

COUNTY AFFAIRS IN GOOD SHAPE

Warren Has Next Lowest
Bonded Debt Ratio In
State, Report Shows

BOND SHRINKAGE SMALL

Warren county, with a net debt of 1.3 per cent of its total assessed valuation, ties with Currituck and Scotland counties for the honor of having the next smallest bonded indebtedness in ratio to valuation of any county of the state, according to local debt statistics compiled by R. S. Dickson and Company, with offices in Raleigh and other cities.

Cleveland, with a net debt of 1.1 of its assessed valuation, enjoys the smallest bonded indebtedness of any county of the state in ratio to valuation. The other extreme is Carteret county with a net debt of 39.4 per cent of its valuation.

The survey gives the following rating to counties bordering Warren: Halifax, 3.9 per cent of bonded indebtedness to total assessed valuation; Franklin, 4.4 per cent of bonded indebtedness in ratio to assessed valuation; Vance, 4.7 per cent; Nash, 4.7 per cent.

The shrinkage in valuation of Warren county bonds during the depression was also comparatively small, they being listed along with Cleveland county at a depression low of 70. Currituck county bonds were listed at a depression low of 75; Halifax county at 60; Franklin county at 40; Vance at 65; and Nash at 50. Carteret county bonds went down in price range to 39.4 during the depression low period.

Norville Palmer Dies In Hospital

Hookerton, December 28.—Norville Finley Palmer, 49, died at the Parrott Memorial Hospital in Kinston, Thursday afternoon, having been confined to bed with pneumonia only a few days. Funeral services were conducted at the home at 11 o'clock Saturday morning by his pastor, Rev. J. H. Miller assisted by Rev. T. M. Grant of Greenville. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery, Kinston.

He was born in Warren county, moved to Hookerton with his father, Dr. J. R. Palmer, 37 years ago, where he has lived and for many years was engaged in farming and mercantile business. He had served as postmaster since 1914; he was prominent in Masonic circles, a Shriner, member of J. O. U. A. M. and a member of the Methodist Church. He was known for his generosity and his active political and civic interests in this community.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lillie Giles Palmer; two daughters, Julia Giles and Janet; his mother, Mrs. Helen R. Palmer and one sister, Mrs. R. A. Stamper of Wilson.

Active pallbearers were H. S. Taylor, A. C. Edwards, George D. Allen, W. H. Kilpatrick, John D. Coston, and Robert Rowse. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. W. E. Dawson, Dr. J. H. Harper, Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, Dr. Mercer Parrott, J. T. Monk, M. C. Lassiter, J. I. Morgan, DeWitt Allen, Guy C. Taylor, D. C. Oglesby, N. F. Lovelace, W. F. Taylor, C. C. Sugg, R. J. Matlock, Dr. Frank Sabiston, J. C. Moye, B. R. Beamon, W. M. Edwards and D. B. Vause.

Negroes To Hold Celebration Today

Negroes of Warren county will hold their annual Emancipation Celebration in the court house here today (Friday) at 1 o'clock when a program appropriate for the occasion is to be carried out, interested white citizens are invited to attend.

HONORED AT FRANKLIN

Misses Katherine Williams and Helen Holt were guests of honor at a dinner party given by Miss Sue Pretlow McCann of Franklin, Va., on Christmas day. Returning to Warrenton on Monday, they were accompanied by Miss Sue Pretlow McCann, Mr. George McCann and a friend, Mr. Jimmy Tucker, V. M. I. students and were guests of Miss Helen Holt. Miss Holt entertained at a dinner party on Monday night and afterwards at a dance at Boyd Davis' home. After the dance the dinner party was a guest of Miss Marianne Boyd.

Mrs. J. C. Eldridge and son, DeWitt, of Chattanooga, Tenn., spent the Christmas holidays here with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Dameron. Mr. James Polk attended a dance at Scotland Neck last night.



