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TOWN BOARD IN LENGTHY SESSION

Commissioners Discuss Railroad And Hotel; Merchants Ask For Extra Policeman

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Meeting in a four hour session here on Monday night the board of town commissioners heard a delegation of merchants and citizens discussed railroad and hotel affairs and approved a tentative budget.

Headed by C. P. Allen, Ben Hilliard and H. A. Moseley, the merchants asked that an item be included in the budget to pay the salary of an extra night police officer, if such inclusion did not call for an increase in the tax rate. The salary of the extra officer, \$50 a month, has been paid by contributions of merchants.

The board, in studying the tentative budget, held that the salary of the extra officer could not be included without increasing the tax rate, unless definite funds were assured from the railroad company, and deferred action until after the stockholders meeting of the railroad on Tuesday afternoon. Definite action on this proposal will probably be taken on the 24th of this month when the board meets to approve the budget and fix the tax rate.

The board ordered that the police telephone located on Main street, be discontinued.

M. C. McGuire appeared before the board to ask that the action of the board in naming T. B. Gardner town clerk and secretary-treasurer be re-opened and that this position be given to Mrs. L. B. Bede, former clerk. No action was taken.

The board unanimously voted to change its instructions to the Warren Railroad Company at the stockholders meetings, so as to make their recommendations in the form of a request or suggestion rather than a demand. It was stated that reason for the action was that the directors of the company had not legally and faithfully served on this board for many years, and the commissioners did not wish to cause them unnecessary embarrassment.

A. D. Harris Jr., owner of stores in Warrenton, asked the commissioners to change the privilege tax on merchants wishing to engage in business here from a flat rate of 10 per cent of their stock. He said that the present ordinance worked an undue hardship upon those wishing to rent stores. No action was taken by the board upon this matter.

The commissioners approved the employment of A. M. Pullen and C. S. Auditors of the town's books at a fee of \$120.

The water committee reported that they had turned over to Henry Montgomery \$40 in full settlement of damages claimed for paint falling from the tank upon his home.

The tentative budget approved by the commissioners provided for a deficit of approximately \$900, based on a tax rate of \$100. A proposal from the Railroad Company might possibly take care of this item, it was stated, but the commissioners were unwilling to place any amount from this source in the budget until it could be definitely decided that it could be paid by the railroad company. Otherwise the deficit will be taken care of out of surplus. The commissioners expressed themselves as favoring a \$1 rate. Valuations have been reduced 25 per cent in keeping with county actions.

The resignation of W. P. Rodwell, a member of the board was accepted with expressions of regret. A successor was named, the members of the board stating that they intended to give further consideration to the matter.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Church services for Ridgeway and Warrenton were announced yesterday by Rev. B. N. de Foe, Episcopalian minister. The Rev. Mr. Wagner said that services would be held at Good Shepherd Sunday morning at 9 o'clock and at Emmanuel Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Rufus Jones spent Thursday in Oxford.

Warrenton Has \$98,000 Invested In Hotel Warren

Warrenton has an actual investment of \$98,000 in Hotel Warren and in addition is due three year's taxes upon the property, Mayor Frank H. Gibbs told members of the board of town commissioners at their regular meeting here on Monday night.

Mayor Gibbs said that the town originally contemplated the building of a \$40,000 hotel, the town to pay half and private citizens to pay half. Town bonds were issued for \$20,000, bearing 5 per cent interest, payable \$1,000 for 20 years. Private citizens paid in slightly more than \$17,000.

When it was found that the hotel was going to cost more than the original estimate, the town issued bonds for \$74,000, bearing 6 per cent interest, and bought \$74,000 worth of preferred stock in the hotel.

In 1924 the directors of the Hotel Corporation decided to build an annex to the hotel and issued \$30,000 worth of mortgage bonds. The town bought in \$4,000 worth of these bonds. In addition Mayor Gibbs said that there was about \$10,000 worth of open notes against the hotel.

The town's total investment in the hotel is \$98,000. In addition the town is due taxes upon the property for the last three years, totaling more than \$10,000.

Seven thousand dollars remains to be paid on the original \$20,000 bond issue, and \$54,000 on the second bond issue.

The commissioners took no action on the hotel question, stating that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the stockholders. No one present knew when this would be.

T. D. King, 76, Found Dead In A Pasture Near Home

Funeral services for Thomas David King, 76, who was found dead Saturday afternoon near his home about six miles from Littleton, were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. Rufus A. Bradley conducting the service. Interment followed in Sunset Hill cemetery. Mr. King suffered a heart attack. He had been in ill health for the past few years. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. Annie Johnston, Mrs. Lizzie Pulley and Mrs. R. G. Newsom of Littleton and Howard King of Roanoke Rapids.

The pallbearers were W. H. Johnston, J. L. Price, R. W. Thornton, Sam King, J. L. Johnston and E. C. Bobbitt.

Mr. King left his home early Saturday morning to bring some cows up from the pasture. He was expected to return for breakfast. When he failed to return by noon, a search was started. His body was discovered by two colored boys, Arthur Clanton and Arthur Davis.

Edward Petar, coroner, after an investigation, held that Mr. King's death was due to natural causes, probably heart failure. Howard King, R. A. King, H. A. Hunt and other citizens concurred with Mr. Petar. No inquest was deemed necessary.

HEBRON AND MACON REVIVAL

The week following third Sunday in July a series of revival services will be held at both Hebron and Macon Methodist churches. A service will be held each afternoon at Hebron and each night at Macon. Rev. H. M. Johnson, a recent graduate of the School of Religion at Duke University, will be the preacher assisting Rev. E. C. Durham, the pastor. Two preparatory services will be held at Macon church on Thursday and Friday nights of next week.

SERVICE FOR YOUNG FOLKS

At the Methodist church Sunday night Rev. E. C. Durham, the pastor, will preach a sermon with young people and their life work especially in mind. The subject will be: "What Shall Be Your Life Work". The Rev. Mr. Durham said that he would like to help as many young people in the community as possible with this message. All young people are invited to the service, and their parents are also invited.

COUNTY TO BUILD TWO PAVILIONS

Dr. Hunter Says Buildings Needed At County Home For T. B. Patients

BOARD HAS QUIET DAY

The Board of county commissioners at their regular meeting at Warrenton on Monday authorized the construction of two tubercular pavilions at the county home.

This action was taken after Dr. Frank P. Hunter, county physician, had appeared before the board and explained the need for such buildings. The cost of such constructions was estimated to be small, and Dr. Hunter said were badly needed. He was instructed to write to the North Carolina sanatorium for specifications. Work is to be started as soon as plans are received.

The meeting of the board on Monday was one of the lightest of the year with few citizens present during the day. Approval of vouchers and about a dozen items of business were transacted and the board adjourned early in the afternoon.

R. L. Pruden was exempted from the payment of a privilege license to sell goods in Warren county. Mr. Pruden is a veteran of the World's War, a former native of Warren, now living in Wake Forest and traveling through Warren and other counties in this section.

The board ordered that the walls and ceilings of the office of Miss Lucy Leach, Welfare Officer, be painted at a cost not to exceed \$5. The county is to pay for the paint. Work is to be done through the local office of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

C. E. Jackson of Warrenton was given a reduction to \$6 an acre on 111 acres of land in Shocco township. The board reduced the valuation of Dr. C. H. Peete's home place \$1,000. Twenty-five acres of land in Judkins township, property of Mrs. Sallie Thompson, was reduced to \$200.

Under the law the Board of commissioners is required to see as a board of review and equalization to hear complaints of taxpayers from the third Monday in June through the first Monday in July. It was pointed out at the meeting on Monday that after that day no other reductions could be given this year except in cases of extraordinary circumstances, such as removal of timber, destruction of buildings, etc.

J. R. Byrd of Roanoke township and Stephen Alston of Pork township were each placed on the outside pauper list at \$2 per month.

Dr. W. D. Rodgers appeared before the board with letters from Judge Frank Daniels and from Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn holding that he was entitled to his full pay as an expert witness in cases in the May term of Superior court. Under the law witnesses in cases in which the defendants are insolvent are only paid half the usual witness fees. Dr. Rodgers told the members at their June meeting that he did not think the law applied to him as an expert witness. The board told him that the attorney general had ruled in a case of Dr. G. H. Macon's that he was entitled to full pay.

