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TOWN TAX RATE REMAINS AT \$1

Approved Budget Calls For Total Expenditure Of Nearly \$27,000.00

VALUATIONS ARE LOWER

Warrenton tax rate for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1934, will be \$1 on the \$100 valuation. Poll tax will remain at \$3. This was decided at a special meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners here on Monday night when that body formally adopted the tentative budget approved at the regular July meeting.

The approved budget calls for a total expenditure of \$26,522.57. Of this amount, \$16,347.57 is for operating expenses; \$10,175.00 is for bond purposes.

Valuations were reduced here one-fourth when the county commissioners adopted a horizontal reduction of 25 per cent instead of revaluation at their April meeting.

Fuel Allowance Is Cut 16 Per Cent By State Order

Warrenton will be allowed 16 per cent less coal and wood than was consumed last year, according to a ruling from the state department of education.

Superintendent of Schools J. Edward Allen yesterday interpreted this order to mean that the state would provide fuel only for the heating of schools for school purposes during the six hours of the school day, holding that whatever is spent for fuel comes out of the teachers' pockets, and that it would not be fair to the teachers to cut their salaries to the bone and pile up large allotments for other things.

Local Contractors Ask Commissioners For Protection

W. A. Miles, B. C. Carpenter and H. P. Reid, Warrenton contractors, appeared before the Board of Town Commissioners on Monday night asking that out-of-town contractors be required to pay a privilege tax.

Rules New Set Up Of Committeemen

A new set up of committees will be necessary in a number of school districts of Warrenton county following a ruling of the attorney general received at the office of the superintendent of schools to the effect that only three members could serve on school committees, it was learned yesterday.

Local School May Have New Teachers

The Warrenton school will probably have two new teachers this year, according to J. Edward Allen, superintendent of Warrenton schools. Mr. Allen said he believed that the state allotment would permit the same number of teachers in the high school and an additional elementary teacher.

In the event that this is true, Mr. Allen said that efforts would be made to obtain a high school teacher who could also serve as football coach, and an elementary teacher who could give part of her time to instruction in business and secretarial courses. The high school teacher will replace Miss Katherine Bryd. The elementary teacher will be an addition to the number of teachers who have formerly served on the faculty.

Mr. Pett Boyd was a visitor in Macon on Sunday.

DAVIS CHARGES THAT GRAND JURY WHITEWASHED COMMISSIONERS

Former Representative Asks "Was Operation of Wise And Orderly Court Procedure Reversed In Order To Give the Defendants a Whitewashing?"

"DID SOLICITOR HELP TO PUT IT ON?" HE ASKS

Charging that the board of county commissioners was given a whitewashing by a Warren county grand jury after he had preferred his charges against that body at the May term of court, John S. Davis, Creek citizen and former member of the House of Representatives, in an open letter to The Warren Record this week, strongly intimates without direct charge that the jury was "fixed."

His charge that the grand jury whitewashed the commissioners was in the form of a direct statement. Intimations take the form of questions.

"I saw Mr. Skinner accompanying the judge towards his dinner Monday,

I saw Mr. Skinner going with the solicitor toward his dinner Tuesday," Mr. Davis writes.

He explains his going before the Grand Jury and asks, "Was the operation of wise and orderly court procedure reversed in order to give the defendants a whitewashing? Did the Solicitor help to put it on? Was the jury or a part of them a party to it or were they overawed? If so, wasn't it by the power of the court or a few of their own number?"

After a series of articles in the Warren Record charging that the Board of County Commissioners were violating the law in the payment of \$20 to Julius Banzet, county attorney, as fees for bringing tax

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BOARD HEARS ROAD DISPUTE

Littleton and Warrenton Citizens Differ Over Location Proposed Road

CHAIRMAN BREAKS TIE

A deadlock between Warrenton and Littleton delegations over the location of a proposed highway from Warrenton to Lawrenceville, Va., was broken here on Saturday morning at a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners when Chairman John Clay Powell voted not to endorse the petition of the Littleton delegation.

