

WINNER REPLIES TO DAVIS ARTICLE

Attention to Several
Statements in Article By
Former Representative

WANTS NO CONTROVERSY

Statements criticizing the action of the Board of County Commissioners published in The Warren Record over the signature of John L. Skinner, former member of the House of Representatives, in the issue of March 3, are this week answered by John L. Skinner, member of that body.

Fees paid for the settlement of the Byron Brown tax matter were \$1,000, and not to County Attorney Julius Banzet; remuneration paid Mr. Banzet in Seaboard settlement was less than a third settlement was by another attorney; arrangement of the Board with Mr. Banzet for settlement of tax suit results in not saving to county; the state law provided for the county commissioners attending the state association meetings, in which much valuable state-wide legislation has been passed, are matters touched upon in Mr. Skinner's reply. His letter, addressed to the editor of The Warren Record, appears in full as follows:

"This letter is written, not for the purpose of getting into a newspaper controversy nor is it written in anything but the friendliest spirit for my friend Mr. J. S. Davis. I have always thought that Mr. Davis was one of the most honest men I ever knew and I have always esteemed him very highly.

"I do desire however to correct a few of Mr. Davis' statements of last week's article in your splendid paper. I wish to do this on my own behalf and with no reference to the Board of which I am a member.

"The Board of Commissioners did not pay Mr. Banzet one copper for the Byron Brown tax settlement, Mr. Banzet was attorney for the Brown estate and asked us to employ other counsel. This was done and the Board employed Mr. Gibbs for the purpose of bringing a suit for the collection of considerable back taxes upon information which I had presented about sixty days before the scrap between the Brown factions was aired in court.

"Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Burroughs and myself representing the Board of Commissioners and Mr. Bunn the attorney for the Brown estate had a meeting at which time we arrived at the amount of property on which taxes were due the county and appointed a date for the final settlement. Mr. Stallings and Mr. Gibbs figured the taxes for each year upon the amount to cover the cost of collection. Mr. Gibbs had had several conferences with Mr. Bunn prior to this time and handled the matter to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

"With reference to the legal fees paid to our attorney for the collection of the S. A. L. taxes. Allow me to call your attention to the fact that Warren was the first county in the state to be paid. We would like to know what was best to do, pay about a thousand dollars in interest on a loan to meet our bond payment or hire counsel to try to collect. I remark in passing that the amount charged by another lawyer. We got the money and saved about twice the money paid in costs of collection.

"I think that the huge amount paid for tax suits is the next item. According to our very limited intelligence, the present arrangements with our attorney is the best we could ask for and costs less than the fee really allowed by law. Here it is. If our attorney collects by means of a letter he gets nothing, if he has to take a non suit after all the work has been done he still gets nothing, if he has to go the limit, there is ten dollars added in the costs and the county pays ten dollars which is the minimum that any attorney in the county charges for appearance in court. According to our best information Mr. Banzet received less than a thousand dollars where he might have received at least two thousand if any other method had been followed.

"The Board and Clerk did not go to Morehead City last summer, I suppose Mr. Davis refers to their attendance upon the annual meeting of the State Association of County Commissioners which was held at Wrightsville which every Commissioner is expected to attend and for which the law allows expenses to be paid from the general fund of the county. I do not recall the amount of their expenses but it was as much as Mr. Davis says I will say that with the reduction.

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Negro Is Held In Jail On Charge Of Attempted Assault

Harry Dale, negro of Sandy Creek township, was committed to jail Monday by Magistrate Macey Pridgen on a charge of attempting to criminally assault a white woman of the Sandy Creek section. The negro is about 40 years of age, and the alleged assault attempt occurred on Saturday.

Citizens Bank Resumes Operation After Holiday

The Citizens Bank re-opened for unrestricted business here, on Thursday morning after having been closed since March 5 on account of the bank holiday proclaimed by President Roosevelt.

Deposits were heavy on the opening morning with no unusual withdrawals, and so far as a witness could determine it was as if the bank had opened after its usual Sunday closing.

All banks in the county were closed by President Roosevelt's orders. None were allowed to open until their affairs had been examined and a certificate of their soundness issued. Having filed its statement, the local bank was permitted to open with hundreds of others on Thursday morning.

Clinic To Be Held If Serum Is Given By The State

Provided serum is made available through the State Emergency Relief Organization, a diphtheria clinic for children from 6 months old up to 10 years of age will be given in Warren county.

