

## MRS. POWELL TO SUPERVISE HOME

Board Appoints Widow Of Late Superintendent To Operate County Home

### NO OTHER CANDIDATES

Mrs. W. T. Powell was appointed superintendent of the county home by the board of county commissioners in regular session here on Monday. She is the widow of the late W. T. Powell, who died on Saturday, August 29, following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered the previous day. The appointment of Mrs. Powell was by unanimous approval of the board after a number of citizens had appeared before the governing body to pay tribute to the memory of the former superintendent and to the ability of his wife who had assisted him for more than fifteen years in caring for the inmates confined to the home.

Although there had been rumors of a number of men out for the job of superintendent of the home, there were no candidates to file application before the board when it became known that Mrs. Powell desired to continue her service at the institution for the poor and unfortunate.

Tributes of respect to the memory of Mr. Powell and to the capability of Mrs. Powell came from C. C. Hunter, Clerk of Court John D. Newell, Auditor P. M. Stallings, John L. Skinner and others who added that these spokesmen had voiced their sentiments. Before the meeting was called to order Dr. G. H. Macon appeared before the body and expressed the hope that resolutions of respect for the deceased superintendent be drawn up, which was done and which will appear in another column of this paper.

Other matters before the commissioners were of more or less a routine nature. The minutes in full follow:

All members present.

The minutes of August 3rd and 4th were read and approved.

It appearing that Mrs. Mattie L. McKinley has listed in Jenkins township for the year 1930 40 acres of land and known as the Pryor Watson place, when in fact there are only 10 acres; it is upon motion duly made and seconded ordered that Mrs. McKinley receive a reduction of 30 acres and that she receive a tax refund for the year 1930 on said 6 acres.

Ordered that Mr. Walter Allen be paid the sum of \$4.00 for the burial of a child of Charlie Davis, a pauper.

Mr. J. H. Paschall appeared before the board relative to the Ginn store property located at Wise and requested a reduction in valuation. On account of clerical error; it is upon motion duly seconded, ordered that the store building receive a reduction in valuation of \$1000 for the year 1930. It is further ordered that he be charged with one milling station and valued at \$1000 for the year 1931.

Ordered that Mr. E. A. Skillman be relieved of \$500 personal property listed against him in Smith Creek township.

Ordered that Mr. J. W. Mayfield, receive a reduction of \$1000 valuation on his pool room fixtures in the town of Warrenton; this reduction being granted upon the opinion of the County Attorney on account of said property being incorrectly listed for the year 1930.

On account of clerical error it is ordered that S. W. Goode receive a reduction to \$50.00 on his two acre tract in Sixpound Township; same having been valued at \$150.00.

Ordered that Mrs. Etta Shearin be placed on the Mother Aid and paid \$6.00 by the county.

It appearing that Mr. R. R. Hecht has sold 36 acres of land; and it further appearing that said 36 acres are listed twice; it is ordered that he receive a credit of 36 acres \$30 per acre valuation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hunter, seconded by Commissioner Pope, Mrs. W. T. Powell was nominated to succeed her late husband, W. T. Powell, as Supt. of the County Home for the remainder of the term for which Mr. Powell was elected, there being no opposing motion. Mrs. Powell was unanimously elected Supt. of the County Home for the remainder of Mr. Powell's term.

Ordered that the Smith Creek township insolvent tax list be accepted.

Ordered that the 1931-32 six months school term budget for Capital Outlay and Debt Service be approved.

Adjourned to meet Thursday, Sept. 10th, 1931.

JOS. C. POWELL,  
Clerk Ex-Officio.

## Children Needed In Cotton Fields; Asks Earlier School Recess

Meeting in regular session at Warrenton on Monday the Board of Education instructed Superintendent J. Edward Allen to write to school committeemen asking them if possible to work out some plan of work that would allow the schools to close at 2:30 o'clock each day during the cotton picking season that the children might aid in the harvesting of the crop.

This action came after J. V. Shearlin prominent farmer, had appeared before the board, pointing out that due to shortage of money that the children were needed to aid in picking cotton. He asked that if it were feasible that the schools open earlier and close earlier during the cotton picking period.

The Board refused a request of W. F. Alston of Warrenton that he be given a monopoly of selling class rings in Warren schools in consideration of certain concessions in price. Reason for refusal, as stated by the members, was that it wished to do nothing that could be construed as encouraging the purchasing of school jewelry under present conditions.