The meeting on Monday came as the aftermath of a meeting on Wednesday of last week when the Board voted unanimously to endorse the petition of the Littleton citizens, but repeal its motion after a delegation of Warrenton citizens appeared and told the board that they wanted a hearing upon the matter. It was stated at that meeting that Warrenton citizens wanted the road connecting the two towns built over the shortest and most feasible route, and asked that this be left to the discretion of the highway commission.

The Littleton delegation in their petition asked that the road leave Route 48 at a point near Vaughan and cross the Roanoke river at Eaton's Ferry.

The Warrenton delegation at the meeting on Saturday, offered through its spokesman, Mayor F. H. Gibbs, a compromise resolution asking that the road leave Route 48 at any point between Macon and Vaughan that the highway engineers might determine to be the most feasible. Joe Pippen, speaking for the Littleton delegation, said they were unwilling to accept the compromise measure and requested the commissioners to determine the matter.

Commissioners Wall and Skinner voted in favor of the Littleton section. Commissioners Burroughs and Capps voted "no." In breaking the tie in favor of Warrenton, Chairman Powell explained that the meeting at which the Littleton resolution was offered was called for

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RAILROAD WINS LONG FIGHT FOR REFUND; TO PAY TOWN \$19,800

Profits, Turned Over to Government For Years Under Re-capture Clause of Federal Railroad Act, Turned Back Into Treasury of Local Town-Owned Road

TOWN MAY USE MONEY FOR DEBT PURPOSES

Winning in its long fight to recover profits turned over to the Federal Government under the Re-capture clause of the Federal Railroad Act for a period of ten years, the Warrenton Rail Road Company is expected to turn over to the town of Warrenton today the sum of \$19,800, representing a 40 per cent dividend on the amount of stock held by the town. Dividend checks will also be mailed out to individual stockholders.

This dividend, it is understood, comes in the form of a bonus to the stockholders, representing earning over a period of years, and has no relation to regular dividends earned during the current year.

Under the Re-capture clause

passed in 1922, railroads were required to pay a percentage of their excess earnings to the Federal Government, to be used in helping to pay the expenses of less successful roads. The larger railroads resisted the payment of this tax through court action. A number of the smaller roads paid. The Warrenton Rail Road Company was one of these.

At the last session of Congress the re-capture clause was repealed. The Warrenton Rail Road Company sought to recover the sum it had been paying in over the 10 year period. After several trips to Washington and conferences with officials and legal advisers, the government decided with officials of the local company and ordered a refund.

The sentiment of the Board of Town Commissioners, as expressed at a meeting on Monday night, when it was stated that the town would receive this money, was that it should not be used for current expenses, but invested in government or town bonds, if purchasable, in order to retire the town's indebtedness.

Company B, Honor Laden, Returns To Warrenton Sunday

Having won the major portion of camp honors, members of Company B rolled happily into Warrenton Sunday morning around 7 o'clock after spending two weeks in training at Camp Glenn, Morehead City. The troops started home at 8:15 Saturday after spending the day in preparation for the home-ward trek.

Four out of the five trophies competed for by the entire companies were won by Warren county's military unit of defense, and in the one contest that the local boys failed to win they came off with second place.

Honors won by B Company were: Sanitation Cup, Davis Cup, Automatic Rifle Trophy, Athletic Trophy.

Sgt. Hugh E. Weldon in charge of Company Mess, assisted by Privates Willie J. King and Romeo M. Williams, with Baker Plummer as cook, are due the major portion of credit for winning the McCougan Trophy, a sanitation award, with a daily average of 97.64 per cent. This trophy was awarded for the highest daily average on the Kitchen Mess Hall, Company Area and Company Quarters. This "Sanitation Cup," which was won for the second year in succession, is now a permanent possession of the company.

