

## BOARD APPOINTS TAX SUPERVISORS

Tax Takers and Supervisors  
Are Named At Special  
Meeting On Monday

### REFUSES BOARD \$1,200

Tax takers and supervisors for Warren county were appointed at a special meeting of the board of county commissioners at Warrenton Monday. The board awarded a contract to W. R. Strickland for re-plumbing in the jail, and refused the request of the board of education for an additional \$1,200 to pay one teacher at Inez and one teacher at Drewry. The board adjourned shortly after noon.

Supervisor J. Edward Allen appeared before the commissioners on behalf of the board of education. He pointed out that the tax rates in the Inez and Drewry school districts could not provide sufficient funds to pay additional teachers provided in the budget due to limitations in the tax rates and to anticipated increases in collections on account of the industrial depression. He asked that the commissioners grant the board an additional \$1,200 to continue these teachers at the Inez and Drewry schools.

Members of the board pointed out that the same conditions that would cause a shortage in the special district schools funds also would be responsible for shrinkage in the county income and therefore, under the circumstances, it would be necessary to deny the request of the board of education.

Prisoners recently went on a ramble in the Warren county jail and set-up plumbing. W. R. Strickland of Warrenton was given the contract of repairing the damage. His bid of \$45 was the lowest received. Costs of these repairs will probably be added to court costs when the prisoners are tried at the January term of court.

Supervisors and list takers were appointed as follows:

River—A. L. Pope, tax lister, Littleton; S. B. Bobbitt, assessor, Littleton; W. B. Myrick, assessor, Littleton.

Shoocco—Francis Limer, tax lister, Warrenton; W. E. Twitty, assessor, Warrenton; J. W. Burroughs, assessor, Warrenton.

Forke—W. E. Davis, tax lister, Inez; J. T. Harris, assessor, Inez; W. Pridgen, assessor, Inez.

Fishing Creek—E. H. Neal, tax lister, Essex; R. I. Harris, assessor, Inez; H. C. Davis, assessor, Inez.

Warrenton—F. C. Moseley, tax lister, Warrenton; Sam G. Wilson, assessor, Warrenton; R. F. D.; Frank Seris Sr., assessor, Warrenton.

Roa—H. L. Wall, tax lister, Elms; L. W. Kidd, assessor, Elms; S. R. Jones, assessor, Elms.

Warrenton Teams  
Win In Basketball

The boys basketball team of John Graham high school took the big end of a 31 to 19 count from Norlina at the local Armory Wednesday night. The same night the girls' team defeated the Norlina girls 58 to 8.

Company B defeated Macon in the school games by the score of 33 to 18. A game scheduled to be played between the teachers and the school girls was postponed when Norlina asked to play.

Local stars were Haithcock for Warrenton school boys; Pinnell for Warrenton girls, and Terrell of the military company. Weldon starred for Norlina and Thompson rendered good service to his team in the clash with Company B.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Powell of Warrenton were visitors in town last week.

## Escaped Convicts Confess Robbery Of Warrenton Store

Ollie Moore and J. L. Sullivan, escaped convicts, confessed to Alabama officers that they broke into the Warrenton Department Store on Thursday, December 4, according to a telegram received from Birmingham by Chief M. M. Drake on Sunday morning. W. H. Alston, manager of the store, said yesterday that he had recovered none of the stolen goods, valued at several hundred dollars.

Entrance to the Warrenton store was affected by sawing out a panel in the rear door. The robbery was discovered early Thursday morning by Night Officer Lovell on his rounds of the town. Dispatches from Birmingham, Ala., said that Sullivan was shot in the head and Moore in the foot after policemen had chased them in an automobile through the city's downtown section. Sullivan condition was reported to be critical.

The two men were among nine prisoners who saved their way to freedom from the granite quarry prison camp in Rowan County, November 30.

Sullivan, sent to prison from Guilford County in July, 1929, was serving three and a half to eight years for larceny.

Moore was sentenced in October, 1922, from Vance County to serve from two to three years for house-breaking, and was said by prison officials to have escaped on two previous occasions.

## W. H. S. White, 70, Is Buried At Wise

Funeral services for W. H. S. White, 70, of Wise were held at the Wise Baptist church on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 by the Rev. Mr. Walker, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Midyette and the Rev. Mr. Jackson. Interment was in the old Shanon cemetery.

