

Voters To Determine Fate Of \$400,000 School Bond Issue On Saturday

Warren County voters will on Saturday determine the fate of a \$400,000 school bond issue.

The polls in the 14 precincts of the county will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

Funds to be raised by the bond issue would be used to eliminate nine small Negro schools in the county used by members of the Negro race and to build a consolidated school in the southern part of the county. In addition a modern school would be built for the Haliwa Indians near Arcola with Halifax County paying part of the expenses, and additional rooms would be added at Northside school to care for pupils now attending small schools in the northern part of the county.

The Board of Education has estimated the cost of the consolidated school in the southern part of the county at \$200,000, the Haliwa building at \$150,000 as the county's part, and from \$35,000 to \$50,000 for additions at the Northside school.

would be enough to retire the bonds under its rate. All members of the two boards are actively working for the passage of the bond issue.

The Negro schools to be eliminated in the event the bond issue is passed, are all of frame construction, and are the only frame buildings being used for school purposes in the county. Pupils are being taught by from one to three teachers from the first through the eighth grades. In one of these schools one teacher teaches four grades and in other schools two and three grades are taught by one teacher, according to school authorities.

The nine frame buildings have no central heat, no running water, and are served by outdoor toilets. Pumps are used to raise water from wells, several of which have been condemned by the Warren County Health Department.

Repairs and renovation of the buildings and the correction of the conditions that causes the contamination of the wells, would be costly, the school authorities say.

Negro leaders and school patrons have been increasing insistently that better facilities be provided by Warren County for its Negro children attending these small schools. Last year patrons of the Snow Hill school refused to send their children to that school. The children were transferred to already crowded Hawkins School in Warrenton.

School authorities say there is no further room in any of the Negro consolidated schools to take care of any pupils attending the present small schools.

Request For Negro Deputy Not Heeded

A request that Warren County employ a part-time Negro deputy sheriff failed to receive the endorsement of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday.

T. T. Clayton, Negro attorney, who made the request was told that no money was provided in the budget recently adopted for the employment of additional deputies, and that deputies were appointed by the sheriff and approved by the board. Sheriff Hundley was out of town Monday.

Clayton said that his reason for making the request, was due to conditions arising around the Recreation Center in Norlina. He said that no intoxicants were sold on the premises and that every effort was made to make the center a place for wholesome family gatherings. But, he said, many persons buy whiskey and beer elsewhere, drink it in their cars, and become noisy and rowdy.

He said that time after time that Sheriff Hundley or his deputies had appeared when called, but when questioned no one would tell on the one or ones creating the disturbance. He expressed the view that colored people would more readily give this information to one of their own race.

A fairly large delegation of Negro citizens appeared before the board to raise some questions in regard to the school bond issue to be voted upon Saturday. Odell Kearney, who acted as spokesman, said that he seriously questioned whether the amount asked is enough for the schools. It is not so much a question of buildings, but of other facilities, he said.

The commissioners told the delegation that they had appeared before the wrong board. They should have made their views known to the board of education and not to the commissioners, who are only charged with raising the money asked by the board of education. Had the Board of Education asked for \$600,000, the commissioners would have requested a bond issue of this size, the commissioners said, added that it might have been much harder to pass a bond issue of this size.

At any rate the delegation not only appeared before the wrong board, but too late, they were told. Ballots have already been printed and the election is to be held Saturday, they were told.

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Hearing To Be Held On Request For Zoning Area

A part of Warren County lying adjacent to the Gaston and Kerr Lake reservoirs may be designated as a zoning area, if not opposed by Warren County citizens.

The County Commissioners agreed Monday to have a hearing on the proposal at their next regular meeting on September 4, and ordered that notice of the meeting be published twice in The Warren Record and The Littleton Observer, Warren County newspapers.

The zoning areas, which may be seen on a map to be posted in the county court house, roughly follows the roads leading around the Gaston Lake south of Vaughan to the Halifax County line, and a portion of Kerr Lake in Warren County.

If the zoning area is adopted the Warren County Planning Board would have the power to designate the purposes for which property in the area may be used.

Action of the board in calling the hearing, came after George Monaghan of the Department of Conservation and Development had told the commissioners of the designated area, the reasons for zoning the property and necessary steps for calling a hearing.

He said that if the zoning area is approved that a zoning ordinance would be submitted.

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Pre-school Clinics To Be Held

The Warren County Health Department announced yesterday that pre-school clinics will be held for children who were not able to attend the spring clinics.

A clinic for pupils who will be attending the white schools will be held on Wednesday, August 15. The one for pupils attending the Negro schools will be on Wednesday, August 22. These clinics will be conducted at the Health Center from 8:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M.

All parents whose children have not had an examination before entering school, are urged to take their children to their family doctor or bring them to the Health Department on the appropriate day, Dr. Burns Jones, Health Director, said.

Pack Of Wild Dogs Poses Big Problem

A pack of wild dogs roaming in the vicinity has county authorities stymied as to the best or any method of their destruction.

The trouble is the separation of the sheep from the goats, or literally the good dogs from the bad dogs.

It was revealed at the county commissioner's meeting on Monday that wild dogs were killing calves in the neighborhood when Dr. W. Burns Jones, Health Director, appeared before the board to discuss means of destroying these dogs. He was accompanied by Wildlife Rangers and a biologist from Raleigh.

The problem would be simplified if it could be handled under the rabies program, Dr. Jones said, but pointed out that there is no evidence of any rabies in the county. He explained that if there were rabies in the neighborhood that he could order a quarantine of the section and owners would then be required to shut up or tie their dogs, and then all lost dogs could be shot.

Any citizen has the right to kill a dog if he sees it attacking his animals, but not otherwise, it was brought out in the discussion. The dog warden has no authority to shoot dogs indiscriminately, it was pointed out.

Jurors Drawn For Sept. Term Superior Court

Jurors for the September Term Criminal Term of Superior Court were drawn by the County Commissioners on Monday as follows:

Eddie Pinkney, C. M. Bullock, St. Jones Richardson, Miss Anne Burwell, William C. Holtzman, Johnnie C. Bell, Edward H. Moseley, R. L. Traylor, Jr., Walter Walker, William Davis, Roy C. Neal, R. H. Dillard, Lucius O'Neal, Jr., Walter Monroe Gardner, George W. Davis, Ned Long Clark, Vance H. Dillard, Herman T. Brauer, D. A. Grissom, Cecil Adams, Dixon H. Ward, R. E. Limer, Jr., J. W. Mayfield, Philip J. Bender, Raymond Perry Stegall, Palmer Newsom, Mrs. Lottie K. Walker, W. T. Comer, John D. Felts, Earl R. Limer.

J. Thomas Burton, Curtis Morris, C. J. Perkinson, Thomas P. Rodwell, R. A. Bolton, George D. Dickerson, William H. Burt, Mrs. E. L. Perry, G. H. Washington, E. B. Davis, Richard J. Holtzman, Ernest A. Turner, James Watson, B. T. Smiley, Jr., Jack Thompson, Grandison Christmas, F. E. Wilson, Mrs. Allison Newsome, John L. Perkinson, R. M. White, Jr., W. F. Alston, E. R. Wood, S. D. Duke, Mrs. R. C. Mitchell, C. K. Davis, G. L. Alston, F. D. Hardy, E. W. Shearin, Andrew Jiles Smiley, John Henry Leonard.

Bridge Name To Be Changed To Eaton's Ferry

The new bridge across the Roanoke River near the site of Eaton's Ferry will be known as "The Eaton's Ferry Bridge" and not as Moore's Bridge.

The county commissioners admitted Monday that they "goofed" in asking that the bridge be named Moore's bridge, and were not too clear as to why the name was suggested.

Following a telephone call to an official of the Highway Commission in which the commissioners said that they had made a mistake and wanted the bridge named "Eaton's Ferry Bridge," they were told if they would rescind their action of June 7 and request the change that the name would be changed. The commissioners did both.

The matter was brought to the attention of the board on Monday morning when Robert Salmon and Franklin Stansbury appeared before the commissioners to protest the naming of the bridge for Moore. Salmon, who acted as spokesman, said that the people of his section were proud of Warren County and its history and that Eaton's Ferry was an historical landmark whose name should be preserved. He further said that the name Eaton's Ferry would be a proper designation for the bridge as it is known to so many people. The name Moore would tell the traveling public nothing, he said.

The commissioners agreed with Salmon and said that they had heard a great deal of complaint since the publication of an article in last Friday's News and Observer stating that the new bridge would be named Moore Bridge.

Football Physicals To Be Held Aug. 14

Physicals for candidates for the John Graham High School football squad will be given at 2:30 on Tuesday, August 14, Coach Preacher Parker said yesterday. Boys will meet at the Health Center before 2:30.

Parker also announced that according to a new NCCHEAA ruling every boy playing football this year must have a mouthpiece.

Dr. Sam Massey and Dr. Walter White are making these for the local boys and others free of charge. Parker says that all John Graham boys must have these made before the start of school.

Three Jailed Here In Poisoning Case

Three persons are now being held in Warren County jail charged with having a part in the poisoning of a Warren County Negro man.

