

## POLITICAL TALK IS BEING HEARD

No Definite Announcements Made But Political Lines Are Being Formed

### ONE RUMOR IS SPIKED

Political rumblings are beginning to be heard over Warren as primary time approaches and indications are that there will be a number of candidates in the field.

No definite announcements of candidacy have been made but friends are already mentioning names for several of the county's elective offices. John W. Dowtin, veteran politician, rumors persist in saying, will again seek to go to the lower house of Representatives and Mr. Dowtin, while not saying positively that he will run, indicates that he is in a receptive mood. It is being whispered around that Judge T. O. Rodwell might again seek the Senatorial nomination, but the Judge is doing mighty little talking.

Frank H. Gibbs, Warrenton attorney and for several years Mayor of the Town of Warrenton may become a candidate for the Senate. This announcement is also in the rumor stage, but the talk persists on the part of Mr. Gibbs' friend. Talk that Claude Haithcock of Churchhill would oppose Joe Powell for re-election as register of deeds has been spiked. Mr. Haithcock has announced that he would not be a candidate. His father, Wort Haithcock has been mentioned as a candidate for member of the Board of County Commissioners, but Mr. Haithcock Sr. has been doing no talking in this respect around newspapermen.

John H. Fleming of Norlina, former county commissioner, may seek his old job this year. This does not come from Mr. Fleming, but has been repeated by several of his friends.

Political gossip has it that Sheriff W. J. Pinnell will be opposed by Macon Thornton of Macon, and that another Macon citizen, A. E. Nicholson, will be among those appealing to the electorate. Mr. Nicholson, rumor has it, will be a candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court, opposing William Newell who is now deputy clerk. John D. Newell the present clerk, it is understood will not run for re-election.

Several months ago talk was going the rounds that Bob Paschall of Wise would be a candidate for the Senate and there was at the same time conversation about Squire W. T. Carter of Vaughan seeking the toza of a member of the House of Representatives, but this talk has more or less died down, being no indication, however, that these men will not be in the running. Neither, on the other hand, is it indicative that they will.

Jesse Gardner, Civil Works Administrator, is not seeking public office this year, in spite of persisting rumors that have named him for half a dozen different jobs. The scope of his relief work is such that in the performance of his duties he has to displease a number of citizens and Jesse says that he is the most unpopular man in Warren county. His friends are taking this with more than a grain of salt, but, anyway, Mr. Gardner says he is not seeking office.

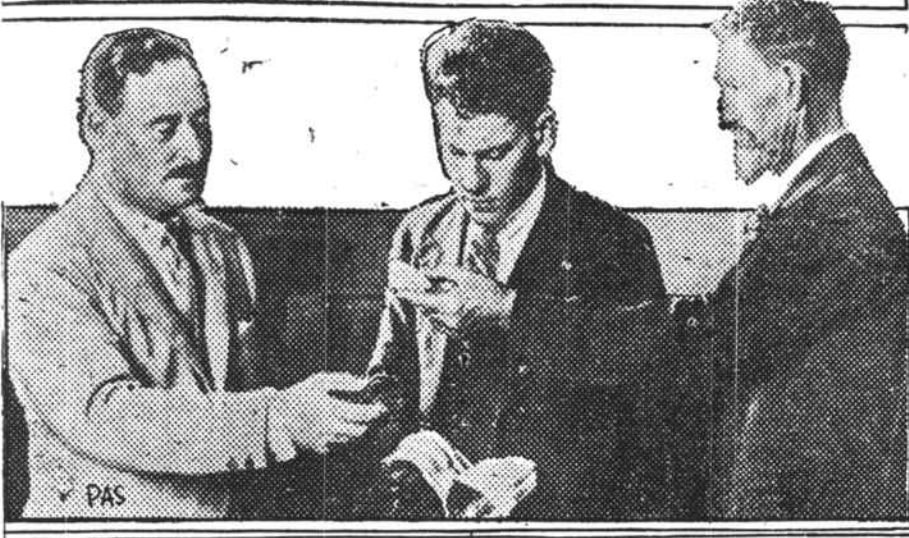
In addition to the above rumored candidates, an article under a Norlina date line in Monday's News and Observer tells that Dr. Chas. H. Peete of Warrenton is being mentioned for the Senate, Mrs. Alex Bater of Ridgeway for Register of Deeds, and that J. P. Pippin of Littleton is being talked for the House of Representatives.

