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PROPERTY RAISE WAS LEGAL

Adjustment Made By Commissioners Causes Higher Town Taxes Here

COUNTY TAXES LOWER

There is nothing illegal about property owners of Warrenton being taxed heavier this year than previously. Julius Banzet, county attorney, told a representative of this newspaper today.

The question was asked Mr. Banzet following allegations on the part of citizens of the town that the board of county commissioners violated the statute in increasing the tax rate of Warrenton without notifying the property owners. "It was an irregularity but no illegality," the county attorney held.

Property owners of Warrenton have wondered since receiving their tax notices for 1931 why valuations were higher than a year ago if the average over the county has been decreased 10 per cent. The reason for this follows:

In passing the State school law the Legislature, as a compromise measure, voted to pay for the operation of the six-months school term provided the counties would levy a 15 cent rate to assist in this work. In order to keep any county from cutting its valuation so low that the 15-cent levy would not contribute its proper share to State school support, the Legislature passed a law that county valuations could not be reduced more than 10 per cent on an average.

Assessors appointed by the board of County Commissioners, in revaluing Warrenton property, reduced property value of Warrenton from 100 perhaps 50 per cent. When the new values were submitted, including those at Warrenton, it was found that the average reduction in the county was 17 per cent—7 per cent more than the law allowed. In order to conform to the law, the Commissioners ordered that every piece of property in the county be raised sufficiently to bring the average up to the 10 per cent limit. This meant an increase of slightly more than 7 per cent in Warrenton, while other sections received a reduction.

Due to the fact that the State has taken over the operation of the six-months schools and the roads, the tax rate over the county has been reduced on an average of between 40 and 50 per cent. In spite of the increased valuation in the town the citizens here will have to pay considerable less county tax, but their town tax will be more as the City Fathers set the town rate at the same as in former years. The town uses the county's valuation.

Town Board Has Quiet Session On Monday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners was held Monday night. Other than ordering that a street light be transferred from near the Boyd-Gilliam garage to the street on which the garage is located, and the instruction to Chief M. M. Drake to see that school trucks do not park too close to the corners of the streets and thereby endanger traffic, matters before the city fathers were of a more or less routine nature.

The street light was ordered moved after it was pointed out that there were several lights near the Boyd-Gilliam Motor Co., and that there was not one on the street from the Citizens Bank to the Warrenton Water Co. The instructions to the chief of police in regard to the school trucks came after it had been pointed out that they were parking too close to the corner of Main and Ridgeway streets and creating a dangerous point for motorists.

Tells Mayor They Buried Wrong Man

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Leslie Fletcher, the chauffeur who recently drove Mayor Curley at the head of a funeral cortege for "General D. Pression," is of the opinion that they buried the wrong guy.

Fletcher was personal driver to the Mayor during the "funeral," which ended with a casket bearing "General D. Pression" being dumped into Boston Harbor.

The chauffeur returned to the office of his employers, an automobile agency, after the services to "General D." were laid off "until bet. 10 and 11." He wrote the following to the Mayor:—"You and I buried the wrong guy. It was General D. Pression's chauffeur who passed away."

Christmas Health Seals To Be Sold At Warrenton

Sale of Christmas health seals will begin in Warrenton county within the next few days, Mrs. C. P. Allen, county chairman, announces this week in sending the following appeal to the editor of this newspaper:

"In the past you have most generously referred to the Christmas Seal sale in The Warren Record.

"This year we are constrained to repeat our request for your cooperation, because the current economic situation promises to be reflected in 1932 by greatly increased demands for our work. As you probably know, this work is carried on by 2084 affiliated tuberculosis associations and committees throughout the United States, each supported by the sale of Christmas Seals, at a penny each, between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"The 1931 campaign is the twenty-fifth annual Seal sale. Twenty-four times we have asked our people to buy Seals, and each time the response has been a generous one. We hope that now, when fear and want are breaking the vitality of so many men and women, more Seals will be purchased than ever before. God knows the need is greater."

Joseph P. Pippen Named Member Of School Committee

Joseph P. Pippen, Littleton attorney, was elected a member of the Littleton school committee to succeed John Picot, resigned, at a regular meeting of the Board of Education at Warrenton on Monday. Mr. Pippen's election came after a delegation from the Littleton Parent-Teacher Association has appeared before the board endorsing Mr. Pippen.