PORTSMOUTH, N. H. — Kenneth E. Goldsmith, 23, and college graduate, has a job he thinks he is too young to hold. He's the new mayor of this town of 15,000 persons, defeating the Democratic incumbent by some 3,000 votes. He's going to try out the job anyhow.

Two Norlina Youths Charged With Robbery

Dunn, Dec. 28.—A daylight robbery in Harnett county was reported today by Deputy Sheriff K. C. Matthews. Sam and Everett Lassiter, brothers of Norlina, are being held in the Harnett county jail on a charge of breaking and entering the home of C. L. Avery, farmer of Bunn Level.

The two boys were discovered in the home of Avery this morning about 10 o'clock by a Mr. Parker, neighbor of Avery. Mr. and Mrs. Avery were away at the time. Parker told officers that the boys threatened to kill him. They escaped Parker but were later apprehended by Deputy Sheriff Matthews.

A search revealed only two flashlights and a fountain pen, which they admitted taking. The two boys said they left Norlina several days ago and had planned to hitch hike to Florida to spend the winter.

Miss Leach Thanks Public For Help

By LUCY LEACH
The Warren County Welfare Department wishes to thank the many interested citizens who took Christmas Opportunities. Sixty-eight families were taken from the office of the Welfare Department and made happy at Christmas.

In the recent drive for funds for the Charity Chest \$220.25 was raised. Some organizations are planning to make a contribution later to the Charity Chest. We hope they will remember to do this as we have so many pitiful appeals for aid from the destitute sick people.

The negroes in the community have strengthened their welfare organization and are planning to make contributions to the Charity Chest all during the year.

During the months of November and December \$431.26 was contributed to our Charity Chest. This money will be used in most instances for food and for medical attention for the indigent sick.

Three Slightly Hurt In Bus Accident

Three negro students were slightly injured on Wednesday morning of last week when the wheel of the school bus they were traveling in ran off as the vehicle moved along the Shady Grove-Warrenton road. The bus, which was said to have been traveling at a slow rate of speed, did not overturn and those who were hurt received their injuries by being thrown forward in the bus when the axle struck the road.

Annie Douglas Williams was slightly hurt on the leg; Lillie Arrington received a hip injury and a cut on her temple which necessitated one stitch; and Laura Kearney received minor scratches on her face.

According to the injured occupants of the second-hand bus, the wheel had practically run off three times prior to last week and accidents on these occasions were prevented by the faulty mechanism being discovered by the driver before the wheel ran off.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Warrenton Garden Club will be held on Wednesday afternoon, January 6, at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. R. B. Boyd with Mrs. Lucy Williams and Mrs. Joe Taylor as joint hostesses.

DAUGHTER BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wood on December 19, a girl—Lois Louise Wood.

HEAVY DOCKET COUNTY COURT

Large Number Cases Causes
Court To Be In Session
Nearly Two Days

NUMBER THEFT CASES

The outbreak of a number of petty crimes here during the Christmas shopping period and the trial of cases which had been previously continued in order that the evidence might be decided by juries were responsible for an unusually heavy Recorder's court docket which kept the wheels of justice grinding for nearly two days rather than the customary half a day or full day.

The presence of jurors, the battle of attorneys striving to free their clients and the large number of interested spectators gave the court all the aspects of its big brother, Superior court. After disposing of approximately 20 cases, Judge Rodwell laid aside his gavel on Tuesday afternoon and court adjourned until the following Monday.

Pett Burwell Jr., who was arrested several weeks ago by Night Officer Short on a charge of operating his car while under the influence of whiskey or beer, was found not guilty by a jury.

Harvey Winford, who was charged with driving drunk following an automobile collision near Wise on Sunday night, which resulted with no one being seriously injured, was convicted and sentenced to 60 days on the roads. The road sentence was suspended on the condition that he pay a \$50.00 fine and court costs. His license was also revoked.

L. C. Dalton was also convicted on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of whiskey and received the same punishment as did Winford. Both Dalton and Winford are white men.

George L. Jones, negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was fined \$15.00 and taxed with court costs.

