

Schools Patrons Vote For Brown Site At Mass Meeting Here

Agreement on the location of a Negro elementary school in the southern part of the county was reached at a mass meeting of school patrons in the courthouse on Monday night.

The school will be located on the Brown property, already approved by the Board of Education and the State School Planning team.

Ernest Turner of the Mayflower Community presided over the meeting, attended by nearly 200 patrons of the schools to be consolidated and other friends. It was agreed in the meeting prior to the appearance of the Board of Education that only one speaker would be allowed to present the arguments for each of the two school sites under consideration.

When the board appeared Mrs. Marie Block spoke on behalf of the Brown site and J. H. Wilson spoke on behalf of the James Davis site. Both speakers said that the good of the children should be the prime consideration in the location of the school. Turner reminded the group that the losers were pledged to give their support to whichever site was chosen.

Mrs. Robert Ransom counted the votes, the results were announced. One hundred and seven votes were cast in favor of the Brown site, and 84 in favor of the Davis site.

Board Chairman Eugene Davis thanked the patrons for the interest shown in their proposed school. He said disagreement had already held up the construction to a point where it might not be possible to complete the building by September of 1963 as anticipated, but that the Board of Education would do all it could to expedite its construction.

Norlina To Hold Bond Election Citizens To Vote On January 8th



Children here for Santa Claus' visit last Friday night got an extra thrill when they were given a short and unexpected ride on the fire truck while Santa was greeting little ones. Shown is the loaded truck being slowly driven by Fire Chief Walker Burwell, who was Santa's chauffeur. (Staff Photo)

A bond issue of \$165,000 for a sewer system and sewage treatment plant at Norlina has been called by the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Norlina to be held on Tuesday, January 8, 1963.

The question to be submitted to the voters will be: "Shall an ordinance finally passed on November 27, 1962, authorizing the Town of Norlina, North Carolina, to authorize a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said Town may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Sanitary Sewer Bonds in an amount not exceeding \$165,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a sanitary sewer system for said Town, including the acquisition and construction of sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities and the acquisition of necessary land and rights of way, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest of said bonds, be approved?"

For said election the regular registration books for elections in said Town will be used and such books will be open for registration of voters not theretofore registered from 9 a. m. until sunset each day, beginning Saturday, December 15, and closing Saturday, December 29. On each Saturday during such period said books will remain open at the polling place, Saturday, January 5, 1963, is Challenge Day.

The polling place will be the Mayor's Office, A. B. Laughter is Registrar and Mrs. A. S. Wyckoff and Mrs. J. B. Lewis are Judges of Election.

The bonds will run for 33 years and their retirement will call for a 40c increase in the tax rate and a 50c sewer tax, Mayor Graham P. Grissom said yesterday.

The total cost of the project is expected to be \$300,500, Grissom said. He said that the town has already applied for a grant of 50% of the cost of the sewer lines and treatment plant. The application for the sewer lines grant was made to the House and Home Finance Agency in the amount of \$94,500, and to the United States Public Health Service for the sewage treatment plant in the amount of \$50,000. Grissom (See ELECTION, page 4)



Santa dismounts from Fire Truck here last Friday night and starts toward special house on court house lawn where he was greeted by hundreds of children. A crowd estimated at between four and five thousand was here for the Warren Merchants Association sponsored event. (Staff Photo)

Board Takes Note Of State's Anniversary

The State of North Carolina will be 300 years old in 1963, marking the tercentenary of the signing of the charter by which King Charles of England conveyed the colony to the Lords Proprietors.

