



Once a majestic sentinel on the Roanoke River near Eaton's Ferry, a shattered tree stump awaits removal as men and machines clear area for a new bridge which will span the Gaston reservoir. The bridge will replace the ferry now in

operation less than a mile downstream. In left of picture is coffer dam which holds back river's water while construction crews prepare foundation of bridge. (Staff Photo)

Tax Valuations Up Less Than \$3,000,000

An increase of less than \$3,000,000 in the overall valuations of Warren County is expected to result from the recently completed revaluation of Warren County.

The exact figures can not be obtained until valuations from the State Board of Assessment are received, A. P. Rodwell, Jr., tax collector and auditor, said yesterday. He said that he hoped that they would not be any less than for the 1960-61 fiscal year.

These assessments on public utilities last year amounted to \$2,101,981, Rodwell said, giving the county a valuation for the 1960-61 fiscal year of \$17,396,880.

Assuming that the assessments in the 1961-62 fiscal year are the same as for last year, the total valuation for 1961-62 would be \$20,186,575 — an increase of \$2,879,695.

Actually there was an increase of more than three and a half million dollars in the valuation of Warren County real estate, but part of this gain was offset by a large decrease in the valuation of personal property, largely automobiles.

The gain in real estate valuations for 1961 over 1960 was \$3,665,623; the loss in personal property was \$785,928 — from \$4,706,244 to \$3,920,316.

The 1961 tax valuation of some twenty million dollars represents only 40% of the valuations placed on real estate by the appraisers. Had the full value been accepted, it is likely that there would have been no decrease in personal property valuations.

Automobiles have been for many years valued according to a scale set by the state, resulting in a proportionate higher figure for automobiles than for real estate. The 40% of value figure on real estate was also applied to automobile resulting in a considerably smaller bill for the automobile owner.

The tax rate for the 1960-61 fiscal year was \$1.98 on the \$100 valuation. Rodwell said that a tax rate of \$1.70 on the new valuation would raise practically the same as the \$1.98 for the 1960-61 fiscal year. A rate of \$1.75 would raise some \$10,000 more.

What the new tax rate will be will not be determined until the commissioners have had an opportunity to study all the budgets from all the county agencies. There is little doubt that there will be some cut in the tax rate, however.

Budgets already submitted indicate an increase in demand from many of the county agencies. These increases will be offset to some extent by the fact that the bill for revaluation of property has been paid. This accounted for

\$28,000 in last year's budget. There has been some informal talk of the hope for a \$1.75 rate. Whether this rate will be sufficient, will not be known until final budget figures are in and evaluated.

Large Negro Delegation Seeks Improved Schools

A delegation of Negroes that practically filled the courtroom here on Monday night petitioned the Warren County Board of Education to provide better schools facilities for members of their race, now attending school in the eleven unconsolidated schools of the county, without further delay.

The meeting with the board of education was arranged by Ernest Turner of near Inez and included Negroes from all sections of the county. The Rev. O. B. Burse acted as spokesman for the group and read from a prepared statement.

Burse said that the Supreme Court decision altered the school set up in the county and that his group felt that unless improved school buildings were provided for the colored people, the patrons would have to ask for a transfer to other schools. He said that the one

and two-teacher schools were inadequate and that his people wanted equal educational opportunities with that enjoyed by other groups.

Burse's reference to the Supreme Court drew forth a sharp reply from Supt. of Schools Roger Peeler, who told the group that he was both shocked and hurt by their attitude. He said that he had hoped that he had proved himself a friend to the Negro patrons and the Negro schools and that he was doing all in his power to correct what is an admittedly bad situation as fast as funds are available.

Peeler said that since he began his duties here that a modern Negro school had been built at Vaughan and another at Norlina, and further improvements are scheduled at North Warren and John R. Hawkins this year. He said plans are being made for the construction of a consolidated high school in the southern part of the county as soon as funds can be raised. The county is already accumulating funds for this purpose, he said.

