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TOWN PURCHASES ADDITIONAL HOSE

Committee Is Instructed To Work Out System of Fire Alarm Signals

COMMITTEE HAS NOT MET

Five hundred additional feet of hose have already been added to Warren's fire fighting equipment and within the next few days it is expected that a committee will work out a signaling system whereby the company and citizens can determine the direction of the flames by listening to the number of blows coming from the siren.

The extra hose was ordered by E. G. Gilliam, chairman of the street committee and member of the fire committee, following the fire here several days ago which completely destroyed the home of A. C. Blalock and threatened the property of R. B. Boyd and C. C. Hunter, and the discussion as to a signaling system took place Monday night among members of the board of town commissioners after they had finished their regular business. The board meeting closed after designating E. G. Gilliam, H. A. Moseley, W. R. Strickland and William Burroughs as a committee to work out a signaling system.

Mr. Gilliam said yesterday that the committee had not yet met, but that he thought an adequate signaling system would be worked out within the next few days. It is expected that one blow of the siren will indicate one part of the town, two blows another, and so on.

The need for better fire protection here became a topic of conversation among Warren citizens following the fires which destroyed the Dameron gin and the Blalock home. When the Dameron gin fire occurred the fire company at first went to White's gin in the opposite direction of town, and after arriving at the fire called on the Peck Manufacturing Co. for the use of additional hose to reach beyond the gin to where burning cotton had been piled. During the Blalock fire which occurred on Monday night, it was reported to the homes of R. B. Boyd and C. C. Hunter two streams of water could not be attained until a trip was made to the Peck Manufacturing Co. where the hose was again borrowed.

With the exception of paying five dollars each for watching property following the Dameron fire, paying Harold R. Skillman \$12 to attend the convention, and telling Claude Bowers that Uncle Sam will have to come across with some cash if the military boys are to continue to use the town hall as an armory, matters before the city's governing body were of a routine nature.

Mrs. T. A. Harris Dies At Grove Hill

Funeral services for Mrs. T. A. Harris were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her home at Grove Hill by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell of Wake Forest, her pastor, and the Rev. A. P. Mustian, her former pastor. Interment took place in the family burying ground at her home. Mrs. Harris died at her home at 8 o'clock Monday morning. She was 67 years of age and her health had been failing for the past two years. Her entire life was spent at Grove Hill.

Mrs. Harris is survived by her husband and ten children, M. T. and Clarence Harris and Mrs. Robert Hardy of Grove Hill, R. I. Harris of Annapolis, Jesse Harris of Ringwood, Billie Harris of Rosemary, Mrs. Matt Brummitt of Oxford, Raymond Harris of Warrenton, Sterlin Harris of Grove Hill. She is also survived by two brothers, Sidney Hamm of Raleigh and John Hamm of Petersburg.

Three Are Fined For Hunting Out of Season

Hunting out of season and without a license cost three men \$8.50 each this week. The three men—Henry and Eugene Stevenson, two white men, and a negro whose name would not be learned here today—were arrested Saturday by Game Warden E. Hunter Pinnell while hunting in Sandy Creek township. They were tried Monday and fined \$2.50 each for their offense.

Squirrels may be hunted at this time, the game warden said, but the season on duck and geese does not open until November 16. The season for shooting rabbit, quail and turkeys does not open until November 20.

BUG BELIEVED TO BE CAUSE OF ODOR

Citizens Have Been Turning Up Noses In Effort to Find Source Of Unpleasant Odor

The putrid odor which recently pervaded a number of Warrenton homes and caused citizens to call upon the mayor and water company to investigate is believed to have come from a bug.

For several weeks citizens here have turned up their noses and complained of a nauseating odor which seemed to float into their homes, remain for a while and then pass out after forcing occupants to flee from one room to another to evade the offensive smell. Rumor has it that the noxious wafted passed into one of the homes here while a card game was in session and nearly caused the ladies to throw in their hand and scatter.

The mayor meditated and the water company investigated but no clue to the mystery was forthcoming until Sunday when a news dispatch was sent out of Sandford telling how the people of that town had been disturbed by the odor which was explained as follows by Z. P. Metcalf, professor of Entomology, after one of the bugs had been captured and sent to State College in Raleigh for inspection:

"This insect which you sent is one of the Carrion beetles, closely related to the tumble bug. It occurs very rarely in houses and so far as I know no satisfactory method for its control has ever been worked out. If these insects occur in the house in any particular place, I would suggest that you secure Paradichloro-benzene and scatter it about. This matter has not unpleasant odor to most people and gives off a most powerful gas which is very deadly to most forms of insect life."

