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Warren County Census

The breakdown of census figures by townships and race which came to this office through the courtesy of Congressman L. H. Fountain and which is published in this newspaper this week holds few surprises for those familiar with population trends in the county.

Perhaps the slight difference in the ratio of white to colored may surprise some who have noticed many vacant houses formerly occupied by colored tenants over the county without realizing that white citizens too have left the county also. They expected a considerable loss of Negroes over whites. Mainly, such is not the case. However, the figures may be slightly misleading in that a large number of Negro adults who have left the county have left their children here where they were properly counted in the census. This conclusion is borne out by the fact that the drop in Negro school enrollment has in no way kept pace with the drop in the Negro population of the county.

Another surprise is the drop in the number of persons, particularly in Fishing Creek Township, who were listed as Indians in the 1950 census. No doubt many of these citizens have left the county, but since the Negro population fell in all other townships, the conclusion is practically inescapable that many persons who were listed in 1950 as Indians were listed as Negroes in 1960. We call attention to this change without any effort to interpret it.

Most of those interested in the development of Warren County were somewhat downhearted when the 1960 census showed a drop of nearly 4,000 in population, although it had been predicted that most Eastern North Carolina counties would lose population.

That Warren's population loss was so large can be attributed in large part to the drop in the farm population, which followed a national trend of years, and the fact that there were no towns or cities in the county to absorb the farm loss. We believe that a study of the census reports of 1960 and 1960 would show that there is not a county in Eastern Carolina that did not show a drop in rural population, perhaps many as large as Warren County. One will find, we believe, that the only Eastern Carolina counties that did not register a population loss were those counties with large towns and cities.

The farm population, now down to around 7%, may go as low as 5%. How much further the rural population will drop in Warren County is anybody's guess, and with it perhaps further drop in the population of small towns. But in the course of time, with rapid population growth over the nation, Warren

Resignation Of Hockaday

Not only faculty members and students of John Graham High School, but citizens of the entire John Graham High School district will learn with regret of the resignation of J. F. Hockaday as principal of the John Graham High School. He will be hard to replace.

Under the principalship of Mr. Hockaday, who came here from New Bern two years ago, the school has made a great deal of progress and school administration officials and patrons of the school were looking forward to continued progress under Mr. Hockaday's direction.

Mr. Hockaday leaves Warrenton to accept the principalship of a school in Sanford, a much larger town, which has a healthy school supplement, and the many friends he has made here will wish him and his family the best of luck in their new location.

County's population will grow. How fast this will happen will depend on how fast the towns will become industrialized.

Opposes Federal School Bill

TO THE EDITOR:

Educationists now say that Federal Control is the only way to save education from the inability of local boards of education; that the Soviet Union is ahead of us in science; that the USSR is outstripping us in economic growth; that dangers are increasing all over the world; that we must be far better prepared; that we are not graduating enough science majors, enough language majors; that we are not training our bright young students to the limit of their abilities; and so on ad infinitum.

Further they suggest that the only control for raising standards of education is by Federal financing. Congress will be told of all the ways in which Federal money could be most wisely spent, but how will it be spent and who will be the schools' masters? This of course necessitates setting up a bureaucracy so that Congress can turn its powers over to experts to lead to freedom for teachers who do not understand academic freedom any how. Americans who object are still shackled by "the Jeffersonian untruth that the best government governs least."

This is what happened in the Weimar government which was all powerful with weak political parties. Who manages vast governmental powers in the areas of labor, industry, education, natural resources, military operations and supply and communications? Surely not enfeebled political parties or our sometimes bewildered Members of Congress.

If a powerful vested interest is established in the Federal Government to spend school money, strong political forces will direct it. A dollar given in school aid will cause a bitter struggle over intergration. Churches will not avoid the political struggle because every decision made by Federal school authorities will be a power decision, taking one side or other of issues that can never be settled.

The minority report of the House Education and Labor Committee on the Thompson \$2.5

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN AND 25 YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

June 22, 1956

William W. Taylor, Jr., Warrenton attorney, was elected president of the North Carolina Bar Association at its fifty-eighth annual convention held in Myrtle Beach, S. C., June 13-16.

