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**RODWELL IS NEW
BOARD MEMBER**

succeeds C. F. Moseley Who
Resigns to Accept Position
of Town Clerk

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

C. F. Moseley, Warrenton merchant, resigned as member of the board of town commissioners at the regular meeting on Monday evening. His resignation was accepted with expressions of regret and appreciation by Mayor Gibbs and members of the board.

Mr. Moseley was named chairman of the street committee, to the position formerly held by Moseley. All other committees were re-appointed.

Mr. Moseley was entering his 45th year. Doing this time he has missed one meeting of the board. Under the new charter the town clerk cannot be a member of the board. Mr. Moseley was appointed to this position at the June meeting.

Following the appointment of Moseley as chairman of the street committee, the board instructed him to put an end to encroachment upon town property by the engineer, was instructed to make necessary surveys in event of dispute over any street boundary.

Appointment of committees and action of Mr. Rodwell followed a lengthy discussion of financial affairs and the collection of Armory dues. The town clerk was instructed to write to Capt. Bowers regarding the latter matter.

During the course of the meeting, Commissioner Gilliam, told the board he had found it necessary to buy hose from the Peck Manufacturing Company to fight the fire north Warrenton early Monday morning and that he had wired for same on hose. The board instructed him to buy 250 feet of hose.

**Any Cotton Blooms
Brought to Warrenton**

The hot sultry days of the past or so may have been looked upon from the eyes of mankind in this town, but they are receiving a new meaning from Old King Cotton who is showing his appreciation by issuing blooms over the fields of Warrenton.

The first of these blooms of the crop to reach this office was brought here on Saturday morning by Mr. Carroll, son of R. A. Carroll of Warren Plains. The cotton grown by the father and according to the son they have a very fine stand on their place here.

Mr. Carroll's visit preceded one to a Liberia grower by only a few minutes. The Warren Plains had hardly gotten down town when G. G. King presented his blooms. Mr. King is also boasting a stand this year.

The third man to enter this office claiming a bloom was Claude Book of Churchill. Mr. Haith came in Tuesday morning, but he had had a bloom on Monday, and that cotton was doing good in his neighborhood.

On Tuesday afternoon from W. F. Powell of Arcolia, a cotton bloom on Sunday, according to the letter.

Another letter with bloom from Willie D. Martin of Norlina, who said the bloom was found on his field on July 3. The letter from the Norlina man says that his cotton looking very good, but rain had looked mighty bad.

T. Paschall of Hawtree town was displaying a bloom on the morning of Warrenton Friday morning was said.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Communion will be observed at the Episcopal church of Warrenton on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Morning prayer will be held at 9 o'clock Sunday night, according to announcement by the Rev. B. B. Wagner. The minister also will conduct Holy Communion at the Episcopal Church, Ridgeway, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

RADIO TRUCK HERE

A truck advertising Friends of the Church attracted the attention of many here yesterday afternoon. It was parked in front of the Department Store, local and rendered several sessions of popular music, as well as the advantages of its

Drewry School To Be Located North Business Section

The Drewry school will be located north of the business section of that town, according to information obtained from the office of the superintendent of schools this week.

The board of education at its regular session on Monday ordered that Superintendent Allen advertise a call for bids for the Drewry school building to be opened in executive session on Monday, July 20.

The present site for the Drewry school was only selected after two other proposed locations had met with rather strenuous opposition. The building to be erected is to replace the building destroyed by fire shortly before the completion of the 1930-31 session.

All colored six months schools will open for the 1931-32 session on August 3, according to an order of the board. The colored schools will run until cotton picking time when a recess of several weeks will be taken. All high schools and eight months schools in the county system will open on Tuesday, September 1.

Man, A Mule And Technicalities Cause Long Session Court

A man, a mule, and technicalities were responsible for a lengthy session of Recorder's court on Monday morning when only two bills of indictment were presented before Judge W. W. Taylor.

