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SCHOOLS MAY OPEN MONDAY

Snow Storm Delays Opening of Warren County Schools A Week

ROADS ARE STILL BAD

Boys and girls, who have had a week's additional holiday on account of the heavy snow and sleet, will return to their class rooms on Monday morning provided road and weather conditions permit.

Supt. J. Edward Allen said yesterday that plans at present are for re-opening the schools on Monday but that he could not say definitely when class work would resume on account of the fact that he did not know what would be the condition of the roads by next week. "If the roads are in such condition Monday morning that they do not permit safe bus travel, of course we will not open at that time," he stated.

The Christmas holidays for students in the schools over the county commenced on Friday afternoon, December 20, and were scheduled to come to a close on Monday morning, December 30, but due to the unusually heavy snow and rough weather the opening was postponed until Thursday morning of this week. A continuation of the inclement weather caused the opening to be delayed until next week.

Some members of the John Graham High School were notified on Sunday afternoon that school would not open on Monday and have not returned to Warrenton but others who failed to get their messages arrived here on Sunday night and have been spending the week here.

Much Whiskey Sold in County On Christmas Eve

The three whiskey stores in Warrenton did a large volume of business on Christmas eve when a total of \$1,784 was passed across their counters for gins, wines, whiskeys and liquors.

Sales at the Warrenton store exceeded by far those made at Norlina and Littleton, there being another whiskey store in the latter town operated by the Halifax county board.

Sales here for the day amounted to \$1058, as compared with \$383 at Norlina and \$343 at Littleton.

Business houses here also report that they experienced one of the best days' business in years on Christmas eve.

Mrs. Cook Dies At Aurelian Springs

Littleton, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Rebecca Cook, 80, widow of the late D. T. Cook, died at Aurelian Springs on Friday, December 27th. Mrs. Cook was born and reared in Halifax county and has been a member of Quunky Baptist Church for a number of years.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Rufus Bradley of Rocky Mount. The pallbearers were Willis Perkins, Perkins Taylor, Horace Robinson, June Collier, Rufus Bradley, Ollie Morrison, Joe Riddick, S. C. Crawley and W. W. Warren. Interment was made in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Littleton.

Surviving are the following children: Misses Mattie and Allene Cook, Littleton; Mrs. J. G. Bosenman, Scotland Neck; Mrs. F. S. Culum, Dunn; E. L. Cook, Dunn; Mrs. C. L. Kelly, T. B. and Olen Cook, Littleton.

Auto License Law Is Enforced Here

Despite the sleet and snow which has prevented some from traveling to adjoining towns to procure new license plates, the law requiring all automobiles and trucks to wear 1936 tags after December 31 is being strictly enforced here.

A number of Warrenton persons who drove down town Wednesday morning were stopped by a highway patrolman and if they had not already bought their 1936 plates they were given a ticket and ordered to appear before a magistrate. No cars with old tags have been seen running around town since that time.

Weather forecast for Friday: Partly cloudy, rising temperature.

Court Seeks To Clear Docket For New Year Start

Efforts to clear up old debts and start the new year off with a clean docket were made in Recorder's court on Monday morning when the session was devoted to ordering capias issued for those who were granted time to pay the costs in actions and have failed to come forward with the cash.

Some of these cases have been on the docket for months despite several efforts to get the cash from the defendants, who were granted a little time to pay rather than committed to jail or the roads after they had been convicted and ordered to pay the costs or fine, but when they appeared before the judge they have in most instances put up such a pitiful tale and convincing promises to remove their names from the debit side of the ledger in short order that they were granted an extension of time.

But 1935 has come to a close and the solicitor, the judge and the clerk want to clear their records, so on Monday morning 37 capias were issued in order to get the debtors into court. In addition, an alias capias was issued for Early Kearney, negro charged with disposing of mortgaged property, who is now out of the county.

Not a single case was tried Monday, but a jury was drawn to decide the civil case the 4th Monday between W. G. Overby and M. C. Hicks, administrator.

Committeemen To Be Elected By Cotton Growers

Notices requesting cotton growers to meet at various places in the county next week for the purpose of electing cotton committeemen for the year 1936 have been mailed out this week by County Agent Bob Bright. The places and time that the meetings are to be held are printed below:

Hawtree township, Perkinson's store, Monday morning at 10 o'clock; Nutbush township, Watkin's store, Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock; Smith Creek township, Mayor's office at Norlina, Monday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock; Shocco township, Pinnell's store, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock; Sandy Creek, Heck's Grove, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock; Fork township, Eugene Davis' store, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock; Fishing Creek township, Capps' store, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock; Judkins township, Jesse Harris' store, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock; River township, Sam King's store, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock; Sixpound township, Churchill school, Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock; Roanoke township, H. L. Wall's home, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock; Warrenton, Court House, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Local Mortician Hires Assistant

Dorman Blaylock of Henderson has accepted a position with the T. V. Allen Funeral Parlor. He will relieve Mr. Allen of the major portion of the embalming work and assist him in conducting funerals but the work will still be under Mr. Allen's supervision.

