

ACCURATE, TERSE  
TIMELY

Miss Carrie Broughton  
State Library  
OF THE NEWS  
ALL THE TIME

## AYCOCK FAILS TO FILE FOR HOUSE

### John Kerr Jr. Without Opposition In Race For Seat In General Assembly

## RULING IS RESPONSIBLE

John Kerr Jr. will attend the next session of the State Legislature as Warren county's Representative without having to face opposition in the June primary.

Mr. Kerr escaped having to run for this position by virtue of the fact that T. H. Aycock, superintendent of the Warren County Prison failed to file notice of his candidacy for the Lower House with the County Board of Elections.

Neglect of Mr. Aycock to file was due, it is believed, to a ruling which prevents members of the State Highway and Public Works Commission from becoming candidates for public office unless they resign their position with the Highway Department.

Mr. Aycock represented Warren county in the Lower House two years ago, and both he and Mr. Kerr had announced for the position several weeks ago. There were no other candidates, which fact results in Mr. Kerr being certified by the County Board of Elections as the Democratic nominee.

The filing period also elapsed without opposition developing for Judge T. O. Rodwell's place as Judge of Recorder's court, or William Newell's job of Clerk of Superior court.

Other candidates who are without opposition are Harry Walker, J. J. Nicholson, R. L. Powell, A. S. Bugg and J. E. Rooker, for the Board of Education.

## Automobile Show Comes To Successful Close On Saturday

The Merchants' Exposition and Automobile Show came to a successful close last Saturday night following a week's entertainment which was witnessed each night by large crowds from almost every section of this county and many from nearby counties.

While the show did not make as much money as did the venture last year, it added shakels to the coffers of the Lions Club as it advertised this town and provided entertainment for those living in this section.

The crowds held up throughout the week with many returning each night, and the consensus of opinion among those who viewed the elaborately decorated warehouse, inspected the booths, and witnessed the artists performing at the floor show was that the Exposition was better this year than last. Especially favorable were the comments regarding the floor show.

## Ben Batts Returns To Warrenton

Ben Batts returned to Warrenton this week to replace B. C. Hearne as manager of the A. & P. Store here. Mr. Hearne has been transferred to Mt. Olive.

Mr. Batts had been manager of the store here for a number of years. When he was about to be transferred to another town as manager of one of the stores around two years ago he resigned to accept a position with Allen, Son & Co. He left Warrenton the first of the year for Greenville where he was employed in a clothing store until given the privilege of returning to Warrenton to again manage the local A. & P. store.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

John Robert Riggan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riggan of Macon, is recuperating in Park View hospital, Rocky Mount, following an appendicitis operation on Friday.

Mr. William H. Boyd visited relatives here recently.

## Britain Deals Direct



MEXICO CITY . . . F. W. Rickett, British promoter who negotiated an oil contract with Ethiopia before the Italian conquest, has conferred at length with President Cardenas and other high Mexican officials for satisfactory indemnification for oil lands confiscated by the government. Britain decided to deal directly instead of through customary Washington channels after expressing impatience with slowness of the American "zood neighbor" policy.

## Rules For Flower Show of May 5th Are Announced

Rules and regulations governing the third annual flower show of the Warrenton Garden Club, which is to be held in the Parish House of Emmanuel Episcopal Church on May 5, are announced as follows by Mrs. W. A. Connell, Mrs. H. A. Boyd, Mrs. H. A. Walker and Miss Eula Allen, the committee in charge:

1. Each exhibitor automatically agrees to comply with all the rules and regulations of the Flower Show committee.
  2. An entry failing to conform to the schedule will be disqualified.
  3. An entry with the exhibitor's name exposed will be disqualified.
  4. All exhibits must be arranged by exhibitor.
  5. To avoid errors, exhibitors are asked to consult receiving committee.
  6. All decisions of the judges shall be final.
- For further information, consult the committee in charge.
- All containers to be furnished by exhibitors; they to be responsible for same.

