

WARREN COUNTY TAX RATE LOWER

One of Four Counties In
State To Decrease Tax
Rate For Debt Service

OTHERS SHOW INCREASE

The county-wide tax rate of Warren county is lower than that of any bordering county, according to figures released by the North Carolina Tax Commission.

Franklin county has a county-wide rate of \$1.12; Vance \$1.01; Halifax, 75c; Northampton, 90c. Warren's rate is 61c.

Warren county is one of four counties among the 100 in the state that decreased its debt service rate, according to the same source. In 1930 the rate for this purpose in Warren was 18 cents. The board of commissioners lowered the rate to 13 cents in its 1931 levy. At the same time that Warren decreased her rate 5 cents, Vance county raised hers 5 cents as did Halifax county. Northampton's debt service rate remained the same as the previous year, four cents. Franklin county found it necessary to double her levy for debt service. In 1930 it levied 25 cents for this purpose; the rate in 1931 was 50 cents.

Debt service levy is to provide funds to take care of the debts of a county, as its name implies. Several counties of the State had been for years falling behind in the payment of obligations. Under the county government act these counties must levy a rate sufficiently high to take care of such obligations. This need in some counties made it impossible for taxpayers in these counties to feel the full effects of reductions caused by the State taking over the six-months schools and roads.

Warren county's financial affairs were in such order, according to a member of the board of county commissioners, that Warren was able to reduce this tax nearly a third, in spite of a 10 per cent decrease in valuation, while the great majority of the counties of the State found it necessary to order an increase for this purpose.

Attractive Farm Life Needed For Children

Money is not needed in large amounts to create a wholesome home atmosphere but rather more time and thought in planning. Children should be included in the family councils and their help solicited in making the best of whatever confronts the farm home.

This in brief is a recommendation of the committees on family living which have been working with a group of State College extension specialists during the past month in helping to develop a more feasible farm program for the State in 1932.

"That the children may not be trained as farm hands as a means of livelihood, we suggest, first that a good food need on the place be provided at home. Next, we feel that the home can be made so pleasant, inviting and attractive that the children will feel free to stay at home and help in the home instead of taking them elsewhere." said the committee reports. "This year, every member of the family ought to keep a record of all that is earned and spent, as well as how. Every child should have the responsibility of some project such as the care of a calf, pig or garden from which he would receive all the profits."

"The committees also recommended that wholesome recreation be provided in each home," says Miss Myra DeHaven Woodruff, specialist in child care at State College. "Many worries in the home will often discourage the child from seeking an education. Parents should encourage the child to think of his future and to educate and prepare himself for his work in life. The farmer needs an education just as much as any other business man. No child should be caused to lose the respect."

Boyd Williams Kills Heavy Hogs

Three hogs weighing a total of 160 pounds were killed by Boyd Williams of Paschall, according to weights submitted to this office. Each of the swine were fourteen months old, it was stated, and one of the scales at 526 pounds, another at 475 and the third at 449 pounds.

Congressman John H. Kerr has returned to Washington after spending the holidays here.

Officer Shoots Negro In Leg; Is Lodged In Jail

Jim Ware, powerful 250 pound negro who was shot in the leg Saturday night by Chief Harvey of Littleton after he had struck the officer in the face, was brought to Warrenton Wednesday and lodged in the county bastille to await trial in Recorder's court Monday morning on charges of resisting arrest and cursing on the streets.

Although four men were required to reduce the negro to order and carry him to the Littleton jail after he had been shot by the officer he was dispassionate when Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and Deputy Lawrence Robertson removed him from the jail at Littleton Wednesday morning and displayed no efforts to give trouble as he was being brought to Warrenton.

Ware shunned authority and became rebellious Saturday night when Chief Harvey attempted to arrest him as a suspect in connection with the robbery of the Littleton Supply Company which was entered and deprived of a large number of cigarettes on New Year's night. After Chief Harvey had been struck in the face and knocked down by Ware, he got up and struck at the negro with his black-jack, but a negro girl, who was with Ware, ran between them and received the blow on her head. Unsuccessful in his efforts to strike the negro, the policeman whipped out his gun and fired at him three times, one shot taking effect in the leg. It was then that he was carried to jail.

