

SKINNER POLITE J. S. DAVIS SAYS

Says, However, Uses Child's Reasoning in Attempt to Answer Argument

SETS FORTH HIS VIEWS

Admitting that John L. Skinner, member of the board of county commissioners, was doubly complimentary in praising his own recent newspaper article in the House of Representatives, J. S. Davis, former member of the House of Representatives, has not a high proficiency in the art of politeness, but undertook to answer the arguments with a child's reasoning.

Claiming that such explanations are not satisfactory, Mr. Davis gives his views of some length in the following letter addressed to the editor of The Warren Record:

"Mr. J. L. Skinner's statement regarding my honesty was doubly complimentary, as truth is a necessary part of honesty and they are as inseparable as dishonesty and untruthfulness, though Mr. Skinner has assumed a very high proficiency in politeness.

"In detail, the expenditure of the different sums of money is set forth in my article a few weeks ago, and I undertook to justify the action with a child's reasoning.

"Such explanations are not satisfactory to thoughtful men and women, especially at a time when eight thousand people in Warren County are eating bread that was begged, and little children who are hungry and weak, and are blaming their parents who have done the best that they could when it is the duty of every citizen to demand that every dollar be used where it will do the most good, that all acts be sane and honest, and that everyone tell the truth about it.

"Mr. Skinner gives me credit for the ten per cent reduction, which is a statewide law. The Commissioners put it in operation here the first of the following year, it being optional with them. I voted for it only because there was no bill that carried a greater reduction, though many of us tried to get such a bill passed.

"I made several propositions to Senator Rodwell which would have reduced administration expenses in Warren County nearly half, had he agreed with me, but he said, 'I don't think the boys are getting too much.'

"My record for tax reduction and equalization is well established in the mind and memory of every member of the last General Assembly and in the House Journal (Record), and if Mr. Skinner does not know it it is his own fault.

"During the last campaign I forestalled such a contingency by having each of the candidates for the Senate promise to cooperate with me in reducing Warren County public expense, corresponding to my views. I feel confident now that the senator from this district, Mr. Mc. Duffie is not to blame for its not being done.

"The senator and member of the house always have to agree in action upon any local legislation. Mr. Skinner knows this well and he understands why I could not reduce the salaries of the county officials and the number of deputies.

"I am saying this in defense of myself and because the public has a right to know the truth about it, and I hope to be pardoned for this reference to myself.

"The people have a right to know, too, that Mr. Skinner (and he will remember it) made a special trip to Raleigh to make a speech before a senate committee to defeat a bill (and did defeat it) that I had introduced and passed in the house, making the Auditor's office an elective office. I thought then and still think that any people who are qualified to select and elect a president or a governor or a 'Kingfish' are qualified to select an auditor for their county.

"Mr. Skinner will also recall that he as a representative of the State Association of Commissioners, understood to lobby through the house a senate bill allowing certain counties in Warren County being one of them to levy a special tax of five cents on \$100 valuation for certain purposes, which I amended, exempting Warren County from its provisions the second time, it having passed back and forth from one house to the other several times, being amended each time.

"There are other matters that I (Continued on page 8)

Old Board Swept From Power In Hot Convention Fight Last Night; Rodwell Is Only Undefeated Member of Council

Grievances that have been smoldering underneath the skin for months burst into action last night when one of the largest crowds to ever attend a town primary gathered in the court house and nominated an entire new board with the exception of one member to govern the city's affairs for the coming two years.

Although nominations and seconds came fast for new members on the board, there was no "kick" against the mayor in so far as discernible at the meeting. Frank H. Gibbs was nominated, seconded and elected unanimously by the 200 or more citizens present.

Herman Rodwell was the only one of the old members to retain his birth on the board. He apparently had the support of all factions, pulling 140 votes to lead the ticket.

The new members nominated last night were J. B. Boyce, A. A. Williams, M. T. Pridgen, W. C. Bobbitt, W. Fryor Rodwell and George Scoggin. The names of these new men, with Mr. Rodwell and Mayor Gibbs, will be placed on a ballot and voted to office on May 2.

The primary last night was a

striking contrast to the meeting held in the court room two years ago when a handful of citizens gathered and in a cut and dried fashion nominated the entire old board within fifteen minutes. The unusual large gathering last night came as a surprise to many, especially to members of the old board. Although some of those seeking a change had been seen in rather confidential tones with their fellow townsmen much of yesterday, it was not expected that they would corral as many in the court room as were on hand last night.

