

## POWELL WINS IN BOND HEARING

### Judge Grady Makes Permanent Order Restraining Bonding Company

## APPEAL SUPREME COURT

Register of Deeds Joseph C. Powell won out in the fight with his bonding company on Tuesday when at a hearing in Henderson Judge Henry A. Grady made permanent the restraining order forbidding the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company of Baltimore to cancel the bond of the Warren county register of deeds.

The judge's ruling also prohibited the Board of County Commissioners from permitting the bonding company to go off the register of deeds' surety to the county.

The plaintiffs, in seeking to cancel the bond, claimed that the bond was delivered contingent to an audit of the register of deed's office.

Judge Grady ruled that the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. had no legal right to deliver the bond conditionally and since that it had been accepted by the county commissioners it must remain in force until the period of its expiration. The bond is for a period of four years, it was stated, but must be renewed each year.

The ruling of the jurist leaves the Board of County Commissioners powerless to take any action in connection with the register of deed's office. Judge Grady is quoted as stating in effect that the commissioners had nothing whatsoever to do with the matter so long as Mr. Powell was properly bonded.

An appeal was noted by the bonding company to the state supreme court. The appeal, however, is not expected to be argued before the full term of the high court, and a decision is not likely to be handed down before some time after that.

Polk & Gibbs of Warrenton represented the bonding company and Julius Banzet appeared for the commissioners. Mr. Powell was represented by Charles Katzenstein of New York, E. L. Travis of Weldon and Gholson & Gholson of Henderson.

A large number of Warren citizens were in Henderson Tuesday afternoon for the hearing.

## Gala Week Promised At Automobile Show

By A. T. GREY, Auto Show Manager

An elaborate program is being arranged for each evening during the entire week of March 29th when the Lions Club of Warrenton and their friends and supporters will make merry in Boyd's warehouse where the Automobile Show and Merchants Exposition will be staged.

The special events for each night during the entire week commences on Monday when there will be presented one of the most prominent figures in the business and political world who will give the opening address at 8 o'clock, followed by an elaborate stage presentation of eight to ten high class professional vaudeville attractions. An amplifying system will be installed so that every one within the four walls of the warehouse will be able to hear.

Tuesday night there will be offered again the stage presentation followed by a square dance which will be under the supervision of A. J. Ellington, who will also call the figures.

Wednesday night will be public wedding night which promises to be an outstanding event, and the stage will be elaborately decorated in palms and flowers to afford the solemn atmosphere which would surround an occasion of this kind. A local couple hold the spotlight with the bridesmaids and flower girls forming a panorama of beauty, while the ties of matrimony are being performed.

It is the desire on this evening to afford the amusement loving public something which is dear to the hearts of all, both young and old, in the old fiddlers convention, to be held on Thursday night, offering

**CAPT. WILLIE WHITE OUT**  
Friends welcome the return of "Capt." J. Willie White to the streets of Warrenton this week. Mr. White has been confined to his home for several weeks on account of illness.

## Pension Tuberculars



ST. PAUL, Minn. . . . Rep. J. O. Melby advocates pension for disabled tuberculars under the Social Security Act. His plan would reduce cost to taxpayers and lower present death rate of 70,000 each year from this disease.

## Town Seeks PWA Aid To Carry Out Street Program

Discussion of the filing of application for PWA aid to lay sewer and water mains and improve the streets of Warrenton occupied much of the hour and a half session of the board of town commissioners in regular monthly meeting here on Monday night.

Capt. C. T. Bowers, president of the Warrenton Lions Club, and V. F. Ward, member of that organization, appeared before the board to offer the suggestion that a curbing gutter be laid on each of the back streets behind the business district which as Capt. Bowers, who acted as spokesman, pointed out, would enable these streets to be widened and thereby relieve much of the parking pressure on Main Street. Capt. Bowers said that he had been in touch with Earle Jennette of Henderson, district WPA engineer, and as a result of conversations he had with him, felt that the Federal agency would pay the labor costs and much of the costs of materials for this work provided the project was filed immediately. The Lions president said that he laid the matter before his organization and after receiving the endorsement of the civic club, was asked to present the plan to the town board.