Two or more thieves entered the Community Motor Service at Norlina on Thursday night and carried away an unlocked safe containing \$140 in cash and company records.

A. P. Rodwell, Jr., auditor of Warren County, was installed as Commander of Limer Post of the American Legion on Thursday night of last week.

A rolling wheel from a prison truck trailer crossed Main Street and crashed into Leggett's Store window around 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

June 22, 1951

Si Nunn, III, was declared winner of the second Junior Handicap Golf Tournament at the close of three afternoons of play at the Country Club on Saturday afternoon.

County Agent Frank Reams reported yesterday that boll weevils are increasing and spreading all over the county.

Col. Harold R. Skillman was installed as Commander of Limer Post of the American Legion at its regular dinner meeting on Thursday of last week.

Pete Papageorge of Greece, who arrived in Warrenton on June 8, is very much pleased with the beauty and friendliness of Warrenton, his father, Steve Papageorge, said this week.

June 19, 1936

Twenty thousand dollars in bonus payments have been received during the first three days of this week by Warren County veterans of World War I.

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday agreed to pay \$2350 as the county's share in Federal Relief appropriation.

Mr. William Taylor has been spending several days this week at the beach.

The primary which came to a close last week cost the taxpayers of Warren County around \$1200. It was learned from the court house records this week.

billion school subsidy bill. H. R. 7300 is convincing that this bill is unsound and undesirable. The bill aims at no emergency, provides no specific remedies and makes no attempt to define particular needs. Its aid is in a form which would result in an unwarranted intrusion into matters properly of local and state concern. To discharge its responsibility of subsidizing the Nation's teachers would require billions of dollars yearly. This massive financial support would certainly lead to Federal supervision over the adequacy of those subsidized and what the teachers teach. Some of the consequences are:

1. Lowering academic standards.
2. Stagnation of curriculum and administration.
3. Interference in administration of local schools.
4. Fear of a never ending chain of events that power leads to more power.

Let there be no misunderstanding about the drastic import of this bill. Ostensibly some \$2.5 billion is to be provided for a 3-year period. Administration spokesmen have frankly admitted that this is to be a permanent program. While this bill provides aid on the basis of \$12 per school age child, earlier bills of the same character envisaged annual expenditures of \$100 per child.

In general it can be stated that States and localities have mounted the construction effort necessary to meet the classroom needs any program of general Federal Aid. According to the Administrations own testimony, total construction needs for the 10-year period 1959-60 through 1968-69, amount to 600,000 classrooms. Apparently the 70,000 classroom construction rate of the past five years is not enough. Actually, as most of the children who will count for the enrollment in this decade are already born, it can be determined that a dramatic decline in annual enrollment increase begins for the school year 1965-66. This means a drop from 1,100,000 increase per year to 600,000 increase per year. Translating this to classroom needs means 36,700 new classrooms annually for 1960-64 and 20,000 new classrooms for 1965-69.

Additional teacher requirement should average 55,000 for the next five years and less than 30,000 between 1965-69. College graduate teachers

MOSTLY PERSONAL  
By BIGNALL JONES

Strangely enough, when I lived in Washington as a young man, my thoughts of home always seemed to center on summer events, mostly along stream banks and through the swamps which I frequented as a child, and in the distance, I could, it seemed, hear the faint tinkling of a cowbell.

This was recalled on Sunday morning as I walked along the banks of the Roanoke River, although no cowbell was to be heard, but there were present the stinging cow flies and an occasional horse fly. It was sufficient to recall my halfdreams in the nation's capital.

Daughter Ann and I missed church for a trip to the bridge site near Eaton's Ferry on the Roanoke River, where considerable progress had been made on both a highway to the bridge and on the bridge foundation. Near the river, the road bed had been built up 25 or 30 feet, I would guess. Two piers of the bridge had been built up to their final height, and a number of the

should increase annually to 594,000 in 1965-69 possibly supplying more teachers than could be employed.