Held under a murder charge is Petronia G. Perry, 32, who is alleged to have confessed to feeding rat poison to her husband, Vance Perry, who died in a Chapel Hill hospital on July 18.

Held for conspiracy to commit murder are John Henry Harris, 26, who allegedly helped plan the murder and who obtained the poison for the deed, and Maggie Williams Alston of near Louisburg, charged with furnishing the rat poison. Both have confessed, according to Sheriff Jim Hundley, who with Deputy Sheriff Bonnie Stevenson have been investigating the case since Vance Perry's death in Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill and an autopsy which followed.

Mrs. Perry denied all knowledge of the crime, Sheriff Hundley said, until confronted with the confession of John Henry Harris, her boy friend. Afterwards, the officer said, it was a case of one telling on the other.

Harris was arrested on Friday, July 27. He denied any knowledge of the crime or any part of it, but agreed to take a lie detector test. Given the test on Wednesday of last week, he tripped on three questions, and later confessed to his part in the crime.

The story of the crime as pieced together by Hundley and Stevenson and SBI Agent Lester Horton, who was called into the case when it led into Franklin County, is as follows:

On June 29 Vance Perry was given the first dose of poison and on July 1 was taken to

Warren General Hospital from which he was discharged on July 12. The following day, July 13, he was given a second dose of poison. On July 15 he was taken to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill where he died on July 18.

Following a post mortem examination at the hospital where large traces of arsenic were found, Sheriff Hundley placed Mrs. Perry under arrest on suspicion of having poisoned her husband.

Sheriff Hundley said that Mrs. Perry had been running around with another man and there was considerable talk about foul play when her husband died.

The boy friend, John Henry Harris, was subsequently arrested.

According to the confessions of the three persons being held for the crime, John Henry

and Mrs. Perry planned the crime. He took the woman to Louisburg with him where Maggie Williams Alston delivered a bottle of rat poison to Mrs. Perry. Mrs. Alston bought the poison at a nearby store.

Harris said that later, Mrs. Perry told him that she had given her husband the poison. When Vance Perry returned home after a stay in Warren General Hospital, Harris is said to have advised Mrs. Perry that her husband would never again be well and that he would just be a burden and care for her. He advised more rat poison.

This time, Harris went to Mrs. Alston and obtained the poison and gave to Mrs. Perry who placed it in food prepared for her husband with fatal results.

Arrested at her home near Louisburg on Friday, Mrs. Alston admitted that she furnished the poison to Harris and Mrs. Perry. She was brought to the Warren County jail.

According to officers, Mrs. Alston also confessed that she poisoned her own husband, Kinchen Williams, last September, and some four months later married 36-year-old Linwood Alston. She is 54.

The reason for the killing, she said, according to the officers, was that she wanted title to a house which her husband had just begun to build, plus her husband's insurance. She received neither.

Mrs. Williams, as she was at that time, obtained the poison at an agreed-upon price of \$125, from a man in Wake County who told her that it would take seven months to kill her husband. Instead of seven months it took three days, and the house was never completed. Why she did not get the insurance, she failed to say.

Due to the misrepresentation about the length of time it would take for the poison to work, Mrs. Alston said that she only paid the Wake County man \$100 for the poison. "He will never get any more money from me," she is quoted as saying.

There was some doubt in the officers' minds as to whether or not Mrs. Williams ever married Alston. They said her driver's license was still in the name of Maggie Williams, but that the woman said that she kept it just as a matter of convenience.

The murder of her husband was not the first man that Mrs. Williams had killed, according to what she told officers. In 1931 she said that she killed John Davis with an axe while he was engaged in a fight with her husband. Her husband took the blame for the crime and served 18 months on the road for it.

According to the woman, her husband and Davis were engaged in a fight at their home at Liberia. She said her husband had been shot through the neck and that Davis was on top of him when she grabbed an axe and struck Davis twice.

"The first time I hit him with the axe, his brains dropped out," she is quoted as saying. "The next time I swung the axe his eye-balls popped out."

Her husband told her to say nothing, that he would take the blame.

Asked if her conscience did not bother her, the officers said that she replied that it did not and that she slept like a baby.

All three defendants are expected to be tried at the September term of Warren County Superior Court.

County Donates \$2,000 For Hire Of Engineer

Warren County is to have a part-time industrial engineer to seek more industry for the county.

This was assured on Monday when the Board of County Commissioners agreed to appropriate the sum of \$2,000 toward the salary and expense of the engineer. This donation will match a similar donation from the five incorporated towns of the county.

Carol Singleton, former Mayor of Henderson, who is now an industrial consultant, will be given the position. His time is expected to be divided among five counties, but none of these are contingent to Warren.