Mayor Polk appointed W. R. Strickland a committee to go into this matter with Captain Bowers and Friday night was set as the date for their meeting when plans will be further considered.

Another project submitted some time ago to have WPA assist the town in laying water mains along the streets leading from Ridgeway by way of Jack Scott's home along Fairview street to Back street at the Joe Taylor residence, and filed and returned by WPA for revision, was ordered revised and immediately sent to WPA headquarters.

The commissioners ordered that Chief of Police Lee Wilson place drunks arrested by him in the corporate limits in the county jail instead of in the town lock-up. This action was taken after Mr. Wilson had reported that prisoners were constantly tearing up mattresses and covers in the lock-up, and suggested that he be allowed to place prisoners in the county jail.

Miss Georgie Tarwater was appointed registrar, and Weldon Hall and Frank Serls Sr., judges of election, for the town election to be held in May. J. C. Moore was appointed tax lister to list this year's taxes.

A. A. Williams offered to donate to the town stone from the foundations of the Katzenstein building, this week in process of being torn down. The board voted to accept Mr. Williams' offer provided it is found that a rock crusher can be obtained at a figure sufficiently low to justify the work of crushing.

Reading of reports and oking bills for payment occupied the remainder of the time of the commissioners.

## One Case Heard In County Court

A brief session of Recorder's court was held on Monday morning when only one defendant was brought before the bar of justice to face trial.

Edward Bell was found not guilty on a bad check charge. He claimed that when he gave Willis Perkinson the check for a stock of goods that he told him that his uncle, John Bell, was handling his funds for him and that the check would not be good unless signed by Mr. Bell.

## State-Wide Liquor Law Effects One Of County's Stores

One of the three ABC stores in Warren county which sell whiskey and all of the people who imbibe to excess are expected to be effected by the liquor bill which was recently adopted by the legislature.

The new state-wide law, as it now stands, prevents any relationship by blood or marriage between any employees and employers of the various liquor stores throughout the state and contains a provision which is interpreted to mean that in the future all those charged with public drunkenness will be tried in Recorder's court at Warrenton rather than by magistrates and mayors throughout the county.

The store at Littleton, where kinship exists between a member of the ABC board and an employee of the store, was stated to be the only one of the three dispensaries effected by the new law. There is no kinship between the manager of the Warrenton ABC store and the chairman of the county board although they married sisters.

The section of the law pertaining to relationship, said to have been made a part of the bill to prevent any connection whatsoever between the distilleries which sell the whiskey and the men who buy it and sell it for the county, reads as follows:

"That no person shall be appointed a member of either the State Board or of any County Board who shall be a stockholder in any brewery or the owner of any interest therein in any manner whatsoever, or interested therein directly or indirectly, or who is likewise interested in any distillery or other enterprise that produces, mixes, bottles or sells alcoholic beverages, or who is related to any person likewise interested or associated in business with any person likewise interested and neither of the said Boards shall employ any person who is related to any member of the employing board

## W. R. Watson Is Buried At Fairview

Final rites for William Randolph Watson of Darlington, S. C., a native of Warren county, were held at Fairview cemetery on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Warrenton and Littleton, in charge.

Prior to the arrival of the body here on Sunday afternoon, funeral services were conducted from the home at Darlington.

Mr. Watson, who was engaged in the tobacco business most of his life, died in a hospital in Florence, S. C., on Saturday afternoon after being in declining health for some time. He was 78 years of age.

The deceased, who was born in this county on August 29, 1859, was the son of the late Lewis N. Watson and Anna Crichton Watson. His boyhood days were spent on the farm, but as he grew into manhood he went to Ridgeway and accepted a job as clerk for Captain Moore. Leaving the mercantile business, Mr. Watson returned to the farm where he remained for one year and then moved to Henderson where he was engaged in the banking business for about two years. He then came to Warrenton and entered the tobacco business under the firm name of R. B. Boyd and W. R. Watson. He remained in this line of business the rest of his life, although making his home in Darlington, S. C., for the latter years of his life.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter: David Lewis of Asheville and Major William R. of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Mary Hinton Watson of Darlington, S. C. He also leaves three brothers and three sisters: R. T. and W. J. Watson of Warrenton and Ivey Watson of Enfield; Mrs. W. A. Burwell and Miss Sallie C. Watson of Warrenton and Mrs. P. J. Cohoon of Suffolk. His wife, who was formerly Miss Jennie Hinton of Raleigh, preceded him to the grave.

