

BEER LICENSES BRING IN \$300

Commissioners Discuss Payment of Norlina School District Audit Bill

APPROVE ROAD LETTER

Warren county received \$300 in beer licenses on Monday as twelve merchants appeared before the board of county commissioners at their regular session here and paid \$25 each for the privilege of selling the newly legalized 3.2 beer.

Licenses were issued to Hotel Norlina; Hotel Warren; M. System, Warrenton; Pender Grocery Co., Warrenton; Puritan Cafe, Warrenton; Boyce Drug Co., Warrenton; Rufus C. Walters, Warrenton; Service Station, Norlina; Norlina Bus Station; Shell Filling Station, Littleton; A. & P. Store, Warrenton; W. L. Bizzelle, Norlina.

Commissioner W. H. Burroughs told members of the board that he had received several letters from A. M. Pullen & Co. in regard to payment of audit of books for the Norlina school district. The commissioners were under the impression that this order was to be paid for by the Norlina school committee, but the committee refused to put the item in its school budget.

In turn the commissioners refused to approve the district budget. The attorney general ruled that the county school administration should pay vouchers approved by the district committee. The board appointed John L. Skinner a representative to confer with members of the Norlina school board in regard to this matter in order to forestall legal action.

The board passed a resolution making it a condition precedent to settlement of back taxes by note that 1932 taxes would have to be paid in full.

Miss Lucy Leach, Welfare Officer, appeared before the board and stated that occasionally it was necessary for the Rocky Mount hospital to make X-Ray pictures of pauper patients sent there by Warrenton county and that the hospital requested that the county pay a minimum charge covering bare costs of such pictures. Commissioners Wall and Skinner voted to pay for this work. Commissioners Powell, Burroughs and Capps voted against such payment.

The commissioners approved a letter sent by W. N. Boyd, Warrenton business man, to the State highway commission asking that a toll bridge be constructed over the Roanoke river between Warrenton and Lawrenceville with R. F. C. funds. Mr. Boyd pointed out in his letter that for several years highway advocates had considered the eventual construction of a road from Raleigh north by way of Louisville, Warrenton and Lawrenceville, Va., to Petersburg. Such route, he said, would shorten distance between Raleigh and Petersburg from 20 to 30 miles and give considerable relief to U. S. Route 1, on which traffic is getting very heavy and will increase as business conditions improve.

Tom Parrish of Fork township, having lost one of his hands, was ordered exempted from the payment of poll tax until such order is rescinded. H. E. Whittemore was put on the outside pauper list at \$2 per month. Paul Robertson was also put on this list at \$2 per month.

H. C. Davis was employed to fix a drain pipe at the County Home at a cost of \$15. The board ordered that Mr. Davis be paid \$4.43 for additional work done at the County Home.

The board ordered that \$4 be appropriated for the burial of Clyde Dickerson of Sandy Creek township, a pauper, and that an identical amount be paid for the burial of J. E. Massenburg.

Bettie Williams and Wallace Hall were ordered placed on the outside pauper list at \$2 per month each. The board ordered that John C. Powell be paid \$3 to cover expense of carrying Mrs. Spencer West to the Rocky Mount hospital.

ENTERTAIN SENIORS

Mrs. B. N. de Foe-Wagner gave a hayride and wiener roast for the senior class of John Graham High School on Monday afternoon.

STAG DINNER

Master Bobby Peete celebrated his ninth birthday this week by entertaining a number of his friends at a stag dinner.

Mrs. J. E. Allen and children were visitors in Oxford on Tuesday afternoon.

DRIVER OF BEER TRUCK ARRESTED AT NORLINA BY STATE PATROLMAN

Fined \$5 and Taxed With Costs After Hearing Before Judge Taylor On Monday; Preliminary Trial Before Magistrate Pridgen Sunday Night

FOUR OTHER CASES ARE TRIED ON MONDAY

A truck load of beer halted at Norlina Saturday night by a member of the State Highway Patrol for failure to comply with North Carolina regulations was permitted to move towards South Carolina Tuesday morning after the driver of the truck had paid a fine of \$5 and costs in Warren County Recorder Court and produced a bill of lading that was satisfactory to the State policeman.

Transporting beer without the proper bill of lading, operating a truck with improper lights and bootlegging gasoline were the charges under which the driver of the vehicle, Victor Topkis, and his companion, Harry A. Drake, were arrested by the patrolman and run in to Warrenton. Here they were given a hearing before Magistrate Macy Pridgen who placed each of them under bond of \$1,000 to face trial before Judge W. W. Taylor in Recorder's court on Monday morning.

