

CLOUDS OVER SCHOOLS LIFTING

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MACON PATRONS BUSY

Clouds of doubt hovering over extended school term in Warren county are clearing and indications are that every high school in the county will run for the full eight months.

Warrenton pointed the way on last Friday night when patrons gathered in the school auditorium and pledged enough funds to guarantee that the school would be able to carry on for the full term.

Late yesterday afternoon patrons gathered at the Macon school to make plans for its continuance. Due to bank failure and bankruptcy of large landowners in the Macon school district, the Macon school is facing a critical period, but committees, appointed to obtain board for teachers and to raise funds, expressed confidence that they would be able to report sufficient headway on Monday night to prevent the school closing on next Friday. The committee to provide board is composed of C. M. Hathcock, W. T. Person, Mrs. H. K. Kenyon, Mrs. W. H. Riggan. Soliciting additional funds are E. H. Russell, F. M. Drake and R. E. Shaw.

The Norlina, Wise and Afton-Elberon schools will be able to run with funds derived by taxation, Superintendent of Schools J. Edward Allen said yesterday. The Littleton schools will obtain nearly enough funds from the State to run its schools, but will not be able to use any special tax monies. Patrons and teachers will probably have to give some assistance, but the school should be able to run through the extended term.

The Drewry school does not receive anything from the State tax reduction fund but is making special arrangements to keep the school in operation. Due to the fact that the school opened late last fall, the patrons have considerable time in which to perfect these arrangements.

The Vaughan graded school will close the latter part of next week. The school committee planned only to operate for six months. The Inez school, scheduled to run six months, will run for eight months, if the patrons express a desire to have this done. Miss Anna Clark has offered to conduct this school for the extra two months if such wish is indicated. The operation of the schools at Warrenton, Macon, Littleton, and elsewhere will be made possible through the co-operation of the teachers who have volunteered to make personal sacrifices in order that their schools might be kept open.

About 31,000,000 Acres Land In State

North Carolina's total area is approximately 31,000,000 acres. Approximately two-thirds of this area or some 20,668,000 acres are classed as forest land. This includes both productive and unproductive acres. The importance of putting two-thirds of the State to its most efficient use is of primary concern. Nature intended that land not needed for other purposes should be used for growing of forests. The fact that virtually all land in the State was forested when the white man first came to the country is proof of the purpose for which that land was intended. In the building of cities, cultivation of land, and in other ways, man has upset the balance of nature, making it more important that he restore as much area as possible to its original use.

Field Agent Holds Meetings In County

Attractively dressed windows at the J. A. Pipkin jewelry shop have won many expressions of praise from the many who have viewed them this week. Pistols, Pictures, swords, watches, daguerreotypes and other relics of past decades are well arranged and marked. The miniature museum is well worth a visit.

CHILD DIES

Margaret King, seven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles King of near Warren Plains, was buried yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the cemetery at the Warren Plains Methodist church. Death came on Tuesday.

Durable John D.



The elder Rockefeller posed for this remarkable photograph the first day he was out after a severe illness. He's 93 and says, "I feel fine, thank you."

Norlina School To Present 3-Act Play

"The Red-Headed Stepchild," a comedy-drama in three acts, will be given by the junior class of the Norlina high school on March 4, according to an announcement coming from that town yesterday afternoon. The cast of characters follows:

Mrs. Richard Russell, Gladys Rochelle; Mr. Richard Russell, Lawrence Rose; Mrs. Oliver Woodruff, Martha Hillard; Mrs. Emory Scott, Phelina Hicks; Briggs, the butler, Fritz Daek; Lucia Russell, Peggie White; Dudley Russell, Pava Perkinson; Elizabeth Russell, Evelyn Graham; George Garrison, Dick Hays; Ethel Ashley, Effie Munn; Lucille Christy, Louise Watkins; Flora Farnum, Luna Mae Fleming.

Complains of Charity Soup; Chairman Quits

GLOUCESTER, N. J., Feb. 22.—City Clerk Ernest M. Ritchie resigned as director of unemployment relief because he said his efforts were not appreciated. Jobless men fed at the municipal soup kitchen had composed this song:—
O Boop, Boops Doop,
The boys don't like the soup.
They give it away, free every day.
But the boys don't like the soup.
Mr. Ritchie defended the character and consistency of the soup and added "but, if they don't like the soup, I quit."

