

Rooker Named Clerk; Bolton Is Water Co. Helper

J. Ed Rooker, Jr., former Mayor of Warrenton and former textile mill executive, has accepted a position as Town Clerk of the Town of Warrenton.

Rooker for many years was manager of Peck Manufacturing Company before his retirement a few years ago due to ill health. He has long been active in the Baptist Church and is a 32 degree Mason, and Past Potentate of Sudan Temple Order of the Shrine.

His appointment came at a called meeting of the town board on last Thursday afternoon to fill two town appointments.

Dallas Bolton, an employee of the Peck Manufacturing Company, was employed as assistant in the Water Department. He will begin work on June 19. Rooker's appointment is effective July 1, but he was requested by the commissioners to come to the water office on June 5 to begin to familiarize himself with the work.

The appointment of Rooker and Bolton came as the result of the resignation of Clinton Neal as Town Clerk and assistant in the Water Department, effective July 1. Neal will accept a position with the Warren County Department of Education. Following notice of Neal's resignation, the commissioners decided that it would be better to hire a full-time employees for each position.

Rooker's position carries a salary of \$225.00 per month and with it a multiple of titles. They are Town Clerk, Secretary-Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tax Lister, Purchasing Agent, and Municipal Accountant. He was selected from a field of seven. Applicants in addition to Rooker were Mrs. Edna W. Seaman, Mrs. Lula Mae Peoples Hall, Miss Evelyn Hight, Mrs. Calvin C. White, Mrs. Margaret S. Aycock, and Mrs. Lucille Rux Boyd.

Bolton will receive a salary of \$50.00 per week, plus \$15.00 a month automobile expense. Other applicants for this position were Clifton Long Fleming, and J. Bill Hall.



REV. W. M. WELLS

Wells To Preach Methodist Church

The Rev. W. M. (Bill) Wells, Jr., state director, Interconference Commission on College and University Religious Work among Methodist students in North Carolina, will preach at the 11 o'clock worship service at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Warrenton on Sunday, June 18.

Mr. Wells will also speak at the 9:45 church school on "Choosing A College."

Following the service there will be a picnic dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Those who wish to come are asked to bring a picnic and drink of their choice.

A former minister on the Warrenton Charge, consisting

of Providence, Prospect, Warren Plains and Arcola, Mr. Wells has also served pastorates in Snow Camp, Mt. Gilred and Carolina Beach.

The Rev. Troy Barrett said yesterday that among those planning to hear Mr. Wells here are many members of his former churches on the Warrenton Charge.

On Dean's List

Sidney Lanier, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lanier of Warrenton, maintained a Dean's List average for the entire second semester at Presbyterian Junior College at Maxton, it was announced from the office of the Dean this week.

Department Heads Ask For Budget Increases

The Warren County Commissioners on Monday received budget estimates from several of the department heads of the county, in practically all cases asking for an increase in the amount of funds they may receive for the 1961-62 fiscal year.

No promises were made by the commissioners in the long session that lasted until nearly 5:30, as no budgets will be approved until the commissioners can study the requests as a whole. They were to meet last night to begin a study of the budget.

A delegation from the Warren County Rural Fire Department appeared before the board to ask that the commissioners boost the county's donation from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Jimmy Roberts, Fire Chief, acting as spokesman, pointed out the needs of the company. He said that the company now has seven units, is growing, and has two subsidiary departments — at Inez and Arcola. Roberts said that the value of the company's equipment now largely built by the firemen, has a value of from \$70,000 to \$80,000, and other equipment is still needed. He said that four years ago the company was started with nothing but hope and enthusiasm and now there is a waiting list of those desiring to join the company.

As an illustration of the cost of operating the company, Monroe Gardner, a member of the delegation, said that insurance on firemen and equipment ran to around \$1100 a month.

Roberts said that one source of income for the firemen, the weekly dances at the armory — at one time bringing in around \$3,000 a year — is petering out, as people tire of one form of entertainment. He said the commissioners were familiar with the work of the Warren Rural Fire Department, and knew its worth to the county. But if this work is to be continued and to be expanded into the type of service that Warren County needs and that will give rural homeowners lower insurance rates, the company needs a \$5,000 annual donation from the county.

Dixon Ward, a member of the Warren County Library Board, appeared before the board in the absence of President Frank Banzet, to explain the needs of the library and to make a request for a \$400 increase in the county budget.

Frank Reams next discussed the Extension budget with the commissioners. He said that he hoped that the commissioners could grant a \$1510 increase.