Due to weather conditions only one company from each battalion, was ordered to fire the "Combat Problem." Company B, due to her record, was chosen from the First Battalion. Again Company B showed her mettle and came away with first place, winning the Davis Cup.

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Batts Transferred To Rocky Mount

Ben Batts, manager of the A. & P. store here for nearly three years, was on Monday transferred to Rocky Mount where he was placed in charge of one of the A. & P. stores operating in that city. He was replaced here by a Mr. Brantley who was in charge of the store that Mr. Batts has been transferred to.

Mr. Batts came to Warrenton in September 1930 as manager of the local A. & P. concern. While here he made many friends who have this week expressed regrets in learning of his departure.

Highsmith To Meet With School Heads

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Director of Instructional Service, will be at Warrenton on Monday, July 31, for the purpose of holding meetings of principals of white and colored schools at 10 o'clock, according to announcement made yesterday by Supt. J. Edward Allen. White principals will meet at the John Graham school house; colored principals at the John R. Hawkins school. It is expected that Dr. Highsmith will be accompanied by three or four other experts, Mr. Allen said.

Tarwater Named Member Governing Board Of Town

John G. Tarwater, tobacco buyer and business man, was elected a member of the Board of Town Commissioners at a special meeting of that body held in the mayor's office on Monday night. Mr. Tarwater succeeds W. Pryor Rodwell, who resigned at the regular July meeting.

Mayor Gibbs appointed W. C. Bobbitt chairman of the street committee. This position had been held by Mr. Rodwell.

Mrs. Stella Harris Dies At Daughter's Home Saturday

The remains of Mrs. Stella W. Harris, widow of the late Anthony D. Harris, were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery Sunday afternoon following funeral services conducted at the Baptist church at 5 o'clock by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, pastor.

Mrs. Harris died suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Gardner, Saturday morning at 9:40 o'clock. Although her health had not been good for some time, she was not confined to her bed and her death came as a surprise to relatives and friends. She was in her 72nd year.

Mrs. Harris was born October 7, 1862, the daughter of Fannie Watkins and John Daniel Shearin of this county. On May 17, 1881, she was married to John H. Blalock of Brunswick county, Va., and to this union were born two children—E. W. Blalock and A. C. Blalock, who reside at Warrenton. On October 5, 1892, she was married to Anthony Harris who died at his home in Warrenton several years ago. There were three children by her second marriage. Two of them, Mrs. Walter Gardner and A. D. Harris Jr., survive. Her oldest son by her second marriage, John Harris, died while in service to his country in 1918.

Mrs. Harris was active in church work, having been a member of the Baptist church for 40 years. In addition she was a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and was a Gold Star Mother.

Pallbearers were W. H. Burroughs, H. A. Moseley, C. R. Rodwell, J. E. Rooker Jr., Tom Gardner, William Burroughs, John Bell and Edward Allen.

Macon Nine Wins Over Enfield Team

MACON, July 27.—Macon won from Enfield Wednesday by the score of 7-0. Robertson for Macon allowed only two hits. B. Mayfield, J. Mayfield and H. Loyd led at the bat for the locals. The Smith-Douglas team of Weldon will play Macon here Saturday at 3:30 o'clock. Ladies will be admitted free but there will be a small admission charge for men.

PLOWS TURNING UNDER COTTON

Believed That 5,000 Acres Will Be Out Of Production By Saturday Night

FARMERS ARE NOTIFIED

Plows have been going in Warren county this week turning under the soil cotton that was contracted to be destroyed in the government's campaign to reduce acreage, and it is believed that by Saturday night the major portion of the 5,000 acres pledged in this county will have been taken out of production.

The first plow-up permits were issued here last Saturday and since that time those in charge of the reduction campaign in this county have been kept on the go notifying farmers over the county that they might remove their crop.

The license to plow up sent the farmers to their fields at once and all this week blooms have been scattered here and there as plows have gone down the rows turning the growing crop under.

