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BOARD BOOSTS GIFT TO LIBRARY

Commissioners Up Donation
\$20 Per Month To Keep
Book Truck Operating

PETITION IS PRESENTED

An increase of \$20 per month in the annual appropriation which the county board for Warren County has voted to continue operating the book truck which it started sending to towns where it started sending books to distribute reading material to these throughout the county. It is not inconvenient to the towns for their libraries. The county's contribution was \$2000 annually to the book truck. The board approved before the commission with C. R. Rodwell and A. Moseley and presented a petition signed by prominent citizens in Warren County expressing their appreciation of the book truck was rendering and that necessary funds be made available to continue its operation. Mr. Polk stated to the commission that the book truck started operating on a contract with the state, on an experimental basis last fall after it had been learned that the PWA would pay the cost of the driver and a foreman and since that time the other expense necessary for its operation had been borne by a few interested citizens who made contributions for the purpose. He said that it cost the library \$2500 a month to operate the truck and cited figures showing that the expense of delivering the thousands of books which the truck has delivered throughout Warren since it had been on the roads was only 11-2 cents per book. He also cited figures from other counties approximately the size of Warren which revealed that these counties were making appropriations three or four times as large for their libraries as was Warren. Vance county, for instance, appropriates \$2,000 annually for its library, he said. Commissioner Powell made the motion that the contribution be increased \$200 per month and the other members of the board gave their unanimous support to his motion.

Money Talked In Those Days

Chase City, July 7.—In an old chest he was cleaning, Mr. Gurley, of Gurley's Furniture Store here, found a cleverly concealed secret drawer containing several copies of Commerce Almanac for the years 1834-44 and a number of old receipts which revealed some interesting facts about the prices of merchandise in Virginia at that time. Shoes were charged at \$1 per pair, chickens at 8 cents per pound, candy at \$4.87 for five and one-half pounds. From Lunenburg tax receipts dated 1842, it is to be found that the tax on 37 acres of land was \$127, and the tax on four cows and five horses, \$2.23.

Miss Randolph To Marry James Edgar

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Mary Randolph, daughter of Mrs. Henry Randolph and the late Mr. Randolph of Faison, to James Edgar of Winston-Salem and Richmond, Va., son of Mrs. Charles Edgar and the late Mr. Edgar of Richmond, the wedding to take place the latter part of the summer. Miss Randolph has been a member of the John Graham faculty for several years.

VISIT VIRGINIA BEACH

Among those from Warrenton who visited Virginia Beach over the Fourth were Mesdames W. H. Damron, McCarry Jones and A. A. Williams, Misses Nancy Ellis, Katherine Williams, Alice Morgan, Peggy White, Mary Lark, Mary Lee Gardner, Judge T. O. Rodwell, Messrs. William Burroughs, Fred Moseley, Alfred Williams, Boyd Davis, W. A. Jones Jr., A. C. Blalock, Jr., Hinton Weston, Jack Kidd, Bill Kidd, William Watkins, William Hester, Howard Jones, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Britton.

Mr. Pryor Rodwell Jr. spent the week end at Manteo and Ocean

Today and Tomorrow

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

LANGUAGES . . . problems

The people of the world speak 2,796 different languages, according to an estimate made by the French Academy. The time may never come when all people will speak the same language, but I can think of nothing which would do more to avert international misunderstanding than for all people to speak the same tongue.

The North American continent—the United States and Canada—is the largest area in the world where practically everybody speaks one language. In all the South and Central American countries but one, the white population speaks one language, Spanish. But a large part of the population of South America consists of Indians who speak their native tongues, and in Brazil, the largest of the nations to the south of us, the national language is Portuguese.

Several attempts have been made to invent a universal language. One of them, Esperanto, has come into considerable use for international business correspondence, but English and Spanish are spoken and understood by more people than any other tongues.

RACES . . . differences

Different races of people have different ideas and points of view, even though they speak the same language. The principal differences are in their moral concepts. The standards of the Japanese people are so different from those of the rest of the world's peoples that unless they are changed, Japan will always be a source of potential danger.