Welfare Supt. Julian Farrar and board member William (See BUDGET, page 6)

Dairy Princess To Be Named Monday

Warren County's 1961-62 Dairy Princess will be named at the June Dairy Month Princess Contest to be held at the John Graham High School auditorium Monday night, June 12.

Announcement of the contest was made this week by William Hicks, county chairman, and Mrs. William Skinner, woman's chairman.

The chairman said that local community contests will not be held this year, but home economics teachers and teachers of agriculture are serving as co-chairmen in the selection of three to five contestants in each high school district to appear in the county contest.

A dozen roses, a crown and a \$25.00 savings bond with the runner-up receiving a box of candy. Judges from Henderson will be present to name the winners.

Refreshments will be served to all present at the conclusion of the contest.

The finance committee to receive donations to pay the expense of the contest is composed of Bill Connell, chairman; and William Brauer.

Hicks and Mrs. Skinner said that an unusually fine program of entertainment has been arranged by Mrs. L. C. Daniel and Miss Ann Rackley.

The public is invited to be present.

Typing Class To Be Held At J. Graham

A beginners typing class will begin at John Graham High School on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. J. F. Hockaday, principal, announced yesterday.

He said that the classes will be held for two hours a day, five days a week for a month and that anyone is eligible to attend.

The tuition for the course is \$25.00.

ASC Suggests County Purchase Norlina Hotel

Would Be Used As County ASC Office

A suggestion that vacant Norlina Motor Lodge at Norlina be purchased by the County of Warren to be used as quarters for the Warren County ASC Department was made to the commissioners on Monday afternoon by the Warren County ASC Committee.

Walter S. Smiley, chairman of the Warren County ASC Committee, acted as spokesman for the group, which included members of the ASC committee, for county council, office manager T. E. Watson, and Carl Bunn, representative of the State ASC Committee.

Smiley said that the ASC committee was reluctant to move its quarters out of Warrenton, but that present ASC quarters were inadequate, and if the county could not build a new building he thought it well to rent other quarters.

He called upon W. E. Mulchi, a member of the committee, to relate a conversation he had with Mayor Graham Grissom of Norlina concerning the availability of the building. Mulchi said that Grissom informed him that W. P. Gholson of Henderson, owner of the Motor Lodge, said that he would sell the hotel for \$40,000. His terms were \$5,000 down and \$5,000 a year. He said that interest rate on the balance was not mentioned.

Bunn told the commissioners that it was very unusual for an ASC office to be located outside of a county-seat town, but there were a few such offices in the state. He offered no recommendation, but did say that if the building was purchased, or other quarters rented, that the cost must be borne by the county.

The commissioners showed a marked lack of enthusiasm for the suggestion of buying the motor lodge or for moving the ASC office out of Warrenton. They suggested that other quarters might be rented here, and the delegation and several of the commissioners went across the street to inspect a vacant section of the Boyd-Boyce Motor Company. This inspection was made with the possibility in view that the Boyd estate, owners of the building, might be willing to renovate and air-condition the building. The commissioners returned to the commissioners room and the delegation did not return. No action was taken.

One commissioner expressed the view later in the afternoon

that not only would the citizens of Warren County object to the removal of the ASC office from the county seat, but that due to the size of the motor lodge that the cost of heating ASC headquarters in the hotel and maintaining the building would be prohibitive.

Discussion of more suitable quarters for ASC personnel and offices has been under discussion for several months, with the principal idea that it would be best if the ASC office was housed in the same building with the Extension Department and a number of Federal Agencies. The first idea was to renovate the present building, but due to the cost of enlarging and renovating the present building, the idea was submitted by the county council at the last meeting of the board of commissioners that a new building be (See ASC, page 6)

Summer Program Of Recreation To Begin On June 19

The Warrenton Summer Recreation Program, which includes the John Graham school district, will begin officially on June 19, the Rev. John Link announced yesterday.

Tennis and baseball have already begun. Shipp McCarroll is in charge of tennis. The courts have been cleared and instruction is being given two days a week.

John R. Link and Earl Halthcock, with Larry Hayes as assistant, are in charge of the Little League and Pony League baseball teams. Twenty-two boys have registered for the Little League and fifteen for the Pony League.

The first games of the leagues were played last Saturday with Norlina. Norlina won the Little League game and Warrenton won the Pony League game.

The next game will be at the Fair Grounds on Saturday at 2:00 p. m. against Littleton. The Little League game will begin at 2:00 and the Pony League game at 3:30.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the program are asked to turn in their gifts to Mr. Link, Shipp McCarroll or to the Rev. Troy Barrett.