The board of education can move no faster than the board of commissioners will provide funds. Supt. Peeler pointed out. He said that he hoped that either Federal or State governments would provide funds for schoolhouse construction of the Negro schools. He said the number of small Negro schools in the county had been reduced from 40 to 11 during the past 4 years, and that this year Fork Chapel would be consolidated with Vaughan.

He also pointed out that the bulk of the funds received from the state bond issue in Warren County had been spent on Negro schools. The Rev. Mr. Burse, in reply, stated that he was acting only as spokesman for the group and the words he read (See SCHOOLS, page 12)

Young People To Go To Littleton

The Baptist Youth Fellowship of the Warren Baptist Church will be guests of the Littleton Intermediate Baptist Training Union for supper and program on Sunday night.

The young people will meet at the Warren Baptist Church and be ready to leave from the church at 5:30 Sunday afternoon. J. F. Hockaday, Bennie Powell, and the Rev. John R. Link serve as leaders.

Warrenton Girl Winner Of State Poster Contest

Carolyn Satterwhite of Warrenton, a senior at John Graham High School, has been named first place winner in the forestry conservation poster contest sponsored by the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Satterwhite of Warrenton, Carolyn will receive a \$50 cash prize. Cash awards are given by the Champion Paper and Fiber Company. The Warrenton Woman's Club will receive a \$24 award as sponsor of the first place winner.

Other winners are Donna Pecht, Raleigh, second place and \$40; Alexander Yarborough, Smithfield, third and \$30; Susan Shinars, Raleigh, fourth and \$20; and Molly Freedland, Wilmington, fifth and \$10.

Carolyn was presented with a \$5 prize in local competition when she tied for first place with another John Graham student, Lynn Aycock, by the Warrenton Women's Club. Both posters were exhibited in the state contest at Raleigh and the selection of the winning poster was made over the weekend.

Board Votes To Transfer Afton Pupils To Macon

The seventh and eighth grades of the Afton-Elberon school will be transferred to Macon and participate in the Junior High School program set up in that school next fall.

This was decided at a special meeting of the board of education here on Monday night, after Supt. Peeler had reported action taken at a mass meeting of Afton-Elberon school patrons on Thursday night of last week. The meeting was attended by Supt. Peeler and board member Sam Massey. Peeler said that a majority of those present opposed the transfer of pupils to Macon, but that he told the group that the final decision rested with the board of education.

The view was expressed by members of the board that the board should back up the decision of the Afton-Elberon school committee and that the interest of the children of the Afton-Elberon community would be best served by the transfer of the seventh and

eighth grades to Macon. Upon motion of Ed Harvey, seconded by Boyd Mayfield the motion to transfer the pupils was passed without dissenting vote.

Supt. Peeler also told the board members that the county commissioners had approved an appropriation for the hiring of an extra teacher for each of the three high schools of the county. Dr. Tom Holt, chairman of the Warrenton-Macon school committee, who dropped by the meeting later in the evening with commit-

teemen A. C. Blalock and Al Williams, expressed his gratification over the action of the commissioners. This, he said, will allow the employment of a fifth teacher at Macon and greatly strengthen the Junior High program.

The board also renewed the student accident insurance policy and approved the closing of Fork Chapel and Liberia elementary Negro schools, with Fork Chapel being consolidated with Vaughan and Liberia with John R. Hawkins.

The board also approved transfer of Halifax Indian students to the Haliwa School in Fishing Creek Township, and approved the assignment of pupils and the election of teachers in all the schools of the county.

Lions' Club Elects Jones New President

William Duke Jones, owner of Jones Printing Company, was elected president of the Warrenton Lions Club at the regular meeting of the club held at Hotel Warren on Friday night.

Jones, a charter member of the local Lions Club, was elected to succeed C. M. Bullock as club president.

Other officers elected on Friday night were Monroe Gardner, first vice-president; R. M. Miles, second vice-president; Nat White, third vice-president; C. V. Whitford, secretary; R. H. Bright, treasurer; A. A. Wood, Lion Tamer; and W. L. Turner, Tailtwister.

New directors named were Fred Hurst and J. B. Thompson.