The Japanese as a people, are firmly convinced that they are superior to all other races. That idea is based upon their implicit belief that the Kikado partakes of the nature of God, and that they live under the shadow and direct guidance of Divinity. Whatever they do as a nation, therefore, is right, and no other nation has any rights which they need to respect.

It is less than a century since Japan was jolted out of its isolated barbarism by Commodore Perry's fleet. In a hundred years the Japanese have learned how to compete shrewdly with the rest of the world in industry and commerce, but it will take many generations before they develop standards of morals and honor such as to entitle them to the confidence of the rest of the world.

DEMOCRACY . . . liberties

It takes hundreds of years for any nation or group of people to learn how to govern themselves. That is proved by the whole course of human history. It takes only a couple of generations for a self-governing people to be reduced to servitude to a ruler or a government. That, too, is history.

There is always a large percentage of any group of human beings who place a higher value on present material welfare than they do on their inherent human rights to freedom of action, thought and speech. Every failure of democracy since time began, and there have been many of them, has been brought about by promises and gifts of material benefits, for which the mass of the people have been willing to pay by surrendering their liberties.

Sooner or later, those nations which have yielded to that sort of spiritual slavery have revolted, and overthrown their rulers. They have kept their liberties until some great economic depression tempted them to tolerate once more the domination of ambitious leaders.

GOVERNMENT . . . infringements

Every formal organization of individuals for a common purpose calls for compromises in which all must surrender certain rights for the benefit of the group as a whole. It is an axiom laid down by the founders of the United States that the best government is that which governs the least. Great pains were taken by the statesmen who drew up our Constitution and the Bill of Rights, that in organizing the new nation to accomplish things which called for united action, there should be the least possible infringement of individual rights. The less government the better.

Under the pressure of changing methods of business and transportation. (Continued on page 6)

COUNTY BOARD HAS LONG MEET

Variety of Matters Hold Commissioners In Session Until 6 o'Clock Tuesday

BURROUGHS STAYS LATE

Weary and anxious to go home, members of the Board of County Commissioners adjourned their meeting at 6 o'clock on Tuesday after spending a full day listening to appeals for tax reductions, requests for various types of WPA projects, making annual donations, re-employing officials of the county, letting out a contract for work at the county home, trying to learn the amount of money needed for construction of a negro school in Sandy Creek township, and attending to their regular duties. After all business had been transacted for the day and the other commissioners had departed for their respective homes, William H. Burroughs, chairman, remained until 6:45 o'clock signing vouchers.

After listening to appeals and comparisons, the board ordered that the following revaluations be made: H. W. White, one lot in Warrenton and the Sinclair Service Station, reduced from \$4,500 to \$3,500; Mrs. Lizzie M. Tarwater, two stores, hardware and jewelry—valued at \$5,000; Mrs. Tarwater, two stores—Carolina Power & Light Co. and Citizens Insurance & Bonding Co.—valued at \$3,408; R. H. Bright, reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,000.

The annual appropriation of \$400 was made for Warren county's military company, and \$750 was donated to continue forest fire control in the county. The appropriation for Warren County Memorial Library was increased from \$450 to \$690 in order to continue the operation of the book truck.

The contract for painting the county home was awarded to Thomas Connell and Edward Davis, the low bidders, at a cost of \$271.50. Allen, Son & Co. presented the lowest bid for supplying the paint needed for the work at the county home and the contract was given this concern at a cost of \$266.55.

The board decided to have Stuart Davis, architect, draw up plans which could be worked into a PWA or a WPA project for federal assistance in securing a school for negroes of Sandy Creek township who lost their building two years ago by fire, brought on by lightning, and since that time have been forced to teach in a church. The state requires the county to provide the school and the commissioners promised long ago that it would be done but they have had difficulty in learning the type of building needed and the best method of obtaining same. Mr. Davis was asked to report back to the board on July 22, when a special session has been called to attend to this matter, and possibly decide on other projects which have been requested.

Tommie Williams, a disabled veteran, was exempted from paying a peddler's tax for a period of one year. The negro stated that he planned to make enough to live on by selling a few articles, such as hair-dressing, from door to door.