The case was the outcome of an accident which occurred in May when a Ford driven by Harrel Edwards, white man of Sandy Creek, ran into a mule belonging to G. A. Parham, of the same neighborhood, injuring the animal's leg and hurting Mr. Parham's hip as he was thrown to the ground.

The affair failed to fall into the channels of law until several days ago when Mr. Edwards was tried before a magistrate of the Sandy Creek neighborhood on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Probable cause brought the case into Recorder's court on Monday morning.

Technicalities began when Julius Banzet, representing Mr. Edwards, pointed out to Judge Taylor that the magistrate had failed to properly fill out the paper charging Mr. Edwards with operating a car while under the influence of whiskey, and for that reason there was no true bill of indictment upon which the court could proceed. He was asking that the case be thrown out. Solicitor Daniel argued that the court should proceed.

Judge Taylor ruled that although the magistrate had not followed the regular form in filling out the paper that the intent was clear, and as principals and witnesses were in court that it would be better to go on with the case than to send it back to a magistrate and have it sent back to his court.

Another tilt occurred between Mr. Banzet and Solicitor Daniel before the first witness left the chair. Mr. Parham told the court that he was on his mule at a service station when Mr. Edwards drove up, ran into his mule, injuring the animal as well as himself. He testified that Mr. Edwards was driving from one side of the road to the other. He told the Solicitor that he did not smell any whiskey on the driver.

In answer to Mr. Banzet's questions Mr. Parham told the court that there was a man with Mr. Edwards at the time of the accident, and admitted that he had attempted to collect \$50 from the driver for damages to himself and to his mule. He confessed that he had not secured a doctor for himself nor for his mule, but said that his hip was bothering him some at present and that the animal was still limping.

Reluctantly he gave the examining attorney the information that the accident occurred on a Saturday and he was plowing the same mule on Tuesday, but said that the animal was not using his leg. Mr. Banzet, it appeared, could not exactly picture a man plowing a three-legged mule, and in questioning Mr. Parham further about the matter he was told that all four legs were used, but in walking the mule gave away on the one which had been struck by the automobile.

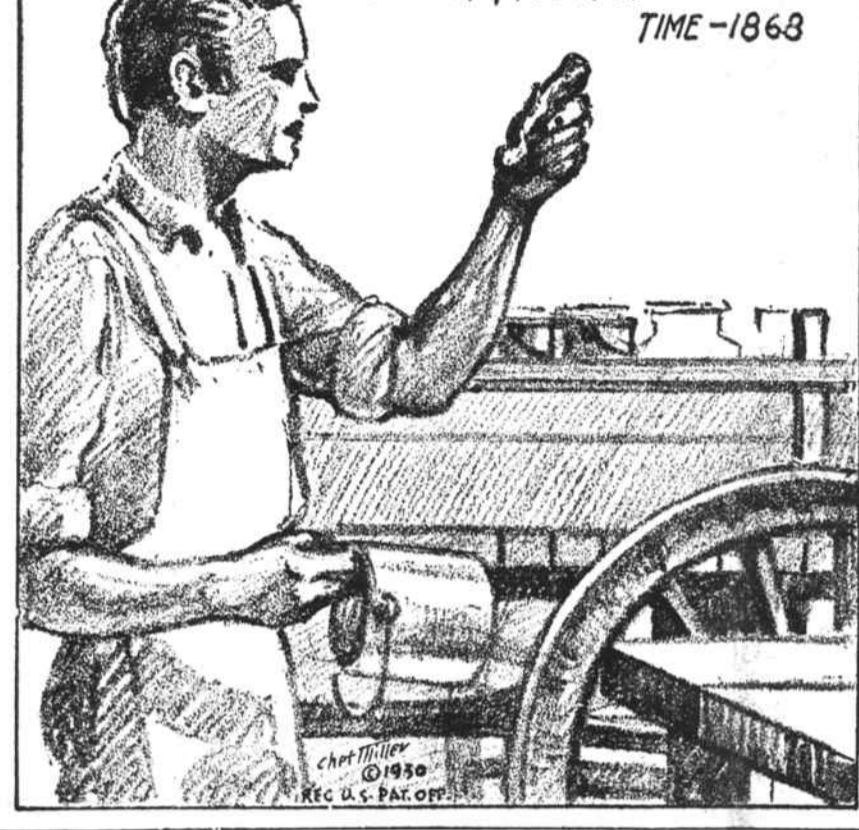
Through a number of questions, as to where Mr. Parham and his mule were, the distance of the service station from the road, and at what point Mr. Edwards was seen driving, the attorney gained testimony from the witness to show that Mr. Edwards was not seen driving on the highway. When Solicitor Daniel attempted to show that Mr. Parham had seen Mr. Edwards driving on the highway by cross examining the witness, objections