Dr. R. W. Leiby of the State Department of Agriculture claims that the odor is caused by the presence of a "nomius pyraeus," a bug which has it all over the high sheriff when it comes to putting people out of their homes.

Board of Education To Name Successor Of John M. Picot

When the Board of Education meets in its December session it will consider the election of a successor to John M. Picot as member of the Littleton school board, it was learned yesterday at the office of the superintendent of schools.

Mr. Picot presented his resignation at the regular meeting of the county school board on Monday and at that time recommended that Joseph P. Pippen, prominent attorney of Littleton, be named his successor. He also presented a paper bearing the signatures of Messrs. Johnston and Walker of the school committee as well as a letter from Mrs. Paul A. Johnston, president of the Parent Teacher Association, and signed by the nominating committee of that organization endorsing Mr. Pippen for this position.

In postponing action on the appointment of Mr. Picot's successor, it was stated that the board was following the usual procedure in such cases. The appointment of Mr. Picot's successor will be made a special order of business at the December meeting.

The board ordered that, in accordance with allowance of the State Board of Equalization, that the sum of \$12.50 for each teacher in the schools would be paid for stove wood, and defined quality and quantity of wood needed and terms under which it was to be delivered for the benefit of the various school committees of the county.

Charles Alston of Judkins requested the board to send truck on a "turn-around" trip one half mile down to his house for the benefit of his 17-year-old daughter going to Littleton seven miles away. This matter was referred to the State Board of Equalization. The board ordered that the district and township committees define bus stops within their respective jurisdiction where such stops differ from those fixed by State regulations. This action was taken after Russell Palmer had appeared before the board requesting that it be done.

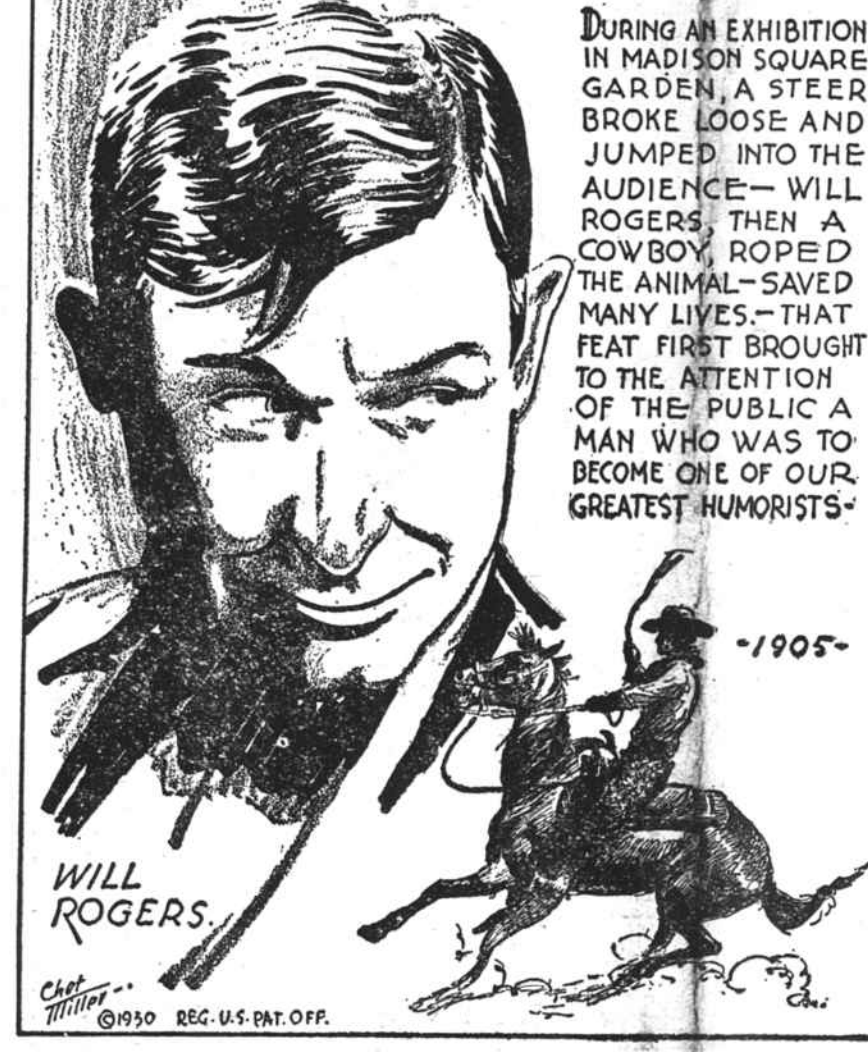
The board instructed the secretary to extend to Stanley Powell the sympathy of the members because of the death of his wife, and to Al C. Blalock on account of sickness and the recent loss of his home by fire.

