

## Schools Are Teaching More Than The Three R's

The County Science Fairs, scheduled to be held at the John Graham High School and the John R. Hawkins High School this afternoon and tonight (Friday) has been postponed due to the snow.

Roger Peeler, Superintendent of Schools said yesterday that a new date for holding the fair could not be set until the resumption of schools, which were closed Thursday.

By **BIGNALL JONES**

There is a great deal more being taught in the public schools than familiarity with the three R's.

This was learned by several hundred persons on Tuesday night when they attended the John Graham-Mariam Boyd Science Fair in the John R. Hawkins High School physical education building. Some of those also learned that a physical education building has more functions than training basketball players as they saw exhibits displayed in the large, well-lighted and comfortable building.

Dr. Sam Massey, one of the judges of the fair, telephoned The Warren Record Wednesday morning to express his amazement at the scope of knowledge displayed by students and the executions of their projects. "It certainly gave me a greater appreciation of our school," he said.

Dr. Massey's remarks were typical of many comments expressed by persons attending the fair.

Around the four walls of the building and on tables a few feet out were scores of exhibits, ranging from a model of the Warrenton water system and the stages of a butterfly to a Sterophonic Sound set.

Rocks had been classified, sections of wood had been identified, the solar system sketched, animals had been dissected and parts classified. A model electric motor was on display, the little children had illustrated parts of a flower. The formation of coal was explained by charts and pictures. A water thermometer was in operation, and so was a weather station, and a model steam turbine had been built and was ready to be fired.

As in most science fairs, a model still was on display and could well be used for distillation water for chemical experiments and for other purposes. On a larger scale it

could well be used in the swamps and woods of the county for less legitimate purposes.

A stuffed owl was described as a "Living Mouse Trap." Methods of photography were explained, as was the causes of hurricanes, and the habits and habitat of a mole. The history of artificial lighting was given in models of means of illumination.

As Dr. Massey said there were so many good exhibits that it was hard to select a limited number for prizes.

One thing was evident, and that was a great deal of thought and an unusual amount of hard work connected with the local school fair. Those who saw the exhibits believed that the results were worth it.

Paying his tribute to the fair was Calvin White, supervisor of schools. He said that the fair at John Graham was good. (See See FAIR, page 10)

### Emily Kalter To Give Concert At Local School

Emily Kalter will present a concert of varied songs at the John Graham High School on Thursday night, March 17, at 8:30. Mrs. Charles Johnson, publicity chairman for the Warrenton Woman's Club, said yesterday.

The concert is sponsored by the Woman's Club and there will be no admission charge. The public is invited.

Mrs. Johnson said that the club would not have a dinner meeting this month.

Mrs. Kalter was born in (See See KALTER, page 10)



EMILY KALTER

### Beginners Day To Be Held At The Mariam Boyd School On March 16

Beginners Day for students who will be in the first grade at Mariam Boyd School next year is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, J. F. Hockaday, principal of the John Graham High School, said yesterday.

Children who will start to school next year and their parents are invited to the Mariam Boyd School at 9:45 a. m., he said.

First grade teachers will care for the children while school officials will help the parents register the beginners. The parents will be asked to complete two forms. One form asks for information which goes in the school records. A second form requests information for the health record-card.

In order for a child to begin school next school year, he must be six years of age on or before October 16, 1960.

Hockaday said it is hoped by school officials that parents of all school beginners will attend the Beginners Day with their children. A visit to the school by the beginning school child will be helpful to the child, he said. Also, the early registration of students will eliminate problems for students, parents, and teachers on the first day of school next fall.

It is necessary that parents of children who were born outside of Warren County to bring a copy of the child's

certificate of birth. No birth certificate is necessary for a child born in Warren County since the names of beginners born in the county will be presented to the Register of Deeds for verification of birth date.

Hockaday said it is not necessary for the children to have had or get the required inoculations for school entrance by March 16. No inoculations or examinations will be given on this day. These are to be given at the Pre-School Clinic which is to be held at the Warren County Health Clinic at a later date.

### Keyes Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Robert Keyes, engineer in charge of field work for Stone and Webster, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Warrenton Rotary Club at Hotel Warren on Tuesday night.

His topic centered around the sub-surfacing investigation at the Gaston dam site and he explained details to this effect and some of the problems involved.

Roy Dixon, president, presided, and Selby Bentor had charge of the program.

Parker Little was a guest of C. P. Geston.

