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Business Better In Warren, Sales Tax Collections Show

Business in Warren County through January, 1961, showed a marked improvement over the previous twelve months, according to gross sales and used tax collections.

These figures are considered a reliable barometer of general business conditions over the state.

Collections in Warren County from February, 1960, through January, 1961, totaled \$139,135, as compared with \$129,457 from 1959 through January, 1960. It marked an increase of \$9,678, or 7.48 per cent. The average increase for the state was 2.80 per cent.

Collections and percentage increases in adjoining counties for the February 1960-January 1961 period were:

Vance, \$489,718—up 8.22 per cent; Franklin, \$242,117—up 8.30 per cent; Halifax, \$835,183—up 4.01 per cent; Nash, \$1,017,133—up 8.47; and Northampton, \$128,431—up 4.24 per cent.

Mecklenburg County led the state in collections with \$10,152,238, although its increase for the year was only 5.84 per cent. Camden County had the smallest collections during the period, \$15,657, a less of 0.61 per cent.

Warren County ranked 79th in the state in sales and gross tax collections from February, 1960, through January, 1961. Its rank for the previous year was 82nd.

Warren Girl Is State President Children Conf'r'y

Miss Panthea Anne Twitty was elected president of the North Carolina Division, Children of the Confederacy at the 24th annual Convention which was held in Washington, N. C., June 8 and 9, and will officially take office in August following the General Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi.

A former Chapter president, Miss Twitty has served the State Division as chairman of publicity in 1958-'59; historian, '59-'60; and is currently serving as recording secretary.

Miss Twitty was a luncheon guest of Miss Robin Robinson who entertained the Division officers in her home on Thursday.

The Washington Grays Chapter was host to the Convention, with John Baxton Flowers III of Mount Olive, Division President, the presiding officer.

At 2:30 p. m. on Thursday, the 87 registered delegates and visitors enjoyed swimming or skiing at the Yacht and Country Club, and were then taken out on the "Sea Hawk", a 55 ft. sail boat, for a side down the river and into the sound. A fish-fry supper at the Country Club was served to 107 delegates and leaders.

Wilbur George Kurtz, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., was guest speaker at the Welcome Evening program at the Washington High School, Kurtz, the grandson of Capt. Wm. A. Fuller who was the commander of the locomotive "General", told a stirring story of "The Great Locomotive Chase."

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Utility Commission Calls Hearing On Unification



Miss Nancy Wilson is crowned by Miss Faye Rose of Norlina, 1960 Dairy Princess, in exercises at the John Graham High School auditorium on Monday night. To the left is Miss Linda Stegall of Norlina, runner-up in the Contest. (Staff Photo)

The unification of the Warrenton and Norlina telephone exchanges moved a step closer this week with notification of a public hearing on the consolidation by the State Utilities Commission.

The date of the hearing has been set for Wednesday, July 5, at 10:00 o'clock, in the hearing room of the Utilities Commission in the State Library Building in Raleigh.

Endorsement of the proposal to consolidate the Norlina and Warrenton telephone exchanges along lines proposed by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company was endorsed around a year ago by the boards of commissioners of the two towns as well as the board of county commissioners. Since that time it has been held up in the Utility Commissions by what has been described by telephone company officials as minor technicalities.

Confident that it would obtain a favorable ruling, the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company has purchased necessary materials and made plans to connect the two exchanges.

It is expected that should a favorable report be given by the Utilities Commission on July 5 that work on the consolidation of the two exchanges would start almost immediately.

Back Alleys In Business District To Be Lighted

Back alleys in the business section of Warrenton will be lighted as soon as Carolina Power and Light Company can install the lights.

At their regular meeting here Monday night, the board of town commissioners ordered that the Carolina Power and Light Company be requested to place street lights in the following locations: Alley back of stores on east side of Main Street between Franklin and Market Streets; alley back of stores on east side of Main Street between Market and Macon Streets; Alley back of stores on West Main Street between Franklin and Market Streets.