Arthur Powell was elected committeeman for Warrenton township, not special tax, to succeed his father, the late W. T. Powell.

A petition of Charlie Alston of Judkins to have the school bus detour one-half mile from road fork to his home to pick up his daughter was refused when it was pointed out that a ruling of the State Board did not approve this service.

Complaint having reached the board that several drivers of school trucks were operating machines at an illegal rate of speed, the board ordered that this practice be stopped and that officers be instructed to make arrest wherever drivers were found to be guilty of this practice.

Oak wood can be bought in Warrenton county from \$1 to \$4 a cord, it was revealed when bids were opened at the board meeting on Monday. The board instructed Superintendent Allen to place order at most favorable terms available.

The board ordered that the State loan fund to the amount of \$9,500 be paid and \$2,000 be refunded to general fund of the county.

Members of the board of education and the county commissioners were guests of Superintendent Allen at dinner.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. W. F. Graves of Oxford was a guest of Mrs. Tasker Polk this week.

Mr. Gaston S. Foote of Portsmouth spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. John Turman of Richmond spent several days recently with her mother, Mrs. Kate Williams.

Mr. David Davis of New Bern was a recent guest of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hunter of Portsmouth were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Hunter Sunday.

Mrs. Hunter remained for a visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Massenburg and Misses Sarah B. Massenburg and Vivian Lawson and Nancy Gilliam attended the charity football game at Durham on Saturday.

Misses Gayle and George Tarwater spent the week end at Ax-telle with Mrs. Peter Seaman.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Cooper and Mrs. Cornelia Cheatham of Henderson attended the funeral of Mr. Alex Baxter of Ridgeway Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mabry and Mrs. T. J. Jones of Durham attended the funeral of Mr. Alex Baxter here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Scoggin and son of Louisburg were recent visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gary and Mesdames Andrew Newcombe and Norwood Thomas of Henderson attended the funeral of Mr. Alex Baxter here on Sunday.

Mr. John Adcock of Churchill was in town this week.

LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller

GAS BUGGIES SAVED AMERICAN LABOR

LABOR SAVING PROCESSES
AND AUTOMATIC MACHINERY
THREW MEN OUT OF WORK
IN ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIES

—THEN CAME THE AUTO,
CREATING WORK FOR
THOUSANDS WHO
MIGHT OTHERWISE
HAVE BEEN JOB-
LESS



T. Alex Baxter, Ridgeway Citizen, Buried Sunday

Funeral services for T. Alex Baxter, prominent citizen of Ridgeway who ended his life Saturday morning, were conducted at his home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. B. C. Thompson, new pastor of the Norlina Methodist church. Following the services the body was brought to Warrenton and interred in Fairview cemetery. State Highway Patrolmen gave assistance in handling the automobiles which composed one of the longest funeral processions ever witnessed in this county.

Mr. Baxter shot himself through the head with a pistol Saturday morning while in the yard of his home. His wife and daughter were in Warrenton at the time. Although he was regarded as a man of good health, it is understood that for the past several days he was suffering from a nervous break-down and had been unable to sleep at night.

He was 55 years of age and is survived by his wife; one son, William Baxter of Ridgeway; one daughter, Miss Katherine Baxter, a member of the Macon school faculty; his mother and one sister, Mrs. W. C. Mabry of Ridgeway.

Mr. Baxter was engaged in the insurance business at the time of his death, but he was formerly a hotel man, having at one time managed and assisted in managing the Chamberlain Hotel at Old Point Comfort, the Jefferson Hotel at Richmond, White Sulphur Spring Hotel in West Virginia, and a large hotel in Atlantic City. He returned to his birth place at Ridgeway about ten years ago and since that time has been in the insurance business. Pallbearers were Theo. Stallings, Plummer Fitts, Julius Banzet, Jr., Herbert Petar and T. P. Grant.

