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From 1960 until 1966 Warren County's population decreased from 19,652 to 17,591, a loss of 2,071. This does not tell the whole story of migration of Warren County citizens, for there has been a surplus of births over deaths, and this means that to the 2,071 loss reported by the census that several hundred more must be added due to natural increase.

A large number of these who left the county left their children here, usually with the grandparents, and the education of these children has become a bone of contention with many citizens of the county.

Some of those who left the country and left their children here have sent money home for their care and as a result in many instances the grandparents have been able to keep off relief. Others have sent no money home and care of the children has placed a burden on their grandparents, and no doubt in some cases added to the relief load of Warren County. Many of the children are illegitimate and have nowhere to go except the homes of their grandparents.

According to figures submitted to the Board of Education by the "Interested Citizens of Warren County" last week there are 441 of these children attending Warren County schools and 142 of these are not paying the \$50 tuition fee required by the county. This means that the

tuition fee of 299 of these children is being paid either by the parents or their grandparents or other relatives with whom the children have been left. It can be assumed that in many cases it is the grandparents who have assumed the payment of these fees because of a sense of obligation and a love for these children. The Board of Education says that it has had a careful examination of these 142 children and found that they had no place to go and no money to pay the tuition fee.

To refuse to educate these unfortunate children is to penalize a child for the misdeeds or lack of good fortune of their parents. This, we think, is a moral issue.

But it is more than a moral issue. It is an economic issue. If these children are denied an opportunity to obtain an education they are being denied the opportunity in later years to earn decent livings, for in our modern economy there is no place for the uneducated and the unskilled. So it can be assumed that these children grown to manhood with no developed skills will either join the criminal element or land on relief or both, while becoming the parents of other children who, because of their environment, will never have a decent chance for a fair life. And it will be found that the cost to Warren County will be a great deal more than the cost of educating them.

R. Mt. Firm Would Operate Branch Here

ROCKY MOUNT — Builders Federal Savings and Loan Association, with offices in Rocky Mount and Wilson, today announced that it had applied for approval to offer mobile unit service in three northeastern North Carolina towns.

T. E. Davenport, Builders Federal President, said the

association had submitted the application to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and is awaiting action on the request to start the service.

Davenport said Builders Federal proposes to serve the towns of Ahoskie, Murfreesboro, and Warrenton with a mobile unit that will be a fully equipped bus type vehicle.

Davenport said the application stipulates that the service will be provided in Ahoskie two days per week and in Murfreesboro and Warrenton on a

one day a week schedule.

"Northeastern North Carolina is growing and people in that area are requiring more and more services as the communities develop," he said. "One of the services they require is that offered by savings and loans," he pointed out. "As one of those institutions already operating in that general area in Rocky Mount, we feel some obligation to expand our services to those who need them in three communities," he explained.

It would be well, I think, for us to use our imagination. Here is a man and his family in Warren County unable to find work. He could moonshine or bootleg until such time as he was caught by the authorities, or he could leave the county. With no skill and little education, the chances of his finding work in the north was problematic, but there was always the chance, while there was no work at home. Under the circumstances, he left his children here and he and his wife went north. Sometimes both found work; more often the wife only found work as a domestic, and the men could find no work. But, if the worst came to the worst, there was always the Welfare. Since payments were many times greater than those paid in the South, they remained in the North, and sent nothing home.

In like manner, early detection and treatment can prevent someone you know and love from losing the kingdom of mental health. As part of its total war against mental illness, the North Carolina Mental Health Association conducts a continuing public information program, designed to increase every citizen's ability to recognize mental illness—to know what to do, and where to turn for help, if mental illness should strike.

With reference to the geological formation at the local mine, Schaefer mentioned the ore is used for: fluorescent lights and illumination in general, tungsten carbide tools, such as high speed drilling and cutting bits, tire studs, X-ray equipment and shields and missile use.

Tungsten has the highest melting point of all metals, lending itself to uses where extremely high melting points are required, club members were told.

In Vance County, the geological structure is known as a shear zone. The rich deposit runs approximately 6,000 feet in depth.

Briefly giving a background history of the Ranchers company, the speaker explained that it was founded in 1954 as a cattle raising operation. When uranium was discovered on one of the ranches, the company became oriented in developing mineral holdings, which now include uranium and copper deposits and the local tungsten mine.

Problems the company has experienced locally in phasing the mine back into an operable condition have been removing sand that had filled the tunnels and pumping water from shafts.

Presently the firm is in the process of installing new underground hoisting equipment with facilities for going to a depth of 2,000 feet. It is hoped that the mill soon to be installed will be in production by July of 1970.

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Mostly Personal

By BIGNALL JONES

When I was a child and even after I had reached manhood, Cotton was King in Warren County and big families were an economic asset. Since education was not needed to grow cotton the education of those living on cotton farms was not considered a matter of great concern, and this is reflected in the low level of education in Warren County today.

In those days around 40,000 acres of cotton were planted in Warren. In 1969, according to ASCS figures, 2,238.3 acres of cotton were reported planted in Warren County. In addition less labor is used in cotton growing due to mechanization.

While cotton culture was declining in Warren County beginning in the late twenties, tobacco was increasing. This, plus demands of World War II on crops and manpower, was responsible for Warren County showing an actual increase in population, reaching its highest peak in the 1950 census with 23,539. By 1960, due to the Agricultural Revolution, this number dropped to 19,652, and to 17,591 in 1966, the latest census figures available. During those 16 years Warren County's population dropped 5,948, or 23.6 percent. When the natural increase in population due to an excess of births over deaths is considered, I think it can be safely assumed that one-fourth of its citizens left the county.