Active pallbearers were C. R. Perkinson, O. D. Ellis, Henry Ellis, Cleveland Ellis, Charlie Fleming and Herbert White.

Mr. White died at Watts hospital Durham, on Thursday, December 4. He had been in failing health for several years and in the hospital for about two weeks.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy White, and by seven sons and four daughters: H. D. White, J. D. White, Rom White, Raymond White, Lewis White and William White of Wise, Macon White of Spencer, W. Va.; Mrs. C. R. Perkinson of Wise, Mrs. R. A. Williams of Wise, Mrs. L. H. Jobe of Raleigh, and Mrs. Charles Fleming of Vicksboro.

## Registrars Are Not Named This Year

"There seems to be a general impression throughout the State that this is the year for the appointment of local registrars," G. M. Cooper, director of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, this week wrote to J. C. Powell, Register of Deeds. "As a matter of fact, the present term does not expire until December 1932."

Mr. Cooper said that the office was being swamped with applications for appointments and asked that Mr. Powell make public the fact that registrars are appointed once in four years regardless of political changes.

## Firemen Stand By As Home Burns

The home of Harrison Taylor, negro citizen living on the outskirts of Warrenton, was completely destroyed by fire early last Friday night. Estimated loss is \$3,000 partially covered by insurance.

The alarm was turned in about 9 o'clock and the fire company responded quickly only to stand by and watch the house burn for lack of water. The nearest hydrant was several hundred yards away. Clothing and furnishings were removed from the lower floors by volunteers, but considerable personal and household effects on the upper floors were lost in the flames.

The fire which was discovered near the roof of the house is believed to have been caused by a defective flue.

## 12,827 BALES COTTON GINNED WARREN PRIOR DECEMBER 1

There were 12,827 bales of cotton ginned in Warren County, from the crop of 1930 prior to December 1, 1930, compared with 12,425 bales ginned to December 1, 1929, J. L. Johnston, Special Agent announced yesterday.

## LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller

### HE COUNTERED WITH FIVE CENT NOTIONS

Asked by his employer what he could do to earn his salary, F. W. Woolworth asked permission to try to sell some of the slow moving items. He fixed up a counter, put up a sign—'Any article 5¢'. The success of his experiment was the start of his phenomenal success.

## Stokes' Leg Broken When Truck Goes Down Embankment

Clyde Stokes, young white man of near Warrenton, lies in the Roanoke Rapids hospital with a broken right leg, suffered when a truck on which he was riding overturned at the intersection of the Littleton and Liberia roads on Tuesday afternoon. He was picked up by H. Henderson and brought to Warrenton where he was given surgical attention by Dr. W. D. Rodgers Jr. He was taken to the hospital by Mrs. J. S. Jones, county nurse, accompanied by Mr. Jones.

The only one of a large and destitute family physically able to work, Stokes is said to have gone to Littleton in search of work after he had failed to find employment here. Unable to obtain a job in that town, he caught a ride on a truck that was enroute to Warrenton. The driver of the truck was unable to make the curve at the road intersection about a half mile from Warrenton and the machine plunged down into a fill breaking Stokes' leg. The driver of the truck and a companion are said to have run following the wreck. The truck is reported to belong to a Weldon business concern. A wrecker from that town came for the truck on Tuesday night without the identity of the owner being learned by local citizens or officers.

The Stokes family has been for some time receiving aid from the welfare department.

## Gas Play At Paris (very) Elberon School

Quest of Santa Claus, a Christmas Operetta in four scenes, will be presented at the Afton-Elberon school on Thursday night, December 18, by the first, second and third grades. The cast of characters: Jane, Ella Currin Pinnell; Santa Claus, Morris Limer; Christmas Fairies, Kindness, Hilda Lee Powell, Helpfulness, Joyce Duke, Goodwill, Delia Peoples, Unselfishness, Lucille Pinnell, Love, Ruth Powell; Wongaloo, Gordon Bowen. Chorus of Rabbits: Palmer Bow. (Continued on page 10)

## MRS. CHRICHTON DAVIS HAS STORY PRINTED IN ENGLAND

Friends in Warren were interested in seeing a story by Mrs. Chrichton Alston Davis in the Christmas issue of the Spere, a magazine published in London. The Chimney City was the title of the story. Mrs. Davis has published several of her stories in magazines of this country in addition to her story in the English magazine.

