



BUREAU OFFICERS — Officers for the coming year in the Warren County Farm Bureau were elected by the Bureau's board of directors here this week. Shown above (left to right)

are E. C. Robertson, secretary-treasurer, W. L. Harris, Jr., president, and Erich Hecht, vice-president.

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Halifax Paper Company Withdraws As Intervenor In Dam Application

Another obstacle to the granting of a license to Virginia Electric and Power Company to erect a dam at Gaston was removed this week when Halifax Paper Company stated it would not further pursue its objections and that it would not intervene in the proceedings before the Federal Power Commission.

The views of the paper company were set forth in a public statement on Tuesday by K. J. Adams, executive vice president of the company.

On Wednesday, B. F. Turner, Weldon newspaperman, who had intervened in behalf of sportsmen rights on the Roanoke, said that he would withdraw as an intervenor. These were the last recognized intervenors of the multi-million dollar project a few miles upstream from Roanoke Rapids.

Construction of the much-disputed Gaston-hydro-electric project may begin next spring. Should this be the case, according to power company officials, some 1500 men would be employed for about three years on the project. The Lake created by the dam would back water to the foot of Kerr Dam.

It was stated that when and if the Federal Power Commission gives final approval to VEPCO's application and amendments, construction plans will be pushed aggressively.

While Veeco and Turner refrained from becoming parties to an agreement on the Gaston project between three North Carolina state agencies and Veeco, both stated they will not pursue any further their objections to granting a license to Veeco to construct the Gaston project.

Veeco's application and amendments are still pending before the Federal Power Commission, which has held one hearing and has scheduled a second for December 15 on the original application filed August 31, 1951, and on April 1, 1959, amendment.

The latest amendment agreed on by the state agencies and Veeco pertaining to release of water from the project for the protection of the fishery resources of Roanoke River, is now going through its legal proceedings. Any protest on this amendment must be filed with the FPC by January 4, 1960.

Should there be no intervenors to the latest amendment and the FPC grants the license, construction on the estimated \$50-million dam across the Roanoke possibly would begin in early spring, according to E. M. Hutcheson, Veeco power system manager. Construction of the project will require the services of some 1500 men. An estimated \$20-million will be put into circulation in the general area through payrolls and expenditures for material and services over the three-year construction period.

The reservoir impounded by the proposed dam will be 15 miles long, 10 miles across at the widest point, with 10,000 acres of surface area and over 200 miles of shoreline. The dam will be 1,000 feet high.

Northampton and Warren Counties in North Carolina and Brunswick Counties in Virginia.

The proposed power plant there will provide 200,000 kilowatts of generating capacity from four generators rated at 50,000 kilowatts each.

Completion of the Gaston project would make three major hydroelectric facilities on Roanoke River within an area of slightly more than 50 miles. Two of these would be operated by Veeco, Roanoke Rapids and Gaston Dams, with the huge John H. Kerr Dam further upstream, operated by the federal government.

Contacted by the Roanoke Rapids Herald on Wednesday morning, in his Richmond, Va., office, Hutcheson said:

"We here at Virginia Electric & Power Co. are delighted with the report that Halifax Paper Co. and Mr. Turner

have withdrawn as intervenors and are optimistic in the belief that all roadblocks are to be removed for the Federal Power Commission to go ahead with necessary procedures to award granting our license.

"Of course, we cannot project a definite date for beginning construction because we cannot foresee what action the commission will take in going along with our agreement with the three North Carolina state agencies arrived at on November 10.

"However, we propose to immediately start preliminary plans and will begin full-scale operations if the license is granted and as soon as it is granted."

Adams' statement on behalf of the paper company is as follows:

"The Halifax Paper Company has given serious consideration

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RRBA Directors Approve Building Of Gaston Dam

Directors of the Roanoke River Basin Association in a recent meeting at John H. Kerr Reservoir put their stamp of approval on construction of a powder dam at Gaston, N. C., on the Roanoke River by the Virginia Electric and Power Company, and expressed the hope that any obstacles in the way of such construction may soon be removed.

Meeting at the call of Manly H. Aylor of Gretna, Va., chairman of the Association, the directors heard a report from two of its members concerning the recent Federal Power Commission hearing on the construction of the Gaston Dam, a report on the status of the Smith Mountain Dam and a report from a general committee which is planning economic, recreational, and other types of developments in the Roanoke Valley.

Frank C. Reams of Warrenton, chairman of a committee named to plan for overall economic, recreational and agricultural development of the Roanoke River Basin, reported that his committee has organized and had been divided into sub-committees to handle certain definite assignments. He said these committees would report to the full association at the annual meeting next spring.

William Johnston of Littleton and Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck, who were appointed to attend the Federal Power Commission hearing in Washington, D. C., on the application of the Virginia Electric Power Company to construct the dam at Gaston, made a report on the hearing. Chairman Aylor appointed a committee to study the report and make a recommendation to the directors. The resolution which was brought in was adopted unanimously and expressed a favorable opinion on construction of a power dam at Gaston, congratulated various parties to the controversy over the license on their cooperative approach to the subject and urged that the details be worked out as quickly as possible so that the Federal Power Commission would be in a position to grant the license.