New officers and directors will be installed on July 14.

The program Friday night consisted of an illustrated talk on Alaska by Dr. W. Burns Jones, Warren County Health Director. Dr. Jones is a former medical missionary to Alaska.

On Television
Warrenton fifth and sixth graders will appear on TV station WUNC-TV (Channel Four) today (Friday) at 11 a. m.

Park Area Toured By Planning Board

Members of the Warren County Planning Board met Tuesday at the park headquarters at Satterwhite's Point on Kerr Lake for their regular monthly meeting.

Paul Anderson, park superintendent, took the group on a tour of the park area which has five picnic shelters, swimming and boating facilities, campsites and many other vacation facilities.

Last year over 450,000 people visited the park area.

Those attending the meeting included Marvin Newsom, Wil-

Virginia Hicks Will Go To Tarheel Girls' State

Miss Virginia Blanche Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tasker P. Hicks of Norlina, has been selected by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend the annual Tarheel Girls' State at W.C.U.N.C. from June 11 through June 17.

During her sophomore year Miss Hicks was class secretary and F.H.A. reporter.

As a junior she has served as class treasurer, bi-county F.H.A. vice-president, 4-H County Council vice-president, Beta Club reporter, and junior class representative on the student council.



VIRGINIA HICKS

Bean Thieves Given Hearing

Two Warren County Negroes, arrested on April 30 on charges growing out of the theft of eight dollars worth of soy beans, were given suspended sentences in Warren County Recorder's Court here on Friday.

Arthur Parks and Curtis Kearney, both arrested following the theft of two bags of soy beans from the farm of M. T. Abbott, Shocco Township farmer, received 60-day suspended sentences from presiding judge Julius E. Banzet.

Kearney was charged with breaking, entering and theft, as was his cousin, Archie Kearney. Parks was arrested on charges of receiving stolen goods and possession of non-tax paid whiskey, which officers said was used to trade for the soy beans.

The state took a nol pro in the charges involving Archie Kearney.

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Local Man Nominated For National AF Honor

A member of the Warrenton board of commissioners has been nominated as the nation's outstanding reserve airman.

A. C. Fair, local jeweler, was nominated for the national honor following his selection as the outstanding airman in the 9179th Air Reserve Group, which encompasses eastern North Carolina.

The selection of Fair, who holds the rank of tech sergeant in the AF Reserve, was made this week by Lt. Col. Farmer S. Smith, commander of the Air Reserve Group.

Active in the Air Force since his career began as a private

in October 1942 as a gunnery and automatic pilot specialist, Fair is also active in Warrenton, civic and business affairs.

A member of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, he has served as vestryman and Junior Warden. He is a past president of the Warrenton Merchant's Association and is Deputy Civil Defense Director for Warrenton. A 32 Degree Mason, he has served as director of the Warren County TB Association, the Warrenton Lions Club, the Warren County Fair Association and as president of the John Graham High School PTA.

Although a sergeant in the

Two Men Are Arrested At Nutbush Liquor Still

Two Negro men were captured at a whiskey still in Nutbush Township around 7:30 p. m. last Friday by ATU, ABC and local police officers.

Captured after they had stored whiskey from a still into an automobile were Jacob Hargrove, 56, of Vance County, and Thomas Edwards, 30, of Nutbush Township.

Sheriff Jim Hundley said yesterday that the still had been under surveillance since the previous Monday. He said

the officers watched the still until the moonshiners had completed the run and loaded the whiskey on a car. They then blocked the car and arrested the two men.

The car was confiscated by ATU officers and the captured men were brought to the Warren County jail. The officers destroyed eight cases of whiskey and a 50-gallon steam drum.

Making up the raiding party were ATU officers H. B. Bracey, Robert Furr and Paul Campbell of Henderson, ABC officers Mimms and Watkins of Henderson, and Sheriff Jim Hundley and Deputies Loyd Newsome, Bonnie Stevenson, and Herbert Rooker.

Graduation Program
The Harris Kindergarten will have a graduation program in the Fellowship Room of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock.