

## LOCAL RAILROAD PAYS DIVIDEND

Town Receives \$990 As Result of Declaration Of 2 Per Cent Dividend

### PLAN WORK ON STREETS

Announcement of the payment to the town of a \$990 dividend by the Warrenton Rail Road Co. was the high light of the regular meeting of the board of town commissioners on Monday night.

Earlier in the fiscal year doubt had been expressed that the railroad would be able to pay any dividend on account of shrinkage in business brought about by economic conditions. Announcement of the payment of the 2 per cent dividend brought expressions of satisfaction from the members, with the suggestion that the money might be used to do needed work on Wilcox Avenue.

H. A. Moseley suggested that the cemetery and street committee ask Jesse Gardner, chairman of Reconstruction Finance Corporation relief in Warren, for a number of men to carry on public work at the cemetery and on the streets of Warrenton, the town to furnish necessary tools and supervision. His motion met with the full approval of the board and was the occasion for the discussion at some length of the need for this kind of work in the town. A suggestion that in buying necessary shovels, spades, picks, sealed bids should be submitted by the two Warrenton hardware stores also received the endorsement of the board.

Authorization for the payment of current bills was the only other business before the board.

## Allen Says School Costs \$10,000 Less Result Consolidation

In spite of the increased enrollment in the elementary schools during the past ten years white elementary schools are costing the county more than \$10,000 less to operate for the six months term due to consolidation of schools. J. Edward Allen, Superintendent of schools, told members of the board of education at the regular monthly meeting here on Monday.

A suggestion by one of the board members that transportation of elementary pupils might be an efficient and wasteful method of education was responsible for the production of figures by the school superintendent.

Mr. Allen only used the white elementary pupils as a basis of comparison. He submitted figures to show that in 1920-21 there were 1450 white elementary pupils in the county; in 1931-32 1750, an increase of 300. In 1920-21, 65 elementary teachers were employed; in 1932-33, 46, 19 less. Placing the average salary of these teachers at \$90 a month, the saving was \$1710 per month or \$10,260 for the six months term. Transportation cost is borne by the state, Mr. Allen said, but added that the cost to the state for such transportation was less than \$5,000 for the six months term.

The session of the board on Monday was an unusually quiet one. The only matter of interest was the discussion of transportation cost, and after disposing of routine matters the board adjourned at noon.

## Warren Schools Begin Work of the Second Semester

Warren schools re-open yesterday after a two weeks' recess on account of the Christmas holidays. Attendance was reported as being very good on the first day of the second semester.

Schools were delayed for two days on account of the bad condition of the roads, but warmer weather and sunshine of the past few days, plus work of the highway force, have greatly improved them, and no trouble was reported yesterday by school truck drivers.

## Henderson Police Brand Rumors Of McCoin As False

Henderson police last night branded as false rumors that R. S. McCoin, prominent Henderson man who disappeared several days ago while on a trip to Richmond, had been found. No news, the department said in a telephone conversation last night.

## MISS MARTHA R. PRICE LEADS IN MERCHANTS POPULARITY CONTEST

Mrs. J. E. Adams Is In Second Place; Mrs. A. J. Ellington Moves From 14th to Third Place In Third Tabulation Of Ballots; Vote Nears Half Million Mark

### NUMBER BALLOTS CAST SHOWS AN INCREASE

Miss Martha Reynolds Price of Warrenton takes the lead with more than 125,000 votes in the Merchants Popularity contest conducted by The Warren Record, the third tabulation of ballots on Wednesday afternoon revealed. Total votes is close to the half million mark.

Mrs. J. E. Adams who led for the first two tabulations of votes drops to second place, while Mrs. Alfred Ellington, who last week ranked 14th, this week lands in third place.

Largest vote of the week was cast for Miss Price, who received a total of 80,850. Mrs. Ellington polled her second largest vote, 57,100.

That interest is steadily growing in the contest as ladies of Warrenton seek to win one of the three prizes offered by this newspaper is revealed in the weekly tabulation of ballots. The first count of votes showed less than 40,000. The second tabulation, aided by Christmas shopping, showed that 200,000 votes were cast during the second week. During the third week 219,425 votes were cast.

Violent shifting of candidates' positions this week reveal that it is still anybody's race. Next week a still larger vote is expected and it is believed that the next issue of the paper will show a difference in the line-up.

Votes are given by merchants of Warrenton for cash purchases and payments of accounts. Customers are requested to ask for their votes in order to help their favorite candidate win. Merchants participating in the campaign are Hunter Drug Co., Boyce Drug Co., Carolina Power & Light Co., Home Furniture & Supply Co., Cash Co., Allen, Son & Co., Rodwell Brothers Hardware Co., Miles Hardware Co., (Continued on Page 5)

## James L. Aycock, Citizen of Elberon, Buried On Sunday

Funeral services for James Lewis Aycock, well known citizen of Elberon, were conducted from the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church Sunday afternoon with the pastor, Rev. E. R. Jackson, in charge, assisted by Rev. E. R. Nelson of Henderson and Rev. C. L. Gillespie of Oxford.

Mr. Aycock died Saturday at 1 o'clock. He was 57 years of age and had been in declining health for more than a year. Brights disease was given as the cause of his death.

He was one of Warren county's most successful farmers. He also engaged rather extensively in the mercantile business, operating a general store, and was keeper of the post office at Elberon. He was also a deacon of the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church.

Mr. Aycock was the son of the late Mr. Robert E. Aycock and Mrs. Priscilla Overton Aycock of Warren county. He was married 37 years ago to Miss Delia Shepherd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shepherd, also of Warren county. To this union were born seven children, five boys and two girls.

Mr. Aycock's mother, his wife, and all seven of his children survive.

Mr. Aycock was the father of Professor A. L. Aycock, who is a member of the faculty of Wake Forest College, and who is at present on leave of absence, doing graduate work at Johns-Hopkins University.

## Lang Foster Is Seriously Injured In Automobile Crash

Lang Foster, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foster of Littleton, lies in a critical condition in Roanoke Rapids Hospital as the result of an automobile accident on Thursday night of last week.

The accident occurred when the automobile driven by Norman Alston, colored, crashed into a truck parked on the right hand side of the Warrenton-Littleton highway a few miles from Littleton. The driver and other occupants of the car, John Ray Browning, John Leach Jr., received only slight injuries.

## Warrenton Tobacco Market To Reopen On Monday

The Warrenton tobacco market will reopen on Monday after a three weeks vacation due to the Christmas holidays. Warehousemen said here yesterday that date of closing for the season had not yet been determined.

DOCTORS RE-APPOINTED  
Physicians of Warren have been appointed as Seaboard Air Line Railway surgeons, it was learned here yesterday, as follows:  
Dr. T. J. Holt, Wise and Paschall sections; Dr. G. H. Macon and Dr. H. H. Foster, Norlina, Ridge-way and Warren Plains sections; Dr. W. D. Rodgers Jr., Macon and Vaughan territory.

## Allen Speeding Case Brings Many To County Court

A docket which had swollen during the Christmas holidays and included a charge of speeding against Frank Brown Allen was responsible for more interest than usual in Recorder court proceedings on Monday morning. There were seven cases filed for trial; however, action in two of the matters was postponed until the following week.

Although each of the indictments was of great importance to those involved in the various cases, the charge against Mr. Allen held paramount interest and was the cause for the presence in the Temple of Justice of those who had heretofore been strangers therein.

News of Mr. Allen's arrest and the fact that there had been some discrepancy in the time given by the State's when the matter had been brought before Magistrate W. C. Fagg for a hearing had been freely talked and it had been rumored that the defendant would procure a lawyer and fight the case. It had been talked that Mr. Allen would prove an alibi and when he came into the court room with his mother, sister, and several feminine representatives of the younger set, spectators pricked their ears and awaited with interest for his case. No one knew what to expect.

When his case was called and Solicitor Daniel asked if his plea was "guilty" or "not guilty" Mr. Allen said he didn't know. He then added that he would plead not guilty to running at 40 miles per hour as had been alleged in the warrant but that he would not plead not guilty to breaking the speed limit at any time. The solicitor entered a plea of guilty and Whit Watson was called to the stand.

Mr. Watson testified that he was walking down the street with Frank Gibbs and that they had just met up with P. Friedenberg when Mr. Allen shot by them just below the Dameron building on Main street at a rapid rate of speed. He said that the offense occurred on Monday, but when asked by Mr. Allen if he was sure that he had the time right, he said that it might have been on Tuesday.

Mr. Friedenberg told the court that he saw the speeding car but was likewise uncertain as to the date. He said that he thought it was on Sunday. He also stated that he did not know Frank Brown Allen, but recognized him as the man driving the vehicle. No other witnesses were placed on the stand, and the case closed after Judge Taylor made a few remarks and administered a fine of \$5 and costs. The fine and costs ran to \$26.35, but was reduced \$2 on account of the fact that neither Mr. Watson nor Mr. Friedenberg turned in witness tickets.

## North Carolina's New Chief Urges Balanced Budget

RALEIGH, Jan. 5.—Sweeping recommendations for changes in the set-up of the State government as well as an urgent request that the State budget be balanced "immediately" were made Thursday by John Christoph Blucher Ehringhaus of Elizabeth City as he was inaugurated Governor of North Carolina in a formal ceremony in Raleigh's new \$300,000 Memorial Auditorium.

Out of a Norfolk hospital only three days and still revealing signs of his recent illness, Governor Ehringhaus delivered a forceful 6,500-word message to the assembled members of the General Assembly as well as thousands of others packed and jammed in the immense auditorium. It took him 55 minutes to deliver his inaugural message.