The men were unable to give

bond but were allowed to remain out of jail under the guard of Magistrate W. C. Fagg.

When their case was called on Monday morning John H. Kerr Jr., attorney for them, pointed out to the court that his clients were from Wilmington, Delaware, and that he was expecting evidence to arrive from their home on the 2 o'clock mail. He asked that the case be postponed until 3 o'clock and Judge Taylor complied with his request. Both the afternoon mails failed to produce the letter containing the evidence and Mr. Kerr asked that the case be continued until the following morning. Solicitor Daniels objected to a special session of court on Tuesday, stating that he had to be in Halifax court on that date. The case was called.

Topkis, Mr. Kerr pointed out, was owner and operator of the truck and Drake was merely accompanying him on the trip down (Continued on page 3)

Final Exercises To Be Held In Eight School Tonight

Graduating exercises will be held today and tonight in six white and two negro schools of the Warren county system.

This morning at 9:30 o'clock Education Day exercises will be held at the Wise school, followed by a basketball game between the Wise and Drewry schools at 11 o'clock.

Robert B. House, executive secretary of the University of North Carolina, will deliver the commencement address at the John Graham high school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. At the same hour Prof. F. W. Timberlake of Wake Forest College will speak at the Norlina school auditorium.

Graduating exercises at Macon and at Vaughan will be held tonight at 8 o'clock.

Promotional exercises will be held at the Afton-Elberon consolidated school tonight at 8 o'clock, when Dr. H. A. Ellis of Henderson will deliver an address.

Final exercises will be held at the Warren County Training school, negro school at Wise, and the John R. Hawkins negro school at Warrenton tonight at 8 o'clock. The literary address for the Hawkins school will be delivered by Dr. G. C. Shaw, principal Mary Potter school, Oxford.

The Rev. H. A. Ellis of Henderson will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the Littleton school auditorium on Sunday morning, May 7, at 11 o'clock. A musical recital will be held at the school on Tuesday night and on the following evening at 8 o'clock class day exercises will be held. Final exercises will be held on next Friday night when Hcn. W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland will deliver the commencement address.

The baccalaureate sermon for the Drewry school will be delivered on Sunday evening, May 7, at 8 o'clock by the Rev. H. A. Ellis of Henderson. Grade exercises will be held at this school on Thursday, May 11, at 8 o'clock, and seventh grade promotional exercises will be held Friday evening, May 12, at 8 o'clock when Prof. A. C. Reid of Wake Forest College will deliver the literary address.

Miss Mary Gardner Is Valedictorian

Miss Mary Lee Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Gardner has won the distinction of delivering the Valedictory address for the class of 1933 of John Graham High School. The honor is conferred for the highest average in scholarship during the four high school years.

Miss Kathleen Capps of Arcola was valedictorian of last year's class, and Miss Mabel Carroll of Warren Plains was the choice two years ago.

TO ENTERTAIN

Mesdames E. C. Durham, Sydney Overby and T. B. Gardner will entertain the senior class and teachers of John Graham High School in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Wood tonight, immediately following the school administration purposes.

graduating exercises.

Milam Palmer, Dies At Norlina As Result Heart Attack

Funeral services for Henry Milam Palmer, for 19 years a mail carrier working out of Norlina, were conducted from the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. D. Palmer, of Warrenton, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. B. C. Thompson, pastor of the Norlina Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. E. C. Durham, pastor of the Warrenton Methodist Church, and Dr. J. T. Gibbs, retired Methodist minister of Warrenton. Interment took place in the old Palmer cemetery at Six Pound, with members of the Norlina Council of the Junior Order taking part in the final rites.

Mr. Palmer died at the Norlina Hotel, where he made his home, on Monday morning about 2 o'clock following a heart attack which he suffered Saturday night. He was 48 years of age and apparently had enjoyed good health for the past few years, although his health was (Continued on page 8)

Allen Characterizes Machinery Bill As Blow At School System; Gives Synopsis Of Outstanding Features of Measure

Characterizing the Griffin-MacLean School Machinery bill introduced in the Senate Wednesday as a blow at the public school system of the State, J. Edward Allen, Superintendent of Warren county schools, yesterday gave this newspaper a synopsis of outstanding features of this measure as prepared from a copy of the bill sent to him by the N. C. E. A. legislative committee.