Baptist Sunday Schools To Meet

The Warren County Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held at the Littleton Baptist church on Sunday, July 30. J. Willie White, secretary, announced yesterday. Mr. White stated that an interesting and instructive program had been prepared and that a large crowd was anticipated. All delegates are expected to bring dinner.

The convention was to be held the 5th. Sunday in May but due to the fact that the schools over the county were holding their closing exercises at that time, it was decided to postpone the meeting until the last Sunday in July.

"Inasmuch as we have not had a meeting in a long time, we want as big a crowd as possible on hand for the meeting at Littleton on July 30," the secretary said.

Miss Sarah Macon spent Thursday in Oxford and Stovall.

Six Face Judge On Larceny And Whiskey Charges

Whiskey and larceny were the charges that brought six defendants before Judge W. W. Taylor in Recorder's Court on Monday morning. Although there was a jury trial and a comparatively heavy docket, not any of the cases required a great deal of time and court adjourned before 1 o'clock.

A jury decided that Charlie Wortham was guilty of manufacturing whiskey after Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and Deputy Lawrence Robertson had gone on the stand and testified that they saw the negro sitting at a still which was running at full blast. Last week a jury was unable to agree and a new trial was set for this week. Wortham claimed that it was a case of mistaken identity. He denied any knowledge of the still, which was a short distance from his home, and stated that he was in Warrenton the day the officers raided the outfit. Judge Taylor said four months in jail, assigned to work the roads.

Accused of stealing chickens from J. V. Allen, Claude Grissom and B. W. Wynn were brought into court to face trial on a larceny count. Mr. Allen testified that he heard somebody after his chickens, got his shotgun and fired, and the next morning he missed two hens and found tracks leading from his poultry yard. The State then put Jim Henderson, negro who seemed to have a hard time in hearing and making himself heard, on the stand. He testified that Wynn and Grissom got him drunk and carried him to Mr. Allen's home where they stole three chickens. On cross examination, the negro admitted that he was half drunk the next morning and had to ask some one to tell him the way home. He seemed to be in a daze as he was testifying and after he finished his story John H. Kerr Jr., attorney for the defendants, moved for a non-suit. His request not being granted, Mr. Kerr called half a dozen or more witnesses and sent Grissom to the witness chair. Grissom testified that he was at his home from sundown to sunup the night the alleged robbery occurred and that Wynn and his wife were at his home during the hours that Henderson had testified the chickens were stolen. After his story had been sufficiently substantiated, Solicitor Daniels announced that he would not press the charges any further and a verdict of not guilty was written on the court docket under the names of the defendants.

C. F. Vicker was fined \$50 and taxed with court costs for operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey. He was arrested by Highway Patrolman W. F. Bailey and plead guilty to the charge.

Anderson Williams, negro who was mixing white lightning with his religion, was brought into court to face charges of possessing whiskey and being drunk on church grounds. He was arrested by Sheriff Pinnell a short distance from the church during an intermission. The officer testified that Wortham was not on the church property at the time he took a drink and that he reacted to the fluid by dancing around. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs and provided the negro remain of good behavior for a period of two years.

Walter Rodwell, negro, was found guilty of possessing and transporting whiskey. Judge Taylor gave the defendant a 30-day road sentence, suspended provided he pay court costs.

Company B To Entrain For Camp On Saturday

Warren county's military unit, B of Warrenton, entrains here Saturday morning at 12 o'clock for Camp Glenn for the regular summer training period of two weeks. Sixty-seven men are expected to fall in at the command of Capt. Claude T. Bowers. The men are called to Warrenton at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, and will leave the armory about 11 o'clock for the depot.

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Privates: Charles G. Floyd, Roy W. Heathcock, Worth B. Heathcock, Ernest M. Jones, Willie J. King, Ollie C. Leonard, Ernest M. McKessick, Curtis E. Mustian, Norman H. Newell, Thomas G. Overby, Walter Parrish, James Peoples, Solon Peoples, Jack Riggan, Herbert Tucker, Major Wynn, William Aycock, Paul Bell, Bernard Bowling, Melvin Choplin, Bernard Connor, Andrew Dowell, Henry Fitts, George Floyd, William Galloway, Lowell Harris, James Hawks, Waverly Hawks, Clarence Hayes, Robert King, Robert Lancaster, Jesse Lynch, Graham Morris, Arthur Moseley, Robert Newman, Charles Overby, William Overby, Joseph Parrott, Silas Perkins, Elmer Powers, Forrest Pridgen, David Rodwell, Charles Terrell, Robert Tharrington, Edward Throckmorton, Jake Wagner, Romeo Williams.