Water Tank May Be In Use Sunday

The town's water tank is expected to be put back into operation late Saturday or Sunday, following several days of repair work, Harold R. Skillman, Water Company superintendent said yesterday.

Skillman said that the work on the tank is progressing in a satisfactory manner. The welding of the pits, seams, rivets, etc., was completed on Tuesday and the tank was filled with water for testing. No leaks were found in the tank and it was drained again Wednesday morning for painting.

It is expected that the painting, inside and outside, will be completed today.

When painting is completed the tank will be filled with water containing a strong chlorine solution which will be left in the tank for twenty-four hours to thoroughly sterilize it, Skillman said. Following this it will again be drained, rinsed-out, refilled and put into service.

Skillman said that there may

be a slight taste and odor from the water for a short time due to sterilization, but it is being done in accordance with instruction of the North Carolina State Board of Health, in order to be certain that the water is safe at all times.

Since the water was drained out of the tank on Monday, May 29, Skillman continued, with pressure being maintained by the pumps, there have been three thunder storms which have caused momentary power interruptions. During one of these storms it happened ten or twelve times, but in each case, with a plant operator on duty, the pump were gotten back into operation before the water pressure became too low.

Skillman said that a gasoline pump is kept in readiness in case of a prolonged power interruption, but it has not been needed so far. It would take about fifteen minutes to get it connected and in operation if it should be needed, he said.



HEALTH WINNERS — George Holtzman and Jean Holtzman, King and Queen of Health, are seated on the stage at John Graham Monday night. Standing are: left, Claiborne Holtzman and Emily Rideout, Junior Prince and Princess of Health; right, Margaret Anne Rideout and Ronnie King, Senior Prince and Princess of Health.



DRESS REVUE AND TALENT WINNERS — Talent winners are, left to right: Ellen Glenn Wood, Linda Mitchell, and Gloria Mitchell; Dress Revue winners — Emily Rideout, Jr. division, Ethel Mae Darnell, Apron division, Sandra Walker, county dress revue winner, Quida Moseley, also a talent winner, was absent when the picture was made. (Staff Photos)

Miss Walker Winner Of 4-H Dress Revue

Sandra Walker of the Littleton Senior 4-H Club was declared winner of the 1961 Warren County 4-H Dress Revue held Tuesday night at John Graham High School auditorium. Miss Walker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Walker of Rt. 1, Macon.

In the Health Pageant and Talent Contest, also part of the event Tuesday night, Jean Holtzman of the Norlina Senior 4-H Club was crowned Queen of Health and George Holtzman, also of the Norlina Senior 4-H Club was crowned King of Health. Selections for this honor were determined by the health improvements made by the club members during the past year. In addition to

the King and Queen of Health, Margaret Ann Rideout was declared Senior Princess and Ronnie King, Senior Prince, with Emily Rideout being Junior Princess and Claiborne Holtzman, Junior Prince.

The blue ribbon talent winners were Gloria and Linda Mitchell of the Littleton Junior Club singing a duet; Ellen Glenn Wood, also of the Littleton Senior Club, and Quida Moseley of the Afton Junior Club. Ellen Glenn did a toe dance for her talent and Quida played a piano solo.

June Term Court Ends On Tuesday

The June criminal term of Warren County Superior Court ended here on Wednesday morning after 21 criminal actions and three civil cases had been disposed of by presiding Judge C. W. Hall of Durham.

Only four cases reached the jury during the trial session, and there was little spectator interest in the session which saw no capital cases brought to trial.

One defendant was freed and another found guilty by jury during the week, and a third defendant, who had requested a jury trial, entered a plea of guilty before the jury retired. Moses Davis, who took an appeal from the Warren Re-

cord's Court, pleaded his own case before seeing the jury return a verdict of guilty.

Davis, 50-year-old Warrenton Negro, was charged with stealing a chicken from a Warrenton grocery store this year. Davis was given a 90-day sentence by Judge Hall, which represented an increase of 20 days over the sentence imposed in the lower court.

Davis' case, which was one of the highlights of the routine session insofar as the spectators were concerned, began with testimony from arresting officer Kenneth Short, Warrenton night policeman. Short appeal from the Warren Re-

The welcome and invocation was given by Paul Lancaster, president of the Warren County Council of 4-H Clubs. The theme for the evening's program was "Caribbean Holiday." It was narrated by James Clark and Nancy Wilson; Lyndell Aycock was pianist.

The dress revue portion of the program was "Fashion of a Holiday," with each contestant doing the outfit she made in (See REVUE, page 10)