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LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller

SAND TAMED NITRO-GLYCERIN —
Unloading cans of nitro-glycerin, Alfred Nobel, Swedish chemist, spilled the dangerous liquid on porous earth. It was absorbed and became a solid mass. Experiments developed dynamite, a comparatively safe explosive.



AFTON PETITIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Committee Asks That Inez Pupils Be Brought There Instead of Warrenton

Indications are that the Afton-Elberon school will next session care for nine grades, but will not be given the full eleven grades petitioned for by the school committee of that section on Monday. The Afton-Elberon committee appeared before the board of education in regular session at Warrenton on Monday and asked that pupils of the Inez school be transported to Afton-Elberon instead of to Warrenton in order that a small high school might be maintained in that section. The committee, asked that in the event that this could not be done, that nine grades be retained.

The board directed that the superintendent of schools carry the petition before the Board of Equalization with the endorsement of the board of education.

Supt. Allen, who took this matter up with the board while in Raleigh on Wednesday, said yesterday that the board of equalization tentatively found that nine grades could be maintained at Afton-Elberon more cheaply than at Warrenton, but that the transportation of tenth and eleventh grade pupils would call for additional teachers and could not be approved as an economy measure.

Fire Destroys Office Here Early Monday

Fire completely destroyed an office, the property of the Warrenton Development Co., and located adjacent to one of their buildings in north Warrenton, on Monday morning about 4 o'clock. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

The fire was discovered by Jim Taylor, watchman who is employed by the W. H. Dameron Supply Co. to look after their property at the depot. The night watchman called Chief M. M. Drake who turned in the alarm in front of his home, and at the same time Night Policeman C. E. Lovell was notified by Mrs. Drake through the emergency telephone.

Many people of Warrenton left their beds in answer to the alarm and traveled to the flaming building as the fire company attempted to stretch its hose from the hydrant in front of H. A. Moseley's home to the office. Water from the nozzle of the hose fell short several feet of the flames, and the firemen resorted to chemicals from the truck while Ed Gilliam rushed to the cotton mill for additional hose. When this was connected and water turned on the flames were soon smothered, but the office had been destroyed by this time.

At one time it appeared that the flames would eat their way through a window into the main building to which the office was attached or would leap to a nearby wooden construction, but this was prevented.

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HARVEY WELDON KILLED IN CRASH

Several Injured When Automobile Runs Into Side Of Bus On Saturday

Harvey Weldon, popular young man of Norlina and a member of Company B, was killed and five other people were injured here Saturday about 12:30 o'clock when a Chevrolet coupe driven by George R. Prescott crashed into a Norfolk-Durham bus of the Gresham Bus Line at the jail corner, one block east of Main street.

The injured are: Billie Lanier, employee of the W. A. Miles Hardware Co., Warrenton, a broken shoulder. Walter Parrish, Warrenton, internal injuries. Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Jackson, cut about the head and on leg. R. D. Rowe, Portsmouth, cut about the head and shoulder hurt. M. Fox, Oxford, arm cut and broken.