South Boston Wins Over Warrenton

South Boston walked away with the heavy side of a 15-30 count there on the fourth in a golf match with Warrenton. Honors of the day went to Edward Hall who is credited with being the only member of the Warrenton team to win all of the possible three points. Following the match the South Boston club was host to Warrenton players at a Brunswick stew.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brasher, Mrs. H. C. Ruth and Miss Katherine Hicks of Raleigh spent the fourth with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hicks.

Mrs. T. J. Holt entertained her club Thursday morning.

DRUNK CRAZED MAN BEATS THREE

Register of Deeds Joe Powell In Bed As Result Of An Assault Tuesday Night

MOORE IS HELD IN JAIL

Three people were pounced upon on the streets of Warrenton Tuesday night between 11 and 12 o'clock and beat with a club across the head and body by a man who claimed the next morning that he was crazed from drink and was unaware of the fact that he had committed any crime.

Register of Deeds Joseph C. Powell was the first victim of the secret assault. He was walking down Main street when a man stepped from the shadows of a building and seized him in the collar. Mr. Powell asked his assailant what did he mean and the man uttered an oath and replied that he was going to kill him.

One blow across the head from the club the man carried knocked the register of deeds to his knees. Another sent him all the way to the pavement. As Mr. Powell squirmed the man raised his club and was preparing to come down with the force of both of his arms when George Robinson, theatre employee, rushed to the scene. The assailant ran behind a building and disappeared into the night air.

Mr. Powell was picked up by friends who gathered in a moment and given medical attention by Dr. G. H. Macon. He is at his home here with two bad wounds on his head, and it was said that he

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Wise Baptist To Gather On July 30

Wise, July 6.—The Wise Baptist church will observe home coming day on Sunday, July 30, at 11 o'clock, it was learned here today. Everyone, especially all former parents and members are cordially invited to be present and help make the day a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Whorton Moore and Miss Elizabeth Lee and Mr. Glen Coan were week end visitors in the home of Mrs. N. M. Palmer.

Cuts Pay

The board of town commissioners on Monday night cut pay of its members from \$3.60 per meeting to \$2.70 per meeting.

At the June meeting of the board the members increased their pay from \$3.00 to \$3.60 per meeting. It was stated at the meeting Monday that in fixing their salary the previous month that the members were under the impression that the \$3.60 was a 10 per cent reduction of the \$4 allowed under the town charter. Subsequent to the meeting it was pointed out that the members of the old board had not been receiving but \$3 a meeting. The board, in asking for the reduction, said that its members wanted to take the same reduction as was voluntarily taken by the Mayor at the June meeting.

Warren School Districts Reduced From 16 to 7

Sixteen school districts of Warren county have been consolidated into seven administrative districts by the State School Commission, it was learned yesterday at the office of the superintendent of schools.

The Board of Education will meet this morning at 10 o'clock to elect school committeemen for the new districts. These new committees will elect teachers as soon as the commission determines the number of teachers to be allowed the schools in their respective districts, Mr. Allen said.

New districts are numbered as follows:

1. Warrenton, Arcola and Inez.
2. Afton-Elberon.
3. Drewry.
4. Norlina.
5. Wise.
6. Macon and Vaughan.
7. Littleton.

Under the consolidation plan Arcola, Inez and Warren Plains are added to Warrenton; Epworth to Littleton; Oine to Norlina; Embro, Vaughan, Churchill, Roanoke and River township north of Vaughan added to Macon; Afton-Elberon district is enlarged to include all Sandy Creek and Shocco township. Drewry and Wise districts are unchanged.