Plans to hire Singleton if money could be raised were made at a recent meeting of Mayors and other officials of the four incorporated towns of the county held in the Mayor's office at Warrenton. At this meeting it was agreed that Warrenton would raise \$1,000, Norlina \$400, Macon \$100, and Littleton \$500, for a total of \$2,000, and the county commissioners would be asked to donate a matching sum.

In order that Singleton

might have an organization through which to work, it was agreed that the Bute Development Co., a non-profit organization chartered to build the Carolina Sportswear Factory, would change its charter to have representatives on its board from other towns of the county.

General Claude Bowers, chairman of the board of the Bute Development Company, headed a fairly large group of town officials and business leaders appearing before the board and acted as principal spokesman for the group. He told of the need for more industries, reviewed the contribution of the Carolina Sportswear Factory to the county's economy, and recounted ways in which a professional man was needed if Warren County is to obtain industry. He said that he feels that the county is fortunate in being able to obtain a man with the demonstrated abilities of Singleton.

Bowers also asked that in the General Election next fall that the voters may be allowed to express their wishes as to whether or not a special tax

shall be levied to hire a full-time or a part-time engineer for the county. He pointed out that Franklin County has already adopted this plan.

Also speaking briefly in support of the county making the requested donation and the need for professional representation in the quest for industries were Charles H. Lambeth, Littleton cotton broker, and John G. Mitchell, president of the Citizens Bank.

Others in the delegation included Mayor W. A. Miles, E. G. Hecht, Pettway B. Boyd, Dennis Rose, A. C. Fair, Fred Hurst, Selby Benton, Frank Reams and Joseph Newsom.

In making the appropriation, the commissioners adopted the following minute:

"On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Thorne, it was ordered that the County pay \$2,000 for the present fiscal year for part-time salary for an industrial engineer, said money to come from sources other than ad valorem taxes; and it was further ordered that the same employee be designated by and responsible to the County Commissioners."

Pittard Re-elected Member Warren ABC Board

Norman Pittard of Warrenton was re-elected a member of the Warren County ABC Board for a three-year term at a joint meeting of the Board of Health, the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners held in the commissioners room on Monday.

No other name was placed in nomination for the position.

Pittard has served as ABC Board chairman since his election to the board three years ago. It is expected that he will be re-elected chairman by the ABC Board.

Addleton To Be Guest Minister

The Rev. W. L. Addleton, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Henderson, will be the guest preacher at the Warrenton Baptist Church on Sunday, August 12. The pastor, Rev. John R. Link, and family are on vacation. There will be no worship service at the Baptist Church on the third Sunday, August 19, according to the announcement from the church bulletin.

Man Charged With Theft, Appeals Case

Ernest Ayscue, Warrenton white man, charged with stealing a tire from an automobile parked in one of the town's parking lots, was sentenced to the roads for six months when he was given a hearing in Recorder's Court last Friday.

Ayscue, who had pled not guilty, appealed the case to Superior Court. Appearance bond was set by Judge Julius Banzet at \$300.

Leon Baskerville, charged with attempted breaking and entering, was sentenced to the roads for 12 months.

Charlie Reid was found not guilty. He had been charged with the possession of whiskey and wine for the purpose of sale.

William Nelson Ramsey, charged with non-support, entered a plea of nolo contendere. Judgment of the court was that the defendant serve a 30 days road sentence, which was suspended upon condition that the defendant pay to the Superintendent of Welfare each week the sum of \$25.00 for the support of two minor children, the payments to be made each Monday until further order of the court, and pay court costs.

Roger Suit was sentenced to the roads for six months when he was found guilty on a charge of malicious injury to personal property. The court

requested that the prison department give the defendant a psychiatric examination.

In traffic cases Robert Kenneth Hamurger was fined \$15 and taxed with court cost when he was found guilty of speeding, and Robert Neal Shelton, also charged with speeding, was fined \$10 and costs.

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Demonstration On Loose Leaf Tobacco To Be Held Here

A demonstration on preparing tobacco for loose-leaf sales will be held in Thompson's Warehouse on Friday, August 17, at 2 p. m., Frank Reams, County Agent, announced this week.

Reams said that plans for the demonstration were made at a recent meeting of the Warrenton Tobacco Board of Trade which is actively co-operating with the educational demonstration. Place for the demonstration site was chosen in a drawing.

This demonstration is open to the public, Reams pointed out. Owners, operators, tenants and other interested persons are urged to be present.

Reams said that it is anticipated that a large crowd will attend the demonstration.

FIVE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH POISONING CASE

By T. M. PEACE

LOUISBURG—Five Negroes from three counties were being held in jails in Warrenton and Louisburg Wednesday on charges of poisoning a man.

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