Flames Cause Much Land To Lie Idle

Flames are the primary cause of rendering some 4,000,000 acres of land idle or unproductive in North Carolina. Foresters estimate that the average land should produce annually timber valued at about \$2 per acre. Landowners and the State at this rate, are losing revenue approximating \$8,000,000 each year. This does not take into account the degree to which development of the State may have been set back because of a reduction of the amount of timber as a raw material for manufacturing.

Warren Officers Capture Big Still

Raiding in Shocco township late Saturday morning, Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, Deputies D. L. Robertson and Robert Pinnell captured a 350-gallon capacity steam outfit, and destroyed approximately 700 gallons of beer. No whiskey was found. The still, which was located near the old Largo house, had been operated a few days before the raid, according to indications, the officers said.

Deputies Capture Still Near Elberon

A 50-gallon copper still and 200 gallons of beer were captured on Tuesday morning by Deputies R. L. Pinnell and W. B. Mustian. The outfit was located on the Ed Short place below Elberon post office, and was said to have been complete and in fine shape.

Wets Leading In Digest Referendum; Majority Is Reduced

Returns from the National referendum on prohibition as conducted by the Literary Digest, shows that the wets are still in the majority in North Carolina although their lead has been reduced from that shown in the poll released last week.

In this week's issue of the Digest, 15,340 votes from North Carolina are tabulated. Of these 6,840 are for continuance of the 18th Amendment, and 8,770 are for repeal of the 18th Amendment.

Total returns from seventeen States show a total tabulated vote of 775,332; 149,526 for continuance of the 18th Amendment, and 625,806 for repeal.

Commenting on the second report of the poll, the Digest says that "speculations aroused by the opening skirmish of the 20,000,000 ballot war helped to rivet the public expectation on this Number two report. But again we must warn our readers that the time is not yet ripe for accurate conclusions to be drawn from the poll figures."

Warrenton Girl In State Finals

The \$75 and gold medal which went with first place in the oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion was won by William H. Richardson Jr., of Raleigh Monday morning when the finals were held at the State Capital. Although Miss Emily Reid, representing Limer Post, failed to win the prize, her oration on George Washington was good, as was evinced by the fact that she won out in the county and district contests, and made a forceful impression on the audience at Raleigh stated one from here who witnessed the finals. Limer Post is mighty proud of Miss Reid, this member of the organization commented.

Marmaduke Items

Mrs. Vance Neal and two children of Warrenton visited in the home of Mrs. C. A. Hathcock Sunday afternoon.

Miss Carrie Hathcock spent Sunday with Miss Anna Clark of Inez.

Mr. H. C. Davis and daughter, Miss Nora, also Mr. W. J. James spent Saturday with relatives and friends in Henderson.

Mr. James Alston Davis and family of Henderson spent the week end in the home of Mr. H. C. Davis.

Miss Bessie Powell spent Monday and Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Alston of Hollister.

Miss Mary Davis Alston of Louisburg College also Mr. Hinton Hoffer of Norfolk were short callers in the home of Mrs. C. H. Powell on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. S. W. Powell of Inez called in the home of his mother, Mrs. C. H. Powell on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Pridgen and children of Norlina called on Mrs. Pridgen mother of this place Sunday.

Mr. Marvin Clark of Durham is spending several days with his parents of this place.

Fork News

Miss Lillie Clark of Palmer Springs is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wavley Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coleman were visitors in Roanoke Rapids this week.

Miss Jennie Alston, and sister, Miss Carrie, visited their aunt, Mrs. Rue Williams Sunday evening.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Lewis Thompson had the misfortune to burn his foot.

Mr. Stanley W. Powell was a recent visitor in Nash County.

Mrs. Frederick Williams called on Mrs. D. A. Bredshaw, Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Virginia Journigan also Miss Sue Thompson visited Misses Mary and Hazel Powell Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number of young people called on Mr. Glenn Coleman Sunday evening.

A number of young people enjoyed a visit to Messrs. Robert and Sam Alston Friday night.

Miss Temple Lew Alston shopped in Warrenton one day recently.

Mrs. Wavley Coleman and little son, Marvin Holt, spent the week end at Palmer Springs with her mother.

Miss Rosa Lee Brown spent Tuesday night with Misses Mary and Hazel Powell.

