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## COUNTY BUYS A BED AT HOSPITAL

### Board Provides Accommodations for Pauper Patients At Park View Hospital

## ASKS REPEAL OF LAW

Meeting in regular session at Warrenton on Monday the board of county commissioners ordered that the county purchase one bed in Park View hospital, Rocky Mount, Pa. for use for pauper patients of Warren county. The bed was purchased for one year at a cost of \$3 per day, payable quarterly.

Dr. B. C. Willis, surgeon at the Rocky Mount hospital, appeared before the board advocating the purchase of the bed by Warren county. The plan had the endorsement of the Warren County Medical Society. It is understood that nothing but curable cases will be accepted and they must be recommended by the county health officer.

Dr. H. H. Foster of Norlina, new Health Officer, succeeding Dr. W. D. Rodgers under the plan of rotation in operation in the county, appeared before the board to ask for the repeal of the law. No special recommendations were given.

The board ordered that property owners be exempt from payment of taxes on property destroyed in the recent cyclone in the northern section of Warren county, subject to the approval of the county attorney.

W. H. Pridden was allowed a reduction of \$1,000 valuation on his garage property in Norlina on account of building being destroyed by fire since the last assessment period. J. J. Crinkley was allowed a 50 per cent reduction on the listed value of a homestead note of John Kearney.

The board ordered that Mrs. Annie Byrum be paid \$3.00 for one month on account of physical disabilities. J. H. Little was granted \$4 a month on account of physical disabilities. Robert Brown, col., was exempted from the payment of poll tax on account of physical disability.

Upon motion of Commissioner Capps, duly seconded by Commissioner Skinner, it was ordered that the Legislature be requested to abolish the act relative to Warren County paying the premiums on official bonds.

The board ordered that C. C. Hunter be exempted from payment of tax on a \$325.00 note for the year 1930, the note being considered worthless.

The board ordered that \$58.25 be appropriated to the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce for Tax Relief Campaign expenses, after N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the organization, appeared before the board and outlined the purposes and accomplishments of the chamber. He was introduced by L. C. Kinsey, prominent Warrenton business man, who is a member of the committee on tax relief.

Russell Palmer and John C. Davis were each paid \$15 for the capture of stills.

It was ordered that \$5 per month be paid to Buck Weaver on account of physical disabilities, and that Mrs. Ann Shearin be paid \$2 per month for the same reason. The board ordered that \$3 per month be paid Mrs. Robert Felts on account of physical disabilities.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs, and with no opposing vote, it was ordered that W. H. Dameron & Co. be relieved of 50 per cent of the Corporation excess tax now assessed against said company, including the year 1930.

## Commissioners Make Personal Contribution

First Monday always witnesses a stream of poor people through the commissioners room at Warrenton asking aid. Depression has increased this number. Telling pitiful tales they ask that the board give them some relief. In many instances this is done, but often the board finds itself unable to heed the requests.

Monday an aged colored woman appeared before the board asking that railroad fare for her daughter be advanced by the board. She said the girl was stranded in a northern city and that she was powerless to help her. The board felt that it could not help her, so each member went down into his pocket for 50 cents to aid in paying the railroad fare, and as a result mother and daughter will probably be reunited.

## Jury To Decide Pusey Case; Two Negroes In Affray

After see-sawing from one court to another for several weeks, the case of O. S. Pusey, white man of Warrenton, charged with reckless driving of an automobile that caused injury to Whit Nelson, negro, on Sunday night, January 4, has come to a standstill in Recorder's court, and a jury will decide the outcome of the case on Monday morning before Recorder W. W. Taylor.

The Pusey case was first tried by Magistrate Frank B. Newell on Monday morning, January 5. Facts of the case lead the magistrate to find probable cause and the case was sent to Superior court which convened the following week. The higher tribunal remanded the case to Recorder's court which for various causes has continued the case for several weeks. The case was set for Monday morning but upon request of John H. Kerr Jr., attorney for Pusey, a jury trial was granted for Monday morning.

