

# Board Slashes Items From Budget

## Public Services Are Discontinued In Effort To Lower Tax Rate

### Agricultural Teachers To Be Discontinued

Commissioners Ignore Petition and Pleas of Delegations For Retention of Vocational Teachers in Five High Schools of County

#### MATTER IS DECIDED IN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

In spite of a petition bearing the names of more than 100 taxpayers and a delegation of farmers that crowded the commissioners' room to capacity asking that agricultural teachers be retained in the five high schools of Warren county, the board of commissioners in special session at Warrenton yesterday afternoon voted three to two to discontinue this instruction.

Action on this matter had been deferred from the regular session on the first Monday in July when a public hearing was held in the court room attended by around 100 farmers. Following this hearing petitions were circulated over the county by the board of commissioners yesterday that a number of additional names could be obtained if they deemed it necessary.

It was charged at the first public hearing and mentioned at the second that the fight made upon these teachers was not because of a desire to lower taxes but because through co-operative buying they had cut into the profits of the fertilizer dealers.

The commissioners room was crowded to capacity shortly after 10 o'clock on Thursday afternoon when taxpayers from practically every section of the county gathered to make known their views on the retention of the agricultural teachers in five schools of Warren county.

H. H. Dameron, large property owner, supplyman, and business man, told the board that he felt taxes must be reduced as things were in a precarious condition and that while he felt that the teachers were probably a good thing, that he felt that taxes must be reduced and urged the board to discontinue this item from the budget.

M. C. McGuire, Warrenton tax collector, presented a petition to the board signed by around 700 taxpayers urging that these teachers be retained. Mr. McGuire said he was satisfied that in addition a number of other names could be procured if the board deemed it necessary. He said that while he had no children to send to school and his interest in the well-being of the county and the schools was that he was thoroughly sold on the idea of the value of these teachers.

Mr. Dameron, leading the fight against the teachers, stated that he believed that he could get 50 percent of the signers of the petition, and that he felt that the petition should largely be disregarded.

Mr. Dameron's statement brought a retort from R. B. Boyd Jr., who will bet you \$1,000 you can't get 50 percent of the signers of the petition. Boyd would bet that 10 percent of the signers would be changed over. No bets, however, were placed.

Supporting Mr. Dameron in his fight was Bob Paschall of Wise with an occasional remark being thrown in by Ed. Alston.

Speaking for the retention of the teachers were M. C. McGuire, Will Cornell Jr., and J. C. Hardy of Warrenton. Many other citizens present had made known their views on the public meeting on first Monday in July and were present to support the board. The crowd present unquestionably was largely in support of the county retaining these teachers.

In an executive session and two days later the board announced that it favored discontinuing this instruction. Commissioner Fleming opposed this in an executive session.

These white and two colored vocational agricultural teachers were employed in the Warren county system last year, one at the Graham high school, one at the Warrenton high school, one at the Warrenton and Norlina combined, one at the Warrenton high school, one at the Warrenton Training School and one at the John R. Hawkins school at Warrenton.

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### BURTON RETAINS HIS GOLF CROWN

Winner of Men's Tournament Defeats Blalock in Play-Off Monday and Tuesday

#### PRIZES GIVEN WINNERS

Tom Burton retains his crown as champion of the local golf links won in the four-flight men's golf tournament completed on last Friday after four days of play, following unsuccessful efforts on the part of A. C. Blalock, winner in the second flight, to wrest the laurels from him on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Burton, with a total of 337 strokes for the 72 holes, clinched the first flight on Friday afternoon. Barker Williams, with a total of 339, landed in second place.

Mr. Blalock, winner of the second flight, used 359 strokes in covering the 72 holes. Dick Boyd was runner-up with a total of 385.

In the third flight, A. A. Williams was winner with 427 strokes. A. C. Blalock Jr., was second with 446.

Jack Adams was winner in the fourth flight in which Charlie Tucker was the only contender. Mr. Adams totalled 504 strokes for the 72 holes. Mr. Tucker's score was 513.

Golf balls were presented as first prize, and a cake as second prize, in each of the four flights.

Tight golf resulted in the first flight on Friday afternoon as contestants battled to lower scores that had proved disappointing on the first three days of play and as a result the course was parred four times, the second time that the course had been parred since the seventh hole had been lengthened. Several weeks ago L. C. Cook went around for nine holes in 37.

