

SCHOOLS NEAR END OF SESSION

Complete Session's Work
Early in May; Programs
Are Announced

CLOSING DATES GIVEN

With months of hard work behind them, more than 7,000 students enrolled in Warren county schools are approaching the threshold of vacation, with the majority of the schools beginning their final exercises on April 15 and May 1.

The closing exercises are being held earlier this year than last due to the fact that only a day or so was lost during the 1936-37 session on account of inclement weather or other circumstances which have arisen in the past to cause the schools to shut down temporarily.

The commencement programs of the various schools have been worked out by the principals and teachers and were this week submitted to Superintendent J. Edward Allen as follows:

John Graham School
Friday, April 30, Activities Day; Saturday, May 1, School Activities Day; 11 a. m. Formal Program, Seventh Grade Promotion; Reading Circle and Perfect Attendance Awards; Exhibits of School Work.

Norlina High School
Saturday, May 1, School Activities Day; 11 a. m. Formal Program, Seventh Grade Promotion; Reading Circle and Perfect Attendance Awards; Exhibits of School Work.

Littleton High School
Friday, April 30, 10:30 a. m., 7th Grade Exercises, Activities Day; 8 p. m., Declamation and Recitation Contest.

Macon High School
Tuesday, April 27, 8:00 p. m., Musical.

Atton-Elberon School
Sunday, May 2, 3:00 p. m., Commencement Sermon. Service to be held in the school building.

Drewry School
Friday, April 30, 8:00 p. m., Musical Recital.

Wise School
Sunday, April 25, 7:30 p. m., Commencement Sermon, by Rev. P. G. Walker.

Vaughan School
Tuesday, May 4, 8:00 p. m., Operetta and Awarding of 7th Grade Diplomas.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
Wednesday, May 5, School Closes.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
Sunday, May 8, 8 p. m., High School Graduation; School Year 1936-37 Ends.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
Friday, May 7, 8 p. m., Graduation Exercises; Presentation of High School Diplomas by H. A. Moseley.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
Saturday, May 8, 8 p. m., Commencement Sermon, Rev. C. W. Golden, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
Sunday, May 9, 8 p. m., Commencement Sermon, Rev. C. W. Golden, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
Monday, May 10, 8 p. m., Commencement Sermon, Rev. C. W. Golden, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Virginia Governor Says Williams Will Not Be Returned

As was predicted by Sheriff W. J. Pinnell upon his return last Thursday night from Richmond where a formal hearing was held, Governor Perrie of Virginia denied an application by Governor Hoey of North Carolina for the extradition of Carter N. Williams Jr., Richmond industrialist and former president of the Bank of Warren.

Mr. Williams, with other former officials of the bank, is charged with issuing false reports on the condition of the bank and with accepting deposits knowing the institution to be insolvent.

Considering the two indictments against Mr. Williams cited in the requisition for the accused, Governor Perrie said:

"In my opinion, the evidence at the hearing on April 8 shows that the defendant, C. N. Williams Jr., was not in the state of North Carolina on the specific dates on which the crimes were alleged to have been committed in the two indictments referred to in the papers.

"The request for extradition will, accordingly, be denied."

The Bank of Warren closed in 1931 and approximately two years later all of the former officials were indicted by a grand jury. Since that time the case has dragged from one court to another for reasons presented to the presiding judges which they deemed sufficient to grant continuances. At the September term of court, 1936, a motion to quash the indictment was granted on the grounds that one man served on the grand jury which accused the men of violating the state banking laws while another man's name had been drawn for this service.

After the case had been thrown out of court, Mr. Williams left here. (Continued on Page 8)

Wilson Resigns As Chief Of Police; Short Is Acting

Kenneth Short, night police officer, was named acting chief of police at a called meeting of the board here on Tuesday night, at which time the resignation of Chief of Police Lee Wilson was tendered the board.

Early Shearin, deputy sheriff, is assisting Mr. Short in his duties for a few days, through special permission of Sheriff Pinnell, until a successor to Mr. Short can be named in the event that he is promoted to the chief of police position, or otherwise to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Wilson.

No tax collector has as yet been named to succeed Mr. Wilson, who held this position as well as that of Police Chief, but citizens wishing to pay their taxes are doing so at the Warrenton Water office.

In view of the statement made to the board by Sheriff Pinnell that the services of Deputy Shearin were badly needed by him at this time, it is likely that a called meeting of the town commissioners will be held before the regular monthly meeting for May.

Mr. Wilson, who has served as Chief of Police for about two years, and as night officer for about two years prior to that time, gave no reasons for his resignation which was accepted by unanimous vote of the board. He was not present at the meeting called to discuss police affairs, and his resignation was read to the board by the Mayor.

