

TREES PLANTED ON MAIN STREET

Maples or Water Oaks To Be Planted In Business Section By Wise Nursery

PLANNING BOARD PLAN

Sledge hammers cracking against the sidewalks this week marked the beginning of a project endorsed by the Board of Town Commissioners several months ago to enhance the beauty of the town by planting trees along Main street.

Women have practically completed the task of digging holes through the concrete into the dirt for a depth of around three feet and filling them with fertile soil, and it is expected that around 20 maples or water oaks will be brought here and planted by the Wise nursery before the week is over.

The town agreed to appropriate \$75.00 to have trees planted along Main street at a meeting of the board in October when a delegation from the town planning board appeared before the commissioners, explained plans for improving the appearance of the town and requested that the project be endorsed and funds be appropriated for carrying it out.

Oil Men Form Organization For Warren County

Wholesale and retail oil dealers and their employees of Warren county met in the court house here Friday night and perfected the organization of the Warren County Petroleum Industries Committee.

The local group is affiliated with the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, which is the state association of oil men with local organizations in each of the one hundred counties. It was explained that the chief purpose and main objective of the organization would be to secure fair and equitable taxes and legislation for North Carolina motorists and those engaged in supplying their needs.

Officers were elected as follows: Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton, chairman; M. C. Hicks of Wise, first vice chairman; and J. T. Lufsey of Warrenton, second vice chairman. Legislative Committee: J. S. Bell and E. E. Gilliam, both of Warrenton. Local Affairs Committee: G. N. Pittard and W. B. Fleming, both of Warrenton. Public Relations Committee: A. A. Williams Jr. of Warrenton and E. F. Benton of Norlina.

After organizing, the Warren committee ratified the four-point program of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee as setting forth fair principles of taxation for oil men and motorists of North Carolina. The program is now being considered for ratification by similar committees in other counties, and when the approval is general the entire manpower of the petroleum industry will be thrown behind the plan, it was stated.

"This program will foster justice and equality for motorists taxpayers," it was explained by Chairman Bowers, "and will safeguard the welfare of thousands of workers engaged in the automotive, petroleum and allied trades in this state. At the same time we believe this program will do much to assure the reasonable and economical development of highways and highway transportation without taxing any one excessively."

The four points in the ratified program are:
1. To insist that all gasoline and motor vehicle tax revenues be used for highway purposes only and to urge the adoption of an amendment to the constitution to accomplish this end.

2. To render assistance to state and federal authorities in detection and elimination of gasoline tax evasion.

3. To work toward the abolition of federal gasoline and lubricating oil taxes.

4. To oppose all tax and other proposals inimical to the petroleum industry and its motorists customers.

S. Gilmer Sparger of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, addressed the local men in organizing and addressed the meeting. He stated: "The rapid growth in the cost of special additional taxes paid by motor vehicle owners and other consumers of gasoline, and the rising cost of taxation imposed upon"

Dance Here For Paralysis Victims On January 28th

John Allison, manager of Hotel Warren, announced yesterday that both a round and a square dance would be held in Warrenton on the night of January 28 to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation and that on Friday evening, January 21, a rook and bridge tournament would be held at Norlina for the same cause.

Mr. Allison has recently been appointed Warren county chairman to cooperate in the nationwide movement to raise money for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation and he named Mrs. George Stultz, president of the Norlina Woman's Club, as chairman of the Norlina committee. She is arranging for the bridge and rook tournament in that town on the evening of January 21 and all those willing to assist in the cause are asked to contact her for tables, or places at a table.

Mr. Allison is expected to secure the backing of the Warrenton Lions Club tonight in putting on the round and square dance and he has already been promised by a representative of the Littleton Lions Club that the organization of that town would assist in raising money, probably by sponsoring a picture show.

All plans for the dances here on January 28 have not been completed, but the chairman stated that he was considering having one band to play square dance music from 9 until 11 o'clock and another to play for a round dance from 11 o'clock until the early hours of the morning. Special favors are expected to be given.

