

## Town Board Debates Cutting Of 3 Trees

To cut or not to cut trees at the intersection of Fairview and Front streets was the subject for a fairly long discussion of the board of town commissioners at their regular meeting here on Monday night.

Whether or not to remove three sycamore trees on the west side of Front street near the intersection of Fairview street has been before the board off and on for more than a year.

Mayor Miles told the commissioners that he had contacted Gordon Poindexter, chairman of the Town Planning Board in regard to removing the trees. He quoted Poindexter as saying that he had contacted some members of the board and it was alright to cut down the tree at the south corner of Fairview Street but that he would prefer a meeting of the board before making any decision about the two trees in front of Blaylock's Funeral Home lot.

During the discussion, the matter of a stoplight at the corner of Fairview and Front streets, was brought up. It was pointed out that in summer, particularly during wet weather, that drooping limbs from this tree somewhat obscured the light, making it hard to see from a distance. An additional purpose of the stoplight would be to slow down traffic on Front Street.

The result of the discussion was the passage of a motion declaring the tree on the south side of Fairview to be a traffic hazard and to have it removed, and to remove the other two trees as well if Planning Board approval could be obtained. It is likely that the removal of the one tree may be delayed until it can be determined if all trees are to come down.

Frank Strickland of Carolina Overall Company of Rocky Mount appeared before the commissioners in regard to his company supplying uniforms to town employees. He said his company would supply five uniforms without cost to those town employees approved for the same, and would launder two of these uniforms at a cost of \$160 per week for each person supplied. The cost would be divided between employees and town on any basis the town would determine, Strickland said.

Many towns in Eastern Carolina are now using his company Laundry service, Strickland said.

Following Strickland's departure, the commissioners ordered that Strickland's request be tabled.

There was a brief discussion concerning a plan of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department to hold an auction sale in the near future at Thompson's Warehouse. It was brought out that the company would sell donated articles and other articles on a commission basis. The commissioners held that the town had no ordinance covering the matter and had nothing to do with it. The commissioners did say that if the sale developed into a retail business that some action would probably have to be taken.

The meeting of the board, which lasted for one hour, was called at 6:45 in order that some of the commissioners and Mayor Miles might attend a wrestling match at John Graham High School. In the absence of Clerk Edward Hunter, who was ill, Harold Skillman, superintendent of the Water Company, served as secretary at the meeting.



Winners and prize donors in the tobacco production contest sponsored by R. M. White and Sons of Norlina in cooperation with the Warren County Extension Agents are shown at the Norlina Club House during a meeting of the Norlina Ruritan Club on Tuesday night. They are, left to right, Abner Cobb, J. Boyd Williams substituting for Marvin King who was ill, Luther Carroll, Ruben I. Shearin, R. M. White, Ed White, and James Rivers. Laurence Rovers was absent on account of school.

To the right Ed White, hands first prize check to Reuben I. Shearin, while R. M. White, Sr. looks on. (Photos by Frank Reams).

## Tobacco Production Winners Announced At Ruritan Meeting

A farmer of the Macon community has been judged the most productive tobacco farmer in Warren County.

R. I. Shearin of Macon received a cash prize of \$37.50 and first place honor for producing the most tobacco and receiving the most income from a measured acre of land at a meeting of the Norlina Ruritan Club on Tuesday night. Shearin produced 2229 pounds of tobacco on an acre of land for which he received \$1258.79.

Five other farmers received prizes from R. M. White & Sons of Norlina who sponsored the contest with the cooperation of the Warren County Extension Agents. They were Luther Carroll, \$25.00 cash for 2,076 pounds and \$1259.18; Lawrence D. Rivers, \$15.00 cash for 1932 pounds and \$1232.12; James L. Rivers, \$10.00 cash for 1917 pounds and \$1179.34; Marvin King, \$7.50 cash for 1975 pounds and \$1120.53; Abner Cobb, \$5.00 cash for 1905 pounds and \$1113.32.

Checks were presented to the winners by Ed White on behalf of his company. Also present at the presentation was R. M. White, senior member of the firm. J. Boyd Williams received the check on behalf of his son-in-law, Marvin King, who was not present due to illness.

All the winners except Cobb, who planted 402, used 187 Hicks seed. Shearin, with a planted acreage of 1.37, planted his tobacco on May 3, used 1978 pounds of 3-9-9 fertilizer, topped dressed with 73 pounds of 8-0-24, and cultivated his crop with a tractor.

Carroll planted his 7.54 acres of tobacco on May 10-20, used 1725 pounds of 3-9-3 and 200 pounds 8-0-24 top dressing and used horses. Lawrence D. Rivers planted his 2.06 acre crop on May 25, used 1400 pounds of 3-9-9 and top dressed with 100 pounds of 8-0-24. He used a tractor in cultivation.

James L. Rivers planted his 7.55 acres on May 10-20, used 1400 pounds of 3-9-9 fertilizer and 100 pounds of 8-0-24 top dressing, and his crop was tractor cultivated. Marvin King planted his 5.78 acres on May 20, used 1000 pounds of 3-9-9 and top dressed

with 50 pounds of ANI and 100 pounds of 3-9-3. He used a tractor.

