbers

Assaults of Robert Palmer, 18-year-old son of Paul Palmer of Palmer Springs, are still at large. Palmer is wearing a bandage around his head as a result of being struck over the head with a cocoa cola bottle by two young strange men at his filling station near the Virginia line on last Friday afternoon.

Following the blow over the head with a bottle, young Palmer was tied up with a necktie and the men robbed the station of about \$25 in cash and started off in the service station operator's car. Breaking his bonds, Palmer grabbed a shot gun and fired a shot into a rear tire, reloaded and shot the second time in the back of his car. After running on the flat tire for about 200 yards, the robbers abandoned the machine and fled into the woods. Blood on the cushions of the car led to the belief that one of the men was wounded.

Bloodhounds were rushed to the scene from Louisburg and followed by a large posse took up the trail. After an all-night chase the trail was lost near the Steel bridge early on Saturday morning.

Robert Palmer is a nephew of B. R. Palmer of Warrenton.

Robeson Sheriff Has Unusual Platform

In Lumberton, N. C., "Bing" Frank Wishart thus announced his candidacy for sheriff of Robeson county: "I hereby announce myself for sheriff of Robeson county, subject to the Democratic primary in June. My platform will be: "I shall not go out to make any rests in bad weather, when it's raining or cold and disagreeable. "I will not make a raid on any man's whiskey still, or search a boot-legal premises without first notifying them 48 hours in advance. "I am in favor of disposing of all captured whiskey as follows: Meeting the requirements of the sheriff and his deputies, the remainder to be turned over to the aged and infirm at the county home. "The only reason I am running for sheriff is the salary. "If I am defeated in the June primary, I promise to run on an independent ticket. "Your vote and help will be appreciated, and I promise to carry out the platform to the letter."

Miss Drusa Wilker Wins High Honors

News has been received here that Miss Drusa Wilker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilker, has been awarded the silver cup for the best allround work done at Converse College during the year 1929-30, it was learned here yesterday. Miss Wilker is a member of the junior class, carrying the full course required for bachelor's degree, in addition to her course in music, in which she is majoring. She won the same honors last year.

Bailey Supporters Meet On Thursday

Supporters of J. W. Bailey for Senator met in the court house at Warrenton on last Thursday upon call of E. H. Russell of Macon, county manager. Plans were discussed for pushing Mr. Bailey's campaign in Warren, and enthusiastic reports were made by several present from different sections of the county.

Mrs. Kinsey Wins Golf Tournament

Defeating Mrs. W. D. Rodgers by 3 holes, Mrs. Loyce Kinsey won the ladies' golf tournament on the Warrenton course on last Friday afternoon. Both Mrs. Kinsey and Mrs. Rodgers received silver tokens, the gift of the late W. K. Williams for the championship and the runner-up.

The Palmer-Carolina Power and Light Co. case is the only one of the 39 civil cases that is of unusual interest. Due to the crowded condition of the civil docket the commissioners have asked for a special term of court and it is probable that many of the cases will be continued (Continued on page 8)

TO PLAY GOLF HERE

Players from Roanoke Rapids will meet Warrenton golfers on the local course next Wednesday afternoon as the third game in the four-town tournament now underway. To date Warrenton, Henderson, Louisburg and Roanoke Rapids have each lost one game and won one game.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial services will be held at Ridgeway cemetery, Sunday afternoon, May 18th, at 4 p. m.

SUPERIOR COURT TO OPEN MONDAY

Two Murder Cases To Be Tried; Palmer Suit Leading Civil Case

W. A. DEVIN TO PRESIDE

May term of Warren county Superior court will convene on Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford presiding. The docket contains two murder cases and an unusually large number of civil cases.

Chief interest centers in the trials of Hubert Branch, charged with the murder of Gerald "Rock" Harris, Charlie Frazier, charged with the murder of George Davis, and in the suit of Jeff Palmer against the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Hubert Branch, young negro of Warrenton, is charged with killing Gerald Harris, negro blacksmith here, at Carrington's Shoe Shop on Tuesday, February 5. Harris was mortally wounded with a piece of iron pipe and died in the Durham hospital the following Sunday. Branch was arrested an hour later in the basement of the Warrenton negro Baptist church by Officers Lovell and Drake. He has been in jail since that evening.

Charlie Frazier, white man of near Warrenton, is charged with shooting George Davis, young negro employed on his place, on the afternoon of November 13, following an argument about feeding some stock. The white man used a shotgun at close range, shooting the negro in the leg between the knee and thigh. He died in the Henderson hospital the following Friday. Frazier's case was continued at the January term of court. He is the son-in-law of Fate Weaver, former night police officer of Warrenton.

Following a mistrial at the January term of court, the case of Jeff D. Palmer against the Carolina Power and Light Company was continued until the May Term. Palmer, young son of Mrs. Jeff D. Palmer of Warrenton, was seriously injured on September 30, 1928, when he climbed a power pole at the Warrenton ice plant, came in contact with a high powered wire and was badly burned and knocked to the ground by the force of the current. He claims through his attorneys that the Power Company was negligent in providing proper safeguards. The Power Company claims that they had taken due and ample precautions. Young Palmer is suing for \$250,000.

Other criminal cases include State vs. Lucy Bullock, selling whiskey; Henry Thornton, disposing of mortgaged property before paying landlord; Asa Alston, abduction; Asa Alston, larceny; Dave Katz, charged with breaking into the Bank of Macon; Buck Mayfield and W. H. Mallette, larceny; W. H. Mayfield and Peggy Mayfield, disposing crop without notifying landlord; Brown Rodwell, operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey. Rodwell is also charged with failing to stop after running into G. E. Holt's car near Manson early in March. State vs. Buck Anderson, disorderly conduct; J. L. Smiley, obtaining labor and material under false pretense; Artis Rodwell, assault; Pett Moore, disposing mortgaged property; Otis Terry, assault; Otis Terry, carrying concealed weapon.

Brown Rodwell, docketed to appear in this court, was on Wednesday sentenced to serve three years in the Federal reformatory at Chillicothe. Rodwell was the driver of the liquor bearing car which several months ago ran into a car driven by J. A. Holt Jr. and seriously injured Mrs. Holt and her mother. Mrs. Holt appeared in court on crutches and identified Rodwell.

The Young Ladies Missionary society of the Methodist church will sell barbecue and pies on Monday.

The St. Mary's Guild, of the Episcopal church, will sell sandwiches, pies and ice tea on Tuesday and Wednesday at 1 o'clock.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS TO SELL REFRESHMENTS

Church organizations of Warrenton will sell refreshments on the court house square at Warrenton on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, it was announced yesterday.