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## VOTERS GO TO BOLLS SATURDAY

After Weeks Of  
Campaigning, Await De-  
cision of Electorate

## LARGE VOTE EXPECTED

Weeks of steady campaigning have brought the thirty-odd candidates for public office in Warren to the 13 voting precincts to cast their ballots to elect the Democratic nominees. The number of candidates to be voted upon makes certain that the count will be late in being announced and it may be Sunday before results in a number of cases will be known. At the time the number of candidates seeking office is expected to be out an unusually heavy vote. The electorate will have plenty of candidates from which to choose. There are ten citizens on the board of commissioners, four citizens on the board of township constables, and six citizens on the board of township trustees. There are ten citizens on the board of township trustees. There are ten citizens on the board of township trustees. There are ten citizens on the board of township trustees.

## Miss Russell Wins Praise For Recital

The piano recital given in the parish house on Tuesday night by Miss Ethel Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Russell of Macon, Ga., was characterized here as a decided success. The young lady, barely 16-years of age, who has given years of study to music, commented on the difficulty of the program in a finished and artistic manner. The program was full of variety with the dignified Mozart numbers, the lovely delicate Butterflies, the Etude of Chopin and on to the Scherzo of Chopin. She was equal to each number and too credit for her excellent work was not given her as was shown in the appreciation of her audience. Miss Russell, a pupil of Mrs. John G. Russell of Warrenton, was ably assisted by Miss Daphne Person of Macon in several vocal numbers, the first of which was attested in the applause of the audience calling for encores.

## Mr. Davis President Of Association

WARRENTON, June 2.—Dr. R. B. Davis, prominent local physician, was elected president of the North Carolina Hospital association at a meeting of members of that organization with members of the South Carolina and Virginia Hospital associations in Richmond, Va., this week, according to members of the Warrenton party who attended the meeting.

## Rev. J. R. Phipps Resigns Pastorate

Rev. J. R. Phipps tendered his resignation as pastor of the Presbyterian group of churches which include Warrenton, Littleton and Littleton Memorial near the Rider school in this county. Mr. Phipps will have a church near the home of his family, where his mother is left alone in the home by the death of Mr. Phipps' father. Mr. B. F. Bedenger, D. D., will have appointments on the next date next Sunday, June 5th at Warrenton at 11 a. m. and at Gruver Memorial at 3, and at Littleton at 5 p. m.

## Picture of World Tour Nets \$25 For Memorial Library

Approximately \$25 was netted for the Warren County Memorial Library as a result of a silver offering taken at the Parish House on Wednesday night when William T. Polk and James Fathman of Chapel Hill exhibited moving pictures of a round-the-world cruise they were on last year.

Mr. Fathman operated the picture machine and Mr. Polk commented on various scenes of interest as the audience were given a sight-seeing tour in pictures of interesting places of the old world. The tour led from New York to Spain, to Egypt, India, China and Japan, Hawaii, through the Isthmus of Panama to New York.

The Parish House was crowded to its capacity and appreciation of the pictures have been expressed. Mrs. Alpheus Jones and Mrs. J. E. Adams dressed in Asiatic costumes, standing at the entrance to the room, collected the silver offering.

## Rural Carriers Hold Meet At Henderson

HENDERSON, May 30.—Rural letter carriers from the district centering in Henderson met here today in their annual convention, re-elected 11 old officers, formed a ladies' auxiliary and adopted a resolution commending the State Highway Commission for the vast improvement in the condition of State highways and county roads since the commission took over their maintenance last July 1.

The district comprises the five counties of Vance, Granville, Warren, Franklin and Halifax, and representatives were present from all of them.

The good roads committee, consisting of Z. B. Patterson, of Oxford; M. P. Sanford, Stem, and George Davis, of Inez, in its report to the convention, embodied a resolution on the "fifty percent improvement" in the condition of the roads under State maintenance, and ordered that it be sent to Chairman E. B. Jeffress at Raleigh.

Old officers re-elected are: B. C. Nicholson, of Essex, who presided at today's meeting as president; Roy Crymes, Oxford, vice president; Sam Davis, Warrenton, secretary-treasurer; D. N. Hunt, Oxford, chaplain for life; executive committee: Vance county, M. B. Garrett, Henderson; Granville, M. P. Sanford, Stem; Warren, George Davis, Inez; Halifax, W. W. Warren; Franklin, R. W. Wiggins, Louisburg.

Delegates to the State convention, which meets July 3-4 at North Wilkesboro, were elected to consist of J. S. Milne, Henderson, and M. P. Sanford, Stem; with P. S. Kearney, of Oxford, and L. W. Hall, of Stem, as alternates.