Jesse Gardner, head of the local unit of the state-wide relief organization, said yesterday afternoon that he was under the impression that the State would furnish money or the serum itself for such a preventive step as diphtheria immunization. He has written to headquarters for definite information.

Willingness on the part of the doctors of the county to give the serum at reduced rates was expressed Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of the Warren County Board of Health. Provided a favorable reply is received by Mr. Gardner, another meeting of the doctors will be held at once for working out a schedule for giving the toxin-antitoxin.

By Miss Katherine Livingston
Red Cross Nurse

The Warren County Health Board in session yesterday afternoon decided to put on this campaign against diphtheria. The doctors, knowing how hard times are and what Supt. Allen and all teachers in the county are doing for the school children through a school programme second to none in the State, decided that they would give this toxin to the children at greatly reduced rates, this sum to be collected by a committee from the P.-T. A., or school community club, asking moderate charges of those who are able to pay for this service, but insisting that all children from six months old to ten years old who have not

Force Busy Filling Application Blanks

LITTLETON, Mich. 16.—A force of seven or eight have been kept busy this week at Harrison Motor Company completing applications for the farmers who are borrowing money from the government. W. B. Myrick and D. L. Suiter are in charge. Applications are being made at this office by both Warren and Halifax county farmers.

Singing Class To Be Here Tuesday

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will give a concert in the auditorium of the John Graham High School on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present for this entertainment. There will be no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken.

KERR INTRODUCES SEED BILL
WASHINGTON, March 9.—Representative Kerr, today, reintroduced his bill to prohibit the exportation of tobacco seed and plants except for experimental purposes. He thinks he will get it through this session.

SECOND MID-DAY ROBBERY HERE

Thief Enters J. M. Gardner's
Office On Main Street
During Lunch Hour

SMASHES A REAR GLASS

Warrenton experienced its second mid-day robbery within two weeks on Tuesday when a thief entered the office of J. M. Gardner while the building was closed for the lunch hour. No loss of money or papers resulted from the robbery. The thief entered the building, which is on Main street and used by Mr. Gardner and Mr. Rodwell as a downtown office for the Warrenton Railroad Co. as well as a cotton office, through a rear window after smashing a glass.

On the inside of the office, he made his way to the safe where he pulled open the outside doors and succeeded in getting into one compartment, but the upper portion of the safe was locked and he left without getting the money.

Although the building is on Main street with glass windows across the entire front, no one, as far as it is known, saw the man in the building and no arrest has been made.

Just two weeks before Mr. Gardner's office was broken into a thief entered the store of Miss Mary Russell Burroughs while she was at home for lunch and stole \$15 in cash.

More Old Money Is Exhibited Here

Commenting on the fact that The Warren Record printed a short piece two weeks ago about a 10-cent piece of paper money being exhibited by Pharthina Alston, colored woman of Warrenton, F. R. Bobbitt, white man of Macon, came forth Saturday with some of his rare coin and paper money.

Mr. Bobbitt's collection consisted of two 1883 nickels, an 1884 penny, and a 25-cent bill of Confederate money.

The nickels had a V stamped on them but nothing else was marked thereon to indicate their value. Mr. Bobbitt said that after a certain number of them had been issued the Government bought them back at 7 cents each.

The 1884 penny was nearly as large as a 50-cent piece.

The 25-cent bill of Confederate money was issued by the State of South Carolina in 1862 and was a good deal smaller than the dollar bill of today (or yesterday.)

Mrs. Pattie Jones Dies At Littleton Tuesday Night

LITTLETON, March 16.—Funeral services for Mrs. Pattie J. Jones, who passed away Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Bobbitt, were held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. H. Reid Miller, pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. Rufus Bradley, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. Francis Joyner, pastor of the Episcopal church, conducted the services. Interment was in Sunset Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Jones has been in ill health for the past eight months and her death was not unexpected. She was born in Warren County eighty three years ago and had spent most of her life in the County. She was preceded to the grave by her husband, the late J. T. Jones, a number of years ago. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. C. T. Driver of Durham, Mrs. Ed Rightmyre of Vaughan, Mrs. Ras Bobbitt and Mrs. Jack Bobbitt of Littleton, and by two sons, D. G. Jones and John Jones of Littleton.