T. T. Thompson Dies At W. Plains

Funeral services for Thomas T. Thompson, 75, who died at his home near Warren Plains on Tuesday morning at 8:45 o'clock after an illness of about one year, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. O. I. Hinson, Methodist minister. Interment took place in the Warren Plains Methodist church cemetery.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nannie Thompson; three sons, Robert, Macon and Erwin Thompson; five daughters, Mrs. Sallie Hale, Mrs. Mary Turner, Mrs. Ida Thompson, Mrs. Lucy Ham, and Miss Carrie Thompson, all of Warren county.

Friends were greeting "Capt." A. W. Hall downtown this week. Capt. Hall has been confined to his home for several weeks on account of pneumonia.

GENERAL GRANT WATCHES AS AUSTIN ALLEN SEEKS SADDLE

Writer Relates Interesting Incidents In Life of Confederate Veteran

SERVED AT APPOMATTOX

By ROBERT DOUTHAT MEADE
In his autobiography, published this year, Rudyard Kipling gives some reminiscences of his friend, Colonel Wemyss Feilden. Colonel Feilden, an English officer, served as an aide-de-camp under Lee, and told Kipling that he was with the Confederate general "just before the surrender. We had finished robbing the grave, and we'd begun on the cradle. For those last three months I was with fifteen thousand and boys under seventeen, and I don't remember any of them even smiling."

Austin Allen of Warren County, North Carolina, is one of the brave remnant of Company F, Twelfth North Carolina, which was with Lee on April 9, 1865. He was then only twenty years old, and had been with the army for two years. On the seventy-second anniversary of the surrender of the Confederate Army, he is perhaps the only surviving Southern soldier who had any contact with General Grant at Appomattox. He is also one of the few surviving Confederate soldiers with an accurate, detailed recollection of the last days of the Army of Northern Virginia.

The good Lord will forgive a ragged, footsore Confederate for attempting to "swipe" a saddle from a well-provided Yankee in order to ride home after the surrender, and surely Mr. Allen will not mind our repeating the details of this incident along with some other of his experiences in the Confederate Army.

Through the assistance of his brother, who had also stuck it out to the end with the army, Mr. Allen secured a horse to ride home. But alas! there was no saddle. It would be worse than walking to ride a bony Confederate Army horse for a hundred miles. Slipping into the Union lines, Mr. Allen tried to "swipe" the saddle of a Yankee soldier. But the Yankee was "too sharp" for him. He was sleeping



AUSTIN ALLEN

with his head on the saddle. Mr. Allen returned to his own lines without mishap. But there had been one witness to his effort to obtain the saddle. While he was attempting to take it, he saw General Grant sitting on his horse only about forty feet away and looking straight at him. Although Grant clearly perceived what Mr. Allen was trying to do, he made no motion to stop him but only "sorter grinned."

Remembering perhaps this tolerant action as well as Grant's conduct in general towards the Confederates at Appomattox, Mr. Allen now praises the Union general in extravagant terms. He says that he wants a picture of Grant to hang beside those of Lee and Jackson. (Continued on Page 8)

Mayor Polk Issues Safety Proclamation

"The appalling number of preventable accidents and deaths upon the highways of our community, State and Nation has become a menace of major concern to all the people. Our beautiful threads of travel, designed for pleasure and trade have been converted by the reckless driver and the careless, incompetent operator into lanes of horror. Daily the newspapers carry gory account of lost limbs and lives and of maimed and injured bodies.

On Sunday, April 18th, the Carolina Motor Club is sponsoring a Carolina-wide observance of "Safety Sabbath." This date being selected upon the eve of Summer travel season in an effort to make the general public safety-conscious, so as to decrease, if not eliminate, the terrible road tragedies incident to the seasonal increase in the use of automobiles.

I, therefore, proclaim April 18th, Safety Sabbath in this community, and do hereby urge the leaders of religious and civil life to fittingly observe with well-planned programs this date, and by precept and example to foster the ideal of consideration for the rights of others, to the end that the irreducible minimum in accidents and death may be accomplished.

The Ministers, the Sunday School Superintendents and the laymen can, by a strong sermon, a prayer offered or a word spoken, join the program in encouraging a concentration of thought upon this problem.

Dated at Warrenton, N. C., this 13th day of April, 1937.
WM. T. POLK, Mayor.

SKINNER BEING CONSIDERED

Reports coming out of Raleigh indicate that John L. Skinner, former county commissioner and executive secretary of the State Board of County Commissioners, is being seriously considered by Governor Hoey as one of the members of the State Highway Commission which he is to name within the next few days. Mr. Skinner has the endorsement of the Board of County Commissioners of this and a number of counties as well as friends in Warren and throughout the state.