A woman's auxiliary was organized at this meeting, with Mrs. P. S. Kearney, Oxford, president; Mrs. W. M. Stanbury, Littleton, vice president; and Mrs. M. P. Sanford, of Stem, secretary-treasurer. It starts off with 12 members. Mrs. J. M. Dunn, of Efland, State president of the Woman's auxiliary, was present at the meeting and spoke and organized the district unit.

It was decided to hold a basket picnic for all carriers and their wives and families, in the district on Labor Day this year, and J. S. Milne and M. B. Garrett, of Henderson were named as a committee to make arrangements for the picnic, which will be held at the Washout, a bathing resort near Henderson.

Mr. Nicholson, as president, spoke on what is going on in Washington with respect to legislation concerning rural letter carriers. Roy Crymes, of Oxford, delegate to the State convention in Fayetteville last year on July 3-4, made a report on the convention.

About 30 delegates attended the convention, which was held in the courthouse. Mr. Nicholson read the 90th Psalm and D. N. Hunt led in prayer as the devotionals part of the program. Mr. Hunt also pronounced the benediction at the close of the meeting.

## Wilson And Fleming Capture Large Still

A 200-gallon capacity copper still was captured near Jerusalem church early Tuesday morning by Carey Wilson and Claude Fleming. Mr. Wilson stated that the whiskey outfit was not in operation at the time of seizure, but that it was still warm and indications were that a run had just been completed. No men were captured. Beer estimated at 1800 gallons was destroyed.

## Sample of County Ballot to be Voted Saturday

### DEMOCRATIC COUNTY PRIMARY BALLOT

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

**For STATE SENATOR**  
(Vote for One)

D. P. McDUFFEE  
 W. S. CORBITT

**For MEMBER HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES**  
(Vote for One)

J. A. DOWTIN  
 E. R. THARRINGTON  
 T. O. RODWELL  
 JOHN S. DAVIS

**For REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
(Vote for One)

Z. M. NEWMAN  
 JOSEPH C. POWELL  
 TOM B. GARDNER  
 EUGENE T. ODOM

**For SHERIFF**  
(Vote for One)

O. D. WILLIAMS  
 W. J. PINNELL

**For CORONER**  
(Vote for One)

EDWARD PETAR  
 F. M. ALLEN

**For MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
(Vote for Five)

W. T. CARTER  
 J. K. PINNELL  
 R. A. KING  
 DAVID P. LIMER  
 J. P. T. HARRIS  
 N. H. PASCHALL  
 J. D. RIGGAN  
 A. C. BLALOCK  
 HARRY W. WALKER  
 STANLEY W. POWELL

**For MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
(Vote for Five)

GEORGE R. FRAZIER  
 MACY T. PRIDGEN  
 H. L. WALL  
 C. C. HUNTER  
 J. C. POWELL  
 R. L. CAPPS  
 JOHN L. SKINNER  
 JOHN H. FLEMING  
 W. H. BURROUGHS

## Views of the Gubernatorial Candidates

**By JOHN C. B. EHRLINGHAUS**  
(Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate)

I plant myself squarely upon two propositions: First, a conscientious outline of a program and policies which fit the necessities and restricted spending which the times impose, and yet will preserve the fundamentals and essentials of governmental activities demanded by our Christian civilization; and secondly, that I am first of all a Democrat and neither ashamed nor afraid to predicate my candidacy upon the record of my party which is inseparably connected with the record of the achievements of our people and the progress of our State. We must balance the State's budget and do courageously all of those things necessary for the accomplishment of that difficult task. Strict economy must be practiced in every department and activity. We must preserve the State's credit, first, and all expenditures must be limited and restricted in keeping with the State's income. We must

**By ALLEN J. MAXWELL**  
(Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate)

With all the power within me I have sought from the beginning of this campaign to impress upon our people the simple fact that only through reduced governmental costs can reduced taxation be achieved. To say that there cannot be a substantial readjustment in the cost of public service that has been multiplied four times in ten years, to meet radically changed economic conditions, is a confession of bankruptcy in statesmanship and a disregard of the necessities of our people. We are standing at the forks of the road. As it seems to me one leads to more oppressive taxation, to sustain a level of public expenses beyond our means—that burdens agriculture and shrinks business and industry; the other leads to a readjustment of these burdens to meet our necessities, and to maintain an inviting field for producer, capital and labor.

**By R. T. FOUNTAIN**  
(Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate)

The response of North Carolina Democrats to the pledges on which I base my candidacy is so marked that on June 4 I am confident I will have a commanding lead if not a clear majority over both of the other two candidates. Herewith, I set forth briefly the things for which I will earnestly strive after I am elected governor—pledges embodying cardinal principles of the Democratic party, and including the only definite proposals for economy which have been made in this campaign. I solemnly promise to work for: Assumption by the State of the present 15-cent tax rate on land for school purposes, as provided for in the MacLean law, and an administration of the public schools that will not interfere with their efficiency. A public health program commensurate with the needs of our people. A balanced budget.

