

## Town Board Talks On Imposition Of A Tax On Sewers

Warrenton water users within the next few months will probably find their water bills considerably higher as the result of the adoption of a proposed sewer tax by the town.

The town commissioners agreed at the meeting Monday night that such a tax should be imposed. The only thing in doubt is the time the tax will go into effect, and the system used and the amount of the tax.

Whether a flat tax of a dollar shall be imposed on each of the water users of the town having sewer connection, or whether a percentage of the water bill shall be used as the tax, is yet to be determined. From the discussion, the dollar per customer tax is not likely to be imposed because it is doubtful that it will raise enough funds. More favorably received was the suggestion for a percentage tax, with some concession being made to unusually large water users, such as the schools and industries.

While it was pointed out that most towns adopting the sewer tax have imposed a flat 50 per cent rate, the commissioners agreed that it seemed a little high for the town's purpose, and a 25 per cent figure received the most favorable comment.

The commissioners agreed to leave the matter to the water committee, and expressed the hope that some decision could be reached before the budget is adopted for the 1962-63 fiscal year.

The purpose of the sewer tax is to raise funds for the building of a sewage treatment plant here within the next three to five years. Commissioner Hugh Holt, chairman of the water committee and father of the plan, pointed out that the accumulation of a reserve fund would not only show good faith and give a longer period in which to build the plant, but would make the passage of a bond issue easier, by decreasing the amount of funds to be raised. In addition, it was pointed out, the passage of the bond issue would be made easier because it would probably require no tax increase, as it could likely be retired by the sewer tax.

Commissioner Holt also told the commissioners that his committee has been in touch with four engineering firms in regards to planning for the sewage treatment plant. He suggested that after the work of adopting the budget is behind the board, that representatives from at least two of the firms be invited before the board at different times to discuss plans and costs.



BEAT THE HEAT — Local children are shown recently beating the heat at the swimming pool at the Warrenton Country Club. (STAFF PHOTO)

## Blalock Named Chairman Local School Committee

A. C. Blalock, Jr., has been elected chairman of the John Graham High School Trustees and Executive Committee, succeeding W. R. Drake who served in that capacity during the 1961-62 school year.

Blalock's selection was made at a recent meeting of the committee when one member resigned and two vacancies on the board were filled.

Dr. Tom Holt resigned as a member of the executive committee and was replaced by W. E. Perry, Jr.

The two vacancies on the Board of Trustees were filled by the selection of Mrs. Sarah Peoples and Selby Benton.

The full board consists of fifteen members who annually elect an executive committee of five. In addition to Blalock and Perry, the trustees re-appointed Mrs. James Beckwith, W. R. Drake and A. A. Williams, all of whom have been members of the executive committee for a number of years.

This committee constitutes the "local committee" for all schools in District No. 1.

## Honor Rolls For John Graham Are Announced

Honor rolls for the last six weeks of the 1961-62 school year at John Graham High School and for the entire year were released this week by Principal Thomas J. Brown as follows:

The six-weeks honor roll: 4th Grade—Laura B. Davis, Myra Johnson, Scoggin Jones, Gail Roberts, Nancy Williams, Kermit Cameron Copley, Linda Faye Brantley, Elizabeth Rowland Coleman, Rena Dianne Tharrington, Rebecca Ellen Twitty, Kearny Burton Ward. 5th Grade—Virginia Hunter, Dianne Pennell, Isabell Williams, Pettway Burwell Boyd, Richard Alan Young, Kathleen Louise Bullock, Jane Carroll Connell, Helen White Holt, Linda Sharon King, Charlotte Juanita Wood.

6th Grade—Paul Whitley, Helen Diamond, Ann Duncan, Valerie Miles, Elizabeth Nicholson, Suzanne Rudd, Ashley Davis, Jimmy Rodwell, Sandra Copley, Ellen Mustian, Nettie Overby, Debbie Roberts, Laura Turner, Rosa Newman. 9th Grade—Nettie Florence Pitchford, Joyce Seaman, Nancy Wilson, James Randall Davis, Vivian Irene Abbott, Lucy White Banzet.

10th Grade—Roddy Drake, Bonnie Gupton, Edward Shearlin, Billy Shearin, Sue Robertson.

12th Grade—Bill Taylor, Chocky White, Richard Williams, Jeanne Pope, Anne Twitty.