Arthur Williams and Dock Sanders, negroes, were called before the court to straighten out an affray which occurred in the negro barber shop at Warrenton. Williams had a warrant sworn out against Sanders charging him with assault with a deadly weapon—a knife. The trouble was born from empty pint bottles which Williams had to sell to "Snowball" Jones and which Sanders commented upon to another negro. Words followed and Williams picked up a piece of iron. A grapple followed and Williams claimed that Sanders had him on the floor with a knife in his hand. Sanders claimed he only had a key and that he was acting in self defense. The case ended with Dock Sanders being taxed with \$1 and the court costs. The costs in the case was approximated at \$27. Corroborated evidence pointed (Continued on Page 8)

## Jesse Stevenson Is Recaptured In Warren County

Jesse Stevenson, notorious police character, who broke out of the Vance county prison camp last month, was recaptured in Warren county Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by a detail of five officers, two of them from Warren county and three from Vance. Stevenson is back on the Vance county roads with additional precautions being taken to insure against escape again.

Stevenson was serving a two year term on the roads for driving while intoxicated, according to officers, and made his escape by breaking his shackles at the prison camp about the middle of last month. He was serving a term of two years, but was made eligible for a parole at the end of six months on good behavior. His escape will cause him to serve the entire term, it was announced.

Officers Snipes and Robertson of Warren and Cash, Tucker and Gupton of Vance went to the home of Stevenson's father in Warren county Wednesday and arrested Stevenson without trouble. The five officers surrounded the home and advanced, the escaped convict giving himself up to the officers.

Stevenson is also wanted in Warren county on several charges, it is said, and will be turned over to the Warren authorities when he has completed his term on the Vance county roads.

## Local Quint Loses To South Hill Five

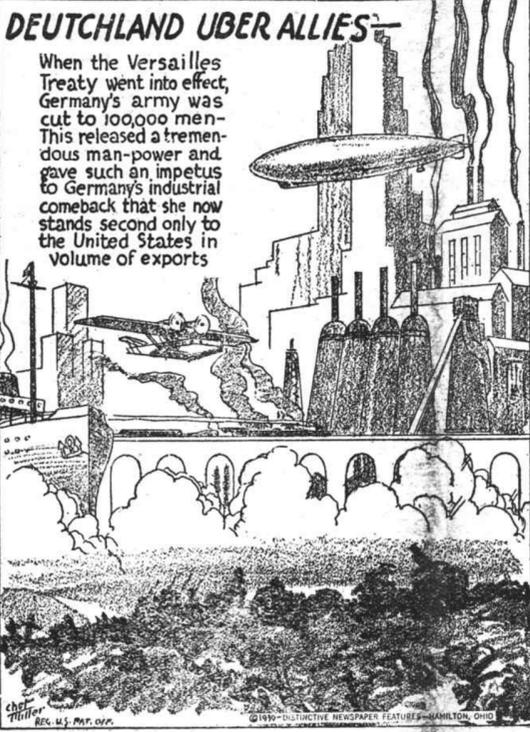
The town's basket ball team came home from South Hill Thursday night with the little end of a 29-32 score. The local boys played well, it was said, and the game was interesting throughout. The South Hill quint leaped to the lead in the beginning of the indoor match, but the Warrenton boys continued their fighting spirit and were able to overlap the score of the Virginia boys. However, they failed to maintain their lead and at the blow of the final whistle the South Hill team had the game by three points.

The line-up for South Hill was composed of S. Bugg, center, who won the title of all-prep-school-center, while attending school; R. P. Perkinson, guard, former captain of the V. P. I. team; and D. Bugg, forward; Humbrickhouse, forward; Smith, guard.

Warrenton's line-up included E. Weldon, center; P. Terrell, forward; Flody, forward; E. Overby, guard; Allen Peoples, guard. Substitutes were Jack Shannon, Roy Halthcock, W. B. Overby.

## LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller



When the Versailles Treaty went into effect, Germany's army was cut to 100,000 men. This released a tremendous man-power and gave such an impetus to Germany's industrial comeback that she now stands second only to the United States in volume of exports.

## TO LET AIRPORT CONTRACT 10TH

### Expected That From 30 To 60 Days Will Be Required To Complete Work

The contract for the erection of an airport on the old Macon road a few miles from Warrenton will be let on February 10, it was learned here yesterday.

The main lease has been signed by W. H. Dameron and a few minor leases by other property owners are expected to be executed within a few days, it is understood.

The airport to be established near Warrenton will be the largest between Richmond and Raleigh, according to E. E. Gillam, former president of the Warrenton Kiwanis club, which organization was active in its efforts to have the airport located near here.

Work is expected to begin within a few days after the contract has been let and, according to T. H. Chapman, Government representative who was in town last week, from 30 to 60 days will be required to complete the work.

## Praises Condition Of School Trucks

Warren County has the best lot of school trucks seen in two years of inspection, S. W. Farrell of the State Highway Patrol told members of the board of education here on Monday after he and another member of the patrol had made an inspection of the county's fleet of trucks.

Every school truck with one exception was at Warrenton on Monday and Superintendent Allen and the entire board of education accompanied the patrolmen as they made their examination. Absence of one truck was due to a temporary breakdown.

Preceding the inspection of the trucks Lieutenant Farrell addressed truck drivers assembled at the local school auditorium, calling attention to various phases of their duties and offering them a number of suggestions. He asked that all truck drivers report the number of any car passing their truck while it is loading or unloading passengers. All rear doors to trucks that can not be controlled from the drivers seat are to be nailed up in order to prevent children from falling out or coming from behind vehicles into the road. He asked that the drivers pay particular attention to keeping the glasses of the truck and the body clean inside and out.

The morning session of the board of education was devoted to the school truck inspection. Meeting in the afternoon they disposed of routine business only.

## WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Warrenton Woman's club will meet Tuesday in the home of Mrs. G. R. Scoggin. The meeting is called for 3:30 o'clock and a full attendance is asked.

## STUDENT STRIKE LOCAL PRINCIPAL

### Suspension Follows Altercation With Prof. Cox On Tuesday Morning

## DRINKING IS CHARGED

Jack Graham Riggan, student at the John Graham High School who on Tuesday morning struck Principal R. C. Cox several times in the face, and Hayward Davis, student, who was with him at the time, have been suspended from the school.

Riggan and Davis were called into the principal's office on Tuesday morning and charged with drinking at the school the previous day. They denied the charge. Asserting that the principal had called him a liar, Riggan is said to have asked Mr. Cox to take off his glasses and to have struck him in the face several times. He was caught by W. J. James, truck driver, who was in the office with John Cawthorne, another truck driver, at the time, and pushed out of the door. Davis made no effort to assault the principal.

Principal Cox then telephoned for the police to have the boys removed from the school ground. He explained this yesterday by saying that he thought the boys must have been drunk. Officer Lovell responded and, after consulting with the school man, returned down the street and sent Jack Riggan, father of Jack Graham Riggan, to the school for a consultation before further action was taken.

Conflicting reports as to the affair have been made. The most wide-spread of these is that principal Cox called Riggan a liar, and was invited to take off his glasses and upon complying picked up a chair, and that the boy held the chair with one hand and struck him in the face with the other. This is denied by Principal Cox and (Continued on page 8)

## Welfare Officer Spends \$291 During The Past Month

In giving relief to destitute citizens of Warren county, the Welfare Department spent \$291 for food and medical attention during the month of January, Miss Lucy Leach, welfare officer, reported on Monday. Contributions to the Charity Chest during this period totaled \$109.79.

