

ELECTION HELD TO BE INVALID

Laughter Wins Suit Against Sheriff; County Must Make Tax Refund

COURT ENDS ON FRIDAY

The special election held in the Norlina school district last September for the purpose of raising revenue to retain vocational agriculture in the Norlina high school was held in the Norlina district Friday afternoon by Judge Frank Daniel who was here presiding over Warren January term of Superior court.

Irregularities in the returns were the grounds on which the special election, which authorized a six cents levy, was found unsound. Evidence was presented to show that the election was carried by only one vote and that absentee ballots were not accompanied by proper certificates or sworn to, and were handled in an irregular manner.

The validity of the election and the levy were tested in the case of A. B. Laughter, Norlina taxpayer, against Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, tax collector.

The fact that the election was held invalid means that those citizens of Norlina in the special school district who paid their taxes under protest may require the county to refund their money.

The Norlina case brought to a close the January term of Warren county Superior court which resulted with a comparatively small number of the forty odd cases on the civil docket being removed.

Warrenton Tobacco Market Ends Sales For Season Friday

The Warrenton tobacco market closed the 1932-33 season last Friday. The offering on the closing day was small.

The Warrenton market maintained an average throughout the past season that compared favorably with other markets of the State. Farmers who disposed of their 1932 crop here received approximately twice as high prices as they did for the crop of 1931.

According to figures released for the entire season, the Warrenton tobacco market averaged \$10.30 per hundred. The year before the average was a little over \$5 per hundred.

There were 1,371,256 pounds of tobacco sold on the floors of the two warehouses here during the season. In money this amounted to \$141,279.62.

Philathea Class Sews For Red Cross

The Philathea Class of the Warrenton Baptist church named for the late Mrs. V. L. Pendleton, for many years its president, has completed more than 80 hours of sewing for the Red Cross.

The class met with Mrs. John Bell for two meetings a week until the sewing which the class had volunteered to do had been completed. Machines were furnished by the following: Mrs. S. O. Nunn, Mrs. A. D. Harris Sr. and Mrs. John Bell. Thread and snaps were supplied by Mrs. W. L. Wood and Miss Annie May Rodgers. Bias bindings and material of white collars were furnished by Miss Lottie Bell and Mrs. A. C. Blalock. Mr. Hecht of Norlina, who was glad to do his bit, furnished a Heatrol for heating the rooms.

The following were the members of the class who gave their time and energy to the work: Mesdames A. C. Blalock, W. M. Baird, J. S. Bell, George Robertson, B. P. Terrell, A. D. Harris Sr., W. R. Wood, T. H. Coker, W. C. Gardner, Warren Morrisette, E. C. Lovell, E. H. Hudgins, A. B. McCraw, James Coker, L. O. Robertson, A. D. Harris Jr., and Miss Lottie Bell. Other than members of the class who joined in the work were Mesdames W. C. Bobbitt, John Rodgers, B. C. Hilliard, T. B. Gardner, Raymond Modlin and M. M. Drake.

POLK TALKS TONIGHT

William Polk has accepted an invitation from the Macon Woman's club to make an informal talk on his World Tour at the school auditorium tonight (Friday) at 7:30 o'clock. His lecture in the library soon after his return proved most interesting and it is expected that many will be on hand to hear his talk tonight.

SON BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Powell on Friday, January 28, a son—Thomas Hilliard.

DISCOUNT AND PENALTY CLAUSE SAVES OVER \$5,000.00 ANNUALLY

Skinner Says Repeal of Law Would Penalize Small Taxpayer for the Benefit of Big Corporation; Present Law Saves County From Borrowing Money

REPRESENTS COMMISSIONERS AT STATE CAPITAL

The discount and penalty clause of the tax law has saved Warren county more than \$5,000 a year in interest charges since its passage, John L. Skinner, member of the Board of County Commissioners and Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, says in an article prepared for the Warren Record this week, with reference to certain legislation in which the county commissioners of the state are interested.