Mr. Stanley W. Powell visited his mother, Mrs. Cora H. Powell Sunday.

ESCAPED CONVICT IS RECAPTURED

Prison Camp Officials Believe
Second Man Will Soon
Be Apprehended

JUMPED FROM TRUCK

One of the two convicts of the Warren county prison who escaped from guards this week while working the roads of the county has been captured and officials at the camp are optimistic over their chances of apprehending the other.

The first escape was made Tuesday when Guard Joe Peoples was bringing his men back from Shocco township where they had been doing road work. The prisoner effected his get-away by leaving the truck as it traveled.

The second man broke for freedom Wednesday morning while clearing a roadbed in the Inez section. Although one shot was fired at him from the gun of W. S. Newsome, who with Joe Peoples was guarding there, the bushes were thick and the man continued his run. He was captured in the afternoon by T. A. Aycock, superintendent of the prison, I. D. Hinton, prison organizer, and Sheriff W. J. Pinnell. He gave no trouble when he was captured several miles from the place he escaped.

Bennie Griffin, white, was the first man to escape and is still at large, but camp officials said late yesterday afternoon that they thought they had a good chance of getting him. He had a 12 months sentence to serve for larceny and had been here only a week.

The second man to escape was Lester Braswell, negro, serving an 18 months sentence for housebreaking and larceny. Due to the fact that his crime was felony, he was wearing stripes, and the white man, who was convicted of a misdemeanor, was not wearing stripes.

To Give Patriotic Pageant At School

A patriotic pageant will be presented by the primary and grammar grades of the John Graham high school in the auditorium tonight at 8:00 o'clock. Those taking part in the entertainment are:

George Washington, Billy Peete; Martha Washington, Laura Ellis; Nellie Custis, Ann Macon; George Custis, Arthur Petar; Mammy, Jene Williams.

Virginia Reel
Mavis Serls, Annie Elizabeth Overby, Estelle Stallings, Nell White, Katherine Frazier, Phyllis Kinsey, Ruby Hester, Myrtle Taylor, Josephine Hudgins, Nancy Powell.

Minuet
Isabel Allen, Mattie W. Blalock, Elaine Kinsey, Mavis Serls, Caroline Williams, Julien Kline, Richard Boyd, Clement Weston, Fitzhugh Read, Billy Bugg.

Thirteen Original Colonies
James C. Moore, Alpheus Moseley, Milton Wilson, Venable Lawson, Claude Weldon, Robert Brickhouse, Arthur Williams, Lloyd Kinsey, Niles Serls, Dick Ward, Raymond Wilkes, James Boyce, Alfred Bell.

Washington's Childhood Scenes
Cherry Tree Cutting, Arthur Petar; Surveyor, Billy Peete; Family Scenes, Billy Peete, Laura Ellis, Arthur Petar, Ann Macon; Valley Forge, Billy Peete (Soldier or two); Inaugural Address, Billy Peete; Song, Star Spangled Banner.

Miss Kelly Dies Here At Home of Her Sister

Funeral services for Miss Annie S. Kelly were held Monday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Paul Bell, at 4 o'clock. Following the services, which were in charge of the Rev. Mr. Phipps, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a member, the body was carried to Wilmington where interment took place Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Kelly died early Monday morning following a long period of illness. Wilmington was her home, but for the past several years she had been living here with Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

BILLIARD PARLOR SOLD

The Warrenton Billiard Parlor and fixtures were sold at public auction on Monday. The property, estimated to have cost in the neighborhood of \$2000, was bought in by the Bank of Warren, mortgagee, for \$400.

Fiddlers To Meet At Norlina School Auditorium Tonight

"Everything is in fine fettle and we are expecting a good crowd at Norlina for the Fiddlers' convention tonight," one of the promoters stated last night. The entertainment begins in the auditorium of the Norlina school at 8 o'clock and a large number of contestants will be on hand, it was said.

Represents State In Washington Exercises

Acting as representative from North Carolina, Mrs. G. W. Poindexter attended the George Washington Bi-Centennial celebration at Fredericksburg on Monday where she took part by placing a wreath on the Mary Washington monument as a tribute from this State to the memory of the mother of America's first president.

Mrs. Katherine Arrington had been chosen to represent North Carolina and was to have placed the wreath on the monument, but due to the fact that she was taking part in the celebration in New York at the time, she passed the honor on to Mrs. Poindexter.