Battling to overhaul Tom Burton on Friday afternoon, Barker Williams played the second nine in 37, for a total of 80, cutting down Burton's lead by 5 and failing to win the flight by two strokes.

M. C. McGuire sailed around the first nine in 37, the second in 42, for a total of 79, cutting down Barker Williams lead by one stroke and falling into third place with a total score of 441, two above the grand total made by Williams.

Graham Boyd, usually counted upon to play bang-up golf that places him among the leaders, after three days of play that entitled him to be group among the second flight players, pulled himself out of his slump on Friday afternoon, went around the first nine holes in 37, repeated on the second trip, coming in with a total of 72, the lowest score ever made on the local golf links.

In the challenge contest on Monday afternoon, Burton totalled 86 strokes for the 18 holes while Blalock made a 90. On Tuesday Burton pulled down one for a 85; Blalock went up 6 for a 96. Totals for the two days of play: Burton, 171; Blalock, 186.

### Interest Growing In Revival Meeting

Interest is growing in the series of revival meetings being held at the North Warrenton Baptist church by the Rev. J. J. Marshall of Macon. The Rev. Mr. Marshall is being assisted by the Rev. J. W. Riggan. The services which began on last Sunday morning will be continued through Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Marshall announced.

### MRS. KERR ENTERTAINS

Mrs. John H. Kerr delightfully entertained her card club and a few extra guests at her home on Thursday morning. Upon arrival the guests were served iced cold lemonade before taking their places for bridge.

Boxes of both sats, were presented to Mrs. G. H. Macon as winner of high score among club members and to Miss Lillie Belle Dameron for high score among visitors. Mrs. Kerr had as her guests other than regular club members, Mesdames E. E. Gillam, W. D. Rodgers, J. B. E. Gillam, W. J. Holt. The hostess, Boyce and T. J. Holt. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. John Tarwater, served a delicious salad course.

### Wins Chairmanship



James A. Farley, New York City, was re-elected as pre-convention manager for Roosevelt by being elected Chairman of the Democratic National Committee to conduct the party campaign.

### Warren Schools To Save On Coal Bill This Year

Warren county will obtain coal for its schools at a considerable reduction under prices paid last year, according to State contract sent to the office of the superintendent of schools this week.

This year the schools will pay 74 cents a ton for stove coal at the mines, compared with \$1.05 last year, and \$1.05 for smokeless steam coal, compared with \$1.35 last year. Freight upon the former is \$3.16 per ton, and upon the latter \$3.06.

Contracts will be awarded through competitive bids for delivery of this coal from railroad stations to various schools.

It is estimated that approximately 600 tons of coal will be used by the Warren county school system. This takes care of all fuel requirements, except in three townships where wood is used exclusively, Superintendent Allen said.

### Robbers Take Only Tobacco Goods In Haul On Tuesday

Robbers confined their haul to tobacco products when they entered the Warrenton Grocery Company early on Tuesday morning. Flour, meat and other provisions were unmolested but the local concern is short more than 70,000 cigarettes, a few boxes of cigars and two or three cases of chewing tobacco as a result of the visit.

Entry was made by cutting out the lower panel of the rear door and removing the bar. The back door was standing open when discovered by Night Officer C. E. Lovell on his rounds about 5 o'clock. H. A. Moseley, manager, was immediately notified and came to the scene. A check-up showed the shortage.

The view is expressed that ease of disposing of tobacco products was responsible for the robbers confining their efforts to this class of merchandise.

### Drewry Store Entered During Last Week End

DREWRY, July 10.—Unknown robbers entered the White Brothers Store here last night and made away with a quantity of chewing gum, candy, cosmetics, cigars, and tobaccos, but failed to take groceries from the store.

The robbery was discovered Monday morning, but so far no trace of the guilty party or parties has been found. The thieves entered the store by forcing open a door. It is estimated that they stole approximately \$25 worth of merchandise.