Although Walter Burroughs Sr. of the Afton-Elberon section was the first farmer in this county to receive a permit, he was not the first man to destroy his cotton. Ed Petar, coroner and farmer, said yesterday that he buried part of his crop two weeks ago. "I just felt sure that Secretary Wallace's plan was going through and I took a chance," he stated. A few others in the county who had faith in the plan did likewise.

The destroyed cotton is being replaced in many instances by peas, corn and beans. Some farmers are waiting a little later to use the land for clover. The mower is being used on some fields rather than a plow in order that the cotton stalks might be saved for feed this fall, it was said.

Following the plow will come cash settlement checks and rental-benefit checks aggregating \$663,000 in addition to Federal options on cotton that if sold on the present market would bring Warrenton county growers an extra \$79,740, or a total of \$142,640 from the reduction contract sign-up.

Mr. Bright said that he did not have any idea when the first of the checks will be received here for those who are cooperating with the government in the movement. "We

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Committee Asks State To Take Over Streets Of Town

A committee of Warrenton citizens, headed by W. C. Bobbitt, chairman of the street committee, appeared before the State Highway Commission in Raleigh on Tuesday and asked that the State take over and reconstruct streets here used by the highway system as a part of its roads.

The Federal act donating \$11,000,000 for highway construction in North Carolina as a part of the government's relief program provided for the spending of 50 per cent of this sum on State roads; 25 per cent on feeder roads and 25 per cent on highways within corporate limits.

Four routes pass through Warrenton, 58 to Rocky Mount, 48 to Norfolk, Federal 158 and 59 to Louisville.

The Warrenton delegation, composed of Mr. Bobbitt, Representative John A. Dowlin, Dr. C. H. Macon and Jim Moore, was one of a number appearing from all sections of the state. The commission heard claims and took all matters under advisement.

Parham To Collect State Taxes Here

Brooks Parham of Henderson has been assigned here to collect taxes due the state. He will be at Hotel Warren Monday and Tuesday of each week, and those who have taxes to pay may get in touch with him there. Mr. Parham was in town yesterday. He said that his duties are to collect the sales tax, income tax, license tax—in fact every kind of tax due the state.

Firearms Figure In All Three Cases In County Court

Firearms figured in all three of the cases that brought three negro men before Judge W. W. Taylor for trial in Recorder's court on Monday morning. There were no white defendants tried this week, the case against J. W. Carroll, charged with possessing whiskey, being postponed until July 31 when a jury will decide the issue.

James Taylor plead guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to jail, assigned to work the roads of the State, for a period of four months.

Whipping out a gun from beneath his overalls and firing at a dog that growled at him cost Major Alston four months of his freedom. Friends of the canine swore out a warrant charging Alston with carrying a concealed weapon, and the Judge, after listening to the evidence, sentenced the negro to four months on the roads.

Rufus Moss was charged with assaulting Lena Ross with a shotgun, but evidence revealed that the defendant did not have a gun in his possession at the time he made the threats to the woman and Judge Taylor held that he was not guilty of the charge.

Pippen And Fishel In Charge Of Home Owners Loans

Joseph P. Pippen of Littleton has been appointed attorney, and Harry Fishel of Vaughan appraiser, to serve the Home Owner's Loan Corporation in this county, it was learned yesterday.

Mr. Pippen's duties will be to examine titles and other similar work in connection with loans that are to be granted by the corporation. Mr. Vaughan will value the property on which money is granted.

Stabler To Head Elberon School

J. C. Stabler, who has been principal of the Drewry school for the past two years, has accepted an appointment as principal of the Afton-Elberon school, succeeding Paul Cooper, who has accepted a position as head of the Littleton school, it was learned yesterday at the office of the superintendent of schools.

J. W. King has been re-elected principal of the Macon school. Harry Fishel and Miss Myrtice Harris have been re-elected teachers at Vaughan.

