

## BOARD SETTLES WITH SHERIFF

### Turn Books Over For Collection of 1936-37 Taxes; \$7 Per Cent Collection

### LEVY LESS FOR 1936-37

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session here on Monday had its annual settlement with Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and then turned the books over to him for the collection of 1936-37 taxes. The books had been previously checked and audited by an auditor.

The settlement revealed that the sheriff collected about 87 per cent of the 1935-36 taxes. Out of the county-wide levy and special district levies necessary to raise \$106,493.99 for operating the county and paying off bonded indebtedness last year, the sheriff collected \$92,000.00.

The new books turned over to the sheriff for collection of the 1936-37 have him charged with \$100,000.00, which is \$5,479.43 less than the levy for last year.

The difference in the amount to be raised this year through taxation is due to the reduction in the county-wide rate, from 66c last year to 60c this year on the \$100.00 valuation.

Notices of the 1936-37 taxes are being mailed out this week from the sheriff's office. A discount of 1 per cent is allowed on all taxes paid this month, and a number of citizens, firms and corporations are taking advantage of this saving.

One-half of 1 per cent is allowed during November.

Aside from the settlement with the sheriff, matters before the board Monday were of a routine nature. There were few citizens present for the meeting and the commissioners spent an unusually quiet day. The minutes of the meeting follow:

Ordered that the monthly medical bill of H. C. Gilbert be paid by the county.

Ordered that \$5.00 be appropriated to help defray the burial expenses of Mr. Jim Stegall.

On motion duly seconded it was ordered that L. L. Hight of Halifax county be exempted from payment of peddler's tax to sell patent medicines in Warren county, he being a disabled World War Veteran.

Motioned by Com. Capps, seconded by Com. Powell and ordered that the 1936 tax levy in the sum of \$100,000.00 be turned over to the sheriff for collection.

Ordered that an amount not to exceed \$300 per month be appropriated for Miss Carrie Helen Moore for rental of sewing room at Littleton.

Ordered that Jim Walker be placed on the out-side pauper list and paid \$5.00 per month, voucher to be delivered to Mr. Earnest Thibby.

On motion duly seconded, it is ordered that \$185.00 be appropriated to build a storage room at the County Home; it is further ordered that Mr. Hugh Davis be employed to build said room, and it is understood and agreed that Mr. Davis is to give a complete job, furnishing all material at said price, said building to be 16 feet by 18 feet.

Ordered that the county pay the hospital expenses of Mary Lou Powell, colored.

Ordered that \$2.00 per month be appropriated for George Banks, voucher to be delivered to Mr. W. W. Halthcock.

Ordered that \$18.00 be appropriated to employ an extra police officer to serve on the fair grounds during this week.

Adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

## W. E. Davis, 78, Prominent Citizen, Dies On Saturday

Funeral services for William E. Davis, popular citizen of this county who died at his home in Fork township on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, were held from the Shady Grove Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. L. C. Brothers, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Davis, who was 78 years of age, had been ill for several months prior to his death. He was the son of the late Edward and Rebecca Pitchford Davis and served this county in the capacity of sheriff about 30 years ago. Since leaving that office he had been actively engaged in farming at his old home in Shocco township.

He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Blanch Egerton Davis; three sons, Edward D., Ernest E. and George W., all of Warren county; two daughters, Mrs. James Seward of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. C. G. Lawrence of Charlotte; and ten grandchildren. His first wife, Mammie Dameron Davis, preceded him to the grave by about 40 years.

Pallbearers were Weldon Davis, Weldon Egerton, Frank Egerton, Sidney Risdon, George Davis, M. S. Davis, with Edward Hunter as an alternate.

Honorary Pallbearers were Ed. Powell, Dr. Burt, R. E. Williams, J. B. Davis, J. A. Cheek, Dr. C. H. Peete, W. H. Burroughs, W. H. Pridden, R. E. Davis, and O. F. Clark.