Some features of the bill are good, but the majority are bad, Mr. Allen said, adding, "It is our frank opinion that should this measure be enacted into law it would do more to destroy the school system which we have spent 50 years in building than anything that could be done by this legislature."

Outstanding features of the bill listed by Mr. Allen are:

"1. The State Board of Equalization is abolished and a State School Commission is provided in its place to operate schools for 160 days, if a county and district request that term.

"2. All present districts are abolished and no taxes may be levied in them for school operation. New districts are to be set up and new members of committees for these, as of May 1st, 1933.

"3. No high school may be operated with less than 80 high school pupils in average attendance and charters are to be abolished where the school population is less than 2000.

"4. Where districts have issued bonds these are to be known as 'special bond tax units' and no other local taxes are to be collected.

"5. The basal salaries of county superintendents would be \$1,400.00 and determined by the number of teachers.

"6. The State School Commission could take parts of one county and annex to another county for school administration purposes.

"7. Special taxes for agriculture

HOUSE SPEAKS HERE TONIGHT

Graduation Exercises To Be Held In School Auditorium at 8 o'clock

REV. WAGNER PREACHES

Robert B. House, executive secretary of the University of North Carolina, will deliver the commencement address to members of the graduating class of John Graham high school in the school auditorium here tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mr. House, a graduate of the old John Graham school, has spoken here on several occasions and it is expected that citizens from all over the county will be present to hear him and to witness the 39 members of the graduating class receive their diplomas.

Members of the graduating class are Vera Bowden, Sally Davis, Mary Lee Gardner, Ruth Gupion, Lucille Harris, Rachel King, Lottie Neal, Selma Overby, Anna Ridout, Rosalie Brown, Hazel Davis, Eula Evans, Lillian Gupion, Estelle Hamlet, Dorothy Hoffer, Hazel Limer, Ethlyn Odum, Lula Powell, Annie Short, Rivers Riggan, Elizabeth Taylor, Ethel Thompson, Elizabeth Vaughan, Dwight Durham, J. T. Gupion, Horace Hunt, Maurice Limer, Edward Miller, Eva Tharrington, Susie Thompson, Elizabeth Wagner, Frederick Gupion, Roy Heathcock, Lee King, Manley Martin, Allen Peoples, Walter Shearin, Eden Tharrington, Thomas Welch.

WAGNER PREACHES AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Choosing as his text the psalm, "We spend our years as a tale that is told," the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, Episcopal minister, delivered the commencement sermon in the John Graham high school auditorium on Sunday night at 8 o'clock to an audience that filled the room to its capacity.

Invocation was pronounced by the Rev. E. C. Durham, Methodist minister. Scripture reading by Mr. Wagner was from St. Paul. Dr. J. T. Gibbs, Methodist minister, pronounced the benediction.

After briefly sketching the story of Moses' leadership of the children of Israel, Mr. Wagner used the Shakespearean thought that all life's a stage upon which each is called to play his part, to carry his message. He divided his talk into four parts, the prologue, the play, (Continued on page 3)

BLUE MOLD REPORTED RAPIDLY SPREADING OVER WARREN COUNTY

Ambassador To Cuba



Promotion came fast for Sumner Welles of Maryland. No sooner installed as Assistant Secretary of State than President Roosevelt nominated him to be Ambassador to Cuba.

Beauty Pageant To Be Held Here On Next Thursday

Thirty-four women from this county have been chosen by business houses as their representatives in the Beauty Pageant which is to be held in the auditorium of the John Graham High School on next Thursday night, May 11, under the auspices of Limer Post No. 25 of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary.

The fair lady who is voted the county's most beautiful is to be titled "Miss Warren" and will be eligible to take part in the State Beauty Pageant which is to be staged in Wilmington August 18-19. The winner in the State-wide contest will be designated "Miss North Carolina" and will be given a free trip to the World's Fair in Chicago during the 1933 National Convention of the American Legion.

The pageant will get underway in the local school house at 8 o'clock when the county's paragon will be ushered across the stage to win favor in the eyes of the judges. Mrs. Claude Bowers, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said that all the details of the pageant had not been completed but she expected that the judges will come from foreign parts.

