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County Requests Inclusion Under Zoning Statute

Warren County will be placed under the State Zoning Law from which it was exempted by request upon its passage two years ago.

This was determined by the Board of County Commissioners Monday when they met as a Board of Equalization and Review, and transacted two items of business not concerned with reviewing tax valuations, for which purpose the meeting was held.

Following a brief discussion with Rep. John Kerr and Senator Frank Banzet, in which

was pointed out that it would be difficult to define limits to be covered in a special zoning act for the Gaston Lake area, Rep. Kerr said, and Senator Banzet agreed, that it would be best to have Warren County placed under the State Zoning law. Whereupon the commissioners passed the following minute:

"On motion of Commissioner Ellington, which was seconded by Commissioner Perkins and duly carried, Warren County representatives in the General Assembly are requested to eliminate Warren County from those counties excepted in the Zoning and Subdivision Act in the General Statutes."

The commissioners also ordered that \$25,000 be paid out of the General Fund to Perry Pinnell on burial expenses of Money Hawkins, a pauper.

Perkinson Tells Board Members He Is Not Guilty

County Commissioner Clanton (Cooper) Perkinson told members of the board of county commissioners on Monday that he is innocent of charges brought last week in Raleigh by a Federal Grand Jury, charging a conspiracy to violate the federal whiskey laws.

At the beginning of the meeting of the commissioners in the Grand Jury room, where they sat as a board of equalization and review, Perkinson stood and said:

"I presume that you have seen the charges brought against me by a Federal Grand Jury. I tell you I am innocent. But I promise you that if I am found guilty I will immediately resign to save embarrassment to the commissioners."

Chairman A. M. Capps thanked Perkinson for his statement, and he and each of the commissioners told him that so far as they were concerned he was innocent until proven guilty.



DR. MACK B. STOKES

Local Persons To Attend Church Rally In Raleigh

Dr. Mack Stokes, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., will be the featured speaker at the Conference on Church Vocations to be held at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, April 21-23.

This conference is co-sponsored by the N. C. Methodist Conference Commission on Christian Vocations, of which the Rev. Troy J. Barrett is chairman, and the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship, of which Ronald Shearin, is vice-chairman.

Delegates already registered from the Warco MYF Subdistrict include: Bob Fleming, new president; William Cooke, Norlina; Billy Mitchiner, Tom Banzet, Bill Perry and Fred Hurst, all of Wesley Memorial Church in Warrenton.

Other youth, 10th, 11th, 12th grades, and adults who wish to register are urged to call or contact the Rev. Troy J. Barrett immediately.

The conference will include messages on the Philosophy of Vocation, a n d information about the ministry, missions, nursing, Director of Christian Education, college jobs, church administration.

To Sponsor Dance The Norlina High School Seniors will sponsor an informal dance, Friday, April 21, from 8 to 11 p. m. at the Norlina gym. Admission will be 50c per person.

Father Of Six Warrenton Man Killed In Mine Fall

A 37-year-old Warrenton man and father of six children was killed instantly Wednesday afternoon when he fell more than 100 feet down an open chute at the tungsten mine in northern Vance County.

Phil Towns, Negro laborer who had been employed at the mine for several years, was retrieving ladders used in the repair of chute timbers when he fell 140 feet to the bottom of a wooden platform at the chute bottom.

A fellow worker was near Towns but did not see the accident. Speculation is that the Warrenton man lost his balance while hoisting a ladder to

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Eight File; Time Ends April 21

With filing date closing time in the town election a week away no contest has yet developed for either the position of Mayor or for town commissioners.

Mayor W. A. Miles and six commissioners filed for re-election at the close of the commissioners meeting Monday night, and W. Faulk Alston filed for a position on the board a week earlier.

The board has been operating with only six of the seven members to which it is entitled since the recent resignation of Commissioner Beverly White. Closeness of the resignation to the time of the town election has been given as the reason for leaving White's seat vacant.