Agitation for repeal of this law and for a general revaluation of property instead of a horizontal reduction is meeting with the organized opposition of the commissioners. Mr. Skinner has been in Raleigh for several days in the interest of county legislation. He sets out the objects of the commission in the following article:

"Acting upon your request I will try to give you a brief summary of the activities of the County Commissioners Association with reference to certain legislation in which we are interested.

"More than three hundred county

commissioners met in Raleigh Tuesday, January 17th, to present these matters to the General Assembly and the following resolutions were passed:

1. That the discount law has saved the taxpayers at least a million dollars per year in interest on borrowed money and should be retained.
2. That if after twelve years of effort, values had not been equalized that they never would be and that the cost of a revaluation would be about a million dollars and that the same results could be accomplished by a horizontal reduction in real values that would not cost a cent.
3. That with a great reduction in property the legislature must allow the counties to levy enough to balance the General Fund Budget.
4. That since our neighboring states of Virginia and South Carolina listed taxes January 1st that our rates should be changed to prevent the enormous loss of property which is removed every year by

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Make Preparations To Fight Menace Of Forest Fires

Preparations were made to fight the annual forest fire menace at a meeting of the district forest wardens of Warren county held in the court house on Tuesday afternoon. District Forester L. A. Carter of Windsor presided at the meeting and led the discussions, assisted by Chief Forest Warden J. R. Miller of Ahoskie.

Assistant State Forester Chas. H. Flory of Raleigh gave the wardens a brief history of forest fire control work in North Carolina and other activities of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Flory pointed out the need of fire control as the first step in forest culture and the need of State Forest for demonstration forests and scientific production of timber.

Approximately 70 per cent of the total area of the State is forest land and this area is increasing annually due to lands being turned out and these lands growing up in three. This, it was pointed out, increases the need of fire control.

Mr. Carter stated that there are more brush burning fires in Warren county than from any other cause and urged that all farmers be cautioned to be careful with fire about the farm.

Wardens attending the meeting were E. H. Pinnell, county forest warden; W. T. Carter, Vaughan; A. L. Nicholson, Macon; J. V. Shearin, Odell; D. L. Robertson, Marmaduke; S. W. Powell, Inez; S. E. Allen, Axtelle; Geo. L. Bender, Ridgeway; A. D. Hardee, Warrenton; E. C. Robertson, Marmaduke; J. D. Mustain, Warren Plains.

Mrs. Pattie Avent Dies At R. Rapids

Mrs. Pattie Avent, age 79, passed away Tuesday, January 24 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. May Carter, in Roanoke Rapids. Funeral services conducted by Rev. D. M. Sharp were held Thursday afternoon in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Littleton.

Mrs. Avent was before her marriage Miss Pattie Johnston of Littleton. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. May Carter of Roanoke Rapids, five sons, Ernest Avent of Battleboro, Spencer Avent of Faison, Waverly Avent of Whitakers, Zeb Avent of Hopewell, John Avent of Pine Ridge, and one sister, Mrs. T. W. Northington of Littleton.

Mrs. Cora Phelps Dies At Macon

The remains of Mrs. Cora Phelps were buried in the Henderson cemetery Sunday afternoon following services conducted at the First Baptist Church in Henderson by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse and Rev. H. A. Ellis. Mrs. Phelps died Saturday about 12 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Coleman of Macon.

Mrs. Phelps was 77 years of age. Her health had been failing for some time and her condition became critical a few days preceding her death.

Lack of Inspection Of Dairies Reflects Upon Local Hotel

The absence of a town ordinance compelling inspection of dairies reflects unfavorably on Hotel Warren and restaurants of the town.

This fact was pointed out yesterday by E. P. Caruthers, district chief sanitary inspector, who graded the hotel B. Mr. Caruthers said that it was unfortunate for a hotel as nice as the one here to fall in the B class but that conditions could not be remedied until the town passes a law authorizing the inspection of dairies. No cafe or hotel, he said, can reach the A class until the milk supply is graded.