Heretofore when dances or other forms of entertainment have been held to raise funds for the benefit of those afflicted with paralysis, only a certain per cent of the proceeds have been forwarded to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation but this year all the money taken in above actual expenses will be sent to headquarters, Mr. Allison said. He asks that the public cooperate with him wholeheartedly in his efforts to raise a substantial sum of money in Warren county for the benefit of those who are suffering from this dreadful disease which at one time had the President of the United States in its clutches.

Scout Heads To Meet In Raleigh Monday

The annual meeting of the Occaneechee Council of Boy Scout troops will be held in Raleigh on Monday, January 17, Harold R. Skillman, chairman of the Warren county district, stated yesterday. From 3 to 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon there will be an open house at the Sycamore Camp and from 5 to 6:30 there will be a group conference followed by supper in the Carolina Hotel. Several from here are expected to attend.

Scout troops have not been organized in Warren since this county became a part of the Occaneechee Council, but Mr. Skillman said that he was hoping to arrange at the meeting in Raleigh for a prominent scout official to come to this county at an early date to organize the boys of Warren.

Dr. Rodgers Moves Office To Drug Store

Dr. W. D. Rodgers, who for years has had an office in the building formerly occupied by the Warren Theatre, moves this week into temporary quarters in the rear of Boyce Drug Co. as plans go forward for remodeling the old theatre building and turning it into a store, a cafe, and offices.

While the statement is not authoritative, it was said this week by a reliable person that he understood that the office formerly used by Dr. Rodgers would be turned into a store, that quarters suitable for a cafe would be built on the side where Jeff Terrell's Soda Shop was situated and that two suites of offices would be constructed upstairs, with a stairway leading from the center of the building which was formerly the entrance to the theatre.

BEN BATTS LEAVES

Ben Batts left on Tuesday for Greenville where he has accepted a position in an exclusive young men's shop. During the many years that Mr. Batts spent at Warrenton as manager of the A. & P. Store and later as an employee of Allen, Son & Co. he made a wide circle of friends who regret his departure.

Escape To Reed Covered Shore



The last boat to leave the stricken U.S.S. Panay, carrying a load of medical supplies and members of the crew. Note how sailors have stripped in case further attack should force them to take to the water. Here the life boat reaches the reed covered shore. These are original news pictures, rushed here by clipper plane.

H. C. Worthem, Business Leader, Is Buried At Littleton

Littleton, Jan. 13.—Funeral services for Herbert Clinton Worthem, late of Atlanta, Ga., were held at the old home place of Miss Mattie Jenkins at Littleton, on Sunday afternoon, January 9, at 3 o'clock, conducted by Revs. W. T. Phipps, G. A. Hendricks, and C. R. Jenkins, all of Littleton. Interment followed in Sunset Hill cemetery.

A profusion of beautiful flowers, which literally covered the plot in which he was interred, attested the love and affection of hundreds of his friends.

Mr. Worthem's life is a wonderful and outstanding illustration of what can be accomplished in America through determination, integrity and ability. As a young boy he was taken from the Oxford Orphanage at Oxford, N. C., to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Clay at Clay, N. C. (Mrs. Clay is now Mrs. T. J. Miles of Littleton), where he learned telegraphy, while employed at a store in Oxford.

From Oxford he came to Littleton as an operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company, remaining for about two years when he was transferred to Weldon. Having signal ability, young Worthem was then transferred to Raleigh and promoted to the position of train dispatcher. Again his promotion was rapid and in a short while he occupied a very responsible position in the manager's office of the Western Union in New York City and for two years thereafter was manager of the Brooklyn office. After a short while in Brooklyn, he was recalled to the New York Office and in 1910 was promoted to General Manager of the Southern Division with headquarters at Atlanta, which position he held at the time of his death in Atlanta on Friday, January 7, in the 61st year of his age.

Mr. Worthem was the son of Alice McCracken and Edgar S. Worthem, who came to North Carolina from New England, and was born in Shelby, N. C., on the 22nd day of July 1877. He is survived by his mother who is now living in Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Worthem was well known in (Continued on page 2)

Stop Chasing Fire Truck, Says Scott

Chief of Police Jack Scott warned this week that in the future he would arrest all automobile drivers he caught dashing up and down the street and passing in front of the fire truck as it raced towards a fire when the siren sounds.

