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TAYLOR BUILDING TO BE TORN DOWN

State Fire Marshall Says Structure Is Menace To Life And Property

The Harrison Taylor Building, damaged by fire several months ago and storm center of a zoning ordinance for the Town of Warrenton, was ordered condemned by the Board of Town Commissioners on Monday night.

This action was taken after Sheriff Brockwell, Fire Marshall of the State, appeared before the Board and stated that in his opinion the building was a menace to life in that the walls were in danger of collapsing and that it was in a fire hazard. Mr. Brockwell was in Warrenton for the purpose of attending the Colored Volunteer Firemen's Ball at Boyd's warehouse on Monday night as an honored guest. He appeared before the Board to invite the Fire Chief, Superintendent of the Water Company and three volunteer firemen to attend the Fire College to be held in Durham, April 27, 28 and 29th, and also extend an invitation to members of the Board to attend the sessions. The commissioners voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500 to defray the expense of the Fire Chief, Superintendent of the Water Company and three firemen to the college.

Following the extension of the invitation, Mr. Brockwell was questioned concerning his findings at a recent inspection of the Taylor Building. (Continued on page 8)

Jurors Are Drawn For May Term Of Superior Court

Jurors drawn by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday to serve at the May term of court are as follows:

First Week—Ben G. Tharrington, W. N. Boyd, V. C. Brown, Gid O. Harrington, Andrew Dickerson, A. James Henry E. Felts, W. L. Martin, F. F. Fleming, Charlie Duncan, E. H. Salmon, T. B. Creech, Fred Denton, B. T. King, Norman E. Mitchell, G. E. Gardner, John H. Fleming, Albert Seaman, G. W. Wagner, J. P. Choplin, Mack Capps, H. Benson, John Cawthorne, T. Tucker, H. P. Read, Jack Bobbitt, E. White, J. E. Stansbury, Harold Skillman, J. Hope Bullock, Willie T. Robertson, W. Duke Jones, Ed King, Forrest Cheek, B. T. Bailey, H. H. Grant.

Federal Inspector Praises B. Company

The Federal Government's stamp of approval was again placed upon Co. "B" Warren's crack military unit here last night when Major R. Boatwright, U. S. Army Inspecting Officer, examined officers and men in the Army at their annual Federal Inspection.

Schoolmasters Have 'Cue For Ladies'

Observing ladies night, the School Masters Club of Warren county held its meeting at Bob Melton's Cafe, near Rocky Mount, on Tuesday night. There were 32 members and guests present for the occasion.

TO PREACH AT BROWN'S

The Rev. D. P. Harris of Raleigh will preach at Brown's Church on Sunday morning, April 11, at 11 o'clock. Announcement was made last week.

SIX TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR RE-ELECTED IN PRIMARY

101st Birthday Party



NEW YORK... Mrs. Amorette E. Fraser, of Brooklyn, cuts her birthday cake for the friends who helped her celebrate her 101st birthday. Mrs. Fraser started the day with a long walk.

Six Defendants Face Rodwell In Recorder's Court

Six defendants, four of whom were white men, were tried before Judge T. O. Rodwell in Recorder's court Monday on charges of operating automobiles while under the influence of whiskey, driving without a license, public drunkenness, and larceny.

The three men found guilty of driving a car while under the influence of whiskey were J. P. Faucet, Mason Aycock and Tom Rodwell. Rodwell was also charged with operating a car with improper brakes and lights. The judgment of the court in the cases was that each of the defendants should pay a fine of \$50.00 and costs and lose his driving license for 12 months.

Convicted of public drunkenness, G. C. Overby was fined \$5.00 and costs. Jim Hawkins and William Boyd, negroes, were found guilty on a charge of larceny and each was sentenced to the roads for a period of four months. The road sentences were suspended upon the condition that they pay the court costs and remain of good behavior.

Brockwell Holds Fire School Here

The better methods of fire fighting were pointed out to members of the Colored Volunteer Fire Companies of Warrenton and Louisburg at a Fire School conducted here on Monday by Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal.

After explaining several means of saving time in getting water on a blaze, Mr. Brockwell divided the firemen into groups of five and put them through drills. Demonstrating at the John Graham High School, Mr. Brockwell showed the men how to use ladders on a second story building, the proper way to carry a hose and the amount of hose to be used on different story buildings.

The state marshal complimented the negroes for the manner in which they cooperated and for their quickness in catching on to the instructions he gave them. He also praised the Warrenton company for the manner in which it handled the (Continued on Page 2)

Cafe Closed By Board Of Health; Hot Dog Stand Closed; Others Rated Low

Declared to be unsanitary by a representative of the State Board of Health, two eating establishments here were ordered closed on Tuesday and another was given a conditional permit to operate due to the fact that it was in the process of moving to new quarters.