The pallbearers were Frank Jones, Cecil Bobbitt, Raymond Rightmyre, Randolph Bobbitt, Jack Hudson and Frank Rightmyre.

CORBITT REPLACES STANLEY
L. A. Corbitt has replaced J. R. Stanley as local manager of the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. Mr. Corbitt comes to Warrenton from Weldon and Mr. Stanley has been transferred to Greenville.

The new manager, his wife and three children are making their home in the residence formerly occupied by Mr. Howell and family.

Friends of Jos. C. Powell, Register of Deeds, are glad to learn that he was some better yesterday. Mr. Powell has been confined to his home for some time on account of pneumonia.

U. S. Treasury Head



A Washington picture of William H. Woodin, Secretary of the Treasury, taken on one of his trips from the Treasury building to the White House, being in constant contact with President Roosevelt during the stifling hours of early March.

Warren Next To Top In School Use Of Relief Funds

Only one county in the State, Mecklenburg, used a greater proportion of its relief money obtained from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for school projects than did Warren, according to a statement from the Governor's office of Raleigh, carried in the News and Observer on Tuesday.

J. Edward Allen, county superintendent, in a letter addressed to principals and made public yesterday, said that he estimated that with the expenditure of about \$750 the schools had made improvements valued at more than \$10,000. Two schools are preparing to build additional rooms without appropriation from the county, he said.

Expressing his thanks to Jesse Gardner, chairman of relief in the county, Mr. Allen said, "I desire in this letter to thank Mr. Jesse Gardner for his cooperation in this work, he has helped us when and where he did not have to do so. I also thank the principals and teachers who have gone out of their way to look after these projects or even to do manual labor on them in overalls, even though at the time fully knowing that they would not receive any pecuniary compensation. I am grateful to Raleigh authorities who told us about the possibilities of this before, others knew of it."

Taking notice of the school crisis in the General Assembly, Mr. Allen said that he thought the Governor was eternally right in his belief that a defeatist attitude in this state at this time will be our greatest calamity. "He declared," Mr. Allen wrote, "in substance that anything other than a state-supported eight months' school term would be a calamity to rural North Carolina. No friend of sales taxes, he fearlessly asserts that he would rather see this than see the destruction of our schools which would come with all the support that can be provided financially without some form of sales tax. Ad valorem taxes as a form of support are worthless and gone."

"It appears that the fight is going to be chiefly in the House of Representatives. If the Governor had not thought the situation to be very serious he would not have gone to the Capitol with that speech, as well as he was. If the State Superintendent had not thought the situation to be so serious, he would not have done so."

Stolen Truck Seized By Deputy Sheriff

A stolen Chevrolet truck with a trailer was seized yesterday afternoon by Deputy Lawrence Robertson. The truck had been abandoned on the Warrenton-Norlina road after the gasoline supply became exhausted.

A radio broadcast from Raleigh giving the license number of the stolen vehicle was responsible for Deputy Robertson learning that the truck had been stolen from a Mr. Holden of Wake Forest. It had been standing on the Norlina road for some time before it was seized by the strong arm of the law and brought to Warrenton. Mr. Holden has been notified of the capture and is expected to call for his property this morning.

TRUCK DRIVER IS FREED OF BLAME

Case Hard Fought Before
Judge Taylor In Recorder's Court

A QUESTION OF LIGHTS

Tom Cook, white man who was operating the truck driven into by Norman Alston, negro, on December 30, 1932, when Lang Foster, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foster of Littleton, was critically injured, was found not guilty by Judge W. W. Taylor in Recorder's court on Monday morning of driving a truck without lights on the rear and causing an accident.

The case was hard fought with George Green and Charles Daniel of Weldon representing the defendant and Julius Banzet of Warrenton and J. P. Phippen of Littleton prosecuting.

The accident occurred when the automobile driven by Norman Alston crashed into the truck which was parked on the right hand side of the Warrenton-Littleton highway a few miles from Littleton. Lang Foster was seriously hurt and other occupants of the car, John Ray Browning, John Leach Jr. and Alston, were slightly injured.

The question before Judge Taylor was whether the lights on the truck were burning.

Alston's version of the accident was this: He was coming from the direction of Macon, traveling about 25 miles an hour, when suddenly he ran up behind the truck which was without lights. He swerved to the left to miss the truck. A car, driven by W. R. Rogers, white man, was on the right side of the road headed towards Warrenton just opposite the truck. When he tried to pass the truck he struck them both at the same time.