Chief Scott said that not only are lives endangered by automobiles racing recklessly up or down the street when the alarm is sounded but that it frequently happens that the fire-fighters are delayed or inconvenienced in their work by people rushing to a fire in front of the truck and occasionally blocking the way to a hydrant.

The officer stated that if the people of the town desired to attend the fires they should at all times remain behind the fire-truck and always park their cars at least a block from the scene of the blaze.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock, January 20, in the home of Mrs. Pryor Allen. Miss Mamie Gardner will be joint hostess with Mrs. Allen. An interesting program on legislation is being planned.

Jones Comments On Candidacy Of Troy Barnes

By HOWARD F. JONES SR., Associate Editor The Warren Record

The Honorable Troy Barnes of Wilson has "planked down his \$100 and issued a sizzling statement" in his attack upon Congressman Kerr. I quote from "Under the Dome," News and Observer of the 12th. In fact, the News and Observer's columnist says he "hankers" for the job of Congressman. The dictionary says "Hankers" means "Have an incessant desire; hunger, crave." Mr. Barnes has this privilege.

However, the velocity and vehemence of his attack reminds us of a little cyclone we had in our back yard. It picked up an old hen, whirled her around straight up in the air for a moment, and she settled gently down on both feet in the same spot from which the wind attempted to remove her; no damage done.

In our mind it is not the question of Mr. Barnes' desire to go to Washington; but the premise of his desire. He says he can do this more efficiently and with greater benefit to the District than Congressman Kerr has done. He names many sins of Omission and Commissions. His eyes are so steadily fixed on that honorable seat now held by Congressman Kerr that he does not look backward in his own county and town to see what he has done. What changes would he make? He finds none, because he criticizes the Congressman for trying to see that his constituents get all places that are his privilege to bestow; and, according to Mr. Barnes, Postmasterships, Rural Carriers, Clerks, Post Office buildings must be neglected for other duties.

And he caps as a serious failure of our present Congressman that "after 14 years of continuous service he is only Chairman of Committee on Elections No. 3, as a real and disappointing 'let-down'." Of (Continued on page 8)

Parking Signs Are Posted Here

Parking signs warning motorists not to leave their cars and trucks standing on Main street, from the Methodist Church to the Dameron building, for longer than one hour at a time were being erected this week and it is expected that the new town ordinance will be enforced as soon as all the warnings have been put up.

FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT

John Lyles' store in north Warrenton, located at the ice plant, was damaged by fire and water on Saturday night shortly after 11 o'clock. The fire company responded immediately to the alarm and within a few moments conquered the blaze which is believed to have caught from the stove.

P. T. A. TO MEET

"Family Life of Today" will be the topic for discussion at the regular monthly meeting of the P. T. A. at John Graham high school on next Tuesday, January 18. Mrs. Rebecca Seligman of New York City and Warren Plains will talk on "Co-operation of Home and School in Guiding Boy-Girl Conduct." The meeting will be held at 8:30.

Mrs. W. R. Strickland has returned to her home here after spending a month at Denver and Greeley, Colorado.

LONG SESSION COUNTY COURT

Trials By Juries Responsible For All-Day Session Of Recorder's Court

ONE CASE IS CONTINUED

Trials by juries kept Recorder's court in session all day Monday as the evidence in three cases was argued pro and con by Solicitor Joseph P. Pippen and defense attorneys. Two other cases were scheduled to be tried this week but one of these was disposed of by the state taking a nol pros and the other was continued until the fourth Monday in February.

Mrs. Sarah King Bell, who has been brought into court to face trial on several charges since the automobile she was driving down Mosby Avenue in Littleton was in collision with one being operated by a Mrs. Farmer several months ago, was found not guilty by a jury on a charge of resisting an officer in the discharge of his duties.

Mrs. Bell was previously tried on a charge of reckless driving and was acquitted. Later she was brought into court on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a drivers license, a charge to which she submitted. The charge of resisting arrest was booked against her by Constable Roger Wilson of River township when he and two other men went to serve a paper on her for reckless driving after she had refused to pay certain damages. She was accused of biting one of the men's fingers.

