

Cotton Raisers Will Determine Fate Of Quotas

Cotton growers of Warren County and the nation will go to the polls on next Tuesday, December 13, to vote on whether marketing quotas will be in effect for the 1961 upland cotton crop.

The polls will be open in the 14 polling places of the county from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

How the farmers will vote will determine whether quota penalties will apply, and also the level of price support for the 1961 cotton crop.

All farmers who were engaged in the production of upland cotton in 1960 will be eligible to vote in the referendum.

The referendum is of vital concern to every grower, Walter S. Smiley, chairman of the Warren County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said yesterday.

The marketing quota program will be in operation for next year's crop. Smiley said, if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case, price support will be available at not more than 90 or less than 70 per cent of parity for the 1961 crop of upland cotton. If the referendum carries, quota penalties will apply to any cotton produced in excess of allotment.

Smiley said that if more than one-third of the voters are against quotas, there would be no quota penalties, and the price support level to eligible growers would drop to 50 per cent of parity.

Listed below are the polling places for the referendum:

Fishing Creek — Pittman's Store.

Fork — W. K. Thompson's Store.

Hawtree — R. P. Perkinson's Store.

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County Valuation Might Be Upped By \$20,000,000

The value of real estate in Warren County is expected to be increased to around \$30 million under revaluation which is expected to be completed next week.

Frank Cooper, of Associated Surveys, told the county commissioners on Monday morning, that work already completed in eight of the county's twelve townships indicates that the values of real estate would be increased three and one-half times.

"We made a very conservative estimate," he said.

Cooper said that all the figures for the county are in but that they must be totalled in four townships. He said that the work would be completed by the end of the week. The figures will be presented to the board in a special meeting on next Thursday night.

The total valuation of the county is expected to be considerably more than the \$30 million placed upon real estate, Cooper said, as personal property and utilities are not included in the revaluation. While Warren County has a total valuation of around \$17 million, only about \$9.5 million is in real estate. When this figure is multiplied by 3.5 the approximately value of real estate will be more than thirty million dollars.

Automobile owners will receive a break under revaluation. Just how much will depend on the percentage of real values adopted by the commissioners after figures to be submitted by Cooper next week have been approved.

After these figures are approved they will not be put on the tax books at their full appraised value. It is likely that the figure will be from 40 to 50 per cent of the values submitted, if Warren commissioners follow the procedure followed in other counties.

The figures adopted by the commissioners are expected to result in a lower tax rate for the county, but not necessarily a lower average tax bill.

Cooper said that it is expected that valuations of real estate in Warrenton Township would be increased from the present three millions to above ten million dollars.

Road Meeting Will Be Held Here On Dec. 14

Residents of the seven-county area comprising the Fifth Highway Division will have an opportunity to present road requests, petitions and problems to representatives of the Fifth Division at a public hearing here on Wednesday, December 14. Announcement of the hearing was made by Assistant Division Engineer M. T. Adkins.

City and county officials, along with the general public, are invited to attend the hearing if they have road requests which they feel should receive attention.

The hearing will be held between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon, in the Warren County courthouse.

This is one in a series of public hearings being held in the Fifth Division, which comprises Wake, Warren, Durham, Franklin, Vance, Granville, Person and Franklin Counties.

Among those here for the funeral of Miss Sallie Watson on Thursday afternoon were Miss Ethel Watson of Lynchburg, Va., Miss Anna Watson of Battlefield, Mrs. George Colburn, Mr. Paul T. Gibson and Mrs. Lewis Gibson of Suffolk, Virginia.

Bird In Hand

In a move that might seem somewhat radical to the average sportsman, Joe Ellis, Warren County clerk of court, appears ready to discard his shotgun in favor of a baseball glove.

The idea to do away with the traditional quail-bagging instrument in favor of a glove was born on Friday afternoon as Ellis was hunting near here with Solicitor Charles M. White and Nat White, soil conservationist.

After banging away at a covey of quail with his shotgun and missing with both shots, Ellis decided to try a novel approach.

As the three men closed in as their bird dog pointed a single, Ellis was already beginning to have visions as a major league baseball bonus baby.

At any rate the lone partridge, after being flushed by the dog, flew toward the hunters. Before either of the other two hunters could get off a shot at the rapidly departing bird, Ellis reached up and snared it with his bare hand.