The afternoon session of the board was devoted to inspection of the school buses.

LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller

ROPED STEER—CAME HOME WITH BACON—



WILL ROGERS. 1905. REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

WATERMELONS IN NOVEMBER IS ODD

Negro Finds Vine In Sawdust Pile Bearing Dozen Melons; Brings One to Newspaper Office

A watermelon weighing around twenty-five pounds was brought into the office of The Warren Record this week by a son of Winnie B. Williams, negro woman who farms in the Shocco section.

Highly elated over the find made by her son but perplexed at the behavior of Mother Nature in permitting an untimely offspring, Winnie came to town later in the day to relate the discovery.

According to the woman, her son, H. P. Williams, found the vine with twelve melons attached growing in a sawdust pile. Ten of the melons, she said, were about the size of the one brought here and the other two were smaller. "We cut one this morning and it was very good, but a little too ripe," she said.

Stolen Automobile Found Abandoned

A Chevrolet automobile stolen from Mrs. H. P. Read and daughter while they were in church Sunday night was recovered in the woods near the home of W. H. Riggan on Monday morning.

Coming out of church and finding the car gone, local officers were notified and the word of the stolen car was passed on by telephone to policemen in surround towns.

Monday morning Mr. Riggan brought word to town that an abandoned automobile had been discovered in the woods not far from his home by one of his truck drivers. Investigation revealed that the automobile was the Read property. The car was not damaged, nor was anything taken that had been left in it by Mrs. Read and her daughter when they went into church.

Judge's Experience Saves Defendant Fine

MALDEN, Mass. Nov. 3.—Judge Elbridge G. Davis went hunting a few days ago, heard a shot and picked up a dead crow, its body still warm. As a result, Allen F. Druggan was saved a fine today.

A game warden said he found Druggan with gun in one hand and a pheasant in the other. The pheasant's body was still warm, he said.

"I heard a shot," Druggan explained, "and found the pheasant." "The same thing happened to me," Judge Davis said. "I heard a shot, came upon a crow and picked it up. Any one who saw me would certainly have given me credit for shooting the crow. But I didn't, and I find the defendant not guilty."

ONE CASE IN COURT

Allis Davis, negro charged with assault, figured in the only bill of indictment presented before Judge W. W. Taylor in Recorder's court Monday morning. Found guilty, judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs.

WORK STARTED ON PRISON CAMP

Job Expected to Be Completed Within 35 Working Days at Cost of \$20,000

SMILEY IS CONTRACTOR

The construction of Warren county's prison camp began Tuesday under the supervision of Jack Smiley, local contractor. It is expected that the prison quarters will be completed within 35 working days at a cost of \$20,000 which is paid by the State.

The main building at the prison quarters will accommodate between 75 and 100 men and will be a brick construction, fire-proof. In addition, there will be three other smaller buildings—mess hall, guard house and laundry—all of which will be wooden constructions.

A road leading to the camp from the highway running by the home of F. B. Newell has already been built, and pipe line will soon carry water from the town's supply to the prison site which is located about half mile back of the home of J. A. Dowtin.

Plans for the buildings call for space of 300x300 feet. The work is being carried on by local labor.

Lespedeza Moving Eastward; Proving A Successful Crop

Lespedeza is moving eastward in North Carolina with pleasing results to those farmers who grew the crop this year. Especially favorable results are reported from Lenoir county, where 20 growers produced 191 tons of excellent hay from 83 1-2 acres.

"This hay is of the best quality, thoroughly cured before weighing and will aid these 20 farmers in living at home this winter," says Ehos C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. "Each of the men used the common variety which was planted on oats last spring. No record was kept on the amount of oat hay produced. The lespedeza hay was cut during the last week in August which gave the crop ample time to reseed the land for another crop next season."

Jacob West of Kinston made the best record, says Mr. Blair. This farmer secured 6,750 pounds of cured hay an acre on five acres. The land was seeded originally in 1930. J. V. Hartley of Kinston secured 6,130 pounds of dry hay an acre from nine and one-half acres seeded this spring. From these good yields, the average ranged downward to 1,740 pounds of hay an acre. The average yield secured by all 20 men was 3,898 pounds.