Commenting on the expenditures, Miss Leach said the department was using its money only for rations for the sick and that each case was thoroughly investigated before aid was given. She explained that key citizens in each township reported cases and assisted her in investigation. Miss Leach expressed her thanks to several girls in the county who had assisted her in office work. Without this aid she said that she would not have been able to carry on the necessary field work.

Financial assistance from many citizens is greatly appreciated, Miss Leach said, especially as it was made a real sacrifice in many instances. These contributions have no doubt resulted in the saving of many lives, she said. The need for support continues and since few are able to contribute large sums, Miss Leach asked that as many as possible contribute a monthly sum.

Institutional commitments reported by Miss Leach included one white girl to a farm colony for delinquent women, four colored women to hospitals, and one colored child to a clinic. Two negro boys have been sent to the hospital and five colored children placed in good homes. One colored girl and baby have been sent back to her people in New York State and three juvenile cases disposed of.

## LOCAL MUSIC PUPILS TO BROADCAST ON SATURDAY

Members of the music class of Mrs. John C. Burwell will broadcast a musical program over station WPTF, Raleigh, on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, Mrs. Burwell announced yesterday.

Members who will take part in the program are Misses Dorothy Murphy, Grace Wagner, Margaret Blacklock, Emily Reid, Mable Carroll, Ethel Russell.

## SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ARE GUESTS OF KIWANIANS

School principals of Warren county were guests of the Warrenton Kiwanis club last night at their regular weekly meeting at Hotel Warren. The club was featuring a Live-At-Home program, and R. H. Bright, vocational agricultural teacher at John Graham high school, was the speaker of the evening.

## Old Organization Donates Its Funds For Relief Work

The sum of \$85.42 was this week donated for relief work in Warren county by the old Chamber of Commerce of Warrenton when five of the remaining members met at the office of Dr. H. N. Walters on Tuesday night to consider disposition of funds long idle in the Warrenton banks.

The action of the members on Tuesday probably marked the end of an organization formed here more than 18 years ago with practically every business man in the town a member. It functioned well for a few years and then ceased for lack of interest. A meeting was called in 1921 when funds were contributed for local development. Ten years later the purpose of meeting was disbursement of funds. No more money is in the treasurer's hands.

If the Chamber of Commerce is ever revived it will probably be as a new organization.

In making the donation for relief, the members instructed Dr. H. N. Walters, secretary-treasurer, to turn the money over to Miss Lucy Leach, Welfare Officer, with the request that she make it go as far as possible and to spend it with special reference to families with children.

Members of the old organization present on Tuesday night were Dr. H. N. Walters, H. A. Moseley, J. P. Scoggin, W. A. Miles, W. N. Boyd and C. E. Jackson.

## Warden Says 95 Per Cent of Forest Fires Avoidable

"Ninety-five per cent of our fires are due to carelessness and are entirely preventable," District Forester L. A. Carter of Windsor told forest wardens of Warren county gathered at the court house on Tuesday afternoon to receive instruction in forest fire prevention and to prepare for the Spring fire season. Mr. Carter was accompanied to Warrenton by J. R. Miller of Windsor, chief forest warden of this district.

Discussing the causes of forest fires, Mr. Carter stated that statistics show that approximately 40 per cent of the spring fires result from land clearing operations on the farms, and that 95 per cent of the fire were due to carelessness and are entirely preventable. He asked that the wardens impress upon citizens the importance of using all possible care with fire in clearing lands.

"At such a time as the present," Mr. Carter continued, "when everyone is being careful with money, the true value of our forest lands should be more apparent. Many a farmer has met his obligations by cutting timber from his woodlands and has realized more than ever the value of having a piece of forest land growing timber for a rainy day. In order for our forest lands to make the growth they are capable of making they must be protected from fire. Fire damages (Continued on Page 8)

## Federal Officers Nab Two White Men

Carson McNair and Roy Walton, white men of Warrenton, were arrested by prohibition officers from Vance county Wednesday when they were caught at a still near Greenwood church in the process of manufacturing whiskey. The men were carried to Henderson and given a hearing before a Federal Commissioner. The still was a 100-gallon outfit and was in operation at the time the capture was made. Thirty-six gallons of whiskey were also seized by the Federal men.