The accident occurred when the Chevrolet driven north on Bragg street by Mr. Prescott and carrying Mr. Lanier and Mr. Parrish on the inside and Mr. Weldon on the right running board attempted to cross highway 48 at the jail corner just as the bus, which was coming into Warrenton, reached that point. The force of the impact smashed the left side of the bus, causing it to be thrown against an iron beam on the right side of the road which wrecked the top and right side of the bus, and practically ruined the Chevrolet.

Mr. Weldon was picked up from the road in a dying condition and rushed to the office of Dr. W. D. Rodgers where death came a few minutes later. The injured passengers were removed from the bus and also carried to Dr. Rodgers' office where they received medical attention from Dr. Rodgers and Dr. G. H. Macon. Mr. Lanier and Mr. Parrish were attended by Dr. F. P. Hunter. Mr. Prescott was not hurt, nor was M. J. Bishop, driver of the bus, and two small children, who were passengers.

A jury empaneled by Coroner Edward Petar Saturday afternoon held that Mr. Prescott was responsible for the accident and recommended that he be held under \$500 bond, which was given.

According to the evidence brought out in the hearing, the bus was running between 20 and 25 miles an hour. Witnesses failed to testify as to the speed of the car but said that it was traveling at a right good rate. Testimony was furnished by Mr. Bishop, bus driver; Mrs. Harrison, passenger; Mr. Rowe, passenger; "Red" Harris and Pompey Williams, two negroes who saw the accident. Not any of the witnesses were able to testify that a man was riding on the running board.

Members of the Coroner's jury were Frank Serls, Roy Daniel, Fate Weaver, A. A. Wood, Waverly Thompson and Claude Coleman.

Mr. Weldon was in Warrenton to leave with the local military company in the afternoon for Morehead. He was in the baggage car of the train, it was said, when Mr.

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BOARD MAKES NO PROMISE

Tells Delegation That Action Cannot Be Taken Until Budget Is Prepared

CONTINUES FIRE WORK

Citizens who appeared before the board of county commissioners in its regular session at Warrenton on Monday petitioning that appropriations for the library be maintained, were promised that efforts would be made to do so, but told that nothing definite could be promised until a tentative budget is prepared. Work on this has been delayed because of the prolonged session of the recent legislature and delay in transmission of its act to the county auditor.

The board called attention to an estimated shrinkage in real estate values under the new valuation of approximately two million dollars. S. E. Burroughs, spokesman for the library delegation, and who also at the request of Capt. Claude Bowers, asked that the military company appropriations be maintained, said that he realized fully that the board was faced with a difficult task, but in view of the importance of these activities, that every effort be made to appropriate for their benefit. He was assured that this would be done. Commissioner John L. Skinner in the discussion of these measures pointed out that since he first served on the board that values had shrunk from nineteen and one-half to ten million dollars.

While no definite assurance could be given pending the preparation of a tentative budget and instruction from the State Board of Health sentiment expressed by various members of the board was to the effect that the county nurse would be retained in Warrenton. The hospital bed maintained in the Rocky Mount hospital for the benefit of charity patients from Warrenton county, suggested being done away with as an economy measure, gained in favor with the board after Dr. Willis of the hospital appeared and told members of the use to which the bed had been put. Dr. Willis was accompanied before the board by Dr. G. H. Macon. The Rocky Mount physician told of several instances in which lives of Warrenton citizens had been actually saved, and of other cases where citizens had been cured and removed from being charges on the county.

Dr. Willis told the members that Warren county at that time had five patients in the Rocky Mount hospital and at the rate they were using its bed, that its appropriation would be used up before the year was ended. After Dr. Willis had left the room, Miss Lucy Leach, welfare officer, was summoned. Questioned about the number of patients sent to the hospital she said that although she had instructed physicians not to send charity patients to the hospital without the approval of herself or Dr. Porter the county physician, that her instructions had been disobeyed several times. The board instructed her to write to the hospital authorities telling them that Warren county would not be responsible for any more patients admitted without such approval.