Mr. Alston requested that a truck be sent beyond the old Connell school house in the Fork section in order that children might be brought from his farm. The board voted not to take such action. Mr. Alston declared it his intention to compel the Board to send the truck as he requested.

Routing of school trucks came in for discussion by members.

The Board reviewed appropriation for instructional supplies provided by the State and the needs of the several types of schools. Considering the preponderance high school students in white schools, the minutes read, and the legal requirements that accredited high schools be furnished certain items in order to maintain their standing, it was ordered that \$3.85 per teacher be provided for instructional supplies in the colored schools and \$7.65 in white schools at expense of the county and state.

It was ordered that the State Board of Equalization be asked to review its allotment of funds for instructional service, white elementary teachers, it being felt that there must be some mistake to cause the present shortage in that fund.

J. H. Gardner, lowest bidder, was awarded contract as school repairman. His bid was \$495.

The chairman and secretary were authorized to borrow in anticipation of collection of taxes for capital outlay items in 1931-32 budget to the amount of approximately \$1,000, so that schools may have equipment with which to work.

## Welfare Officer Asks That Gifts Be Confined to County

"Many deserving and interesting cases in Warren county need aid," Miss Lucy L. Leach, welfare officer, writes this week in asking that citizens confine their contributions to local agencies in order that the people of this county will receive the benefits of the gifts.

The message from the welfare officer follows:

"Many deserving and interesting cases in Warren county need aid. Money is needed to buy books for school children, and many school children have no decent clothes to go to school in. Money is needed for medical attention for the poor. Many have good gardens but absolutely no money in case of sickness or misfortune of any kind.

"At the last meeting of the Warren County Welfare board the members decided to urge Warren county citizens to keep their money and old clothes in the county. The poor in our county are our responsibility and we need not expect aid from outside agencies this year, as other counties have their own problems and financial responsibilities.

"If any individual or organization wish to help our work, kindly send check to Miss Gayle Tarwater. If any prefer helping some particular case, I will be glad to tell them of cases needing aid."

### E. S. ALLEN IMPROVING

Friends of Mr. E. S. Allen are glad to learn that he is expected to return this week from Richmond where he has been in a hospital for several weeks on account of a run down condition.

### DAUGHTER BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bolton on Sept. 2nd, a daughter—Vivian Dandridge.

## W. G. ELLINGTON IS STILL MISSING

Police Unable to Locate Former Warrenton Man Who Disappeared Last Week

### NO CLUES ARE FOUND

Efforts on the part of police, radio broadcasting and newspaper publicity have failed to shed any light on the strange disappearance of Willard G. Ellington, 30-year-old son of W. C. Ellington, who has been missing since Wednesday of last week when he left a drug store at Rocky Mount, where he was employed, to come to Warrenton for a visit to his relatives.

Belief of foul play has been expressed by his father and by the Rocky Mount police force which inaugurated a search for the missing drug clerk when he failed to return to work Monday morning and it was learned that he had not been seen at Warrenton.

Little hope for the well being of Mr. Ellington was entertained yesterday afternoon by his father who stated that his son usually informed him when he was contemplating a trip and informed him as to his whereabouts. The theory that he was robbed and killed while on the way to Warrenton was advanced by the Rocky Mount police on Wednesday after their efforts to get a trace of the missing man by local search and through State agencies failed.

Mr. Ellington asked his employers at the Rocky Mount drug store to permit him to visit his relatives in Warrenton and promised to return early Thursday. When he had not returned Sunday, his brother, W. V. Ellington, learned from his parents that Ellington had not visited Warrenton. No trace could be found of Mr. Ellington on Wednesday and Thursday broadcasting stations began a search for him after newspapers had carried accounts of his disappearance.

Described as five feet ten, light straight hair, weight 130 pounds, and has a peculiar red birth mark on left wrist. Mr. Ellington left Rocky Mount wearing a light grey suit and straw hat. It is not known how he left Rocky Mount, but he was without an automobile and it is thought that he was hitch-hiking. His employers could advance no reason why he should have left suddenly. They said he was an industrious worker and they liked his service. He worked steadily at the store for two years.

## Co-Op Receiving Agents Meet Here

Receiving agents in this section for the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association met in the Kiwanis dining room at Hotel Warren on Tuesday night for supper and to receive instructions from M. G. and H. M. Slicer of the Raleigh office. The outlook for the association is the best in the history of the organization. George R. Frazier, field agent commented following the meeting.

Receiving agents here for the meeting Tuesday night were W. K. Alston, Littleton; J. W. Person, Macon; W. V. Hicks, Norlina; H. W. Holt, Wise; L. O. Robertson, Warrenton; J. P. T. Harris, Vaughan and George R. Frazier, field representative.