Rumor no doubt has it wrong in naming a number of candidates, but after the first feelers have been put out, observers predict that many of the rumors will become an announced fact. These observers say that this is the stage of the game where would-be candidates are cozy playing with the suggestion, awaiting for a more definite crystallization of sentiment.

Judge T. O. Rodwell this week was appointed as county attorney for the Henderson Production Credit Corporation which serves the counties of Vance, Cranville and Warren.

Judge Rodwell's duties will be to investigate titles of property put up by borrowers as collateral for loans. An attorney has been appointed in each of the counties in which the credit organization functions.

## Cashing-In on Fourth Largest Diamond



**SOUTH AFRICA . . .** On the right is Jacobus Jonker Sr., finder of the fourth largest diamond in the world, handing over the stone to Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, left, who had delivered approximately \$400,000 to Jacobus Jonker Jr., center, in payment for the stone.

## CWA Work Will Probably End In Warren On April 1

Indications are that CWA work will be discontinued in Warren county April 1 rather than May 1, Jesse Gardner, head of the work here, stated yesterday after displaying a telegram from state headquarters authorizing him to cut the number of men now employed by the Civil Works Administration down to 235.

The telegram not only ordered that the men be dropped from the CWA payroll at once but also stated that further reductions would be made each week until the program is discontinued.

Mr. Gardner said that 143 men lost their jobs Wednesday as a result of the order from headquarters and that he had been led to believe that he would have no men on the CWA payroll after this month.

Although the state is laying off men on CWA projects at the rate of 5,000 a week with the idea of bringing the program to a close by May 1, Mr. Gardner said that it appeared to him that the work would end here a month sooner for the reason that men are being laid off faster in the rural sections than in cities.

At one time more than 75,000 people were given employment in this state through the CWA program. The number of men now on the payroll is around 43,000.

While the CWA workers are rapidly being demobilized throughout the country, plans are being made at Washington to put into effect another relief program that will offer employment to those men who lost their jobs with the discontinuation of the CWA as well as others who are out of work.

## WORKING ON SUBSTITUTE PROGRAM FOR CWA

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1—A broadly drawn plan to meet the immediate emergencies of unemployment (Continued on page 3)

## Miller Expected To Return In Few Days

Having practically recovered from his serious illness of last week, J. B. Miller, principal of the John Graham High School, is expected to be released from Duke hospital within the next few days.

"Mr. Miller is getting along just fine and we expect him home this week end or the first of next week," a member of the faculty of the local school said yesterday afternoon.

Suffering from erysipelas of the ear, Mr. Miller was carried to the hospital last week. Mrs. Miller has been with him at Durham during his illness.

Miss Leonora Taylor is assisting members of the faculty with Mr. Miller's classes during his absence.

## Bishop Penick At Local Church

The Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, bishop of the North Carolina diocese, was at Warrenton last Sunday to hold Confirmation services at the negro Episcopal church here. While in Warrenton, the bishop was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lawson.

## GOOD HOMES WANTED

Good homes are at present available for a settled white or colored woman, Miss Lucy Leach, county welfare officer, announced this week. Any one interested is asked to report to the welfare officer.

Miss Leach said that she needed good homes for white children, but that at present she had good places for colored children.

## Over Thousand Citizens Attend Fiddlers Meet

A crowd estimated to contain more than a thousand citizens overflowed the auditorium of the Norlina school building last Thursday night when around 80 musicians from various sections contested for honors in an old fashion fiddlers convention sponsored by the Norlina Parent-Teacher Association.

The entertainment proved a huge success from both a musical and a financial standpoint with nothing to mar the pleasure of those attending, a promoter of the entertainment said.

The Louisburg String Band won first prize in the group contest; the Wells Brothers Band of Roanoke Rapids second, and a play-off between (Continued on page 3)

## Arthur W. Reavis, Farmer Of Afton, Dies At Hospital

Arthur W. Reavis, 50, well known farmer of the Afton-Elberon section, died at a Rocky Mount hospital on Tuesday, following an operation a week before for stomach trouble.

Funeral services were conducted at Sulphur Springs church on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. R. R. Jackson, pastor, and the Rev. Charles Gillespie of Wake Forest. Services at the grave were in charge of the Afton-Elberon Council of the Junior Order.

Active pallbearers were W. J. Pinnell, Thomas Pinnell, Joseph Choplin, O. M. Limer, Fate Weaver and Ed Short.