Those who have already filed as candidates in the May 2 election are: For Mayor, W. A. Miles; for Commissioner, Hugh W. Holt, W. L. Wood, A. C. Fair, A. D. Johnson, A. C. Blalock, Walker P. Burwell, and W. Faulk Alston.

Time for filing for Mayor and position as one of the seven commissioners expires on next Friday, April 25.

Will Try Again

The land shaping demonstration that has been scheduled for the past two Fridays is scheduled for today (Friday) at 2:00 p. m., Nat White, Soil Conservationist, said yesterday.

The demonstration will be held on the farm of Sidney and Robert E. Fleming near Vicksboro in Warren County. At the demonstration a field will be shaped for mechanized farming, eroded land topsoiled, waterways shaped, and parallel terraces constructed.



RICHARD WALSER

Walser To Speak At Meeting Of Woman's Club

Professor Richard Walser of the Department of English, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, will be guest speaker at the meeting of the Warrenton Woman's Club on Thursday evening, April 20, at 7:00, at Hotel Warren.

Walser is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southeast" and in "North Carolina Authors." He has published many books of prose and poetry, his latest being "Short Stories From the Old North State."

His topic for the meeting will be "The Comic Muse in North Carolina."

Polk To Appear On TV Sunday

Tasker Polk, young pianist of Warrenton will appear on Television Sunday afternoon, April 16, at 1:00 p. m., on Station WNCT, Channel 9, Greenville, on the "Let's Go to College Program."

He will play the selections which he played in Jacksonville, Fla., several weeks ago in the Student Musician Competition in which he represented North Carolina.

Citizens Asked Not To Block Sweeper

An appeal to citizens not to park their cars on Main Street on Saturday nights from 11 o'clock until 7 a. m. Sunday is again made this week by Chief of Police R. D. Chewing, who is also street superintendent.

Chewing said that in order to have a clean Main Street on Sunday, it is necessary that the street be swept.

New Fire Engine Need Talked By Town Board

What promised to be a relatively short meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners turned into a long drawn out affair when Commissioner Walker Burwell, Warrenton Fire Chief, introduced the matter of the immediate purchase of a new fire truck for the town. The desirability of purchasing a new fire truck has been under consideration for several months with Commissioner Burwell in close contact with a representative of the Beam Fire Engine Construction Com-

pany, who has demonstrated the truck here.

Burwell said that this truck was just the kind of truck needed by the town. The fact that the truck was on considerable simplicity and ease of handling was borne out by assistant Fire Chief W. E. Perry, Jr., whom Burwell had invited to the meeting, and by second assistant Fire Chief Harold R. Skillman.

Burwell pointed out that the present truck, purchased by the town in 1937, had been

declared obsolete by the State Fire Insurance Rating Bureau, subsequent to an inspection a year ago. He said that if it were not replaced that the town faces a likely increase in its insurance rates.

The Beam Company, has a demonstrator, originally priced at \$21,500, which they will sell for \$16,500, Burwell told the commissioners. This demonstrator is practically as good as a new truck, he said, and by acting quickly, the town could save \$5,000.00.

The reason for haste, Burwell said, is that the Beam representative had called him and said that he had another prospect for the truck and must know by 10 o'clock that night if Warrenton wanted the truck.

Town Attorney William Taylor ruled that the town could not borrow the money. Finance Chairman A. C. Blalock said that the money was not on hand. The commissioners said they knew of no way to purchase the truck, as they did not even have the money available for any lend-lease sales arrangement.

The discussion, which began before 9:00 o'clock, ran until 10 o'clock, when Burwell phoned Richmond to tell the Beam representative the town could not at this time buy the truck.

Among other business matters before the commissioners were the appropriation of \$150 for uniforms for town policemen; the granting of permission for Lige Davis to transfer his taxicab license to Alfred O'Neil Kearney, for whom he will work the hauling of

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Norlina Youth Wins Second Place In State

A Warren County High School Sophomore won second place in the State Fair contest held at Durham on Saturday.