## Black Cats Earn Funds For Library

Between \$25 and \$30 will be added to the coffers of the Warren County Memorial library as a result of the dance given at Hotel Warren last Friday night under the auspices of the Black Cat Club for the benefit of the county's reading institution. It is expected that the library will receive its gift as soon as a few incidentals in connection with expenditures have been settled. Miss Sara Howard Ward, treasurer of the philanthropic organization, said yesterday.

## Eels Cause Autos To Skid On Bridge

NIANTIC, Conn., Sept. 9.—Just so long as fishermen left only the remains of their daytime catches on the bridge over Niantic river here, things were all right. But when the night anglers, fishing at night, left eels in the roadway, things came to a pretty pass. Two or three auto accidents caused by machines skidding over eels led to selectmen of the town putting a ban on night fishing from the bridge.

## Only One Case On Recorder's Court Docket Monday

With one case removed from the channels of law before it reached Recorder's court docket and another postponed until the following week on account of the absence of the arresting officer, Judge W. W. Taylor had a light session of court on Monday morning when only one case was brought before him for judgment.

"Snowball" Jones, Warrenton negro arrested last week by Deputy John Cary Davis after a pint of whiskey had been discovered in his home, and placed under bond by Magistrate Macey Pridgen escaped trial in Recorder's court due to the fact that Magistrate Pridgen rescinded his action and threw the case out of court after taking into consideration the law granting the right of whiskey in the home for private use.

The case against Hilmon Reavis, Warrenton negro placed under bond by Magistrate Macey Pridgen last week after a pint and a half of whiskey had been seized in his market here by Special Prohibition Enforcement Officer Edward Davis and Deputy John Cary Davis, was not brought up for trial on Monday morning for the reason that the arresting officers were appearing as witnesses in Federal court at Durham.

W. L. Spain, white man, convicted of skipping a board bill, was fined \$10 and costs by Judge Taylor. Failing to pay the fine, he went to the roads for a period of three months.

## Warrenton To Play First Football Game Of Season Today

The foot-ball season at Warrenton opens this afternoon at 4 o'clock when the boys from John Graham high school will tackle Rich Square at League park in south Warrenton.

Practice has been underway daily under the direction of Jimmie Mayfield, coach, and Bob Bright, assistant coach. Prospects for a Warrenton victory look good, Mr. Bright said yesterday.

The probable line-up for today's game is as follows: Woodrow Parker, tackle; Albert Paschall, tackle; Allen Peoples, guard; Frank Ridout, guard; Edward Hall, end; Gordon Halthcock, end; Clifton Tucker, center; Kirby, full-back; John Drake, quarter-back; Earl Connell, half-back; Roy Halthcock, half-back.

Among the substitutes are James Frazier, Jack Riggan, P. D. Jones, Robert Harris, Thomas Overby, Romeo Williams.

Gordon Halthcock is captain of the team.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Mary Hinton Duke of Richmond, Va., has been a guest in the home of Congressman and Mrs. John H. Kerr this week.

Miss Eula Mae Farmer will return to her home at Clayton today after spending some time here as guest of her brother, Mr. Gordon Farmer.

Mr. Raymond Modlin sustained a badly sprained arm while engaged in a football game this week.

Miss Maywood Modlin has returned to Chowan College at Murfreesboro to resume her studies.

Misses Lucy J. White and Edith D. Bibb and Mr. Edward Mayo of Richmond were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Modlin.

Miss Jane Parker departed on Tuesday for Raleigh where she accompanied to Raleigh by Miss Mildred Allen and Miss Margaret Harris of Macon, who returned that night.

Miss Gladys Modlin of Richmond, Va., has just returned from a week's vacation in Canada and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Modlin.

Miss Caroline Powell has returned to Salisbury to resume her work as teacher of science in the high school of that city.

Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Walters, Miss Dorothy Walters and Mrs. A. E. Jones and Miss Rowe Jones were visitors in Chase City, Va., on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Halthcock were visitors in Durham and Greensboro last Thursday and Friday.

### THOMPSON-BOLTON

Miss Ruth, "Dollie," Thompson of Petersburg and Roy M. Bolton of Danville, Va., were married Sunday, Sept. 6th. They are spending some time in the home of Mr. Macey Bolton, father of the groom, near Oakville.