The few districts are administrative districts and committees will probably be named to give a wider geographic representation, Mr. Allen said. Decreasing number of administrative districts does not necessarily decrease the number of schools in the district, according to the superintendent. Consolidation of schools are in the absolute jurisdiction of the State School Commission.

Wise Canning Club Meets On Monday

WISE, July 5.—The Wise canning club met at the school building at 3 o'clock on Monday for a demonstration in canning vegetables. String beans, squash, blackberries and peaches were canned.

The following ladies were present and very much interested: Mesdames M. A. Paynter, Tom Salmon, Ollie Young, J. W. King, W. L. Perkinson, W. M. Rochelle, J. C. Collins, Mary Bolton, O. J. Salmon, Seth Shearin, Gid Stephenson, J. W. Whitmore, J. R. Sammon, Malvern Young, Tom Young, O. W. Felts, E. J. Perkinson, Sterling Perkinson, T. H. White, Malvern White, Lucy White, H. Evans Coleman; Misses Carrie Dunn, Emily Milam, Lucile King, Lillian Salmon, Catherine Paynter, Florence Belle Michael, Florrie Perkinson, Lizzie Perkinson and Virginia Salmon.

A large crowd is hoped for at the next meeting which will be held on Monday at 1 o'clock. The club is anxious to help every one who needs it, so come and let us work together for the betterment of our community. We are anxious to have Mr. Jesse Gardner visit us at one of our meetings.

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INTEREST GROWS REDUCTION PLAN

Believe Warren Will Reach Quota Provided Time Limit Is Extended

8,056 ACRES IS THE GOAL

Farmers of Warren are looking with more favor upon the government's plan to reduce cotton acreage through the use of the plow than they did a few days ago, and provided the time limit is extended this county will reach its quota.

That is the opinion being voiced by committee members who have been holding meetings in all sections of the county explaining the plan and giving farmers an opportunity to sign the reduction agreement contracts.

Jerman Walker said yesterday that there had been a decided increase in the past day or so in the number of producers who had expressed their willingness to plow up part of their cotton for the compensation that they would receive from the government. "We have just gotten our machinery running smoothly and if the government extends the time limit a few days longer we will reach our quota," he said.

Warren county's quota has been set at 8,056 acres to be plowed under. Although the county has reached less than 20 per cent of this quota, members of the committees are optimistic due to the fact that each day has brought a decided increase in the number of those who have expressed their desire to come in on the plan. The first day members of the committee went out with the contracts they found farmers who were willing to plow up a total of 56 acres. The second day ended with 59 acres being contracted to go under, and the third day the number of acres went to 73. The next day the number

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Mrs. Katzenstein Dies At Home At Warren Plains

Mrs. Leah Katzenstein, widow of the late Alex Katzenstein, died at her home at Warren Plains Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock. She was 75 years old and had been an invalid for some time.

Funeral services were held from the home Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment followed in the Katzenstein cemetery near Warrenton.

Mrs. Katzenstein is survived by one daughter, Miss Selma Katzenstein of Warren Plains, and one son, Charles Katzenstein of New York.

Halifax Boy Given Award For Bravery

LOUISBURG, July 5.—Lieut. Robert Patterson, who is a native of North Carolina, has been notified that he has been awarded the Purple Heart for bravery in action, October 29, 1918, while serving as a first lieutenant in the 12th Aero Squadron.

Lieutenant Patterson was born 35 miles from Louisburg, in Halifax county, and went with his parents to Wisconsin while still a youth, but now resides in Havre, Mont. His father, R. A. Patterson, was resident agent of a Chippewa tribe of 750 Indians on the Red River Reservation, Odnah, Wis., for 20 years. Patterson is a nephew of a Franklin county man, George Manning, of Ingleside, and a grandson of Robert Atkinson Patterson of Halifax county.

The order of the Purple Heart was originated by George Washington in the Revolutionary War and revived by the last Congress to honor bravery in the World War. Patterson was shot down inside the German lines in the Argonne sector from a height of 6,000 feet. Though his pilot was killed, Patterson miraculously suffered no injuries from the fall except bruises and a head wound. He was taken prisoner and kept some time in a German hospital. He and his pilot had been on a picture mission just preceding what was to have been the last push by the Allied forces.

Mr. Nick Alston has been visiting in New York this week.