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REDUCE SALARIES TOWN EMPLOYEES

Names C. F. Moseley
Town Clerk R. J. Jones
Is Secretary-Treasurer

RE POLICE BY MONTH

An effort to cut down costs of administering town affairs, meeting of town commissioners, meeting of regular session on Monday ordered that the salaries of the police officers and of the superintendent of the Water Commission be reduced.

C. F. Moseley was elected town clerk to assist R. J. Jones, secretary and treasurer, in keeping up with town records. It was pointed out that Mr. Jones' health was not good as it had been in former years and the fear expressed that he was not strong enough to do all the work required under the new system of bookkeeping installed by the State government advisory commission. The board voted to pay Mr. Moseley \$20 a month for this service, and that Mr. Jones receive \$20 instead of the \$30 monthly sum formerly paid him.

In voting to employ the town police officers by the month, the board ordered that M. M. Drake's salary be reduced from \$150 to \$125 a month. Police Officer Lovell's pay was reduced from \$2150 a week to \$1500 a month. The salary of Harold Williams, manager of the water company, was reduced from \$1500 to \$125 a month.

Face Danger Signals At Road Intersection

Danger signals have been placed in the immediate vicinity of the intersection of roads 58 and 48—about half a mile east of Warrenton on the Rocky Mount and Littleton roads. These warning lights, which flash red when the lights from automobiles flash on them, are on the right side of the road when approaching Warrenton and on the left side a hundred or more feet lower where the road crosses the fourth signal. This can be seen from either the Rocky Mount or Littleton road as the edge of the bridge. The light is on the opposite side of the bridge and warns motorists of the intersection of two roads.

Scout Report Good Time On Trip

"We had a fine time," was the opinion voiced by members of the troop of Boy Scout who returned from Fleming's Mill early Monday morning after spending a night there in camp. The boys, led by William Hunt, left Warrenton late Friday afternoon and returned to the pond where they cooked their supper in scout fashion. They made their beds with blankets on the trip were Senior Scout Leader David Rodwell, Patrol Leader W. A. Miles Jr., Weldon J. Charles Lee Terrell and Blalock Jr., M. L. Galloway, Thompson, Berlyn Smiley, Leonard Wright, Jack Kidd, Raymond J. Duke Miles, Gid Macon Jr., R. Frazier Jr., Graham Morrison, Williams, A. A. Wood Jr., and Grover Howell.

Will Not Consolidate Warren Organization

Warren county's organization of game wardens will not be consolidated with any other organization in the State proposed reorganization of this department in order to do away with the services of game wardens. This fact was learned yesterday from Hunter Pinnell, warden, who discussed this matter with Col. Harrelson and the members of the State Department of Conservation on Tuesday at Raleigh.

Manley Martin To Deliver Essay At Rocky Mount

Manley Martin, county winner in the contest sponsored by the North Carolina Cotton Co-ops, will leave this morning for Rocky Mount where he will deliver his essay in the district contest.

He will be accompanied by his father, W. H. Martin, Field Representative Geo. R. Frazier, R. H. Bright, vocational teacher in John Graham high school where young Mr. Martin attended school the past session, and by his English teacher, Miss Helen Thompson.

Through Road To Cemetery Repaired

The through road to the cemetery has been put in good condition and it is expected that many of those who have relatives and friends buried there will take this short cut to the City of the Dead in preference to the round-about-way on the Norlina road.

This road, which was discarded a number of years ago on account of its roughness and a bad bridge, has just been reconditioned by the Warrenton township road commission and is approximately one mile shorter than the other route.

Due to cattle, the gates at this entrance will not be open at all times, but the key may be obtained from T. V. Allen, it was stated. Although cars may not enter on all occasions, citizens may do so through a smaller gate at this point.

This road, which leads by the home of W. R. Lancaster and coarses through the John Graham property, was laid off by the late Dr. R. D. Fleming who planted elm trees which at present shade a portion of it and who was responsible for its maintenance during his lifetime.

After Dr. Fleming's death the road gradually went down and citizens cemetery bent chose the route that turns off the Norlina road just at the top of the hill on the outer edge of Warrenton. Later, shortly after the organization of a cemetery committee here, several citizens realizing the need of another road to the burying ground became active in patching up this old road. A bridge was needed and Mrs. H. F. Jones and Dr. H. N. Walters made the first two contributions, \$5 each, and then canvassed the town for funds which resulted with another bridge which is in use at present. Due to the roughness of the road approaching the bridge this route was later discarded, but has again been put in good order.