Preston Boyd was put on the outside pauper list at \$4.00 per month for the month of July. J. K. Pinnell was paid \$10.00 for carrying ten C. C. C. boys to Raleigh.

The commissioners recommended that the State Highway Department improve the road in Fishing Creek township from Arcola south by Bethlehem Church.

The commissioners also received bids for ridding the court house of termites, as recommended by Grand Juries, but after some discussion of this matter decided to postpone action until further investigation was made of the concerns bidding and the guarantee of their contracts.

Unusual Potatoes Brought To Office

An unusual appearing Irish potato was brought to this newspaper office for display Saturday by C. H. Harris. The body of the potato is larger than the average tuber and growing from it are five other potatoes—nearly as large as hen eggs. There are also two tiny potatoes thereon.

J. E. Egerton also brought in potatoes for exhibit. His six specimen tipped the scales at 41-2 pounds, and he wants to know if any one can beat them for weight.

Negro Farmers Of State To Meet Here On July 14-15th

Hundreds of negro farmers from Warren and other counties of the state are expected to gather here on July 14th and 15th for a two-day meeting of the North Carolina Negro Farmer's Institution.

The conference gets underway on Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the court house with a full program of instruction and entertainment and will be brought to a close on Friday afternoon.

Outstanding features of the meeting here will be discussions of important topics pertaining to farming by specialists from Raleigh and Washington, D. C., and a special program on Thursday night at which time Mayor William Polk will welcome the group here on behalf of the town. Addresses on Educational and Social Problems will also be given by leading citizens of the county, it was stated.

Following the preliminaries Thursday morning, the specialists from Raleigh and Washington will discuss the following topics: (1) Soil, (2) Rotation of Crops, (3) Deep Plowing, Drainage, Terracing, etc., (4) The Dairy Cow. Time will be given for suggestions and questions from any farmer who feels inclined to ask questions and make suggestion. C. S. Wynn, negro count agent, stated.

Special reports will also be given on the Warren County Wheat Growing Campaign, the Rowan County Garden Contest and the Granville County Corn-Growing Campaign.

Special music will be furnished by the adult and 4-H Clubs of Warren county. "The music and the program will be the best in the history of the county," Wynn opined.

Referring to the program Friday morning, which will be discussions of Farm Home Problems and Farm Legislative Problems, Wynn said, "We feel that these discussions will be vital to the farmers of the different counties and communities. These problems are things that every well thinking person will be proud to see solved or settled in the different counties."

Friday afternoon the program will be: (1) Negro Farm and Home Progress in Alamance County, (2) three minutes closing talks by visiting farmers, (3) resolutions and election of officers, (4) final announcements and adjournment.

"We are making a special call on the colored farmers of Warren county to come and give us your support as you have always done," the agent stated. All farmers are asked to attend and receive helpful information.

N. C. Quota Not Filled For Jobs

Washington, July 7.—North Carolina and South Carolina were among 37 states and territories which, the Civil Service Commission reported Thursday, June 30, had fewer residents in civil service positions in Washington than they were entitled to under the apportionment law.

Civil service jobs in the capital are apportioned among the states as nearly as possible according to their population.

Massachusetts with 1,583 was the only state which had exactly filled its quota. Thirteen states and the District of Columbia exceeded their quotas.

States which had not filled their quotas included: South Carolina, 648 positions and 371 unoccupied; North Carolina, 1,181 and 769.

Roosevelt Leaves On Speaking Tour

Washington, July 7.—President Roosevelt will leave tonight on one of the biggest political jobs of his career—a stumping tour for "liberal" candidates.

In at least three states—Kentucky, Oklahoma and California—Mr. Roosevelt is expected to make it clear he would like to have New Deal supporters sent back to the Senate.

He also may take a crack at some of his congressional opponents, but there has been no definite word on this point.

The President's trip on a 10-car special train will find him in the role of leader of his party, fighting for what he terms "the liberal school of thought." Except for occasion when he himself has been a candidate, it will be his most extensive journey.

Asks Mate's Arrest



LONDON, ENGLAND. . . Countess Haugwitz Reventlow, the former Miss Barbara Hutton, "Woolworth heiress", has asked that her titled husband be put under arrest to insure safety for herself and two-year-old son, Lance.