Mrs. Poindexter returned to Warrenton late Tuesday afternoon. She was accompanied by Fredericksburg by her husband and Mrs. W. R. Baskerville and Miss Elizabeth Taylor.

Mrs. Mary Mercer Honored By Franklin

Mrs. Mary Speed Mercer of Rocky Mount, sister of Howard F. Jones, was honored at Louisburg on Monday when the Franklin County Historical Association, sponsoring a Washington Bi-Centennial celebration, presented her with a plaque in appreciation of the literary contribution, "Ode to Franklin." Mrs. J. E. Malone and Fred U. Folta were also present at the celebration which presented an interesting program and an address by Rev. A. D. Wilcox, president of Louisburg College.

Seizes Rug Designed After Five Dollar Bill

MEMPHIS, Feb. 22.—The government is jealous of its designs. So the Union Planters National Bank is out a specially woven rug, modeled after a five dollar bill issued by the bank. The Secret Service confiscated it as a violation of the counterfeiting laws.

Bell Seeking Office Of State Auditor

RALEIGH, FEB. 23.—Chester O. Bell, Auditor of State Prison, today announced his candidacy for State Auditor, subject to the Democratic Primary to be held June 4th, 1932. Mr. Bell is a native of Moore county.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. P. M. Stallings of Macon was a visitor here on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Arch Davis of Washington, D. C., is spending some time with his sister, Miss Estelle Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bell and three children, Miss Stella Bell, Mr. George Southerland, Rev. J. R. Phipps, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skillman, Mr. Joe Taylor and Mr. John Henderson attended the funeral of Miss Annie Kelly in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Mesdames Helen Overby and W. A. Mobrey of Ridgeway were visitors here on Wednesday.

Mr. Lloyd Cook of the State Highway spent the week end in Warrenton.

Friends of Mr. Pryor Rodwell Jr. are glad he is improving in a Richmond hospital where he is receiving treatment.

Mrs. F. P. Hunter of Portsmouth, Va., was a guest of Mrs. P. M. Stallings near Macon for several days this week.

Mesdames E. A. Thorne and Wilkins Louis of Jackson spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Walters and son of Rocky Mount spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rodwell.

Mrs. W. A. Graham of Kinston is visiting her mother, Mrs. Henry Boyd.

The Misses Catherine Scoggin and Tempe Boyd of the University of North Carolina spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parker of Clinton, N. C., were week end guests of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Durham.

Patrons Pledge Funds To Run Local School

OTHERS WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY

At the mass meeting of the patrons and friends of the John Graham High School held on Feb. 19th in the school auditorium, tangible evidence of co-operation and community spirit was manifest by those present and by others not able to be present but represented.

The opportunity is still open for those unable to be present or who were not represented, to make such donations either in cash or in farm and garden supplies as they desire—such donations to be made to W. N. Boyd and M. C. McGuire, the committee appointed to receive and collect pledges, on or before March 15th after which a full report of collections will be made.

Plans have been worked out so that all teachers can remain in their present homes.

V. F. WARD,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Warrenton Graded and High School.

Patrons Pledge Funds At Mass Meeting Here On Friday Night

WARD PRESENTS FACTS

"Your school will run for the full eight-months term. You through your action here tonight have made that possible," V. F. Ward, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the John Graham high school, stated on Friday night as applause burst forth from the nearly 200 patrons of the school gathered in the auditorium to work out plans for continuance of the school for the extended term.

Mr. Ward opened the meeting by appointing W. N. Boyd to record figures on two blackboards as they were called out, and L. C. Kinsey, secretary to record the minutes of the meeting. The chairman pointed out that in the event that the school should not be able to run that there could be no promotions this year, resulting in loss of a year's work. Failure of the first grade pupils to be advanced would mean terrible congestion next year when new incoming pupils would be added to the large number remaining in the same grade.

He said that after paying the debt service there would be available no tax funds to continue the school for the seventh month, required if the State was to operate the school for eight months. This means, he continued, that if the school is to run, it will have to be through private donations. He stated that the teachers without exception had voluntarily offered to make a sacrifice that the school might be continued.