- ### FLOWER SHOW CLASSES
- #### Roses
- Please write the correct name on registration card whenever possible.
- Section 1—Single Roses:
1. White specimens.
  2. Cream specimens.
  3. Pink specimens.
  4. Red specimens.
  5. Yellow roses.
  6. Tri-color roses.
  7. Best collection.
- Section 2—Double Roses:
8. White.
  9. Cream.
  10. Pink.
  11. Red.
  12. Yellow.
  13. Tri-color.
  14. Best collection.
- (Continued on page 2)

## District Supervisors Meet At Littleton

Littleton, April 28.—The Supervisors of the Fishing Creek Soil Conservation District held their first meeting in the Vocational Agricultural room of the Littleton High School on Friday, April 22. The Supervisors of the District are N. W. Warren, President, John L. Skinner, Secretary, J. A. Patterson, N. M. Thornton and A. S. Bugg.

The District has an approximate area of 110,000 acres lying within the watershed of the Little Fishing Creek, embracing parts of Warren and Halifax counties.

Meeting with the Supervisors were County Agents and Vocational teachers; E. B. Garrett, State Coordinator, Soil Conservation Service; W. D. Lee and C. H. Flory, Extension Soil Conservation Specialists; O. F. McCrary, N. C. Extension District Agent, and the District Personnel consisting of J. C. Abernathy, District Leader, J. B. Watts, L. F. Thompson and L. H. Hobbs.

The District is now ready for work with farmers interested in developing a complete erosion control program on their farms. Invitations for cooperative work on individual farms should be sent to any member of the Board of Supervisors, County Agents of Warren and Halifax counties or Vocational teachers in the District. From these applications a priority list will be prepared by the District.

(Continued on Page 8)

## FILES, BUT NAME IS NOT ON TICKET

### Robertson Files For Register's Place, But Board Rules No Vacancy

## SAM ALLEN PLAYS SAFE

With less than ten minutes left before the close of the filing period on Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock, two candidates, Owen Robertson and Sam Allen, incumbent, rushed into the Clerk of Court's office and filed their candidacy for Register of Deeds.

However, the filing was useless, as the name of neither candidate will be placed on the ballots to be voted in June due to the fact that Mr. Allen was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to fill an unexpired term in a four-year office which will not be open for position for two years hence.

Mr. Allen had been advised by attorneys that it would not be necessary for him to run this year, but to be on the safe side he stepped across the hall into the Clerk's office and filed notice of his candidacy at about two minutes to 6 o'clock, which was less than five minutes after Mr. Robertson surprised political observers and prognosticators by giving notice of his candidacy for the office of Register of Deeds.

In order to be fair to both candidates and at the same time protect itself, the County Board of Elections secured a ruling on Wednesday from Raymond C. Maxwell of the State Board of Elections which was in effect that Mr. Allen would not have to be a candidate and that the names of both men should be omitted by the County Board of Elections from the ballots which are to be voted in the June primary. Mr. Maxwell's ruling, which was based on a ruling he secured from Attorney General A. F. Seawell, also notified the County Board of Elections that the filing fee should be returned to both Mr. Allen and Mr. Robertson.

## Graham Debaters Make Good Showing

The John Graham High School debating team, composed of John Long and Sam Allgood on the affirmative and Dick Ward and Kitty Wilson on the negative, advanced to the semi-finals before being eliminated in the annual statewide debates held at Chapel Hill last week with 243 teams participating.

The debates were held in sixteen independent sections with four affirmative and four negative teams in each section. The two John Graham teams were in sections eleven and sixteen. From each section one negative and one affirmative team was chosen. The John Graham team won out in both sections, defeating such schools as Hugh Merson of Raleigh, Wendell, and Greenville. This was regarded as an outstanding achievement, as John Graham was one of six schools to win on both sides. Sixteen schools were eliminated by the local debaters.

In the second preliminary sixteen affirmative teams and a like number of negative teams gave their respective speeches, and from these the best affirmative and negative teams were chosen. John Graham failed to win out in this competition.

This is the first time in the history of the new John Graham High School that any debating team has entered the competition at Chapel Hill, and the first team from Warren county in ten or twelve years, it was stated.

Speaking of the commendable showing that the local team made at Chapel Hill, Principal Paul Cooper stated: "The school is very proud of the teams, and especially proud of the coach, Mr. Wm. W. Seward Jr., whose expert guidance and assistance has made the honors given the teams possible."