HIGHLIGHTS IN GOVERNOR  
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Highlights in the recommendations made by Governor John Christoph Blucher Ehringhaus in his inaugural address as carried in last night's Raleigh Times were:

- 1.—A balanced budget immediately.
- 2.—Levy of no new taxes.
- 3.—Immediate reevaluation of property.
- 4.—Relief from the 15-cent state-wide levy for support of schools.
- 5.—Drastic curtailment in spending.
- 6.—Economy in general governmental set-up.
- 7.—Abolition of entertainment fund for Chief Executive.
- 8.—Abolition of position of executive counsel and granting to Governor of power to appoint pardon commissioner.
- 9.—Transfer of Local Government Commission to Treasury Department.
- 10.—Consolidation of highway and prison departments. Consolidation of all motor vehicle collections.
- 11.—Elimination of duplications in governmental functions.

## John A. Dowtin Leaves To Attend General Assembly

John A. Dowtin, Representative from Warren county, left for Raleigh on Tuesday afternoon in order to be present at the Democratic caucus on Tuesday night and to be present at the opening of the General Assembly on Wednesday at noon.

Mr. Dowtin, before his departure, said that he would introduce a bill to repeal the act creating Edward Davis a special prohibition officer for Warren county, adding that this was according to campaign promises. He said that under present conditions it would be necessary to cut the cloth according to the garment, and that while he realized that necessary expenditures would cast a heavy burden upon the state, that he was determined to do all within his power to hold down the expenses of the State that the tax load might be as light as possible.

## EMPLOYES 750 MEN ROCKY MOUNT, Jan. 3.—The Atlantic Coast Line railroad today ordered 750 men to report for work in its shops here January 9. Officials said 16 days work had been scheduled.

## TWO PAPERS ARE CONSOLIDATED

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### NO INCREASE IN RATES

The Warren-Halifax Times of Littleton is with this issue consolidated with The Warren Record of Warrenton.

Miss Lucy Perry, who has been serving as editor of the Littleton paper for several months, will continue as representative of the Press Publishing Co., as Littleton editor of The Warren Record. The combined papers will carry news of both towns and the consolidation is expected to work to the particular benefit of subscribers in eastern Warren and western Halifax counties, and will give advertisers in both towns greater coverage. There will be no increase in advertising rates on account of the consolidation, and the subscription price of The Warren Record, carrying in addition Littleton news and advertisement, will remain at the same price of \$1.50 a year.

The Press Publishing Co. purchased the Littleton Dispatch from Cromwell Daniel in July 1923, changed its name to The Warren-Halifax Times, and has published it continuously since that time with the exception of a six months period in 1932 when it was leased to Robert Grady of The Roanoke News, Weldon. Mr. Grady's lease expired in October, 1932, and since that time the paper has been published by the Press Publishing Co. at its plant in Warrenton.

## Louisburg Road Contract To Be Let On January 6th

The contract for the construction of five and six-eighths miles of the Warrenton-Louisburg road will be let on January 6th, according to a statement made here this week by W. H. Rogers, district engineer.

Construction will extend from Warrenton to a point near the Short place between Afton and Elberon and it is understood that the road will be of gravel construction.

Mr. Rogers said that in the event that the successful bidder was prepared to begin working that work would start within a few days after the bid was announced. Otherwise there will be a delay of a few more days.

Funds for this work are provided by the Federal government as a part of its unemployment relief plan, and according to the terms of the government only local labor will be used. This labor will be divided into two groups, each group working three days a week.

## Appoint Members Of Warren County Board of Health

Dr. W. D. Rodgers Jr. of Warrenton, Dr. H. H. Foster and Dr. Wallace F. Mustian of Norlina were appointed members of the County Board of Health at a meeting of that body held in the court house on Monday. Joseph C. Powell was re-appointed secretary.

Dr. Rodgers and Dr. Foster were appointed as representatives of the medical profession; Dr. Mustian as representative of the dental profession.

Present at the meeting were John C. Powell, chairman; J. Edward Allen, Superintendent of Schools, and Frank H. Gibbs, Mayor of Warrenton. All appointments were unanimous.

The board adjourned at 2 o'clock to meet again on Monday, January 9th, at 12 M, as provided by law.

## Man Killed When Trucks Collide

A collision between two trucks resulted in instant death of D. F. Garrett, furniture store employee, seven miles from Rocky Mount on the Tarboro highway Tuesday night.

Clarence Taylor, colored driver of truck which met Garrett's truck, was exonerated of blame by Dr. J. G. Raby, Edgecombe county coroner, who said Garrett was driving on the wrong side of the highway.

Taylor was driving a truck for the Littleton Sales Company.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICES  
Rev. C. R. Jenkins will hold the regular second Sunday services here at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, a member announced yesterday.

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