Two places condemned as unsanitary and ordered to cease to operate until health requirements had been met were Peoples Cafe, a negro establishment, and Rabil's Hot Dog Stand, which does a small business on a corner across the street from the court square.

The Puritan Cafe, operated by the Greeks, also failed to meet the state sanitary requirements but was not closed down. W. Murray Linker Jr., district sanitation supervisor of the State Board of Health, stated that the rating of the Puritan Cafe was below that which is required by the state for food handling establish-

H. W. Holt Succeeds A. A. Williams Who Refuses To Be A Candidate

OPPOSITION IS SHOWN

Slight change took place in the personnel of the Board of Town Commissioners at the primary held in the court house on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock when only one new man, Hugh W. Holt, received the nomination for commissioner from the approximately 75 Warrenton voters in attendance.

Mr. Holt will replace Commissioner A. A. Williams who announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election shortly before nominations were called for by Julius Banzet, chairman of the executive committee of the town of Warrenton.

Although not a candidate nor present when the nominations were made, Mr. Holt is expected to serve on the board. Serving with him will be the following former commissioners who were again nominated Tuesday night: Herman Rodwell, W. R. Strickland, John Mitchell, Dr. G. H. Macon, George Scoggin, and Bignall Jones.

Opposition to the old board registered itself at the primary when several new men were nominated to govern the affairs of the town. Among those nominated were Roy Davis, C. K. Plancon, Frank Seris and James C. Moore. Both Messrs. Seris and Moore stated before balloting started that they would not serve.

Mayor William Polk was again nominated without any opposition making itself known at the meeting.

Negro Chauffeur Pulls Will Kline From Blazing Car

The calm and quick function of a negro chauffeur probably saved Will Kline from death by burns yesterday afternoon when his car caught on fire near McKinney after being struck by an automobile containing four women from New York.

While flames threatened to envelop the automobile after the smash-up, Mr. Kline was pulled from his car in an unconscious condition by James Moss who was driving him back from Richmond.

The fire was then smothered by mud and Mr. Kline was carried to a service station at McKenney where he later regained consciousness. Last night he was recovering at his apartment in Hotel Warren from cuts about his face and head and painful bruises.

According to reports reaching here, the New York car slid into Mr. Kline's automobile and caused the wreck. Both automobiles were said to have been badly damaged.

No Fishing, Says Warden Pinnell

To fish in any public stream or pond at this time is a violation of the law, E. Hunter Pinnell, game warden stated this week and added that he hated to embarrass any one but that if he caught any one violating this law he would be forced to make an arrest.

The fishing season closes for 40 days, from April 1 until May 10, on account of this being a spawning period for fish, the game warden stated.

TO SPEND \$1700 HAWKINS SCHOOL

Water And Sewage System To Be Installed At Local Negro School

REMEDY BAD SITUATION

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session on Monday agreed to appropriate \$1,700 for the purpose of installing a water and sewage system at the Hawkins High School here and ordered that a note in this sum be issued and made payable one year from May 1, 1937.

Sanitary conditions at the school, which is used by more than 800 negro pupils, had previously been labeled as "bad" and "dangerous" by Grand Juries and the County Health Board and at the March meeting of the board a delegation of negroes appeared before the commissioners and asked that the situation there be remedied.

After listening to the remarks of the negroes, which were corroborated by Superintendent of Schools J. Edward Allen, the commissioners ordered that plumbing bids be advertised for. W. R. Strickland submitted the lowest bid of any of the four plumbing concerns competing for the work and he was given the job at the figure of \$1,590.

The minute covering the appropriation reads as follows: "That the Board of Commissioners for the county of Warren borrow the sum of \$1,700 for the purpose of installing a water and sewage system in Hawkins High School, a necessary expense to be incurred, the State authorities having condemned the present unsanitary condition existing at the school.

"Further resolved that the Board execute a note in the sum of \$1,700 dated May 1, 1937, payable 12 months thereafter, bearing interest from maturity.

"Further, that the Secretary and or, Auditor of the board make application to the Local Government Commission for permission to incur this obligation and to execute the note herein contemplated."

George W. Hester Dies At W. Plains

Funeral services for George W. Hester, well known merchant of Warren Plains, were conducted from the Methodist church of Warren Plains on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. O. I. Hinson. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hester, who had been in the mercantile business at Warren Plains for practically 35 years, died at his home there around 3 o'clock Monday following a stroke of paralysis suffered Saturday night.