The Board of County Commissioners at their meeting Monday took notice of the occasion by passing the following resolution which was ordered recorded in the minutes of the board:

"WHEREAS the year 1963 will mark the tercentenary of the Charter by which King Charles II of England conveyed to Edward, Earl of Clarendon; George, Duke of Albemarle; William, Lord Craven; John, Lord Berkeley; Anthony, Lord Ashley; Sir George Carteret, knight and baronet; Sir William Berkeley, knight; and Sir John Colleton, knight and baronet 'all that territory . . . in America, within six and thirty degrees of the northern latitude and to the west as far as the South Seas, and southerly as far as . . . one and thirty degrees of north latitude . . . and

"WHEREAS the foregoing event constitutes a major landmark in the early history of North Carolina as an English colony; and

"WHEREAS it is befitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginnings of the State of North Carolina; and

"WHEREAS the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina has seen fit to establish the Carolina Charter Tercentenary Commission to plan and develop a program for celebration of the tercentenary of the aforementioned Carolina Charter of 1663; and

WHEREAS the aforesaid Carolina Charter Tercentenary Commission through its committee on Commemorative (See RESOLUTIONS, page 4)

To Study In Switzerland Tasker Polk is spending a few days in Paris, France, en route to Basel, Switzerland, where he will study piano this winter.

Tobacco Allotments In Warren Cut 300 Acres

Tobacco allotments in Warren County will be cut more than 300 acres as the result of a 5% decrease in national allotments ordered by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman last Friday.

Thomas E. Watson, ASCS office manager, said Tuesday that Warren County's 1963 allotment would be 6034.09 acres—down 311.13 acres allotment in 1962.

Secretary Freeman in announcing that the national flue-cured tobacco acreage allotment would be cut from 747,262 acres to 710,190 acres, said this means that the tobacco acreage allotment for most individual farms will be 5% smaller than in 1962.

In making the individual allotments, a small acreage will be reserved for farms that have not grown flue-cured tobacco previously.

This was the first time since 1957 that a cut had been made in the acreage for flue-cured tobacco, used chiefly in the manufacture of cigarettes.

In announcing the 1963 acreage allotment, Freeman urged growers to follow cultural practices which will produce "ripe, grainy, full-bodied tobaccos which are acceptable to domestic and foreign users."

Freeman made no direct reference to the use of the chemical Maleic Hydrazide, known as MH-30, in the cultivation of flue-cured tobacco.

A majority of producers use MH-30 as an easy and inexpensive method of controlling suckers on tobacco plants, and also increases yields. But the department has held that its use has impaired the quality of tobacco and has caused a slow down in the expansion of export trade in the leaf.

Amos Capps To Again Head County Board

Amos L. Capps was re-elected chairman of the newly elected Board of County Commissioners on Monday afternoon when John Wilson assumed his duties with the board, succeeding C. C. Perkinson.

Capps was placed in nomination by Commissioner Richard R. Davis and his election was unanimous. Clerk S. E. Allen presided during the nomination and election of a chairman for the new board of which Wilson is the only new member.

All appointed officials were re-elected and all list-takers were named again to serve in 1963.

Officials re-elected were: A. P. Rodwell, Jr., auditor and tax collector; Charles M. White, III, solicitor of Recorder's, and assistant solicitor of Warren County Superior Court; James H. Limer, county attorney; A. E. Wilson, deputy tax collector; Jack Richardson, janitor.

Chairman Amos L. Capps was designated as the proper member of the board to have access to the lock box in the Citizens Bank at Warrenton. The Citizens Bank of Warrenton, The Peoples Bank of Norlina and the Bank of Halifax of Littleton were designated depositories for Warren County Funds.

Upon recommendation of Tax Collector A. P. Rodwell, Jr., the following persons were re-appointed as tax listers for 1963:

River Township—Mrs. Weston R. Northington.
Sixpound Township—Jasper W. Shearlin.
Hawtree Township—Gid W. King.
Nuthush Township—Mrs. W. S. Hicks, Jr.
Smith Creek Township—Annie N. Wilson.
Sandy Creek Township—W. W. O'Neal.
Shocco Township—Boyd M. Roams.
Fishing Creek Township—Mrs. Louise H. Gupton.
Judkins Township—Mrs. Gilbert T. Reid.
Warrenton Township—A. E. Wilson.
Fork Township—Mrs. Patsy Davis Coleman.

Roanoke Township—L. W. Kidd.