Sentiment for a new board was hatched out of little dissatisfactions that were born during the past two years when various citizens of the town appeared before the city fathers for various and sundry causes. There was no one thing, in so far as could be learned by questioning numerous people, that was responsible for the overthrow of the old board, but, on the other hand, many little things, such as dissatisfaction with the action taken by the board in regard to the placement of a gin in southern Warrenton, trouble over sidewalks, and

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Loan Applicants No Longer Required Pay Fee, Says Agent

Farmers filing application for government seed loans are no longer required to pay a fee, J. C. Howard, field inspector, announced this week. This expense is now being absorbed by the government.

Prior to this week each applicant for a loan has been required to pay 75c. Twenty-five cents of this amount went for filling out the bank, 25c for recording the paper and 25c for notarizing the paper.

This change in policy on the part of Uncle Sam was made, it is believed, due to the fact that many of those who were in need of a loan were hard pushed to raise 75c at this time.

Around 1000 application blanks had already been filled out in this county before the government announced that it had discontinued the practice of extracting money from those who were applying for a loan. Those who were granted loans before this change of policy took place will not receive their 75c back, it is understood.

The 75c which in the past was paid by the applicant went to pay for the office force that filled out the blanks, notarized and recorded the papers. Rather than on a fee basis, the attaches of the government office are now working on a salary.

This week Mr. Howard called attention to the fact that the money sent here by the government is to be regarded as a trust fund. "Not only is the man who uses it to pay on a debt liable but also the man who accepts it," Mr. Howard cautioned.

When loans are approved, Mr. Howard said, checks will be mailed to the supervisor, and checks will not be delivered or mailed out until all records have been searched. As soon as the checking process is completed, the field inspector will mail all checks to borrowers, except those whom he wishes to recontact. These will be notified when checks arrive.

Approximately 1200 application blanks have been filled out at the local office. It is understood that something over 200 have been filled out at the Littleton office.

This week has experienced a decided decrease in the number of farmers and tenants applying for loans.

Sister of W. J. Davis Dies In Tennessee

Mrs. Emma P. Davis Stafford, sister of W. J. Davis of Warrenton, died suddenly at her home in Johnston City, Tenn., on Monday morning. Apoplexy was the cause of death. She was 52 years of age. Funeral services were held in Johnston City on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Stafford is survived by her husband, B. F. Stafford, by one daughter, Emma Anne, by three sons, B. F. Jr., Julian and James. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. W. G. Borgers of Wilmore, Ky., and five brothers, W. J. Davis of Warrenton, J. B. Davis of Shocco, F. W. Davis of Virginia, M. M. Davis of Meredith, Va., and Julian Davis of Richmond, Va.

Ben G. Rodwell Dies At Weldon On Thursday Night

WELDON, March 25.—Funeral services were held here Friday afternoon March 24 for Ben Gardner Rodwell who died at his home Thursday night at 9:45 o'clock following a prolonged illness of several months. The deceased was 48 years old. He was born in Warrenton, the son of James Rodwell and Pattie Gardner Rodwell.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Emma Purnell Rodwell and one small daughter, Martha Gardner; four sisters, Mrs. W. D. Rodgers of Warrenton; Mrs. R. E. Johns, of Raleigh; Mrs. William Y. Rook, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Creekmore, of Norfolk; four brothers, A. P. Rodwell and C. R. Rodwell of Warrenton, James R. Rodwell, of Winton, Salem and G. M. Rodwell.

Mr. Rodwell came to Weldon about 27 years ago as an employee of the railroad later entering the wholesale grocery business and then the later years of his life before his health broke he was in the retail business here.

He was a member of the Baptist church and also of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Rodwell was a well known man. The esteem in which he was held was attested to by the many people who filled the church and the many beautiful floral designs that covered his grave. He will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends who knew him as a kind man.

The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church by Rev. R. S. Fountain, his pastor, assisted by the Revs. D. P. Moore of the local Episcopal Church, E. H. McWhorter of the local Methodist Church and the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse of Warrenton.

At the grave the local lodge of Masons buried him with Masonic Rites.

Active Pallbearers were: D. W. Seifert, Coley Clark, L. C. Draper, Pierce Johnston, and A. W. Oakes. Honorary Pallbearers were: O. P. Mohorn, J. L. Wyche, Sr., J. P. Holloman, C. P. Anthony, John Zollcoffer, Dr. W. G. Suter, C. S. Vinson, S. E. Shirley, F. J. Peoples, C. F. Gore, Hubert Blow, C. L. Jones, George Green, B. F. Turner, D. R. Anderson, C. E. King, W. L. Scott, N. J. Shepherd, Marion Ingle, Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, F. J. Bounds, H. D. Allen, Dr. H. G. Lassiter, Redmond Anderson.