Shop lifting during the Christmas buying period brought five members of the Rosser family, negroes, into court to stand trial on charges of larceny. Most of the articles were alleged to have been taken from Rose's 5 & 10 cent store. Estelle Rosser, Melvin Rosser, Carrie Rosser, and Mary Rosser were each convicted of larceny and were ordered to pay the court costs. Ernest Rosser, who faced a similar charge, was found not guilty.

Roger Suit, negro, was convicted in two separate cases of larceny. In each case he was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, one sentence to begin at the expiration of the other. The road sentences were suspended upon the condition that he pay the court costs.

Gillis Gaines, negro, was convicted on a count of assault on a female and was sentenced to work the roads for 60 days.

A non-suit was granted in the case of the state against James Vanlandingham, but Sam Vanlandingham was found guilty on a charge of receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen and was fined \$25.00 and taxed with court costs. The negroes were accused of receiving stolen cotton.

King Perry, negro, was found guilty of receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen and was fined \$10.00 and court costs.

A non-pros with leave was taken in the case against Peter Jones, negro, charged with possessing and transporting moonshine whiskey.

A capias was issued for James Alston when he failed to appear in court and face a charge of making a false statement to obtain money.

A jury said "not guilty" in the case against Henry Rodwell, negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

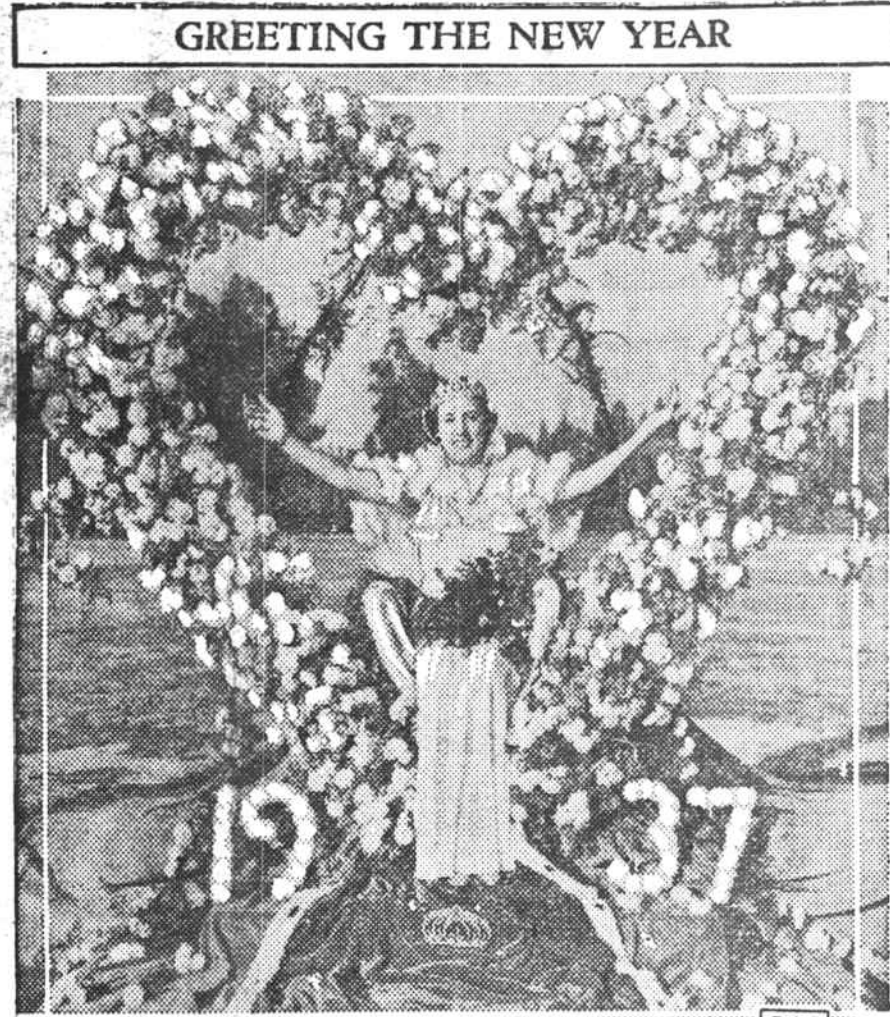
The cases against E. B. Harris, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and B. M. Brown, charged with reckless driving, were continued.

