



Sledding replaced schooling in Warren County this week as the season's first snowstorm turned the countryside into a child's playground. Taking advantage of the snow, above Neblett, in the foreground, gets a shove on his sled from Walter. Below Cathy Bullock, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bullock of Warrenton, gives a helping hand to Harriet Benton, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Selby Benton of Warrenton.

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(Staff Photos)



## Warren Voters Favor 'Little Federal' Plan

### 4-1 Edge Given In Vote Here

#### OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

Precinct	Special Session Amendment No. 1		Wife's Property Rights Amendment No. 2	
	For	Against	For	Against
River	87	13	71	24
Sixpound	57	11	58	9
Hawtree	78	7	76	5
Smith Creek	26	9	28	6
Nutbush	37	3	28	10
Sandy Creek	58	63	71	50
Shocco	41	11	38	11
Fishing Creek	30	1	27	3
Judkins	27	15	25	16
W. Warrenton	158	78	197	35
Fork	29	12	37	2
Roanoke	16	0	16	0
Norlina	96	28	84	31
E. Warrenton	135	33	130	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>231</b>

Casting one of the lightest votes in recent years, Warren County voters on Tuesday voted overwhelmingly in favor of the two constitutional amendments submitted to the electorate in a special election.

While Warren County was voting nearly four to one for the two amendments—875 to 284 for the redistricting amendment, and 886 to 231 for the wife's property rights amendment—the state voted nearly two to one against the redistricting amendment, with the heaviest adverse vote coming from the larger counties of the state.

More than two-thirds of the counties of the State voted in favor of the redistricting amendment. Sixty-seven of the counties favor the redistricting amendment, and only 33 counties gave a majority against the amendment, but opposition was centered in the more populous counties.

All of Warren County's 14 precincts voted in favor of the wife's property rights amendment, and only one precinct voted against the redistricting amendment. Sandy Creek cast 57 votes in favor of this amendment and 65 against. Strongest opposition to the amendment was in West Warrenton Precinct where 79 opposed, but here 158 voted in favor of the amendment.

Roanoke Precinct cast all of its 16 votes for both amendments. Fishing Creek Precinct was close behind on a percentage basis, casting 30 votes for the redistricting amendment and 1 against. Three voters in Fishing Creek opposed the wife's property rights amendment and 27 favored it.

### Wise Baptist Church To Observe Baptist Men Day Jan. 21

Members of the Wise Baptist Church will observe Baptist Men's Day on January 26, the Rev. A. T. Ayscue, pastor, announced yesterday. During the service the spotlight will focus on the men of the church, he said.

Wise Baptist Church is one of an estimated 15,000 churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention which will recognize their men for past services on this special day, Mr. Ayscue said.

Observance of Baptist Men's Day, an annual event, was begun in Baptist Churches in 1933. It was known then as Laymen's Day. The name was officially changed last year to Baptist Men's Day to include all the men, including the pastor.

Mr. Ayscue said that among the features planned at Wise Baptist Church involving men will be Christian testimony, recognition service, a men's chorus, and other activities. Sponsor of the special day is the Brotherhood of the Wise Baptist Church, of which C. H. Thompson is president.

### 1-85 Bids Approved

BOYDTON, VA.—A \$1,112,601 contract with S. T. Wooten Construction Co. of Stantonburg, N. C. was awarded this week for work on four-lane Interstate 85 in Mecklenburg County.

The contract was one of two issued for work on Interstate 85, with the contracts totaling \$1,617,694. The second contract, with E. C. Womack, Inc., Norfolk, was for \$506,093.

The two contracts were among 11 totaling \$16,238,000 received in Richmond Jan. 1. The contracts awarded were made by the State Highway Commission for work on the Interstate system and secondary highways.

### Board To Negotiate Over Bid

A low bid of \$13,675 for equipping a new fire truck for the town of Warrenton failed to win approval from the town's commissioners here Monday night.

Board members agreed to negotiate with the low bidder, Baker Equipment Engineering Co., in an effort to bring the cost of the proposed truck in line with figures earlier submitted to the board. Cost of equipping the truck was expected to run between \$11,000 and \$11,500, leaving \$3,500-\$4,000 for purchase of a chassis.

Commissioners expressed unwillingness to exceed the \$415,000 mark in securing a replacement for the town's present truck, in operation for roughly a quarter of a century.

On hand at the meeting was D. M. Ross of Charlotte, factory representative for the Baker Company. Ross said that the company had followed specifications submitted by the town's fire committee, but that some equipment specified could be eliminated without seriously affecting the proposed truck's efficiency.

The only other bid received was submitted by the John Bean Company, less than \$100 higher than the Baker bid. However, the Bean bid did not include delivery to the town.

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### Rural Roads Taking Terrific Beating

North Carolina's unpaved roads are taking a terrific beating from the worst winter since 1957, Highway Commission Chairman Merrill Evans said in a statement released to the press on Tuesday. The loss will run into tens of millions of dollars.

"North Carolina's 30,000 miles of unpaved secondary roads are taking a terrific beating from the worst winter since 1957," the chairman said. "Six weeks of freezing and thawing, coupled with heavy rains and snow, have left thousands of miles of road foundations too soft to carry normal traffic and in far too many areas, too soft to carry any traffic at all.

Roads which were drained, graded and stabilized with from six to ten inches of stone last summer and fall are now impassable. This is a condition we have not faced in many years and the loss runs into tens of millions of dollars.

"On numerous occasions in the past month, our forces have been on an around-the-clock shift, placing crushed stone and other materials on roads that have gone to pieces. Freezing and thawing in the past ten days have left these roads just as if the stone never had been placed on them.

"When our secondary roads become soft to the point that they are today, it is practically impossible to stabilize them until they are completely dry.

"Just as long as many of our main rural roads are unsurfaced, we will continue to face these intolerable conditions when winters are as severe as this one has been.

"Complaints are coming to the Highway Commission by the hundreds from all sections of the State. The problem is not confined to any one area.

"Highway Commission forces will continue to do everything possible to keep on an emergency basis, but with half the winter before us and the foundation of the roads already lost, we face some trying days before spring opens up."

### Warren Ranks 79th In Per Capita Income

Warren County ranks 79th among the 100 counties of the State in per capita income, according to figures released to Governor Sanford Tuesday by the State Department of Tax Research.

The report is based on 1962 figures and shows considerable improvement over the 1958 estimate, but the tax report cautions that improvements in a number of counties may be due to a more accurate method of computation and the inclusion of several factors omitted from the 1958 study.

Warren County's per capita income in 1962 was \$1,115, compared with a state average of \$1,732, and a national average of \$2,566.

Leading all counties in the State was Mecklenburg with a per capita income average of \$2,461; followed by Forsyth, \$2,372; Guilford, \$2,315; Durham, \$2,228; and Wake, \$2,155. The per capita income of three other counties was above

\$2,000. They are Alamance, Cabarrus and Catawba. All the eight counties whose inhabitants had average per capita incomes of more than \$2,000 are in the Piedmont.

The county with the smallest per capita income was Clay, a mountain county, with a per capita income of \$768. Six counties had a per capita income of less than \$1,000. They are Yancey, Madison, Avery, Tyrell, Jones, and Clay.

### Snow And Ice Mark Trail Of First Visit Of Ole Man Winter

Ole Man Winter began his annual landscape painting here during the past weekend, uncorking an icy brush Saturday night and whitewashing Warren County with a stroke that left the county bogged down in a couple of inches of snow.

Paved roads and sidewalks were covered as the season's first real snowfall blanketed the area.

School children began a classroom holiday Monday as the snow and ice held its grip on the county's roads, and customer traffic dropped to a trickle in most of the county's retail stores.

Rising temperatures on Thursday promised some relief to the area, but weathermen warned of the possibility of another wintry wallop on Friday. Schools remained closed for the fourth day in a row Thursday, with school officials waiting until mid-afternoon to reach a decision on reopening.

A decision on whether or not Warren County schools, closed all this week on account of snow and sleet, will be open Friday was expected to be made yesterday afternoon by J. Rodger Peeler, Superintendent of Schools, after conferring with school principals. The decision, too late to appear in this newspaper, will be announced over radio.

Although Warren schools may be closed tomorrow, this will not necessarily mean the cancelling of basketball games among county schools, Peeler said. This decision will remain with the principals.

### Only One Case Tried

Only one case was tried in Recorder's Court last Friday.

Ruth Moore was charged with possession of whiskey for the purpose of sale. Prayer for judgment was continued under the condition that she close up and not re-open a joint she was operating.

### Commissioners Vote For 18-Year Plan

Warrenton commissioners Monday night voted to adopt an 18-year payment schedule to retire bonds sold to underwrite the major portion of the cost of the town's new sewage treatment plant.

The decision followed an hour-long study of projected payment plans—one an 18-year plan, the other a 30-year plan—prepared by the N. C. Local Government Commission. Adoption of the shorter schedule will mean higher annual payments for the town, but could mean a savings of approximately \$45,000 in interest fees.

Largest amount to be paid during the 18-year period would be due during the 1964-65 fiscal year, when the town must make a \$23,872.50 payment. Had the 30-year plan been adopted, the largest payment would have been \$19,422.50.

Commissioners, while indicating that the town might be hard-pressed to meet the payments, were reluctant to increase taxes. A plan to raise the sewage charge by five per cent failed to win favorable consideration. The plan would have brought an extra \$1,600 into the town till yearly.

In other business to come before the board, Warrenton Night Officer Dorsey Capps was allowed to draw both salary and car allowance from the town. Commissioners explained that the request would not increase the amount paid monthly to Capps.

Board members also voted to appropriate \$25 to advertise the town in a proposed recreational brochure being prepared under the auspices of the Roanoke River Basin Association.