Power Company To Run Cooking School

Miss Alice Sullivan, nationally known Home Economist and culinary expert, will arrive here Sunday to make final preparations for the opening of an all-electric cooking school, which is being sponsored by the Carolina Power & Light Co. on June 8-9-10. A class will be conducted each day in the auditorium of the Warrenton Opera House beginning at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Summer School Not Requisite This Year

Certificates held by teachers and principals will not lapse if owners fail to attend summer school this summer or during the next two summers, according to a section of the new school law which reads: "No teacher or principal shall be required to attend summer school during the years 1931, 1932, 1933, and the certificates of such teachers as may have been required to attend such schools shall not lapse, but shall remain in full force and effect."

NO SERVICES AT EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUNDAY

There will be no services at Emmanuel Episcopal church, Warrenton, on Sunday due to the absence of the Rev. B. N. de Foe-Wagner who is spending some time in Canada, a member of the vestry announced yesterday.

LUCKY BREAKS



STORM BROUGHT
RICE TO DIXIE—
COMPELLED BY STORMS TO
PUT IN AT CHARLESTON, S. C.,
A SHIP CAPTAIN FROM MAD-
AGASCAR SOLD A BAG OF
RICE TO A PLANTER.
PLANTED, IT YIELDED WELL—
THE CULTURE SPREAD—
AND RICE BECAME ONE OF
CAROLINA'S STAPLE PRODUCTS.

Local Citizens Gaze Skyward As Planes Pass Over Town

Warrentonians lifted their faces toward the sky Tuesday morning as approximately 100 airplanes, traveling in groups of from five to about thirty, roared over the town enroute to Fort Bragg where they refueled and continued to Kelly Field, Texas.

The planes were returning to their base from Washington, D. C., where they with over 500 others composed the greatest air armada that has ever circled the skies.

They left Washington Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock and the first batch was seen winging their way over Warrenton about 10 o'clock. Nearly an hour later the last were seen passing over the town.

Many citizens were seen in the streets with their heads thrown back as these mechanical birds roared over the business section. They were not in any particular formation as they soared through the clouds.

While some of the planes were of sufficient distance to furnish the eye with only a vague outline of their shape, most of them came over the city limits of the town. They were flying fast and their average height, it appeared, was about 1000 feet, however, one flying like a crippled duck that had been left a little behind by its companions, winged its way over the town just above treetops and the words "U. S. Army" were clearly visible to the eye.

The pursuit group is made up of 57 pursuit planes, the little humming birds of the air, capable of great speed, 39 aerial battle ships each outfitted to carry four machine guns and ten 25-pound bombs, and a dozen Ford transport planes, seven tri-motored and five with single motors.

The planes were scheduled to leave Washington yesterday about noon and many here were on the look-out for them during early afternoon, but as it grew later and they had not been seen it was thought that they had followed another route. Their absence, it was learned, was due to unfavorable weather conditions.

TO LEAD DANCE

Miss Mattie Wiggins Dameron is expected to leave today for Raleigh where she, with Mr. Jimmie Summie, will lead the dance tonight which marks the beginning of the State finals. She will be accompanied to Raleigh by her mother, Mrs. W. H. Dameron.

PERSONAL MENTION

Misses Mary Fowler of Farmville and Mary Britton of Aulander are visiting Misses Margaret and Alvis Kidd.

Mrs. W. W. Kidd, Misses Margaret and Alvis Kidd and Mary Fowler and Mary Britton, and Mr. Jack Kidd were in Raleigh on Wednesday.

Young friends of Miss Maxine Lewis enjoyed a birthday party given by her mother, Mrs. Perley Lewis on Sunday. She was eight years of age.

COUNTY COURT HAS BUSY SESSION

Local White Man Is Found
Guilty Of Giving A
Worthless Check

GIVES APPEAL NOTICE

After a recess of two weeks, due to the Superior court occupying the sanctum of law. Recorder's court swung into a full session at Warrenton on Monday with Judge W. W. Taylor presiding. Assault, carrying a concealed weapon, lying, fornication and adultery and giving a worthless check were represented in the bills of indictment.

Tom Vaughan, white man of Warrenton, gave notice of an appeal in Recorder's court Monday morning when Judge Taylor pronounced him guilty of giving a worthless check and suspended judgment provided he report to the court in two weeks and show that he had made the \$25 certificate good.

The check had been given to Clarence Ayscue, white, who told the court that Mr. Vaughan had assured him that the check was good. Mr. Vaughan, who was acting as his own counsel, denied this and asked Mr. Ayscue why did he wait several days to present the check at the bank if he had told him that it was good when one was nearby. Another witness testified that he was present when the transaction transpired and that Mr. Vaughan told Mr. Ayscue that the check was good. Mr. Vaughan said that no one was present. When Judge Taylor pronounced him guilty and gave him two weeks to make the check good, he gave notice of an appeal.