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Thousands of persons lined Warrenton's Main Street Tuesday afternoon to witness the annual Christmas parade, staged under the sponsorship of the Warrenton Merchants Association. In top photo, a float, carrying a children's choir and accompanying organist, rolls down Main Street. In bottom photo, the marching band of John R. Hawkins High School here, parades down the crowd-thronged street. This was one of the three bands participating in the parade. (Staff Photo)

Thousands Jam Streets To View Annual Yule Parade

A crowd estimated by police at more than 5,000 witnessed the annual Christmas parade held here on Tuesday afternoon.

Bands, floats, equestrians, dignitaries, and a visitor from the North Pole all took part in the parade, sponsored by the Warrenton Merchants Association to usher in the Christmas season.

"It was perhaps the best parade ever staged here — I have not heard a single criticism," George W. Shearin, parade chairman, said yesterday.

To the hundreds who stood beneath fair skies to watch the parade as it moved from the corner of Main and Ridge-way Streets to the other end of this town, the Christmas season was officially opened.

The parade got underway at 2:30 o'clock and Warren County schools were dismissed early in order that the students might see the once-a-year event.

One feature, which was well received by spectators last year, proved again to be a hit with the crowd. It was a float with the Baptist children's choir singing Christmas carols to the accompaniment of an organ.

Making just as big an impression with the crowd, especially with the children, was the arrival of Santa Claus, whose sled was pulled by eight tiny reindeer atop a float.

Missing from the parade this year for the first time in a number of years was the John Graham High School Band; but three other bands — the Oxford High School Band, the John R. Hawkins High School Band, and the Melver High School Band of Littleton — were on hand to furnish the crowd entertainment by the rendition of Christmas music.

Convict Is Sought

One of three Negro convicts who waded across the Roanoke River north of here on Monday morning in an attempt to elude prison guards and bloodhounds continues the object of a search by Warren County law enforcement officers.

Two of the convicts who fled a road gang between Paschall and Oline in northern Warren County amid a salvo of gunfire from a prison guard were taken into custody Tuesday night.

The other convict, 21-year-old Alexander McAllister, who was serving a nine to twelve year term for robbery in Durham County, remained at large, although Warren Prison Camp officials have pressed the search for him since Monday.

McAllister evaded capture Tuesday night as he and his two companions in the escape were spotted near Roanoke Rapids on Tuesday night by Capt. Perry Hilliard, superintendent of the Warren County prison unit.

Bloodhounds tracked down two of the three men, identified by Capt. Hilliard as Willie Lee Abston, 28, of Battleboro,

Warrenton Has Lost Population For First Time In Fifty Years

Unexpected Drop Over Entire County

The population of Warren County, Warrenton and Norlina is lower than shown in the preliminary census report of last May while Littleton's loss is less, according to the advance reports of final population count received from the United States Bureau of the Census this year.

Warrenton's official count is 1124—114 less than shown in the preliminary census report, and 42 less than was shown by the 1950 census. The revised count shows that for the first time in 50 years Warrenton showed a population decline in a census report.

The report also shows that Norlina was the only town in the county to show a population gain, although this gain was 45 less than shown in the preliminary report, and Littleton's loss of population was less than shown in the preliminary report.

The official count for Norlina is 927, compared with the preliminary count of 972, and the 1950 count of 869. Littleton's official count is 1024, compared with the preliminary count of 1011 and the 1950 count of 1173.

CENSUS FIGURES BY TOWNSHIPS

TOWNSHIP	1960 pop.	1950 pop.	Loss	% Loss
Fishing Creek	1683	1438	245	14.9
Fork	1099	838	261	23.7
Hawtree	2152	1821	331	15.4
Judkins	1800	1319	481	26.7
Nutbush	2215	1925	290	13.1
River	1774	1418	356	20.0
Roanoke	277	197	80	28.9
Sandy Creek	1915	1441	474	24.7
Shocco	1200	941	259	21.6
Sixpound	1480	997	483	32.6
Smith Creek	2439	2281	158	6.5
Warrenton	5505	5036	469	8.5

The official figures show that Warren County's population 19,652 is exactly 100 less than the preliminary figures of 19,752. The 1950 population figures for the county were 23,539, and the loss during the ten-year period was 3,887.

The final count also shows that every township in Warren County showed a population loss with the greatest loss occurring in Sixpound, 483, and percentage wise 31.9.