Among those from out-of-town here for the funeral were Major W. R. Watson of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. George Patton of Darlington, S. C., Mrs. Copeland of Darlington, S. C., Mrs. P. J. Cohoon of Suffolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Watson of Enfield, Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton of Raleigh, Mrs. Sprague Silver of Raleigh, Mr. Edward Peoples of Oxford, and Mr. Charlie Eppes of Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Watson, who were in Florida at the time of the death of Mr. Watson, were also here for the funeral. They returned to Florida Monday night.

## COUNTY BOARD IN LONG SESSION

### Variety of Matters Presented To Commissioners In Session Here Monday

## SCHOOL MATTERS HEARD

Members of the Board of County Commissioners had a long and tiring day on Monday when in addition to their regular duties they appointed tax listers for the year 1937, selected men from various townships to revalue property in Warren county, made recommendations to the State Highway and Public Works Commission in regard to working two pieces of road, and heard two delegations of negroes seeking to improve educational facilities.

The commissioners also recommended that the Board of Education reimburse two persons for the loss of hogs and a turkey, gave their endorsement to a proposed measure to place the judge and solicitor of Recorder's court on a salary, and recommended and signed a petition requesting Senator W. W. White of Vance county to kill the bill which is now pending in the Senate to district Warren county for the purpose of electing members of the Boards of County Commissioners and Education.

Discussions pertaining to two negro schools occupied more time of the board than any other one subject. First appeared a delegation from Sandy Creek township with plans for a school building in that community to take care of the pupils who have been taught in the church since their school building was destroyed by a fire which developed from lightning about a year ago. The old building carried around \$2700 worth of insurance and the negroes had hoped to take this money and use it in connection with a WPA project and secure a six-room brick building. To carry out their original plans they find they need around \$1500 more dollars and asked the county to give them this sum. The commissioners told the delegation to see if they could not cut down the size of their building and secure a suitable school that would not cost as much money.

The second delegation of negroes came from the John R. Hawkins school here. They painted a bad picture of sanitary conditions there and asked the commissioners to appropriate sufficient funds to remedy the situation by installing water works in the school, which is used by more than 850 pupils. Sanitary conditions there have previously been labeled "bad" and "dangerous" by two grand juries and the Board of Health. The commissioners agreed with the school folks that something would have to be done in the way of improvements and instructed them to secure bids on the cost of installing water works. At the same time they appropriated \$50 to pay for gravel to repair the driveway leading into the school grounds.

After a letter bearing the names of perhaps 50 taxpayers had been read requesting that the road leading to Largo pond and serving as a connecting link between the Warrenton-Louisburg and Warrenton-Henderson road be repaired, the commissioners recommended to the State Highway and Public Works Commission that this road, which is used by an estimate of 75 families, be worked. The commissioners also recommended to the highway commission that a road in River township, near the L. R. Bobbitt place, be worked.

The board recommended that J. P. Williams be paid \$10 for two hogs killed by dogs and that Panie Jones be paid \$5 for a turkey killed by dogs.

Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, who is also tax collector, was authorized to make a daily settlement with the auditor of all funds collected and to take a receipt therefor.

It was after 5 o'clock in the afternoon before the commissioners completed their duties.

## EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Holy communion will be celebrated at Emmanuel Episcopal church on Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, rector, announced this week. The service is changed to this hour, he said, so that all may go to the Methodist church to hear Bishop Kern at 11 o'clock.

Evening prayer will be held at Saint Alban's in Littleton at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

## UP! UP! Record



BOSTON . . . . George Varnoff (above), University of Oregon freshman, pole vaulted 14 ft. 4 1/2 inches to break the 14 ft. 4 in. indoor record set by Keith Brown of Yale in 1934.

## Bill To Fix Salaries Of Recorder And Solicitor In House

A bill to fix the salaries of the judge and solicitor of Warren county Recorder's court was introduced in the House on Wednesday by Representative T. H. Aycock. The purpose behind this bill is to get away from the fee system for the solicitor and to increase the pay for the judge of the court.

