

The Faces Of Young Artists



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Validity Of Tucker Will To Be Decided By Jury

Cousins Seek Court Relief

A jury is expected to decide next week whether the will of an 81 year-old Warren County woman, Mrs. Mattie L. Tucker, was written under "duress and undue and improper influence."

The case in which five cousins of Mrs. Tucker will seek to have the court set aside the provisions of the contested will is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday during the October civil term of Warren County Superior Court.

Mrs. Tucker's cousins, none residents of Warren County, filed a protest on March 28, 1963, contending that the Tucker estate, of considerable value, was bequeathed to Warren County women by reason of Mrs. Tucker's "old age, disease, and both mental and physical weakness and infirmity." Mrs. Tucker's will was signed on February 18, 1963, two weeks before her death.

The two women named as heirs in the will are Mrs. Sadie Bolton Thompson and her daughter, Mrs. Grace Thompson Young. The two, as propounders in the case, will be represented by the law firm of Banzet & Banzet.

Caveators, or those contesting the will, will be represented by Warrenton attorney John H. Kerr, Jr. and the firm of Maupin, Taylor and Ellis.

Contesting the will are John Morris Tucker of Durham, Mary Scott Craver of Yadkin County, and John Pryor Tucker, Betty Jean Tucker Morris and Barbara Tucker Knight, all of Norfolk, Va.

The October term will begin Monday morning with Judge Hamilton Hobgood of Louisburg presiding. A dozen cases including four divorce actions have been placed on the trial docket. Two cases, Dr. S. H. Massey vs. Robert Champion, and Creative Homes Corp. vs. Carl Joyner, are on the motion docket.

Cases scheduled for Monday are Elnora Rodwell Hendricks vs. Matthew Hendricks. (See WILL, page 4)

TO IMPROVE EDUCATION HERE

Education Board Would Like Aid

Members of the Warren County Board of Education Monday night moved to have Warren County included among a number of Tar Heel counties expected to receive assistance during a five-year, \$14 million assault on ignorance and poverty in some North Carolina depressed areas.

Board members requested that school officials look into the possibility of having Warren County receive a portion of the funds, which Gov. Terry Sanford has said would be spent in an effort to break the "cycle of poverty."

Fifth Annual Cullom Association Session Begins Wednesday

The Cullom Baptist Association will begin its fifth annual session Wednesday at the Littleton Baptist Church with the program beginning at 4 P. M. and continuing until 9:00 p. m. Supper will be served by the host church. Special features of the first of the two-day meet include a sermon by the Rev. J. M. Long, and musical concert by the Chowan College Choir at 6:45. Other speakers for the day will include Dr. Carl English, associational missionary, and Dr. Roger Crook of Meredith College. The leader and speaker for the worship services at the beginning of all sessions will be the Rev. John R. Link.

The Thursday session will meet with the New Sandy Creek Baptist Church with the sessions beginning at 10 a. m. and closing at 3:15 p. m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p. m. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. H. Puckett. Representatives from the various institutions of the denomination will be featured speakers for the day.

Familiar Subjects

Painting and drawing are as familiar as the three R's for scores of elementary school children in Warren County. Above, students in Mrs. Alton Pridgen's second grade at the Mariam Boyd Elementary School here reflect the thought and energy which goes into a work of art.

Growers May Use Program

Warren wheat growers can use the 1964 feed grain program to help maintain income from 1964-crop wheat while continuing progress in meeting the program's objectives, T. E. Watson, office manager for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, announced this week.

Many wheat growers also produce feed grains, Watson pointed out, and by diverting acreage under the feed grain program, such growers could receive both diversion and price-support payments, thus offsetting a possible loss of income from the 1964 wheat crop. Producers who divert 40 percent or more of their farm's feed grain base will be eligible for the maximum rate of payment under the program.

The feed grain program provision with regard to maintaining a farm's normal acreage in conserving use also may be instrumental in helping hold down wheat plantings. It will mean that any planting of wheat in excess of the farm wheat allotment on a complying feed grain farm would have to be at the expense of some other soil-depleting crop.

Eats Cake Cap

Teacher Jon Burwell promised his pupils he would eat his hat on the courthouse square here if the Dodgers won four straight games in the World Series.

Last week he made good on his promise, much to the screaming delight of scores of students who gathered on the square after learning that the faculty member was going to keep his word.

Burwell fulfilled his promise late Thursday as he consumed his hat on the steps of the Warren County Courthouse. Students discovered after the first bite that Burwell's hat was a cake baked in the shape of a derby.

Hotel Here Gets Another Lease On Life From Town

New District 14 Officers Are Elected During Federation Meet

Lease Goes To Kimball

Hotel Warren, doomed to be closed by action of the board of town commissioners on Monday night, was given a new lease on life on Tuesday afternoon when the commissioners agreed to negotiate a new lease.