Action of the commissioners in ordering lights to be placed in alleys of the business section was part of the business conducted in a two-hour session of the commissioners largely devoted to a discussion of budget preparation and a number of minor matters.

The commissioners donated \$200 from the contingency fund to the Warren County Memorial Library after Dixon Ward, a member of the library board, appeared to point out needs of the library.

The commissioners also ordered that \$1,000 be taken from the current contingency fund for a \$1,000 appropriation to Bute Development Company.

Another item of business transacted was an order that a notice with reference to mowing vacant lots be placed in *The Warren Record*.

Present in addition to the regular members of the board were David Dickerson and Thomas Gaskill, commissioners-elect, who were present by special invitation of the Mayor.

Woman Killed In Wreck At Norlina

A 48-year-old Negro woman was killed within the Norlina town limits around 8:45 p. m. Sunday when the 1960 Chevrolet car she was driving went out of control and its side smashed into a tree near the home of Woodrow Shearin on Route 158.

Mervin Brand Parker of Murfreesboro died on the way to Warren General Hospital following the accident as a result of a crushed skull. Her husband, William Baker Parker, riding with her, suffered painful but not serious injuries.

According to Buck White, Norlina police chief, who investigated the accident with Officer Dorsey Capps, the woman apparently ran off the right shoulder of the highway and attempting to swing back into the road lost control of the car, which smashed into a tree and bounced back into the ditch. There was no evidence of high speed or reckless driving, White said.

The car received a bad dent in its right side and the glass in the side and rear was completely shattered. Damage was estimated at between \$1200 and \$1500.

Nancy Wilson Crowned Warren Dairy Princess

Nancy Wilson, a rising senior at John Graham High School, was crowned Warren County Dairy Princess in a Dairy Princess contest held in the John Graham High School auditorium on Monday night.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Macon, Miss Wilson was crowned by Faye Rose of Norlina, last year's Dairy Princess. She was presented red roses by Mrs. William Skinner of Littleton, and a \$25.00 saving bond by Bill Connell.

Miss Wilson will be a guest at a luncheon at Oxford at 1:00 o'clock today (Friday) where she will represent Warren County in a district Dairy Princess contest.

Runner-up was Linda Stegall of Norlina. She was presented a box of candy by William Hicks, Warren County Dairy Month chairman. Miss Stegall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stegall of Norlina.

Other girls taking part in the contest were Misses Linda Dore, Carol Jones and Alice Rooker of Norlina, Betty Jean West of Littleton, and Patsy Harmon of Warrenton.

The Dairy Princess contests being held throughout the state are a part of the observance of June Dairy Month.

The girls, who appeared in street clothes, were judged on friendliness and the ability to meet people, poise, beauty, personality, healthy appearance, natural attractiveness, photographic qualities, pleasing voice, and ability to think and speak effectively before an audience.

Each girl was asked to answer two questions: 1. What are your plans for the future? Say two years from now? 2. What qualities would you look for in selecting a husband? In addition Miss Wilson and Miss Stegall were called back to the stage to tell the purpose of June Dairy Month.

Judges from Henderson were Bill Wester, Mrs. John Falkner, and Mrs. Charles Jackson.

William Hicks welcomed parents and friends of the contestants, and presented Leon Pridden of Norlina who served as master of ceremonies. Pridden, in his opening remarks spoke of the value of the dairy industry to Warren County and said that dairy farmers were paid over \$600,000 by Pine State alone during the past year.

Pridden also thanked Mr. Farmer of Boyce Drug Co. for making the princess' crown; Mr. Odom for placing greenery on the stage; the John Graham School for allowing use of the building; each one furnishing talent; and all three committees of Warrenton, Littleton and Norlina for their activities.