Chief Harvey suffered a bruised face and the loss of his glasses.

Bruce Howell Thanks Citizens For Support

On the eve of counting the votes in the Hunter Drug Co. toy automobile contest, Bruce Howell, well known young boy of Warrenton, asked the Warren Record to thank citizens of this community for the support given him.

Approaching a representative of this newspaper, Bruce said, "I want you to put a piece in your paper thanking people for voting for me in the automobile contest. You know more about writing than I do, so you fix it up and I will come by the office and pay you what you charge."

Attention was called to the fact that the paper would be printed before the winners were announced and it was suggested that he might want to wait and see whether or not he won before he published his piece.

"No," Bruce said "I want to thank them for voting for me whether I win or lose. You fix it up and I will pay you."

Early in December the Hunter Drug Company announced that it would give to the holder of the most votes at the close of the contest a toy Stutz automobile. Twenty-five votes were given for each 25 cents paid in trade or account. Much interest has been manifested and many children's names entered in the contest.

Votes were counted last night after the paper had gone to press. Results will be announced in the next issue.

Married After 43 Year Engagement

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 6.—Tom Escue has revealed that he and Sarah Sullins were engaged for forty-three years before they finally married just before Christmas. Both are 60.

Escue, who is known as "the watermelon king of the Ozarks," said he and Sarah became engaged when they were 17. A few days before they were to be married they had a quarrel; so the wedding was postponed. They set a new date. Another quarrel intervened.

"That went on for years," said Escue.

To Pay No Further Bounty On Hawks

No further claims will be paid as bounty on hawks, crows and wildcats, E. Hunter Pinnell, county game warden, stated this week. Mr. Pinnell's announcement was made following a letter which he received from Charles E. England, State game warden, in which it was pointed out that the discontinuation of pay was due to the fact that the amount set aside in the budget to pay bounty on predatory wild life had been absorbed.

American Olympic Skaters in Good Form



Bill Taylor, who is coaching the American skating team for the winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid, N. Y., says our boys are sure winners. Eddie Murphy is skating through Burt Taylor's legs in the picture.

Henry B. Daniel Is Buried At Macon On Wednesday

Funeral services for Henry B. Daniel were conducted from his home at Macon last Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, his pastor, assisted by the Rev. Roach of Norlina. Interment followed in the family cemetery.

Mr. Daniel died at his home on December 22 at the age of 61 years. Although he had been in poor health for two years, death came as a surprise to his family and friends. He was a member of the Macon Baptist church.

Mrs. Mary E. King Dies At Arcola

Mrs. Mary E. King, widow of the late William Y. King, died at the home of her son, John King, near Arcola last Friday morning. Burial services were held Saturday at the Methodist church at Arcola and interment followed in the church cemetery. The services were in charge of her pastor, the Rev. Mr. Harrison, who was assisted by the Rev. S. E. Wright, a former pastor. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Mrs. King, who had been preceded to the grave by her husband about 20 years, was in her 88 year. She had been in declining health for some time and was making her home with her son at Arcola when death came. She is survived by three sons, Tommie and Johnnie King of Arcola and Charlie King of Inez; three daughters, Mrs. Charlie Halthcock of Warrenton, Mrs. Tommie Tharrington of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Linda Arrington of Hollister.

Farmer Makes More With Hens and Cows

RALEIGH, Jan. 6.—Sales of poultry and eggs from a flock of 20 hens and the milk from four cows has netted D. I. Massey, of Wendell, Route 2, in Wake County, more cash money than his ten-acre tobacco crop, County Agent J. C. Anderson says.

Receipts from the poultry flock amounted to \$98.15.

Milk sales aggregated \$138.00.

The two totaled \$236.15.

Mr. Massey said he had not sold all of his tobacco yet but that he was positive the total receipts, judging from what he has received for what he has sold, will be far below the return from the fowls and cows.

