

## Farm Bureau Is Against Added Cigarette Tax

Any additional taxes on tobacco to get necessary money for Governor Sandford's school program is opposed by the Farm Bureau as unfair to a product that is already over-taxed.

"It is amazing how some folks can talk about taxing people equitably to get the necessary money for expanded education in this state and then ask that more taxes be put on tobacco products," Erich Hecht, president of Warren County Farm Bureau, said yesterday in a prepared statement for the press.

"To my way of thinking, he said, 'equitableness is synonymous with fairness.' 'How can a tax?' he asked, 'be fair that singles out a commodity to make it pay a larger part of our taxes?'"

Although the tobacco farmer receives only about 3 1/2 cents per pack of cigarettes, at the present time there is a federal excise tax of 9c per pack of cigarettes and a North Carolina sales tax of 3 per cent. In addition to these taxes, some members of the General Assembly are pressing for an additional tobacco tax of 3 cents per pack of cigarettes and a similar amount for other tobacco products.

Hecht pointed out that this added tax would increase the tax on the retail price of cigarettes (priced at 23c per pack) from 39 per cent to 46 per cent. "Why, he added, 'this would increase the percentage of the consumers' cigarette dollar going for taxes by 7 per cent.'"

For every \$1 the tobacco

farmers received for tobacco used in domestically consumed cigarettes, \$3.23 was collected in taxes by Federal, State and local governments on cigarettes manufactured from this tobacco. Approximately \$2,543,368,000 revenue was collected by Federal, State, and Municipal agencies from the sale of tobacco products in 1958. "Tobacco farmers maintain that tobacco is carrying more than its fair share of taxes already," Hecht said. "Tobacco is the most-heavily taxed agricultural commodity in history."

Should a special tax on tobacco materialize in this state, Hecht indicated that other states would follow this example and tax their tobacco products even more unfairly than they do now.

## Moses Davis Is Again Healed For Superior Court

Moses Davis, Warrenton Negro who was freed by a Warren County jury on charges of trespass during the January term of Superior Court, will have another day in court.

Davis, elderly resident of northeast Warrenton, appealed a 60-day road sentence handed him by Judge Julius E. Banzet during Friday's session of Warren County Recorder's Court.

Accused of stealing a chicken from a downtown Warrenton supermarket, Davis gave notice of appeal to the June criminal term of Superior Court. (See DAVIS, page 12)



A large exhibit of Indian relics, shown above with amateur archeologist Phil Perkinson of Norlina, was used as part of Perkinson's prize-winning exhibit in the district science fair held at State College on Saturday and is eligible to enter the State Fair at Duke University on April 7.

## Perkinson Fair Winner

Phil Perkinson, a sophomore at Norlina High School, was a winner in the district Science Fair held at State College on Saturday and is eligible to enter the State Fair at Duke University on April 7.

The 16-year-old Norlina boy was one of ten winners of top honors in the 17-county district fair in which some 176 high school boys and girls participated. His exhibit, in the biological division, was "Prehistoric Cultures in Warren County."

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cock of Elberon, won honorable mention in the district fair for her exhibit, "Zone Electrophoresis."

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## Board Calls For Town Election

### Lecture Course On Corn To Be Held At Inez

The Inez Community Club will sponsor a lecture course on "How to Grow Corn With a Minimum of Cultivation" on Monday night, April 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

Announcement of the meeting was made yesterday by James Harris, president of the club.

Tommy W. Brittain of the Coker Seed Farm, Van Watson of Watson Seed Farms and W. G. Westmoreland of Geigy Co. will lead the discussion. The public is invited to attend.

### Shearin Wins Duke Scholarship

Ronald V. Shearin, a senior at Warrenton's John Graham High School, has been awarded the George Garland Allen Memorial Scholarship at Duke University.

Shearin, who was a finalist in the Angier B. Duke Scholarship finals at the Durham institution two weeks ago, received notice of his selection on Tuesday.

A classmate at John Graham, James E. Cheves, Jr., a semi-finalist in the Angier Duke competition and a finalist in the Hankin Scholarship competition at Wake Forest College, was given a grant-in-aid at Duke University.

Mrs. A. D. Harris visited Mrs. Crichton Thorne Davis in Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, on Saturday.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in a called session on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of calling a general election here in May for the selection of a Mayor and seven commissioners, and to consider an application for a taxicab permit.

The commissioners passed required legislation stating the date and time of voting, the eligibility of electors, the dates and hours in which the registration books are to be open, and naming Mrs. M. E. Grant as registrar and Lee Riggan and S. O. Nunn as judges of election. The election will be held on May 2.

James D. Gilliland, Warrenton attorney, was given permission to operate a taxicab here if he complies with state requirements and purchases a Town of Warrenton permit, which is standard procedure for those applying for such permits.

Gilliland was also granted a town beer license for the operation of the Sandwich Shop on West Main Street upon receipt of a state permit.

### Sunrise Service To Be Held Sunday

Sunrise services will be held in the cemetery of Providence Methodist Church on Easter Sunday morning at 5:40, with the Rev. W. A. Becker, pastor, in charge. Music will be furnished by the choir of Shocco Methodist Church, Vicksboro.

Immediately following the service, breakfast will be served in the Afton-Elberon club house.

## For Gaston Lake Briefing

# Land Owners To Meet Here

Some 157 Warren County property owners—whose property is to be affected by the flooding of the Gaston reservoir next year—have been invited to attend a public meeting here tonight (Friday).

Officials of the Warren County Planning Board, a committee appointed by the Warren Board of Commissioners to study proposed planning for

the Gaston Lake area, issued invitations to the property owners to hear a discussion of proposed planning and zoning. The meeting, authorized by the Warren commissioners on March 20, will be held at 8:00 o'clock tonight in the Warren County courthouse here.

Not only are property owners urged to attend the meeting, but planning board president Marvin Newsom of Littleton has called for a meeting open to all persons interested in the orderly development of the Gaston Lake area.

A favorable response from tonight's meeting must be forthcoming if the Warren Board of Commissioners is to appropriate \$3300 for use in planning a portion of the lake's

250 miles of shoreline. At tonight's meeting, representatives of the Community Planning Division of the State Department of Conservation and Development will acquaint those present with the advantages of planning, zoning and subdivision regulations.

Most of the program will be handled by Robert Barbour, C&D official, who recently appeared before a group of Halifax County property owners. These property owners voted unanimous favor for a similar plan for Halifax County.

Warren County commissioners, who will be present at the meeting, have urged all those interested in the planning proposal to be present at the meeting.

## Easter Lilies To Be On Sale Here Saturday

Easter lilies will be sold on the streets of Warrenton tomorrow (Saturday) by 4-H club members of Warren County as a part of the campaign to raise funds for the Warren County Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Boyd Reams, in charge of the campaign in Warren County, this week urged citizens to help fight crippling disease by using the local Easter Seals they have received from the society. He said these seals have been mailed to 2,163 persons in the county this month.

Everyone receiving these seals, he said, are urged to help the handicapped by sending their donations in as early as possible. They can also help, he added, by purchasing Easter lilies tomorrow.

"While the most important objective of Easter Seals is raising funds for treating the physically handicapped, the annual messengers also tell a story of aid and hope for the handicapped," Reams said. "Use of Easter Seals, regardless of the contribution made in their behalf, is a definite means of expressing interest in the crippled."

Reams said that the appeal finances care and treatment, education and research programs that aid all crippled persons regardless of race, creed or handicapping conditions. He said that 60 per cent of the contributions received remains in the county to treat local physically handicapped.

## St. Mary's Alumnae To Hold Meeting

The alumnae of St. Mary's School and Junior College will have their annual luncheon on Wednesday, April 12, at the Henderson Country Club, Mrs. Conrad Sturges announced yesterday.