In addition to gazing upon some of the county's winsome faces, there will be other entertainment. Mrs. W. D. Rodgers has been selected to provide a musical program and she has arranged for singing and dancing. There will be tap dancing by Miss Sara Busbee of Raleigh, who will bring with her a pianist and several of her dancing pupils, piano music by Miss Drusa Walker, a ladies' and men's quartet composed of Mrs. A. J. Ellington, Miss Mamie Gardner, Mrs. Herman Rodwell, Mrs. Wallace Mustian, S. O. Nunn, John Henderson, Alfred Williams and Walter Gardner. Richard Jones and Mrs. Humming Topleman of Henderson are also chosen artists for the occasion.

The ladies who will take part in the pageant and the business firms sponsoring them are as follows:

Miss Anna Ridout, W. A. Miles Hardware Co.; Miss Margaret Brown, Warrenton Grocery Co.; Miss Grace Wagner, Sanitary Barber Shop; Miss Vivian Person, Citizens Insurance and Bonding Co.; Miss Sara Howard Ward, Hotel Warren; Mrs. A. J. Ellington, J. A. Pipkin, jeweler; Miss Mary Lee Gardner, Warrenton Insurance Agency—Simon Gardner, Mgr.; Miss Ruth Gupion, A. & P. Co.; Miss Loyce McCord, Hunter Drug Co.; Miss Elvina Robertson, Puritan Cafe; Miss Louise Watkins, Imperial Theatre; Mrs. Claude Bowers, Boyce Drug Co.; Miss Mary Terrell, Carolina Power & Light Co.; Miss Alvis Kidd, The Salvage Store; Mrs. Julius Banzet, "M" System; Miss Mabel Howell, The Spot Store; Miss Iris Lee White, Rogers Store; Miss Margaret Flowers, Boyce Motor Service; Miss Katherine Burns, Jackson & Tucker; Miss Ann Scoggin, Burroughs Grocery Co.; Miss Louise Hawks, Warrenton Dept. Store; Miss Elizabeth Rodwell, W. H. Dameron & Co.; Miss Margaret Kidd, W. L. Wood, flour and feed agent; Miss Helen Reid, Gilliam Auto Co.; Miss Rose Kimball, Texaco Co.; Miss Winifred Johnson, Peck Manufacturing Co.; Miss Katherine Baxter, Service Shoe Repair Shop; Mrs. Erwin Adams, Warrenton Service Station; Miss Maxine Drake, Citizens Bank; Miss (Continued on page 8)

Believe Disease Will Not Prove To Be As Serious As It Was Last Year

PLANTS READY TO SET

Blue mold, bane of tobacco plant beds, has made its appearance in various sections of Warren county. The dread disease that afflicts the young tobacco plants has been reported in Nutbush, Smith Creek, Sandy Creek and other townships and it is believed that it is spreading over the entire county.

Those who are in touch with the situation are of the opinion that the disease will not prove as disastrous to the plants this year as it did in 1932 due to the fact that the plants are practically grown now and will be set out within the next few days.

No Gala Celebration At Warrenton As Beer Comes Back

Warrentonians held no gala celebration for the return of beer but quietly accepted the legal flow of the amber-colored beverage with more than the usual crowd down town from early Sunday night until after 12 o'clock, when bottles and glasses were passed over the counter to thirsty customers.

Within an hour or two after the foamy broth had been made legal in this State for the first time in 25 years, those who had anxiously awaited the return of the beverage had blown the suds from a glass or so and gone their way. There was no blowing of the siren here nor tooting of automobile horns in the way of celebration and the town was quiet and orderly throughout the night. In fact, there was not much ado about it; those who wanted a glass or bottle of beer came and got it, talked a few minutes, and left.

The beer sold and still is selling for 20 and 25 cents a bottle. The draught beer is being sold for 10 cents a glass.

There is a difference of opinion about 3.2. Some have expressed disappointment in regard to the new beverage while others say that it is as good as it ever was. All are of the opinion that the price of beer will have to drop considerably before much of it is sold.

L. J. Banzet, 57, Buried At Ridgeway

Funeral services for Leon J. Banzet of Leesburg, Fla., were conducted from the home of his brother, Julius Banzet of Ridgeway, yesterday morning at 10:45 o'clock by the Rev. B. C. Thompson pastor of the Norlina Methodist church, and the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal church at Warrenton and Good Shepherd church at Ridgeway. Interment took place in the cemetery of Good Shepherd church.

Mr. Banzet died in Leesburg, Fla., on Monday with anjina pectoris. He was 57 years of age and his health had been declining for some time. He had been living in Florida for about fourteen years where he was in the insurance business. In addition to his one brother, he is survived by his wife.