H. L. Miller, State Fire Warden, accompanied by County Warden Hunter Pinnell, appeared before the board asking that the county appropriation for forest fire prevention be increased from \$500 to \$700. Mr. Miller pointed out that in all probability such a sum would not be needed, but that it would have to be available if the work was to continue in Warren. After Mr. Miller had gone into details about the work, and John Pitchford, district warden from Mountain View section had told about saving a school house and several dwellings during the past few months, the board signed the contract renewing the work in the county. Within less than an hour after the agreement had been signed, as if arranged by fate, a forest fire was discovered on the Tarwater place about two miles west of Warrenton and in view of the board, Warden Pinnell with volunteers extinguished the flames after they had burned over only a few acres. Commenting on the fire that night, he said that without organized fire fighting it would have no doubt burned over the entire timber of the farm.

W. T. Powell appeared before the board offering them a site near Warrenton for the proposed prison camp. He said that power lines passed over the location and that good water was available, two requisites for camp location. The board promised to make an investigation.

The board made application for a

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Miss Carrie Broughton State Library

our Warren High Schools

Principals for the four high schools of Warren County and for three schools doing high school work were announced this week at the office of the Superintendent of Schools following the election of J. W. King of Ebony, Va., as principal of the Macon school. Mr. King and two children are expected to move to Macon about the first of August.

S. G. Chappel will again be principal of the Norlina school. W. J. Miller, principal of the Macon school last year, will be in charge of the Warrenton school this year. Miss Emily Milam will be principal of the Wise school this year. P. W. Cooper will again head the Afton-Elberon school. F. M. Bailey will be in charge of the Drewry school.

R. R. Jackson, in charge of the Wise school last year, has accepted a position as principal of the Woodland school in Northampton county, Superintendent Allen said.

Supt. Allen also announced that contracts had been received for signatures of teachers of agriculture in the Littleton, Norlina and Macon schools.

'Kingfish' Brings Laughs To Crowds; Money To Scouts

Amusing, spicy, laugh-producing, "The Kingfish," local talent play staged at the auditorium of the John Graham high school on last Thursday and Friday nights, went over with the vim and verve which good training creates when it is applied to natural talent, and netted the Girl Scouts something over \$50.00.

Favorable comments for the entire show have fallen up and down the street of Warrenton since the two performances, with the crescendo of praise centering around the name of Henry Anderson, who as a man and later as a woman strutted across the stage with the aplomb of an actor who had spent his nights before the footlights.

And Dr. W. W. Taylor, who played the part of "The Kingfish," forgot the hum of a dentist drill, overlooked the fact that he was Judge of Recorder's court, and centered all his attention on convincing his son-in-law, William Taylor, that he was a mason, for he had been deceiving his wife for 20 years while he enjoyed night life and the idea of "fessing-up" didn't seem so well to him at this late date. To complicate the matter, his son-in-law was also deceiving his wife, and he was de-

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Disregard Stop Light; Will Face Mayor

Several Warrenton citizens will pay costs and perhaps fines in Mayor's court this morning as an aid to their eye sight and memory. Arrested by Chief M. M. Drake yesterday for running through the red light stop signal on Main Street, several gave as their excuse that they did not see, or that they forgot about it. Chief Drake told them to be in Mayor's court Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Commenting on the arrest yesterday afternoon, Chief Drake asked that the public be informed that persons caught running through the light would be promptly arrested. "Drivers must stop when the light flashes red, and go forward when it flashes green. The signal was placed there for the protection of the public and the law must be enforced," he said.

Capt. Dan McDowell Lectures Prisoners

Capt. Dan McDowell, prison evangelist, visited the Warren county jail yesterday and gave a lecture to the two prisoners which are confined there at present.