### Winners In Local School Science Fair Announced

Prize winners in the John Graham Science Fair, held in the school physical education building on Tuesday night, were announced yesterday by J. F. Hockaday, principal of the school. He listed the winners as:

Primary Grades—First prize, Mrs. Andrews' room, 1st grade, "Air"; second prize, Mrs. Pridden's room, 2nd grade, "Rocks"; third prize, Miss Limer's and Mrs. Fuller's room, 3rd grade, "Shell Collection".

Grades 4-6—First Prize, Mrs. Hurst's room, 5th grade, "Parts of a Flower"; second prize, Mrs. Campbell's room, 6th grade, "Weather Bureau"; third prize, Mrs. Drake's room, 4th grade, "Animals"; honorable mention: Mrs. Pearsall's room, 5th grade, "Shells," and Mrs. Blankenship's room, 6th grade, "Insects".

Grades 7-9—First prize, Mrs. Daniel's room, 8th grade, "Formation of Coal"; second prize, Harriet Cheek, 9th grade student, "Reptilia"; third prize, Mrs. Hunter's room, 7th grade, "Water Cycle"; honorable mention: Benson Aycock, 9th grade student, "Soil Conservation"; Tom Banzer and Lawrence Boyd, 9th grade students, "The Moon"; Sandra Jones, 9th grade student, "Mushrooms".

High School (Biological Science)—First prize, Margaret Carroll and Linda Adams, "Anatomy of a Chicken"; second prize, Lyndell Aycock, "Contact Lenses"; third prize, Jimmie Cheves, "Eyelight and Development"; honorable mention: John Link and Richard Williams, "Evolution of the Brain"; Anne Twitty, "Mole"; Carolyn Shearin, "Thallophyta".

High School (Physical Science)—First prize, Tommy Miles, "Sterophonic Sound"; second prize, Pat Harp, "Smoke Precipitator"; third prize, Ronald Shearin, "Cloud Chamber"; honorable mention, Shirley Aquino, "Hydroponic Plant"; John Newell and Sidney Lanier, "Distillation".

Judges were Dr. Sam Massey, dentist; Frank Reams, county agent; and Mrs. Arthur Williams, former home ec teacher.

Dr. Massey said yesterday that the exhibits were so varied and so excellent that it was almost impossible for the judges to eliminate many of them in choosing the winners.

Prize winning exhibits in the local school fair will be displayed in the county science fair scheduled to be held at the John Graham High School physical education building on Friday afternoon and night when they will be in competition with winning exhibits from Norlina and Littleton High Schools and other elementary schools of the county.

Announcement of Mrs. King's appointment was made yesterday by Samuel E. Rouse, supervisor of the Census Bureau's temporary district office in Wilson.

Applicants for jobs as enumerators in Warren County are requested to apply to Mrs. King. An applicant must be over 18 years of age, be a citizen of the United States, and have a high school education or its equivalent. Candidates will be required to pass a selection test demonstrating their ability to understand written instructions and read maps.

Rouse said that each crew leader will supervise about 20 enumerators in the big nationwide census which begins on April 1. Crew leader trainees should apply to (See See CENSUS, page 10)

### It Was Cold In The Winter Of 1857

After a month of very cold weather, followed by a very disagreeable snow and sleet storm and a week of freezing weather, local persons may be wondering whether the cold spell set a new record. It was cold alright, but it has been much colder.

This was revealed in an article contributed to this newspaper this week by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, retired Baptist minister of Warren Plains.

The articles from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, National Weather Records Center, Asheville, N. C., was headed "Notes on Weather in January, 1857," and reads as follows:

"A review of the Smithsonian Collection on microfilm for January 1857 reveals the following information for stations in North Carolina and Virginia:

"Goldborough, N. C.—Snow began in A. M. of January 18 and ended Jan. 19 leaving 13 inches of snow on the ground.

"Gaston, N. C.—The Roanoke River at this place was closed by ice on January 11 and up to January 31, 1857, remained so. All navigation was suspended and teams are driven across the ice a distance of 1200 feet. I have examined the ice in several places and find it averages 14 inches.

"On the evening of the 17th a snow storm lit in with wind from the N.E. which changed to North and continued until the morning of the 19th. Snow fell to the depth of 22 inches on a level and in banks was as deep as 10 feet. I am informed by persons venerable for their age and intelligence that they have never before experienced such a January—G. H. Moore (Observer)

"Portsmouth, Va., January 1857—Harbor obstructed by floating ice five (5") inches thick.

"January 13, 1857—Elizabeth



JOHN KERR, JR.