A. C. Fair, chairman of the Hotel Committee and also chairman of the Warren Hotel Corporation, told the commissioners at their regular session Monday night that the Hotel Corporation was surrendering its lease, effective Tuesday. The commissioners, in compliance with an order issued several months ago, to close the hotel when the Hotel Corporation surrendered its lease, said the hotel would be closed Wednesday. They instructed Fair to take necessary steps to close the hotel after draining water pipes and taking other necessary action for protecting the town's property in the hotel.

Fair, who told the commissioners Monday night that he had exhausted every possibility of keeping the hotel in operation, was informed Tuesday morning that Maurice Kimball of Manson, who has been connected with the hotel's operation for several years, desired to lease the hotel. He contacted the commissioners and on Tuesday afternoon they agreed to lease the hotel to Kimball.

While Hotel Warren, whose operation has proven a headache to town commissioners for many years, has come close at times to being closed, this week's escape was the narrowest it has had in its more than 40 years of operation. The commissioners had decided to close the hotel some four years ago, when a group of interested citizens formed the Warren Hotel Corporation to keep the hotel in operation, and put much effort and considerable money into the venture. Fair said Monday night that they

By RUTH MINCHER

LITTLETON—Officers for 1964-66 were elected for District 14, North Carolina Federated Women's Clubs, when the Littleton Woman's Club entertained the district clubwomen here Tuesday. The meeting was held in the Littleton Methodist Church with Mrs. W. T. Skinner, III, retiring president, presiding.

Mrs. J. W. Weathers, Jr., of Youngsville will lead the group as president for the next two years. Serving with her will be Mrs. W. W. Wicks of Roanoke Rapids, vice-president; Mrs. Stephen Daniel of Norlina, junior director, and Mrs. R. B. Butler of Warrenton as treasurer.

The slate of officers was announced by Mrs. L. A. Denton of Roanoke Rapids, chairman of the nominating committee. Also on Mrs. Denton's committee were Mrs. Leigh Traylor of Norlina and Mrs. B. B. Everette of Palmyra.

Named for the state nominating committee at this meeting were Miss Mary Howell of Oxford and Mrs. W. W. Wicks of Roanoke Rapids, junior representative.

Mrs. James T. Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and later sang "He Smiled on Me," by O'Hara, accompanied by Mrs. Marvin Newsom, organist. The assembly sang the Clubwoman's Hymn, also with Mrs. Newsom as accompanist.

Mrs. W. W. Johnston, president of the Littleton Club, gave the welcome and Miss Elizabeth Harris, president of the Seaboard Woman's Club, gave the response.

Distinguished guests and pages, state and district chairman and past presidents and "Mrs. North Carolina"—Mrs. Leigh Traylor, were recognized.

The roll was called by Mrs. Fred West, secretary.

Mrs. A. G. Hutton, third vice president NCFWC, of Wilmington, was presented by Mrs. Wicks. Mrs. Hutton spoke on "Our Growing Responsibilities."

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., of Southport, outgoing state president, was introduced by Mrs. Richard Whitfield, vice president. Mrs. Harper's address was entitled "Let Us Take Time."

A luncheon was served at the Community Building. The tables were covered with white linen damask cloths and arrangements of red pyracantha berries and miniature ivy were used at points on each table. On the presidents' table was a massive

arrangement of fruit, berries and small pumpkins.

Mrs. Harper presented 100 per cent certificates to Franklinton, Henderson, Jackson, Littleton, Macon Community Club, Norlina Literature and Music Club, Norlina Woman's Club, Oxford Intermediate Club, Oxford Woman's Club, Roanoke Rapids Woman's Club, Scotland Neck Woman's Club, Seaboard, Warrenton and Youngsville.

Mrs. Hutton presented 100 per cent Junior Club certificates to Butner, Henderson, Louisburg, Norlina, Oxford, Roanoke Rapids and Weldon.

Mrs. Melton Synder gave the Scrapbook report. She (See WOMEN, page 4)

Defendant Draws Term In Four Liquor Cases

Four violations of liquor laws brought four 18-month road sentences for a Warren County man in Warren Recorder's Court last Friday.

Lonnie Taylor, who pled not guilty to all four counts against him, was ordered by Judge Julius Banzet to serve the terms concurrently. Taylor was charged with possession, possession of materials and equipment to manufacture illegal whiskey, possession of non-taxpaid alcoholic beverages and manufacture of non-taxpaid whiskey.

The four cases against Taylor were among 20 cases disposed of during Friday's session. Three of the cases were remanded to justices of the peace for hearings. These included Thomas Robinson, non-support and trespass; Clementine Robinson, assault with intent to kill; and Clarence Edward Young, improper

brakes.

