

Seven Men In Coroner's Race

With the filing of two more candidates for the position of coroner of Warren County this week, the field of candidates for this position was increased to seven.

Wiley G. Coleman, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, said yesterday that A. C. Fair of Warrenton paid his filing fee as a candidate for coroner in the Democratic Primary of May 25 on Monday, and that Luther J. Walker of Littleton filed for the position on Tuesday.

In addition, Coleman said, W. E. Hamm of Warrenton has filed for the position of War-

renton Township Constable, a position for which Douglas Vaughan had previously filed.

Seeking the coroner's spot, in addition to Fair and Walker, are Jack Dowtin of Warrenton, Frank Ray Vaughan of Warrenton, Thurston Brown, Negro mortician of Warrenton, N. I. Haithecock of Warrenton, incumbent, and William H. King, Jr., of Warrenton.

With the exception of Walker, all of the candidates to file for the coroner's position so far are from Warrenton, the county seat.

October Date For Filling Reservoir

With the target date for filling the Gaston reservoir only seven months away, W. J. Schneider, assistant real estate department manager for Virginia Electric and Power Company, has closed his office at Hotel Warren and been temporarily assigned to Roanoke Rapids.

P. N. Little, chief office engineer for Stone and Webster, engineering firm in charge of the construction of the Gaston dam and reservoir, will retain his office here for some time.

Schneider, who came here some two years ago, closed his office here on Tuesday. He said that his stay at Roanoke Rapids would be only temporary while he completed his

job on the reservoir.

Schneider said that the present target date for the beginning of filling of the Gaston reservoir has been set for October. While rainy weather has slowed down the clearing of the reservoir, it is expected that additional crews will be added as soon as the weather clears, and it is still hoped that the target date will be met.

While Mr. and Mrs. Little and family have been making their home in Warrenton for the past two years in the Moseley home on North Main Street, Schneider, unable to find suitable quarters here, has been commuting from Roanoke Rapids.

Ann King Is Winner In Sewing Contest

A John Graham High School sophomore was first place winner in the Fashion-Sewing Contest for the Home Economics girls held on Friday afternoon in the Home Economics Department.

Ann King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. King of Oakville, was awarded first place in the contest sponsored by the Warrenton Woman's Club and the Vogue Pattern Service. As winner she received a \$500 cash prize from the Woman's Club, the dress of her choice from Leggett's Department Store, and a box of candy from Hunter Drug Company. As winner of the local contest, Miss King was scheduled to represent John Graham school and the Woman's Club in the district contest at Littleton last night (Thursday).

Brenda Cottrell, a senior, and daughter of Mrs. W. B. Neal, was second place winner. She received a corsage from Odum's Flower Shop and a pocketbook from Marguerite's Style Shop.

Other contestants were Sarah Ann Fuller, Becky Ellis and Patsy Harmon. Miss King was first place winner with her dress-up costume of white brocade satin dress, blue taffeta clutch coat, lined with white taffeta, and accessories of blue shoes and blue bag. She changed to white shoes and white bag for a second costume.

Miss Cottrell won second place with her evening dress of white nylon net over white taffeta, and white accessories.

Mrs. Leonard Daniel, fine arts chairman of the Woman's (See WINNER, page 10)



SINGING ANGELS — Angelic young voices are finding numerous persons with enthusiastic ears at Norlina nowadays. Youths of the Norlina Methodist Church, who have labelled themselves "singing angels", are currently in demand at various civic events. Here the youngsters sing one of their selections at the annual Norlina FFA Father and Son Banquet (see page 2). Shown above, left to right, are Mary Dowell Taylor, Nancy Carter, Ray Traylor, Susan Allen, Lynn Clark, Wayne Carter, Brenda Paschall, Owa Hecht, C. A. Hicks, Lee Burrows and Waverly White. A number of the young singers were absent when this picture was made. (Staff Photo)

Tobacco Acreage Upped

Hopes of increased income among Warren County tobacco farmers rose here this week with the announcement of a 4.3 per cent increase in flue-cured tobacco acreage allotments.

"The increase is equal to five per cent of the base allotment," Congressman L. H. Fountain said in this newspaper on Wednesday, shortly after the Department of Agriculture formally announced the acreage hike.

The increase was the first in flue-cured acreage allotments in 11 years and raised the total acreage from 716,000 acres to 747,000.

Warren County farmers expressed optimism over this year's tobacco income when it was revealed that the increase could add an additional \$25 million to the pocketbooks of Tar Heel farmers if yields and prices are on the same level as last year's.

Proposals to dispose of por-

tions of the 1955-56 crop now in the hands of the flue-cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation reportedly made the allotment increase possible.

Most members of Congress from states producing flue-cured tobacco had urged Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, to increase this year's acreage. The burley acreage allotment was raised six per cent recently, giving rise to hopes among flue-cured growers that an increase in that crop's acreage would be forthcoming.