## THARRINGTON-ALSTON GID Tharrington of Inez and Miss Nannie Alston of Hollister were quietly married Wednesday afternoon in the Baptist parsonage by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse. Following the marriage ceremony the couple left for Norfolk.

Mr. Tharrington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tharrington of Inez. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gid Alston of Hollister.

## Hunter To Head Medical Society; Recommend Foster

Dr. Frank P. Hunter of Warrenton was elected head of the Warren County Medical Society at a meeting of that body held in the office of Dr. W. D. Rodgers here on Wednesday night. Dr. Rodgers was elected first vice president, and Dr. T. J. Holt, second vice president. Dr. G. H. Macon will continue to serve as secretary-treasurer. He was elected last year for a term of four years.

Dr. G. H. Macon and Dr. W. D. Rodgers were appointed as representatives of the society upon the county board of health. Other members of the health board are J. Edward Allen, superintendent of schools; John Clay Powell, chairman of the board of county commissioners and Frank H. Gibbs, Mayor of the Town of Warrenton.

Dr. H. H. Foster of Norlina was recommended by the society for Health Officer of Warren county. Dr. W. D. Rodgers' term will expire at the January meeting of the board of health, according to the rotation system effective in this county for a number of years.

Dr. C. H. Peete and Dr. H. H. Foster were appointed delegates to the State Medical Society meeting to be held at Durham. Dr. G. H. Macon was named as alternate.

The society voted to ask Senator T. O. Rodwell and Representative John S. Davis to meet with its members at Dr. Rodgers' office on next Wednesday evening at 7:30 to consider legislative matters in which the physicians are interested. All members of the Warren medical society were present at the meeting on Wednesday night.

## Tobacco Market Closes December 17 For The Holidays

The Warrenton Tobacco Market will close for Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 17, local warehousemen announced yesterday. Delivery of the golden weed to date exceeded quantity brought here last year. Average prices have not been computed, but are understood to have been under those of last year. This condition is said to exist on other markets in this section.

## Truck Is Struck By Train; Driver Escapes

Mike Alston, negro, escaped with a sprained back when a truck driven by him was struck by Freight Train No. 89 at Ridgeway late last Saturday night. The truck, the property of L. A. Killian, was demolished. Alston was given surgical attention by Dr. G. H. Macon of Warrenton, Seaboard Air Line surgeon. It is thought that the rain prevented the negro from hearing or seeing the train until it was almost upon him. Traffic was delayed from both directions for some time early Sunday morning until the truck wreck could be removed from the rails.

## JESSE STEVENSON TO WORK ROADS

Man Wanted By Warren Officers Is Sentenced In Vance Court

### GIVEN TWO-YEAR TERM

Jesse Stevenson was captured by Sheriff Hamlet of Vance county at Henderson on Saturday night. Stevenson was tried in Recorder's court of Vance on Monday morning on a charge of reckless driving and assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to work the roads for two years and forbidden to drive an automobile for the same length of time. The charge grew out of an automobile accident near Henderson several months ago.

Following the accident, Stevenson escaped the Vance county officers and returned to his home in Warren county where he is alleged to have engaged in whiskey traffic, manufacturing and rum running. He eluded all efforts of Warren officers to capture him and is said to have been with Bennie Clayton on the night several months ago when the latter was mortally wounded by Francis Slaughter at his home near Macon. Slaughter claimed self-defense and he was exonerated. Warrants for Stevenson were sworn out following the Slaughter assault but were withdrawn by the Slaughter family.

Stevenson kept in hiding for several months, but was frequently reported as being seen near his old haunts in Warren. On Sunday morning, November 23, he appeared at the Blue Moon Tourist Camp near Wise, and following an argument assaulted Ray Weston of Warrenton, proprietor. Mr. Weston was painfully but not seriously hurt. Officers were summoned and fired upon Stevenson. Although he is said to have been hit in the back with birdshot, the wound was not sufficient to stop him and he outdistanced the officers. He was later seen around Wise, but escaped arrest.