Maryland Harris, negro, arraigned before the bar of justice on an assault count, was given a six months suspended jail sentence and fined \$25 and the court costs when he was found guilty of assaulting Forrest Harris.

According to the plaintiff Harris and himself had had words at Macon on the Sunday afternoon of March 14 when the defendant attacked one of Forrest Harris' relatives. Harris testified, as he was riding a mule homeward with Shirley Harris, Maryland Harris shot at him. Continuing his testimony he said that Maryland Harris came to his home about 12 o'clock that night and just after getting him out of his home and shutting the door a pistol was fired with the ball penetrating the door and taking effect in his left jaw. Forrest Harris' wife told the court that she was present when Maryland Harris came to their home. Claiming that she was using the language of the defendant she cursed like a Pirate Captain's parrot in telling how Maryland Harris came to her husband's home and told him that there was a certain gang that was going to get him. She said that as soon as the shot was fired she heard some one run and that Maryland Harris was the only person who had been there. Maryland Harris was arrested that night about 2 o'clock at the home of his parents.

Julius Banzet and Gilmer Overly, representing the defendant, placed Shirley Harris on the stand. He testified that "he was on the mule with Forrest Harris but that no one had shot at Forrest Harris. Maryland Harris' father told the court that his son was in bed that night at 11:30 o'clock. This testimony was corroborated by Maryland Harris' wife.

Judge Taylor found Maryland Harris guilty. He was given a six months suspended sentence provided he pay \$25 and costs.

John Watson, negro from out Shocco way who has been entangled in the meshes of law on several occasions, was before the bar of justice to face charge of assault and disorderly conduct. Walter Richardson, also negro, claimed that Watson had come to his home while intoxicated and had to be asked away on account of the manner in which he conducted himself. Later Watson was arrested by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and Deputy (Continued on Page 8)

Professors Find Two Names Embarrassing

BOSTON, June 4.—Astrologers might call it the stars under which they were born. Numerologists would call it the mystical numbers. Fellow students call it coincidence. But professors at Boston University call it darned embarrassing and here's the story.

Edward Francis O'Brien, 26, of Worcester, and Edward Francis O'Brien, 26, of Hyde Park are members of the same class at Boston University law school and are scheduled to receive their degrees at commencement exercises this June.

O'Brien of Worcester is 11 days older than O'Brien of Hyde Park. Number 1 was born February 26, 1905, and Number 2 was born March 9, 1905.

O'Brien of Hyde Park attended Boston College where he received his A.B. degree, and was a member of the track team.

O'Brien of Worcester, received his A.B. degree at Holy Cross college, and was a member of the track team there.

W. T. Polk To Be Married In New York

William T. Polk, Warrenton lawyer and writer, will be married in New York the latter part of June to Miss Marion Gunn of Toronto, Canada, according to announcement made here this week.

New Law Will Decrease 30-Day Road Sentences

RALEIGH, June 4.—"Thirty-day men," who have heretofore constituted a large proportion of the population of North Carolina chain gangs are about to become a vanishing race in the opinion of E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

"No person shall be committed to any of the district camps by any court in this State, nor shall any person be received into the district camps, whose term of imprisonment is less than sixty days: Provided, that in criminal actions in which a Justice of the Peace has final jurisdiction no county shall be liable for or taxed with any costs."

The first clause means that the State which on July 1 will take over 45,000 miles of county roads and 3,000 county prisoners, will not take and "thirty-day men" and that all who are so sentenced must be kept in jails at county expense.

The second part regarded by Mr. Jeffress as equally if not more important means that justices of the peace who want to collect costs in criminal actions in which they have final jurisdiction will have to impose fines and not jail terms, for there will be no more road terms for such prisoners.

Both sections seemed important to the State Board of Equalization, which was in session yesterday and which was wondering if the legislative estimate of \$1,300,000 for fines and forfeitures for school purposes would hold up.

Plans for working the prisoners to be acquired, for housing them, giving them medical attention, etc., are now being worked out and will probably be developed by the time of the next meeting of the commission which will be June 11 at which time it is expected that a supervisor of prisons will be named.

The State will be divided into five maintenance districts with a resident engineer in charge of each. These five districts will be sub-divided into 25 districts, and the 25 districts will contain 500 maintenance units in each of which a force will be maintained. There will be many floating gangs of about 25 prisoners each to be used where needed.

Representative Oscar Pitts of Catawba in the west and former Mayor J. B. Roach of Statesville in the east, are now surveying available convict camps and a system of camps will be worked out. Nearly all of the 50 counties maintaining chain gangs have offered their camps to the commission.

Chairman Jeffress said that as far as possible the highway equipment will all be motorized and not many of the mules owned by the counties will be retained. Some of the counties have been given permission to sell a portion of their mules.