According to the evangelist his lecture at the Warren county bastille made the tenth jail and prison camp that he has visited during nine days of this month. "His object, according to his card, is "To seek crime prevention, the cooperation of the prison with the officials, thereby leading to constructive prison reform, the moral and physical uplift of the prisoner, the restoration of the offender to good citizenship."

BANZETS MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Banzet have moved into the former Winston residence on South Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor and daughter have moved into the Henderson home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Banzet.

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RECOVERS FIVE YEARS' TAXES

Byron Brown Estate Must Pay Nearly \$5,000 In Back Taxes and Penalties

ONLY \$4,000 WAS LISTED

Warren county yesterday recovered nearly \$5,000 in back taxes and penalties from the Byron Brown estate.

Back taxes for the five years allowed by the law totalled \$3745. Ten per cent penalties for each of the five years in arrears came to \$1145.50. Total settlement agreed to by representatives of the estate and the county board was \$4890.50. After deduction for attorney fees and other necessary expenses the general fund will receive approximately \$4500.

Byron Brown, believed to have been the wealthiest negro in Warren county, died on January 1. Under the terms of his will, his son Grover C. Brown, inherited the bulk of his estate. The division of the property caused other heirs to bring a suit to break the will. This was heard at the May term of court and resulted in a mistrial. In inventories of the estate for purpose of division, huge discrepancies were found between property owned and amounts listed.

Polk and Gibbs, local attorneys, were employed by the board of county commissioners to obtain back taxes and penalties for the differences in values. Meeting with the board in adjourned session on Thursday, Mr. Gibbs and representatives of the estate, agreed to an average valuation of \$54,000 over the five year period. According to county officials Byron Brown had never listed more than \$4,000 worth of property in the county.

The meeting for the purpose of settlement was held in the afternoon. The morning session of the adjourned meeting from Monday was given over to adjustments of real estate values and to other business not settled on Monday.

C. E. Jackson, Warrenton business man, was given a reduction of \$1,000 on his residence, and a reduction of \$10 per acre on 111 acres which he owned in Fork township.

The board ordered that two tenant houses in Warrenton be listed against J. P. Scoggin, due to the fact that they were not taken into consideration by the local assessors in listing Mr. Scoggin's property.

The J. J. Tarwater residence in Warrenton was reduced in value from \$5,000 to \$4,500.

The board ordered that J. D. Thompson, operator of a service station near town on the Macon road, be admitted to the county home.

Warrenton Golfers Add Another To String of Victories

Warrenton golfers added another to its string of victories on Wednesday afternoon when they defeated the Lousburg team here by the score of 32 1-2 to 15 1-2.

B. Williams of Warrenton with a score of 79 for the 18 holes, lead the field. Individual scores are given below with the name of the Lousburg player leading:

Cox 82, McGuire 84; Taylor 86, Ward 82; Johnson 84, Nunn 80; Burgess 82, B. Williams 79; Purnell 88, Burton 85; Hicks 83, W. N. Boyd 85; J. E. Malone 91, Kinsey 89; A. E. Gilliam 106; E. H. Malone 100, Robertson 91; Egerton 88, H. Williams 93; Rose 88, Gregory 90; Griffin 92, Hunt 87; Wheelless 96, P. Boyd 87; Ashley 95, Mayfield 91; Henderson 95, Tom Frazier 88.

Girl Scouts Leave For Summer Camp

Twelve girl scouts in the charge of two councilors left Warrenton on the bus at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning for a one week outing at Camp Gibsonville, near Greensboro. They are expected to return on Tuesday of next week.

Members of the party, which is headed by the Misses Olivia Burwell and Lucy Boyd, are Edna and Irene Fleming, Gene Williams, Louise Milby, Katherine Williams, Mary Macon, Laura Ellis, Marlam Boyd, Helen Holt, Nancy Gilliam, Elizabeth Boyce, and Flora Davis Wood.

CLERK NEWELL HERE
Friends of Clerk of Court John D. Newell were glad to see him around the courthouse on Saturday afternoon and on Saturday morning.