The fact that the hotel was graded B rather than A does not mean that the milk sold here is not pure and of the finest quality, the inspector said. "Your milk here may be the very best, but we inspectors have no way of knowing it unless it is graded as such."

Mr. Caruthers said that Warrenton was one of the few towns of the state of its size that did not have an ordinance to see that the milk supply is looked into. He said analyze the milk is comparatively small.

Milk inspection under the authorization of the municipality usually meets with the approval of dairymen, the inspector stated, and does not prevent small distributors from supplying their customers. "It simply lets the people know what they are drinking."

Mr. Caruthers said that the inspection of milk had gone a long way towards eradicating diseases. He said that in one town where there was a slight epidemic of typhoid fever an investigation revealed that it was brought about by impure milk. "We found that every victim of the disease was on a dairyman's route who had the fever in his family." The inspector said that a great deal of typhoid fever used to be brought on by impure water, but that was seldom the case now due to the fact that every town saw to it that there was an analysis of the water regularly.

Hotel Warren came in for a good deal of praise from Mr. Caruthers. He said that Mr. Duke ran a nice clean place—one to be proud of—and it seemed a pity to give it a sanitary rating of B just on account of the fact that the milk was not graded.

"The bad part about the hotel being graded B," he said, "is the fact that traveling people read the sanitary rating and are apt to surmise that it resulted from uncleanness in the kitchen or elsewhere rather than from the fact that the milk has not been analyzed and graded."

DAUGHTER BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wright of Warrenton on January 27, a daughter—Sarah Lewis.

Miss Mary Frances Rodwell has been substituting for Miss Helen Thompson of the John Graham faculty for the past ten days. Miss Thompson has been ill with flu. Friends are glad to learn that she has recovered and returned to her work.

LEE IS FREED ON WHISKEY COUNT

Judge Rules That Possession Of Containers Not Evidence Of Crime

TWO ARE FOUND GUILTY

The possession of containers similar to those frequently used by bootleggers in handling and dispensing spirituous liquors failed to convict Archie Lee, young white man of near Littleton, of running contrary to the Eighteenth Amendment and Volstead Act when he was arraigned before Judge W. W. Taylor in Recorder's court on Monday morning.

Lee was taken into custody by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, Deputy Lawrence Robertson and Constable Fate Weaver following an official visit to his home which netted the officers in the form of evidence several bottles and demijohns that contained some kind of liquid.

In court Monday morning Deputy Robertson testified that he thought it was whiskey in the demijohns but said that he was not positive that it was. Sheriff Pinnell said that he knew there was a small quantity of whiskey in one of the containers which they found at the time of the raid, but he was not prepared to say definitely that there was whiskey in either of the three demijohns which were offered as evidence in court.

Lee told the court that all the bottles and demijohns had had whiskey in them at one time but explained the situation thusly: He had been arrested and convicted on a whiskey charge recently in Halifax and ordered to move out of the county. He said when he came to Warren to make his home that he brought the containers along because he could sell them at half price. He said that the ones the officers seized had been rinsed and contained nothing more than water.

Judge Taylor ruled that the evidence was insufficient to convict the defendant, but cautioned Lee that the possession of such paraphernalia by one who had heretofore been ensnared into the tools of law on account of whiskey aroused a note of suspicion.

Disturbing public worship was the count which brought Andrew Lynch and Caesar Gaines before the court. After a number of witnesses, including a preacher, a deacon and laymen, testified that the conduct of the two young negroes was unbecoming and "caused members of the congregation from keeping their minds on the text," a verdict of guilty was passed out and the defendants were each sentenced to jail, assigned to work the roads, for a period of three months.

Other cases on the docket were continued for sundry and various reasons.