Hawks Loses Hand In Corn Shredder

Frank Hawks, son of Mrs. Howard Hawks of near Norlina, is recovering in Park View hospital, Rocky Mount, where four fingers on his left hand were amputated after having had them caught in a corn shredder on Christmas eve.

PUBLISHES STORY

The December issue of the Southern Agriculturist carried a story written by Mrs. Crichton Thorne Davis, one of the several authors Warrenton is proud to boast of. Her story is entitled, "One Storm Less, Old Shocco."



Above is pictured but one of America's Queens who will greet the New Year, 1937, this Queen, from a throne of roses! Miss Nancy Bumpus, college junior of Pasadena, Calif., will rule the realm in the annual Tournament of Roses at Pasadena on New Year's day.

Cotton Ginnings In Warren Are 1200 Bales Short

The Department of Commerce cotton report for Warren county, according to Benjamin Tharrington, special agent, shows that there were 9,823 bales ginned from the crop of 1936 prior to December 13 as compared with 11,181 bales ginned to December 13 from the crop of 1935.

Holts Winners In Decoration Contest

First prize, a floor lamp offered by the Carolina Power & Light Company, was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holt for having the most attractively decorated home here during the Christmas season in the contest sponsored by the Warrenton Garden Club. Second prize, \$5.00 given by the Lions Club, was won by Mrs. John Tarwater.

Those who received honorable mention in the contest which was sponsored with the view of making the town more beautiful during the Yuletide season and its citizens more civic minded were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seaman, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. Abner Moseley.

Out-of-town persons served as judges.

Many of the homes here were artistically decorated and brought forth plausible comment from home folks as well as visitors from other towns who toured the town late in the afternoon and at night to witness the beauty.

While neither the McGuire home nor the Moseley home won either of the prizes, the unusual displays at these two residences brought forth perhaps more comment than any of the other homes of the town. On top of the McGuire home was a large pasteboard Santa Claus attractively displayed late in the afternoon and at night by floodlights. At the Moseley home was a beautiful painting on the front door of the Three Wise Men, which was also appropriately lighted.

ENTERTAIN AT TEA

Misses Katharine and Ann Scoggin entertained informally at a tea in their home in North Warrenton on Christmas afternoon. The 25 guests who attended were invited into the dining room where the hostesses served punch and other appropriate refreshments in keeping with the holiday season. The table was centered in silvered leaves and red berries and tall red tapers burned at each end of the table. Evergreens decorated the Scoggin home.

MR. WILLIAMS HOST

Mr. Alfred Williams entertained at a dinner party on Tuesday, December 27, in honor of Miss Isabelle Gray, guest of his mother, Mrs. A. A. Williams. Those present were Misses Isabelle Gray of Lumberton, Katherine Moseley, Ann Scoggin, Miss Sills of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holt, Messrs. Tom Holt, William Taylor, Frank Allen, William Dameron, Boyd Davis and Alfred Williams, host.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Polk entertained friends informally at their home on Main street on Friday.

Christmas Passes Quietly In County Without Accident

Warrenton and Warren county enjoyed a quiet Christmas with no deaths or fatal automobile accidents to mar the happiness of the occasion.

There were the customary number of Christmas Eve arrests here for drunkenness, and several automobile accidents throughout the county but most of these occurred on U. S. Highway No. 1 and involved tourists.

"All in all, it was an orderly and fairly well behaved crowd here during the holidays, and we made no more arrests than customary at this season," Chief of Police Lee Wilson reported this week. Most of the arrests there were made, he said, were on Christmas Eve for drinking to excess.

Firecrackers secretly ignited by unknown persons celebrating the season exploded occasionally in town but this disregard for the law was not as general and as annoying as has been the case in by-gone years, and no serious results occurred.