## SAYS MAXWELL IS MAN OF HOUR

Charles U. Harris Speaks At  
Warrenton In Interest Of  
Maxwell's Candidacy

### MUST REDUCE EXPENSE

"The cost of running our State government has increased from \$3,000,000 to \$45,000,000 per year during the past fifteen years, and unless some steps are taken to curtail expenditures, homes will continue to be sold under the auctioneer's hammer and businesses thrown into bankruptcy," Charles U. Harris of Raleigh told a comparatively small audience in the court room on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock when he came here to speak in the interest of Allen J. Maxwell, gubernatorial candidate.

Pointing out the fact that the State was operating at a deficit and that there is little hope of increased revenue through additional sources of taxation, the speaker averred that there was only one thing to do and that was to follow Maxwell's plan of curbing taxes by reducing governmental expenditures. "You may shift taxes, you may remove them from land and apply them in the form of a sales tax, but they will be passed on to the consumer and the poor will continue to be oppressed under the heavy burden of tax until the expenses of operating this State are cut," he said.

Mr. Harris acclaimed Mr. Maxwell as a tax expert, a wizard of finances, and the most suitable man in North Carolina today for governor. Claiming that the high position Mr. Maxwell holds in the public confidence and esteem of North Carolina has been earned by a conspicuously successful discharge of duties in public positions of successively increased importance, the speaker traced his life from the time that he was the editor of a country newspaper to his present position. He said that Mr. Maxwell was appointed assistant principal clerk in the State senate in 1899. In 1901 he became principal clerk, and in 1910 he became secretary of the Corporation Commission where he served until a vacancy occurred on the Commission and he was appointed to it. Mr. Harris said that Mr. Maxwell wrote most of the most important opinions and decisions of the Commission and that no order of the Commission was ever reversed while he was a member. He was appointed to his present position of State Commissioner of Revenue after the resignation of Mr. Dough-ton.

The speaker said that if Mr. Maxwell were made governor of North Carolina that he would enact a policy of reducing the costs of departments and institutions at a minimum of injury to the efficiency of these agencies. He said that Mr. Maxwell was advocating a standardization of the system of transportation for transporting children to the schools on a state-wide basis.

**HERE FOR BIRTHDAY**  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Graham of Kinston were here Wednesday to commemorate the birthday of Mrs. John Graham. She was 88 years of age on that day and was greeted with best wishes and happy returns of the occasion by friends and relatives.

Mrs. Gregg of New York, nee Miss Mary Garland Allen, arrived yesterday for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White.

## Criminal Docket Of Superior Court Ends On Friday

The criminal docket of the May term of Warren Superior court came to a close last Friday afternoon after a verdict of guilty had been pronounced in the case of the State against Solicitor Cromwell Daniel of Littleton, and on Monday matters of civil nature were brought before Judge Walter Small of Elizabeth City who has been here presiding over the two weeks' term. Mr. Daniel entered a plea of forcible trespass, which the State accepted, and prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon condition that the defendant pay the costs at this term.

A true bill was returned by the grand jury charging the Littleton man with embezzling \$382.50 from S. T. Wilson of near Littleton, but it was pointed out that full restitution had been made, and the State accepted the plea of forcible trespass.

The case of the State against Henry Holloway, charging larceny, was being fought last week as this newspaper went to press. Later, charges against the defendant were dismissed when the jury was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered.

The Byron Brown will case has taken up practically all of this term of civil court. The suit to break the will of the rich negro was commenced on Tuesday morning and was not turned over to the jury until yesterday afternoon.

Before beginning the will case, the court disposed of the case of Swift & Co. against the Poplar Mount Mercantile Co. and J. C. Brauer by ordering that the plaintiff recover of the defendants the sum of \$1200 and that each party pay the costs of its witnesses, and the court costs to be paid by the defendants.

## Bob Reynolds Is Visitor At Warrenton

Bob Reynolds of Asheville, candidate for the United States Senate and running on a wet platform was a visitor here Thursday morning. He was accompanied to Warrenton by David L. Strain, also of Asheville, and while here greeted a number of friends whom he made here six years ago when he was running against the late Senator Overman. Mr. Reynolds was very optimistic over his outlook for wearing the Senatorial toga.

Other Democratic candidates for the National Senatorial seat are Senator Cam Morrison, Tam Fowie and Frank Grist. Neither Mr. Morrison nor Mr. Grist have visited Warrenton during this campaign, but Mr. Bowie was here about a month ago.