Onslow Farmers Sell 1,583 Hogs

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 5.—A total of 1,583 hogs weighing 310,403 pounds were sold on the Richmond market by farmers of Onslow County during the past year, reports County Agent N. M. Smith.

These hogs netted the growers \$21,710.86 after deducting all selling costs. Twenty-two car loads were included in these shipments.

The highest price received was \$7.42 a hundred net with a low price of \$5.07.

Smith said the hogs were all fed under the "Shay" method and were sold co-operatively. No records were available on shipments made by trucks or sold on the local market he said.

Two White Men Found Guilty On Whiskey Charge

R. D. Carroll and Everett Carroll, two young white men of good reputation, were found guilty in Recorder's court on Monday morning of possessing whiskey. They were each fined \$5.00 and taxed with the cost in the action which brought the total fine to \$40.70.

The two men were arrested by Carey Wilson, acting as deputy under Special Prohibition Enforcement Officer Edward Davis, near the outskirts of Warrenton on the night of December 22. Two half-gallon jars of booze were seized by Mr. Wilson and several days later the men were arrested.

No evidence was introduced before Judge Taylor to indicate that the defendants had the whiskey for the purpose of sale and they were given good reputations by Ed Rooker Sr., Clerk of Court John D. Newell, and Auditor P. M. Stallings.

Willie Davis, negro tenant on the farm of J. C. Pridgen for two years, was found guilty of disposing of mortgaged property. A six months jail sentence, assigned to work the roads, was suspended provided he pay the costs in the case and settle with Mr. Pridgen for the difference that he owed him.

The charge against Davis was brought by Mr. Pridgen due to the fact that the negro, who was farming on shares, sold a bale of cotton without the landlord's consent.

A case against John W. Watson, negro charged with disposing of mortgaged property, was continued until the following Monday morning.

Mrs. J. B. Harris and Miss Minnie Harris left last week for Franklin where they will make their home for several months.

AN APPEAL

Dear Friend,
There are many in the county who have had all their food taken from them. Unless immediate aid is given these people, they will be forced to beg, steal or starve, since there is so little employment in the county.

We had a little money in our Charity Chest but that is not available, and it is impossible, it seems, for us to get more money from any source. We are asking that each chairman or any citizen interested to call a meeting and put on a food, money and clothes drive at once. Give every Warren county citizen an opportunity to make a contribution to this drive by going from house to house, from store to store. Have things collected and put what you need for your own community in some central place, sending to my office what is left over—These people are our responsibility.

Most sincerely,
LUCY I. LEACH,
Welfare Officer.

People must not starve, nor be without any clothing in Warren county. I beg every one to respond to Miss Leach's appeal as given above. To meet the situation it is necessary that some gift, however small, come from each.

J. T. GIBBS.

CITIZENS BANK IS CO. DEPOSITORY

Commissioners Postpone The
Payment of County Bills
Until Next Monday

DEPOSITS TO BE BONDED

Meeting in regular session at Warrenton on Monday, the Board of County Commissioners named the Citizens Bank of Warrenton as County Depository and postponed payment of current bills until Monday in order that proper securities might be obtained and turned over to the chairman of the board, to protect all county funds on deposit as required by law when tax money will be deposited.

For the first time in many years, perhaps during the present century, the county failed to pay its current bills on the first Monday in the month. This was due to the fact that the Bank of Warren, which closed on December 24, was fiscal agent of the county. While funds in that bank were covered by proper bonds, it is stated, payment of bills were necessarily delayed until another depository could be designated.

The board first suggested that all bills be held over to the regular February meeting, but R. T. Watson, president of the Citizens Bank, had told them that it would only take a few days to obtain necessary bonds, it was decided to meet on next Monday and pay these bills.

"Upon motion duly seconded," the minutes naming the Citizens Bank as depository read, "it is hereby ordered that the Citizens Bank of Warrenton, N. C., be and is hereby designated depository for the County of Warren. It is further ordered that said bank give approved securities for the protection of county funds on deposit in the amount of the average daily balance. Upon delivery of said securities, the chairman of this board is hereby authorized to accept same. It is further understood and agreed by and between this board and the Citizens Bank that the said bank is guaranteed any depreciation of any securities given at the time of sale."

