

CARS MUST HAVE A TOWN LICENSE

Town Commissioners Adopt Ordinance Requiring Cars To Have City License

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1

Automobiles owned by Warrenton persons will bear city license plates on and after January 1 of next year.

The town was recently bought by the Board of Town Commissioners and on Monday night the City Fathers adopted an ordinance making it mandatory that the plates be displayed on motor vehicles owned by Warrenton persons on and after January 1, 1938.

The plates, which must be attached to the front end of motor vehicles in a position just above the state license, are sold for \$1.00 each and are obtainable at the Warrenton Water Co. office.

The new law does not apply to school buses, the library truck, or motor vehicles owned by regular automobile dealers and held by them for sale or resale in the ordinary course of business.

While the tags were bought primarily for Warrenton residents, they may be obtained and worn on cars owned by those living in other sections of the county. However, non-residents of the town will not be required to purchase them.

Failure to comply with the terms of the new ordinance, which is published elsewhere in this paper, subjects owners to a fine of not more than \$50.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

In addition to passing this ordinance the board passed two other ordinances pertaining to parking on Main street and blocking driveways.

The commissioners also agreed to make the customary contribution of \$200.00 for decorating the town with Christmas lights. Other matters were mostly of a routine nature.

Garden Club To Stage Christmas Tree Contest

As the Yule-tide season approaches, the Warrenton Garden Club is asking the citizens of the town to again join in a contest of Christmas decorations. This contest created a lot of interest last year and it is hoped there will be more contestants this season and Warrenton will be made even more beautiful for Christmas.

Three separate prizes will be given as follows: (1) An indirect floor lamp given by the Carolina Power & Light Company for the most outstanding home decorations as a whole, as viewed from the street. (2) Choice of any dress in store given by Leggett's Department Store for the most attractively decorated door way, as viewed from the street. (3) Five dollars in cash given by Rose's 5 and 10 Cent Store for the most beautifully decorated outdoor Christmas tree.

Capable judges will come from out of town and decisions will be made entirely by them. The date and hour of judging will be announced in next week's paper.

Every home is urged to participate. You do not have to be a member of the Garden Club in order to compete.

Appeals Made For Old Toys, Clothes

An appeal comes as follows this week from the recreational leaders of the Community Center for old toys, picture books and clothes to be distributed among the needy on Christmas Eve.

"In view of bringing joy at Christmas time to the poor children of the community, we are asking the friends of the friendless, to please give us all your discarded toys, picture books, and clothes.

"We thank you very kindly for any of the above articles and will be very glad to receive them at the Community Center, where they will be given out at the Community Christmas Tree on December 24, 1937, at 2:30 p. m.

"RECREATIONAL LEADERS."

DURHAM GLEE CLUB TO SING NEGRO SPIRITUALS
Sung lovers are reminded that Wednesday night of next week is the time when the Community Male Glee Club of Durham will render a concert of negro spirituals in the court house for the benefit of the Community Center and the Eland Home for Girls. Seats will be reserved for white persons.

Mountain Buries City's Streets



Here's a worm's-eye view of an avalanche in the making. Lowering himself into a huge fissure at the top of the "moving mountain" in Los Angeles' Elysian Park, a daring cameraman shows how the ever-widening crack is being checked hourly to determine course and extent of the next in a series of huge earth-slides that have already sent millions of tons of rocks, earth and trees tumbling 350 feet into Riverside Drive, Dayton Avenue, below, and even into the dry bed of the Los Angeles river, 1,000 feet away.

To Explain 1938 Crop Program In Series of Meetings

By BOB BRIGHT, County Agent

Beginning Monday, December 13, a series of educational meetings will be held in the county to explain the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Act. All persons interested in farming are urged to attend one or more of these meetings.

The 1938 program differs from the 1937 program in many respects and farmers should acquaint themselves with the program. For example, in 1938 goals will be set up for each farm and payments will be made on the planted acres instead of diverted or rented acres.