Governor Terry Sanford credited the increase to the ability of the Kennedy administration to understand and help the farmer and said that the acreage increase proved that the administration, both in Washington and North Carolina "understand and appreciate the importance of farming to every citizen of the state."

Lions To Ask Board For Industry Agent

The Warrenton Lions Club is on record as favoring the employment of a full-time development director for Warren County by the Board of County Commissioners.

Clyde Whitford, secretary of the club, told members at their meeting at Hotel Warren on Friday night that the board of directors had passed a resolution asking the commissioners to provide this director for the county.

The request is expected to be made by other organizations of the county.

The Lions program was featured by a talk by Charles White, local attorney, who spoke on the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement Act of 1954. Commonly known as the "Run-away Pappa Support Act," White said that it was one of a few laws passed by all 50 states. The purpose of the act is to apprehend persons who leave county, deserting dependents, and is used by the local Welfare Department. Some \$12,000 is coming back into the county now as the result of the application of this law, White said, and is increasing each year.

It was announced that the club would have its annual Farmers' Night meeting the second meeting in March, which will be on the fourth Friday night.

President Duke Jones presided over the meeting when J. Edward Rooker, a former member, was welcomed back into the club and W. R. Drake was welcomed as a new member.

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Town Board To Ask County To Hire Ec. Director

Warrenton town commissioners endorsed the hiring of a full-time development director for the county at a called meeting here on Wednesday afternoon.

The commissioners also authorized the Water Department to advertise a used town truck of the Water Department for sale.

Norlina Firemen Entertain Wives At Ladies' Night

The progress of Norlina's volunteer fire department was outlined on Tuesday night as the fire-fighters entertained their wives at the annual Firemen's Ladies' Night.

Leigh Traylor, who serves as chief of the volunteer fire department, told fellow firemen and guests of the work undertaken and the progress made during the past year by the department.

Traylor was presented by Kenneth Severance, a member of the entertainment committee.

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Miss Bowen Is New Member J. G. Faculty

Miss Verna Faye Bowen, 23, of Ayden joined the faculty of John Graham High School as commercial teacher on Tuesday morning. She succeeds Mrs. Norman McArthur, resigned.

Miss Bowen, who taught school for two years in Virginia before completing her education at East Carolina College in February, was highly recommended by the principal of the school in Virginia in which she formerly taught, John Graham Principal Thomas J. Brown said yesterday. "He said that he wished that he could get her back," Brown added.

A graduate of Ayden High School in 1956, Miss Bowen was graduated from East Carolina College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education and English, with emphasis on accounting. She has a typing rate of between 70 and 80 words a minute with a working knowledge of mimeograph, duplicator, adding machine, key-driven calculator. (See BOWEN, page 10)

Day Of Prayer To Be Observed Here

World Day of Prayer services will be held at the Warrenton Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 9, at 10:00 a. m., with the Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches participating in the service.

World Day of Prayer is sponsored annually by the United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, in the United States, representing 12 million Protestant and Orthodox women.

Commissioners Will Be Asked To Boost Board To 12 Members

The board of County Commissioners will be asked on Monday to increase the membership of the Warren County Planning Board from five to 12 members with one representative from each civic organization of the county serving on an advisory committee which will work with the planning board.

The request will be made by County Agent Frank Reams who will be carrying out instructions of a group of interested citizens at a meeting in the Agricultural Building on

last Friday night, following a discussion of possible participation under a development plan of the Area Development Act recently passed by Congress for aid to distressed counties.

The motion to increase the size of the planning board and to have it proceed with the overall economic planning for the development of Warren County was made by Mayor Milton Stokes of Littleton and seconded by L. B. Hardage, assistant county agent. Approved during the discussion period

by County Commissioner A. J. Ellington, who said that it would be a big help to the commissioners, Marvin Newsum, chairman of the Warren County Planning Board, and others, the motion was unanimously passed by the 25 local persons attending the meeting.

Included in the group were mayors of the incorporated towns of the county, industry and agricultural leaders, members of the Extension Service and representatives of the press.

Fred Mangum, Farm Management Specialist with the State College Extension Service, told the group that Warren County was one of 31 North Carolina counties which have been declared distressed area under the Area Development Act recently passed by Congress. The designation is based on the amount of unemployment in a county, he said.

Under the act, \$394,000,000 was appropriated by the Congress to assist distressed areas in making adjustments in their economy. Of this amount \$200,000,000 will be made available to qualifying areas at 4% interest for industrial and commercial projects and for expansion of industries and projects which will give added employment.

Mangum said that the government would lend only a maximum of 65% of required capital and that it would not permit the piracy of industries from one section to another. Only new or expanding branches of established industries would be covered under the act.