At present the judge of Recorder's court receives \$50.00 per month and the solicitor is paid \$5.00 for each conviction which last year numbered 232. Under the new bill both the judge and the solicitor will receive \$900 a year and the solicitor, in the event he is called on to assist the state solicitor in Warren county court, will receive additional remuneration.

In discussing the proposed measure with members of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, Solicitor Pippen stated that such a bill would mean considerable less pay for him but that he was opposed to the fee system. "It is rather unpleasant," he said, "to conscientiously prosecute a case to the best of my ability and feel that there are possibly some who are hearing the evidence who feel that I am prosecuting unduly hard simply to obtain a conviction in order to get my \$5.00."

Last year the judge and solicitor received together a total of \$1856. Provided the new bill is passed, the two will receive a total of \$1800 for their time in Recorder's court, and the solicitor may pick up some additional money through his assistance to the state solicitor.

The bill was given the ok of members of the Board of County Commissioners.

## Old Building Being Rapidly Torn Down

With a dozen or more men at work, rapid progress is being made in tearing down the old Katzenstein building here to make room for a new brick building which is to be erected by A. A. Williams and Dr. T. J. Holt and occupied by the Leggett Brothers who recently bought out the Warrenton Department Store.

The old Katzenstein building, which was constructed here more than 50 years ago and was perhaps the largest frame structure in the county before it began to be dissected this week, was offered for sale at public auction on Saturday but the low bids received at this time caused the owners to offer the building in conjunction with an excavation project and the contract was awarded to C. K. Placon and Thomas Connell. Later Messrs. Connell and Placon sold their contract to Pinnell & Finnerl who are at present tearing down the building. The Pinnell Brothers sold the building to Miss Selma Katzenstein and after removing it will dig the basement.

## JOHN ROUTH MERCER DIES AT HOME IN ROCKY MOUNT

John Routh Mercer, son of Mrs. Mary Mercer and the late Dr. W. P. Mercer, and nephew of Howard P. Jones of Warrenton, died at his home in Rocky Mount last night after being confined to his bed for several weeks. Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night.

## Commissioners Order All Property Revalued

### Tax Listers For 1937 Named At Board Meeting

Tax listers for 1937, who will begin their work on April 1, were named as follows by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday:

River township—Mrs. J. H. Northington.

Sixpound—A. L. Nicholson.

Hawtree—J. Russell Ellis.

Smith Creek—J. C. Hardy.

Nutbush—W. M. Fleming.

Sandy Creek—W. E. Turner.

Shocco—F. F. Limer.

Fishing Creek—R. W. Pittman.

Judkins—E. P. Nicholson.

Warrenton—J. C. Moore.

Fork—B. G. Tharrington.

Roanoke—L. W. Kidd.

Seeking to equalize valuations, the Board of County Commissioners in regular session here on Monday authorized a revaluation of all property in Warren county. The work is to begin on Monday.

In discussing the question of revaluation, members of the board said that the county was neither trying to increase nor decrease valuations but was chiefly interested in getting the values in line. At present, they said, some of the valuations appear to be too high and some too low.

It has been a number of years since the property in this county has been valued, although the valuation was lowered considerably in 1933 when a horizontal cut of 25 per cent was authorized by the commissioners.

## Company B Men Win State Indoor Rifle Match Here

The State Indoor Rifle Match was held here in the armory of Company B on Wednesday night with ten men representing military companies in three towns competing for honors, which, according to unofficial sources, went to Warren county boys. In addition to the men who fired, the team coach, the team captain and other officials were here for the match.

In competing the men fired from four positions—lying down, sitting, kneeling, standing—and their total scores were added. Private Clarence P. Ridout of Company B led his opponents with a total of 356 points. Other total scores made by the various men are listed as follows:

Sgt. Lee R. Smith, Concord, 355; Capt. C. B. Stuges, Henderson, 353; Harold R. Skillman, Warrenton, 353; Corpl. B. P. Bowling, Warrenton, 351; Sgt. W. E. Bryan, Henderson, 350; Pvt. James J. Trull, Concord, 350; Sgt. Jack Walters, Henderson, 343; Sgt. T. McC. Nicholson, Henderson, 343; Sgt. D. M. Mustian, Warrenton, 331.