Between the appearances of the contestants on the stage, several talent numbers were given. These participating were Kay Fair, solo; Eunice Smiley, solo; Margaret Ann Paschall-dance, "Charleston"; Mary Claire Coker, solo; Gloria and Linda Mitchell, duet; Emily Rideout, solo; Mike Wimbrow, solo.

Following the contest and the crowning of the princess, punch and cookies were served in the school hall through the courtesy of dairymen, bankers and feed dealers.

Inquest Delayed Pending Probe

ROANOKE RAPIDS — Halifax Coroner Rufus Britton said Monday no inquest will be held in the early Sunday morning hit and run death of Norris Richardson of the Hollister area until investigation of the fatality is completed by Britton and Highway Patrolman J. G. Rhodes.

Richardson, about 35, and identified by Britton as a Halifax Indian, was found dead in the middle of a rural paved road near Hollister by a small boy around 6:30 a. m. Sunday.

Britton said Richardson appeared to have been dead for about two hours. He said death resulted from head and chest injuries.

The spot Richardson's body was found is about one mile on the rural road west of Highway 561.

Britton said a coroner's jury was impaneled but will not be called into session until the investigation is completed.

He said Richardson was last seen alive around 2:30 a. m. Sunday and added the man reportedly had been drinking.

Britton said the unidentified youth who discovered the body on the little traveled road did not know the man was dead when he reported his findings to his parents.

The coroner said Richardson is married and the father of three children.

Committee Named To Choose Site For School

A committee to choose sites for Negro consolidated schools in the southern part of Warren County was named by the Board of Education here on Monday night.

The board members expressed themselves as being eager to build these schools as soon as money is available. Hope was expressed that the Federal government would soon make available funds for school construction in the state and that the construction work could be started without too much delay.

Regardless of where the money is to come from, the board members said that the schools must be built. Since this is the case, the members said the work could be expedited by going ahead with the selection and the purchase of site or sites for a consolidated school. Where this site or sites will be can not be determined until after a survey is made, they said.

Appointed to this committee were Board Chairman Gene Davis and members Sam Massey and Robert Gupton.

The board members heard a report from Calvin C. White, school supervisor, concerning the results of the Iowa Tests of Educational Development taken by students of the three white high schools of the county. The summary was of a confidential nature, but it did tend to show that the schools have shown some improvement over the past years, and that they were weak in vocabulary, and except for John Graham were weak in uses of sources.

The board approved a resolution to pay the teachers on the 25th of each month; accepted the resignation of J. W. Shearin as a member of the Littleton School Committee, and tabled a resolution concerning the employment of extra help at the school garage.

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ASC Field Men Measuring Fields

Some 26 seasonal ASC employees trained in acreage measurement work are now checking crop acreages on farms participating in the acreage allotment, price support, feed grain and soil bank programs, T. E. Watson, ASC office manager, said yesterday.

In connection with the acreage measurement job, Watson said, farmers are urged to give complete co-operation when the reporter visits the farms. "Producer cooperation," he added, "can help us do the job faster and more economically."

Watson said that some of the ways the farmer can help are: (1) See that stakes are in place on premeasured farms; (2) make sure plantings are within the staked area on premeasured farms; and (3) have someone who is familiar with the crop available to help the reporter if the operator is away from the farm.

ASC reporters who visit the farm to measure the acreage are out there to perform a service for the farmer, Watson emphasized. Assisting in this measuring and designation of field planted to allotment crops is definitely the responsibility of the farmer of his agent. "It is greatly to the farmers' advantage to be there and assist in the measuring," Watson continued. "By being present the producer will realize how the acreages are determined and he will be able to assure himself that the reporter has received correct information and has correctly plotted the fields on the aerial photograph."

Allotted crops to be measured in this county include flue-cured tobacco, cotton, wheat and peanuts. Watson said that all Soil Base crops will be measured on soil bank farms, also all corn, milo and diverted acreage on farms participating in the 1961 feed program.