Mr. Reavis is survived by his widow, one daughter, Miss Jessie Reavis, and seven sons, Wilton, Edgar, Herman, James, Woodrow, George and Charles Reavis.

## Dukes Reported Poisoned At Inn

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Duke and daughter, Marietta, formerly with Hotel Warren, are recovering from poison accidentally taken while eating at Mr. Duke's mother's Inn at Elizabeth City, according to reports reaching here this week. The poisonous food caused one man's death and several others to be taken to a hospital for treatment, it was stated.

According to reports, the poison was accidentally placed in the food by the cook who mistook roach powder for baking powder.

## Many Children's Tonsils Removed

Fifty-five children and two adults have recently had their tonsils removed through efforts of the Warren county welfare department. Miss Lucy Leach reported this week. Miss Leach said that many more children are in need of tonsillar operations but are unable to pay for this work. The names of children needing this type of medical attention are being booked, Miss Leach said, and as soon as a group of eight or ten can raise the money another clinic will be held in Rocky Mount.

## ROSS LEAVES

A. J. Ross, employed by the Press Publishing Company for the past 14 months, leaves today for Smithfield where he has accepted a position as linotype operator on The Smithfield Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Roanoke Rapids were visitors at Warrenton on Wednesday.

## WHISKEY CASE AIRED IN COURT

Negro Says He Was Carrying Liquor For Another; Sentence Suspended

### J. P. PUTS IN GOOD WORD

Trial of a negro for possessing and transporting a five gallon runlet of liquor was the only matter that was presented before Judge W. W. Taylor in Recorder's court on Monday morning. The charge of violating the Turlington Act was written against Andrew Baker of near Vaughan.

The negro became a target for the law when he was sighted by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell with something on his back that aroused the officers' suspicion. He became a prisoner after he had thrown down the evidence and attempted to outrun the officer.

Sheriff Pinnell testified that when he sighted Baker near Vaughan and asked him what he had on his back, the negro responded that he had rations. The officer stated that when he told Baker to let him see, the negro threw down his pack and attempted to outrun him.

Baker was carried before Magistrate W. T. Carter of Vaughan and given a preliminary hearing. The case was sent to Recorder's court, and Squire Carter came along in behalf of the defendant. The Vaughan Magistrate told the court that the negro was a victim of circumstances, that he was carrying the booze for someone else, and although he would take a drink, that he did not have a reputation for dealing with whiskey in any manner. Other witnesses gave the defendant a good character, and the Sheriff said that in the Magistrate's trial Baker stated that he was carrying the booze for some one else.

The defendant, who entered a plea of guilty, was sentenced to jail for twelve months, assigned to work for the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Judgment was suspended upon the condition that he pay \$5 fine and court costs and remain of good behavior for a period of two years.

## Mrs. Frances Jenkins Dies Near Weavers

LITTLETON, Mar. 1—Last rites for Mrs. Frances O. Jenkins were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home with her pastor, Rev. R. L. Vickery, pastor of Weavers Chapel Church, in charge of the service, assisted by the Rev. Harry Wilson of Richmond. Interment took place in the family cemetery near the home. Mrs. Jenkins was in her 61st year, and died at her home a few miles from here Wednesday after an illness of some duration. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Billie Shearin and the widow of Henry Jenkins, who died a few years ago.

Mrs. Jenkins is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Leonard Walker, Mrs. D. G. Dickens, Mrs. F. M. Shearin, Mrs. S. J. Harris, Misses Beatrice and Lucile Jenkins, and four sons, Garnet, Skinner, Jesse, and Henry, and an adopted daughter, Miss Pearl Jenkins.

## Mrs. Mary Harriss Dies At Littleton

LITTLETON, Mrs. Mary Harriss, age 79, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Spraggin, near Littleton on Tuesday morning of last week following an illness of about 18 months.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Gardner Baptist Church. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. J. Marshall. Interment took place in Gardner's cemetery.

The deceased was the widow of Mr. Heury Harriss, who died several years ago. She was a member of the Bethlehem church for a number of years.

Surviving are, one daughter, Mr. J. H. Spraggin, and eight grandchildren. Pallbearers were Jimmie King, Richard King, Gilbert Jones, Elmo Spraggin and C. R. Sadler.

