

Commissioners Okeh Plan Borrow \$27,500

Delegations Asks Funds To Be Spent on Schools; To Use CWA Labor

A COUNTY-WIDE DEBT

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday approved a loan of \$27,500 from the State Literary fund to be used for the construction, repairs and additions to school plants of Warren county, using labor furnished free of charge to the county by the Civil Works Administration.

Action of the Commissioners was taken after delegations from Norlina, Littleton and Warrenton had appeared before the board requesting that such loan be made.

Joseph P. Phippen, Littleton attorney, spokesman for the Littleton delegation, after pointing out the crowded condition of the school in his town and the need for an additional building, told the board that through the use of CWA labor a \$40,000 building could be erected in Littleton with the expenditure of only \$12,000 by the county. This was the identical building that Mr. Phippen asked the county to borrow \$40,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to erect at the November meeting of the board.

Boyd White asked for \$12,000 for similar work at No. 11, but later cut his figures to \$10,000.

V. F. Ward pointed out that several thousands of dollars was being spent on necessary playground at the John Graham high school at Warrenton. He said that this work was being done on leased property and that the local school committee wanted to purchase the lot on which it held an option in order to protect its investment. He requested a loan of \$2,500 for this purpose.

Supt. J. Edward Allen said that work was badly needed at other schools and stated that he believed that this was the best time for it to be done while labor could be obtained without cost to the county.

The commissioners unanimously voted to approve the loan, subject to approval of the Board of Education, of \$27,500 to be allotted as follows: Littleton high school, \$12,000; Norlina high school, \$10,000; Warrenton high school, \$2,500; Maccon, \$500; Afton-Elberon, \$500; Drewry, \$500; Wise, \$500; Inez, \$500 and Vaughan, \$500.

Rev. O. I. Hinson Assumes Charge

The Rev. O. I. Hinson, Methodist minister who replaces the Rev. E. C. Durham on the Warrenton charge, arrived here on Tuesday to begin his duties in his new pastorate. He will conduct his first service in Warrenton at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. In the afternoon he will hold services at Warren Plains at 7 o'clock, and at 7:30 o'clock he will again hold services at the Methodist church here.

The Rev. Mr. Hinson, who comes from Warrenton from Calvary church in Durham where he served for two years, was accompanied here by Mrs. Hinson. His only child, a daughter, is teaching school.

David Limer Is Named Member Board Education

David Limer of Shocco township was elected a member of the Board of Education of Warren county to fill the unexpired term of A. C. Blalock, resigned, at a called meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee held in the court house at noon on Monday.

The meeting was presided over by Jesse Gardner, chairman, with Bignall Jones acting as secretary. Ten out of the 14 precincts of the county were represented as follows: West Warrenton, Edward Petar; East Warrenton, John Kerr Jr.; Roanoke, H. L. Wall; Fork, W. E. Davis; Shocco, J. W. Burroughs; Sixpound, Claude Halthcock; Norlina, J. C. Hardy; Sandy Creek, W. E. Turner; River, John Picot; Fishing Creek, D. L. Robertson.

Tom Carter of Vaughan was nominated by Edward Petar; the nomination was seconded by John Picot. Edward Turner nominated David Limer; Claude Halthcock seconded the nomination. In the secret ballot which followed each candidate received five votes. Chairman Gardner cast the deciding vote in favor of Mr. Limer, stating that his vote was guided largely by geographical considerations, as the board as it was then constituted had no representation in the southern part of the county. No other business was before the committee.

Jurors Are Drawn For January Term Of Superior Court

Jurors for the January term of Warren county Superior court were on Monday drawn by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

First week—A. T. Fleming, J. A. Kimball, J. H. Riggan, Cleve Stallings, C. B. Overby, C. A. Harris, E. E. Gillam, John E. Tucker, H. L. Pope, Carlton Duke, F. B. Newell Sr., J. J. Wilson, C. J. Adams, Murphy Healy, J. H. Bender, Sam T. Alston, Sam C. King, Marvin W. Kimball, W. W. St. Sing, J. Hal Bobbitt, W. J. Ball, T. C. Riggan, Thomas Gibson, Roger Wilson, J. T. Rooker, Fletcher Bobbitt, M. P. Perman, K. A. Peoples, C. B. Dickerson, J. P. T. Harris, E. E. Carroll, E. O. Dillard, J. D. Dickerson, Theo F. Stallings, E. F. O'Mary, Eaton Bobbitt.

Second week—Geo. W. Hester, G. E. Shearin, John Ball, J. E. King, Geo. R. Frazier, W. J. Cole, E. B. Browning, H. H. Hawks, N. S. Newman, J. M. Williams, H. G. Limer, John D. Hottzman, J. K. Harris, T. P. Thompson, W. Howard Alston, F. L. Robertson, W. W. Fimple, T. D. Kimball.