The following farms in 1938 will be set up as follows: Cotton base 10 acres, 250 lb. yield; tobacco base 4 acres, 700 lb. yield; general base 12 acres. In 1938 this farmer will be asked to grow 60 per cent of his cotton base, or 6 acres, and he will be paid 24c per lb. on his 250 lb yield. This gives him a payment of \$6.00 per acre on 6 acres, or a total payment for cotton of \$36.00. Tobacco will be 80 per cent of the base, or in this case 3.2 acres, and he will be paid 1c per lb. times the yield which is 700 lbs. per acre, or a payment of \$7.00 per acre, or a total payment of \$22.40. In addition to the above payments the farm will receive a payment for carrying out practices.

This explanation is very brief and to get a clear understanding the farmer should attend the meeting and hear the program explained.

Following is a schedule of meetings to be held:

- Dec. 13, 9 a. m.—River township, S. D. King's Store.
- Dec. 13, 2:30 p. m.—Fishing Creek township, R. L. Capp's Store.
- Dec. 14, 9 a. m.—Fork township, J. C. Powell's Store.
- Dec. 14, 2:30 p. m.—Sixpound township, J. P. T. Harris' Store (Churchill).
- Dec. 15, 9 a. m.—Shocco township, J. K. Pinnell's Store.
- Dec. 15, 2:30 p. m.—Hawtree township, C. C. Perkinson's Store.
- Dec. 16, 9 a. m.—Sandy Creek township, W. E. Turner's Home.
- Dec. 16, 2:30 p. m.—Nutbush township, J. C. Watkin's Store.
- Dec. 17, 9 a. m.—Smith Creek township, Moyor's Office, Norlina.
- Dec. 17, 2:30 p. m.—Warrenton township, court house.
- Dec. 20, 9 a. m.—Judkins township, J. P. T. Harris' Store, Vaughan.
- Dec. 20, 2:30 p. m.—Roanoke township, H. L. Wall's home.

The Fishing Creek Water Shed Conservation Area has been approved both by ballot and by the state committee. N. M. Thornton, Macon, has been appointed from Warren county, and Nick Warren, Littleton, from Halifax county, to act as directors. There will be three directors elected and persons living in the area should give the election of these directors serious thought.

"Eyes of Love" To Appear At Wise

The play, "Eyes of Love," will be presented in the auditorium of the Wise Elementary school on Tuesday evening, December 14, at 7 o'clock, by a group of players from Bracey, Va., T. H. Sledge, principal, announced this week.

A small admission charge will be made. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Mesdames Lawrence Rose and C. S. Hithcock shopped in Rocky Mount on Saturday. Mr. H. C. Montgomery of Raleigh is spending a few days here.

BOARD HEARS DELEGATIONS

Littleton Citizens Want Investigation of School Affairs In District

MACON WANTS RELIEF

Discussion of bids and the contract for remodeling the jail, listening to one delegation which sought authority to go forward with a proposed audit of the Littleton Special School District and another which is trying to remedy deplorable sanitary conditions at the Macon school, and attending to a number of other matters kept the Board of County Commissioners in session here on Monday afternoon until the shades of night had fallen.

John Picot, as spokesman for several Littleton taxpayers present, reminded the commissioners that some time ago the board passed an order authorizing a sum not to exceed \$400.00 be spent in auditing the school books of the Littleton district provided the Halifax county board appropriated a like amount, but that the work had never started due to the fact that efforts at that time to secure a reliable auditing firm to do the work at a set figure failed. The Littleton attorney stated that a certified public accountant had been found who would undertake the work at a cost to this county of not over \$400, and that Littleton representatives were present Monday before the Halifax Board of County Commissioners to point out new developments in the situation and get the consent of that board to go forward with the work. Each board had previously agreed to spend as much as \$400.00 for the job, and the Warren commissioners told Mr. Picot that the board of this county would stand by its former promise. Halifax is expected to do likewise.

Dissatisfaction began being voiced publicly several months ago over the status of affairs in the Littleton districts, with taxpayers pointing out that citizens of that district had been paying a rate of 50c for years, one of the highest in the county, and intimating that if the Warren side of the district had been credited with all the money due it from the high rate that little, if anything, would be due on bonds and that the rate would be considerably lower. Taxpayers on the Warren side have been pressing the commissioners for several months for an audit which, it is believed by some, will show that Halifax county owes Warren county several thousand dollars. The sentiment of those on the Halifax side of the line has not been fully revealed here, but it is understood that these taxpayers are willing for the audit to be made.