Foster Ayscue, who was driving the automobile which was in collision with a car driven by Charlie Rodwell, negro, at Norlina on Christmas night, was found guilty by a jury on a charge of reckless driving. Restitution having been made to the prosecuting witness for damages, Judge Rodwell suspended sentence upon payment of costs.

The case against J. T. Ayscue, who was in the automobile with Foster Ayscue when the accident occurred, was not pressed by the state.

Unable to agree in the case against Lucy Bullock, negro charged with possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale, a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial was ordered. The case is to be tried again the fourth Monday in February.

L. P. (Dick) Ramsey, Warrenton negro, requested a jury trial and his case was set for the fourth Monday in February. He is charged with driving drunk and causing a wreck.

Organ Recital At Two Churches

Using a Hammond organ identical with the one recently purchased by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, Edward Cullom of Charlotte will give a recital in Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and again on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Warrenton Baptist Church.

This will be the first time that this organ has been in this vicinity and every one is cordially invited to both of the churches to see it and hear it in recital.

Mr. Cullom, who is the son of Dr. W. R. Cullom, dean of Bible at Wake Forest College, is a renowned musician. For five years he was organist at Brown Memorial Church in Winston-Salem and is at present representing the Hammond Organ Co. of Charlotte.

The public is also invited to the Episcopal church on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock for the regular evening service when the Ordinance of Confirmation will be administered by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, assisted by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner.

BISHOP HERE SUNDAY

Services to be held in the Episcopal churches at Warrenton and Littleton are announced as follows by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, rector:

Saint Alban's—11 a. m., Holy Communion and Confirmation by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D. D. Emmanuel—7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer and Confirmation by Bishop Penick.

At 4 p. m. an organ recital in Emmanuel Church by Edward Cullom of Charlotte.

Dr. W. J. Thorpe of Denver, Col., was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Strickland Wednesday night.

Miss Ruth Mason and Mrs. F. G. Jarman of Roanoke Rapids were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alston Friday.

Dictator Votes



MOSCOW... Joseph Stalin dropping his ballot in the box at section No. 53 of the Lenin Election District here, during the elections to the Supreme Soviet Council of the U.S.S.R. recently. Stalin, himself, was a candidate. (No, he did not need his own vote.)

Conflicting Stories Told Regarding Alleged Hold-Up

Conflicting stories have caused Sheriff W. J. Pinnell to practically cease in his efforts to apprehend the two unidentified negroes who were said to have held up Fink Rodwell, Norlina negro, with a pistol at noon Saturday as he walked out of the Warrenton post office and robbed him of \$80.00 he received from a money order.

At the time of the alleged robbery, Rodwell is said to have told Sheriff Pinnell that two negroes he had never seen before gave him a ride from Norlina and that after he had gone into the post office and cashed the money order and started up the street the men threw a pistol on him, relieved him of his cash and sped off in a Ford V-8. He described one of the men as being dark with a lot of gold in his mouth and the other being ginger cake color.

The alleged robbery was broadcast and later Sheriff Pinnell carried Rodwell to Durham where he was questioned by a detective.

Rodwell is said to have changed his story considerably from the original version, claiming that he knew the men by sight and that they had been to his house several times trying to sell him an automobile. Rodwell's inconsistency and other things are said to have caused Sheriff Pinnell to practically drop the case.

Case Against Baxter Continued

State Highway Patrolman William Baxter, son of Mrs. Della Baxter of Warrenton, will not be tried at this term of Vance county Superior court which is now in session due to the fact that two murder cases have congested the docket to the point where it will not be possible to even clear the jail cases, it was learned late yesterday over telephone from Henderson.

Baxter is charged with manslaughter as the result of the death of 11-year-old J. B. Richardson, son of Mrs. O. O. Richardson of Durham, who was fatally injured by the patrolman's car nearly two years ago while on the highway in the mill district of north Henderson.

Following the accident, Baxter was absolved of blame by a coroner's jury but the case was later re-opened and has been repeatedly postponed. It was set for trial yesterday.