## SMALL FIRE AROUSES LATE SLEEPERS ON SUNDAY

An 8 o'clock alarm hustled many late Sunday morning sleepers from their covers to the heart of town where smoke was seen winding its way upward from the M. Perman store. The flame had not gained much headway before it was discovered and the alarm sounded. It was not necessary to turn the town hose into the store, and slight damage resulted. The origin of the blaze is not known.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. G. H. Macon attended a meeting of the directors of Caswell Training School at Kinston on Thursday. Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, Adm. P. M. Stallings and Clerk of Court John D. Newell were visitors at Raleigh on Wednesday. Friends were glad to see Mr. Walter Allen of Kettle at Warrenton yesterday.

## SAYS BILL WILL INJURE COUNTY

### Board Frowns Upon Proposal to Defer Tax Payments Until November

## WILL PROTEST PASSAGE

"Payment of all taxes will stop and the county cannot carry on its affair if your bill becomes a law," members of the board of county commissioners told Representative John S. Davis when he appeared before that body in Warrenton on Monday to secure approval of a bill to postpone collection of 1930 taxes until November. This bill was introduced in the House last week by Mr. Davis and in the Senate by Senator T. O. Rodwell.

Characterizing the bill as bad legislation that would fail to obtain the relief sought, the board asked that Mr. Davis notify them of the day the bill was to be brought to the floor of the General Assembly that members might attend in a body and protest its passage.

Mr. Davis pointed out that low prices for agricultural products would make it impossible for many farmers to pay their taxes this year and that their land would have to be sold unless tax payment was deferred. With this end in view he introduced his bill after he had been approached by many citizens.

The board countered with the statement that the measure would stop the payment of all taxes, as the citizens who were able to pay would not until the deferred time, and that the affairs of the county would come to a halt, with the schools closing their doors, and the county probably unable to borrow money on account of credit injured by the bill. Members admitted that times were hard, but pointed out that in the event of failure to pay taxes it would be 18 months before the land could be sold under the present laws, and that the costs were \$1.00 for such action.

The board neither approved nor censured a proposed bill of Mr. Davis' to reimburse Robert Pinnell \$400 for hospital bills resulting from injuries received when he went to arrest John Buddy Macon more than a year ago. At that time Sam Pinnell, a brother, was mortally wounded.

Representative Davis was asked to introduce a bill to repeal the law requiring Warren county to pay the bonds of its officials. The present law was put on the statute books by the late B. B. Williams. The board held that each official should be required to give his own bond.

## Tucker Protests Slaying Of Trees

Protesting against the needless slaying of trees and the marring of the natural beauty of the town, C. A. Tucker asked that the board of town commissioners put a halt to the practice at the meeting of the town board on Monday night. Mr. Tucker was present on business connected with the Warren County Memorial library when the question was brought up.

In clearing a right-of-way for wires the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Carolina Power & Light Co. have cut many limbs from the trees along the streets. Mr. Tucker claimed that many more limbs than was necessary were cut off, and the pruning done with no regard for the symmetrical outlines of the trees. He said that limbs had been removed in other towns with much less destruction and that if the employees of the telephone and power company did not know the proper way to cut off the limbs, he would be glad to go with a member of the street committee and show them the proper way. Mr. Tucker, an architect by training, told the board that he had made a hobby of landscaping and that the practice of the linesmen was fast ruining the natural beauty of the town.

Members of the board agreed with Mr. Tucker that much unnecessary destruction had been caused but took no official action upon the matter.

## Grissom To Be Here February 11 and 12

To assist taxpayers in filing their income tax returns, William Grissom, collector of internal revenue, will be at Warrenton on February 11 and 12, according to announcement made yesterday by the United States Treasurer Department.

Citizens having trouble with their reports are invited to consult with Mr. Grissom on the above dates.