Drunkards must go to the county jail in lieu of the County Home or State hospital, according to order passed by the commissioners, who further order that the county would not be responsible for the bills of any inebriate sent to the State hospital.

The board ordered that the Clerk of Court's annual statement be given to The Norlina Headlight for publication at the price of \$20.

Upon motion of Commissioner Skinner, seconded by Commissioner Capps, it was ordered that the State Highway Commission be requested to construct the Warren-Louisburg highway any route it may deem proper so as to best serve the public.

J. T. White of Smith Creek Township was relieved of the payment of poll tax for the year 1931 when it was established that he was more than 50 years of age. C. G. Moore of River township was given credit for a lot valued at \$300 when it was determined that the property was listed against him through error.

Escaped Prisoner Is Recaptured

Willie Lewis, negro store breaker and jail breaker, became into the clutches of the law last Thursday when he was arrested near Vaughan on a larceny charge by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and Deputy Lawrence Robertson.

The Warren county officers were after the negro this time in connection with the robbery at Neal's store and filling station Monday night of last week. Officers were after him two years ago for breaking into Capps store. After he was captured in connection with the Warren county jail, he escaped. Later he was recaptured, tried, found guilty, and sent to Halifax county where he worked the roads.

Deputy Robertson commented yesterday that Lewis was orderly when the arrest was made last Thursday, but that he and Sheriff Pinnell had to chase him like a dog after a fox before they could get sight of him—every place they went the negro had just left.

He was brought to Warrenton by the officers and placed in jail to face trial in Superior court.

Miss Sue Harris has gone to Charlotte to accept a position for the year.

Wilson Case Decide Powers Of Davis' Deputies

Whether or not deputies appointed by Edward Davis, special prohibition officer for Warren county, have authority to act as officers when not in company with Mr. Davis will be decided in the January term of court when Carey Wilson will face charges of transporting whiskey.

The warrant charging Mr. Wilson with transporting whiskey was sworn out Monday by Wil Ball as the aftermath of the arrest of R. D. and Everett Carroll, two white men from whom Mr. Wilson took two jars of whiskey on the night of December 22. The two men were tried in Recorder's court on Monday and found guilty of possessing the booze. After the case was over, Mr. Ball drew the warrant and Mr. Wilson was placed under \$50 bond by Magistrate W. C. Fagg to face trial in Superior court.

Whether or not Mr. Davis' deputies have authority to act as officers when he is not with them is a question which has arisen in the courts and in the minds of citizens of the county on numerous occasions since they have been making arrests. The whole matter hinges on the interpretation of the wording of the special prohibition act which was written into law by the past general assembly.

The special act appointing Mr. Davis reads that he shall have all the power and authority of the sheriff of the county in the enforcement of the prohibition laws, but whether the intent of the bill was to give Mr. Davis the power or to give the power to his deputies is the question which has brought forth discussion.

Mr. Davis argues that the sheriff has the power to have deputies over the county, and according to the bill, he should. Exponents of the special act maintain that the sheriff has deputies appointed for the enforcement of all the laws, and that the sheriff has the authority to deputize a body of men if necessary to go with him on a raid or to assist him in making an arrest, but as soon as the specific raid or arrest for which they were appointed is made, that the men whom he appointed are no longer his deputies and are not cloaked in authority.

Soon after the matter arose in Recorder's court Judge W. W. Taylor wrote Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt for a ruling on the matter. The attorney general's reply was that in the bill he saw no authority for the appointment of deputies, however, he stated, that was his opinion rather than a ruling.

The bill naming Mr. Davis as special prohibition officer and the letter from the attorney general in full follow:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That Edward D. Davis of Warren county, be and he is hereby appointed special law enforcement officer for said county for term of two years. Said officer shall have all the power and authority of the sheriff of the county in the enforcement of the prohibition law within the territorial limits of Warren county.