The death of the child occurred February 21, 1936, on Highway 1, which runs directly through the North Henderson mill district. Baxter said at the time that as his car progressed through that section he saw several small boys by the side of the highway, which affords no sidewalk, and that he slowed down. The Richardson child, he said, suddenly rushed out in front of the car and although Baxter swerved to avoid the child, he was struck fatally.

Mrs. Richardson, with two children, had moved to Henderson only a few days prior to the accident and after the death of the boy returned to her former home in Durham. It was not until the June, 1936, term of Vance Superior court that Mrs. Richardson returned to Henderson and requested Former Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn to have the case reconsidered before the grand jury, which eventually found a true bill.

Baxter is a native of Warren county. At the time of the accident he was en route to visit his mother on a day off from duty.

Rev. C. R. Jenkins of Littleton was a visitor at Warrenton yesterday afternoon.

SUPERIOR COURT TO OPEN MONDAY

Judge Clawson Williams Of Sanford To Preside Over Two Weeks Term

FIRST VISIT TO WARREN

The January term of Warren county Superior court convenes on Monday for a two weeks term with Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford presiding and Solicitor Ernest R. Tyler of Roxobel looking after the prosecuting department.

This will be Judge Williams' first official visit to Warrenton since he became a Superior court judge and he will be faced with a criminal docket which is regarded by court attaches as being comparatively light and lacking in countywide interest.

Perhaps the most important cases on the criminal docket are the charges against members of the Board of County Commissioners for failure to carry out grand jury recommendations in regard to repairing the jail, and the murder charge against Ted Terrell who was granted a new trial by the Supreme court on the ground that the presiding judge erred in his charge to the jury when the Vance county man was being tried for fatally shooting Andrew Knight at Kinton Whit's service station near Norlina on the night of March 7, 1937. Since the commissioners were indicted they have completed plans for repairing the jail and work is going forward there now. Many of the other charges are for breaking and entering or cases which were appealed from Recorder's court.

Judge Williams comes to Warren county with the reputation of being a rather stern jurist; who runs his court in a business-like manner and excuses jurors only under extraordinary circumstances. He also bears down on violators of the whiskey laws of the state, it was said.

Included on the criminal docket, in addition to the cases against Terrell and the commissioners, are the following charges:

Robert Crewe, alias Willis Harris, breaking and entering; Jesse Robinson, breaking and entering; Robert Boyd, breaking and entering; Peter Williams, hit and run driving doing personal injury; Alvin Johnson, Julian Johnson, Furman Hobbs, Willard Coggins, breaking, entering, larceny; S. J. Satterwhite, W. A. Kimball, L. O. Reavis Jr., and Buck Wilson cases of not vaccinating dogs which were appealed by the state after the men had been acquitted in Recorder's court; John Rush, forcible trespass; W. A. Powell, trespass; J. D. and D. M. Winkler, breaking, entering and larceny; Woodrow Singleton and Luther McDowell, breaking, entering and larceny; Bruce Grissom, receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen; Jack Oakley, three cases of breaking, entering and larceny; Crichton Kelly, larceny.

The case of breaking, entering and larceny which was booked against the Winkler brothers of Virginia after the Swan Sandwich Shop and Beer Garden of Norlina had been held up and robbed, has been tried several times but juries have been unable to agree on their innocence or guilt and mistrials have been ordered.

John Rush has been tried and convicted on a charge of forcible trespass but he failed to live up to the terms of the suspended judgment and his name remains on the docket.

Hunter And Jones Elected Vestrymen

Dr. Frank P. Hunter and Duke Jones were elected to the Vestry of Emmanuel Episcopal church, to succeed C. E. Jackson and John G. Mitchell, retiring members, at a congregational meeting held in the Parish House on Sunday night.

During the meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, rector, annual reports of the various church organizations were made.

The vestry held its first meeting on Monday night in the office of J. P. Scoggin, at which time the following officers were elected for 1938: J. P. Scoggin, senior warden; A. A. Williams Sr., junior warden; Duke Jones, secretary. L. B. Beddoe, who has served as church treasurer for the past fifteen or more years, was re-elected to this office.

Mrs. T. F. Heath spent several days this week with her daughter, Mrs. Lunsford Long, in Raleigh.