The department of Health, Education and Welfare has suggested a 'teacher salary increase of 50% between 1959 and 1964. Since 1900, on the average, teacher salaries have risen 26% in dollars of constant value every decade, and over the past thirty years (1929-1959) teachers salaries have improved 106% whereas the earnings of all wage and salary workers has been 91%.

It is my opinion that the true question involved in Federal grants for education is do we wish to establish a Federal Trojan horse bestriding the world of education; one that moves as the bureaucrats and power seekers wish. Or do we want education controlled by parents, teachers, lovers of learning and lovers of our country.

Those who fit the latter category, I implore to write your duly elected district representative and express your wishes. LEMUEL W. KORNEGAY Warrenton, N. C.

other concrete piers were rising in that half of the river contained in a coffer dam.

Afterward we drove to Eaton's Ferry and then continued down the river for about two miles where further progress in a car was blocked by the condition of the road. Then we walked down the road for about three quarters of a mile to a point I judged was not a great distance from Curli's Hill which at one time was considered as a site for the bridge across the Roanoke.

As I walked, I noticed the cattle sheds, acre after acre of pasture, upon which once hundreds of cattle grazed, and I could not help but think what a shame that such a fine cattle farm had to be covered by a lake. It hurts to see it happen, but long ago I have learned that there is practically never any gain without some loss.

For hundreds of years, since man first began to turn the Piedmont soil with a turning plow, until the construction of the Kerr Dam, the Roanoke had left its banks and deposited millions of tons of top soil in the river's lowgrounds. Acre after acre of this top soil has been scraped up to build the coffer dam and the roadbed as it crosses the lowgrounds about the level of the water in the proposed Gaston reservoir. I know that it is not practical to do otherwise, but it seems a pity with as much subsoil as is exposed in Warren County that some of it could not have been covered with this soil going into a road bed and a coffer dam. But it is, I suppose, apiece with the lops from timber that for years rotted in the cut-over forest—allowed to rot because it was so much cheaper to skim the forest.

One thinks of a lot of things as one slowly drives or walks along a river bank. One hears and sees much too in a relaxing way, the whistle of a quail, the flight of a dove, the ripple of water across rocks, the berries, still red, but turning black, bringing thoughts of red bugs and the thought that the few berries now ripe were hardly worth the scratching they would probably bring on.

Way down the river bank, we sighted a tent, chairs, gasoline tanks, and one of those enjoying the quiet and peace of a camping trip along the river. When we came back, the boy had disappeared, so I did not have a chance to question him.

Rooker Funeral Held At Zion On Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Alice Rooker, 79, of Norlina were conducted Saturday at 3 p. m. at Zion Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. John Andrews, assisted by the Rev. Sidney Boone, a former pastor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The widow of the late Henry Foote Rooker, Mrs. Rooker died at her home near Norlina on Thursday of last week. She was a member of Zion Methodist Church, where she served on the building committee and taught a Sunday School class.

Mrs. Rooker is survived by six sons, William Rooker of Monroe, R. M. Rooker of Alaska, J. T. C. F., J. E. and W. F. Rooker, all of Norlina; four daughters, Mrs. M. V. Hicks of Norlina, Mrs. R. R. Tilghman of Snow Hill, Mrs. L. M. Johnson of Showues, Ariz., and Mrs. R. E. Phillips of Southampton, Maine; a brother, E. M. Edwards of Henderson; three sisters, Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Macon, Mrs. D. L. Tinsley of

Ann and I were 30 minutes late for our dinner, but in spite of that, the trip was a pleasant one. Some day I may spend the whole day along this section of the Roanoke River, but hardly will I spend the night, for I don't like mosquitoes any better than I do red bugs.

Revival To Be Held At Reedy Creek

Revival services will be held at Reedy Creek Baptist Church at Grove Hill beginning on Sunday, June 25 and continuing through Friday, June 30.

The Rev. J. L. Bryson will be the revival preacher. Homecoming will be held in connection with the revival on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and dinner will be served on the grounds.

Services will be held each night, Monday through Friday, beginning at 8 o'clock.

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