CHANGE MADE WHISKEY LAW

Mayors And J. P.'s Again Given Jurisdiction Over Whiskey Cases

CASES IN COUNTY COURT

The state-wide whiskey law, which in its original form contained a provision which removed cases of public drunkenness from the jurisdiction of magistrates and mayors and placed them under the control of the judge of Recorder's court, was amended before the legislature adjourned to restore cases of this type back to the jurisdiction of mayors and magistrates, according to an opinion from the Institute of Government, which is regarded as reliable in such matters.

The opinion from the Institute of Government pointed out that between the time the law was enacted and amended that those charged with public drunkenness should be tried in the higher court but with the amendment of the Act such cases went back to the jurisdiction of magistrates and mayors.

During the period that the law was in effect a number of cases of public drunkenness were disposed of by Judge Rodwell in Recorder's court, although some authorities awaited a ruling from the attorney general on the law before sending their cases up to the higher tribunal. Several cases of this type were removed from the Recorder's court docket on Monday by Solicitor Pippen and Judge Rodwell with the usual fine of \$5 and costs.

Other matters, regarded by the law as being of a more serious nature. (Continued on Page 8)

Warren Negro Boy To Represent State At Texas Meeting

Leading its closest competitor by a total of 146 points, the Warren County Training School won the loving cup offered at the annual livestock and crop judging contest held at A. & T. College, Greensboro, from April 7th through April 9th.

The judging team, which was composed of three tenth grade students, John Williams, Thomas Kimble and Vernard Walker, made a total of 3,367 points. In addition to winning the cup, one of the members of the team, Williams, won a place on the state judging team which will go to Texas in August to participate in the national contest.

Honors were also won at the state-wide meeting by three seniors of the Warren County Training School. Joseph Green participated in the public speaking contest and won a medal for his talk on "What Vocational Agriculture Has Done for My Community."

Joseph Fitts, who has served as secretary of the state organization for the past year, was selected by the supervisor to broadcast over station WBIG on Friday afternoon as a mark of appreciation for his services.

Although not present himself, Robert Thomas sent his records to Greensboro and received the degree of Modern Farmer, as well as a key. The students were accompanied to Greensboro by J. L. Borden, vocational teacher, who also plans to take Williams to Texas for the national contest.

Wise P. T. A. To Have Amateur Hour

Wise, April 14.—The Parent-Teacher Association of the Wise school will present an amateur hour program in the school auditorium on Friday night, April 23, at 8 o'clock. There will be a small admission charge.

All amateur musicians are invited to compete for the several prizes which are to be offered. "If you play, sing, or dance come and join with us in an evening of fun," is the request coming from the sponsors. Those who contemplate participating are asked to get in touch with the Parent-Teacher Association by April 20th in order that the program may be worked out.

SHOW AT HOLLISTER

Hollister, April 14.—The Hollister P. T. A. presents the Monroe Brothers in a gala show with fun galore at the Hollister graded school on Monday, April 19, at 8 o'clock. There will be a small admission charge. The public is asked to attend.

Alexander Gives Safety Talk At Graham School

Caution in the operation of automobiles and walking along the highways was stressed during a Highway Safety program held at the John Graham High School yesterday morning with State Patrolman Parks Alexander and several of the students taking part.

Impressing upon the children the danger and cost of carelessness on the highways, the patrolman stated that annually more than 36,000 persons are killed in automobile accidents and approximately 100,000 are injured. The chief causes of wrecks, he said, are speeding, reckless driving, driving while drunk, walking in the highway and children playing in the highways.

The number of deaths on the highways in North Carolina each month exceeds the number of persons who were killed for a similar period by war and crime combined, the officer stated, listing the toll for each per month as follows: World war, 34; modern crime, 37; highway deaths, 82.

Urging caution at all times, the patrolman said that 56 per cent of the accidents happen on straight roads, 12 per cent on curves, 5 per cent at railroad crossings, 3 per cent at bridges, 15 per cent at street intersections, and 9 per cent between intersections, and that 75 per cent of these accidents were among passenger cars.

The above figures were cited by the state patrolman in conjunction with the following remarks he had prepared:

"It is truly an interesting subject when we talk about safety. I presume you have already talked about safety in other places, so let's think about safety on the highway. I suppose some of you young folks think it is our duty to make arrests only, but that isn't true. We travel these highways trying with all our might to make them safe for you and your family to travel over. It is our aim to guard our fellowman against accidents. North Carolina has the most up to date highways but we also have one of the highest percentage of accidents. In 1927 the Revenue Department started keeping a record on motor vehicle accidents. It is found that we are killing our citizens at the rate of 3 per day.