He was a member of the Warren Plains Methodist church for virtually the entire period of his residence in that community, and for 30 years was a member of the board of stewards of the church.

Mr. Hester was a native of Mecklenburg county, Va. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Ridout Hester of Warren Plains; two sons, G. L. Hester of Charlotte and W. E. Hester of Tarboro; two daughters, Mrs. E. R. Overby of Macon and Mrs. E. W. Shearin of Warren Plains, and one sister, Mrs. Sallie Jones, also of Warren Plains.

Miss Mattie Brown Dies On Monday

Miss Mattie Brown, 91, one of Warrenton's oldest residents, died here Monday morning after a long illness at the home of her niece, Miss Lula B. Allen. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Miss Allen's home, with the Rev. O. I. Hinson officiating. Burial took place in Fairview cemetery.

Miss Brown was a native of Louisburg, the daughter of the late Taton and Sarah Brown. For many years she taught school in this section and was long an active member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are a sister, Miss Lou E. Brown of Warrenton; three half-brothers, Herbert Brown of Bridgeport, Conn., Charles Brown of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and the Rev. W. H. Brown of Gaston Springs, and a half-sister, Mrs. Fred Schofield of Waterford, Conn.

Patrolman William Baxter and Mrs. Baxter are guest of relatives here.

More Than \$800.00 Cleared By Lions Club From Auto Show; Event Proved Great Attraction; Exceeds Expectation

Eight hundred and twenty-five dollars was the approximate sum made by the Warrenton Lions Club from the Automobile Show and Merchants' Exposition staged in Boyd's warehouse all of last week for the entertainment of white citizens of this area and held over until Monday night for members of the negro race.

Proceeds from the show have been placed in the coffers of the club and are expected to be used for various causes. Part of the money will probably be used to condition the fair grounds near the cemetery which were leased from Mrs. John Graham several months ago by the club for a ten-year period.

Both as a money-making proposition and as a means of advertising the town and developing good will the show went over in a bigger way than had been anticipated by many of the Lions and other citizens of the town.

Heavy attendance held up throughout the week with an unusually large crowd of persons from distant towns here on Friday night for the Queen's Ball which

took place shortly after Miss Elba McGowan had been crowned queen of the Exposition and prizes had been awarded to other contestants for the honor who were also on the stage for the ceremony.

The only hitch in the plans arranged by the club for the seven nights of entertainment occurred on Monday night when Georgia White failed to show up with her band to play for the negro dance. Although their enthusiasm was somewhat dampened by the failure of the blues singer to arrive here with her recording orchestra, the negroes seemed to enjoy themselves by the music of the orchestra which was here during the week with the show.

It is not known why the negro orchestra failed to arrive here for the dance. She had been booked to play here upon recommendation of a member of the negro race and a small deposit had been made, it was stated. Those who paid to dance by her band Monday night were returned their tickets with the assurance that the Lions Club would hold another dance for them sometime in the future.

Wildflowers, All Members Qualify Here On Friday



BAKERSFIELD, Calif. . . . Leota Davis, "pirate girl" for the 1939 Golden Gate Exposition, poses at the annual Wildflower Festival in Kern County, California.

Permit Necessary To Start Fire

A permit is necessary before starting a fire in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service between April 1 and June 15, Forest Warden E. Hunter Pinnell states this week with the request that this newspaper inform the public in regard to the law passed by the General Assembly. The Act reads as follows:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodland under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected area, between the first of April and the fifteenth day of June, inclusive, or between the fifteenth day of October and the first day of December, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such mentioned protected areas; that no charge shall be made (Continued on Page 8)

Twenty Negroes Return To Work After Short Strike Over Garnisheed Wages

Twenty negro employees of the fertilizer plant operated here by the Warren Cotton and Fertilizer Co., a successor to the W. H. Dameron Supply Co., staged a strike here for a short while on Tuesday morning when the wages of ten of the men were garnisheed by the sheriff for taxes due.

Claiming that under their present wages they could not pay their taxes and the additional cost of the garnishments, the men stated their position to the other employees who joined with them in the strike.

Later the sheriff was summoned to the plant and after a consultation in which it was agreed to take \$1.00 out of the men's pay each week and to relieve them of the garnisheed cost, the strikers went back to work.

It was neither a sit-down nor a stand-up strike. The men simply refused to work if their pay-check was to be taken over by the sheriff for taxes. There was no disorder at the plant.