A breakdown in population figures according to race has not yet been released, but there is little to indicate in the combined figures released in the advance report that there will be any substantial change in the White-Negro ratio in the county. If the exodus from the county had been largely Negro, it would be assumed.

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Sanford To Name Bowers State AG

Major General Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton, former commander of the North Carolina National Guard, who retired from the Army in March of 1959, will become National Guard Adjutant-General around the middle of January. He will succeed Major General Capus Maynick.

Governor-elect Terry Sanford announced in Raleigh on Tuesday that Bowers was his choice for the post to be vacated by Maynick. Rumors that Bowers would be offered the position have been rather widespread here for some time.

Bowers said Wednesday night that it would probably be around the middle of January before he would assume his new duties. His comment was that it would be a pleasure to renew active contact with many friends of long standing in the National Guard and to serve under Governor Sanford.

The job will be a full-time one, Bowers said, requiring him to be away from his business here five days a week, plus more on some occasions.

Bowers, 61, joined the National Guard shortly after World War I and has been connected with it since.

During the primaries, Gen. Bowers was a staunch supporter of Sanford in his campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Sanford himself served as a paratrooper in World War II and after the war commanded a Guard company at Fayetteville for a time.

Bowers became commanding officer of the Warrenton Guard unit in 1938 and saw 2½ years of overseas service during World War II. He commanded a battalion of the First Infantry Division in the invasion of Sicily.

After the war, he directed the organization and commanded the 30th Division's 119th Infantry Regiment. Later, in turn, he was division chief of staff, assistant division commander and commander.

Gen. Bowers was born near Littleton, was graduated from Aurelian Springs High School and attended N. C. State College.

He came to Warrenton in the early twenties to assume a position with Boyd-Gilliam Motor Company, and in the late twenties entered the oil distributor business.

Married to the former Miss Hattie Bowers, they have one daughter, Mrs. Stanley Bowers of Henderson, wife of the State Highway Commissioner of this district.

Capps Re-elected As County Board Head

Amos L. Capps was re-elected chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners at an organizational meeting held in the commissioners room on Monday afternoon.

Terms of the commissioners elected in 1958 expired at the close of the morning session Monday, and the term of the commissioners elected in the 1960 general election began on Monday afternoon. There were no changes in the personnel of the board, all of whom were re-elected.

Capps re-election came after the board members and Register of Deeds Sam E. Allen, Clerk of the Board, had been sworn into office by Clerk of Court Joe N. Ellis.

After the oath had been administered by the Clerk of Court, Capps administered the oath of office to five township constables. They were W. F. King of Fishing Creek Township, W. D. Vaughan of Warrenton, D. J. Burgess of Sandy Creek, O. D. Ellis of Sixpound and Joe Cobb of Smith Creek.

W. L. Peoples, who was elected constable of Shocco Township in the General Election in November, appeared before the board to announce that he could not qualify for the position. Peoples, recently elected to the Warrenton Police Force, said that he was barred by a conflict of in-

No changes were made in official personnel of the county. Jim Limer was re-elected county attorney; Charles H. White, III, Solicitor of Recorder's Court and assistant district solicitor for Warren County; A. F. Rodwell, Jr., auditor and tax supervisor; A. E. Wilson was re-appointed as deputy tax collector and E. E. Collins was appointed as janitor.

Amos L. Capps, chairman, was designated as the proper member of the board to have interest.

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Firemen Receive Gift For Help

A gift of \$500 has been presented to the Warrenton Volunteer Rural Fire Department here by the family of one of the victims of a private plane crash near here November 23, killing all three occupants aboard.

A check for that amount was mailed to the local fire-fighting unit in appreciation for the work the volunteer company did in the search for the downed plane and its victims.

The check was mailed to the Warrenton Fire Department by Edmund W. Pavenstedt, stepfather of Victoria Brandt Crosscut, Mrs. Crosscut along with her husband and a woman companion, were killed when the four-seater plane crashed in dense woods north of Arcola.

Jimmy Roberts, fire chief, said that he had been instructed by Mr. Pavenstedt and his wife to put the money to any use which the local company felt was appropriate.

Roberts said that the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, which was the first agency to arrive near the plane crash site, the search was most appreciative of the gift, and added that a letter of appreciation had been forwarded from the local department to Mr. and Mrs. Pavenstedt.

In Hospital

Mr. Gordon Limer is a patient in Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, as the result of a head injury suffered on the farm on Wednesday.