Courtesy is a main factor in safety. Should one neglect to use his hand signals, we should call that being discourteous as well as unlawful. To dim ones car lights is only caution but should be a law by all means.

Since most of you are pedestrians let's concentrate on those for a while. There are a flock of questions one should ask himself as he walks along the highway. One of those would be, Am I facing the traffic? The answer, of course, is yes. Pedestrians should always observe the traffic lights and never cross the street diagonally. One should wait until there is ample time for crossing the street. It isn't necessary for us to run. So suddenly pedestrians, especially children, run from behind parked automobiles right into the path of an approaching car. Most pedestrians think that the driver should be on the lookout for them but if they would reconsider this, they would think of their responsibility to the driver. I believe a good motto for the pedestrian would be "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

"The idea of this new drivers license law is to bring our death rate down. It is found that states having this law have fewer deaths than those without. Only very competent drivers may secure these licenses. A person physically or mentally affected shall not pass the test. These licenses are taken away if not properly used. We must put safety first on our highways. With so many automobiles in our state we must take all precaution.

"Records show that in 1928 there was one person killed for every 88 cars in our state. In 1935 that had dropped to one to every 59 cars.

"I wonder if the school bus drivers realize, as they travel their daily routes, how many lives are in their hands. It's true that the speed for a car on the highway is 45 miles per hour but for a school bus 25 miles per hour is the limit. At no time should the driver exceed this 25 mile limit.

"Only with cooperation from each and every one of you can we bring our highway accidents to a lower rate. In behalf of the Patrol and (Continued on page 8)

CONFERENCE TO MEET MONDAY

More Than 100 Ministers And Delegates Expected To Gather Here

BISHOP KERN TO SPEAK

More than one hundred ministers and delegates are expected to gather here next week to attend the one day session of the Rocky Mount District Conference which opens at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The meeting comes to a close at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dr. J. M. Culbreth, the presiding elder, will be in charge of the conference, and Bishop Paul B. Kern, together with representatives from the various institutions of the church, will be present and speak.

The conference is composed of 30 preachers and 120 lay delegates, most of whom are expected to arrive here on Monday morning and leave for their respective homes on Monday afternoon after the meeting adjourns. Lunch will be served at the church, and in the event any of the ministers will remain over for the night they will be invited into the homes of members of the congregation. It was stated.

The conference is open to visitors at all hours, the Rev. O. I. Hinson, pastor of the Warrenton church, stated in announcing that the district meeting is to be held here. This will be the first time the Conference has met in Warrenton in several years.

Officers Seek Hens; Capture A Still

The investigation of the theft of 30 Rhode Island Red hens stolen from C. W. Cole of Wise on Monday night led to the capture of an illicit whiskey plant and the arrest of two men on Tuesday morning.

The officers were searching near Wise for evidence to throw some light on the chicken robbery when their suspicion was aroused by the sudden activities taking place around a negro's home. A tramp down a path through the woods to a branch disclosed an oil-barrel type of still in operation, around 200 gallon of mash and approximately 200 pounds of sugar.

Following the capture of the still Willis Thornton and Romance Thrower, negroes, were taken into custody and brought to Warrenton where Thrower, according to Sheriff Pinnell, admitted at a hearing that he was manufacturing booze in the plant.

With Sheriff Pinnell on the trip were Deputy Roy Shearin and Will Carroll. Neither the stolen chickens nor the robber or robbers were located.

Two Men Slightly Injured In Wreck

John W. Dunstan Jr. of Warrenton, Rt. 1, and Walter Basket of Warren Plains, were slightly injured on Sunday when the Ford and Pontiac automobiles they were operating crashed in a head-on collision two miles east of Wise.

The wreck, according to Deputy Roy Shearin, who made an investigation, was due to carelessness. The Pontiac, which was driven by Dunstan, was damaged about the front and the right rear tire. The Ford was damaged about the front and the windshield. Cost of repairing each automobile was estimated at around \$100.

Nunn Loses Cup In Golf Play-Off

S. O. Nunn, local golf enthusiast and one of the best on the Warrenton course, offered strong competition for the cup offered in a tournament held in Richmond on Wednesday by the Imperial Tobacco Co. for its employees.

According to reports reaching here, Mr. Nunn was at one time winner in the tournament, but the score later became tied, and in the play-off he lost the match and the cup. He was expected to return to Warrenton late yesterday afternoon.

POSTMASTER PARALYZED

Albert P. Paschall, postmaster at Manson, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Wednesday. He was carried to Duke Hospital for treatment shortly after becoming afflicted, according to reports reaching here.