

COURT ORDER BLOCKS BOARD

Bonding Company Restrained From Going Off Bond Of Register of Deeds

HEARING FEBRUARY 11

An order from the court tying the hands of the county commissioners prevented the board from taking any action at the regular session on Monday towards appointing a Registrar of Deeds to replace Joseph C. Powell, incumbent, in the event he could not secure a suitable bond.

The temporary restraining order, signed by Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh on Saturday, prevented the board from allowing the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, which has Mr. Powell bonded in the sum of \$5,000, from going off the bond of the Registrar of Deeds and from declaring a vacancy in the office.

The order was made returnable before Judge Henry A. Grady at Warrenton on February 11, at which time the jurist will decide whether or not it is to be made permanent.

A representative of the Baltimore bonding company appeared here on January 21 at a special meeting of the board and served notice of the desire of the company to cancel the bond. At the request of Mr. Powell, the bonding company agreed to remain on his bond until Monday of this week.

In the meantime Mr. Powell employed Gholson & Gholson of Henderson, Charles A. Katzenstein of New York and E. L. Travis of Halifax to represent him and the temporary restraining order was secured.

The restraining order not only forestalled any action which might have been taken by the board Monday in regard to the Register of Deeds' office, but it also caused members of the board to hesitate, and one member to refuse, to approve the action they had taken when an executive session of the board was held here on January 21. At that time the commissioners, having been called together by the chairman after a representative of the bonding company appeared here and announced the intentions of the company of withdrawing from the Register of Deeds' bond immediately, agreed to the terms between Mr. Powell and his bonding company, whereby the company would remain on his bond for ten days but no longer.

When the minutes of the special session were read Monday for approval Commissioner John Clay Powell said that he felt that the board had no right to approve of the minutes in the face of the restraining order and that he was not going to do anything that would put him in contempt of court if he could prevent it. County Attorney Julius Banzet was called in for his opinion on the matter and he told the commissioners that the minutes were nothing more than a record of what took place and that if they were correct in regard to facts that he could see no reason why they should not be approved.

The upshot of the whole matter was that two separate minutes were drawn up for the board's approval. The first minute, made by Commissioner Powell, was that the approval of the minutes of January 21, 1937, be postponed until the next meeting of the board. This minute received no second. The other minute, which was approved by all of the Commissioners except Mr. Powell, who voted "No," read as follows: "Motion by Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Wall, that the minutes of this board of January 21 are approved only so far as to the correctness of same as a true record of what actually transpired in the meeting; the legal effect of any action of that date is not approved until this board is advised by the court of its duties in the premises."

Following the approval of the second minute, the board employed County Attorney Banzet to move to dissolve the injunction issued before Judge Grady. Commissioner Powell voted against this action. He took the position that as the matter now stands it is purely a matter between the Register of Deeds and the Bonding Company and that it was not up to the county to take any steps until the court ruled on the temporary restraining order. The other commissioners took the view that inasmuch as the Board of County Commissioners had been named in the restraining orders that the board should be represented by

Red Cross Funds Over Quota By Nearly \$200.00

Continuing over the week end to respond to the call from the Red Cross for funds to relieve suffering among the million or more persons who were victims of the flood which swept through the Ohio and Mississippi river valley, Warren county citizens have oversubscribed their \$600 quota by nearly \$200 in addition to what has been turned into headquarters from Littleton or any other section of the county.

Last week \$922.50 was turned over to J. Edward Allen, chairman of the local chapter of the Red Cross, and since that time this sum has been increased by \$175.83, bringing the total to \$1098.33.