## County P. T. A. To Meet At Norlina

The Warren County Parent-Teacher association will meet in the auditorium of the Norlina High School on Tuesday afternoon, the Sixth of March, at 4 o'clock, Mrs. H. Evans Coleman, secretary-treasurer, announced this week. A full attendance is urged.

## Old Customs Again Reign Due To Sleet Storm

Mother Nature's sudden enforcement of nineteenth century customs over the town through her agents, rain, snow, sleet and wind, paralyzed operations in some business houses, left others running in a ship-shod manner, and sent housewives scurrying hither and thither for lamps to light their homes.

Business houses not dependent upon electric current for their operation remained open and made the best of the situation Monday, resorting, in some cases to candles and lamps.

The entire candle supply was reported exhausted here Monday at noon, and many citizens were seen on the homeward trek with lamps under their arms or in their cars.

People used to high-powered electric lights found little satisfaction in reading by lamps and laid aside papers and books at an early hour.

With the drug stores closed and no picture show to attend, downtown proved unattractive for Warrentonians on Monday night. The streets were practically deserted soon after nightfall and indications were that the town went to bed earlier that night than in years.

## Littleton Bank To Be Reopened Within Few Days

Without any restrictions and with deposits up to \$2500 guaranteed, the Bank of Littleton will reopen within the next week or two, this newspaper learned yesterday from a reliable source.

The bank has already received its charter to reopen, it was stated, and under the insurance feature of the Federal Banking Laws every depositor is guaranteed his money up to \$2500.

The bank will reopen with J. R. Wollett as president. Robert Thorne has been named as cashier, and Percy Harris will be teller.

## Virginia Patrolmen Seek Man Here

Two Virginia highway patrolmen were here this week in search of any clues that might lead to the apprehension of the thief who stole J. Edward Rooker's car last week and later assaulted an officer near Petersburg, Va., who attempted to make an arrest.

The Virginia authorities were unsuccessful in their efforts to get any worthwhile evidence here, it was said.

Mr. Rooker recovered his car last week after the thief overpowered the Virginia officer and abandoned the automobile near Petersburg.

## Square Dance At Armory Tonight

A square dance will be held in the Armory at Warrenton tonight for the benefit of welfare work in this county, Miss Lucy Leach, Welfare officer, has announced.

Music for the entertainment will be furnished by the Ball Brothers band, with W. J. Ball as manager. There will be a small admission charge for men but ladies will be admitted free.

Those who like to cut the caper are urged to attend this dance and thereby help the unfortunate of the county.

## Management Is Changed Imperial

Due to a change in management, no pictures are being shown at the Imperial theatre at present. It will probably be a week or more before the amusement house is again thrown open to the public.

When the theatre reopens, it will be under the management of L. Weeden, head of the General Amusement Co. of Roanoke Rapids. The show will be run by George Robinson, who was with the local theatre before he went to Roanoke Rapids several months ago.

## RANKOFF SAYS HE IS GOING TO HOTEL WARREN

A. Rankoff, who has been operating the picture show business here for about two years, presented his last picture on Wednesday night. When asked yesterday where he would go from the Warrenton theatre, he replied: "To the hotel."

Little Miss Rie Betsy Alston of Inez is recovering from an attack of whooping cough.



**CHICAGO . . .** A nation-wide search is under way for Louis W. Gruber, (above) former purchasing agent for the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., who is alleged to have defrauded his employers of approximately \$500,000.

## Negro Dies As Result Exposure During Cold Wave

The death of a negro in Sixpound township on Monday night was attributed to the cold wave which accompanied the snow and ice here on Sunday.

The negro was found early Tuesday morning in the grove between Russell Palmer's home and the highway by a member of his race, Joseph Gregg.

Although sparks of life still flickered in the body of the frozen man when he was found, he never rallied from the cold which had cut him to the marrow.

Dr. W. D. Rodgers, who was called to the home of Russell Palmer where the 19-year-old man was carried to warmth soon after he was discovered, found the negro dead upon his arrival. The Warrenton physician said that death was due to exposure.

It is thought that the negro had been drinking and that he was on his way home when he fell on the ice and remained a victim for the elements.

## Streams Rise As Result Sleet Storm

Streams fed by melting snow, ice and recent rains have reached a higher stage this week than in several months. At the same time the supply of water in wells has increased considerably, it is said.

The prolonged dry spell of last fall resulted with some wells running dry, springs disappearing, and the creeks carrying off a great deal less than their normal flow of water.