With little profit in cotton and tobacco acreage being constantly cut due to increased production, and farmers being paid not to grow crops, plus mechanization, work was no longer available in the county and thousands of its citizens, both black and white, left for the cities, with most of the blacks going to northern cities.

The same thing that was happening in Warren County was happening over the entire South and millions of unskilled men and women crowded these cities where hundreds of thousands could find no work, and many of these landed on Welfare. Among this group were many from Warren County.

While it is true that many Warren citizens displaced on the farms had relatives in the cities and found jobs for their kin in Warren. These soon sent for their children and entire families left the county. Others found jobs available but without enough pay to support their children, so they left the children with the grandparents. Some of these were able to send some money home; others could not or would not. Still other children were deserted by their parents.

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People who are making a decent living through hard work develop a sense of competence and are apt to feel that they could take care of their families under any circumstances, and if anybody is willing to work they could find a job. This is not true in either instance. There are plenty of people in Warren County who if they should lose their job due to technical changes over which they have no control, could not find work that would take care of their families. This is particularly true if they have no special skills and little education.

Let the reader suppose that he would lose his job tomorrow. What would he do? If he could find no work in Warren County and could find work in the cities for himself and his wife, would he remain here on Welfare or would he make arrangements to leave his children here with relatives?

Of course this is not the only reason that children remain in Warren County when their parents leave. Many colored citizens have gone North and found good jobs and have sent their children home to live with their



JOHN T. CHURCH

Officers For Kerr**Lake Development****Commission Named**

HENDERSON—All officers were reelected for the year 1969-70 and leases renewed on Tar Heel and Meekins Landing Marinas at the quarterly meeting of the Kerr Reservoir Development Commission, Howard L. Stewart, Reservoir manager, announced today. Reelected were John T. Church as chairman, Henry M. Shaw, Jr., vice-chairman, and A. L. Hux, secretary. Directors of the commission, all appointed by the Governor are: N. W. Weldon, J. C. Cooper, Sr., T. J. Harrington, J. O. Bishop, Dr. William B. Tarry, Ralph Andrews, W. M. Fleming, Henry T. Powell and J. Holt Evans.

The two Marinas were leased for another year to D. L. Meekins.

LITTLETON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Riggan of Roanoke Rapids were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Hunt Johnson and Mrs. Edwin Stansbury.

Mrs. Tommy S. Walker was in Henderson Thursday.

Mrs. Donald T. Edwards and son of Louisburg were Monday visitors of Mrs. Viola Etheridge and Mrs. Stuart West.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shearin of Whitakers were Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Billy L. Stansbury. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Mason of Colonial Heights, Va., were visitors over Thursday night.

The Rev. C. R. Breeden, Mrs. L. E. Morris and Mrs. C. P. Robertson were among those attending the funeral of Mrs. Mary Richardson at Gibson Memorial Methodist Church, Spring Hope, on Tuesday.

Mr. Roy V. Shearin of Warrenton and Miss Carolyn Shearin of Greensboro were Friday visitors of Mrs. Edwin Stansbury.

Mr. Phillip Harris of Louisburg College visited his mother, Mrs. Raymond Harris, for the weekend. They visited Mrs. Louis Shearin in Warrenton Friday night.

Mrs. W. A. Larrimore and daughters of Roanoke Rapids were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Edwin Stansbury, Mrs. Lloyd Salmon and Mrs. James Myrick.

Miss Josephine Batts of Chesapeake, Va., spent Saturday night with Mrs. Hunt Johnson and visited Mrs. Edwin Stansbury and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon Sunday.

Mrs. Raymond Harris and Mr. Phil Harris attended the funeral of Mrs. Alice Price in Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mrs. Josephine Delbridge visited her mother, Mrs. Betty Perkins, and Mrs. Florence Paynter in Norlina Friday.

Mrs. Harold C. Smith is visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. Edward Hall in Reidsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moore spent the weekend in Patterson, Ga., with their grandson, Horace Moore and Mr. and Mrs.

Cleve Heyers.

Mr. Alan and Vernon West spent the weekend in Smithfield, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. Danny West.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Moseley and daughter of Tarboro were weekend visitors of Mrs. J. N. Moseley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Mason of Colonial Heights, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shearin of Whitakers visited in the home of Mrs. Billy L. Stansbury Sunday due to the death of Mr. Stansbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon visited relatives in Chase City, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Paynter in Norlina, Sunday. Gary Paynter returned with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green and son, Timothy, of Roanoke Rapids were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Roy Jones and daughter,

Kimberly, of Elam were also Sunday visitors of Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. Gilbert Reid has returned to her home from Roanoke Rapids Hospital after having been a patient. She is now confined to her bed for several days.

Sunday callers of Mrs. Gilbert Reid were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Salmon, Mrs. J. B. Stansbury, Mrs. David Bobbitt, Mrs. J. H. Bobbitt and Mr. Stanton

Viverville of Lake Gaston and Enfield.

Mrs. Joe Threewitts, Mrs. Lee Riggan, Mrs. Laura Smith and Mrs. Joe W. Atkins, Sr., were in Rocky Mount Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Young Bobbitt, Jr., and Donnie Bobbitt and Tommy Williams of Richmond, Va., spent Saturday night with Mrs. R. A. King. They were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Umphlett.



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