Following is the list of those contributing since last week when names were published:

- J. Willie White, \$2.00; Miss Rie Alston, \$2.00; Miss Sue White, \$1.00; Miss Nuna Cawthorne, 50c; Mrs. R. B. Boyd, \$1.00; R. L. Pinnell, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White, \$15; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Stallings, \$2.50; Frank Fleming, \$1; Norlina High School, \$56.83; collected by Mrs. Joe Ellis and Miss Sallie C. Watson, \$21.50; Baptist Philathea Club, \$8; Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Albert, \$5; P. F. Haley, \$1; Hawkins High School, \$8.35; Mrs. J. T. Walker, \$1; J. R. Robinson, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alston, \$5; J. M. Bender, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fleming, \$1.50; Rev. J. E. McGrier, \$3.
- Hecks Grove Sunday School, \$4.16; Howard Alston, \$1; Macon High School, \$45.84; Employees Peck Manufacturing Co., by J. W. Liles, \$25; Miss Annie Hawkins, \$2; J. D. Stewart, \$1; George L. Bender, \$5; Wise Baptist Sunday School, \$25; Miss Lula Allen, \$3; Miss Lou E. Brown, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pinnell Sr., \$1; Ridgeway Baptist Sunday School, \$5.88; (Continued on Page 4)

Bad Weather Is Cause Dance Loss

The President's Ball sponsored by the Warrenton Lions Club in Hotel Warren on Thursday night of last week to raise funds to aid those suffering from infantile paralysis proved an enjoyable affair for those who braved the rough weather to attend but failed as a means of raising money for the crippled. The Lions Club lost between \$5 and \$7 on the entertainment.

The dance was well attended considering the rainy night and had it been fair it is believed that both the lobby and dining room of the hotel would have been crowded with couples.

During the evening dancers were showered with confetti and received balloons which were suspended overhead. At intermission refreshments were served.

Card games were held on the second floor of the hotel as part of the entertainment as couples danced below to the strains of Thurston's band from Rocky Mount.

Boyd Would Have Figures Published

W. N. Boyd, prominent business man and large taxpayer, is of the opinion that the county should publish monthly a financial statement showing all receipts and disbursements and has written Representative T. H. Aycock to introduce a bill to this effect. In his letter to Mr. Aycock, Mr. Boyd says:

"I would like to see a bill passed by the Legislature, requiring the County Auditor to publish monthly a financial statement of Warren County, showing all receipts and disbursements. The Town of Warrenton is doing this, and I believe it tends to honesty and more interest in government. This should be in addition to the regular audits the county is now having."

Prisoner Hurt As Truck Overtakes

One prisoner was injured when a Warren County prison camp truck ran off the road and overturned near here Monday afternoon.

The prisoner, T. C. Green, about 35, sentenced to prison from Raleigh, was rushed to Central Prison Hospital in Raleigh. He was understood to have suffered a broken arm and possible other injuries.

B. E. Felts of Wise, driver of the truck, told highway patrolmen he had been run off the road by a car from New York and that the truck overturned before he could regain control of it.

FIRE DESTROYS TWO STORES

Early Morning Flames Wreck Large Wooden Building Tuesday Morning

STOCKS ARE DESTROYED

Two places of business here—Eugene Odom's Dollar Store and Flower Shop and J. W. Carroll's restaurant—were completely wiped out by fire of undetermined origin which destroyed Ben Powell's building on Main street Tuesday morning around 5:30 o'clock.

As the rapidly spreading flames ate into the wooden structure and roared and leaped into the night air fear was felt for the safety of other buildings standing nearby and a call was placed with Henderson for assistance from their fire department but before the Vance county men had opportunity to respond to the call it became apparent that the local firemen had the blaze under control and the Henderson firemen were notified that their truck and service were not needed. However, the Henderson fire chief and five of his men drove down in a car but they were not pressed into service.

Neither the C. E. Jackson building, occupied by the Salvage Company, nor the W. A. Miles Hardware Company, the two brick buildings which stood adjacent to the flaming wooden building of Powell, was damaged to any noticeable extent, although the hardware store suffered some loss from a damaged roof, ceiling, and wet stock.

The headway made by the fire before it had been discovered and the rapid manner in which it spread prevented the equipment and merchandise of Mr. Carroll and Mr. Odom from being saved. They both were protected by insurance.