## WRITER GIVES SKETCH OF LIFE OF W. E. DAVIS

William Edward Davis, sixth and youngest son of Edward and Rebecca Davis, grandson of Burwell Davis, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, was born seventy-eight years ago, just three years before four of his brothers were to take up arms in defense of the sovereign rights of the Southern States. He was too far removed from the scenes of battle and too young to remember anything much about the War beyond the fact that two of those brothers never returned. Weldon, just graduated from the State University when he enlisted, and Thomas, who was younger, were killed in action.

Two of his brothers held degrees from the University, but the losses incurred through war and its aftermath deprived young William of the advantages the elder brothers had enjoyed. He received his education at Louisburg Male Academy, a school of high rank at the time. Returning to the home of his parents he took over the management of the farm which, later, became his own.

On that farm he spent the greater portion of his life. He never raised tobacco, and the low price paid for cotton did not permit him to accumulate money, but it provided for the needs of his family and on it he raised fine fruits and many varieties of vegetables. Raising flowers became a hobby with him. From the coming of the first frost until frost there was always a profusion of blooms in his garden. He loved them because he appreciated beauty in all its forms; he loved them also, because he never liked for a guest to depart without some expression of good will from him. Visitors seldom left his house without receiving fruit, vegetables or flowers, whatever was in season at the time. His consideration for others made him loved by all who knew him.

Mr. Davis was never in politics, but was appointed by the Commissioners to fill out the unexpired term of Sheriff J. R. Rodwell—1895-96—when ill health forced Mr. Rodwell to retire. He made an efficient officer but retired from public life at the expiration of that term.

Death came to him on Saturday evening as quietly as he had lived. An attack of influenza suffered in the Spring left him so weakened that he steadily declined in health, but death, seemingly, held no fear for him. He was serene to the end.

His flower banked grave was the first grave in the new cemetery at Shady Grove, a spot made sacred to him by long years of close association with that Church. The friends assembled there to pay their last tribute of love were more than could find standing room in the church. His body was borne to its last resting place by six nephews: M. S. Davis, George Davis, F. N. Egerton and Weldon Egerton of Louisburg, Weldon Davis, Arcola, and Sidney Risdale of Greensboro.

Mr. Davis was twice married. His (Continued on Page 8)

## Heads Bankers



SAN FRANCISCO . . . Tom K. Smith (above), of St. Louis, is the newly elected president of the American Bankers Association. He succeeds Robert F. Fleming of Washington, D. C.

## Thirteen Face Trial In Recorder's Court Monday

A big session of Recorder's court was held here on Monday when thirteen defendants were brought into the Temple of Justice to face trial on the seven charges booked against them on the solicitor's docket. There were also several cases continued.

The size of the docket this week was attributed to the fact that no regular session of Recorder's court had been held here since September 14, due to Superior court being in session here for two weeks. Although the docket was unusually large, the court moved along smoothly without interruptions and adjournment came early in the day.

A special session of Recorder's court was held here on Friday for the convenience of witnesses in the case of the state against James Nelson, negro, of Atlantic City, N. J., charged with unlawful driving, but other matters on the docket were not gone into at the time. Nelson's car was alleged to have run into a truck from Creedmore being driven by Moody Moss, negro, with Ronald Mangum, white, in charge. No one was seriously hurt in the accident, which took place near Manson. Nelson was found guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs. The witnesses in the case, as well as the defendants, were from other states and for this reason it was decided to hold a special session of court rather than hold them here until Monday or require them to return to Warren county for the trial.

Russell Drawbond of Blackstone, Va., driver of the truck which was credited with causing the accident in which Howard Jones Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Allen were injured two weeks ago when Mr. Jones' car was knocked into the path of the car in which Mr. and Mrs. Allen were riding, was found guilty of driving under the influence of whiskey. He was fined \$75 and costs and had his driving license revoked. Both Mrs. Allen and Mr. Jones, who received injuries which kept them confined to their beds for nearly a week, were compensated by the insurance company which had insurance on the Virginia truck for their personal injuries and for damage to their cars, estimated at around \$450.00. Mr. Allen was not hurt in the wreck, other than a bruise on his knee.