While in Chapel Hill the Warrenton boys stayed at the P. K. A. Fraternity House. Miss Wilson stayed at the home of Professor Dobbins.

Miss Ann Collins has recovered from an attack of influenza in her home near Warrenton.

Messrs. Graham Boyd and James Polk left Tuesday morning to attend the Apple Blossom Festival at Winchester, Va.

## Denies Hold-Out



LOS ANGELES . . . Arthur L. Bernstein, stepfather, named with Mrs. Lillian R. Coogan Bernstein, mother, in a complaint signed by young Jackie Coogan, asking for an accounting of the \$4,000,000 the young actor earned as the "kid" in silents. Bernstein denies allegations, says he will contest suit.

## Skillman Says He Is Not Republican; Asks Correction

Objecting to being considered as a Republican, Harold R. Skillman, who was last week appointed by the Warren County Board of Elections to serve as Republican pollholder in Warrenton township for a period of two years, writes that for 20 years he had voted the Democratic ticket with one exception and asks that his reasons for declining to serve be given the same publicity as was his appointment. His letter follows:

"April 22nd, 1938  
"Mr. Z. M. Newman, Secretary,  
"Warren County Board  
of Elections,  
"Norlina, N. C.  
"Dear Mr. Newman:  
"Received your letter of April 18th with notice of my appointment as Republican Pollholder in the Regular Election to be held in November. It is true that in New York State my family has always been affiliated with the Republican Party, not being in sympathy with the Democratic principles, as dominated to a certain extent, by Tammany Hall in New York State.

"I have been voting in North Carolina for twenty years, and in that time I have always supported the Democratic Party in every way possible, with one exception, that exception being in one Presidential Election, and I considered that a moral, rather than a party, issue.

"I believe I served in this capacity at one time, but the notice I received at that time did not state that I was to serve as Republican pollholder and I did not know until some time later that I was appointed as the Republican member.

"I therefore wish to decline the appointment, and request that you give my reasons for declining, the same publicity that was given the notice of appointment.

"Yours very truly,  
"HAROLD R. SKILLMAN."

## Missionary Societies In Zone Meeting

By MRS. J. C. BURWELL, Zone Leader

The Spring meeting of the Methodist Missionary Society of Warren Zone will be held at Providence church on the Warren Circuit Friday, May 6, at 9:30 a. m. Miss Euline Smith, missionary to Korea, and the district secretary, Mrs. Fred Johnson, will be on the program.

An inspirational and profitable day is in store for all who come. It is hoped every lady in the zone will put forth every effort to come, and come on time. We should keep ourselves informed of our work if it is in our heart to do what is required of us. Each one please bring box lunch.

## Women Win, Men Lose Golf Match

Swinging clubs in competition with ladies of the Roanoke Rapids team, Warrenton golfers, nine strong, invaded foreign territory on Wednesday afternoon and returned home victoriously after taking the big end of a 5 to 4 score.

The men folks lost by a narrow margin to Henderson in a golf match played here on Wednesday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Carroll of Warren Plains on April 27, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

## COUNTY SCHOOLS COMPLETE WORK

### Governor Hoey To Speak At Littleton School On Next Tuesday Night

## GRAHAM ENDS TONIGHT

Graduation exercises will be held in three of the larger white schools of the county tonight at 8 o'clock, bringing to a close all of the schools of the county with the exception of the Littleton High school which ends its years work on the night of May 3 with a speech by Governor Clyde R. Hoey.

Schools which close tonight are the John Graham High School, the Macon High School and the Norlina High School. The Littleton school will feature a musical program tonight at the same time the commencement program gets underway in the other three large schools.

Four of the white schools closed yesterday. They were the Atton-Elberon school, the Drewry school, the Wise school, and the Vaughan school.

The Inez school closes today following classroom work, and the John R. Hawkins High School and the Wise Training School, both negro institutions, end their year's work with commencement exercises this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The closing program of the majority of the schools of the county started a week or more ago with most of the schools having their baccalaureate sermons preached by outstanding ministers last Sunday. Dr. B. W. Spillman of Kinston spoke here, and his address was well received by the students and the large audience which crowded the entire auditorium of the John Graham school.