Those who offered blood attended in a body. They are, J. N. Clark, Harry Smith, Mr. Joyner, Shep Green, John Ponton, C. R. Gregory, George Hilton, Thad Pilley, Walter Allen, Spruill Mitchell, Aubrey Bosenman.

Mrs. Lucy Watkins Dies At Drewry

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Fletcher Watkins of Drewry were held at New Hope church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Watkins died Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis which she suffered about a week ago. She was about 80 years of age. The deceased is survived by one son and two daughters.

CITIZENS ACTIVE IN BEER BATTLE

Petition For Sale Of Beer In State Receives Endorsement of Many Here

ATTEND RALEIGH MEET

Warrenton has borne its fair share of the fighting to legalize the sale of beer in North Carolina since it was announced a few days ago that a committee meeting would be held in Raleigh on Tuesday of this week to consider a bill to permit the sale of this beverage in North Carolina.

A petition circulated on the streets here on Saturday and Monday obtained approximately 200 signatures asking that the state permit the sale of beer in this state in the belief that such action would "be a source of much needed revenue, promote the cause of temperance, do away with much hypocrisy and increase respect for law."

This petition was signed by lawyers, merchants, business men and four out of the five physicians of the town.

An editorial in The Warren Record last week advocating sale of beer in the state was given wider publicity in The Raleigh Times which not only reproduced the editorial from the local paper, but also wrote an editorial of its own commending the position taken by the Warrenton paper. This paper also carried in black face on its front page Monday a dispatch from Warrenton telling of the circulation of the petition for the sale of beer. The News and Observer also carried a similar story in its Sunday issue.

Tuesday afternoon a committee, composed of Haywood Duke, Big-nall Jones, W. T. Polk, former senator T. O. Rodwell and Captain S. E. Burroughs, carried the petition to Raleigh, presented it to Senator D. P. McDuffie and asked his support of the beer bill. Later they joined several hundred others in the capital to hear arguments before the committee.

While this committee was in Raleigh a number of local citizens sent in telegrams to Senator McDuffie, a member of the senate committee, asking his support of the beer bill.

After hearing arguments from friends and opponents of the measure for more than two hours the committee went into executive session and voted 10 to 3 to report the measure favorably, resulting in a victory for the advocates of the beer measure in the first skirmish.

It is predicted that the measure will pass both branches of the Assembly within a few days.

While their activity was attended with less publicity, opponents of the beer measure have not been idle. Petitions circulated in Sunday schools of the county Sunday a week ago obtained a number of signatures. Senator McDuffie said Tuesday that petitions presented to him contained the names of about 30 opposing the measure, and about 400 in favor of the legalization of beer.

Less Money Spent For Relief of Poor

Warren, along with the other counties of the State, showed a decrease in expenditures for destitution during the month of February, according to a statement issued from the office of the governor's director of relief in Raleigh covering the whole of North Carolina.

Expenditures from Federal funds were \$10,882 here for February, as compared with \$11,566, a decrease of more than \$500. Vance county had dropped from \$11,993 in January to \$9,822 in February, while Franklin county dropped from \$21,654,654 in January to \$9,252 in February.

The neighboring county of Halifax was one of the few in the state to show an increase in expenditures. In January Halifax county spent \$13,798 and in February \$14,367.

For the state as a whole, expenditures in February were \$1,166,432, as compared with \$1,287,611 in January. The figures in all instances are given as the "total expenditures" for destitution. Dr. Fred W. Morrison, the State director of relief, said the decrease was accounted for almost entirely by the fact that February had three fewer days than January. The figures show that daily expenditures for the two months are approximately the same.

The fact that the expenditures in February were no greater than those for January, however, is an encouraging sign, according to Dr. Morrison.

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Born

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Capps of Aroola on Wednesday, March 22, twin boys, William Earl and James Spencer.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Powell on Sunday night, March 26, a 12 1/4 pound son, Carlton Branch.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Shearin of Aroola on Sunday, March 26, a daughter, Bobbie Anne.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smiley of Wilson announce the birth of a daughter on March 24. Mr. and Mrs. Smiley are originally of Warrenton.

Other Old Coins Are Exhibited Here; Egerton Writes

Henry Montgomery of Warrenton joins the ranks of Warren citizens displaying old coins at the office of The Warren Record. One of the coins exhibited by Mr. Montgomery was a penny bearing date 1797, found at the old Largo place. He also exhibited an English shilling with the date worn off and an American quarter made in 1854.