Jurors Are Drawn For January Term Of Superior Court

The following names of Warrenton county taxpayers have been drawn for jury duty for the January term of Superior court:

First week—John S. Bell, T. B. Gardner, C. F. Moseley, H. D. White, C. P. Allen, J. D. Limer, C. V. Hicks, C. H. King, T. P. Hawks, J. D. Dickerson, Herman Seaman, J. C. Edmonds, T. R. Evans, A. B. Laugh-ter, J. F. Bobbitt, H. W. Edwards, W. J. Perkinson, Clifton C. Alston, A. P. Holtzman, T. B. Fleming, V. E. Rooker Jr., R. F. King, O. W. Felts, J. A. Rhem, R. L. Powell, J. A. Ross, E. G. Williams, Thomas Frazier, W. E. Hundley, George W. Hester, Glyn Floyd, Turner Felts, D. P. Limer, T. P. Collins, Luther M. Paynter John Ball.

Second week—E. G. King, J. A. Hudgins, R. L. Salmon, J. P. Scoggin, E. R. Wood, M. P. Stewart, L. L. Fuller, Plummer Peoples, W. W. Pegram, Holt Perkinson, R. L. Yancey, Waverly Harton, C. S. Scott, Charles J. Ball, T. P. Hicks, Jack B. King, S. G. Wilson, S. J. Harris.

Eleven Christmas Opportunities Listed By Welfare Officer

Eleven Christmas opportunities to aid the unfortunate of this county are this week submitted by Miss Lucy L. Leach, welfare officer for Warrenton. Those willing to take these cases are asked to get in touch with Miss Leach. The opportunities follow:

1. Family of white children greatly in need on account of sickness. In addition to the parents, there are five children.
2. White unmarried mother needs food and clothes for self and baby.
3. White unmarried mother needs food and clothes for herself and baby.
4. One old white woman needs food and clothes. She has also in her family a daughter and baby to help support.
5. Afflicted negro woman needs food and clothes. She is in a poor neighborhood.
6. Sick negro man needs food and clothes. He is in poor neighborhood.
7. Two white children need food. Their father is out of work.
8. Help is needed for old white woman and son who is not strong.
9. White woman and small children need food and clothes.
10. Two small children need help.
11. One large family white children need food and clothes.

Warren Schools To Operate Into Christmas Week

All white schools in Warrenton county will run into Christmas week before recessing for the holidays, it was learned yesterday at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The Warrenton school will close on Wednesday, December 23, as will the schools at Norlina. Afton Elberon and Drewry. Arcola will close on Monday, December 21. Vaughan, Littleton, Inez and Wise will close on Thursday, December 22.

The Drewry school, conforming with the schedule of the Middleburg school to which many of its pupils are transported, will resume operation on Wednesday, December 30. Other schools in the Warrenton system will be opened again on Monday, January 4th.

Hyder To Be At Court House 1 Day

Until further announcement, Thomas J. Hyder, Field Agent U. S. Department of Agriculture, who is attending to the collection of U. S. farm liens, will be at the Courthouse on Monday mornings only. He will meet the borrowers at their community postoffices during this month and January. Notices to this effect are being mailed each borrower. Payments may be made, in case Mr. Hyder is not available, by forwarding to Washington, or by leaving the money at either of the two banks in Warrenton.

CITIZENS ASKED TO GIVE CLOTHES

Bob Bright Will Call With Wagon To Make Collection On Saturday

SAYS NEED IS GREAT

Bob Bright, vocational agricultural teacher at the John Graham High School, will come calling in a wagon at the homes of Warrenton citizens Saturday afternoon in quest of wearing apparel to be distributed by the welfare board to the destitute of the county.

Every citizen of the town who has any garment which he or she is willing to contribute to those who are partly naked and cold is asked to give Mr. Bright co-operation in his efforts to collect these garments.

Plans for making the drive for old clothes Saturday were formulated at a meeting of the welfare board Wednesday afternoon at which time it was pointed out by Miss Lucy Leach, county welfare officer, that there were a number of people in the county who are really in want of clothes and many who are being kept from the school houses on account of the fact that they have not sufficient garments to clothe themselves.

Mr. Bright's offer to drive the wagon Saturday came after the opinion had been expressed at the meeting that there were any number of citizens for the town who would be glad to contribute some article to charity provided a call was made at their residence.

Letters are being mailed to Warrenton citizens today asking that they give their co-operation to the drive.