Invited To Listen To Radio Broadcast

Members of the parent-teacher association and others interested in school work are asked to assemble in the auditorium of the John Graham High School next Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 12, in time to hear the governmental lecture which is to be broadcast at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Peter Davis, president of the P. T. A., is urging a large attendance and asks that those attending endeavor to be in the school building by 1:15 in order to be ready for the lecture which begins fifteen minutes later.

There is a radio at the school building, Mrs. Davis said, and Mr. Miller, principal, has promised that it would be available for the association and ready to tune in on the reception.

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. is scheduled for December 19, but a special meeting was called for December 12 when it was learned that there would be broadcast for the benefit of the parent-teacher associations in the schools of the state.

NO RECORDER'S COURT

For the first time in many months there was no session of Recorder's court this week. The failure of the county's justice dispensary to function this week was due to the fact that there were no cases to be tried.

MISS LUCY LEACH IS GIVEN A RAISE

Commissioners Refuse To Restore 10 Per Cent Cut To Other Officials

NO FUNDS AVAILABLE

Miss Lucy Leach, Welfare Officer for Warren county, on Monday received a \$15 per month boost in pay for the next seven months due to need for spending more than three days a week in behalf of her work. She was until Monday employed on a three-day basis at a salary of \$50 a month, with an additional \$8 allowed monthly for automobile expenses.

Members of the Welfare Board appeared before the commissioners requesting that the advance be made, stating that it was impossible for Miss Leach to perform her work in the three days per week allotted by the county. The commissioners denied the request of the Welfare Board at the time it was made, but later in the day reconsidered its action and granted Miss Leach the advance.

The Commissioners turned thumbs down on a proposal made by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell that 10 per cent cut made in the salaries of all county officials several months ago be restored due to greatly increased cost of living. He told the commissioners that after he had paid his deputies and other necessary expenses of his office, that his position netted him only \$1260 a month.

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Littleton Gridders End Season With Only One Defeat

LITTLETON, Dec. 7.—Completing a ten game schedule into which they allowed only one loss to creep, the Littleton "Red Terrors" romped over the Rich Square eleven here, Friday, December 1, by a score of 18-0. Several players were singing their swan songs for Littleton and turned in a fine exhibition of their football ability. Acree, Palmer and Brown each crossed the visitors' goal line. The game was featured by long runs by these three gentlemen and by superb blocking of the Littleton forward wall. The initial scoring came in the first quarter when Acree, on a fake end run, cut through his right tackle for thirty yards. The second touchdown came in the third period when Palmer plunged through guard for a touchdown, after a steady march had placed the ball on Rich Square's one yard stripe. In the fourth period, Brown, dissatisfied with the score, dashed around right end for forty five yards and a touchdown. Littleton has won eight games and lost one this season.

The only game lost by the Littleton team was one to Warrenton here several weeks ago and the team revenged this defeat by journeying to Warrenton the Friday before Thanksgiving and administering a 12 to 6 trouncing upon that strong eleven.

Mother Mrs. Powell Dies At Harmony

The remains of Mrs. George F. Downum of Harmony, mother of Mrs. Joseph C. Powell of Warrenton, were laid to final rest in Mt. Bethel cemetery Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Burial services were in charge of the Rev. R. L. Harmony.

Mrs. Downum died Friday following a brief illness. She was taken sick Thursday, November 23 and died Friday, December 1. Bronchial pneumonia was the cause of her death.

Mrs. Downum was born November 14, 1858. On November 25, 1879, she became the bride of George F. Downum. She spent her entire life in and near Harmony where she was born, and was a life member of Mt. Bethel Church.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters, L. M. Downum of Savannah, Ga., and Rev. E. W. Downum. She spent her entire life in and near Harmony where she was born, and was a life member of Mt. Bethel Church.

Hears Veterans' Appeal



Governor John Harland Pollard, of Virginia, (above) is President Roosevelt's choice as Chairman of the Veterans' Board of Appeals. 'Justice will be done to all' said the President in appointing Governor Pollard.

County Orders Auditing Bill Be Paid With Loan

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday ordered that a bill for the audit of the Norlina school district account in the sum of \$400 be paid from the General fund of Warren county, to be repaid by the Norlina district with funds raised by the next levy.

The amount advanced from the general fund is to be repaid by the Norlina district with interest at 6 per cent. Action of the commissioners was taken in pursuance of a written request from a committee of the Norlina school district.

Action of the board on Monday ends a dispute of more than a year's standing as to the responsibility for the bill, both district and county having refused to pay the bill for several months, each claiming that it was the other's responsibility.