The Macon delegation, which included a half dozen or more persons from that town, told the commissioners that sanitary conditions there were deplorable and asked the board to take steps to remedy the situation.

Chairman Burroughs, after giving an account of financial conditions in the Macon district, told the delegation that the board was fully aware of the bad situation at the Macon school, and stated that at the time the budget was being made out the board was informed that \$2,000 would take care of this need and that this sum was appropriated for this purpose.

Supt. Allen stated that at the time the budget was being made out he thought \$2,000 would take care of the cost of sanitary plumbing at the Macon school and that he was still of the opinion that a system could be installed for this cost which would relieve the situation there, but it would not meet with the approval of the State (Continued on Page 8)

BOARD ADOPTS HOUR PARKING LAW FOR BUSINESS SECTION

Both Sides of Main Street From Methodist Church To The Dameron Corner Embraced In Hour Parking Zone; Maximum Penalty For Violation \$10 Or 30 Days

MOTORISTS ARE FORBIDDEN TO BLOCK ENTRANCES

Two parking ordinances were passed by the Board of Town Commissioners in regular session on Monday night, making it unlawful for cars and trucks to be left on Main street from the Dameron corner to the Hotel corner longer than one hour during the day-time, and prohibiting any person or firm from blocking any driveways in the Town of Warrenton.

Violation of the parking law on the main thoroughfare which states "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park any motor vehicle on the Main street of the Town of Warrenton, N. C., between Church and Franklin streets from the hours of 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. for longer than one hour," carries with it a maximum punishment of \$10.00 for each offense.

The ordinance prohibiting entrance to driveways from being obstructed carries with it a fine not to exceed \$10.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days for each offense.

The parking of automobiles on Main street in Warrenton has been a problem with which the commissioners have struggled for years, and the one-hour parking law was adopted in an effort to relieve the situation by preventing business men of the town from leaving their cars on Main street from the time they go to work in the morning until closing time at night.

Only Two Cases Heard In County Court Monday

Judge T. O. Rodwell held a short session of Recorder's court this week with only two defendants being brought before him to be tried.

Horace Silver, negro, was convicted on a charge of disorderly conduct in a public place and was sentenced to the roads for a period of 30 days.

Clarence Green, Warrenton negro, was found not guilty on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of whiskey.

The docket contains the names of a number of other defendants but they had previously expressed their preference for a jury trial and their cases will be heard next week.

JURORS ALL

Three Members of One Firm Are Drawn For Jury Duty For First Week of Court

This is one of those things which doesn't happen once in a hundred years and Williams, Williams and Williams of the Williams Motor Co. would have been well pleased if it had not happened this week.

From a box which contained the names of hundreds of taxpayers of this county 44 names, written on small slips of paper, were picked by a child for jury duty the first week of the January term of Warren Superior court. The list included A. A. Williams, A. A. Williams Jr. and Barker Williams, all of the Williams Motor Co.

A. G. Perkinson Dies At Hospital

Funeral services for Arthur G. Perkinson, 57, were conducted from the home at Wise on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. F. G. Walker, pastor of the Wise Baptist Church. Interment followed in the Wise cemetery.

Mr. Perkinson died in Johnson-Willis Hospital at Richmond on Sunday at 9:30 o'clock after a short illness.

Surviving Mr. Perkinson are his wife, Mrs. Helen Perkinson; five daughters, Mrs. Thomas A. Stokes of Durham, Mrs. Leon Perkinson, Mrs. Otis Powell, Misses Sallie Page and Virginia Perkinson of Wise; four sons, Marlow, Jack, Russell and Nathan Green Perkinson of Wise; (Continued on page 4)

Garden Club To Present Exhibits

The spirit of Christmas will prevail when the Warrenton Garden Club presents its Christmas exhibits on Wednesday afternoon, December 15, from 4 to 6 o'clock. Exhibits will include the following:

1. Mantel Arrangement.
2. Christmas tables (a) dinner tables, (b) occasional tables, (c) fireside tables.
3. Assortment of (a) Christmas packages, (b) Christmas candies, (c) Christmas cookies, (d) cakes, (e) candles and candlesticks.
4. Arrangements of (a) fruits, (b) flowers, (c) wreaths, (d) greens, (e) dry materials, (f) unusual arrangements, (g) window arrangements.
5. Juniors: Party tables and Christmas scenes.