Plans For Relief Opportunities Listed Discussed At Meet

Plans for a well organized relief organization were discussed at a meeting of the welfare board held in the offices of Miss Lucy L. Leach Wednesday afternoon. W. N. Boyd, county chairman, presided, and after reading an article, written in accord with the teachings of the Bible, and stressing the importance of giving work in preference to handing out charity, the meeting turned into a general discussion which lasted for about an hour. Due to the inclement weather, only a few citizens were present.

The welfare board plans to give as much relief as possible this year to those suffering without contributing to the worthless, and to avoid duplication of gifts in so far as possible. This year committees will be appointed in the various communities and sections of the county and these committees with their assistants will make a personal investigation of the case nearby. If the facts in the cases investigated show that charity is needed, help will come through these committees. To avoid duplication of charity, a record will be kept by the welfare officer of all those receiving aid.

A list of those on the committees throughout the county will be published as soon as all have accepted.

Sheriff Publishes A List of His Deputies

"In view of the fact that I am frequently questioned by citizens of the county as to whom my deputies are, I wish that you would publish the full list," Sheriff W. J. Pinnell requested in submitting the following names:

- Warrenton—L. O. Robertson and R. O. Snipes.
Nutchush—J. T. Ellington.
Smith Creek, Fred Bobbitt.
Hawtree—E. C. Perkinson.
Six Pound—Jasper Shearin.
River—Y. H. Bobbitt.
Judkins—C. J. Reid.
Fork—S. G. King.
Shocco—R. L. Pinnell.
Roanoke—S. R. Jones.
Sandy Creek—Walter Mustain.

Press Publishing Co. Discontinues Paper

The Press Publishing Company this week discontinued the operation of The Vance News Leader, a weekly paper which it had published at Henderson for several months. Present economical conditions were given as the reason for discontinuance.

Signall Jones, who has been editing the Henderson paper, will give his full time to the management of the Press Publishing Company. Howard Jones Jr., will remain editor of The Warren Record.

Judge Gives Man One Day In Which To Leave County

One man was run out of the county and another given a six months road sentence by Judge W. W. Taylor in Recorder's court on Monday morning for the larceny of road equipment from the State highway force.

The articles were stolen from a chest near Long Bridge about ten days ago and at that time were estimated to be worth about \$45, but later they were claimed to represent about \$20 in money value and the case was brought before the lower tribunal of the law for disposal.

The utensils were found in a home which was occupied by J. O. Fowler and Macon Slick, two white men who came to this county from afar to gain a livelihood. They were arrested by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and R. O. Snipes, road foreman and officer at times, and brought to Warrenton where they were lodged in the county bastille.

Fowler, hobbling from disease, was called for trial first and acknowledged his guilt to the larceny charge. He assumed full responsibility for the robbery, claiming that the articles were taken by him unbeknowning to Slick. He claimed that his partner was in the bed at the time he retrieved the hammers, saws, braces and bits and other articles and that he did not tell him from whence they came. Found guilty, Fowler was sentenced to six months on the roads.

Slick, unshaven and ill appearing was then brought face to face with the Bar of Justice for his part in harboring the stolen property. Although his story corroborated the evidence given by Fowler in that he was ignorant of the charge, he was found guilty of being an accessory to the crime. With Judge Taylor's verdict of guilt was an order to clear the county within six days—time for the defendant to receive money with which to travel. This time was later cut down to one day when a representative of the highway force offered to arrange for his departure at once. Slick has a wife, family and old automobile.

A number of fruit jars, three of them containing a few drops of whiskey, a large jug and a small keg, which, so far as the court knew, were odorless, a few pounds of sugar and malt, and a piece of copper could not be compounded into a contrivance for the manufacture of whiskey, Judge W. W. Taylor held, and Walter Powell, negro who had been arrested by Special Prohibition Enforcement Officers after these articles had been found in and about his home, was allowed to go about his way a free man. The negro was represented by Julius Banzet who pointed out to the court that any of these articles could be found at a number of good citizens of the county and that the possession of them did not mean that a man had them for the purpose of running a distillery.

A case against F. M. Rainey, in which he is charged with giving a bad check, was continued until next Monday due to the fact that the principal State witness is on jury duty in Halifax county.