Saturday night he was discovered at Henderson by Vance officers and picked up on the reckless driving and assault charge. It is expected that he will be brought to Warrenton for trial after he has completed his road term in Vance.

## Study Club Formed At Meeting Monday

A study club with 19 charter members has been organized at the Warren County Memorial Library. The club will study international relations for the next several months. The course is based on the International Mind Alcove Books.

An organization meeting was held at the library on last Monday night under the leadership of S. E. Burroughs, vice president of the library. Various countries were chosen by those present for study during the course. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Monday nights in each month. It was decided. Papers on "Why We Should Study International Affairs," by Mrs. C. R. Rodwell, and "Significance of Differences in the Various Nations," by Bignall Jones, will be presented at the first January meeting.

Much interest was manifested in the meeting on Monday night. Miss Mabel Davis, librarian, said yesterday in commenting upon the organization. "I feel that we have made a splendid beginning and it is expected that other citizens will join the study club. I feel that the organization is going to prove both interesting and beneficial."

## PETER STALLINGS JR. FLIES PLANE HOME

The roar of a circling airplane here Monday notified friends that P. M. Stallings Jr., son of Auditor P. M. Stallings, of Macon was paying his native county a visit by air on Monday. Young Mr. Stallings completed a course in aviation at Raleigh several months ago and received his pilot's license. A requisite of the license is that a pilot must do 10 hours of flying each six months to keep it in effect. Mr. Stallings flew from Raleigh to Warrenton and Macon as a part of his required time.

## P. T. A. MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 17

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the John Graham High School will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 17. The date has been changed from Friday, the 19th, due to the closing of school on that date for the Christmas holidays. The meeting will be called at 3:45 and a full attendance is urged.

## Bags Can Be Used To Aid In Clothing Warren's Destitute

Not only quilts and cover, but also bags will be appreciated by Miss Lucy Leach, Welfare Officer, in her attempt to keep destitute persons of Warren from freezing.

Miss Leach this week requested that any one having old quilts or cover of any kind to bring it to her office at the court house. Miss Leach pointed out that bags can be washed and garments made of them for the county destitute, poor, perhaps, in quality, but they will be an aid to keeping off the cold.

## Sentenced To Roads On Whiskey Charge

John Simon Kearney, negro of Shooco, was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months when a jury found him guilty of selling whiskey Monday morning in a hard-fought case that occupied the attention of the court practically all the morning. Judge Taylor suspended sentence upon payment of a \$40 fine and the costs. Kearney was defended by John H. Kerr Jr. Cromwell Daniel of Littleton prosecuted.

Carey Wilson and Stewart Wilson, young white men of near Warrenton, plead guilty to a charge of speeding and were fined \$8 each and the costs in the action.

A case against George Brace and Agnes Sommerville, negroes, charging adultery, was continued on account of the absence of the State's witness.

## Woman's Club Will Send Christmas Boxes

Christmas boxes will be sent by members of the Warrenton Woman's Club to Samaritan and flowers will be sent to the veterans in Oteen hospital, it was decided at a meeting of the club held at the home of Mrs. C. R. Rodwell on Tuesday afternoon. Those who do not wish to send boxes may contribute money for flowers, an official of the club said yesterday. Both boxes and contributions are to be received at the library on Tuesday, December 16.

Mrs. John Dameron read a paper on the Negro in Southern Literature. Miss Lillie Belle Dameron presented "Porgie" and sang a negro spiritual. The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. G. H. Macon in January.

## Mrs. Haithcock, 79, Dies On Sunday

Mrs. Bettie M. Haithcock died at her home near Liberia on Sunday morning at 3 o'clock. She was 79 years of age and had been in declining health for several months.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Monday afternoon at 2:30 by the Rev. R. E. Erickhouse, Baptist minister. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Haithcock is survived by four sons and two daughters: Charles Haithcock, E. D. Haithcock and Leonard Haithcock of near Warrenton, Walter Haithcock of Henderson; Mrs. D. L. Robertson of Marmaduke, and Mrs. B. J. Geoghegan of Henderson.