Mr. Blaylock is a graduate of the Gupton-Jones College of Embalming, Nashville, Tenn., and for the past two years has been connected with the Mason-Yelverton Funeral Home at Raleigh. He and Mrs. Blaylock moved to Warrenton on Tuesday and have taken an apartment in the home of Mrs. E. T. Rodwell.

Norman Lovell, who has assisted Mr. Allen for several years, will remain with him.

"I needed a good man to take some of the work and responsibility off of me, so I got Mr. Blaylock who is well qualified for the job," Mr. Allen said.

ACCEPTS POSITION
Edward Rooker Jr. has accepted a position as accountant for the Peck Manufacturing Company. Miss Edith Burwell is also assisting with the office work.

The mill is being operated at present by V. F. Ward, who is president of the concern.

IMPROVING
Friends are glad to learn that Mr. A. W. Hall, who for ten days was critically ill at his home here is rapidly improving.

Grand Champion of Junior Feeding With Owner



CHICAGO . . . Robert Lemans of Eldred, Ill., got the thrill of a lifetime when his Hampshire barrow, Silver Light, weighing 320 pounds, won him the title of Grand Champion of Junior Feeding in the early judging at the annual International Livestock Exhibition here.

W. H. Bell, 60, Dies On Saturday; Paralysis Victim

Funeral services for William H. Bell, 60, were conducted from his home here on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, Baptist minister, and the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal church. Interment followed in Fairview cemetery.

The services were expected to be held on Sunday afternoon but due to the inclement weather they were postponed until the following day. Mr. Bell died on Saturday night at 9:45 o'clock as the result of a stroke of paralysis which he suffered nineteen months ago. He had been confined to his home since that time and for ten days prior to his death he was critically ill.

Mr. Bell was the son of W. S. and Lucy Wright Bell of Churchhill. He remained in Sixpound township until after he had reached manhood, moving to Warrenton in 1902. After coming here he went on the road as a traveling salesman for the Majestic Manufacturing Company and held a position with this concern for around 20 years.

He is survived by two brothers and two sisters: John Bell of Warrenton and Stith Bell of Vaughan; Miss Lottie Bell and Mrs. Sam Weldon of Warrenton.

Pallbearers were C. R. Rodwell, W. R. White, T. R. Frazier, W. H. Burroughs, A. C. Blalock and T. O. Rodwell.

Two John Graham Teachers Marry

Two members of the John Graham High School faculty were married during the Christmas holidays.

Paul W. Cooper, principal of the school, was married to Miss Ruth Kreis of Baltimore, Md., in that city on December 23, one day after F. H. Eason, English teacher, and Miss Sarah Eunice Matthews of Kipling had spoken the wedding vows before the Rev. J. C. Menius of Lillington.

Announcement of the Cooper-Kreis marriage was made several weeks ago but the wedding of Mr. Eason and Miss Matthews came as a surprise to friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have an apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alston. Mr. and Mrs. Eason are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott.

Injured Patrolman Returns To Duties

Patrolman Paul Welch, who was seriously injured when his motorcycle failed to make a curve at Vaughan several months ago when he was stationed at Warrenton, has been returned to this town by Captain Farmer of the State Highway Patrol. Patrolman Welch stayed in the hospital for several weeks as a result of his accident.

The patrolman, who during the rough weather is using a car rather than a motorcycle, has been busy since his return to Warrenton seeing that cars and trucks wear new license plates and that the motor vehicle laws are not violated in other ways.

Young Folk Skate And Sleigh During Cold Spell

The blanket of snow which has covered this section since Sunday, December 22, began to disappear yesterday beneath the steady rainfall which began early Thursday morning with rising temperature.

And with the rising temperature and melting snow came pleased expressions from persons of the town who welcome the breaking of the cold spell which has had the thermometer playing tag with the 12 and 20 degree marks for nearly two weeks.

While the paved streets and highways have been cleared of the snow and ice the roads in the country, although dragged, are still slippery and unpleasant to travel over. Main street in Warrenton has been daged several times since the snow first occurred here and on Tuesday and Wednesday the highway force, with prisoners under guns in the hands of guards, loaded the snow in trucks and hauled it out of town.

Streets of the town were unusually treacherous on Wednesday night due to snow and ice melting in the middle of the day and freezing again after sundown.

Young boys and girls, and some of the older folks too, have taken advantage of the unusual weather for sleigh riding and ice skating, however the latter sport has not been indulged in as much as the former due to the fact that the ice on the ponds has been covered most of the time by snow.

