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Warren Hospital Employs Surgeon

Warren County General Hospital has employed a full-time surgeon, Dave Richards, hospital administrator, announced yesterday.

Dr. Raiford Douglas Baxley of Siler City has accepted a position as surgeon with the local hospital and is expected to begin his duties here early in June.

A native of Stanley County, Dr. Baxley moved with his family to Scotland County shortly after birth. He graduated from Launburg High School. He attended pre-med school at the University of North Carolina, receiving his A. B. degree. He attended Medical School for two years at the University of North Carolina, and spent two years at the Medical School at the University of Chicago where he was graduated in 1940.



DR. BAXLEY

Dr. Baxley interned at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., and spent the next 14 months as housestaff at Tayloe Hospital, Washington, N. C. He entered service in August, 1942, and spent three years in North Africa, the remainder of his service being spent at Butner. He continued a surgical residency at Watts Hospital in Durham, and then in Dr. W. B. McCutchen's office as associate. He passed the Surgical Board examination and moved to Siler City in 1950.

Dr. Baxley is a Fellow American College of Surgeons, Fellow International College of Surgeons, a member American Board Diplomate in Surgery, a member Southern Medical Association, a member American Medical Association, a member North Carolina Medical Society, a member of Chatham County Medical Society, and the Siler City Rotary Club. He is a Mason, a member of the Presbyterian Church in Laurinburg, and attended the Baptist Church in Siler City where he is a Sunday School teacher.

Dr. Baxley has two sons, Douglas, 17, who will graduate from Siler City High School in June and enter the University of North Carolina this fall; and Raiford, Jr., a graduate of Mars Hill, who now works and resides in Wagram, N. C.

Connells Awarded \$100,500 In Suit Over Lake Land

A consent judgment was signed by Judge William Copeland Tuesday awarding damages to Mr. and Mrs. Hal W. Connell in the amount of \$100,500 for lands in Gaston Lake taken by Virginia Electric and Power Company in condemnation proceedings.

Judge Copeland presided over the special civil term of Superior Court which opened here Monday and closed before noon Tuesday. A jury heard several witnesses for the defense on Monday afternoon and on Tuesday morning the jury was dismissed after both parties to the suit had agreed to waive jury trial and leave the decision and the judgment to the court.

Commissioners appointed by the court had previously awarded

Mr. and Mrs. Connell damages in the amount of \$147,500, and this decision had been appealed by VEPCO.

In making the appeal the power company had posted cash bond in the amount of \$147,500. In his judgment Judge Copeland ordered that the deed to the property be given to VEPCO; that Mr. and Mrs. Connell be awarded \$100,500, and that the difference, \$47,500, plus accrued interest on the bond posted by the power company be returned to VEPCO.

Attorneys for Mr. and Mrs. Connell were Banzet & Banzet of Warrenton. Representing the power company were J. Milton Farley, III, W. Lunsford Crew of Roanoke Rapids and John Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton.



Hotel Warren To Be Sold

Hotel Warren, being advertised for sale at public auction this week, is expected to continue to be operated as a hotel, Mayor W. A. Miles, said yesterday.

The date of sale is May 18. The property will be sold sub-

ject to a restriction, providing forfeiture and reversion to the grantor, that "for a period of twenty-five years following such sale, the above premises shall be used, operated and kept open as a hotel apartment house, lodge, inn, and restaurant and

shall have space and facilities comparable to those now existing for the use of civic clubs, societies and organizations."

The Hotel Committee, of which A. C. Fair is chairman, has been in contact for several weeks with a responsible party who has made an offer for the hotel. The amount of the offer is not made public in view of the fact that the property is to be sold at public auction, but

it was sufficient to cause the Commissioners in special meeting last Thursday night to order that the hotel be advertised for sale.

Mayor Miles said yesterday that the town, which for several years has been trying to get out of the hotel business, received a good offer from a responsible party and decided to sell the Hotel.

Court Finds Probable Cause In Theft Case

Willie Moore was bound over to Warren County Superior Court under \$500 bond when he appeared in Warren County Recorder's Court to answer a charge of larceny of an automobile. Moore pled not guilty but the court found probable cause.

contempt of court and willfully and wrongfully refused and neglected to support his wife and five children.

Approximately 10,500 Persons Take Polio Vaccine On Sunday

Joshua Miller Perry, sentenced to the roads for six months, appealed his case to Superior Court and appearance bond was set at \$250. Perry was found guilty on charges of drunk driving, driving after license revoked, driving with improper brakes and improper registration.

Milton Owen Gardner, who pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving, was ordered to pay a \$50.00 fine and court costs.

Linwood Eugene Thompson was ordered to pay a \$10.00 fine and court costs after he had pled guilty to a charge of speeding.

Edgerton Plummer pled guilty to a charge of drunk driving. He was ordered to pay a \$125 fine and court costs.

Billy Keith Fallaw pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle with no operator's license (restriction on license for glasses) and was ordered to pay court costs.

Lenburg Clanton was ordered to serve six months on the roads when it was revealed that he had failed to meet the terms of a suspended sentence imposed on July 17, 1958, when he was tried for non-support. At that time he was ordered to pay the sum of \$18.00 per week to the Welfare Department for the support of his wife and five children. The court last Friday found that the defendant "is now in default and in

contempt of court and willfully and wrongfully refused and neglected to support his wife and five children.

Tommy Riggan, a member of the Aycock High School faculty, has been elected vice-president of the Classroom Teacher's Association in Vance County for 1964-65.