Dr. W. F. Mustain Moves Office Here

Dr. Wallace F. Mustain, who has practiced dentistry at Norlina for the past ten years, is moving his office to Warrenton this week. He will occupy the suite of offices in the Harris-Allen building formerly occupied by the late Dr. H. N. Walters.

Dr. Mustain is an outstanding member of his profession. He served as secretary-treasurer and president of the Fourth District Dental Society, and has given clinics and lectures before the local societies of this and other states; also, the Chicago Dental Society. Several articles bearing his name have been published in leading professional journals during recent years.

During the World War Dr. Mustain was the first Warren County boy on French soil. He served the duration of the war as a member of the original First Division, and was wounded in action in the Argonne Forrest.

His early schooling was received at Wise High School. He also received training at the A. E. F. Medical center Gendrecourt, France, and Mount Vernon College, Baltimore.

He received his degree, Doctor of Dental Surgery, from the University of Maryland in 1923, and his Master of Science in Dentistry from Northwestern University in 1932. Dr. Mustain has taken post graduate work at Northwestern and Columbia Universities.

Miss Julia Bullock of Norlina visited Miss Mary Elizabeth Black on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. G. H. Weston of Baltimore is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Weston.

The Thursday card club met this week with Mrs. G. H. Macon.

MRS. ALFRED J. ELLINGTON WINS IN MERCHANTS POPULARITY CONTEST

Final Count

Mrs. A. J. Ellington	679,995
Miss M. R. Price	668,650
Mrs. L. C. Kinsey	439,525
Mrs. J. E. Adams	144,275
Miss Mary Drake	116,000
Miss Selma Overby	76,025
Miss Lucy Leach	52,925
Mrs. N. M. Palmer	35,175
Mrs. E. E. Gillam	32,225
Mrs. Frederick Williams	32,125
Miss Jennie C. Alston	13,625
Mrs. S. G. Wilson	12,875
Mrs. Frank Serls Jr.	10,850
Mrs. Macon Aycock	10,850
Mrs. Sam Rivers	9,650
Miss Mary Ann Peoples	6,850
Mrs. Claude Bowers	5,300
Miss Sadie King	2,875
Miss Helen Frazier	1,650
Miss Elizabeth Peoples	1,025
Total	2,370,470

Mrs. Kate Williams Buried At Fairview Tuesday Afternoon

The remains of Mrs. Kate White Williams were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery Tuesday afternoon following funeral services conducted at the Episcopal church at 3 o'clock by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner.

Mrs. Williams died Monday morning a little before 8 o'clock. She was 76 years of age and had been in declining health for some time. Her condition became critical several days before her death.

She is survived by five daughters and two sons: Mrs. B. B. Williams, Mrs. Arthur Petar and Miss Kate White Williams of Warrenton; Mrs. Louis Scoggin of Louisville; Mrs. John Turman of Richmond; Walter Williams of Florida, and Bolton Williams of Petersburg. She also leaves three sisters: Mrs. Hannah Arrington of Warrenton, Mrs. Sue E. Pretlow of Franklin, Va.; Miss Mamie Beckwick of Petersburg, Va.

Palbearers were Howard Alston, W. G. Rogers, Boye Massenbueg, Dr. C. H. Peete, A. A. Williams, Hugh White, Dr. T. J. Holt and Barclay Pretlow.

Before her marriage in 1881 Mrs. Williams was Miss Kate White, daughter of Capt. John White and Pracilla Jones. She was connected by blood with many of the older families of Warren and enjoyed the esteem of those with whom she came in contact.