Before the second snow, which came last Sunday, there was some ice skating on the pond at the rifle range and on the Peck pond. Sleigh-riding has been down practically all grades around town and particularly so on the road leading towards Macon and Liberia and on the street next to the Citizens Bank.

Warrenton Quietly Greet New Year

Warrenton greeted the new year without much ado.

There were a few fire-crackers tossed out of cars traveling up and down the street about the midnight hour and several bells were heard to ring out for a few minutes, but apparently they were not being pulled with the gusto that usually causes them to swing long and loud at the opening of another year.

There were a number of watch parties and cock-tail parties but the majority of the folks preferred to remain by a fire rather than venture into the cold night air on slippery streets.

CHANGES JOB

T. R. Frazier, who for years has been connected with the Boyd-Boyce Motor Company as Ford salesman, has accepted a position with the Williams Motor Company, Dodge and Plymouth dealers. W. R. Hedgepeth, who for years has had charge of the mechanical division of the Boyd-Boyce Motor Co., has gone on the roads as salesman to replace Mr. Frazier.

Mr. Tom Holt returned to the University of North Carolina yesterday.

BRIGHT WRITES ABOUT NEW YEAR

Thinks 1936 Good Time To Improve Soils and Farm Buildings

OFFERS TO CLEAN SEED

By R. H. BRIGHT
County Agent

Nineteen thirty-six is here and 1935 is history. I wonder how many farmers will take inventory before starting 1936 operations. I guess we all try to justify what we have done in the past year and try to show a profit. I see now where I could have given better service in 1935 and resolve to do this in 1936.

This cold weather forces us in and this seclusion naturally causes one to think. I was sitting before a blazing fire and thinking about 1936 and how I could help to make it a better year for the farmer. This thought occurred to me: Why not start a movement to improve farm lands, farm buildings and farm life, and the farmers be responsible for the program? A score card could be drawn up and every farm in the county graded. This would be an excellent inventory and give us a basis to work on.

This plan could be worked out on a community basis and each community have its officers and compete with other communities. This card would be divided into several sections. For example: soil conservation, soil improvement, land use, painting the farm home, painting barns and other buildings on the farm, a sufficient number of livestock for the farm, herd improvement, poultry for the farm, pasture for the farm, financing the farm, and care of woodland. This list is not complete but gives some idea of the items that should be included in a plan to make farming a safer and better vocation.

I have often thought that the farmer was willing to make progress if he had a chance. One of the best farmers in the county was talking to me a few days ago about land use. He said that farmers cleared land that should be left in timber. And when you look at some of the clay hills and gullies in this county you are forced to agree. Land is a natural resource and there is a limited supply. I saw some slides a few days ago of land in Denmark that was growing unbelievable crops. The man showing these slides said that this particular plot of land cost over \$2,000 per acre. Naturally I thought of the land that is being washed away and ruined so far as farming is concerned.

Tobacco Seed

I will be glad to clean tobacco seed for farmers if they will bring the seed to this office. All persons (Continued on Page 6)

Wild Life Hurt By Snow Storm

Wild life has suffered heavily from the frigid weather in Warren county, E. Hunter Pinnell, game warden, stated this week. He said that partridges would not fly more than a hundred yards when flushed now and asked that sportsmen refrain from shooting these birds until they had an opportunity to get something to eat and regain their strength.

Not only have birds and rabbits suffered from the cold weather and lack of food, but the snow has offered an opportunity for many people to track them down.

Davis Now Head Of County Home

Hugh G. Davis of Fishing Creek township, elected by the Board of County Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting in August to manage the county home, took charge on Wednesday.

Mr. Davis succeeds Mrs. Nannie B. Powell who has been superintendent of the home since the death of her husband, the late W. T. Fowell. While Mrs. Powell was in charge of the home, she was assisted by her son, Arthur Powell.

Mrs. Powell and Mr. Arthur Powell have moved to the Powell home near Warrenton, formerly the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dameron and family.

LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON

Congressman John H. Kerr departed yesterday for Washington for the opening of Congress today. His secretary, Howard F. Jones, and Mrs. Jones left Wednesday morning.

State Library
Fashioned in Wool



NEW YORK . . . The striking woolen style above, worn by Jane Wyatt, is a pearl gray design knitted against a dark blue background and is fastened by two enormous frogs of braided cord. The skirt is of matching blue, the shoes and bag being reptile.

Couples Seeking Marriage Licenses Swamp Register

The Register of Deeds office was swamped by applicants for marriage licenses on Christmas eve day when eight couples and friends appeared there at practically the same hour to procure licenses.

Register of Deeds Powell said that he nor Deputy Scott issued a license in the morning but that when they returned to the office after lunch the hall was crowded with persons who desired licenses.