Upon recommendation of his wife, George Perry, negro, charged with abandonment and non-support, was let off upon payment of costs.

Found guilty of reckless driving, Hubert Perry, negro, was fined \$25 and costs.

The request for a jury trial was responsible for the case against Edward Bell being continued. He is charged with driving under the influence of whiskey, being disorderly, and resisting arrest. Other cases continued were F. J. Peace, negro woman, charged with giving a bad check; Jesse Raines, charged with assault with a deadly weapon; W. H. Short, driving under the influence of whiskey.

Alleged to have been playing cards for money, six white men were arraigned before Judge Taylor to face trial for gambling. Thomas Ellis turned state witness and a nol-pros was taken as to him, and Eugene (Continued on Page 8)

## BLALOCK HONORED

Chapel Hill, Oct. 6.—A. C. Blalock Jr. of Warrenton has been elected a floor councillor at Steele dormitory at the University of North Carolina, according to official election results which were released here early this week. Young Blalock is a University junior.

## CHANGE TO DIAL METHOD TUESDAY

### Announce That Change Will Be Made On Tuesday Morning At 6:30

### ALL NUMBERS CHANGED

The Warrenton Exchange of the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company will switch over to the dial system on Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock, announcement was made from the local office this week. After the change the customary "Number, please?" will not echo to a raised receiver, but, instead, persons using the 'phones will dial their own parties.

A number of months ago the new dial equipment was installed in the office here and since that time the necessary work to switch from the straight system to the dial system has been underway.

All telephone numbers have been changed under the new system.

## Citizens May Pay Taxes At Office, Committee Decides

The finance committee of the Board of Town Commissioners met Wednesday afternoon and agreed that after the end of the present fiscal year, which is in June, that taxpayers of Warrenton will pay their taxes at the town office rather than to the chief of police, as is the practice at present.

The advisability of establishing the water company office as a place for citizens to pay their taxes, instead of to Tax Collector Lee Wilson, called for considerable discussion at the regular meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners on Monday night.

The matter was brought up by Commissioner John Mitchell who stated that he was of the opinion that the town should have an office to which citizens might direct their steps to pay their taxes instead of having to hunt up Lee Wilson, chief of police and tax collector. His idea was to have Miss Mary Terrell, clerk to the Water Company, collect taxes, give receipts and notify Collector Wilson of delinquents who fail to heed her notices. He was of the opinion that the bond of Mr. Wilson could be lowered and Miss Terrell placed under bond without any increase in cost to the town.

The board was in agreement with Commissioner Mitchell in acknowledging the advantages to be derived from having a tax collector's office and a deputy tax collector, and chief discussion came over the feasibility of changing bonds. The matter was referred to the finance committee, with instructions to put it in practice along the lines suggested by Commissioner Mitchell if suitable details and arrangements could be made.

At their meeting on Wednesday afternoon members of the finance committee decided to wait until next year to make the change due to the fact Mr. Wilson has already started collecting taxes for this fiscal year.

The commissioners voted to give Night Officer Short a new uniform after it had been pointed out by Chief Lee Wilson that the only garment donated to him had practically worn out. An application for a license to sell beer by People's Cafe was refused. The commissioners voted to join the Institute of Government at an annual cost of \$750 after it had been pointed out that the value of research carried on by the Institute was worth much to North Carolina towns.

Bids for work on the streets were referred to the street committee. A bill for pipe for carrying water to the fair grounds was ordered held up pending an investigation of who is to bear the cost of same. A number of bills were oked for payment and the commissioners adjourned.

## Golden Belt Fair To Crown Second Queen

Henderson, Oct. 7.—Plans are going forward for the second annual Queen's contest for the Golden Belt Fair at Henderson which will be represented by young ladies from the several adjoining counties similar to the one of last year.

All candidates for the contest are nominated this week and given a personal call at an early time so that voting may begin at once.