As a result of the splendid yields secured in Lenoir County this season, farm agent C. M. Brickhouse reports plans for a larger acreage next season. He said the saving in labor permitted by planting the lespedeza on small grain at a time when other farm work is not pressing growing such other legume crops as soybeans or cowpeas. The ability to reseed when the hay is cut early enough is another advantage causing lespedeza to find favor with Lenoir farmers.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

Harold R. Skillman, superintendent of the Warrenton Water Co., returned Wednesday from Greensboro where he attended a two-day Water Works convention. The operation of the Warrenton plant was explained in a paper by Mr. Skillman. The local system was also discussed in a paper by Mr. Trice of the North Carolina State Board of Health. Dr. Bailey of Chapel Hill is secretary of the North Carolina convention.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. C. H. Fort of Oxford has been a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jones this week.

Mrs. K. P. Arrington, Mrs. H. F. Jones and house guest, Mrs. C. H. Fort of Oxford, spent Monday at Raleigh.

The Misses Gayle and George Tarwater, Martha Reynolds Price and Bessie Taylor and Mr. J. J. Tarwater were visitors in Richmond this week.

Mrs. Plummer Jones of Wake Forest is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones.

Mr. Frank O'Neil of Henderson was a visitor here Saturday night. Mayor John Taylor of Littleton was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Johnson of Norlina were visitors here this week. Mr. John Picot of Littleton was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Aycock of Elberon were visitors here this week.

BOARD ORDERS SIX NOTES ISSUED

Instructed Attorney To Confer With Seaboard Officials Regarding Settlement

FEW CITIZENS PRESENT

Meeting in regular session on Monday the Board of County Commissioners ordered that the county borrow the sum of \$44,000 for refunding purposes, issuing six notes in the sum of \$5,000 and one note in the sum of \$14,000. These notes are to fall due at six months intervals and are to bear six per cent interest.

The board instructed the county attorney, Julius Banzet, to meet with Seaboard Airline Railway Officials at Raleigh to discuss payment of 1930 taxes. The proposal made to Mr. Banzet at Norfolk several days ago that the county cancel all penalties and give an additional 10 per cent discount failed to meet with the approval of the board. More than \$24,000 of tax money, plus penalties of about 10 per cent for delayed settlement is due the county. This sum represents approximately 10 per cent of the county's tax revenue.

The notes to be issued by the county are for the purpose of taking care of notes in the amount of \$44,000 due the American Bank & Trust Company of Richmond, Va., on November 24. Fourteen thousand dollars of this amount is for school purposes.

Mrs. Rue Williams, a widow of a former Confederate Veteran, was ordered to be placed on the county pension list to receive, with other widows of the veterans of '65, the sum of \$5 per month.

The board ordered that Dr. G. H. Macon be paid \$5 for services rendered Hazel Johnson who was found on the highway needing medical attention.

Upon recommendation of Miss Lucy Leach, Welfare Officer, the commissioners ordered that Andrew Shearin be placed on the outside pauper list at \$2 per month and that the voucher be delivered to J. L. Pegram.

After discussion of bills for emergency cases, the board ordered that each case needing medical attention be considered separately as they come up.

S. G. Daniel was given a \$500 reduction, from \$4,500 to \$4,000, in valuation of his residence in Littleton, due to an error in listing.

Other matters were of a routine nature. Although the board was in session practically the entire day, the meeting was an unusually quiet one with few citizens present.

The meeting of Monday was adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

P. W. Rooker, 73, Is Buried At Norlina

Remains of P. W. Rooker of Norlina were interred in the Norlina cemetery last Saturday afternoon after services had been conducted at the home of the deceased by the Rev. Mr. Midgett. Mr. Rooker died suddenly Friday morning. He was 73 years of age and had been in declining health for some time.

He is survived by one daughter, Miss Susie Rooker of Norlina, and one son, William Rooker of Washington, D. C.; and two brothers, J. E. Rooker of Warrenton and Jim Rooker of near Henderson.

Pallbearers were John Hilliard, Clyde Fleming, Vance Fleming, Guy Rooker, William Rooker and Edward Rooker.

Rev. S. E. Wright Ends 4 Years Work

Closing the year's work and bringing to an end four years of ecclesiastical service rendered the circuit by the pastor, the Rev. S. E. Wright, the quarterly conference of the Warren circuit will be held at the Shady Grove church on Sunday.

Services will be conducted at 11 o'clock by Presiding Elder L. B. Jones, and church affairs will be discussed throughout the day, it is expected. Officials of all churches on the circuit are expected to attend, the Rev. Mr. Wright said.

Skinner Is First To Pay His 1931 Taxes

"A poor, hard-workin' farmer, I was the first man in the county to pay my taxes this year," John L. Skinner, member of the board of county commissioners, commented Monday during a meeting of the board. Mr. Skinner said that he made the payment as soon as the sheriff was given the new tax books.

Miss Carrie Broughton
State Library