The fire was discovered by Night Officer Kenneth Short and Buck King after the latter had reported to the officer that he smelled smoke as he walked along the street on the way to work. When the officer and Mr. King traced the smoke they discovered the fire in the rear of Mr. Carroll's sandwich shop and

75 Pound Hams Reports Frazier

Hams which were said to weigh 75 pounds each before they were trimmed were taken from one of the two unusually large hogs killed on Tuesday morning by R. H. Frazier, farmer of near Warren Plains. Mr. Frazier said that he killed two four-year-old hogs and that the larger one tipped the scales at 667 pounds after being dressed and the other weighed approximately 509 pounds. He said that he was forced to cut the hogs into four pieces in order to weigh them on his scales.

Insurance Company Honors Dameron

Barker Dameron of Goldsboro, a native of this county, has qualified for membership in the 1937 Julian Price Club, according to a card from the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, which states that this is the highest honor a member of the field force can earn.

Membership in this club, it was stated, requires at least two years of service and a consistently large production of new insurance so carefully selected that a very high percentage of it remains in force.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

The Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner will hold Communion at Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon he will conduct Evening Prayer at Saint Alban's in Littleton.

On Ash Wednesday Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9 o'clock in the morning at Emmanuel Church and in the evening at 8 o'clock he will hold Penitential Service here. He will be at Saint Alban's at 11 o'clock in the morning on Ash Wednesday and at Good Shepherd at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

BIBLE READER IN SCHOOLS

Interested in giving the boys and girls attending the schools of the county more religious training, C. L. Mitchell of Norlina is endeavoring to place the "Child's Bible Reader" in every school of the county. He said that the book could be put in the schools for \$60.00 and that he was willing to give \$10.00 of this amount.

Standard Oil Company Issued Permit To Erect Service Station On Taylor Corner; New Zoning Law Is Adopted

A permit to erect a service station on the Harrison Taylor lot at the corner of Main and Macon streets was ordered issued to the Standard Oil Company by the board of town commissioners in regular session here on Monday night.

Prior to granting the permit the commissioners had inspected plans submitted by the Standard Oil Company through its representative, Mr. Adkins, discussed the zoning plan with C. A. Tucker, chairman of the Zoning Committee, and repealed a section of a zoning law adopted last summer which would have prevented the erection of a service station on the Taylor corner.

The commissioners ordered stricken out of the proposed zoning law submitted by the Planning Board the words "storing of lubricating oils or derivatives of lubricating oil or gasoline in quantities in excess of 25 gallons in Class A business property" as it was believed that such words might be construed to prevent storing of kerosene in stores. It was further believed by

the members of the board that the words "no gasoline shall be stored or sold" would provide ample protection against the establishment of service stations in the restricted areas of the newly adopted zoning law.

The vote to repeal a section of the zoning law of last summer, to adopt the new zoning law as submitted by the planning board, and to make the new law effective on April 1, was unanimous, with all commissioners present. Thus was settled a matter that has been before the board at practically all regular sessions and several special sessions last summer when a hastily passed zoning law blocked efforts of the Oil Company to erect a service station on the Taylor property.

Although the commissioners were in session for around two hours, the matter of the erection of the service station on the Taylor corner, and discussion of it and the zoning law occupied the greater part of the board's time, with no other business of exceptional nature.

Native Man Says Flood Stories Have Been Held Down

Claiming that conditions in the flood-swept Ohio river valley are from 50 to 75 per cent worse than painted by the newspapers and radio, a native of Warrenton, now residing in Louisville, Ky., writes his family giving "first hand" information of the horrible situation in the water-covered area. The name of the writer is omitted through request. His letter follows:

"Dear Mama and Dad:
"I hope you received my telegram (Continued on Page 4)"

Graham Seniors To Present Play 12th

The Seniors of John Graham will present the play, "Bachelor's Choice," on February 12 at 8 p. m. Bachelor's Choice is a three-act royalty play by Frances Huntley. The eleven roles offer opportunities to represent the different types of people whom you see every day. Because you are acquainted with people just like them, you will sympathize with Nancy, the heroine, when her mother forces her to practice her singing lessons all day long and you will hate Alice, Nan-

4-H Club Boy Wins Scholarship

For his outstanding work in 4-H Club, John Robert Paschall of Manson has been awarded a free scholarship by the Chilean Nitrate Education Bureau to the State 4-H Short Course to be held at State College, Raleigh, G. R. McCall, assistant county agent, announced yesterday.