## Littleton Man Is Fined For Failure Appear In Court

Failure to be in court Monday morning when his name was called for jury service was responsible for a \$10.00 fine being placed on J. W. Warren of Littleton and an order being issued for his appearance here on May 2 to show cause why he was not here this week.

Mr. Warren had been notified through the Sheriff's office to appear here, it was stated, and had not been excused by Judge Rodwell.

The jury trials were responsible for court being in session practically all day as counsel for defendants in whiskey cases and in a bastardy charge put witnesses through rigid examination and argued at length to juries over the evidence.

Joe Stallings and Kelly Enright, white men who were arrested in connection with a still which was captured near Vaughan several weeks ago, were each found not guilty on a charge of manufacturing whiskey. The state took a nol pro as to Enright, and the jury said by its verdict that Stallings was not guilty.

The other jury trial was for the case against Edward Jones, negro, charged with bastardy. A jury also said that he was not guilty of the charge.

Washington Cleveland Abbott was found guilty on a charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey and was fined \$50.00 and costs. He also lost his driving permit for a period of twelve months.

## Eastern District D. of A. Meet

The Eastern District of the Daughters of America met in the hall of Warren Council No. 38 of Norlina on April 26 with 48 delegates and visitors attending the business session at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Following this a banquet at 7 o'clock at the Norlina Tourist Home was well attended by State officials, delegates and local people, numbering 70 persons in all. The Welcome Address was given by Mrs. J. F. Roach. Mr. W. S. Terrell, Jr., acted as Toastmaster. Those present enjoyed a three-course dinner interspersed with music rendered by Mrs. H. H. Foster, Mrs. W. A. Delbridge and Miss Lucille Jones, all of Norlina.

The next meeting of the Eastern District will be held with the Rocky Mount Council of Rocky Mount in October.

## Warrenton Bonds Bought By Citizens Bank At Premium

Ten thousand dollars in Town of Warrenton bonds, ordered issued by popular vote a few weeks ago for the purpose of providing better fire protection and carrying out street improvement projects, were sold this week to the Citizens Bank of Warrenton at an interest rate of 3 per cent per annum with a premium of \$100.

While the interest rate is 1-2 per cent higher than that charged the county which set a record by disposing of \$5,000 worth of bonds in April at a premium of \$6.90 with interest of 2 1/2-2 per cent, the rate secured by the town is regarded by those familiar with municipal government as being unusually good. The majority of bonds out against Warrenton bear an interest rate of 6 per cent.

Four thousand dollars of the money is to be used to provide better fire protection and the other \$6,000 is to be spent on curb and gutter work in connection with a WPA project.

With no delay anticipated in having the bonds printed, signed and turned over to the bank, it is thought that work on the streets will start within the next few weeks. It is understood that men are available for the WPA work.

## Donkey Ball Game To Be Played Here Next Wednesday

"Go Long Mule, Don't You Roll Dem Eyes," will probably be the theme song of baseball fans who participate in the game of donkey baseball which is to be played beneath floodlights at the Fair Grounds on Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock between teams composed of Lions and non-Lions.

Fifteen or twenty donkeys are expected to be brought here for the sporting event which is new to Warrenton, although it has proven its popularity as a fun-provoking medium in nearby towns.

While all the rules of the unique game are not knowhere, it is understood that all the players, with the exception of the pitcher and catcher, are astride donkeys while the game is being played. The batter, it was said, is not on the donkey when he strikes the ball, but must climb aboard his animal to make the trip around the bases.

Those who will be requested to take part in the game are: A. W. Bracey, Duke Jones, W. R. Strickland, E. E. Gillam, Tom Harris, Harold Skillman, Bob Bright, Bill Polk, Mack McGuire, J. Edward Allen, Bill Boyce, Eugene Odum, P. W. Cooper, J. Edward Rooker and Major Claude Bowers, from the Lions Club; Macon Thornton, Dorman Blaylock, Sheriff W. J. Pinnell, W. A. Miles, Jr., Norman Lovell, Hickory Wood, Ben Batts, Pryor Rodwell Jr., Allen Hilliard, Parks Aexander, Tom Frazier, Barker Williams, H. P. Reid, Bryant McDaniel, and John Allison, non-Lions.