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Work Conditions For Women And Minors Explained

Working conditions for women employees and minors during the Christmas season were set forth here this week by Miss Margaret Smart, inspector with the North Carolina Department of Labor.

Women employees over 18 years of age can not work more than nine hours a day, 48 hours a week, six days a week, until December 18, Miss Smart said. From December 18 through December 24 female employees, 18 years of age and over, are permitted to work as much as 10 hours per day.

Miss Smart said that employers hiring minors under 18 must obtain an employment certificate from the local Welfare Department. Maximum working hours for these are nine hours a day and 48 hours a week, between hours of 6 a. m. and 12 midnight. Girls this age can not work later than 9 p. m. Miss Smart said there is no exception to working hours of minors regardless of season.

Minors 14 and 15 years of age, when school is not in session, may work eight hours a day and 40 hours a week between 7 a. m. and 6 p. m. They must have an hour for lunch after five hours work.

Calling attention to the fact that the new minimum wage law goes into effect on January 1, Miss Smart urged that those needing additional help contact the Department of Labor. She said that she would be glad to help any person seeking her assistance.

Methodists To Hold Services

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Largest And Best Christmas Parade Predicted At Warrenton On Thursday

Funeral Services For Jack Scott Held Wednesday

Funeral service for John William (Jack) Scott, 67, former big league baseball star, were held at Emmanuel Episcopal church at Warrenton on Wednesday at 3 p. m. by the rector, the Rev. Lawrence Baxter. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Scott died suddenly on Monday night at Duke Hospital, Durham, while undergoing surgery.

In 1922 Mr. Scott was the hero of the World Series when he pitched a win for the Giants over the Yankees after staging a remarkable comeback from an arm injury. After being held out of play the first of the season, Scott won six pitching duels to help the Giants win the National League pennant that year and pitched a decisive win in the World Series giving the Giants the series victory.

Mr. Scott entered professional baseball as a pitcher with the Durham Bulls when he was around sixteen years old. He played in both the Sally League and the Southern League before reaching the Majors. In the spring of 1922 he was released by Cincinnati after the team doctor had said that he would never pitch again. He was picked up by the Giants and late that year he saw some service as a relief pitcher, before his arm recovered sufficiently to allow him to resume play.

An injury to his elbow the following year in a "taxi" wreck in Chicago, within a few years caused Mr. Scott to leave professional baseball and return to Warrenton County. Soon after his return he built a home here where he lived until his death.

Following his retirement from baseball, Mr. Scott was for several years police chief of Warrenton. Afterwards he engaged in various phases of the timber business.

The son of the late James D. and Emma Petar Scott, Mr. Scott was born at Ridgeway on April 18, 1892. He attended the public school at Ridgeway and the Graham Academy at Warrenton. Mr. Scott was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Ridgeway.

Mr. Scott is survived by his wife, the former Hattie Boyd; and two brothers, Spencer and Robert, of Warrenton. His only child was killed in a plane crash while serving with the Air Force during World War II.

Stuart Davis, 82, Dies At Louisburg

Stuart Davis, 82, Louisburg architect, died in Franklin County Memorial Hospital on Thursday morning after an illness of several weeks.

He was the brother of Mrs. Ivey Allen and Miss Mabel Davis of Warrenton.

In addition to his two sisters here, Mr. Davis is survived by his wife; two daughters, Dr. Sarah Davis of New York and Mrs. C. F. Hill of Chapel Hill and Raleigh; two sons, M. S. Davis, Jr., of Williamson and Kenneth Davis of Burlington; and five grandchildren.

Funeral plans were incomplete yesterday afternoon.

Presbyterians To Hear Robert Pate

A student at the Union Theological Seminary will be the guest preacher at the Warrenton Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Robert Pate, a senior at the seminary, will conduct the 11 a. m. service, and both members and non-members of the church are urged to attend.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Charles Davis and daughters, Frances and Martha, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Selby Benton.

A gala parade sponsored by the Warrenton Merchants Association will move along Warrenton's principal street on Thursday of next week, December 10, bringing the Christmas spirit to boy and girls and men and women of the area. Parade time will be 2 p. m. Warrenton schools will let out in the afternoon so that children

may attend the event. The parade, which will form at the school house, will march through town, around Colonial Store block to Franklin Street and back into Main.

Bands, floats, beauty queens, a callopie, a show horse, miniature cars and trucks and a great Big Santa Claus will feature the parade.

Scott Gardner, president of the Merchants Association, said yesterday afternoon that he expects the parade here next Thursday to be the largest Christmas parade in the history of the town. He said the response from the schools and organizations invited to participate has been enthusiastic and most gratifying.

Gardner said that a large number of floats would be in the parade, as well as three bands and a score of beauty queens from the schools of the county. He said that while the number of floats is expected to be about the same as last year, many of them would be larger.