The Garden Club of Warrenton is giving Christmas suggestions in every line of the club's Christmas activities to every one in the county who wishes to come.

JAIL CONTRACT GIVEN TO REID

Local Contractor Given Job Repairing Warren Jail At Cost of \$4,775.00

PLUMBING NOT IN BID

The contract for remodeling the Warren county jail was awarded by the Board of County Commissioners in session here on Monday to H. P. Reid of Warrenton whose bid of \$4,775 was low among the three contractors competing for the job. The other two bids were: Fred Forrest & Co. of Roanoke Rapids, \$4,959.00; V. A. Coleman of Wise, \$6,129.

The contract awarded Mr. Reid provided that he give a guaranteed turn-key job of all the work to be done at the jail with the exception of the installation of plumbing fixtures, which, it has been estimated, will cost in the neighborhood of \$500, bringing the total expenditures for the work to be done on the jail to around \$53,000.

The contract for installing the plumbing fixtures was also expected to be let by the Board on Monday but at 12 o'clock no sealed bids for this work had been submitted. W. R. Strickland of Warrenton placed a sealed bid with the board later in the afternoon, but the commissioners deferred opening this bid for ten days. Other bids are expected to be on hand by this time.

Improvements to be made at the jail, which has been termed by several grand juries "inadequate, unsafe, unsanitary," are to conform in detail with plans drawn for the board by Stuart Davis, architect of Louisburg, who has been working with the commissioners for some time in an effort to draw plans which would meet with state requirements and at the same time call for no unnecessary outlay of capital.

Among the improvements to be made will be the removal of the wooden sawry inside of the jail and the construction of a stairway on the outside of the jail, the placement of a steel door upstairs at the head of the stairway, the installation of sanitary plumbing fixtures, reinforcement of cells, new windows which will afford more ventilation and which may not be cut by hack-saw blades, painting, repairing walls, etc.

Mr. Reid is expected to go to work at once on his job and guarantees to complete the work within 90 days. While repairs are going on at the jail it is expected that prisoners will be shifted from one side of the building to the other as work progresses.

Mrs. Arrington Is Lee Home Director

Mrs. Katherine Pendleton Arrington has been named as Director for North Carolina of "Straford Hall," Virginia, ancestral home of the Lee family now owned by the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association. Mrs. Arrington has just returned from the annual meeting of the North Carolina Art Society, held this year in the Mint Museum of Charlotte—which museum was sponsored by the State Art Society. Just previous to her going to the Art Society meeting she had returned from Memphis, Tenn., having been appointed by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America to serve on the National Committee for the celebration of the discovery of the Mississippi by De Soto.

Car Hits Wagon; Negro Is Injured

John Hunter, negro, was painfully injured late Wednesday afternoon when the wagon on which he was riding was struck by a car being operated by Dick Ramsey negro, near the Warrenton Box & Lumber Company.

The negro was rendered unconscious by the blow which he received when he was knocked from the wagon, but he is expected to recover from his injuries.

Ramsey is reported to have stated that lights from an approaching car blinded him and that he did not see the wagon until it was too late to avoid the accident.

A preliminary hearing will be held as soon as Hunter is able to appear before a magistrate and testify.

SON BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Reid of Arcola, N. C., on December 2, a son, Anton Lawson.

Mr. Joe Ellis of Murfreesboro spent the week end here.

PROCLAMATION

In this winter of 1937, when the weather is colder and cotton prices lower than they have been in several years, the Warren County Welfare Department is offering to those persons of good will, who have enough to eat and to wear, an opportunity to help those who have not. This is the only birthday gift we can give to Him whose birthday we celebrate week after next. We shall all stand in need of charity, sooner or later, in this world or the next, but we shall deserve it only in so far as we have given it. Therefore let us, humbly and freely and thankfully, give what we can.

This the 8th day of December, 1937.

WILLIAM T. POLK,
Mayor of Warrenton.