This award is based on the merits of the project and the boy. Both must earn a rating of excellent to get this award.

Littleton Raises Over \$250 R. Cross

Littleton, Feb. 4.—Littleton responded with its usual generosity to the Red Cross appeal for flood sufferers by contributing \$257.00 through the following solicitors: Mesdames Justis and Foster, \$48.50; Cora P. Newsome, \$9.00; R. H. Ward, \$24.68; Jack Bobbitt, \$17.13; Glasgow and Farmer, \$29.25; Littleton High School, \$44.40; and the Lions Club, \$94.04.

PIPPEN LEAVES BOARD

Littleton, Feb. 4.—Jos. P. Pippin has resigned as chairman and member of the local school board. Mr. Pippin states that under a ruling of the Attorney General, holding this position when, at the same time, being Solicitor of the Recorder's Court, was holding two offices within the meaning of the Constitution, therefore prohibited.

J. B. Connor, 85, Dies At Ridgeway

Funeral services for Joseph Britton Connor, 85, of Williamsville, Md., who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. T. White at Ridgeway Sunday were held Monday at her home and burial followed in the Episcopal Church cemetery. Mr. Connor, who was spending the winter with his daughter, succumbed to a heart attack. The Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner officiated at the services.

Surviving Mr. Connor are his widow, Mrs. Rosa Barnes Connor; two daughters, Mrs. White, and Miss Hazel Connor of Long Beach, Cal., and three sons, C. S., C. R., and E. S. Connor, all of Long Beach.

Edison Promises Ships



WASHINGTON . . . "We must build ships," said the new Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Charles Edison (above), as he settled at his desk after being sworn in on Jan. 18th. Mr. Edison is the son of the late Thomas E. Edison, inventor.

MANY CHANGES LOCAL BUSINESS

Leggett's Buys Out Department Store; Two Building To Be Razed

NEW HARDWARE HERE

Warren has buzzed with conversation this week as the news rapidly spread that old and well established firms here had sold out, new business was coming here, new buildings are to be erected, and several merchants must find new quarters for their establishments.

The most startling news which set tongues wagging over the week end was that the Warrenton Department Store, Inc., a business founded here by Warren county men more than a score of years ago, had been sold to Leggett's, a Henderson concern with stores in other towns. The unexpected sale took place Saturday night.

And as the Department Store news was being talked word spread around that T. V. Allen, who had been in the undertaking business here for more than 30 years, had sold his business to Dorman Blaylock of Henderson, who came here about a year ago to conduct Mr. Allen's business for him.

Interspersed with the other news was the talk of a new hardware store here, operated by the Watkins Hardware Co. of Henderson, a new building to replace the old Katzenstein building in which is located Lancaster's Grocery Store and Marks' Dry Good Establishment, and rumors that Mrs. W. H. Dameron had disposed of her interest in the W. H. Dameron Supply Co. The latter rumor is false, although the business is undergoing reorganization and some changes will be made there. It was learned yesterday from Herman Rodwell, one of the owners, Mr. Rodwell said that as soon as the changes had been definitely worked out that they would be made known to the public.

Added to the other happenings here was the fire Tuesday morning which destroyed Eugene Odom's business and J. W. Carroll's restaurant, leaving the proprietors searching for locations to reopen their establishments. Mr. Odom has been unsuccessful in his efforts to find a vacant building, but it is understood that Mr. Carroll will locate in the building formerly used by John Powell for a cafe.

Mr. Lancaster is expected to move to a building near the Boyd-Boyer Motor Co. now owned and occupied by Jimmie Green, Warrenton negro. Mr. Marks, who has been in the mercantile business here longer than any other person of the town, having started business 40 years ago, has not found a place to go. He has sold part of his stock to a Norfolk concern, but will remain in business provided he can find quarters.