Other parade participants are to include Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, town officials and others. Any group desiring to participate is asked to contact Bobby Shearin, parade chairman, or Scott Gardner, association president.

Gardner said that among the bands would be an 80-piece marching band from Henderson, and bands from John Graham High School and John R. Hawkins High School.

District Governor Pays Annual Visit To Lions Club

Coleman Cates of Burlington, Lions District Governor, paid his annual visit to the Warrenton Lions Club on Friday night.

Introduced by Zone Chairman Monroe Gardner, Cates stressed growth through service to one's fellowman. He had words of praise for the local club for its long years of service to Lionism.

Cates also asked the local Lions to back a state project for the establishment of a camp for underprivileged boys, 10 to 18, at Lake Waccamaw.

Following the regular meeting, Cates met with the board of directors of the club when he charged them with their duties.

A certificate of appreciation for the long services of Steve

Papageorge as Lions member was signed by each club member and the district governor. This certificate with a resolution making Papageorge a honorary member of the Warrenton Lions Club will be carried to Greece by Pete Papageorge, a son of Steve Papageorge, within the next few weeks. Steve Papageorge returned to Greece some five or six years ago after making his home here for many years. Pete Papageorge has sold his interests in the Puritan Cafe and will visit his father.

President Clyde Whitford presided over the Friday night session of the club.

District Governor Cates was accompanied to Warrenton by Red Pyler, a member of the Burlington Lions Club.

Warrenton Boy Confirmed At Jewish Temple

Lee Gregory Diamond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hy Diamond of Warrenton, was confirmed last Friday night at Temple Emanuel-El, Weldon, in Hebrew term "Bar Mitzvah," meaning "Son of the Commandment." The Hebrew term refers to the boy who has reached the age of thirteen and is expected to accept adult religious responsibilities.

Lee conducted the Friday evening services alone in Hebrew and English, and a crowd in excess of 120 were amazed in the manner that he officiated.

The Saturday morning services were conducted by Rabbi S. Jacobson of Petersburg, Va. Lee also had a major part in Hebrew in the Saturday services.

Harry Cohen of Warrenton helped prepare Lee for his Bar Mitzvah.

A reception was held in the Temple after Friday evening services and a luncheon was served after Saturday morning services by Mr. and Mrs. Hy Diamond in honor of Lee.

Relatives and friends attended from Warrenton, Henderson, Oxford, Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Jackson, Rocky Mount, Enfield and Scotland Neck, New York City, Baltimore, Md., Washington, D. C., Richmond, Newport News and Emporia, Va., and Charleston, S. C.

In Hospital Mrs. John Felts is a patient in Warren General Hospital.

Recreation Proposal Gets Boost Here On Tuesday

A proposed summer recreation program for Warrenton received a substantial boost toward reality here Tuesday night with the forming of a seven-man steering committee.

At a meeting held at Hotel Warren and attended by more than 40 interested citizens and members of town organizations and civic groups, the committee was elected as the first tangible step towards obtaining such a program.

Charles J. Katzenstein, Warrenton Jaycee president, was elected as chairman of the steering committee. The Rev. Troy Barrett was elected as vice chairman, while Mrs. Dixon Ward was picked as secretary of the committee.

Other committee members include Mrs. William Taylor

Bad Practices In Farming Costing Growers Much

Warren County farmers lose thousands of dollars annually because of farming malpractices which could easily be curbed, Frank W. Reams, Warren County farm agent told members of the Warrenton Rotary Club Tuesday night.

Reams said that an appalling amount of money yearly "is thrown away" because of improper growing and harvesting methods being now employed by many farmers in the county.

Reams cited the late harvesting of cotton as one example which is costing many Warren farmers money each year.

"Delaying the picking of cotton and leaving the cotton in the field and exposed to the elements will substantially reduce the value of cotton when ginned," Reams said.

"Our farmers could receive five or six dollars more per hundred pounds for cotton if they would pick it at the proper time," he said.

The local farm agent also told the Rotarians that many other good farm practices would do much to increase the farmers' welfare. Reams listed sucker control as a means of substantially increasing the tobacco crop as one of the main practices many county farmers should employ.

Forms Sent To Census Takers

Questionnaires for the 1959 Census of Agriculture are now in the mail and will be in the hands of local farmers within a few days, it was announced yesterday by Field Director Joseph A. Norwood of the Census Bureau's regional office at Charlotte.

The farm census questionnaires are being mailed from Chicago, Ill., with the distribution timed so that the report forms will reach farmers about a week ahead of the date when census takers will begin the field canvass. The advance mailing is for the purpose of giving farm operators time to consult their records before filling in the answers required by the questionnaires and getting them ready for the census takers to pick up. This procedure is designed to insure greater accuracy in reporting and to save time both for the farmer and census taker when the latter call on the farm.

The 1959 Census of Agriculture questionnaires are designed to provide information on a number of items of farm, age, and harvest of crops, stock production, and farm income, selected farm facilities, and equipment owned by the farm. The questionnaires are to be filled out by the farmer or his agent.

This program is for the youth—the life line of America.

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