Billie Boyd, negro charged with reckless driving, was not tried Monday morning. His case was continued until January 4, 1932, due to the absence of State witnesses who are in Cuba. A \$50 fine and costs was placed on the State witnesses for their absence. If they show sufficient cause for not being present, the fine will be lifted, it is thought.

A case against George Saunders and M. S. Boyd, charging them with assault and reckless driving, was continued to January 11.

T. N. Harrison was found guilty of giving a bad check. Judge Taylor suspended judgment upon the condition that he pay Mrs. T. C. Williams \$20, and pay the court costs. An appeal was noted.

Fleming Resigns As Assistant To Special Officer

C. J. Fleming, who has been assisting Special Prohibition Enforcement Officer Edward Davis, resigned as deputy this week. The cause for his resignation is unknown. According to the records at the court house, no one has been appointed to fill his place.

RANSOM LOT SOLD

The Jimmie Ransom lot opposite Hotel Warren has been sold to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, it was learned at the office of the Register of Deeds yesterday. According to the deed the property brought \$6,500.00.

WARREN MAY BUY TOWNSHIP BONDS

Board Willing to Take Advantage of \$600 Discount \$10,000 Worth of Bonds

LARGELY ROUTINE MEET

Warrenton county may buy \$10,000 worth of Warrenton township road bonds in order to take advantage of a \$600 discount.

The board of county commissioners in regular session at Warrenton on Monday ordered that the Auditor be allowed to purchase from R. S. Dickerson & Co. these bonds to the amount of \$10,000 provided bonds could be purchased at \$94 per \$100 bond. The county attorney was instructed to endorse said purchase.

The session of the board was largely taken up with matters of routine. R. S. Thompson of Hawtree township was given a reduction of \$150 in the valuation of her property when it was revealed that she suffered this loss in the tornado last spring and had failed to take advantage of a former order of the board permitting such reductions.

The board ordered that A. T. Patterson be placed on the outside pauper list at \$5 a month until March 1, 1932. Mrs. Annie Dickerson was also placed on the outside pauper list at \$3 a month. It was ordered that the name of Fanny Knight be removed from the list.

Georgie Cooper was given a credit for ten acres of real estate in Nutchush township, valued at \$21, due to an error in listing.

C. A. Tucker appeared before the board relative to property twice listed in the name of John Winbush and R. A. Jackson. It appearing that the taxes had been paid by both parties, the board ordered that the taxes for the years 1929 and 1930 be refunded to Mr. Jackson's estate.

The Board ordered that Mr. Andrews of the Bureau of Economics be extended an invitation to study local conditions of Warrenton county, and that county officials give Mr. Andrews any information that he may request.

It was ordered that Duke hospital be paid \$30 for medical service rendered Joe Davis, a patient sent from Warrenton County.

The Town of Littleton, through its Mayor John H. Taylor, put in a claim for \$206.15, which included taxes and town assessment, with penalties and interest on T. J. Miles property bought in by the county. It was ordered that the county tender the flat rate of \$78 in full settlement.

It was brought to the attention of the board that a privilege tax of \$5 had been collected from some garages and filling stations in the county, and a \$2.50 tax was collected in other cases. Sheriff Pinnell was summoned before the board to explain the difference in charge. Sheriff Pinnell said that when he first started to make these collections that he was instructed by Revenue Collector Mayes that he should collect a \$5 privilege tax. The Attorney General later ruled that Warrenton was entitled to only \$2.50 tax, but that the ruling came after he had collected much of this tax and that he did not wish to make any refunds until he had brought the matter to the attention of the board. Sheriff Pinnell was instructed to make refunds to such dealers as had paid excess amounts.

To Take Offering
For Orphans Sunday

A Thanksgiving offering for the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh will be taken at the Warrenton Methodist church on Sunday, W. N. Boyd, active church worker, announced this week. Mr. Boyd said that there is an urgent need for funds and requested that liberal contributions be made. Sunday school members have already had an opportunity to contribute to the fatherless and motherless children, it is understood.

Norlina Dentist To Take Special Course

Dr. Wallace F. Mustian, Norlina dentist, has matriculated in the graduate school of Oral Surgery, Northwestern University, Chicago, beginning January 1, according to information reaching this office.

Dr. Mustian will be in Chicago for eight months, returning to his office about September 1. Mrs. Mustian and children will remain at Norlina.