Phil Perkinson, 16-year-old student at Norlina High School, who was a winner in the district contest at State College on March 25, was presented the second place award and \$50.00 in cash for his biological exhibit, "Prehistoric Cultures of Warren County."

State winners were John C. Theys, Jr., of Cary and Margaret Green of Enka, winners in the physical and biological contests, respectively. They will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the National Science Fair at Kansas City next month, plus \$10.00.

Perkinson is the first Warren County student to win a state prize in the high school science fair. Calvin White, school supervisor of Warren County,

said on Monday that he was very proud of Perkinson's achievement. "I am just as happy about it as if he had won first prize," he said.

White pointed out that some 60 schools participated in the state science fair, and that Norlina was the second smallest school exhibiting in the fair and the smallest school to win a state prize.

Perkinson was accompanied to Durham by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Perkinson, Jr., of Norlina, who remained with their son on both Friday and Saturday. Present at the Fair on last Friday were W. O. Reed, principal of the Norlina school, and Supervisor White. Present on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. White, the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Baxter and daughter, Ellen, of Warrenton. Mrs. Baxter is science teacher in the Norlina High School.

Junior High Site Still Is Indefinite



RECEIVES CERTIFICATE -- Civil Air Patrol Lt. Fred Hurst, left, receives a certificate of proficiency from Maj. A. C. Fair, local CAP commandant. Lt. Hurst received the certificate during presentation exercises held at the Warrenton Armory last week. Watching the presentation are A. A. Wood, second from left, commander of the American Legion post which sponsors the local CAP, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Hurst of Warrenton. (Staff Photo)

At Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Commemoration Of 1861 Service To Be Held Here

On an April morning a century ago, two volunteer rifle companies—the Warren Guards and the Warren Rifles—paused at Emmanuel Episcopal Church here for a sunrise service before leaving to enter the Confederate Army.

Following the service of prayer and song, the two companies marched to an awaiting train that carried them on their way to join Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Later they were to march as the 2nd N. C. Volunteers over a four-year-long trail that stretched from Hanover Court House to Appomattox.

On Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, special services will be held in Emmanuel Church commemorating

this service of a hundred years ago when gray-clad troops with bowed heads stood here.

Scores of persons are expected to attend the sunrise commemoration service on Saturday. Dr. Moultrie Guerry, chaplain of St. Mary's Junior College in Raleigh, will be the guest minister for this service, scheduled to begin at seven o'clock.

A morning prayer service, conducted by the Rev. Canon Edward W. Baxter of Warrenton, will be held on Sunday at eleven o'clock. During both services hymns sung by Confederate soldiers in camp and field will be sung by the congregation.

At the conclusion of the Saturday service, a breakfast will be served in the church's parish house for those attending the service. At 4 p. m. Saturday, a pageant, "Flags of America," will be presented in the parish house by the Warren County Chapter of the Children of the Confederacy. An exhibit of Civil War manu-

scripts and relics will be on display in the parish house on both Saturday and Sunday.

Among the flags to be shown will be a replica of the original Stars and Bars, the first Confederate flag, designed by Maj. Orren Randolph Smith, a Warren County native.

Emmanuel Church was built in 1827 by Thomas Bragg, father of Confederate General Braxton Bragg, whose home stands nearby. It was in this church in July, 1836, that a New York journalist, Horace Greeley, was married.

A few feet from the southwest corner of the church stands a small tombstone marking the grave of Mary Turner, granddaughter of Tarheel Governor James Turner and Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner."

The commemoration will be one of solemnity and dignity, according to Charles A. Tucker, historiographer of Emmanuel Church, and there have been no attempts to commercialize the two-day affair.

Massey Sworn In As Member Of Board Education

Dr. Sam H. Massey, Jr., Warrenton dentist, was sworn in as a member of the Warren County board of education here on Monday night.

Massey was given the oath of officers, along with other members of the board, by Warren County Court Clerk Joe N. Ellis. Warren Schools Superintendent J. R. Peeler was re-elected as school superintendent during the regular monthly meeting. Eugene Davis was re-elected as chairman of the county board.