## BANK OF WARREN DECLARES ITS REGULAR DIVIDEND

A regular meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Warren was held here on Wednesday with C. N. Williams Jr. of Richmond, president, present. Affairs of the bank were found to compare favorably with those of a year ago and the regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent was ordered paid. Mr. Williams was accompanied from Richmond by Mrs. Williams.

## KINSEY GIVES STAG DINNER

Mr. L. C. Kinsey was host at a stag dinner at Hotel Norlina on Thursday night of last week. Complimentary to his guests, Mr. Tom H. Nicholson and Mr. Geisler of Pennsylvania. A six course dinner was served. Guests of Mr. Kinsey were Messrs. Nicholson and Geisler, Toppleman of Henderson, Clifton Bobbitt, John Henderson, Jack Scott and Jimmy Mayfield. All of these gentlemen, with the exception of Mr. Henderson, had just returned from a duck hunt in Hyde county.

## TO HAVE SALE

The Home Economics Department of the John Graham high school will sell pies and cakes today and Saturday in the building adjacent to the Imperial Theatre. The public is urged to make a purchase and judge the work of the cooking class of the high school.

## SPOONS USED TO OPEN JAIL LOCKS

Prisoners May Roam At Will  
Over Interior; Negro  
Gives Demonstration

### MAY OVERPOWER JAILER

By HOWARD JONES JR.  
Prisoners of the Warren county jail may not have been born with a silver spoon in their mouths, but they can get right far with the ordinary pewter type. I discovered that early yesterday morning when I went down to visit the county cage to learn the particulars of the escape Tuesday night.

Jailer Lovell had carried me on the inside to point out the hole beneath the partition of two cells which was responsible for two men escaping. Of course, the hole had no business being there. We then went up the second story where three white men were locked in a cell.

Addressing one of the men, Mr. Lovell said, "I want to see you unlock that door."

The prisoner took one of the spoons used for feeding purposes, slipped the handle end into the key hole and began to twist it back and forth. After working about a minute without results, a call came from across the hall telling Jailer Lovell that he would unlock his door if he wanted him to.

We went over to that side where a tall, yellow negro began his work. After getting the spoon in the hole, and twisting the handle back and forth and raising the door, the lock clicked and unsprung. With cell door open, the negro strolled back to his bunk and card game and bid a diamond.

Free love in a jail house seems unreasonably, but I was lead to believe from talking with the prisoners that such had been the case in the local jail. The men didn't need any automobile to go courting; just give them a spoon. While working on his lock one of the white prisoners said that he never fooled with them much, but "Jim" should be here. "He could unlock this door in a minute." According to this prisoner, Jim used to unlock his door and roam all over the jail, pay social calls, and then lock himself up again before time for Jailer Lovell to come around. By the use of the spoon he could unlock a cellmate's door as well as his own.

We came down stairs and went into a cell occupied by a young girl. The floor of her cell looked as if it wouldn't offer much resistance to a really bad man that craved freedom.

Jailer Lovell has one adequate door on his jail house and that is the outside entrance. Due to a safety device on the keyhole of this door, it is almost impossible to pick this lock. However, this door has only been recently repaired.

It would be an easy matter for prisoners to spoon themselves out of their cells, attack Mr. Lovell as he came in, take his key to the only door that offers them any resistance, and then make their way to freedom.

## TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM THE COUNTY JAIL

Sam Alston and Morris Alston, negroes, stole their freedom from the Warren county jail on Tuesday night during the supper hour by squeezing through a hole under the partition that divided their locked cell from one unlocked and then cut of the back door of the main entrance, which was not fastened. Outside the jail the men made good their escape by running across the field east of the jail. Although a chase was undertaken, the men were soon enveloped by darkness and are still at liberty. They were jailed for stealing cotton.

According to Jailer Lovell he had unlocked the outside door of the jail and carried the men their supper. Before going upstairs to feed the prisoners on the second floor he shook the outside door and it appeared to be locked, but the door was only hard to move and not fastened. When he had reached the upper story of the jail the prisoners worked their way through the hole in the partition below the water fixtures, and then ran out of the back door.

## PLAY POSTPONED

"The Destrick Schule," advertised to be presented here tonight under the auspices of St. Mary's Guild, and under the direction of Mrs. Charles H. Finch, has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays. Reasons for postponement were not given.