Mr. Joe Choplin was a visitor in town yesterday.

## Warren County Memorial Library To Make Annual Canvass For Funds Next Week; Open Letter To Citizens

With the annual drive for funds for the Warren County Memorial Library less than a week off, Mrs. Joe Taylor, chairman of the finance committee, writes this week in the form of a personal letter notifying friends of the library that the canvass will begin on October 15 and requesting that they continue their liberal support to the institution. Her letter follows:

"Dear Friends of the Library: Each year during the Fall Season the friends of 'The Warren County Memorial Library' have been called on for help in the Annual Drive for Funds. This year you are being called on again and I am sure that you will respond with as much enthusiasm and generosity as you have heretofore.

"The people of Warren County do not have to have anyone 'sell' them the idea of helping the Library. It needs no one to advertise its good points. The Library and its thousands of books truly speak 'volumes' in themselves. Those of us who know the Library, and its worth, to the county and to the individual, are proud of this 'living' memorial to our brave soldiers. There is something about the Library, and those who work there, that together create a refined atmosphere that makes us eager to

go there, want to linger there and very loth to leave.

"The response to the Library Drive is always so generous—everyone likes to give and the gift is given gladly, whether it be large or small. The Library Committee appreciates this fact and thanks each person, and organization, that has heretofore taken any part in the Drive.

"The Drive begins October 15th. The canvassers will call on you sometime during that day; however, you can make your contribution at any time during the week if it is more convenient.

"In preparation for the Drive those who have been called upon to canvass are asked to come to the Assembly Room of the Library the afternoon of Saturday, October 10, 4 p. m., at which time plans for the Drive will be discussed and final arrangements made.

"Make a note—Dates to Remember:

"Meeting of canvassers, Saturday, October 10, 4 p. m.

"Canvass for Funds, October 15, 1936.

"We are counting on you; don't fail us.

"Sincerely,  
"AGNES TAYLOR,  
Chairman Finance Committee.

## \$65.00 Contributed By Friends Of The Democratic Party

Frank H. Gibbs, town chairman of the Roosevelt Elector Committee, announced yesterday morning that \$65.00 had already been turned over to him as contributions from friends of the Democratic party anxious to see the President re-elected and that he is hoping and expecting more donations before the campaign for funds is over. "We appreciate the response that we have already received and trust that others desiring to make a contribution will do so at once in order that the money may be effective in the election on November 3," the chairman stated.

Mr. Gibbs who was recently appointed town chairman of the Roosevelt Elector Committee, named Stephen E. Burroughs and Howard Jones Jr. to assist him in the work. Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Burroughs have already contacted some of the citizens here and Mr. Jones will join in the work today.

Those who wish to make a donation and are not contacted by a member of the committee are requested to turn their money over to the town chairman.

Several township chairmen have been appointed by the Democratic National Committee to do work similar to that which is being done by Mr. Gibbs, but it could not be learned here yesterday with what success they have met.

## Presiding Elder To Preach At Littleton

Littleton, Oct. 6.—Dr. J. M. Culbreth, Presiding Elder of the Rocky Mount District, will preach and hold the Fourth Quarterly Conference at the Littleton Methodist Church next Sunday, Oct. 11 at 11 o'clock.

This will be the closing conference of the church year when reports will be heard from the various church organizations of the Bethel, Calvary and Littleton churches. The church officials for next year will be elected, also a strong effort is being made to have the finances in shape for the Annual Conference at New Bern.

A large congregation is expected to hear Dr. Culbreth whose sermons all over the district have caused favorable comment.

## Missionary Societies To Meet At Wise

The Warren county zone meeting of the Missionary Societies of the Methodist Church will be held on Wednesday, October 14, at Jerusalem Church, near Wise, from 10 o'clock in the morning until 1 p. m. Ladies are urged to attend and hear Mrs. C. L. Reade of Zebulon and Miss Elizabeth Lamb of Fayetteville. The auxiliary having the largest per cent attendance on time will receive a year's subscription to the World Outlook. Those attending are asked to bring a lunch and be on time.