## TOWN BOARD HAS LENGTHY SESSION

Members Discuss Street Repairs And Finances; Little Action Is Taken

### CAN ONLY BORROW \$2500

Meeting in regular session on Monday night the Board of Town Commissioners voted to have Ridgeway Street shoulder repairing included in the job of re-conditioning the town streets now under way. A recommendation of E. E. Gillam that a binder be put on Main street hardsurface was rejected after the board was told that it would cost approximately \$1,000 dollars.

Although one of the longest sessions in months, the meeting of Monday night was marked by little definite action. Most of the time of the board was taken up with discussion of street work and town finances. O. A. Speight, in charge of the laying of the coating of tar and gravel on the streets of Warrenton, was introduced to the board members by William Boyd, town engineer, at which time Mr. Speight announced that work would be started the next morning.

E. E. Gillam told the members that the shoulders on Ridgeway street were badly washed and that rocks and dirt were constantly washing away until the condition of the street made a hazard of driving. He recommended that a tar and gravel binding be placed there at an estimated cost of around \$186. He also reported that his committee was making repairs to sidewalks and recommended a binding coat for Main Street.

The Street Chairman told the board that he had inspected Main Street with the town engineer and that they had found the sealing coat beginning to break through in a few places. In the event that water gets under the asphalt covering, it would not be long before this street would be in the same condition as has been noticed on the neighboring town of Henderson's Main thoroughfare. Mr. Gillam was of the opinion that the work could be done much cheaper while the crew repairing the streets were here. The engineer said that the work could not be safely neglected much longer, but might hold up satisfactorily for another year.

The commissioners agreed to repairing Ridgeway Street, but turned thumbs down on the Main Street proposition. It was pointed out that the town could only borrow \$2500 under its present charter without a special election by the people. The present street work will cost around \$4,000, and the members were afraid that in the event that taxes were slow in coming forward this year, that they could not finance the sealing project.

Warrenton's tax rate will remain at the same \$1 figure that has prevailed for years. Fifty-five cents of this amount will be used for debt service and 45 cents for general fund purposes.

## Painfully Injured When Car Overturns

John Hudson, filling station operator near Littleton, was painfully hurt on Tuesday afternoon when the car he was driving turned over near Macon. The injured man was picked up immediately after the accident by Miss Lucy Leach who carried him to Littleton where he received medical aid. Although his injuries were bad, he was not seriously hurt, it was said.

### AFTON-ELBERON P. T. A.

TO MEET ON FRIDAY NIGHT

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Afton-Elberon will hold its regular meeting on Friday night, September 11, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Cooper, principal of the school, announced this week. Dr. Earnhart, pastor of the First Methodist church of Henderson is going to address the group. "It is hoped that there will be a large attendance and that plans will be made to make this the most progressive year the association has had," Mr. Cooper said.

### FIRST BALE REPORTED

The first report of 1931 cotton being ginned in Warren county comes from Sydney Williams of the Essex section who states that he ginned a bale for W. T. Buchannon on Saturday, Sept. 5th.

### COMMISSIONERS MEET

The County Commissioners were in session here yesterday going over the books of the sheriff to determine the solvent and insolvent tax payers.

## Six Month School Tax Rate Is Cut 38 Cents

### Warrenton Streets Receiving Coating Tar And Gravel

Streets of Warrenton have this week been undergoing treatment by the Bituminous Earthroad Corporation of Raleigh. This work is expected to be completed by September 20.

Main avenues of travel within the city limits are receiving attention first as an effort to minimize inconvenience to traffic, after which work on the side streets will take place, it was said.

Work on Main street leading out of south Warrenton and on the road leading out by White's gin has been virtually completed, it is understood, and the road crew will probably move to Ridgeway street next.

The contract for re-surfacing Warrenton streets was given the Bituminous Earthroad Corporation by the town commissioners at a meeting on the afternoon of August 20 following a meeting of the street committee which body gave its approval to the Raleigh concern on a competitive bid basis. There were 799 square yards to be re-surfaced at a cost of approximately \$3200 to the town.

## Plans Being Made For Organizing A Poultry Association

By R. H. BRIGHT

We are going ahead with plans for organizing a Poultry Association in this County. The purpose of this association will be to market the surplus of poultry and eggs as well as to put up a standard product. We also plan to purchase our feed in cooperative shipments and save on the purchase.

A meeting was held in Norlina on September 8 for the purpose of drawing up plans and getting the views of the people on the matter. About twenty persons were present and they seemed to be very much interested in the undertaking.

A meeting was also held in Warrenton Sept. 9th, and the number of persons present indicated that they were in favor of carrying out the plans.