Among those here from out of town for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scoggin and sons, Louis, William and Herbert, of Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. John Turman of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Bolton Williams and three children of Petersburg; Mr. Barclay Pretlow of Franklin, Va.; Mesdames T. P. Heath and Lunsford Long of Roanoke Rapids; Mesdames Victor Eppes and W. F. Graves and Mr. Edwin Peoples of Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Blacknall and Misses Lucy and Mattie Hayes of Henderson; Misses Kate Ballard and Sue Alston of Franklinton; Mrs. Lucy Ellis of Kittrell; Mrs. J. D. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Petar, Mrs. Ed Petar and Miss Lucy Snyder Williams of Ridgeway; Mrs. Morton Alston, Miss Perry White, and Messrs. R. E. Ravis and Ed Faulk Alston of Inez.

Athletic Association Selling Show Tickets

The Athletic Association of the John Graham High School, which is sponsoring the picture "Madame Butterfly" at the Imperial Theatre February 9-10, will benefit only by the sale of tickets which are purchased from its representatives, Mrs. J. B. Miller said this week. "So be sure to buy your ticket from one of the school girls," she urged.

In addition to the Thursday and Friday night show there will be a matinee Thursday afternoon. Tickets will be on sale in a day or so. Half of the proceeds from the sale of tickets handled by the high school girls will go to the Athletic Association.

Mr. Burt Schlichter has accepted a position with Bobbitt's garage.

Mr. John Drake of the University of North Carolina spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Drake.

Mrs. Hugh Norwell of Henderson was a guest of Mrs. Sam Weldon several days this week.

Mrs. Nannie McNair of Tarboro was a guest of Mrs. Tasker Polk Sunday.

Mr. J. Edward Allen was a visitor at Raleigh on Tuesday.

Miss Martha R. Price Is In Second Position; Mrs. Kinsey Is Third

POLL IS OVER 2,000,000

With a grand total of 688,995 votes, Mrs. Alfred J. Ellington is winner of the Merchants Popularity contest conducted by The Warren Record which closed on Wednesday afternoon at 6 o'clock after seven weeks of voting.

Miss Martina Reynolds Price, with a grand total of 677,650 votes, is winner of the second prize.

Mrs. L. C. Kinsey polled 439,525 votes and will be presented with the third prize.

Coming within the first ten group in the order named are Mrs. J. E. Adams, 144,275; Miss Mary Drake, 116,000; Miss Selma Overby, 76,025; Miss Lucy Leach, 52,925; Mrs. N. M. Palmer, 35,175; Mrs. E. E. Gillam, 32,225; Mrs. Frederick Williams, 32,125.

The three sets of china offered as prizes to the successful contestants are at the office of The Warren Record and Mrs. Ellington, Miss Prices and Mrs. Kinsey are invited to call for them at their earliest convenience.

The Merchants Popularity contest began on December 16 with first count of votes announced in the December 23 issue of The Warren Record. This tabulation showed around 40,000 votes cast. The number of votes cast showed an increase each week, with the exception of a slight dip the second week in January, to begin climbing again until this week marked a regular avalanche of votes. The final week's vote totalled 1,003,015.

The total vote cast was 2,370,470. Each vote represented one penny spent in cash with participating merchants. This means that during the contest tickets were given for slightly more than \$20,000 in cash. When it is considered that hundreds of persons trading with these stores may not have asked for their ticket and that none of the grocery stores of the town participated, it can be readily seen that cash purchases in the town over this period greatly exceeded this sum.

The entire contest, so far as we have been able to learn, passed off with a great deal of friendly rivalry but was singularly free from any hard feeling. Winners worked hard and not only they but the entire list of candidates polled a highly creditable vote.

The Warren Record takes this opportunity to thank the candidates, their friends who worked for them, and the following merchants for making this contest a success: Warrenton Department Store, Hunter Drug Co., Boye Drug Co., Carolina Power & Light Co., Home Furniture & Supply Co., Cash Co., Allen, Son & Co., Rodwell Brothers Hardware Co., Miles Hardware Co., Service Shoe Repair Shop, Harris & Gardner, Gillam Auto Co., Boye Motor Service, Warrenton Service Station and Miss M. R. Burroughs.