Amasa P. Read, Native Of Virginia, Dies On Sunday

Funeral services for Amasa P. Read, father of Fitzhugh Read of Warrenton, and a life-long resident of Palmer Springs, Va., until a few years ago, were held at Mt. Auburn Church, near Drewry, on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. E. M. Carter of Youngsville in charge. The pastor was assisted in the final rites by the Rev. C. L. Read of Durham and the Rev. C. R. Jenkins of Littleton. Interment was in the cemetery of Mt. Auburn Church where he had held his membership virtually all his life.

Mr. Read died on Sunday morning at 3:15 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. B. Robinson, of near Littleton. He was 70 years of age and had been ill for about one year.

Mr. Read was the son of Captain Stephen P. Read and Mary Wright Read of Palmer Springs, Va., an old family of southern Virginia with a large connection. He engaged in farming most of his life and was a highly respected citizen of his community.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillian Ricks Read; two daughters, Mrs. Arrington Davis of Henderson and Mrs. R. B. Robinson of near Littleton; three sons, F. T. Read of Warrenton, F. A. Read of Wood, and J. L. Read of Palmer Springs; two brothers, J. W. Read of Palmer Springs, and S. P. Read of Norlina.

The following served as active pallbearers: At the house—Horace Robinson, Willey Bowers, Grady Moss, Richard Jeffress, George Read, Allen Kimball; at the church—John W. Mayfield, John Wilson, Robert Read, Vance Vaughan, Alvis Turner and Grady Moss.

There were also a large number of honorary pallbearers.

Local Team Wins From Roxboro Nine

The Warrenton All-Stars defeated the Roxboro town team in a baseball game played here on Sunday afternoon by the score of 12-3. Lefty Leonard, pitching for the All-Stars, struck out 16 men and allowed only three hits. Burroughs and Lewis led at the bat for the locals.

Revival Services To Be Held At Wise

A week of revival services will begin at the Wise Baptist Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The services are to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Potter, and after Sunday will be held each day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 o'clock at night. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Frank Davis has returned from a visit with her mother in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson returned to their home in Fayetteville Monday after spending several days with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Reid.

Mr. H. H. Sergeant of Washington, D. C., left Tuesday after spending several days here as a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Ward.

Mr. Charles Ray Rodwell Jr. returned to New York last Saturday after spending a few days here. State Patrolman Parks Alexander left last week for a brief visit to California.

Citizens Request Board To Back Public Projects

New Fire Truck Is
Expected To Arrive
Here Around 20th

It is expected that Warrenton's new fire truck will be delivered here around July 20, W. R. Strickland, chairman of the Fire Committee, told members of the board of town commissioners in their regular meeting here on Tuesday night. That was the date set by the Roanoke Machine & Equipment Company several weeks ago when the Ford chassis was delivered, Mr. Strickland said.

Major Claude Bowers appeared before the board relative to building an armory here with Government aid. After telling of the need for such an armory, the splendid opportunity offered, and the danger of losing the company if better armory facilities were not provided, Major Bowers asked that a member of the board be appointed to confer with a member of the county board for this purpose. Mayor Polk appointed Commissioner Hugh W. Holt.

The board voted to donate \$10.00 toward the expense of the statewide gathering of negro farmers here on July 14-15th.

The meeting of the board here on Tuesday night was one of the quietest in several months and adjournment came within less than an hour.

County Agents Are Re-hired; Evans Gets Boost In Pay

Both the white and negro county agents were re-employed by the Board of County Commissioners in session here on Tuesday.

Bob Bright was elected to serve for another year at his salary of \$75.00 per month, and C. S. Wynn, negro agent, was employed for another year at his same salary of \$60.00 per month.

C. S. Evans, the assistant agent, retained his job and was given a raise in salary. His pay was increased from \$25.00 per month to \$35.00 per month.

All of the agents' salaries are supplemented by state or federal funds.

The board also agreed to appropriate \$26.95 to pay for a duplicating machine for the negro agent.