### John Kerr, Jr., To Be Candidate For State House

John Kerr, Jr., Warrenton attorney and veteran in political affairs of the state, announced on Tuesday that he would be a candidate for re-election to the State House of Representatives in the May Primary.

In announcing his candidacy, Kerr said: "I expect to be a candidate for renomination to the State House of Representatives from Warren County in the Democratic Primary. I deeply appreciate the confidence and trust reposed in me by the people of Warren County throughout the years."

In 1943 Kerr served as Speaker of the House of Representatives, and with (See See KERR, page 10)

### Littleton Woman Named Census Crew Leader

Mrs. Vera H. King, 210 Roanoke Avenue, Littleton, has been appointed crew leader for Warren County for the 1960 census. Her district will consist of Warren County in its entirety.

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### Commissioners To Meet On Monday

The Board of County Commissioners will meet on Monday, March 14, when they will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review, to hear complaints of citizens dissatisfied with valuations put on their property by list takers.

The view was expressed that since all real estate in the county will be re-appraised this year, that few persons would appear asking for adjustments.

### Civil Term Of Superior Court Meets Monday

The March civil term of Superior Court will convene on Monday morning with Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., of Lumberton presiding.

Scheduled for trial on Monday are three divorce cases: M. P. Burwell vs. Elizabeth O. Burwell, David H. Nicholas vs. Dorothy M. Nicholas, and Georgia B. Jones Sutton vs. Stewart Sutton; two cases, Martin Well Company vs. John Russell, Jr. and Nancy Peete Blankenship vs. Freneau Mettitt Blankenship; and two cases on the motion docket, "In the matter of the last will and testament of Mary Pendergrass," and King Feed Company vs. R. L. Topping, Jr., et al.

Other cases on the docket and the days set for trial are: Tuesday—W. D. Martin et ux vs. State Highway Commission; Willie Christian vs. Katzenstein Farms; Blanche P. Meyers et al. vs. Elizabeth Park; Charles M. White, III, Ancillary Administrator of Luther Garland, vs. Panner S. Ross et vir.

Wednesday—Roy Jones vs. Willie J. Montgomery et als; Barbara V. Coolidge vs. W. L. Long

Thursday—W. E. Mulehi, (See See COURT, page 10)

### Tractor School To Be Held At Wise Friday

A tractor school will be held at the Hi-Way Motor Company at Wise today (Friday) at 1:30 p. m. F. W. Reams and L. B. Hardage, county agent and assistant county agent, announced in a joint notice this week.

John Glover, Extension Agricultural Engineer, will give pointers on tractor care at the tractor school, the agents said. He will have available several tractors and actually demonstrate what he is talking about.

"A tractor has become a necessity on most farms in Warren County," the agents "pointed out in announcing the meeting this afternoon. "Care and preventive maintenance of this machinery is mighty important and a dollar timely spent may save plenty of dollars later on."

"This should be a good meeting and we believe you will learn how to save many dollars by being present."

## Contract Awarded For Revaluing Real Estate

A contract to revalue real estate in Warren County was awarded by the county commissioners at their regular meeting here on Monday.

Work is expected to be started within the next few weeks and completed in time for 1961 tax listing.

The successful bidder was Associated Surveys of Greensboro, whose bid of \$31,500 was the lowest submitted. Other bidders were Carroll and Phelps of Winston-Salem, \$32,000, and Southern Appraisers of Greensboro, \$39,500.

Some 25 of the 100 counties of the state have awarded revaluation contracts to Associated Surveys.

### Man Says He Clubbed Woman; Cut Her Throat

Irving Crossan, Negro, about 25 years of age, is being held in Warren County jail charged with the murder of Martha Tuck, about 50, at Norlina on Monday night of last week.

Crossan was placed in jail last Thursday and on Friday afternoon confessed to Sheriff Jim Hundley that he killed Martha Tuck during an argument on the Warren Plains-Norlina Highway near the outskirts of the town. He said that both had been drinking.

According to Sheriff Hundley, Crossan said that Martha Tuck had accused him of running around with another man's wife and was cursing and abusing him at the time of the slaying. He said that he picked up a truck stool on a piece of wood about three or four feet long and about three inches square — lying beside the road and struck Martha Tuck on the head. He said he also used a pocketknife to cut her throat.

Crossan said he took the piece of wood to his home and the following morning chopped it up and burned it. When he arrived home Monday night, he said, he washed the blood off his knife and hid it under the mattress of his bed.