## Quarterly Conference At Macon Sunday

The second quarterly conference for this year will be held at the Macon Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. E. C. Durham, pastor, announced yesterday. All officials are urged to be present.

The Rev. Mr. Durham is visiting relatives and friends at Sanford, but expects to return to Warrenton today, according to the post card which carried the above announcement.

## WINS HONORS

Miss Mabel Carroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Carroll, returned home Tuesday after a most successful year at Chowan college. She not only made the highest average in the freshman class but also the highest made by any student in the college, her average for the year being 96 3/5. In addition to her course she was a member of student council and held several offices in the various organizations connected with college. She was an honor graduate of the John Graham high school.

## REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY

There will be an old-time Pentecost revival meeting at the North Warrenton Baptist church beginning on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced here yesterday.

The Rev. E. M. Bryant will preach. The singing will be in charge of Dutch Liles. Miss Mary Woodleaf will play the music.

## ATTEND GRADUATION

Mesdames V. F. Ward and W. N. Boyd attended the closing exercises of Peace Junior College at Raleigh and witnessed the graduation of their daughters, the Misses Caroline Ward and Elizabeth Boyd.

## JURY SUSTAINS BROWN WILL

An Estate Valued At More  
Than \$100,000 Involved  
In Legal Battle

### AN APPEAL IS TAKEN

A Warren county jury yesterday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock returned a verdict sustaining the will of the late Byron Brown, wealthiest negro in Warren. The Propounders, upon receipt of the verdict, noted an appeal to the Supreme court. An estate valued at more than \$100,000 is involved.

The jury was given the case on Thursday afternoon around 3 o'clock following an hour's charge by Judge Small.

The stream of oratory that echoed throughout the courthouse as leading attorneys from four counties argued for and against the breaking of the will began on Wednesday night and came to a close yesterday morning around 12 o'clock.

Last year when the case was tried before Judge E. H. Cranmer the jury was unable to return a verdict after deliberating for more than 24 hours and a mistrial was ordered.

Members of the jury were J. T. Lufsey, Frank Rainey, F. J. Robertson, R. A. King, I. J. Hicks, M. P. Nicholson, F. L. Harris, S. B. Fleming, A. B. Odom, N. M. Shearin, Sol Fleming and T. R. Riggan.

Byron Brown, wealthiest negro of Warren county, died on January 1, 1931, leaving a will in which the bulk of his estate was left to his son, Grover C. Brown. Claiming that his father was not mentally capable of making a will at the time when he bequeathed his property, other members of his family are seeking to have the will broken.

The defense is represented by Julius Banzet of Warrenton, George Green of Weldon, Bennett Perry of Henderson and Bob Kittrell of Henderson. Plaintiff's attorneys were Kerr & Kerr of Warrenton and Yarborough & Yarborough of Louisburg.

Every inch of legal ground was hard fought with both sides noting exceptions from the rulings of Judge Walter Small.

Tuesday and Wednesday the propounders of the will put witness after witness on the stand to testify as to the mental condition of Byron Brown during 1924 when the will was written and in 1927 and in 1929 when two codicils were written. These witnesses were leading business men of Henderson and Warrenton who had known the deceased for years and who testify that in their opinion he was of unusual sound mind for a man of his age and race, and gave as their opinion that he knew what property he owned and the consequences of his acts, as well as the natural objects of his care when the will and codicil were drawn.

The caveators witnesses were members of Byron Brown's family and near neighbors of both races who testified that in 1917 Byron Brown suffered a stroke of paralysis and that since that time had suffered other attacks and that following these strokes his health and mind began to give way and that in their opinion he did not have sufficient mentality to know what he was doing at the time he drew the will and the two codicils.

Caveators' witnesses further testified that Byron Brown had stated on several occasions that he intended to treat all his children alike when he bequeathed his property, and that all held equal places in his heart.

The caveators contended that this was the intention of the deceased, but that he did not know the extent of his wealth and therefore in leaving Grover Brown the residue of his estate, which totalled around \$100,000, that he did not know what he was doing. They offered as evidence the taxbooks of the county in which the deceased had only listed a few thousand dollars of real estate, and the estimate of \$40,000 put upon the estate by A. A. Bunn, collector, as evidence of their contentions.

The defense held that the amount of property listed was no indication of the amount of property which the deceased knew he had, and Mr. Bunn said that the sum of \$40,000 placed upon the estate, was merely done to simplify inheritance taxes, as this tax was based upon inventory, and it was much easier to increase the amount due the State than it was to decrease it in the event that the estimate was made too high.

Mr. Bunn was the attorney of Byron Brown and drew both will

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