Mr. Rogers testified that he was coming down the road and was stopped by Cook who questioned him in regard to a service station. While he was talking to the truck driver, Mr. Rogers said, he saw a car approaching, about 45 miles an hour, and pulled up. He said that he wondered if the car was going to strike the truck and locked back and that he noticed the truck did not have lights on the rear. According to his testimony, the car driven by Alston struck his car before it hit the truck.

Tom Cook told the court he was driving up a grade when his truck knocked off. He said that his truck and trailer were part on the concrete and part on the shoulder. Before leaving for gasoline, he stated, he examined the lights on the truck and found that they were all burning.

A State patrolman testified that he examined the truck a day or so after the accident occurred and found by touching a loose wire to a bolt the trailer light flashed on. Several pictures, taken of the truck and trailer following the accident, were presented to the court. These were offered to show that the force of the impact was responsible for the wire being disconnected and the lights going off after the collision.

The only other criminal matter before Judge Taylor was a case against Walter Lassiter, charged with possessing. He was found guilty and fined \$25 and costs and given a six months jail sentence. The jail sentence was suspended on the condition that he pay his fine, court costs, and remain of good behavior for a period of two years.

Dr. R. G. Lewis Is Buried At Littleton

LITTLETON, March 11.—The remains of Dr. Roger Gregory Lewis, who died at his home in New York City Wednesday morning, March 8th, were brought here for burial Friday afternoon. Due to the illness of his mother, only a short prayer service was held at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Baucum, at 5 o'clock. Rev. Rufus Bradley, pastor of the Methodist church, had charge of the service, assisted by Rev. Francis Joyner of the Episcopal church, Rev. C. Rees Jenkins of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. H. Reid Miller of the Baptist church. Interment followed at Sunset Hill cemetery. There were many lovely floral offerings.

Dr. Lewis was 50 years of age and had been in ill health for some time. His death was not unexpected to relatives and friends here.

He was the son of Eliza Cook Sledge Lewis and the late R. J. Lewis of Halifax county and great grandson of Col. Willie Johnston.

Local Merchants Raise Money To Fight Sales Tax

Warrenton merchants voiced their opposition to the general sales tax in terms of money on Wednesday when they contributed around \$15 to be added to donations from other towns over the state for the purpose of fighting the proposed measure which is now pending in the General Assembly.

The canvass of stores of the town for funds was made Wednesday in compliance with a request from B. H. Rose, president of Rose's 5, 10 and 25c Stores, Inc., who proposes to raise \$1,000 for the purpose of "waging a relentless war against the sales tax through the medium of the radio."

A copy of Mr. Rose's letter and a list of the firms that joined with him in fighting the measure follow:

"Henderson, N. C.
"March 14, 1933.
"Store Manager:
"You no doubt heard the speech of Governor Ehringhaus last evening in which he strongly advocated the sales tax. The stand he now takes is in utter contradiction to his campaign pledges and promises. The merchants supported him loyally in his campaign for the governorship because he pretended to be a foe to the sales tax, and now when these same merchants need a friend, he broadcasts a speech which, in effect, says to them: 'We believe the statements as made in his speech are calculated to influence the minds of certain people to favor the sales tax because he would have them believe the public schools would close, the highways would crumble and the state's credit would cease unless such a tax is levied. He further called attention to the enormous savings which would be effected by the abolition of the 15c property tax, but failed to mention the heavy burden which the sales tax would place upon the public, especially the farmers and people of small means. He would have the poor man shoulder the tax burden in order to relieve the rich.'

"We confidently believe if we can arouse the great masses of this have collected this money, get a post office money order or cashier's check made payable to Willard Dowell for the total amount, and mail same not later than Friday, marked to my personal attention. I shall immediately turn this over to Mr. Dowell, and we will then open up our 'big guns' against the sales tax.

"Give each merchant a receipt for his contribution, and send us a complete list of the contributors and show opposite each the amount given so that we may thank them for their cooperation and support.
"Yours very truly,
"P. H. ROSE, pres.
"Rose's 5, 10 and 25c Stores, Inc.
The local merchants contributing are: H. C. Cohen, Allen, Son & Co., Burroughs Grocery Co., Cash Co., Hunter Drug Co., Rodwell Bros., T. W. Hight, P. Friedenberg, R. R. Rodwell, M. Perman, W. H. Riggan, Boyce Drug Co., M. System, W. H. Dameron & Co., Service Shoe Shop, Warrenton Service Station, and Rose's 5, 10 & 25c Store.