Year's Honor Roll The Honor Roll for the year follows:

4th Grade—Myra Johnson, Scoggin Jones, Gail Roberts, Elizabeth Rowland Coleman. 5th Grade—Jane Carol Connell.

6th Grade—Paul Whitley, Elizabeth Nicholson, Ellen Mustian, Nettie Overby, Debbie Roberts.

9th Grade—Nancy Wilson, James Randall Davis, Vivian Irene Abbott, Lucy White Banzet.

10th Grade—Bonnie Gupton. 12th Grade—Bill Taylor, Richard Williams, Jeanne Pope, Anne Twitty.

## Bryson To Serve As Hospital Chaplain

The Rev. Larry Bryson will serve as Chaplain at the Warren General Hospital for the coming week, June 18-23.

Bryson is a native of Georgia, a graduate of Furman University and Southeastern Seminary and is currently Secretary of Missions, Cullom Association, in Warren County where he has been residing for two years.

Mrs. J. A. Pitchford of Littleton, Rt. 1, is recuperating at her home after spending several weeks in Warren General Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Williams of Airle visited here on Saturday afternoon.

# Board Can Not Hire Engineer

Warren County Commissioners have no authority to use county tax funds for the employment of an industrial engineer without a vote of the people or through a special act of the legislature.

This was revealed at an adjourned meeting of the commissioners here on Monday night when representatives of municipalities and civic clubs made on the first Monday in June was up for consideration. The delegation had pointed

out the shrinking population of Warren County, the need for more industries for the county, and the difficulty of securing needed industries in the face of competition from counties having full time industrial engineers. After recounting the success of several counties where industrial engineers are at work, the delegation requested that the commissioners put in the budget for 1962-63 up to \$15,000 for the salary and expenses of

such engineer for Warren County.

At the Monday night meeting, the following minute was passed:

"On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Ellington and duly carried, it was ordered that the matter of employing an industrial engineer be tabled until such time as the matter can be brought to the vote of the people, or until such time as a local act can be passed by the Legislature; in that it appears that an appropriation for an industrial and economic promotion can be made only after a vote of the people, pursuant to Chapter 158 of the General Statutes, or from non-tax funds pursuant to Chapter 158 of the General Statutes."

Following the decision to table the request for an industrial engineer, the commissioners adjourned to meet on Friday night, June 15, for further consideration of the county budget.

## Schools Conditions Called Deplorable

Sanitary conditions in a number of small Negro schools of the county are "deplorable," County Health Officer W. Burns Jones and Sanitarian Howard Stultz told members of the Board of Education at their regular meeting here on Monday night.

These schools are among those which will be consolidated and provided a \$400,000 bond issue, to be submitted to the voters this summer, is passed.

The health officer and sanitarian said that the schools could probably get by for one more year if a little patching is done. Beyond that time, they said, patching will not suffice, and major construction would have to be undertaken. Sanitary conditions embraced more than outdoor privies, they said.

The report is to be studied at a later meeting of the board when plans will be made to rectify the conditions on at least a temporary basis, Supt. Roger Peeler said yesterday.

Higher activity fees at John Graham High School can be justified, according to A. C. Blalock, chairman of the Warrenton School Committee, who appeared before the board with Principal Town Brown to discuss these fees with the board. The board expressed the views that, if feasible, the same fees should prevail in all the high schools of the county.

Blalock told the board members that it had been the policy of the local school board

for several years to permit no solicitation of funds from the Warrenton merchants, and that the activity fund had to pay for several things in the school. The principal item is the paying of a librarian, he said. If the fee is cut it means that the school will be without this essential service, he said.

Principal Brown concurred with Chairman Blalock and told the board members how the activity fund is spent. Blalock said that he had heard no criticism of the fees, but should it arise, he would be glad to try to answer it. The board members said, that while they still want the same fees to prevail in all schools, they agreed that the money is being used for a good purpose and agreed to let the fees stay in force for the 1962-63 school year.

Calvin White, school supervisor, reported on the testing program and gave the board members a resume of school progress during the year.

The board agreed to lease a driver training car to the Henderson City Schools for the summer months.

The election of the following teachers was approved: Effie P. Bullock, Northside; Eunice Y. Joyner, Mayflower; James M. Smith as principal and Mrs. James M. Smith as teacher at Littleton... and A. W. Parker as agricultural teacher at Littleton.