Participating alumnae chapters are Oxford, Warrenton, Louisburg, Franklinton and Henderson. Miss Elizabeth Bason will be special guest for the meeting and Miss Robin Fuller, alumnae secretary, will present the program.

In making the announcement, Mrs. Sturges urged members to make plans now to attend. Chapter members will be contacted closer to the date of the luncheon so that reservations can be made.

Local alumnae planning to attend the meeting are asked to call Mrs. Whit Peoples by April 10.

Drake Resigns  
F. M. Drake, Jr., county sanitary officer since 1958, has resigned.

Drake, who succeeded Woodrow Shearin as the county sanitary officer three years ago, submitted his resignation to the Warren County Health Department on Thursday. He said his resignation would take effect immediately.

Auxiliary To Meet  
The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the Afton-Elberon club house on next Thursday, April 6, at 8:00 p. m. Mrs. Joe Andrews, Mrs. Louis Fuller and Mrs. Henry Fuller will be co-hostesses.

## S. C. Minister Has Accepted WP Call

The Rev. William H. Puckett, Jr., a native of Greenwood, South Carolina, has accepted a call to the Warren Plains Baptist Church. Mr. Puckett will conduct his first services at the Warren Plains church on Easter Sunday morning.

A graduate of Greenwood High School, Mr. Puckett received his degree from Furman University and attended Southeastern Seminary.

The 23-year-old minister was ordained in August 1957 at the First Baptist Church in Greenwood. Since that time he has served as pastor of the Parkville Baptist Church in Parkville, S. C., and the Modoc Baptist Church in Modoc, S. C. Mr. Puckett and his wife, Jacqueline, have two children—William H., III, and Jack.

He replaces the Rev. W. T. Bruce, who left the Warren Plains and Macon pastorates in January to accept a call to a church in Colerain.

## Schools To Be Closed Monday

Warren County school children will have their first official holiday since Christmas as both the white and Negro schools suspend operations on Monday in observance of the Easter holidays.

Throughout the county business houses and banks will close for the traditional Easter Monday holiday.

A majority of stores will be closed Monday, according to W. K. Lanier, Jr., chairman of the holiday committee for the Warrenton Merchants' Association, and will reopen for business as usual on Tuesday.

## Farm Women To Meet In Vance On April 5

The 15th District Organization of Home Demonstration Clubs will meet in Vance County at the Island Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday, April 5, Miss Emily Ballinger, home economics agent, announced yesterday.

Mrs. James C. Harris of Inez, chairman of the 15th district organization, will preside. Registration for the meeting will begin at 9:15 a. m. with the morning program being from 10:00 a. m. until noon and the afternoon session from 1:30 to 2:30 p. m.

The speaker for the program will be Mrs. William C. Pressly, popularly known as Harriet Pressly, who for some 17 years had daily programs on radio station WPTF, Raleigh. At present, she is free lancing for WPTF. Mrs. Pressly's topic will be "The Role of Homemakers in This Changing World."

The Warren County Home Demonstration Club Chorus will sing several selections during the afternoon program. Mrs. John Link is director of the chorus with Mrs. T. J. Harrington the accompanist. Several Warren County club members are serving on committees for the meeting. Those with committee assignments are: Report, Mrs. Willis Fleming; Resolutions, Mrs. M. L. Feltner; Publicity, Mrs. Melvin Shearin.



REV. WILLIAM H. PUCKETT

Mrs. William C. Pressly, chairman, Registration, Miss Catherine Brown; Courtesy, Mrs. Robert Walker; Time and Place, Mrs. O. M. Limer; Publicity, Mrs. Melvin Shearin. All home demonstration club members, as well as other interested persons, are invited to the meeting. Island Creek Baptist Church is north of Henderson, about eight miles North of Highway 30 to Willsboro; turn left and go two miles. The theme for the day's meeting will be "Preparing for the Challenge of Change—Keep Well Done Thyself."