Bruce Partin is in charge of the advance ticket sale.

## Change Made In Mail Schedule

A change has been made in the mail schedule of the Warrenton post office, announcement was made this week by Postmaster F. C. Moseley.

Mr. Moseley said that mails arrive in Warrenton under the new schedule at 7 a. m., 1:30 p. m., and 3:30 p. m., and leave the office at 1:30 p. m. and 9 p. m.

To be sure that a letter or package gets off, it should be in the post office by 1 o'clock to make the 1:30 mail and by 8:30 to be included in the 9 o'clock pouch, he said.

Due to the fact that train No. 108 has been moved up, mail which falls to be included in the pouch which leaves the office at 9 o'clock at night will not go off until the following afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

## RALLY DAY DINNER

A Rally Day dinner will be held on the grounds at the Church of God in north Warrenton on May 1, announcement was made this week. Every one is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket.

## JONES TO WASHINGTON

Howard F. Jones, private secretary to Congressman John H. Kerr, left on Tuesday morning to assist Judge Kerr with duties in his Washington office. It is not known how long he will remain there.

## J. J. TARWATER DIES THURSDAY

### Prominent Warehouseman's Death Comes As Shock To Citizens

## FUNERAL FROM HOME

Joseph James Tarwater, prominent Warrenton warehouseman, died at his home here yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from heart failure.

While Mr. Tarwater was confined to a hospital in a critical condition a few weeks ago following an attack of indigestion, he had returned to his home here and was thought to be well on the road to recovery. His death, which came in his 69th year, came as a shock to friends and relatives.

Funeral services are to be conducted from the home this afternoon (Friday) at 3 o'clock by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, of which he was a member, with the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, Baptist minister, assisting. Interment is to take place in Fairview cemetery.

Mr. Tarwater was born at Clarks-ville, Va., the son of Joseph A. and Sally Tarwater. As a young man he came to Warrenton where he clerked in the Bob King Drug Store for a while and then went into the horse and mule business with his brother, the late J. G. Tarwater.

From the horse and mule business Mr. Tarwater branched into the warehouse business and continued in this occupation as proprietor of Farmers warehouse until his death.

Mr. Tarwater was remarkably active until he had approximately reached his three score and ten years. Prior to his recent illness he traveled all over the county in the interest of his business, and a few months ago it was nothing unusual to see him sitting on top of a wagon driving a spirited pair of mules through town.

He returned from a Henderson hospital about two weeks ago where he was carried following an attack of indigestion and had been on the streets of Warrenton greeting friends frequently since that time. For the last two or three days he had not been so well, but it was not thought that his condition was serious.

The deceased is survived by three daughters and one son, Mrs. W. K. Falkner, Miss Gayle Tarwater and Miss George Tarwater, all of Warrenton, and Edward Tarwater, who was engaged in the warehouse business with him. His wife, who before marriage was Miss Sarah Elijah Gayle, preceded him to the grave by about 31 years.

## Alleged Meat Rogues Are Lodged In Jail

Two negroes of Franklin county, James Massenburg and Lorenza Jones, were lodged in the Warren county jail last Friday over \$500 bonds each to face trial in Superior court on a charge of stealing 18 or 20 hams, shoulders, middlings, and around 100 pounds of sausage from Harry Williams' smokehouse at Inez last Thursday night.

The meat was located hidden in a barn near the homes of the defendants, and was returned to Mr. Williams after being identified by him, it was stated.

Deputy Sheriff Roy Shearin, who assisted Sheriff Pinnell in recovering the stolen property and capturing the men, said that at first the two negroes denied their guilt, later admitted the crime, and still later changed their story to deny that they had any part in the robbery. They waived preliminary hearing, the officer said.

## Store Closes On Account of Death

Leggett's Department Store here was closed Wednesday and Thursday on account of the death of George L. Leggett, 36, who died on Tuesday night at the home of his mother in Durham from injuries he received in an automobile accident five weeks before. Funeral services for Mr. Leggett, who was one of the brothers operating a large chain of department stores, including the one at Warrenton, were held in Durham yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. A. W. Hall and Miss Lou Hall shopped in Rocky Mount on Tuesday.