## Daniel Re-elected President District Mail Carriers

Stephen A. Daniel, rural mail carrier from the Norlina postoffice, was re-elected president of District No. 28 of Rural Mail Carriers for 1962-63 at the annual meeting held in the court house here on last Friday night.

The meeting, presided over by Daniel, was represented by members from the five counties of Warren, Franklin, Halifax, Vance and Granville which compose District No. 28. Other officers re-elected were Robert Macon Davis of Warrenton, vice-president; and Luther L. Morris of Norlina, secretary and treasurer.

The invocation was given by George W. Davis of Route 3, Warrenton. Old and new business was discussed. The members decided to have a family picnic at Satterwhite Point on Kerr Lake sometime in August. Rural carriers from Roanoke Rapids, Littleton, Warrenton, Norlina, Henderson, Oxford and Stem attended the five-county meeting.

## Methodists To Hold Conference In Kinston Next Week

The North Carolina Methodist Conference will convene at Queen Street Methodist Church in Kinston on Monday, June 18, at 1:30 p. m. and run through June 21, at noon, when appointments will be read by Bishop Paul N. Garber.

Expected to attend from Wesley Memorial Methodist Church of Warrenton will be W. E. Perry, Jr., official delegate; Randolph Morris and Mrs. Tom Hawkins, alternate delegates; Miss Ann Burwell, Mrs. John Dameron, Mrs. Edward Hunter, and possibly others. The Rev. Troy Barrett will be the clerical delegate.

Official delegates from the other Methodist Churches in Warren County are urged to attend, and others are welcome to look in on the proceedings for a day, a local layman said yesterday. He suggested that Tuesday and Wednesday are good days to attend.

Important matters are coming up and your church should be represented, say the six Methodist ministers serving Warren County.

Mr. Barrett said yesterday that the appointments to be announced by Bishop Garber would be carried over several radio stations next Thursday.

## Bible School To Be Held At Macon

Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church of Macon will begin on Monday morning, June 18, at nine o'clock at the Macon Methodist Church and will close with a picnic on Friday afternoon, June 22.

## Dollar Down, Dollar A Week!

# Warrenton Joins The Modern Trend

Warrenton has at last succumbed to the national temptation and on Monday night got into the full swing of things as the commissioners adopted a dollar down and a dollar a month deal.

Meeting in regular session, the commissioners agreed to purchase some 30 new parts for parking meters and to have 20 of the present meters repaired. The 20 meters will be repaired without cost to the town by the manufacturer, Commissioner W. L. Wood, street chairman, told the board members. The manufacturer's agent agreed to sell them as many new parts for the meter heads as they wanted at a cost of \$21.55 each. The agent informed Wood that the town could buy the meter parts for cash or for a dollar down and a dollar a month.

Little discussion was involved in the commissioners' decision to use the dollar down plan. "In this way," one of the commissioners commented, "it can be taken out of the parking meter fund and we won't feel it." Another more optimistic commissioner suggested that operating meters would secure enough additional funds to pay for themselves."

The entire board agreed that the meters should be repaired and suggested that with 50 good working meters that the town's meters would pretty well take care of the situation.

The commissioners agreed to make its annual donation of \$1,000 to the Bute Development Company as the town's part in the cost of running water and sewer lines to the Carolina Sportswear Factory several years ago.

Vacant lots in Warrenton must be mowed. If the owners fail to do so, the town will perform the task and charge it to the owners. This is no new policy, but in at least one case, the town has had difficulty in collecting the bill.

The commissioners ordered that where owners refuse to pay moving bills upon presentation, or in a reasonable time, that the bill should be added to the owner's tax bill, and if not paid, his real estate would be advertised and sold.

Several persons have applied for taxicab permits and chauffeurs' licenses under the new ordinance adopted by the town. The commissioners voted to issue taxicab permits to James D. Gilliland, Mary Powell and Thurston Brown. Chauffeurs' licenses to drive these taxicabs were issued to Gilliland, Brown, Hazel S. Williams, Peary Lee Hayes, and Wilbert Buster Davis.

The matter of stray dogs was up for a brief discussion by the commissioners. They instructed the Mayor to ask the County Dog Warden to pick up strays in the town, as he does in the rest of the county.