M. C. Holland of Goldsboro, district supervisor of Farmers Home Administration, listed the five broad types of service provided under the program and explained steps necessary for a county to participate.

In addition to lending money at 4% interest for industrial and commercial projects and expansion of such projects, Holland said that the Act provided for assistance in the financing of public facilities, such as the extension of water and sewage facilities at 3% interest. It also provided grants for technical assistance to help decide knotty problems, and for a retraining program and the payment of a maximum of \$22,000 for 16 weeks for those participating in the training program.

Holland said that the program is entirely elective, that it is not a distress program and that its purpose is to make adjustment in the economy of the distressed areas.

Participating areas must survey selected points and needs, determine the most appropriate act to take and set up a time table. This survey must be submitted to the Governor's office and the Department of (See MEMBERS, page 10)

Firemen To Sell Brooms Next Week

Warren County citizens next week will be given an opportunity to help the Warren County Rural Fire Department, to help the blind, and at the same time obtain a good broom, whisk broom, and / or a kitchen package containing two large dish towels and two dishcloths.

The opportunity will be offered when the Warrenton Rural Fire Department holds its first broom sale to raise funds for the operation of the company.

The county has been divided into seven sections where a house-to-house canvass will be made by firemen under group captains. The sections to be covered and the group captains are as follows:

Drewry, Olne—Walter Bender. Inez—Harry Williams. Warrenton—Monroe Gardner. Macon, Vaughan, Embro—Bruce Bell.

Arcola—Elmer Harris. Wise, Oakville, Churchhill, Cliff Ellis.

Afton-Elberon—Charles Hobbgood.

Persons who fail to be called on will be given an opportunity to make their purchases at the booth to be operated in front of the court house square by the firemen on Friday and Saturday of next week.

"These are nice five-string brooms, light, easy to handle and clean sweeping," Bill Connell, publicity chairman for the local rural fire company, said yesterday.

Brooms will sell for \$1.50, whisk brooms for \$1.00, and the kitchen packages for \$1.00.

Connell pointed out that these brooms are made at the Guilford Home for the Blind in Greensboro. By buying them, he said, citizens not only help the firemen to protect their own property but also help the blind.

Motorists Speed And Land In Court

Warren County citizens continue to lean a heavy foot on the accelerator and as a result find themselves hauled into Recorder's Court.

Twenty-one persons faced Judge Julius Banzet in county court last Friday charged with speeding in addition to those charged with other infractions of the motor vehicle laws.

Willie Goode was fined \$100.00 and taxed with court costs on a drunk driving charge.

Rufus Earl Champion was in court charged with speeding and with having no chauffeur's

license. He was found not guilty on the having no chauffeur's license, and was taxed with court costs on the speeding charge.

Andrew Jackson Woodard was fined \$100.00 and costs when he was found guilty of drunk driving.

William Junior Richardson was fined \$25.00 and taxed with court costs when he was found guilty of reckless driving.

Among those charged with speeding were:

Helen Ann Fuller, costs; (See MOTORISTS, page 10)

New Business To Open Here Monday

A new business will begin operating in Warrenton next week.

Standard Motor Parts Company, Inc., will open for business on Monday in the former store building of Edwards Department Store between Benton Furniture Co. and the Taylor office building on Main Street, under the management of Bob Casey.

Standard Motor Parts Co., Inc., founded in Henderson in 1932, also has stores in Henderson, Oxford and Reidsville, and will handle at its store a complete line of automotive parts.

The store will be supervised by R. Macon Ivey, who has been with the company for 18 years and is well known in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey and two children, Kelly Sue, 3, and Kimberly Joyce, 18-months, moved to Warrenton several days ago and are making their home in an apartment in the home of Mrs. John Bell on Wilcox Avenue.

A native of Smithfield, with seven years experience in the



BOB CASEY automotive parts business, Casey came to Warrenton from Henderson where he had worked for the past year with the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey are members of the Baptist Mission at Smithfield.

Blind Boy Falls In Abandoned Well

An eight-year-old Warren County blind boy fell into an abandoned well on Tuesday but was rescued by an alert electrician who pulled the boy from the well after lowering a rope.

The incident occurred in Raleigh on the playground of the Negro State School for the Blind and Deaf, where the youth is a student.

The boy, identified as Clifton Williams, was on the playground when the lawn beneath his feet gave way.

"I couldn't get my feet down," the boy, who admitted he was afraid, was quoted as saying.

Garvin Saunders, the school's electrician, lowered a rope and told Williams to hang on.

"I held the rope with one hand and my coat with the other and they pulled me up," young Williams said after reaching safety.

In Hospital Graham V. Boyd is recuperating at Duke Hospital, Durham, after undergoing eye surgery there this week.

WINNERS — Ann King, left, was first place winner in the fashion-sewing contest held at John Graham School last Friday. Brenda Cottrell was second place winner. (Staff Photo)