Boys and girls home from the schools, a number of parties and dancing several nights during the Christmas, and the big social event of the season occurred on Tuesday night when the Lions Club sponsored a dance in the armory with the music of Freddy Johnson's Tarheel orchestra. The dance was well attended by an unusually large and orderly crowd which appeared to enjoy the occasion immensely. The club cleared around \$40.00 from the entertainment.

Clear, warm weather, a striking contrast to last year when the ground was covered with snow and the thermometer remained far below the freezing mark, added to the happiness of many and came as a disappointment to others who wanted snow and colder weather in which to hunt.

Christmas of 1936 came into Warrenton county pleasantly and left most of its people happy and none the worse for wear.

PERKINSON-EVANS

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Evans announce the marriage of their daughter, Eula Virgie, to Carey Milton Perkinson on Monday, September 7, in South Hill, Va.

Mrs. Perkinson is a graduate of the John Graham High School. Mr. Perkinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perkinson of Norlina and is a graduate of the Norlina High School. He is at present with the U. S. Marine Corp stationed at Quantico, Va.

KING-MUSTIAN

Miss Ola Mustian of near Wise and Mr. Gerston D. King of Paschal were quietly married at the Methuen Parsonage in Norlina by the Rev. W. C. Wilson on Sunday, December 27, at 12:30 p. m. Only a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. The couple left for a trip north.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Drye were visitors to relatives near Albemarle last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Conway returned to their home in Henderson, Ky., on Sunday after spending the Christmas holidays here in the home of Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington.

Auditor's Report Of Register of Deeds' Office Is Accepted

The auditor's report of the Register of Deeds' office authorized several weeks ago by the Board of County Commissioners was completed shortly before the Christmas holidays and accepted by the Board after Mr. Powell had explained why the books failed to balance by \$915.75.

When called before the board Mr. Powell told the members that the discrepancy came about by holding back some of the fees from government papers for fear that they would not go through and he would be called on by those seeking loans to return the money to them, and by the fact that he had some of the money deposited in the bank in another account, which the auditor's report did not show.

After Mr. Powell had made his explanation and produced the money to cover what appeared to be a shortage, the commissioners accepted the auditor's report.

Scott Resigns As Deputy Register

Robert D. Scott, for nine years deputy Register of Deeds under Joseph C. Powell, last night resigned. His resignation, effective January 1, was several weeks ago requested by Mr. Powell.

In requesting Mr. Scott's resignation, Mr. Powell is quoted as saying that it was with deep personal and official regret that he had to take such action but that economic pressure made it imperative that he cut his office expense. No fault was found with Mr. Scott's conduct in office, it was stated. It is understood that Mr. Scott will be replaced by Mrs. Powell.

Brother Warrenton Man Dies Littleton

Littleton, Dec. 28.—Burial services for Robert Hiram Wesson, who died at his home one mile from here late Thursday afternoon of a sudden heart attack, were held at the grave here at Sunset Hill cemetery Friday afternoon with the Rev. W. T. Phipps, pastor of the Littleton Methodist Church officiating.

Mr. Wesson was the son of the late Edward Wesson and Mrs. Mattie Carpenter Wesson of Brunswick county, Va., but had made his home in this section for a number of years. Surviving are his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Bessie Hudson of Littleton, a daughter and son, his mother, one sister of Brunswick county, Va., and one brother, W. H. Wesson, of Warrenton.

CHEATHAM-ELLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ellington of Drewry announce the marriage of their daughter, Rebekah, to Mr. William Cheatham of West Point, Va., on December 24, 1936.

Mrs. Cheatham has been doing Institutional Nursing in Williamsburg, Va., for the past three years and a half.

Mr. Cheatham is connected with the Chesapeake Pulp Corporation at West Point.

They will make their home in West Point.

IN HOSPITAL AT DURHAM

J. M. Gardner, prominent cotton buyer of Warrenton, underwent an operation at Duke Hospital Wednesday. He was reported yesterday afternoon to be getting along as well as could be hoped for.