Pallbearers were W. C. Mabry, Plummer Collins, H. H. Grant, Edward Petar, Paul Brauer and J. A. Meeder.

Juniors Present Flag And Bible Drewry

The exercises held in the Drewry school house on Sunday afternoon when a Bible and flag were presented the school by the John Graham Council of the Junior Order and the Norlina Council of the Junior Order were witnessed by 200 or more people. In the crowd were representatives of various sections of the county, with the majority coming from Nutbush township.

The exercises, which got under way a few minutes after 3 o'clock and lasted for about an hour, were presided over by C. F. Tankersley Jr. of Henderson, district deputy, and the gifts from the two Junior Order Councils were presented by T. P. and Waddell Gholson, Henderson attorneys, and members of the Raymond B. Crabtree Council of the Junior Order. Acceptance was by Mrs. William Kimball and J. C. Stabler, principal of the school.

A few verses from the Bible were (Continued on page 8)

TOWN GOVERNED BY NEW BOARD

Newly Elected Officials Take Oath of Office; Question Of Tree Is Halted

PAINT CLAIM UNSETTLED

Warrenton is being governed by the new board of commissioners elected here on Tuesday. Oath of office was administered in the commissioners room on Tuesday night by Mrs. Mary E. Grant, notary public, after the old board had met as a canvassing board and received the election returns.

Members of the new board are H. W. Rodwell, W. Pryor Rodwell, W. C. Bobbitt, J. B. Boyce, M. T. Pridgen, A. A. Williams and G. R. Scoggin.

Members of the old board who completed their term of office on Tuesday night were Frank Serls Sr., W. R. Strickland, H. A. Moseley, E. E. Gillam, J. B. Massenburg, and J. E. Rooker Sr. Mr. Serls and Mr. Moseley had served as commissioners for about 25 years; Mr. Rooker for about 18 years. Herman Rodwell was the only member of the old board to be retained. Frank H. Gibbs was re-elected Mayor. He has served continuously in this office since May 1920.

After the new board had been sworn in Mayor Gibbs appointed committees as follows:

Water—J. B. Boyce, chairman; W. C. Bobbitt, H. W. Rodwell.

Street—W. P. Rodwell, chairman; G. R. Scoggin, A. A. Williams.

Finance—H. W. Rodwell, chairman, A. A. Williams, W. P. Rodwell.

Fire—G. R. Scoggin, chairman; M. T. Pridgen.

No official action was taken by the board except to approve bills for the registrar and judges of the town election. Unofficially Mayor Gibbs was asked not to sign an order condemning a tree on Wilcox avenue as ordered by the old board the previous night. The board remained in session for some length requesting information from Mayor Gibbs as to the status of several affairs of the town.

The final meeting of the old board on Monday night was a lengthy one with two controversial questions coming before the members. H. C. Montgomery appealed from a decision of the street committee regarding damages caused to his home by paint splashing from the recently painted town water tank. Citizens on Wilcox avenue sent in a petition asking that the street committee not be allowed to cut down a tree on that street. Other matters were of a routine nature. Considerable discussion was indulged in as to when the old board was to go out of office and when the new board was to begin to function. This was not clearly stated in the town charter. Reference to minutes covering several years showed that it had been customary for new members to qualify shortly after being elected. A new condition had arisen in the present case, however, in that practically a new board had been elected for the first time in more than a score of years, leaving unfinished business to be transacted, namely the street work on Wilcox Avenue and the Montgomery claim.

Mr. Montgomery explained to the board that in painting the town tank that red and aluminum paint had splashed on the roof of his home, one side of his house, the porch and the porch railing. He said that he had obtained estimates as to the cost of painting the roof, front and two sides of his house and the porch, the price being \$50.

W. R. Strickland, chairman of the water committee, said that the tank had been painted by contract and that the town was not legally responsible for the damage, but under the circumstances he thought that the property owner should be given some compensation, but nothing like the amount asked by Mr. Montgomery. Asked what he would suggest, Mr. Strickland replied that the figure he had in mind was so small in comparison with Mr. Montgomery's claim, that it would sound ridiculous to him. He asked that the board inspect the property before rendering a decision. This was satisfactory to Mr. Montgomery. Before this action could be taken the new board qualified and succeeded the old commissioners.

A petition handed in by Mayor Gibbs at the request of W. M. Gardner, property owner on Wilcox Avenue, and bearing the names of (Continued on page 3)