Sheriff Hundley said that following the confession, he went to Crossan's home and found the knife where Cross-

an said he hid it.

Martha Tuck was still conscious when her body was discovered by Sheriff Jim Hundley around 7:30 on Monday night of last week, but was pronounced dead upon arrival at Warren General Hospital.

At Brown's Funeral Home at Warrenton, the woman's body was examined by Dr. H. H. Foster, Norlina physician. He described her injuries as a fractured skull and two gashes around her neck and head. One of the gashes extended from the back of her head to the jaw and the other, on the same side of the head, extended about half way around her throat.

Sheriff Hundley said that Dr. Foster stated that the fracture of the skull was responsible for the woman's death.

The possibility that the woman was the victim of a hit-and-run driver, was considered, but investigation of the death by the Sheriff's Department resulted in the arrest of Crossan on last Thursday and his confession on Friday afternoon.

Sheriff Hundley said yesterday that Crossan said he could not remember whether he cut Martha Tuck's throat with his pocketknife first and then stuck her on the head, or whether he hit her first.

In addition to revaluing real estate in the county, Associated Surveys has agreed to pay and train a local man to value property, in order that he may know how to put new buildings on the tax lists. This man is to be appointed by the commissioners.

In addition to awarding the contract for revaluation of county real estate, the commissioners heard pleas of two or three citizens that they request the State Highway Commission to take over and/or improve their roads; heard oral reports from the white and colored farm and home agents and written reports from other agencies, which were ordered filed.

On motion of Commissioner Thorne, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and unanimously carried, it was ordered that the commissioners be paid \$10.00 a day plus travel for each called meeting of the board attended.

A. P. Rodwell, Tax Collector, reported total tax collections for the fiscal year in the amount of \$270,761.21. Of this amount \$22,123.89 was collected in February.

The meeting was adjourned around 4 o'clock, after a break down in the furnace caused the heat to go off. The commissioners will meet on next Monday, March 14, as a Board of Equalization and Review.

### Program For Purchase Of Sweet Potatoes Announced By ASC Office

A program for the purchase of sweet potatoes for distribution to the school lunchroom program and other eligible outlets was announced March 4 by H. D. Godfrey, administrative officer for North Carolina ASC office.

Sweet potatoes must be of "Porto Rican" variety, or varieties of similar varietal characteristics and packed in new bush baskets, containing not less than 50 pounds net weight. The sweet potatoes must be of U. S. No. 1 grade or better, with not more than 1% tolerance for soft rot or wetbreakdown, and must be inspected by the Federal-State Inspection Service.

The price will be \$2.30 per bushels, loaded on cars or trucks at the operation of USDA at the point of purchase, for sweet potatoes purchased and accepted under the program. Purchases will be limited to growers, cooperative associations of growers, or growers' authorized agents.

Further details of the program may be obtained from the county ASC office.

Growers desiring to sell sweet potatoes under this program should submit their offer to the county ASC office not later than 5:00 p. m., Tuesday, March 15, T. E. Watson, ASC office manager, said yesterday.

### District Music Contest To Be Held At Norlina

The 14th District General Federation of Women's Clubs will hold its district music contest at the Norlina gymnasium on Saturday, March 12, at 1:30 p. m.

Senior high school students throughout the district will compete for the right to enter the state contest at Raleigh on March 19.

There are five categories, including soloist, pianist, other musical instruments and club choruses.

The public is invited to attend.

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appreciate the inequalities in valuations. "I was just plain ignorant," he said.

All the commissioners agreed that under the directive of the Legislature they had no choice but to order real estate revalued.

The commissioners ordered that Chairman Capps and Clerk S. E. Allen sign the contract.

Notified by telephone Monday afternoon that his company had been given the contract, Frank Cooper of Associated Surveys, said that his company was ready to begin work at once.

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L. H. FOUNTAIN

### L. H. Fountain Files For Seat In U. S. House

L. H. Fountain, Representative from the 2nd Congressional District of North Carolina in the National House of Representatives, yesterday filed for re-election to this office, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the May 28 Primary.

In announcing his candidacy, Rep. Fountain said: "I appreciate very much the opportunity the people of the second district have given me to serve them in the Congress of the United States. I sincerely hope my record will merit their continued confidence and support."

**JOHN GILL TO PREACH AT BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Rev. John Gill, promotional director at Chowan College and a former pastor, will preach at the Warrenton Baptist Church on Sunday, March 13, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. The public is cordially invited.