In addition we especially thank Boyce and Hunter Drug Stores for their courtesy in allowing us to place the ballot boxes in their stores and for the spirit of co-operation shown.

11,961 Bales Of Cotton Ginned

There were 11,961 bales of cotton ginned in Warren county from the crop of 1932 prior to January 15, 1933, as compared with 16,891 bales ginned to January 16, 1932, figures received this week disclose.

STOPS SNEEZING WHEN STRAY HAIR IS REMOVED

Princeton, Ky., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Lonnie Dickson, 48, a trained nurse who had sneezed almost continuously for more than 120 hours, had stopped sneezing and physicians believed they had discovered the cause of all the trouble.

Mrs. Dickson stopped sneezing last night.

Dr. W. T. Morse, one of the physicians who attended Mrs. Dickson, said a stray hair was removed from the woman's nose and the sneezing abated thereafter.

Friends of Dr. H. H. Foster of Norlina are glad to learn that he has recovered from a case of flu.

Mr. Sam Daniel of High Point, formerly of Littleton, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stevenson and Miss Ruth Stegall and Mr. Floyd Stegall of Warren Plains were visitors here Wednesday.

Mesdames Susan D. Williams and H. L. Horne of Rocky Mount were visitors in Warrenton Monday.

ENFORCEMENT ACT REPEALED

Special Enforcement Officer Edward Davis Loses Job As Result Action

PROMISE OF CANDIDATE

Edward Davis lost his authority to enforce the prohibition laws last Friday when the Senate stamped its approval on the House Bill to abolish the act which appointed him special enforcement officer of Warren county.

The repeal of the law brought to a close 20 months of activities on the part of Mr. Davis and his deputies—John Carey Davis, Cary Wilson and G. Fleming. He was made a special officer of the county during the 1931 session of the general assembly which cloaked him with authority similar to that of the sheriff. He was appointed for a term of two years and began his work May 1931.

Since becoming a special prohibition officer of the county Mr. Davis and his deputies led an active crusade against whiskey. The special act has been the subject of discussion since it went into effect and is credited with having played a vital part in the past election.

Following is the bill in part which was passed last week:

Section 1. That chapter four hundred and sixty-one of the Public-Local Laws of 1932, being an act to appoint Edward D. Davis Special Enforcement Officer of Warren county for a term of two years, be and is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after the day of its ratification.

In the General Assembly, read three times, and ratified, this the 27th day of January, 1933.

Eight-Month Term For School Asked

RALEIGH, Feb. 1.—An eight-month school term for all the children of North Carolina supported by other than ad valorem tax, was plunked down in the general assembly as a direct issue today, fully a week earlier than was expected, when Senator MacLean, the author of the famous MacLean school law of the 1931 assembly and his colleague, Senator Bailey, of Washington, introduced a resolution which, if passed, would make it mandatory upon this legislature to provide that school opportunity where it is wanted. It means a wiping out of thousands of special school district lines, consolidations and economies which will bring to the taxpayers at home who are now paying for extended terms, relief, of at least \$3,000,000, the introducters of the bill claim.

The senate which received this resolution, likewise in other ways did a big day's work.

It cut \$20,000 from the salaries of the solicitors in the 20 North Carolina judicial districts, compromising with the reorganization committee by going only part of the way with it in its recommendations for paring the prosecuting officers' salaries.

It abolished the North Carolina park commission and placed the duties of this board about whose operations Senator Burgin said there are floating unwholesome rumors, upon the conservation and development board.

It put Cumberland county, which has at its heart one of North Carolina's oldest trading centers, Fayetteville, on the scrip basis by authorizing the county government to issue scrip to its employes and for such goods as it needs; scrip that is not to be issued for longer than 12 months and which is taxed 2 per cent of its face value for every time it transfers ownership. Denominations of the county's money shall not exceed \$10.

Mrs. John H. Kerr and Mr. Edward Hall have returned to Warrenton after spending some time at Washington with Congressman John H. Kerr.