Sec. 2. That the said special law enforcement officer shall receive the following compensation:

Five dollars for each still cap taken, five dollars for each still worm taken, ten dollars for each still kettle taken or twenty dollars for each complete outfit of still, worm and cap taken, which compensation shall be paid by the county commissioners out of the general county fund. For the arrest and conviction of any person violating said prohibition law said officer shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars to be taxed in the bill of cost against such convicted person if fined or to be paid by the county in case said person is sentenced to prison.

Sec. 3. That this act shall not have the effect, however, to relieve the sheriff of the county of the performance of any duties imposed upon him in the enforcement of any of the criminal laws of said county.

"Dr. W. W. Taylor Recorder
Warrenton, N. C.

"Dear Sir:
"Your letter of October 9 received. I have looked at Chapter 461, Public Laws of 1931. I am unable to see any authority in that act for (Continued on Page 8)

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held with Mrs. A. A. Williams on Tuesday afternoon, January 12, at 3:30 o'clock.

TOWN FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

Board Orders That Payment
Be Made On Street Improvement Note

ORDERS WALL REMOVED

Warrenton's financial affairs are in good shape with a surplus on hand sufficiently large to meet current needs and to allow the town to pay a substantial amount on note made several months ago for street resurfacing work, it was revealed at the regular meeting of the board of commissioners on Monday night.

Town officials handling funds are bonded and all funds of the town in the Citizens Bank, town depository, are fully protected by securities as is required under the State local government law.

The greater part of the night's session was taken up with a discussion of these questions and with routine matters. Fireworks broke loose after a motion had been made to adjourn when it was pointed out that a wall that encroached on town property had not been removed by Mrs. John Tarwater as ordered by the street committee. Following a short discussion the board ordered that the matter be placed in the hands of the town's attorney for such legal action as might be necessary.

The question of this particular encroachment on town property was brought up at a meeting of the board several months ago and has been up for discussion at several subsequent meetings. The street committee reported that repeated requests had failed to obtain the desired results.

Lenoir Man Makes Change; Switches Cows for Tobacco

RALEIGH, Jan. 6.—R. A. Croom, of Lenoir County, switched his major interest from tobacco to cows four years ago and now he boasts to the world of the wisdom of his change.

A. C. Kimrey, dairy extension specialist of N. C. State College, tells the story of Mr. Croom's success.

Croom sells milk, cream, butter and buttermilk from 20 cows to provide a dependable income for the farm, Kimrey says.

"When Mr. Croom decided to keep a few cows, cotton and tobacco were still selling at fair prices, but he felt that he needed a more dependable source of income," Kimrey relates.

"He first bought up such cows as he could find locally, not knowing what kind of market he could develop for his dairy products. Mr. Croom is an excellent butter maker, so they established the business on the basis of butter and buttermilk. Now the Crooms have 20 cows in milk with a number of young ones coming along."

Kimrey says Croom is producing most of his cow feed at home and grows those kinds suitable for heavy milk production. He recently converted two old tobacco barns into a feed and lounging barn for the dairy animals, and has ample storage place for the larders and other hay produced on the farm.

Four years ago Croom bought a purebred Jersey bull from N. C. State College, and now has a number of his daughters in milk. The heifers some of them at two years old give more milk than their mothers being better producers than their dams at three times that age.

"I still grow tobacco," Croom said, "but without my cows I just couldn't have made a go of it this year."

Girl Scouts Hold Regular Meeting

The Cherokee Troop of Girl Scouts met Wednesday afternoon for their regular meeting in the Scout room. After the meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodwell, the minutes were read and approved. The treasurer gave no report on account of bank failure.

The floor was then opened for nomination of new officers and the following were elected: Sarah Palmer Moore, chairman; Helen Holt, secretary; Sarah Massenburg, treasurer. Laura Ellis was elected flag holder.

It was moved and seconded that the scouts organize a basket ball team. The following officers were elected: Katherine Williams, captain; and Mariam Boyd, manager. It was then decided to adjourn and to meet again next Wednesday ready for basketball practice.