Ridgeway Services
Services will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway, on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Governor Announces N. C. Fund Counties

Raleigh - Governor Sanford announced Monday the first seven projects involving 13 counties that will receive grants from the North Carolina Fund to fight poverty conditions. At the same time he revealed a \$400,000 federal grant for anti-poverty coordination studies in 43 other counties.

The fund, a private non-profit organization, has available about \$14 million to support local efforts against poverty. The efforts will involve programs in such fields as basic education, job training and health.

The projects chosen were submitted by (1) Robeson, Richmond and Scotland counties, (2) Craven County, (3) Nash and Edgecombe counties, (4) Durham County, (5) Mecklenburg County (6) Forsyth County, and (7) Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

The amount of the grants to the seven project areas has not yet been fixed. Small grants will be made immediately to hire a director for each project and to pay organizational costs.

Larger grants will follow to carry out individual programs for up to four years.

Most of the counties which submitted proposals, but were not included in Monday's announcement, still will receive some form of help from the Fund, the Governor said. (Warren County had applied for fund help.)

In announcing the seven projects chosen, the Governor said: "These are not necessarily going to take all the money we have. There will be additional comprehensive projects. It is our intention in the North Carolina Fund to find help for each of the 66 counties which made a proposal."



Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 641 of Warrenton enjoyed a bicycle trip to Hamme Pond on Friday where they held a cook-out and were presented cyclist's awards. The group was accompanied by State Highway Patrolman V. R. Vaughan, on a bicycle, and Mrs. Vaughan in a car. The Scouts left Warrenton around 10:30 after posing for

Rotarians Endorse Tax Plan

The Warrenton Rotary Club Tuesday night endorsed the "Nickels for Warren County Progress," a plan to have the county levy a 5¢ tax on the \$100 valuation for the industrial and agricultural progress of the county.

Action of the club followed a talk by Monroe Gardner, representing the Bute Development Company, in which he stressed the value of industries to the county. More industries will not only help to keep our young people in the county, but will also attract other persons to the county. He pointed out the value of industries now operating in the county, and used population figures of the past and population trends in support of his plea for additional industries.

J.G. Student Gets \$9,000 Scholarship

A Warren County boy has received a \$9,000 scholarship to one of the nation's leading universities.

Edward N. Shearin, senior at John Graham High School at Warrenton, has been notified by the College of Engineering, Cornell University at Ithica, New York, that he has been awarded a John McMullen Regional Scholarship of \$1,600 per year for the five years necessary to complete the requirements for the bachelor's degree, the first degree in engineering.

According to the Director of Student Personnel at Cornell University, this award is made annually to those students entering the college of engineering who are capable not only of high academic achievement, but who appear in other respects to show promise of successful professional careers.

In addition, Shearin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Shearin of Churchill, will be entitled to borrow up to \$900, the director said.

McMullen Scholars are expected to maintain a scholastic average for each academic year which places them in the top half of their college class. Failure to maintain this standing for any year will result in the reduction of the stipend by \$500, but with the opportunity to borrow to make up the loss. The full stipend will be restored upon regaining the required academic standing at the end of any succeeding year.

In congratulating Shearin, Donald Moyer, Director of Student Personnel, stated that many distinguished Cornell alumni have been McMullen Scholars, a distinction to be borne proudly, to be accepted as a challenge to the scholar's



EDWARD N. SHEARIN

Four Negroes File For Seats On Boards

For the first time in more than 60 years members of the Negro race are seeking positions on county boards.

Two Negroes are seeking berths on the board of county commissioners and two are appealing to the voters to place them on the board of education. In addition one Negro is seeking a position as Township Constable.

Both the board of county commissioners and the board of education operate under a district plan of election where each member is selected from one of five districts.

Seeking to upset Commissioner Alfred J. Ellington as county commissioner is John R. Ellis, operator of a meat market at Warrenton. Seeking the seat held by Commissioner Richard R. Davis is Marvin K. Boyd.

Mrs. R. E. Ransom of Warrenton is seeking to unseat Dr. S. H. Massey, Jr., as member from Warrenton on the board of education, and Ernest R. Turner, president of the Warren County Chapter of the NAACP, is seeking the position now held by Eugene R. Davis, presently serving as chairman of the

In addition T. T. Clayton, Negro attorney at Warrenton, is a candidate for State House of Representatives. This position is also sought by Frank B. Banzet, Warrenton attorney, and W. R. Drake of Macon, who operates an insurance agency at Warrenton.

George E. Shearin, Negro, will oppose Earl Lewis, Jr., in the race for Township Constable of Sandy Creek Township.

Due to the district representation plan for election to the boards of commissioners and education, Commissioners John Wilson, Amos Capps, and Robert Thorne and education members Boyd Mayfield, J. T. Gupton and Ed Harvey will not have opposition. Although nominations for these two offices are made from specified districts, the vote for each candidate is on a county-wide basis.

The filing of the Negro candidates for the positions on the county's two principal boards follows a step-up drive for voter registration being conducted by the Warren County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Pitchford Rites Held At Graveside

Graveside services for William Tines Pitchford, 71, who died Tuesday, were held Thursday at 11 a. m. at the Pitchford family cemetery near the home.

He is survived by his wife, the former Sarah Vaughan; one daughter, Miss Nettie Florence Pitchford of the home; three sons, Staff Sgt. William T. Pitchford, Jr., of Durham, Staff Pitchford, Jr., of Durham, Staff Sgt. Sam P. Pitchford of Ft. Benning, Ga., and John W. Pitchford of the home; one brother, Jimmy Pitchford of Littleton; one sister, Mrs. Joe W. Neal of Littleton, R. I.; and six grandchildren.

Precinct Meetings To Be Held Saturday

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