## Medical Society Asks Aid During Epidemic

Confronted by an epidemic of whooping-cough, the Warren county medical board is appealing to parents for their co-operation in checking the disease which has been spreading since Christmas.

Meeting in the court house yesterday afternoon to discuss the prevalence of whooping cough in the county, members of the medical board decided that they would not order the schools closed but that they would ask parents to help check the disease.

Parents are asked to cooperate by reporting the first symptoms of the disease to the county health officer and to see that the quarantines are enforced.

## Man Questioned In Murder Case

ROANOKE RAPIDS, Mar. 1—Police today were questioning G. T. Pierce, Roanoke Rapids married man, in the death last October 6 of Marvel Cullom, 19, found slain in a scope of woods near her home.

A coroner's jury called secretly after the girl's body was found, decided she had been beaten to death by parties unknown.

Coroner W. Williams said Pierce formerly of Suffolk, Va., had admitted having been in the girl's company on the night of her death, but later changed his admission. Police said they wanted to clear up his testimony.

Miss Emily Hilliard, who teaches at Cliffside, has been spending some time here with her parents due to the fact that her school was closed on account of measles.

Miss Elizabeth Stackhouse of Mullins, S. C., arrived yesterday afternoon to spend a few days here in the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Macon.

## SLEET CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE

Power Lines Restored Here On Tuesday; Cut Off From Outside World

### WATER OFF TWO HOURS

Restoration of power lines and electric light wires here on Tuesday afternoon was the first step towards bringing back to Warrenton the normal living conditions which terminated here on Sunday night with the heavy sleet storm that threw the town into darkness, severed all means of communication with the outside world, and left the streets and roads littered with debris.

Soon after the power was thrown on here contact with the outside world was resumed by the Western Union which announced that its lines had been mended sufficiently to send and receive messages. Long distance telephone service was possible on Wednesday morning.

While the Carolina Power and Light Co. and the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. have resumed their operation, employees of these public utilities have by no means completed their arduous task of permanently repairing the thousands of dollars of damage to poles and wires that was done by the elements which brought snow, rain, sleet and wind to this section.

Hundreds of telephone and electric light poles fell to the ground, and it is expected that workmen will be on the job for weeks repairing this damage as well as untangling the mass of electric wires that went down with the poles beneath the heavy coating of ice. The local branch of the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. reported yesterday that it would be some time yet before telephone service would be available in all homes which the storm effected but that efforts are being made to resume this service as soon as possible. More than 50 'phones were out of commission at Warrenton on Monday, and employees of the telephone company said that it was impossible to contact with any of the homes in the county.

As a result of the storm, the water supply was cut off here for about two hours early Monday night. The water was cut off as a precautionary measure, Harold R. Skillman, manager of the Warrenton Water Co., said.

Mr. Skillman explained that when it became apparent that power would not be available for some time, efforts were made to pump water into the town tank by means of a tractor. This machinery proved inadequate, he said, and the pump remained idle throughout the day. With the supply gradually dwindling in the tank and the uncertainty of getting any power for several hours, it was decided to save what was in the tank in case of fire. Mr. Skillman stated. Juice was shot to the pump about 9 o'clock Monday night and the water was cut on after being off for about two hours.

While linesmen were working night and day to resume the flow of electric current, the road force was out clearing limbs and trees from the highways of the county. Although the roads were left in bad shape by the heavy weather, traffic was not paralyzed.

In spite of the bad weather, mail service here and throughout the county was uninterrupted. The mail came here as usual and was routed through the county in regular manner.

Trees and shrubs suffered heavily from the snow, sleet, rain and wind which fell in sub-freezing temperatures throughout Sunday and early Monday morning. This mixture of ice and rain adhered to limbs and twigs, wires and poles and as it increased in weight bore down the objects to which it clung. Old trees which had weathered the storms of hundreds of years lost limbs this time as the elements went on a spree.

But while nature was doing her damage she hung a picture of dazzling beauty over the town. The trees with their branches bending beneath the heavy coating of ice were suggestive of giant chandeliers as the sun shone on them Monday afternoon and Tuesday.

Several people here went out with kodaks to preserve nature's artistic display of trees jeweled with sparkling icicles.

Mrs. B. N. de Foe Wagner and guest, Miss Bernice Williams of Richmond, Miss Grace Wagner and Mr. Belford Wagner were visitors at Greenville on Monday.