Members of the board afterwards gave approval to the driver training for this summer and next year in the county's schools.

Announcement of the planned retirement of Herbert Gardner, who has served as cost and property clerk at the county garage, was made. Supt. Peeler told the board that Gardner would retire at the end of this school year.

A discussion of the proposed junior high school, the appointment of district committees and the decision to offer for sale the One school property continued the board's time during the two-hour session.

Sewage Plant Need Discussed By Board

The shape of things to come, foretelling increased costs to the town, was revealed in a report to the town commissioners on Monday night by Harold R. Skillman, superintendent of the Warrenton Water Company.

Skillman gave a report on the Southern Municipal and Water Conference in Raleigh which he recently attended. The conference, called by Duke University, the University of North Carolina and State College, dealt with the treatment and conservation of water resources.

Among things discussed, Skillman said, was a plan to have the Tar River basin classified for water use this summer. This will no doubt, he concluded, lead to the stopping of the dumping of raw sewage into the river and into its tributaries.

Warrenton is the fact that Fishing Creek is a tributary of the Tar River and Warrenton dumps its raw sewage into Fishing Creek. This is going to ultimately require, Skillman held, and the commissioners agreed, that the town is going to have to build a sewage disposal plant at an estimated cost of from \$125,000 to \$150,000, a part of which may be paid for by the Federal Government.

Skillman also said that Enfield is now building a new water system on Fishing Creek. This plant is being constructed under the direction of Les Chapman who built Warrenton's new water system. Skillman said that evidently Warrenton sewage is not polluting the waters of Fishing Creek at Enfield, since the Enfield project was approved by the State Board of Health. However, Skillman added, no one knows when the question will be raised.

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Following Talks With Delegations

The location of a junior high school serving the Warrenton school district appears uncertain following Monday night's meeting of the Warren County board of education here.

A cloud of uncertainty as far as the school's site is concerned developed after a group of Afton school patrons, who seem to have had a change of heart since endorsing the Macon site a month ago, told the board of education that they believed it would be financially feasible to locate the junior high school at Afton instead of the Macon community.

Macon was almost a sure bet as the site of the proposed school before Monday night's meeting and is the choice of the district board which advocated and must administer the proposed junior high school.

Members of the Warrenton district, which governs the Warrenton and Macon schools, have gone on record as favoring the old Macon High School building, built in 1917, as the site of the junior high school.

Some Afton patrons on Monday questioned whether whether or not the county board would be wise in appropriating the funds necessary for renovations at the Macon school. They told the board that Afton had a sound building, requiring no additional outlay, that would facilitate the junior high program.

However, James Elam, spokesman for the Afton school board, spoke in favor of placing the school at Macon. Elam said that Afton patrons had already voted to have the junior high school at Afton, and if this were not possible to have the school at Macon. He said another vote by Afton patrons would reveal the same sentiment.

Thus it appears that two separate factions—one holding out for the school's location at Afton, the other reconciled to establishing the junior high school at Macon—have sprung up in the Afton school district.

Following the reception of the two Afton delegations, the county board discussed the possibility of placing the junior high school at Warrenton, if available room could be secured at the John Graham High School building. Board members were almost unanimous in saying that such a plan might best serve the interest of the children, and that if such a plan could be worked out, shutting of pupils from one school to another could be eliminated. However, this move was conjectory and no action was taken on the possibility.

This move would probably defeat one of the main purposes of having a junior high school as far as the Warrenton district board is concerned.

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Dinner Tickets Placed On Sale

Tickets for a buffet dinner to be held at Hotel Warren on April 30 were placed on sale here this week by members of the Little Garden Club.

The dinner, to be held from 6 p. m. until 8 p. m. on April 30, will be used to raise money for further civic beautification, according to Mrs. D. E. Ward, ticket sales chairman.

There will be no tickets sold at the door and Mrs. Ward urges all those who wish to attend the dinner to purchase tickets before the April 30 deadline, when the sale will be concluded. Tickets will be sold in Norlina at Traylor Appliances, Inc., she said.