### COMPANY B AGAIN WINS LOVING CUP

Members Win Marksmanship Trophy For Fourth Consecutive Year

#### TO RETURN ON SUNDAY

Sun-tanned from fifteen days of work and play along the beach of Bogue Sound, and laden with prizes won in various contests, the greatest of which is perhaps, the marksmanship trophy which has been won for four consecutive years, members of the 120th Infantry, National Guard, are expected to arrive at the local depot about 7 o'clock on Sunday morning.

The company will be in charge of Captain Claude T. Bowers, with 1st Lt. Harold R. Skillman, and 2nd Lt. Andrew J. Hundley, of Norlina, as other members of the officer personnel.

The Warren county peace time soldiers are expected to entrain for home at Camp Glenn late Saturday afternoon on a Norfolk and Southern troop train. At Raleigh they are to be switched to the Seaboard tracks for their trip to Warren Plains where they will be met by the Warrenton Railroad engine for the remaining three miles to Warrenton. From the depot they will march to the Armory here where they will be dismissed until the company's next drill period.

While at camp members of the local military unit made outstanding records with the rifle as in a number of other military contests. Though the actual number of men qualifying with the rifle is not known, it is estimated that more than two-thirds of the company made the necessary 190 points or better. The average score throughout the company was more than 200 from a possible 250 points.

Other than a number of Marksmen and Sharpshooters the following qualified as Expert Riflemen, the highest qualifications obtainable in rifle shooting: Captain Claude T. Bowers, 1st Lieutenant Harold R. Skillman, Sgt. John E. Floyd, Corporals Jasper W. Loyd and Douglas M. Mustian, Privates Roy Cameron and Jack R. Riggan.

When the Warren boys arrive on Sunday morning it is expected that there will be quite a crowd to welcome them home.

### Local Men Escape Injuries In Wreck

C. E. Jackson, Warrenton supplyman and M. Perman, Warrenton merchant escaped serious injury on Saturday afternoon when a Franklin automobile driven by Mr. Jackson landed bottom up in a ditch as a result of a collision with a Ford driven by A. D. Hardy, farm manager for Edmund White, at the street intersection below the Warrenton Service Station. Mr. Hardy was not injured.

Both machines suffered broken wheels and smashed fenders. Cause of the accident is not known.

Following the accident Mr. Jackson explained that he was slow in getting out from the capsized machine due to the fact that Mr. Perman was lying on top of him.

### SISTER DIES

Mr. W. R. Baskerville was called to Richmond Monday on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Sallie Baskerville Neblett. Attending the funeral at Lombardy Grove, near South Hill, conducted by the Rev. Tom Lane of Richmond and the Rev. Mr. George of Boyton, Episcopal ministers, were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baskerville, Mr. Robert Baskerville and Miss Lucy Baskerville, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White, Miss Edith Burwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rodwell, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Palmer, Mr. Jim Horner of Oxford and Rob Powell of Henderson. Mrs. Neblett is survived by one daughter, Miss Clara Neblett, and two sons, Sterling and C. G. Neblett Jr.

Misses Tempe and Laura Boyd and Mrs. Alpheus Jones are visiting in Richmond today.

### Commissioners Prune Warren County Budget

Welfare Officer, County Nurse, Library Appropriation and Hospital Bed at Rocky Mount Discontinued; Fire Company and Military Company Donations Cut In Half

#### REDUCTIONS AROUND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Meeting behind closed doors, after nearly two hours of public hearing on the question of retention of the agricultural teachers, in the sweltering heat of a crowded room, the board of county commissioners yesterday afternoon voted for budget slashes that abolishes many public services of the county.

The board voted to abolish the County nurse; to do away with the services of the Welfare Officer for one year; to cut out the appropriation of \$250 for the Warren County Memorial Library; and to cut out hospital bed at Rocky Mount. The appropriation for the local military company was reduced from \$250 to \$125; that of the Warrenton Fire Company from \$50 to \$25. The appropriation for forest fire protection was reduced from \$700 to \$500.

### Negro Is Found Not Guilty Of An Assault Charge

A Recorder's court jury returned a verdict of not guilty as to Robert Lee Fields, negro tenant farmer of Warrenton, who was tried before Judge W. W. Taylor in court on Monday upon charges of assaulting his wife Susan Fields, by pouring lye water upon her while she slept.

The case consumed the greater part of the morning session of court and held much interest, particularly among the negro citizens of the county.