Board Education Members Qualify Here On Friday

Having qualified as members of the Board of Education following their appointment by the General Assembly in the "Omnibus Bill of Boards of Education," F. M. Drake, J. P. T. Harris, R. A. King, N. H. Paschall and Harry Walker met here on Friday and organized for the transaction of the following business:

Harry Walker was unanimously elected chairman; J. Edward Allen was unanimously elected superintendent and secretary; Miss Edna Allen was unanimously elected bookkeeper and clerical assistant; Early Shearin was unanimously appointed as chief school bus mechanic; and Herbert Gardner was unanimously elected superintendent of maintenance plant.

School committeemen were appointed. (Continued on Page 8)

Scoggin Praises Lions Club Project

Symbolical of the verbal praise that has been heard from many in regard to the Automobile Show here last week is the following endorsement given to the project by Palmer Scoggin, head of the Scoggin Motor Company:

"Although not a member of the Lions Club, I wish to express my appreciation to this organization for the good that I feel it did for this town in promoting the Automobile Show and Merchants' Exposition.

"The show not only provided entertainment, advertised this town for a radius of many miles and produced revenue to be used for worthwhile causes, but it also brought to the surface a fine spirit of cooperation among the business men of Warrenton. I have never known the whole town to cooperate with any organization more magnanimously than it did with the Lions Club in this undertaking, and I feel that this willingness to put our shoulders to the wheel and push together will mean a great deal to this town and county.

(S) "PALMER SCOGGIN."

BOARD NAMES SOLICITOR'S PAY

Pippen To Receive \$25 Per Month As Assistant To W. H. S. Burgwyn

RAISE AGENT'S SALARY

Three hundred dollars, plus 50 per mile for traveling expenses, was the figure set by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday as compensation for the services Solicitor Joseph P. Pippen of Littleton is expected to render the county as assistant to the district solicitor. In addition, he is paid \$900 per year as solicitor of Recorder's court.

Solicitor Pippen was named assistant solicitor to the district solicitor in a bill passed by the recent General Assembly which removed him from the fee system of pay and stipulated that he, as well as the judge of Recorder's court, should receive \$75.00 per month.

Under the new arrangement Solicitor Pippen will be subject to the call of the sheriff in prosecuting cases of a serious nature coming before magistrates for a hearing, and he will gather evidence, examine witnesses and otherwise lay the foundation for the trial of cases coming up in Superior court.

In allowing Solicitor Pippen \$25 a month for his services as an assistant to Solicitor Burgwyn, the commissioners took the view that a total of \$1200 was not as much money as he was paid last year under the fee system and that he should be able to save the county a (Continued on Page 8)

Believes Williams Not To Be Brought Here For Trial

The opinion was expressed last night by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell that the governor of Virginia would not grant the requisition papers of the governor of North Carolina to bring Carter N. Williams of Richmond, former president of the Bank of Warrenton, back to this county to face trial for violation of the state banking laws.

The sheriff expressed this opinion after returning from Richmond where he, with Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn and several other citizens, spent yesterday attending a hearing to determine whether the papers of the North Carolina governor should be honored.

The sheriff said that the governor took no action following the hearing yesterday but stated that he would notify North Carolina authorities of his decision in writing later. "However, I don't think he is going to send him back here," the officer added.

Declaring that he is entirely innocent of any wrong doing in connection with the case. (Continued on Page 8)

Minister's Father Buried On Sunday

J. J. Brothers of Elizabeth City, father of the Rev. L. C. Brothers of Warrenton, died at his home on Friday after a long illness. He was 66 years of age. Funeral services were conducted at the Newland Methodist church Sunday afternoon.

At the time of Mr. Brother's death he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Annual Conference. He is survived by the following:

His wife, 13 children, the Rev. L. C. Brothers of Warrenton, Mrs. W. M. Reid of Norfolk, J. J. Brothers Jr. of Gatesville, J. A. Brothers of Alexandria, La., Mrs. C. C. Winslow of Hertford, H. H. Brothers of South Mills, Mrs. Johnnie Scott of Weeksville, James A. Talmadge and Mrs. Marion Whitehurst of Newland, Miss Grace Brothers of Norfolk and Mary Ellen and Bertie; 14 grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. E. B. Granger and Mrs. Charlie Sawyer of Newland, and two brothers, W. S. of Norfolk and F. W. of Newland.

Drivers Permits To Be Issued Tuesdays

State Highway Patrolman Parks Alexander announced this week that he would not be in the office of Sheriff Pinnell on Wednesdays as heretofore for the purpose of issuing automobile driver's licenses, but that on each Tuesday afternoon there would be a representative of the state there for this purpose.