While they were busy issuing these certificates another couple appeared with a license and, according to Mr. Powell, the parties were so impatient to be married without delay that he carried them into the vault and "hitched the knot" while Mr. Scott continued to fill out the blanks.

"It's funny how it happened," said Mr. Scott, "but we didn't have any licenses to issue in the morning or none to issue after we had taken care of the rush. They all seemed to have congregated at the office while we were out for perhaps 45 minutes getting lunch."

A check-up of the records revealed that 29 persons applied for licenses to marry between December 20th and January 1st, and one applied on January 1. The licenses were issued to the following couples:

Dec. 20—George Frank Jones of LaCrosse, Va., and Lucy Lee Morris of LaCrosse, Va. (white).

Dec. 21—Karl L. Ponzor Jr. of Elizabethtown, N. C., and Mabel Thomas Overby (white); John B. Williams and Cornelia C. Wilson (colored); Herbert M. Banks and Alice M. Palmer (colored); John Henry Stegall Jr. and Susie Grace (Continued on page 6)

Credit Association To Hold Meeting

An invitation is extended to all farmers of this county to attend the annual meeting of the Henderson Production Credit Association at Henderson on January 16 in the Vance County Court House, it is announced by W. B. Gooding, secretary of the association.

The Henderson association serves Granville, Vance and Warren (Continued on Page 6)

E. T. ODOM WINS JACK- POT AT WARREN THEATRE

E. T. Odom won the jack-pot at the Warren Theatre on Wednesday night and was presented \$10.00.

Each Wednesday night a name is drawn from a box containing the signatures of those who have attended the theatre at least one time prior to the drawing and the lucky person wins the money. In the event the person whose name is called is not present, the money is added to the jack-pot for the following week.

METHODIST TO HOLD CONFERENCE SATURDAY

The first quarterly Conference will be held at Warrenton next Saturday, January 4, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. O. I. Hinson announced this week.

The new Presiding Elder, Dr. J. M. Culbreth, will preach at this hour, the Rev. Mr. Hinson stated.

FIRE DESTROYS BAPTIST CHURCH

Two Members Express View That Fire Was Started By A Rat

CITIZEN WATCH HAVOC

The opinion that a rat was responsible for the fire which destroyed the Warrenton Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon was expressed on Wednesday by two leading members of the church who made a thorough investigation after the devastating flames had been smothered.

Supt. of Schools J. Edward Allen and "Capt." J. Willie White both said that they were inclined to believe that the fire was started by a rat that had gotten hold of a match and climbed into the walls rather than by the furnace which was at first blamed for the fire by a number of persons who expressed opinions as to the origin of the flames.

Mr. Allen stated that he found no defect in the flues, that the current was off in the building, and that from his investigation he rather thought that a rodent had gotten hold of a match and carried it to its warm nest in the wall near the flue. Mr. White stated that indications were that the blaze did not start from the furnace, which was being operated with a small fire at the time to prevent pipes from freezing and that he, too, was of the opinion that a rat started the fire.

Smoke was pouring from the building when the fire was discovered about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon by Edward Tarwater who threw in the alarm from a switch located near the church in front of the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Macon. Practically the entire town responded to the alarm and stood on the ice for an hour or more as firemen played two hose on the building.

The flames had such headway by the time the fire was discovered and the water turned on it was practically impossible to salvage anything from the building other than the Bible, which was saved by the janitor, a few pictures and a small organ. The pipe organ was ruined.

Although the brick walls did not crumble and the church still stands, the building is regarded as a complete wreck.

There was \$6,000 insurance on the church itself and \$1500 on the organ. The value of the church and organ was placed at between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

While officers of the church have not come to any definite decision as to what steps they will take for a future house of worship, there exists some doubt as to whether the church will be rebuilt. Inasmuch as the building is regarded as a complete loss and that several offers have been made for the lot in the past, it is probable that steps will be taken in an effort to secure another lot further from the street where a larger church may be erected.

It is a known fact that Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington made a tempting offer to officers of the church several years ago in an effort to acquire the lot, remove the church and further enhance the beauty of her home and garden, out whether she still desires the property is not known. She is out of town at present. It has also been stated that the Standard Oil Company desires the lot as a location for a service station and that the (Continued on Page 6)

Baptist To Hold Services Sunday

The destruction of their church by fire on Tuesday will not prevent members of the Baptist church from holding services and conducting Sunday School on Sunday.

The Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, pastor of the church, stated yesterday that Sunday school will be held at the regular time in the basement of the John Graham High School and that the 11 o'clock services will be conducted in the Methodist church. There will be no evening service, he stated.

All churches of the town have been offered Rev. Mr. Brickhouse and members of his church for holding services and it is probable that the others will be used. The Warren Theatre has also been offered by George Robinson, its manager.