Mr. Jeffress stated that few complaints have been received about the maps which have been posted, the only serious one coming from Stanly county, which claims it has had 100 miles of road left off its map.

Grand Jury Indicts Citizens of Halifax

HALIFAX, June 3.—Four deputy sheriffs, one bank president, two bank cashiers and three well-known business men, all of Halifax county are tonight facing charges ranging from violations of the banking laws to embezzlement.

True bills were presented by the grand jury to Judge E. H. Cranmer, judge presiding here today. None of the cases will be tried at this term of court, having been continued by Solicitor R. Hunt Parker until the August term.

R. S. Travis, Sr., of Weldon, for many years president of the Weldon Bank and Trust Company, which closed its doors the latter part of December, 1930, is under \$10,000 bond for his appearance at the August term of criminal court to answer to charges of conspiracy, receiving deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent and misapplying monies by means of promissory notes.

J. W. Ross of Roanoke Rapids, formerly cashier of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company and H. H. King, of Rosemary, formerly cashier of the Rosemary branch of the Roanoke Bank and Trust Company, have not been located since the grand jury returned true bills against them for embezzlement, conspiracy, abstraction and violation of banking laws by making false entries.

Warrants for the arrest of J. R. (Continued on Page 8)

BOARD ACCEPTS NEW VALUATION

Land Values Approximately
16 Per Cent Lower; Seek
To Recover Back Taxes

MISS LEACH RE-ELECTED

The board of county commissioners in regular session at Warrenton on Monday voted to accept the revaluation of real property as submitted by S. E. Ailen, tax supervisor.

Nr. Allen said that valuations this year were about 16 per cent lower than formerly. The new law forbidding these values being changed more than 10 per cent had not been certified to the county authorities, and the board voted to accept the 16 per cent lower rate, unless they received an order to the contrary.

The will case of Byron Brown was reflected in the meeting on Monday when the board ordered that Polk & Gibbs, Warrenton law firm, be employed for the purpose of negotiating collection of past due taxes on property not listed for taxation on the estate of Byron Brown, deceased. There was a great discrepancy between the inventory under the will and the amount of real estate listed in the county. This fact was brought to light when other members of the family sought to break the will leaving one son, Grover C. Brown, the bulk of the estate.

Miss Lucy Leach was unanimously re-elected welfare officer at a salary not to exceed that of last year.

The board ordered that the forest fire fighting appropriation be continued at \$500 a year. The State asked the county to increase this sum to \$800 annually. The members were unwilling to do this and ordered that if the State would not accept the old figure that the work be discontinued.

W. N. Boyd appeared before the board stating that the State would probably locate a prison camp in the county for the purpose of working convicts upon the county roads after July 1 when the State takes over the road system. The board authorized Chairman Powell to locate a site and make the necessary negotiation with the Highway Commission.

The board voted to pay the railroad fares of all Confederate veterans attending the re-union at Montgomery, Ala., and in addition voted each one an additional \$10 for spending money. J. W. Allen, Charlie Riggan and Joe Shearin were present and stated that they would attend the re-union. John W. Allen, acting as spokesman for the party, said that this would be the last Southern re-union that the old soldiers would attend, and expressed his gratitude for the kindness always shown the old soldiers by Warren county commissioners, who he said, had never left anything undone that would add to their happiness. Commissioner Skinner told the veterans that it was a pleasure to serve them and that the services and the memories of the veterans of 1861-65 would never be forgotten, a sentiment concurred in by each commissioner present.

Following recommendations of the Grand Jury at the May term of court, the board ordered that a door be cut between the present office of the sheriff and the superintendent of schools, and that a door be cut between the new office of the sheriff and the commissioners room. Contract for this work was awarded to J. D. Riggan. Mr. Riggan is to furnish all material and is to be paid the sum of \$50. Changes in office locations were caused by the growth of the school system, necessitating more office room for the school superintendent.

The board ordered that Commissioner Skinner handle the county property in the town of Littleton. Commissioner Capps was authorized to employ E. D. Davis to screen the county home as recommended by the Grand Jury.

Miss Lucy Leach was authorized to cut the sum appropriated by the county for any outside pauper in her discretion.

The board ordered that J. C. Davis be paid the sum of \$10 for the capture of one incomplete still. Roosevelt Hedgepeth of Roanoke Township was exempted from poll tax on account of the loss of his eyesight.

Unless William Turner, J. E. Howard and Ed Williams, citizens of near Littleton, reimburse the county the sum of \$94.50 paid Jack N. Johnston for 63 sheep allegedly killed by their dogs, they will be sued by the county, according to (Continued on Page 8)