An 18-year-old Warrenton boy, Charles Moseley, was ordered to appear at the January term of Warren County Superior Court to answer to charges of breaking and entering. His appearance bond was set at \$100.

In other cases disposed of Friday, the following action was taken:

Stewart Kenneth Sutton, non-support, not guilty of failure to provide support for Stewart Kenneth Powell; guilty of willfully failing and refusing to support Evelyn Marie Powell. He was given a 60-day road sentence suspended five years upon condition that he pay \$17 bi-weekly for the support of Evelyn Marie Powell and pay the costs of court. (See COURT, page 4)

No Warren School Would Meet New Accreditation Standards

Today, white and Negro high schools throughout this county are accredited. In two years, such may not be the case. Areas in which Warren schools would fail to meet state requirements will be pinpointed during a series of five articles dealing with high school accreditation in Warren County. The first in the series, a survey in deficiencies at Warrenton's John Graham High School follows.

By HOWARD JONES

Warren County's schools are lagging behind in a race that has just begun. Two years from now, five Warren County high schools must meet minimum standards established by the State Department of Public Instruction or face loss of accreditation. Today, school officials admit, not a single white or Negro high school in the county would pass the test if new accreditation standards were used.

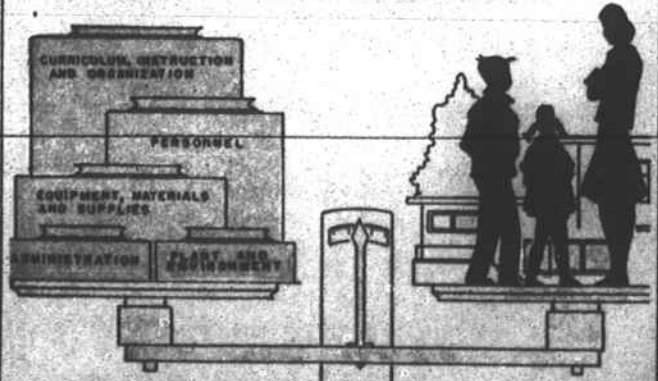
Currently caught sprinting toward a goal of better physical facilities for thousands of children, Warren School officials now find themselves facing the unpleasant prospect of having to run in two directions at the same time.

One direction leads towards improved physical plant—one area needed to meet accreditation standards. The other direction leads to improved curriculum, instruction, organization, personnel, equipment, material, supplies and administration. Both must be reached by 1965, when new standards are placed in effect. Both take money, anything but a surplus commodity as far as school officials are concerned.

Schoolmen covet accreditation with the same gusto that misers eye money. It's a sign of a job well done, it's a symbol that their schools, if not perfect in every respect, at least gain an over-all up-to-par rating. Warren School Supt. Roger Peeler defines accreditation candidly:

"It's like walking into a restaurant and seeing a 'B' sanitation rating. The food may be just as good, but somehow you don't want to eat there as much." Peeler says the same is true of the schools. Without accreditation, a school may still give a child a good education, perhaps a better education than could be found in some schools wearing the

First In A Series: John Graham High



"accredited" label. But a non-accredited school, no matter how effective its instruction, is handicapped by a stigma of "non-accreditation." This word "accreditation," something now burning the lips of those charged with running Warren's school system, means more than just

getting the job done, a loss of accreditation could mean more than a loss of prestige, as J. Comer Griffin, assistant school superintendent here, is quick to point out: "Losing accreditation could mean, in future years, that hundreds of Warren high school graduates would be penalized in their quest for continued education because they graduated from non-accredited schools. It could well mean that many colleges, as they raise their admission standards, will begin to bar the door to graduates of non-accredited schools."

Griffin is one who is becoming rapidly acquainted with Warren's shortcomings on the road to future accreditation. For more than a month he has been studying the county's schools, both in

side and out. What he has found leaves much to be desired. He describes many of the areas where Warren schools fall down as "crucial" here, is quick to point out: "Losing accreditation could mean, in future years, that hundreds of Warren high school graduates would be penalized in their quest for continued education because they graduated from non-accredited schools. It could well mean that many colleges, as they raise their admission standards, will begin to bar the door to graduates of non-accredited schools."

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of schooling, present slight encouragement for school officials. But there are encouraging signs. Griffin reported that few deficiencies in school organization and administration were found. Shortcomings in the county's high schools varied, but no school has not, as Griffin terms it, "missed the boat" in some areas.

Perhaps the greatest deficiency, and one demanding immediate attention if standards are to be met, lies in library service. Griffin calls the library the "heart of any school," yet no white school in the county has an accredited library. Some of the existing libraries are half the size of a normal classroom. John B. Hawkins and North Warren (See ACCREDITATION, p. 4)