According to the evidence as given by the prosecuting witness Susan Fields, a negro washerwoman about town, she was awakened shortly after going to sleep on the night of June 14 by an acute burning and opened her eyes just as her husband ran away from her bed. She stated that she knew he had put lye on her because she was accustomed to the smell of it and also knew how it burned. When asked in cross examination by Gilmer Overby, attorney for the defense, why she waited a week before consulting a doctor. She replied, "It was such a mean trick that I didn't want anyone to know about it." Hattie Brown, negro woman of near Littleton, a witness for the State told that upon going to the house several days after the time the assault was alleged to have been made, she found Susan crying and was told that her husband had poured lye upon her. She further testified that she asked Lee Fields why he did it and he stated it was because she was paying attention to another man. This was denied by the defendant when placed upon the stand, as also were all charges of pouring lye upon his wife.

The evidence was materially strengthened in behalf of the defendant when Dr. G. H. Macon, attending physician for the woman, told the court that in his opinion the burn was not caused by lye, but rather a disease. Dr. Macon also testified that while he would not say that the woman was suffering from this disease, that she was responding very well to his treatment.

Fields was given a reputation as a hard working man and a good provider, by several prominent white citizens of the county. The case was prosecuted by John H. Kerr Jr., with Fields being represented by Gilmer Overby.

Much interest was also shown in the case of Spotswood Burwell Ayscue, young white man of the Sandy Creek section of the county, who was found guilty of assaulting Arthur Faulkner with a deadly weapon, to wit: a rock, a knife and a hammer. Judge Taylor sentenced the 17 year old boy to six months in jail, and suspended sentence upon the payment of the costs upon good behavior and provided he stay away from Faulkner's home and wife.

The evidence as brought out by Cromwell Daniel, Solicitor, for the defense, there had been bad blood between Faulkner and Ayscue for some time. Witnesses testified that Faulkner had made threats to kill Ayscue. Evidence showed that the hatred between the men was

In addition the commissioners pared down many small items that go to make up the budget. Total savings under the cuts are not definitely known, due to lateness of adjournment, but are around \$10,000 a commissioner stated following the meeting.

The budget will be tabled for 20 days for public inspection and protest, as required by law, before finally adopted and the tax rate set for the new fiscal year.

The commissioners met shortly after 10 o'clock on Thursday morning and after checking over the insolvent list, turned to a discussion of the county budget, that lasted, with interruptions to give citizens an opportunity to make known their views on sundry matters, until after 7 o'clock in the afternoon and was one of the most hectic days in the experience of the board.

Turning from adoption of the tentative county budget, the commissioners after giving audience to S. J. Satterwhite concerning complaints as to the operation of the Drewry school, met in executive session with J. Edward Allen, secretary, and A. C. Blalock, chairman, of the board of education to consider the six-months school budget.

After nearly an hour of discussion, during which budget items were parred sufficiently to reduce the requested levy for this purpose from 11 1/2 to 9 cents, and budget was approved by the commissioners. Reduction came through reduced appropriation for capital outlay and operation expenses, the principal cut coming in scientific apparatus for substitute subjects to replace vocational agriculture.

The tentative budget submitted by the board of education called for \$2600 for agricultural teachers, or in the event this was cut out, an alternate of \$2500 for apparatus necessary to teach other scientific subjects, such as chemistry, physics or biology. Superintendent Allen read a letter to the commissioners from the State department of education confirming his claim that in the event that the agricultural teachers were discontinued that it would be necessary to equip schools to teach substitute subjects if they are to maintain their accredited standing. As finally adopted this item had been cut to \$1400.

Mr. Satterwhite told the commissioners that he objected to pupils being hauled from Virginia to the Drewry school; to citizens of Vance county serving on the Drewry school board, claiming that Drewry was no longer a joint county district following the adoption of a county-wide rate by Vance county, and that taxpayers in the district were being charged an illegal rate of tax. He further charged that the district built a new school building at Drewry larger and more expensive than necessary. He asked that the commissioners refuse to make a levy for Drewry until the first three matters had been adjusted.

Superintendent Allen said that the Virginia pupils were brought to Drewry by the State under reciprocal agreement with Virginia, explaining that 32 pupils in Roanoke township were carried to Virginia.

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