Others present for the shooting were Major J. C. Cooper of Henderson, officer to supervise firing; Capt. C. N. Alston of Concord, team captain; Capt. C. T. Bowers of Warrenton, team coach; 1st Lieut. G. P. Ritchie of Concord, 1st Lieut. G. H. O'Neil and 1st Sgt. Langley of Henderson.

Following the match the men were served supper at Hotel Warren.

## Sheriff Finds Booze Hid Inside Wall

Kinton (Bad-eye) Whit, operator of a service station between Norlina and Ridgeway, was arrested Wednesday by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell and Deputy Roy Shearin on a charge of possessing illegal whiskey for sale after they had raided his property and found several gallons of booze secreted in the wall of the building.

The whiskey was being kept in a 10-gallon copper container which was made to fit between the weatherboarding and inside wall of the building. The whiskey was poured into the container through a special type of funnel which could be inserted through a knothole and later withdrawn. At the bottom of the container was a spigot which could also be hid from view after it was used.

The officers also found a number of empty fruit jars, glasses, funnels and other paraphernalia.

## Swine Expert To Speak At Wise

H. W. Taylor, swine specialist of the North Carolina State College extension service, will hold a swine school at the Wise Training School on March 9 at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Taylor was in Warrenton early in January and gave this illustrated lecture to a group of 200 white and negro farmers. At the request of Prof. G. E. Cheek of the Wise Training School, he will repeat his lecture.

A space will be reserved for interested white persons. They are invited to attend.

## U. D. C. TO MEET

The U. D. C. will meet on Friday afternoon with Mrs. H. A. Moseley.

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Lawrence Robertson and Bob King were named by the board as a committee to head the revaluation work. They will be paid \$5.00 per day, plus 5 cents a mile for one automobile, and will be assisted by one man from each township who is also to receive \$5.00 a day for his work. Following are the names of the men selected by the commissioners to assist Messrs. Robertson and King:

River—T. C. Alston, Littleton. Sixpound—J. J. Nicholson, Macon, R. F. D. 3.

Hawtree—J. Boyd Stegall, Warrenton, R. F. D. 1.

Sandy Creek—W. E. Turner, Henderson, R. F. D. 2.

Shocco—J. W. Burroughs, Warrenton, R. F. D. 1.

Fishing Creek—M. T. Harris, Grove Hill.

Judkins—Joe W. Neal, Littleton, R. F. D.

Warrenton—Edward Petar, Ridgeway.

Smith Creek—S. N. Hawks, Norlina.

Nutbush—Jesse L. Capps, Manson.

Fork—C. H. King, Inez.

Roanoke—E. R. Clary, Ebony, Va.

In the event the men selected by the board are unable to serve, others will be appointed by Auditor T. B. Gardner.

## Powell Painfully Hurt In Bad Fall

Register of Deeds Joseph C. Powell suffered a badly sprained leg and a painful injury to his finger on Tuesday afternoon while at Henderson to attend the hearing arranged before Judge Grady to prevent his bonding company from withdrawing from his bond.

Entering the court house, Mr. Powell stepped on a broken piece of sidewalk, it was stated, and fell face forward on the pavement, twisting his leg and ankle, which many years ago was badly broken in an automobile accident.

After being carried to his car, the door was accidentally slammed on Mr. Powell's finger by one of his attorneys who had gone to the automobile to speak to him. Although a good portion of the end of one of his fingers was mashed off, he is not expected to lose any part of the finger.

At present Mr. Powell is recovering at his home here, but he may be taken to a hospital for X-rays and treatment. He is not expected to be able to return to his office for a week or ten days, Mrs. Powell stated.

## Bishop Kern To Preach Sunday

A union service of the Macon and Wesley Memorial congregations will be held in the Methodist church here on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock when Bishop Paul B. Kern of Durham is to preach. A cordial invitation is extended by the Rev. O. I. Hinson to the entire community to hear the Bishop's message.

Bishop Kern is in charge of the four Conferences in North and South Carolina, and ranks unusually high in Southern Methodism. His visit here will be the first that has been made by a Methodist Bishop in more than 40 years, it was stated.

The Rev. Mr. Hinson will preach at Macon Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.