He asked that those would be willing to provide board for one or more teachers for one or more months, signify their willingness. L. C. Kinsey started the movement by offering to take two teachers for two months. Sixteen other citizens followed Mr. Kinsey's lead, as follows: T. R. Frazier, one teacher one month; Dr. C. H. Peets, Dameron, one teacher for one month; C. A. Tucker, one teacher for one month; C. E. Jackson, one teacher for one month; C. R. Rodwell, one teacher for one month; Mrs. T. J. Holt, one teacher for one month; J. E. Allen, one teacher for one month; A. A. Williams, one teacher for one month; R. B. Boyd one teacher for one month; Dr. W. W. Taylor, one teacher for two months; A. C. Blalock, one teacher for one month; W. N. Boyd, one teacher for one month; Mrs. V. F. Ward, one teacher for one month.

Mr. Ward then asked for cash pledges. Citizens responded with pledges ranging from \$1 to \$30 dollars as W. N. Boyd recorded their names on the blackboard. The long list of pledges was capped by the name of Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington with a pledge of \$300. Several of the patrons who had offered to furnish free board for the teachers, when questioned by Mr. Ward, offered to make cash donation ranging from \$10 to \$30 in lieu of board if that was preferred.

Full report of these pledges will be released by the trustee after March 15 in order that several patrons not represented at the meeting might contribute. Since the meeting Mr. Ward has announced that plans have been worked out so that all teachers can remain in their present homes.

The meeting, which was singularly free of oratory with less than a total of five minutes speeches by J. Edward Rooker Sr., Rev. R. E. Brickhouse and Supt. J. Edward Allen, and a terse presentation of facts by Chairman Ward, was brought to a close with a rising vote of thanks for the spirit of usefulness devotion shown by the board of trustees and the members of the John Graham faculty, as phased by C. A. Tucker.

A cake, made by the Home Economics Class, was presented to the sixth grade, taught by Miss Jennie C. Alston, for having the most parents present at the school meeting.

Corsages Guarded By A Court Injunction

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 22.—Utah University co-eds may wear corsages to the junior prom tonight, protected by an injunction. When George Thomas, university president, banned corsages in the interest of economy, officers of the Utah Floral Association said they would seek an injunction to restrain any one from removing corsages from co-eds.

Negro Is Jailed On Store Breaking Count

A negro man who gave his name as Bennie Nicholson and his home as Embro is in the Warren county jail awaiting trial for breaking into the store of J. L. Pegram near Littleton and for entering the depot at Vaughan.

The thief gained entrance into the Pegram store by breaking a plate glass window on Friday night as a freight train rumbled by. He was seen by Worth Allen who called several of his neighbors and entered the store where they found that Nicholson had filled one bag with about 200 worth of goods and was in the act of filling another.

Saturday morning it was found that the Seaboard Air Line depot had been entered at Vaughan and Nicholson, it was said, confessed to that crime after a bunch of skeleton keys had been found on his person.

Recorder's Court Has No Cases On Monday

The people of Warren have been law abiding during the past week or either managed to stay clear of the clutches of the law, as was revealed on Monday morning when Judge W. W. Taylor and Solicitor Cromwell Daniel came to the court house where spectators had gathered for the annual session of Recorder's court and found no defendants on hand to be dealt with.

After remaining in the Clerk of Court's office for a while where a friendly discussion of politics was taking place, the two court officials departed. Judge Taylor commented that this was the first Monday morning since he had been judge that he had not held court, except when Superior court was in session here.

Four Stills Captured Within Several Days

NORLINA, Feb. 22.—Local county officers in this section captured four complete liquor manufacturing outfits within the past several days. Wednesday a raid was made just north of Wise and a small copper outfit was seized. The still had just been run.

On Friday afternoon in a raid north of the Episcopal church at Ridgecrest a 150 gallon copper kettle and cap were captured. The run had been made and the outfit hidden in the bushes.

Sunday night another raid was made north of Ridgeway. A number of officers were in hiding at a still when two negroes approached with the outfit to get ready for the run. The officers flushed them. The men made a get-away, but the outfit was captured.

Jewelry Shop Has Attractive Windows

R. T. Melvin of Raleigh, field agent for the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative association, was in Warrenton yesterday. Mr. Melvin held a meeting at Norlina Wednesday night where he discussed cotton seed and the improved varieties. He left here for Littleton where he held a meeting last night.