B. T. Egerton of Lake Toxawa, N. C., a reader of The Warren Record for years, this week writes from Orange Lake, Florida, asking us to tell people of Warren that they will have "to dig up some older dates as I have two old coppers large size, 1802 and 1808, one dime 1836, one Spanish silver dollar, 1790, one 25 cent green back shin plaster and one Canadian, 25 cent paper shin plaster. Now if any one in good old Warren can beat this, then the old gray mare belongs to them."

Mr. Egerton said that he has had a fine time this winter at the Railroad men's club, has caught many fine jack and bass weighing from two to fifteen pounds and that he expects to return to North Carolina on April 20.

Interest in old coins has shown an increase since a few weeks ago when Parthenia Alston, a colored woman, exhibited at the office of The Warren Record a 10-cent piece of paper money, dated 1863. Since that time in addition to Mr. Montgomery H. C. Davis of Inez, J. T. Tucker of Macon and F. R. Bobbitt of Macon have brought old coins to this office.

Junior Order Forms Chapter Here With 54 Charter Members

With 54 charter members, a unit of the Junior Order United American Mechanics was installed here last Friday night under the guidance of C. F. Tankersley Jr., of Henderson, E. V. Harris of Tarboro and R. O. Snipes of Warrenton. The new fraternal organization will operate under the title of John Graham Council No. 164, named in honor of the late Professor John Graham.

The following officers have been elected and installed: W. H. Burroughs, Junior Past Counselor; J. C. Moore, Counselor; E. E. Gilliam, Vice Counselor; T. E. Frazier, Recording Secretary; P. E. Lewis, Assistant Recording Secretary; Dr. W. D. Rodgers Jr., Financial Secretary; J. T. Harris, Treasurer; E. C. Robertson, Conductor; A. B. Schlitter Jr., Warden; M. P. Powell, Inside Sentinel; E. H. Norris, Outside Sentinel; W. R. Baskerville, Chaplain; D. E. Hudgins, F. R. King and A. D. Pridden, Trustees.

The charter members are: Dr. W. D. Rogers, Jr., M. P. Powell, A. B. Schlitter, Jr., J. C. Moore, E. E. Gilliam, T. R. Frazier, W. R. Burroughs, D. E. Hudgins, A. D. Alston, M. P. Bottoms, C. W. Floyd, F. H. Neal, P. E. Lewis, J. B. Pritchard, R. D. Clark, V. B. Snipes, E. H. Norris, E. R. Patterson, Robert Riggan, W. R. Hight, T. W. Snipes, H. G. McDaniel, C. C. Snipes, D. C. Scott, R. F. King, R. C. Neal, Troy Hight, L. C. Snipes, J. T. Vaughan, G. W. Davis, J. T. Harris, W. R. Thompson, C. F. King, Otis Powell, W. G. Thacker, F. C. Robertson, A. D. Pridden, W. S. Newsome, W. R. Baskerville, W. S. Smiley, Howard Jones, Jr., S. W. Powell, Claude T. Bowers, W. M. Hester, R. F. Shields, L. M. Clark, A. C. Blalock, L. W. Hoffer, Sr., O. S. Pusey, E. G. Allen, M. C. House, Frank Serls Jr., Forrest Cheek.

LATE SNOW
Snow fell here for about an hour Saturday around noon time. The flakes melted as fast as they fell and the snow later turned into a drizzle of rain.

Carolina Makes Bid



Miss Benny Bainbridge of Asheville, N. C., has been selected to represent that commonwealth in the contest for Grand World's Fair in June. Cash prizes of \$5,000 and \$3,000 go to first and second places.

Relief Committee Busy Distributing Seed For Gardens

Jesse Gardner, head of the relief fund for Warren County, and his office force are busily engaged in giving out garden seed to the needy in the county. Mr. Gardner is planning to have each garden inspected once every two weeks, and for those who are not making a proper effort to raise a garden a red card will be placed on file and the person or persons will not receive any more aid from local charity.

Mr. Gardner also says that those who have procured government seed loans will not be provided with free garden seed from his department.

The county's shipment of garden seed from relief headquarters was received last week, and the work of distributing them to those in need has been going on since the seed were received.

There were 1200 packages of these garden seed received here. One package of the seed is sufficient to plant a one-acre garden including enough variety for both spring and fall gardens.

Later in the season, it is expected a canning project will be organized and additional aid and assistance given to those who need relief.

Allie G. Hayes, 64, Prominent Citizen, Buried Wednesday

Allie G. Hayes, well-known citizen of this county, was buried Wednesday afternoon at Mt. Auburn church at 2 o'clock. The services were in charge of the Rev. E. C. Durham of Warrenton and the Rev. B. C. Thompson of Norlina.