Farmers May Ask That Cotton Be Sold

Farmers having cotton stored as collateral against their loans for 1931 and 1932 may make request in writing to the government to sell such cotton, J. C. Howard, Field Supervisor announced yesterday. Mr. Howard said if the farmers wish to do so, they may submit such request to him and he would attend to it for them.

94 Persons File Income Tax Reports In Warren County

Ninety-four persons in Warren county filed individual income tax returns for the calendar year of 1931 in which payments were made last year, reports the Federal Treasury Department. Forty-four of the people filing returns from this county were from Warrenton, 29 from Littleton, and the remaining 21 from other sections of Warren.

Taxes paid by 24,822 persons in North Carolina last year amounted to \$2,363,679 for 1931 while payments for 1930 were \$2,954,558. Charlotte led the cities in the number of persons paying income taxes, with 3,128 and Mecklenburg county where 3,403 persons paid, led the counties.

The 202 individuals in Halifax county who paid income taxes in 1931 included 43 in Enfield, 90 in Roanoke Rapids, 10 in Rosemary, 60 in Weldon, and 35 in Scotland Neck, according to statistics from the Internal Revenue Bureau.

The ten counties making the largest number of returns in the State follow in the order named: Mecklenburg, Guilford, Forsyth, Buncombe, Wake, Durham, New Hanover, Edgecombe, Rowan and Gaston.

Banzet Secretary Bar Association Of Third District

Julius Banzet was named secretary of the bar association of the Third Judicial District at a meeting held at Halifax yesterday morning. The meeting was called by Judge R. Hunt Parker for the purpose of organizing the bar. There were about 60 attorneys present. It was estimated.

Other appointments made yesterday were: David Colin Bonds, president; J. H. Bridgers of Henderson, vice-president; George Green of Weldon, councillor.

Those from Warrenton attending the meeting were Judge W. W. Taylor, Frank H. Gibbs, Frank Banzet, John Kerr Jr., and Julius Banzet. Littleton was represented by Joseph P. Pippen, Mayor John Taylor, John Picot and Solicitor Cromwell Daniel.

Littleton Delegation Ask Bridge Location

LITTLETON, July 27.—A delegation composed of J. R. Wollett, G. T. Vick, W. R. Wiggins, J. P. Pippen, C. E. Foster, J. R. Glasgow and P. A. Johnston went before the State Highway-Public Works Commission in Raleigh Monday to ask that, if a new bridge is to be built over the Roanoke River between the Steel Bridge and the Roanoke Rapids Bridge, that this bridge be built at Eaton's Ferry. In addition to this they requested that a hard surfaced road be built between Littleton and Rocky Mount by way of Airle and Ringwood. It is greatly hoped that these requests will be granted as they will prove very advantageous to Littleton.

Midwife Classes To Be Conducted In County Next Week

Midwife classes have been arranged for various sections of Warren county next week by the State Board of Health and the County Board of Health, Miss Hobbs, State Nurse, announced yesterday. Miss Hobbs stated that any one who is practicing midwifery in this county is required to attend one of the classes.

The purpose of these classes, the state nurse said, is to instruct midwives what to do and what not to do in order to do better and safer work for the mothers and babies that they attend. A model bag containing all the little articles necessary.

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William B. Overby Dies Wednesday

Funeral services for William Bailey Overby were conducted from his home at Macon Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Mr. Willis, pastor of Gardner Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. G. F. Roach, Baptist minister of Wise. Interment took place in the Macon cemetery.

Mr. Overby died at his home on Wednesday night about 12:30 o'clock following an illness of several weeks. He was taken sick early in July and his health continued to decline until his death.

Mr. Overby was 56 years of age and was perhaps one of the oldest mail carriers in the county from the standpoint of service. He had been delivering mail on a rural route leading out of Macon for the past 30 years.

Surviving him are four sons: Marvin, Gilmer, Eugene, and William Bailey Overby.