Fear of a suit at the January term of court, though none had been actually threatened, with its attendant cost upon county or district, hastened action and the matter was settled along the lines of an agreement made between the district committee and Commissioner W. H. Burroughs and Julius Banzet, county attorney, subsequent to the November meeting.

Commissioners Bill Fleming For Use Of Bloodhounds

A bill in the amount of \$30 from Allen's Kennels in Enfield for use of bloodhounds in tracking down assailant of W. B. Fleming in an attack and robbery here on the night of November 4 was on Monday turned over to the sheriff with instructions to collect it from Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming has not yet paid the bill.

Seed Loans To Be Handled Differently

Under the new laws governing the work of the Farm Credit Administration, new machinery is being set up for the handling of seed and fertilizer loans beginning with the 1934 season. North Carolina farmers will handle their own credit needs with the aid of the Production Credit Corporation affiliated with the Land Bank at Columbia.

The new plan provides for farmers to secure adequate and permanent credit for producing crops, breeding, raising and fattening livestock and for the production of poultry and all livestock products.

The Production Credit Corporation has a capital stock of \$7,500,000 and will organize, provide the initial credit for and supervise the operation of local production credit associations in all communities where the need exists.

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY

Purpose of Gathering Is To Discuss Different Phases Of Hotel Question

IS CALLED BY BOARD

A mass meeting will be held in the court house on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock for the benefit of qualified voters who are called to the polls on Tuesday to decide whether the town shall buy Hotel Warren in the event that it can be bought for not more than \$16,500 when it is put up at public auction.

The decision to call a mass meeting was reached when V. F. Ward and C. E. Jackson appeared before the town commissioners during their regular monthly meeting on Monday night and stated that a great many of the people of the town are unfamiliar with the proposition that they are to vote on and are unaware of the fact that the fate of Hotel Warren rests in their hands. "As you know," said Mr. Ward, "it takes a majority of the qualified voters to carry this election, and those who remain from the polls automatically cast their ballot against the purchase by the town. In view of the fact that a great number of people know very little about the on-coming election, we thought it might be wise to call a mass meeting for the enlightenment of the citizens of the town."

The suggestion of the delegation met with the approval of the commissioners and it was agreed to get out handbills giving notice of the meeting in the court house at 7:30 o'clock.

Joe Powell, Hurt In Wreck, May Leave Hospital Today

Joseph C. Powell may be released today from Maria Parham hospital in Henderson where he was carried last Friday night following an automobile accident near Henderson which left him with serious injuries. It was learned from the hospital last night at 7 o'clock that he had recuperated from a temporary set-back which he suffered yesterday and that possibly he would be able to come to his home here some time today.

The Warren County register of deeds was carried to the hospital shortly after 9 o'clock last Friday night after his car had left the concrete and crashed into a telephone pole near the Henderson golf course. The accident left him with a deep laceration on his head and with his shoulder, arm, hand and leg injured. His leg, which was broken a number of years ago, is giving him more trouble at present than any of his other injuries, it is understood.

According to reports of the accident reaching here, Mr. Powell was returning from Harmony, N. C., where he had been called to the bedside of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Downum, when his car left the road and crashed into the pole. He was pushing along at a pretty good clip, it was said, and it is thought that a fire went down and caused his vehicle to swerve from the highway. He was picked up immediately after he received his injuries and carried to the hospital where the flow of blood was checked and his wounds treated. The car was badly damaged.

Highway No. 43 Is Being Surveyed

A survey is being made of state highway No. 43, which leads from Warrenton to Hollister, it was learned last night. The work is being done under the direction of Loyd Cook who has with him Herman Cone, R. J. Wilson, F. C. Gilliam, S. M. Ogburn, J. D. Duncan. It is expected that the men will be located at Warrenton for about two weeks.

KERR IN WASHINGTON

Congressman John H. Kerr has been in Washington this week where he with Governor Ehringhaus and a delegation of peanut growers and business interests from North Carolina and Virginia conferred with farm administration officials and succeeded in getting the price of peanuts lifted.

Fate Of Hotel To Be Determined By Voters

Election to Be Held On Next Tuesday, December 12, To Decide Whether Commissioners Shall Be Empowered to Purchase Hotel at Price of \$16,500

MUST OBTAIN MAJORITY OF QUALIFIED VOTES

To carry the election, on next Tuesday, December 12, for purchase of Hotel Warren, a majority of the qualified voters must cast their ballots. Any voter who stays away from the polls for any reason casts his or her vote against the purchase.

The fate of Hotel Warren, pride of Warrenton citizens for more than a decade, project in which the town has invested approximately \$100,000 and local citizens several additional thousands, now threatened with a receivership and to be knocked down to the highest bidder, is to be determined on next Tuesday, December 12, when the voters go to the polls to decide whether the commissioners shall be empowered to buy in the property at a sum not to exceed \$16,500 at a public sale.