IN ROCKY MOUNT HOSPITAL

Mrs. John Clay Powell, wife of County Commissioner John Clay Powell of Inez, is recovering in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, from an operation which she underwent on her hand.

IN ROCKY MOUNT HOSPITAL

C. B. Overby of Macon is improving in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, from an operation he underwent on Wednesday.

TEACHER RESIGNS

Miss Simmons of Dinwiddie, Va., has been elected as Home Economics teacher in the John Graham High School to replace Mrs. Rufus Jones, who has resigned.

Mr. A. C. Powell of near Warrenton is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Misses Sarah Howard and Carolina Ward of Washington, D. C., spent the Christmas holidays here with their parents.

FARMERS MAY EARN BIG SUM

1937 Farm Program Offers
Over Quarter Million Dollars, Bright Says

ASKS FOR COOPERATION

Farmers of Warren County could earn more than a quarter of a million dollars by taking full advantage of the 1937 farm program which is very similar to the 1936 program, according to the County Agent Bob Bright who writes as follows:

We are completing 1936 compliance as fast as possible and would appreciate the cooperation of the interested producers in clearing compliance. We have sent notices to all producers that signed worksheets and requested them to come in and sign their applications. Those producers that have signed need not come in until they are notified that their checks are ready for delivery, but those that have not signed applications should come in and do so at once.

We are receiving a few checks but I wish to request all producers to wait until they receive notice that their checks are ready for delivery before they call at the office for payment.

The 1937 program will be very much like the 1936 program except that the soil-building payment will be increased. The farmers in Warrenton County may earn in 1937 \$20.00 per farm as a minimum. This means that for soil-building alone the farmers in this county could earn \$60,000.00 for soil-building in addition to their diversion payment. In the case of cotton for 1937 a producer may rent 35% of his base acreage at five cents per pound the same as he did in 1936. In the case of tobacco he may rent 25% of his base at five cents per pound. The farmers in 1937 could earn and be paid in this county \$60,000.00 for soil-building, \$126,000.00 for cotton rental or diversion, and \$68,000.00 for tobacco diversion, or a total payment of \$254,000.00—over a quarter of a million dollars.

I am especially anxious for the farmers to earn the soil-building payment and as much of the diversion payment as possible. This soil-building payment is figured on a minimum and the farmers may earn more than this amount.

I am now ready to clean tobacco seed and will clean them at the time farmers bring them in if the rush is not too great.

Five Are Hurt In Overturned Car

Five Philadelphia Negroes were injured near Ridgeway when a car driven by Ralph Lee overturned in meeting a bus. None were injured seriously, though all received minor hurts.

Those in the car were Howard Lee, Inea Lee, Charlie Lee, Eula Ballard, and Anna Lee. Three others also occupants of the car were unhurt. They were Ralph Lee, Clarence Price and Ralph Ballard.

The driver told officers that in swerving to avoid an oncoming bus he was forced over on a shoulder of the highway, losing control of the car which rolled down the embankment. The Negroes were enroute from Clinton, S. C., to Philadelphia.

Shotgun Carries Death To Negro

The accidental discharge of a shotgun brought instant death to William Henry Ellis, negro about 25 year old, Tuesday night near the city limits of Warrenton when the weapon was taken down from a rack by John Edward Williams, negro, who had gone to his grandmother's to borrow the gun for hunting purposes.

As Williams snapped the single-barrel weapon together in examining it the explosion occurred, taking effect in Ellis' face.

Coroner Jasper Shearin, who made the investigation, termed the death as accidental and did not deem an inquest necessary.

BEDDOE ILL

L. B. Beddoe, manager of the Warrenton A. B. C. store, has been confined to his home this week on account of a bad case of influenza. He was reported yesterday to be some better.

D. A. R. MEETING TODAY

A meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in the home of Mrs. Katherine Pendleton Arrington this afternoon (Friday) at 3 o'clock.