Miss Newell To Be Members of Faculty

Miss Billie Newell of Franklinton was elected on Wednesday night to teach the second grade in the John Graham High School as successor to Miss Mary Randolph of Faison who ended a six or seven year teaching career here last week when she resigned on account of her approaching marriage to James Edgar of Winston-Salem and Richmond, Va. Her marriage is to take place in late summer.

Miss Newell is a graduate of Eastern Carolina Training College, Greenville, and for the past two years has been teaching at Epsom, in Franklin county.

Allen Goes To Nova Scotia As Delegate

Supt. of Schools J. Edward Allen departed last night for Nova Scotia where he is to attend the 200th anniversary of Freemasonry in Canada. He was joined by John Anderson of Raleigh, the other delegate from this state, on the trip. Mr. Allen is expected to be gone for about ten days.

RETURN FROM EUROPE

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund White arrived in Warrenton yesterday after spending some time with relatives of Mr. White in Scotland and visiting places of interest in Europe.

HAS BIRTHDAY

Master Si Nunn celebrated his 3rd birthday Thursday morning by entertaining about 30 of his little friends. Ice cream and cake were served.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Floyd of Norlina announce the birth of a daughter, Mildred Mae, on Tuesday, June 28. Mrs. Floyd formerly was Miss Gracie Perkinson of Norlina.

New County Home, Armory, Court House Addition Are Among Suggestions

KILIAN ASKS FISH POND

Anxious to take advantage of the provisions of the federal government's new lending-spending bill which was signed recently by President Roosevelt, a number of citizens appeared before the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday requesting that various projects be sponsored in Warren before the billions appropriated for WPA and PWA are taken by other counties.

Under provisions of the bill the government will pay 45 per cent of the cost of certain types of projects provided the sponsors will provide the other 55 per cent. Under the PWA, it is understood, the government will make an outright grant of 45 per cent of the cost of some projects and will loan the sponsoring county the other 55 per cent to be paid back within a period of 50 years at an interest rate of 4 per cent.

Wants Armory

Major Claude Bowers appeared before the board relative to securing for Warren an armory at a total cost of between 30 and 40 thousand dollars. In bringing the matter before the commissioners, Major Bowers, who was Captain of Co. B for a number of years before he was promoted recently, stated that Warren county has just cause to be proud of its military unit, but expressed the fear that unless an armory was provided for the boys that the county may lose the company. He cited several reports of inspecting officers which in each instance gave Co. B a splendid rating with the exception of its headquarters which were described as "not suitable" or "inadequate." "I am afraid," Major Bowers said, "if we do not show the army authorities we think enough of our company to provide suitable quarters for the men that our company will be taken away from us and located in another county which has desired a company for years and is willing to provide a suitable armory."

Major Bowers told the board members that he was going to carry the proposition before the town meeting Tuesday night and suggested that the county board appoint one member to work with a member from the town board in getting all the needed information in regard to the armory project. William Burroughs was appointed to represent the county board and that night the city fathers named Hugh Holt to look into the matter for the town.

Teaching Space Desired

G. E. Crawley, principal of the Littleton High School, told the commissioners that the school at Littleton was tremendously handicapped by lack of space for Home Economics and Vocational Training and requested the board to take advantage of federal assistance at this time to provide quarters for this work. Learning from him that approximately 60 per cent of the students in the school came from Halifax county, the commissioners expressed the view that in the event such a building was needed and could be acquired Halifax county should pay one-third of the costs. Mr. Crawley stated that he would appear before the Halifax commissioners and ascertain their reaction to the proposition and appear before the Warren board at their next meeting and go into the matter further.

Request Fish Pond

J. G. Killian told the board that he had been assured by Congressman John H. Kerr that the government would spend around \$25,000 to construct a dam for a fish pond provided the county would work up a project of this nature and provide the land. Mr. Killian said that he had in mind a desirable site on the creek which flows by "No Bottom" and that he had contacted most of those who owned the land which the pond would cover and that he felt sure the two or three hundred acres needed could be acquired at a reasonable cost. In fact, he said, one of the men, V. F. Ward, who owns a great portion of the property needed for the pond has indicated he would be willing to donate his land.

In asking that this project be adopted Mr. Killian pointed out that it would be of benefit to the entire public in that there were no places (Continued from Page 6)