## Demonstration Of Land Shaping Set For Today

By NAT WHITE,  
Soil Conservation Service  
Farmers interested in mechanizing their farming operations can learn a lot at a land shaping demonstration to be held on the farm of Sidney P. and Robert E. Fleming near Vicksboro in Warren County on this afternoon (Friday) at 2:00 p. m.

At this demonstration a new type machine will shape waterways, grade the land, build parallel terraces, and leave the field in a shape where it can be easily mechanized. Short rows will be eliminated by constructing all terraces parallel, and the land will be shaped so the terraces and rows have no sharp curves. Each row will have enough grade to insure good drainage.

Farmers attending the demonstration will see a machine that uses a new principle in earth moving. The machine is mounted on rubber and has much more speed than crawler type tractors. A paddle wheel

running in front of the cutting edge of the pan enables it to take a shallow cut in loading. It loads and unloads at a rapid rate. This machine can be used for removing accumulated top soil from waterways, bench terraces, and field borders where it creates a drainage problem. This topsoil can be spread on eroded areas and in depressions to improve drainage in the field. Work of this kind is needed in the tobacco belt of the piedmont before tobacco can be fully mechanized.

The demonstration is being sponsored by the Soil Conservation District Supervisors of Franklin, Vance, and Warren Counties. In these three counties the tobacco allotments total around 25,000 acres. Most of this tobacco land is in need of land shaping. We have found by study that thousands of acres are greatly in need of this work.

In Franklin, Vance, and Warren Counties most farmers are

tobacco men. On an average tobacco farm, about 80% of the income comes from tobacco which uses less than 10% of the land. In many instances this tobacco land needs help to the extent that the investment in land shaping will be repaid with increased production from the tobacco crops. Eroded areas in tobacco fields usually yield about \$300 per acre less than on the good soil. These eroded areas can be top soiled with four inches of top soil for about \$135 per acre.

There are many advantages in land shaping. It is essential on many tobacco fields before the farmer can mechanize without causing serious erosion problems. It increases production by top soiling eroded areas and giving better drainage. The parallel terraces and grassed waterways installed in land shaping gives excellent soil and water conservation.

Farmers are urged to attend this demonstration on March 31 at 2:00 p. m. on the Sidney P. and Robert E. Fleming farm just one mile off U. S. 401 on the Vicksboro Road.

## S. Grove To Have Visitation Week

The Rev. John E. Wood, pastor of the Bethlehem-Shady Grove Methodist Charge, has announced that the week of March 27-April 2 will be a week of Visitation-Evangelism in the Shady Grove Methodist Church of Inez. The first four nights of the week will be spent in visiting by the members and followed by three nights of evangelistic service. The pastor will conduct the services Friday night through Sunday night at 7:30.

J. Albert Jennette, layman of Garner, will be the speaker at the 11:00 a. m. service on Sunday, April 2.

The Rev. Mr. Wood said that a similar program of visitation and evangelism will be conducted in the Bethlehem Methodist Church beginning the week of April 3-9.

## April 5 Is Deadline For Cotton Release

Warren County farmers have only a few more days to make their decision on cotton for 1961.

April 5 is the deadline for releasing cotton acreage and requesting additional acreage, and farmers must make that decision on or before that date, T. E. Watson, ASC office manager, said yesterday.

Watson said that farmers who are not going to plant all, or any of their allotment, should release the acreage not to be planted to the county committee. "In this way," he said, "you protect your allotment, you protect the county allotment, and at the same time the released acreage can be re-allotted to other producers who desire more cotton for 1961."

Committees, vendors, representatives of agricultural agencies and farm organizations, ginners, buyers and businessmen are all urged to assist in getting farmers who will not plant cotton to release it by the deadline, Watson said.

The farmer releasing his acreage protects his future farm allotment and the county allotment, Watson pointed out. He added: The released acreage can be planted by farmers desiring more cotton and they benefit. The ginners, buyers and other business men benefit by having the acreage planted because it means more business for them.