KERR IN WASHINGTON  
Congressman Kerr is in Washington this week on public business.

## COUNTY FAIR IS WELL ATTENDED

### Thousands Throng Exhibition On Norlina Road Each Day And Night

### FREE ACTS EACH NIGHT

Thousands of men, women and children have trekked to Warrenton this week from practically every nook of this county and from many adjoining counties to attend the Warren County Fair which opened under the auspices of the Lions Club on the Warrenton-Norlina road on Monday at noon for a week's entertainment and enlightenment.

Attendance at the fair all the week has been good and those who have passed through the gate to the main tent where there is a large display of exhibits and then out to the grounds where the lights of many shows and rides twinkle have expressed their surprise at the size of the fair and voiced their praise for both the exhibits and the amusements. "A good fair" has been the verdict of those who have passed through the gate to judge the undertaking.

There has been a steady increase in attendance since the opening on Monday when there were more than 500 paid admissions. On Tuesday there were 1,335 paid admissions in addition to the approximately 2,500 white school children who were admitted free from noon until 6 o'clock in the evening. On Wednesday 2,000 person paid to see the fair and there were around 4,000 free admissions to negro school children of the county. Last night the largest crowd yet to attend was present, but the number of tickets sold had not been counted as this paper went to press.

The fair opened on Monday with a large parade which formed at the southern end of Farmer's warehouse and marched and rode through the Main street of the town out to the grounds, a distance of about a mile and a half. An outstanding feature of the parade was a float on which rode Miss Mary Randolph, chosen "Miss Warren County" at a beauty pageant here last week. Little Misses Rosa Bugg and Margaret Shaw, who also won honors in the beauty pageant, rode on the float with Miss Randolph. The parade was led by the military company and was also composed of the Lions Club and a long line of automobiles and trucks, many of which were decorated for the occasion.

The surprisingly large display of exhibits attractively arranged under the main tent has been studied by many of those who have attended the fair. The premium list offered around \$500 in awards and on Tuesday approximately 350 prizes were given those who had entries.

As one of the feature attractions of the fair a six weeks old baby was given away on Wednesday night to some lucky person, who turned out to be M. C. McGuire. He was awarded a young pig and had his hands full nursing the gift the rest of the night. His baby slipped away or was kidnapped early Thursday and yesterday he had two men on the job looking for his prize.

Last night was a big event at the fair when Miss Mamie Burroughs and Ira Weaver, both of the Afton-Elberon section of Warren county, were publicly married at 10 o'clock on a flower bedecked altar on the midway. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Carl Osley of Brown's church in the presence of several thousand witnesses. A number of local concerns presented the couple with wedding gifts.

Governor Ehringhaus was invited to attend the fair last night and his secretary, Charlie Powell, tentatively accepted for the governor during his absence, but it was later learned that he would be unable to be present due to another speaking engagement.

To keep interest at a high pitch, officials of the fair have agreed to give away \$20.00 to some lucky person on Saturday night. A special concession will also be made to school children under 12 years of age on Saturday between the hours of 12 and 6 o'clock when they will be admitted to the grounds free and allowed on the rides and in the shows for 5 cents each. This applies to both white and colored children.

Present indications are that the Lions Club will not only make money enough to pay all expenses of promoting its first fair but will also make a profit from the undertaking.

## Littleton Gridders Swamp Weldon

Littleton, Oct. 8.—Littleton High opened its football season here on Friday with a smashing 26-0 victory over Weldon. Each team showed potential strength, although at times the usual ragedness of early season play.

Littleton is out to duplicate its last season's record when it played the entire schedule untied and undefeated, having met exceptionally strong teams, among them Elizabeth City, in a post season affair. This year's schedule is surely an ambitious one, including, among other strong opponents, Rocky Mount and Emporia.

In the Friday game, Stansbury, Mooreley and Moore stood out for Littleton, while Bounds, Knight and Hart made the best showing for Weldon.