This would mean a yearly income for the members and also more profit on the products. To do this we must first locate a market and then proceed to build a reputation for our products.

Feeding and the cost of feeds are the main costs of poultry raising. We can purchase feeds of all kinds at a great saving if we will only work together and buy in sufficient quantities. Miss Julia Dameron is Representative for the Virginia Seed Service in this section and Mr. Jermain Walker in the Norlina section. The advisory committee cooperating with Miss Dameron is composed of Miss Myrtle Davis, chairman, Macon; Mrs. R. L. Bell, Macon; Mr. J. F. Hunter, Arcola; Mrs. W. A. Connell, Warren Plains; Miss Eula Allen, Manson.

## Requests Older Students To Stay In Warren Schools

"I have before me a request from the Emergency Committee for Employment appointed by the President of the United States in which it is pointed out that under the present conditions attempts by boys and girls fourteen to eighteen years old to obtain employment are practical useless; and that is such people obtain employment they only serve to aggravate the unemployment situation among grown people who must support dependents," J. Edward Allen, superintendent of Warrenton schools, stated this week in a letter addressed to committeemen in charge of the eight-month schools.

"The President and his committee," the letter continued, "therefore urge us to do all that we can to keep all of the larger boys and girls in schools during this present crisis. At their request I bring this matter by your attention. The President and his committee also urge us to provide 'Guidance Programs' and adequate school facilities to hold these people in school. This we have done in this system. And I believe that we are better prepared to make school worth while and interesting to the larger boys and girls than we have ever been before."

## Board of Education Approves School Budget On Monday Afternoon

### 17 CENTS STATE RATE

The county wide school tax rate is reduced 38 cents as a result of the State taking over the operation of the six-month term, it was revealed in the six months school budget approved by the board of education and turned over to the Board of county Commissioners on Monday afternoon.

The rate set for the six-months term for the present year is 27 cents, compared with 65 cents for this purpose last year. Not only will the rate be lower this year, but valuations have been reduced 10 per cent, which means an additional lightening of the burden on real estate and personal property.

In arriving at the 27 cents levy the Board of Education provided 17 cents to raise the 15 per cent of last year's valuation required by the state. Current expenses called for 3c; capital outlay, 6c; debt service 1c.

The special district taxes for schools will have to be paid in addition to the county-wide levy. Superintendent Allen said he anticipated little changes in the district rates from those of the past year. He pointed out that in some districts they would be less, due to various valuation, but over the county as a whole he thought there would be little change.

The county budget has not yet been approved, but it is expected that an additional cut will be made here, due to the fact that the State has taken over the operation and maintenance of the roads.

## Washington Portraits To Be Put In Schools

Announcement was made today by Congressman John H. Kerr of 2nd District, that every schoolroom of every school in his district will, within a few weeks after the opening of the new school term, receive a beautiful portrait-poster of George Washington, executed in colors, upon request of Principal or County Superintendent.

The portrait to be used in these pictures is a reproduction of the famous Gilbert Stuart Athenaeum painting and will be 22 inches by 28 inches in size. This poster was selected after a good deal of study, and is considered the finest example of poster making available.

The poster-pictures featuring George Washington are being distributed by Congressman Kerr in cooperation with the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission of Washington, D. C., in order to stimulate interest among the thousands of school children of the district in the coming nine-months celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of the Father of Our Country.

Congressman Kerr is in constant touch with the activities of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission which was created by Congress to formulate and execute plans for the great celebration in 1932.

The United States Commission is placing a good deal of emphasis on the cooperation of the school children of America in this historic event. This poster-picture is just one feature of its work.

Congressman Kerr announced that he will see to it that the schools, clubs, churches, and fraternal and patriotic organizations in his district will be adequately supplied with literature to be issued by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission upon a request by such schools and organizations for this poster.

The George Washington Bicentennial Celebration will begin on February 22, 1932 and last until the following Thanksgiving Day.

### PETT BOYD GOES TO SOUTH

CAROLINA TOBACCO MARKET  
Heavy buying on the part of M. C. McGuire, Warrenton tobaccoist located on the Loris. S. C. Tobacco market was responsible for Pett Boyd, bookkeeper leaving on Tuesday for the South Carolina town to assist Mrs. McGuire, also bookkeeper, in getting out the shipments as they are bought by her husband. Mr. McGuire, a representative of the American Tobacco Co., has purchased as much as 100,000 pounds of the weed a day, it was said. The market at Loris is expected to close in about a week.