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Battle Lines Over Sales Tax Tight

Battle lines over the sales taxes are drawing tighter with State Superintendent A. T. Allen sending out a letter to all county and city superintendents stating that there is no alternative of a sales tax or collapse.

"It comes now to a question of keeping the school house open," the State Superintendent said. "We are facing a partial closing and a total collapse of what we consider to be the essentials of a good system of schools. Whatever notions we may have had about school support and administration should be subordinated to the present crisis in our supreme effort to keep the schools open and running.

"The Governor has come to the rescue of the schools with every ounce of his strength and the full prestige of his great office. He has hazarded his position of leadership during his term of office on a single throw for the education of the children. Not in my day has any leader taken so unequivocally a position so far out in front and so exposed to the fire of the opposition.

"We are told that this thing can not be accomplished without a sales tax of some kind. We are not choosing among a number of different taxes. We have the alternative of a sales tax or collapse."

FARMERS SEEK RELIEF LOANS

Hundreds of Citizens Flock
To Office of J. C. Howard,
Government Agent

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS

Notwithstanding the fact that more than 500 application blanks for government seed loans have been filled out for farmers of Warren county, the rush at the office of J. C. Howard, government agent in charge of the loans, has not abated and a crowd throngs in the building and on the outside, from opening hours in the morning to closing time in the afternoon.

While the office, which is located between the Gilliam Auto Co. and the Motor Sales Co. on Main street, is swamped with applicants, typewriters are clicking continuously to rush the loans through. But as one blank is completed and a farmer or tenant steps out of the building another steps in.

A certain time is being allotted each week to farmers of the various townships of the county and those who come at the appointed hours are given preference in filing their applications. The schedule is as follows:

Six Pound township, Monday morning; Fishing Creek township, Monday afternoon; Fork township, Tuesday morning; Shocco township, Tuesday afternoon; Sandy Creek township, Wednesday morning; Nutbush township, Wednesday afternoon; Warrenton township, all day Thursday; Smith Creek township, Friday morning; Hawtree township, Friday afternoon.

Checks, mortgages and letters will come to the Field Inspector and borrowers will be notified to come to his office and get mortgages recorded and then come back and get their checks.

Mr. Howard's office hours are from 8:30 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He is being assisted in filling out the application blanks and handling the loans by Mrs. W. D. Rodgers, Miss Mamie Gardner, Miss Mary Frances Rodwell, Miss Lois McCord, Oscar Williams and Tom Gardner.

Crop Loan Blanks Received At Littleton

Application blanks for loans from the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation of Raleigh are now in the hands of Paul A. Johnston of Littleton and Halifax county farmers who desire to secure a loan may get the blanks and necessary information from him.

The type of loans are agricultural production, livestock and commodity loans, and they are to be secured by a first crop lien or livestock mortgage and a chattel mortgage on personal property such as work stock and farming equipment sufficient to adequately secure the loan.

Where the tenant is making application, the landlord must waive his interest in the crop and where the landlord is making application the tenant must waive his interest in the crop. In either instance if the chattels offered as security are not deemed sufficient, additional collateral or acceptable endorsements will be required.

There is no limit set for the amount of loans. Interest is 5 1-2 per cent per annum. An additional charge not to exceed 1 per cent per annum will be made to cover inspection charges. The applicant will pay all notary fees, recording fees and an attorney fee to cover cost of search of records and a certificate that all papers are first papers.

Officers Discover Abandoned Car

A stolen Hudson automobile was found abandoned a short distance from Warrenton on the Liberia road Wednesday by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and Deputy Lawrence Robertson. Investigation revealed that the car was the property of a Mr. Edwards of Rocky Mount and had been stolen about 11 o'clock Tuesday night.

Deputy Robertson said that he observed the car parked on the side of the road Wednesday morning when he came from his home at Marmaduke to Warrenton. Yesterday afternoon, he said, he was informed that the car had been left there all day. He and Sheriff Pinnell made an investigation and found that the car was out of gasoline and had been stolen the night before from the Rocky Mount man. The car was called for by the owner late Wednesday afternoon.