The following bonds were received and approved: Arthur Pettis Rodwell, Jr., Auditor; Joe N. Ellis, Clerk of Superior Court; James H. Hundley, Sheriff; Norman I. Haithecock, Coroner; Wiley Douglas Vaughan, Constable for Warrenton Township; Joseph Lloyd Cobb, Constable for Smith Creek Township.

It was ordered that the courthouse offices be closed at 12 noon, Saturday, December 22, and reopen on Thursday, December 27, at 9 a. m. for the Christmas holidays. It was also ordered that the courthouse be closed on January 1.

Board To Hold Zoning Hearing

A public hearing will be held at the courthouse on Thursday, January 10, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of giving all citizens and other interested parties an opportunity to be heard in regard to the zoning of the Gaston Lake area.

A map of the zoning area will be posted on the bulletin board in the county courthouse.

The date for the hearing was set by the county commissioners on Monday after George J. Monaghan, head of Raleigh area office, division of community planning, had appeared before the board with Marvis Newsom, chairman of the Warren County Planning Board, and Frank Reams, a member of the board, to discuss the ordinance.

Monaghan presented a map showing the area to be zoned, reduced in area from the original plan, and submitted a copy of the proposed regulations.

Following a discussion of the zoning plan, the commissioners set a date for a public hearing, as required by law.

The State Highway Commission was requested to add to the county road system that road in Rose Hill Park, Nuthush Township, being a connection to county road No. 1222, and being about 0.8 mile in length.

It was ordered that a do-

May Cost \$100,000 To Rewire Schools

Roger Peeler, superintendent of schools estimates that it will take around \$100,000 to rewire several old high schools of the county to meet demands of the State of North Carolina.

He told the commissioners on Monday that the John Graham High School must be rewired following an investigation by an assistant state electrical inspector. He estimated the cost at \$20,000.

Peeler said that the condition at John Graham is probably the best of any of the older schools of the county, and that he believes that all of them will have to be rewired to meet state safety standards.

He said that present plans call for re-wiring schools on a one-at-a-time basis, and he believes that this can be financed by the annual capital outlay levy now provided by the commissioners.

Peeler had appeared before the Board when Thomas J. Harrington, county electrical inspector, and former school electrical inspector, appeared before the board to announce that he was no longer electrical inspector for the school.

Harrington said that the only way that he could retain his position as school electrical inspector was to take a stiff refresher course and a stiff examination. "At my (See COSTS, page 2)

Two Groups Seek Lease On Wise Building

Whether or not the Wise school lease will be changed from the Wise Home Demonstration Club to the Wise-Paschall Community Club will not be determined until after the regular meeting of the Board of Education next Monday night when the Wise Home Demonstration Club is expected to be heard.

Monday night, following the meeting of colored school patrons with the Board of Education, a delegation from Wise appeared to ask the Board of Education to lease the school building to the group to be known as the Wise-Paschall Community Club.

The group pointed out that the building had been used for sometime by the community for various activities with no trouble until recently. Freddie Hicks, who asked the board that the building be leased to the Wise Home Demonstration Club when he appeared before the Board of Education several years ago, said that the use of the building by Mormons for recreational purposes was the cause of the discussion. He said that he was responsible for (See WISE, page 3)



Lion President Monroe Gardner is shown presenting athletic trophy to Coach Preacher Rogers and Ricky Etheridge during regular Lions meeting at Hotel Warren on Friday night.

Lions Honor Football Team

Members of the John Graham High School Football Team were honored at the regular meeting of the Warrenton Lions Club at Hotel Warren on Friday night.

Principal speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Troy Barrett.

The speaker made an interesting talk on the subject "Where Are You Going With Your Life?" He interspersed his more serious remarks with a number of timely and humorous stories.

Highlighting the occasion was the presentation by Lion President Monroe Gardner of a football trophy by the club for outstanding achievement in athletics. The trophy was received by Coach Preacher Rogers and Steve Clark, Ricky Etheridge and Billy Rogers, tri-captains of the team. It bore the inscription: "District 3 Champions, 1963, John Graham High School, Warrenton, N. C., presented by the Warrenton Lions Club, Warrenton, N. C."