# Jury Recommends New Kitchen At Jail

A Warren County Grand Jury recommended that a new kitchen be built at the county jail in its report last week to Judge Heman Clark of Fayetteville, presiding over the June criminal term of Superior Court which adjourned last Friday afternoon.

The jurors said that they found the kitchen clean and well kept but in a state of bad repair.

The agricultural building, the jurors reported, is clean and in fair shape except a few repairs are needed on plaster in an upstairs office.

The jurors noted a great improvement in janitorial service in the court house, which they said they found in good condition, with the rest rooms clean and well kept.

All justices of the peace, administrators, executors and guardians have filed their reports.

As is practically always the case, the Grand Jury gave the Prison Camp a clean bill in its report, reporting that the "Prison Camp is in excellent condition throughout."

Frank W. Davis served as foreman of the Grand Jury.

Mr. Bill Jones of Washington, N. C., will spend the weekend at his home here.

# Starnes Must Serve Two Years In Prison

Thomas Starnes, driver of a truck involved in an accident on the Norlina By-Pass near Ridgeway several weeks ago, in which two men were killed, was on Friday sentenced to the State Prison for two years. Starnes pled nolo contendere to charge of driving after his license had been suspended and involuntarily manslaughter. He was sentenced to serve two years on each count by Judge Herman Clark, presiding over the June criminal term of Superior Court. The two terms are to run concurrently.

The court term which opened here on Tuesday morning of last week was adjourned around the middle of Friday afternoon. Among the cases not reported up to late afternoon on Thursday of last week, and judgment entered before the end of the term were:

Judge Clark on Friday sentenced Sam Cheek, Jr., Fred Powell, Leroy Vaughan and Fred Hunter Collins, young white men of Warrenton, to the roads for six months each after they had pled guilty to an assault upon Clyde Dowell. Originally charged with kidnapping, the state accepted the lesser plea. The road sentences were suspended for two years upon condition of good behavior.

Joe Parrish pled guilty to charges of involuntary manslaughter and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to the state prison for not less than two nor more than four years.

Joe Edward Lynch was sentenced to the roads for twelve months when he pled guilty to charges of assault, forcible trespass and malicious injury to personal property.

James Lee Paschall, charged with drunk driving, pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving. A six months road sentence imposed by Judge Clark was suspended for five years upon payment of court costs and upon condition that he remain of good behavior.

The State took a nol pros in the case of James Carl Alston, charged with reckless driving. A. P. Henderson, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, pled guilty to an assault. He was sentenced to the roads for four months, but the sentence was suspended for three years provided he pays the court costs and remains of good behavior.

Robert A. Etheridge pled guilty to a non-support charge. He was sentenced to the roads for 12 months. The sentence

was suspended for two years upon condition that he does not take a drink or have on his breath the odor of alcoholic beverages. Etheridge failed to appear in court on the day he was scheduled to be tried. As a result a capias was issued for his arrest but he could not be tried because he was drunk. He was ordered to be confined to the jail until Monday, June 11, for his contempt of court.

Johnnie Blackwell pled guilty to a charge of non-support and was sentenced to jail for six months. The sentence was suspended for three years provided he pays \$10.00 per week for the support of his children.

Joe Bob Walker, charged with drunk driving, pled guilty to reckless driving and was sentenced to jail for six months. The jail sentence was suspended for five years.

Cases against James M. Hargrove, Jack Plummer and Robert L. Ramey, charged with conspiracy to commit murder and murder, were continued.

Also continued were cases against Floyd Edston Pendergrass, speeding; Robert Perry Carter, drunk driving; and Ivey Steve Clark, speeding.

## Branch Of Store Is Closed Here

The Warrenton Branch of Williams Auto Supply, which opened here in July of 1960, has been closed. Anton Reid, who managed the local branch, has been transferred to the Henderson store.

The store first began operation in the Rodwell Building, corner Main and Franklin Street, but several months ago moved into the Walters Building next to the Hunter Drug Company.

## Growers Asked To Report Acreage

Warren County producers of corn, grain sorghums, barley, or oats, who grew these crops on their farms in 1959 or 1960, and who have not filed their acreage reports are requested to visit the local ASCS office before Wednesday, June 20.

The request was made this week by Tom E. Watson, ASCS office manager, who said this information will be needed immediately if Congress enacts the 1963 proposed Feed Grain Program.