Performance reporters will measure approximately 18,000 acres of crops this season, Watson said, and added: "The work of the reporter is only part of the performance check. The reporter outlines the planted acreage on an aerial photograph, and that photograph is returned to the ASC county office where the acreage is computed by the county office staff. The acreage is computed by the use of a planimeter, an instrument which accurately computes the area outlined."

'Preacher' Parker Named JG Coach

Charles E. "Preacher" Parker of Winston-Salem has been elected as coach at John Graham High School for the school year 1961-62.

He succeeds former coach Fate King who has resigned to accept the principalship of the Macon Junior High School.

Announcement of Parker's selection by the school committee was made yesterday by J. F. Hockaday, principal of the John Graham High School.

The 25-year-old coach, a native of Winston-Salem, coached the freshman team at Wake Forest College this past year. He attended Wake Forest on a football scholarship and played at that school for four years.

Parker attended New Bern High School for three and one-half years and Staunton Military Academy for one-half year. He played basketball and baseball in high school, and in football in high school he was All-Conference in his sophomore and junior years; All-Eastern in his sophomore and junior years; and All-State in his junior year.

Parker graduated from Wake Forest College on June 5 with a B.S. degree in Physical Education. At John Graham he will coach the varsity teams and teach Physical Education and General Science.

He is married to the former Lucy Anne Phillips of Washington, N. C., a graduate of Salem College, and an elementary teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker will move to Warrenton around the first of August.

More Units To Be Added Warren County Schools

Units required for graduation from John Graham High School will be increased from 16 to 18 beginning in 1964, the board of education decided in a meeting here on Monday night.

Action of the board came after Calvin C. White, school supervisor, gave a report of the conclusions of a special study committee appointed some time ago to study graduation requirements. This committee was composed of Supt. of Schools J. E. Feeler, Supervisor White, and the principals of the Warren County High Schools.

Of the 18 units 12 will be required and six will be elective.

While 18 units will be required in 1964 for a diploma, certificates may be granted in some cases with less units.

The recommendations of the committee, which were approved by the board, reads as follows:

I. Units Required for Graduation:

A. In order for a student to graduate with a diploma in 1964, he or she must have satisfactorily completed 18 units of high school work, including state requirements listed on P. 94 of 1963 State Handbook.

B. A student who moves into a Warren County School during Grade 9 (before the beginning of Grade 10) must fulfill this requirement of units.

C. A student who moves into a Warren County School after the beginning of Grade 10, enters at the same grade level held in the former school. The student will then come under succeeding grade requirements, but may be awarded a diploma with less than 18 units of work, if such is the case.

D. A student who fails to advance with his class (falls subjects) must graduate under the rules and regulations of the Grade in which he entered high school.

E. Beginning with the Graduating Class of 1965, and continuing (See UNITS, page 2)

Draft Board Office To Close June 22-26

The Warren County Draft Board office here will be closed from June 22 to 10 o'clock June 26, Selby Benton chairman of the board, said yesterday, while the clerk, Mrs. Thomas Ellington, is on vacation.

Benton asks that boys whose 18th birthday falls on the days on which the office will be closed to report for registration on Monday, June 26.

Memorial Fund In Honor Miss Davis Started At Library

A memorial fund honoring Miss Mabel Davis has recently been started at the Warren County Memorial Library, it was learned here yesterday.

Miss Davis was first librarian for the county library and served for 30 years, from 1924 to 1954. During that time the number of volumes in the library expanded from a few hundred books to more than 20,000.

The purpose of the material is to honor the memory of Miss Davis by creating a fund that may be used for maintenance and other purposes which are not covered by state and federal funds.

Friends of Miss Davis who may wish to contribute to this fund are asked to make checks to the Davis Memorial Fund of The Warren County Memorial Library.

In Hospital

Mrs. W. M. Gardner is in Warren General Hospital for treatment.

Mr. David Johnson of Jacksonville is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Reid.

Mr. Pettway Burwell of Waverboro, S. C., is visiting Mrs. W. R. Baskerville.