Built during the war days at the peak of prices under a cost plus 10 per cent contract, plastered with a \$30,000 mortgage to build an annex during a time when a road detour caused a heavy influx of traffic leading the directors to believe a local hotel boom was in progress, with unpaid taxes accumulated for years, and with unpaid notes outstanding, the hotel is now threatened with a receivership, requested by Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks, on account of bonds and unpaid notes held by the defunct Bank of Warren. It has been advertised for taxes by the county of Warren, which also holds a small portion of its bonds, but foreclosure proceedings have not been started. The town is also due several years taxes, due to the foresight of Mayor Frank H. Gibbs, who won a fight several years ago to have the property listed on the town's books for taxation.

Town To Pay For Services Of Extra Night Policeman

Merchants of Warrenton who have for more than a year been paying for the services of R. L. Wilson as night policeman will no longer be required to make a donation in order that their establishments might have the attention of two night officers.

The expense of paying for this extra protection was lifted from the shoulders of the merchants here on Monday night when the town commissioners decided that Wilson's salary should come from the coffers of the town.

The commissioners agreed to hire Wilson after Macy Pridden, whose job it was to collect Wilson's salary from the merchants, stated that donations were decreasing each month and that those who made a contribution had voiced their sentiment in favor of the town paying for this protection. Jim Boyce and Clifford Bobbitt said that they had been paying towards Wilson's salary each month, that they felt that his services were needed here at night, but they had decided not to continue with the contributions.

Following a lengthy discussion of the matter, the commissioners decided to hire Wilson at a salary of \$50 a month as night policeman. In addition to looking after the peace of the town at night with Mr. Lovell, it is Wilson's duty to go to the fire house each evening and crank up the fire truck and see that it is in running condition. In the event of a fire he shall rush to the fire house and crank the truck.

Wilson began serving the town as night officer in Sept. 1932, following a series of robberies. He has received his check each month from the town, but the funds were donated by merchants here and turned over to the town.

A delegation of three ladies from the Parent-Teacher Association of the John Graham High School appeared before the commissioners and requested that the town come to their rescue in the event the appropriation the school had received from the state for water failed to cover the cost of keeping an adequate supply of the liquid available.

Elementary Pupils To Present Play

Pupils in the primary grades of the John Graham school are practicing daily for an operetta, "Santa Airline", which is to be presented in the auditorium of the local school at an early date. The children, it is understood, are coming along fine with their parts and it is hoped that the operetta will be ready for presentation on Friday night, December 15, however a definite date for the entertainment has not yet been set. There are over 150 children in the cast.

ATTENDS ART MEETING

Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington has been in Raleigh this week for the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Art Society, of which she is president.

OYSTER SUPPER

There will be an oyster supper at Grove Hill on Friday night, December 15, it was announced this week. Proceeds will go to the Reedy Creek Baptist Sunday School.

Hotel Warren has never returned Warrenton a cent of revenue for the nearly \$100,000 it has invested. It has been of indirect benefit to the business life of the town and has won the town much favorable publicity. It will, no doubt, be operated in some sort of fashion as a hotel regardless of how the ballots are cast next Tuesday. But whether or not the hotel passes from the town's control into the hands of an individual, Town Bonds issued by vote of the people to finance the erection of the hotel will have to be paid.

If voters decide against the purchase of the Hotel, the town possibly may salvage a few hundred dollars in taxes and the \$16,500 otherwise to be used for purchase can be used to retire outstanding bonds and thus effect some decrease in the tax rate.

If voters decide in favor of the purchase, the town assumes complete control over the operation of the hotel. Because it will thus become a municipal building it will be freed of all taxes, amounting to several hundred dollars annually in the case of the county. If, as many believe, it can be operated with no tax burden at a profit on a \$20,000 investment, then such profit will accrue to the benefit of the town and be reflected in a decreased tax rate.

If the voters decline to approve the purchase of the hotel property, it will doubtless be soon advertised for sale and sold at public auction. At that time it may be bought in by some interested individual either as an investment or in an effort to protect his holdings. But the town cannot bid, whether it is knocked down for \$3,000, \$5,000, or \$16,500. It must stand helplessly by and see its property pass into other hands.

In the election, a majority of the qualified voters must vote in favor of the purchase to carry the election. Thus every voter who remains from the polls for any cause automatically casts his vote against the proposition.

A mass meeting of citizens has been called for Monday night at the court house when speakers will present a full discussion of the question.

No bond issue will be required to furnish funds for the purchase of the hotel property. Sufficient surplus is in the town's treasury as a result of a Warrenton Rail Road dividend.

Miss Pat Holland of New Rochelle, N. Y., and Mr. Hans Fiedler of Philadelphia were week end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Polk.

Miss Christine Odum spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with Miss Mary Lee Gardner.