The proprietor of the Puriton Cafe will also have to find new quarters inasmuch as the Taylor building on the corner near the stop light is to be torn down to make way for a service station for the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. The town has agreed to the erection of a service station on that corner and it is expected that the work of removing the old building, which was partly ruined by fire several months ago, will begin within a few days. W. B. Fleming, who now owns and operates the Warrenton Service Station, is expected to take over the management of the new station when it is completed.

The Warrenton Department Store, Inc. was born here 27 years ago and since that time has been owned and operated by the founders or their heirs. The store was the outgrowth of two separate mercantile businesses here, one operated in the present building by the late W. T. Johnson and the other, which stood next to it, operated by the late A. D. Harris. While these two separate business houses were running and carrying goods somewhat similar, a group of Warren county young business men who were on the roads selling merchandise conceived the idea of combining the two stores, tearing down the partition which stood between them, and opened a department store here. The plan was carried out, the business was incorporated, and stock was issued to Mr. Harris, Mr. Johnson, Howard Van and Herbert Alston. A. A. Williams and Kearney Williams. The stock never changed hands, with the exception of Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Harris' which became the property of Mrs. W. T. Johnson and Mrs. Walter Gardner, and paid large

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Soil Program To Be Explained In Group Meetings

The 1937 conservation program which has been announced will be explained in the court house at Warrenton on Thursday, February 11, at 2:30 o'clock by H. A. Patton, County Agent Bob Bright stated yesterday.

Mr. Bright said that the farmers of Warren county did not understand the soil conservation program of 1936 and urged that they attend the meeting here next week in order that they may become thoroughly familiar with the provision of the program for this year.

For the convenience of producers, township meetings have been arranged for every section of the county. Farmers are urged to attend at least one of these meetings.

Following is the schedule which has been worked out:

- Fishing Creek—Friday, Feb. 12, 9:30 a. m., Capp's Store.
- Fork—Friday, Feb. 12, 2:30 p. m., Powell's Store.
- Hawtree—Saturday, Feb. 13, 9:30 a. m., Perkinson's Store.
- Judkins—Monday, Feb. 15, 9:30 a. m., Harris' Store.
- River—Monday, Feb. 15, 2:30 a. m., Harris' Store.
- Sixpound—Tuesday, Feb. 16, 9:30 a. m., Harris' Store.
- Nutbush—Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2:30 p. m., Watkin's Store.
- Smith Creek—Wednesday, Feb. 17, 9:30 a. m., Mayor's Office.
- Sandy Creek—Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2:30 p. m., W. E. Turner's.
- Shocco—Thursday, Feb. 18, 9:30 a. m., Pinnell's Store.
- Warrenton—Thursday, Feb. 18, 2:30 p. m., Court House.
- Roanoke—Friday, Feb. 19, 10:00 a. m., H. L. Wall's.

Agent Would Have Growers Buy Seed

By BOB BRIGHT
County Agent

The cotton in this county has deteriorated in the last two cotton seasons. This was caused by farmers planting seed that were not suitable for planting. I have been watching the cotton varieties and I am convinced that Farm Relief Strain 4 is one of the best varieties of cotton for the heavier soils in the county and Coker has developed a variety called Cokers' 100 that replaces the old Coker 884 which proved to be a very good cotton for this county.

I am trying to make up a ton order for Farm Relief Strain 4 and a ton of Cokers 100. The price of the Cokers 100 is \$12.50 per 100 lbs. in 100 lb. lots or \$10 per 100 lbs. in ton lots. The Farm Relief Strain 4 in 100 lb. lots is \$10; in ton lots \$9.00. The freight must be added to this price.

In ton lots the Cokers' 100 will cost \$3.25 per bushel delivered at Warrenton and the Farm Relief in ton lots will be \$3.00 per bushel delivered in Warrenton. I have orders for approximately 500 pounds of seed at this time and any one interested should notify me at once. The Cokers' 100 variety seed supply will soon be exhausted and orders should be placed early.

I would not recommend a farmer purchasing seed to plant his entire crop, but a farmer should purchase sufficient seed each year to produce the following year's supply of seed. All crops deteriorate each year and unless a farmer renews his seed supply his staple will naturally get shorter.