Abner Cobb planted his 6.49 acres on May 5. He used 1400 pounds of 3-9-6 and top dressed with 100 pounds of 8-0-24. He used a tractor in cultivating the crop.

All the winners topped their tobacco and used sucker control and cured their tobacco with oil Cobb was the only grower to use irrigation. He irrigated his crop 4 times in June.

Prior to the presentation of the prizes, Frank Reams, county agricultural agent, discussed the farm economy of the county with particular emphasis being placed on tobacco. He was presented by L. B. Hardage, who was in charge of the program.

Reams said that the income produced on Warren County farms in 1959 was \$9.5 million. Income from tobacco totaled \$4,241,709.99.

In 1959 Warren's planted acreage was 6,083. Due to the Soil Bank in 1958, the acreage was 5,123, which farmers produced 4,068,602.01. In 1956 the planted acreage was 7,318 and the income \$5,402,631.43.

Calling attention to the fact that the prize winners for the night had both quality and quantity in their tobacco crop, Reams urged that farmers devote more attention to producing higher quality tobacco.

Foreign competition is growing for the tobacco farmers, particularly from Rhodesia, Reams said. He added that the loss to foreign sources has been 1% a year for the last 18 years. Only a growing domestic market has enabled the tobacco farmer to survive, he said.

Reams said that the only way to hold our market against foreign competition is through the growing of better tobacco. No country, he said, can produce tobacco of the quality of America, but it takes care and effort. He advocated topping and suckering tobacco, and a constant fight on nematodes.

Figures used in his talk, Reams said, were obtained from the ASC office and warehouse reports and are correct. He said that in determining the prize winners ASC figures

were also used. Prior to his discussion of tobacco, Reams briefly touched upon the need for placing more eligible farmers in the county on the Social Security rolls. If they are eligible, they have earned the right to share in the program, and the income from this source would greatly aid the economy of the county, he said. If all eligible persons in Warren County were on the Social Security

rolls, it would mean an additional income to Warren County of around a million dollars a year, he concluded.

In a business session, following a delicious dinner, and prior to Ream's discussion, the Ruritans elected the Rev. Malcolm Hutton, a member of the Norlina Library Board, and named Jim Hundley chairman of the finance committee. George Read, president, presided over the hour and a half meeting.

Named to serve as publicity chairman is Mrs. C. L. Hege of Norlina. Area chairmen already named are Jim Limer of Littleton, Ed Cheves of Warrenton B. A. Thaxton of Norlina, George W. Shearin of Warren Plains, Richard R. Davis of Afton-Elberon, and Willie J. King of Wise. Traylor said that other area chairmen would be named.

Traylor said that the Warren County Drive will be aided by approximately ten area chairmen in conducting special money-raising events; the house-to-house solicitation on Heart Sunday, February 28; and other campaign activities in both urban and rural areas of the county.

"Governor Hodges expresses the concern of all of us when he terms heart disease the Number One Enemy of the nation's health today," Traylor said, and added: "The importance of the American Heart Association as our Number One Defense is pointed out by President Eisenhower, who reminds us that for more than a decade this Association has been in the forefront of the campaign against diseases of the heart and circulatory system. Through the North Carolina Heart Association, we

## Blind Woman Dies In Rural Home Fire

A blind and partially crippled Negro woman lost her life in a rural fire about two miles from Warrenton early Monday afternoon.

Sarah Fields, said to be around 80 years old, was dead when members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department found her body in an upstairs room which was destroyed by flames.

Fire Chief Dixon Ward said it appeared that she died of suffocation rather than burns. Also found in the room was around \$240 in charred bills that she had hidden under a rug.

Turner Fields, husband of the dead woman, said he was out in the yard chopping wood when he discovered the house was on fire and before he

could reach the house the flames had made so much headway that he could not reach his wife. No one else was at home at the time.

### Dr. Cecil Robbins Rotary Speaker

Dr. Cecil Robbins, president of Louisburg College, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Warrenton Rotary Club on Tuesday night.

Dr. Robbins, a former pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church and former president of the Warrenton Rotary Club, was presented by H. M. Hardy, who was in charge of the program.

Dr. Robbins discussed needs and growth of colleges and the future of American colleges.

## Raiding Officers Put Damper On Night Party

Warren County officers put a damper on a party at the home of Joe Kearney in Sandy Creek Township around 11:30 o'clock on Saturday night, causing the host to make a hasty leave and the early departure of many of the guests.

When Sheriff Jim Hundley and Deputies Bonnie Stevenson "crashed" the party, the affair was going full blast and as the officers entered the house one person was seen pouring liquor from a fruit jar into a bottle and someone else dropped a half gallon fruit jar.

Sheriff Hundley said there were some 75 persons gathered in the small 4-room house and in the crush it was impossible to tell who had the whiskey,

who was pouring and who dropped the half gallon jar. The raid netted a half gallon jar and two bottles, all partially filled with whiskey, Hundley said.

Officers were unable to locate Joe Kearney, host for the Saturday night party. It was reported that he left just as the officers were entering the house, and it is believed by officers that he carried some of the evidence with him.