Mr. Hayes died suddenly at his home a few miles from Norlina on Tuesday morning. He was apparently in good health and his death came as a shock to friends. Angina pectoris was given as the cause of his death. He was 64 years of age.

Mr. Hayes was engaged in farming activities and was in the mercantile business.

He is survived by his widow; three sons, Wilbur Hayes of Emporia, Va., Frank Hayes of Richmond, Va., and Martin Hayes of Norlina; one daughter, Mrs. R. W. Regal of Emporia, Va.; and two brothers, Walter A. Hayes of near Norlina and Malvern H. Hayes of Wise.

Pallbearers were John Weldon Mayfield, Roy Hayes, Thomas Rooker, Vergil Hicks, Willie Martin and Boyd Mayfield.

One Whiskey Case Heard By Taylor

One whiskey case composed the docket brought before Judge W. W. Taylor for trial on Monday morning. Jone Walters, negro, pleaded guilty to manufacturing, possessing and transporting whiskey and was sent to the roads for a period of six months.

Negro Boy Held On Serious Charge

Frank Thomas, 15-year-old negro boy, was arrested this week by Deputy Robert Pinnell on a charge of attempting to assault a 9-year-old negro girl. The young negro was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate J. William Limer and bound over to Superior court.

BANK OF WARREN PAYS 10 PER CENT

Checks Amounting to \$19,000 Mailed to 911 Claimants On Thursday

WAS SECOND PAYMENT

Checks amounting to \$19,000 were mailed yesterday from the Bank of Warren to 911 claimants whose funds were on deposit in the local institution when it failed to open its doors on the morning of December 24, 1931. The checks mailed this week represent a 10 per cent payment on deposits.

The issuance of the checks to depositors yesterday marked the second payment that the bank has made since it closed. On December 1 the bank paid 20 per cent, turning loose \$36,600 to claimants. A total of \$57,600 is represented in the two payments.

Daylight Robber Gets Money From Lancaster's Store

Taking advantage of the momentary absence of the proprietor, a thief entered the store of W. R. Lancaster last Friday afternoon and stole between \$11 and \$15.

Mr. Lancaster had stepped out of his store to go to the post office and when he returned he saw a negro run out of the back door. Although he did not obtain a full description of the thief, Mr. Lancaster was able to furnish officers with a few details of the man's appearance.

This was the third daylight robbery that has occurred at Warrenton within the past few weeks. Recently a thief entered the store of Miss Mary Russell Burroughs during the lunch hour and escaped with around \$15 in cash and two weeks later the cotton office of J. M. Gardner was broken into while Mr. Gardner and Mr. Rodwell were at dinner. The thief failed in his efforts to get money from the cotton office.

Methodist Singing Class Appears Here Sunday Morning

The singing class of the Methodist Orphanage of Raleigh delighted one of the largest congregations ever assembled in the Methodist church here on Sunday morning. The children motored from Raleigh and were entertained for dinner in Warrenton homes. They left here for Oxford where they gave a concert Sunday night.

Before the program was begun, Rev. E. C. Durham welcomed the class to Warrenton and introduced Supt. A. S. Barges who expressed his pleasure at coming to Warrenton and spoke briefly on the conditions facing the home and the need for cooperation at this time to keep the orphanage operating without going into debt. Following Mr. Barnes' remarks, Rev. Durham introduced Mrs. Reeves, musical director, who was in charge of the children. Mrs. Reeves made a few remarks explaining the program.

Following Mrs. Reeves' remarks the five girls and one boy that composed the class gave a sacred concert embracing recitations, pantomime, and songs. Those present were impressed with the enunciation of the children, their stage bearing and the work being done by the orphanage.

An opportunity to contribute to the orphanage was given and a good sum was added to the institution funds as a result.

Senior Class To Present Play Here

The senior class of the John Graham High School will present a three act comedy, "Who Wouldn't Be Crazy," in the school auditorium Friday night, April 17, at 8 o'clock. The cast includes Margaret Flowers, heroine; Edward Miller, hero; and Hazel Davis, Anna Ridout, Lulu Alston Powell, Sally Davis, Rosalie Brown, Elizabeth Taylor, Mary Lee Gardner, Manley Martin, Thomas Welch, Dwight Durham, Horace Hunt, Roy Halthcock and J. T. Gupston Jr.

The play is being directed by Miss Morton, member of John Graham faculty.

Mr. M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer of the N. C. Cooperative Cotton Growers Association was in Warrenton Monday.