There was only standing room in the house, Sheriff Hundley said. It was so crowded no one could sit down, and it is unbelievable that so many persons could get in such a small house, the sheriff added.

## Methodists To Hold Rally In Raleigh On February 16

Over 900 Methodist laymen and ministers are expected to attend the Annual Lay Rally of the Raleigh District which is to be held on Tuesday evening, February 16, at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh.

Announcement of the rally was made yesterday by W. R. Drake of Macon, associate district lay leader. The annual lay rallies are the highlight of the annual program of Methodist laymen in this area, he said.

Drake said that the two chief speakers will be Bishop Paul N. Garber, Resident Bishop of the Richmond Area, and Dr. Edwin A. Briggs of Chicago, associate secretary of the Methodist General Board of Lay Activities.

A high moment of the rally will come, Drake said, when Bishop Garber will commission (See METHODISTS, page 10)



J. HOWARD DANIEL

## Green Funeral To Be Held Today

Funeral services for Mrs. E. L. Green, 84, will be held this afternoon (Friday) at 2:30 p. m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church with interment in Fairview Cemetery. The rites will be in charge of the rector, the Rev. E. L. Baxter.

The body will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service and relatives and friends will gather at Blaylock Funeral Home just prior to the service.

Mrs. Green, who made her home at Warrenton for many years, died at Raleigh on Wednesday.

The widow of the late E. L. Green of Warrenton, who died in 1952, Mrs. Green was born in Warren County, the daughter of the late Ridley L. and Alice Pegram Harris. Mrs. Green is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Boyd Reams of Afton, Mrs. F. C. Morin of Petersburg, Va., Mrs. H. R. Henderson of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. E. R. Hilliard of Morrisville; two sons, R. B. Green and G. G. Green of Durham; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

## Daniel To Head Duke Fund Drive In Warren County

DURHAM — J. Howard Daniel of Warren has been appointed an Area Chairman for the 13th annual Duke Loyalty Fund campaign.

The appointments of 258 such chairmen were announced yesterday by Charles A. Dukes, Director of Alumni Affairs at Duke. "The area campaigns," he said, "are of great importance in obtaining our annual goals. Without the Area Chairmen and their committee, the goals simply would not be reached." The 1959-60 campaign goals are \$325,000 and 11,500 donors.

Kickoffs for area campaigns in all parts of the nation are scheduled for February 12. Workers selected by the chairmen will make an effort to (See DANIEL, page 10)

Science Fair The John Graham High School Science Fair will be held at the John Graham Gymnasium on March 9, J. F. Hockaday, principal, said yesterday. The County Science Fair, he said, would be held in the John Graham Gym on March 11.

## Cows To Be Tested For TB And Bang's Disease

Dr. W. B. Griffin, N. C. Department of Agriculture Veterinary Division, was in Warrenton this week making plans to test farm cows for tuberculosis and Bang's disease.

The county commissioners have authorized the payment of a helper for Dr. Griffin in the taking of blood test, and he is expected to get the check underway immediately.

Warren County is an accredited county and persons wishing to sell beef and dairy cows outside the county do not have to wait for a special examination before sale. The purpose of the tests this spring is to keep the county accredited, County Agent Frank Reams said yesterday.

Dairy cows will not be tested as they are regular tested, but all beef and other dairy cows are required to be tested, Reams said.

Anyone desiring to have their cows tested are asked to call the office of the County Agent.

### Cotton Ginnings Up In Warren Co.

More than 2000 more bales of 1959 cotton were ginned in Warren County prior to January 16, than for the same period a year ago.

The cotton ginnings report issued this week by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, shows 6,564 bales ginned in Warren County prior to January 16, 1960, compared with 4,321 bales ginned to the same date in 1959.

The report showed total ginnings in North Carolina of 334,111 bales to January 16, 1960, compared with 259,816 bales for the same period last year.

## Limer Speaks On Civil Defense At Meeting American Legion Auxiliary

James Limer of Littleton, Warren County attorney, was guest speaker at the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary on Thursday evening, February 4, in the Fireside Room of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

Limer's topic was "Americanism and Civil Defense" and he stated one is a phase of the other as they are both for the preservation of American ideals.

In three years the Federal Government gave aid through Civil Defense in one hundred disaster areas, Limer said. North Carolina was given such aid after Hazel came through. Every week there is a disaster somewhere and more people need to know how to give aid. The Civil Defense backs up the strength of the nation in homes.

Adequate Civil Defense manned by trained workers means the United States could not be beaten by one all-out

assault, Limer said. There are 295 communities in North Carolina who have appointed a director of Civil Defense and J. B. Martin is the director in Warren County. Only 48 communities have developed operational survival plans. Everyone should guard against complacency and be ready to work with Civil Defense, Limer included. (See LIMER, page 2)

### Mrs. P. C. Gross Managing Hotel

The Norlina Motor Lodge, operated for the past year by Walter M. Thompson, is now being operated by Mrs. P. C. Gross, a former co-manager of Hotel Warren in Warrenton. Thompson left Norlina recently for Wilmington and Mrs. Gross took over the hotel's operation. The hotel dining room is now open for three meals a day.