

## School Board Members Explain Bond Issue In Letter To Taxpayers

J. Rodger Peeler, superintendent of Warren County Schools, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Afton-Elberon Ruritan Club on Tuesday night.

Pinch-hitting for Board of Education Member Dr. Sam H. Massey, Jr., Peeler discussed the \$400,000 school bond issue, told the members why it was called and how the money would be spent if the bond issue is approved by the voters.

He told of the county's effort to eliminate small Negro schools in the county, and how part of the proposed bond issue would be used for this purpose, and showed pictures of the small schools.

Following the showing of the pictures, Peeler invited questions from the Ruritans, several of whom expressed themselves as being in favor of the bond issue.

Peeler's talk was a part of the campaign of information on the bond issue being sponsored by the Board of Education whose members are actively supporting the bond issue.

Working under the chairmanship of Dr. Sam Massey, the board members as a committee last week sent out letters to a large number of Warren County voters asking support of the bond issue, and telling of the needs for its passage. In an enclosure telling "why the County Board of Education supports a bond issue for Negro schoolhouse construction," the members

told of the needs for a consolidated Negro school, its costs, reasons for its construction, and other needs of the schools. The information in the bulletin is as follows:

We believe in "separate, but equal" schools for the races; and although much progress has been made in our Negro schools during the past ten years, a gross inequality still exists in the operation of nine small Negro schools which are housed in old frame buildings, use "pot bellied" stoves, out-

door water pumps and privies. Several of these schools have three grades per teacher; one school has four grades for one teacher. The boycott of the Snow Hill School last fall and the subsequent transfer of the pupils to the Hawkins School caused an overcrowded situation here. No further transfer of pupils to Hawkins is possible.

The Haliwa School is a 10-teacher school housed in a frame building of very poor construction. It has "pot bellied" stoves and outdoor type privies. All classrooms are substandard in size and are overcrowded. The Board of Education leases the Haliwa School property from the Haliwa Indian Club.

The nine small Negro schools are as follows, with the name of the school, the number of grades, the number of teachers and the number of pupils, respectively, listed:

Afton—1-6, 2, 52; Axtell Special—1-6, 2, 47; Bethlehem—1-4, 1, 32; Burchett Chapel—1-5, 3, 102; Coley Spring—1-7, 3, 102; Cool Spring—1-7, 3, 85; Hecks Grove—1-7, 5, 163; Mayflower—1-6, 2, 50; Stoney Lawn—1-7, 3, 99.

The Health Department has informed us that all but one of the wells are contaminated. If they are to be used in the future expenditures of considerable extent will have to be made.

The County Board of Education proposes to use the proceeds of the bonds in the following manner:

1. To build an elementary school in the southern section of the county to consolidate Afton, Axtell Special, Coley Springs, Cool Springs, Mayflower and Stoney Lawn schools.

This new school would cost approximately \$200,000.

2. To add four or five classrooms to the Northside School to consolidate Burchett Chapel School. This addition would cost \$40,000 to \$50,000. (The two mobile classrooms now located at Northside would provide

## Blocks Donated For JG School Bleachers

Funds for more than 3600 cement blocks for the building of permanent bleachers at John Graham High School Athletic Field have been donated by local citizens and business houses, Peyton B. Rogers, chairman of the bleachers committee, said yesterday.

The building of the bleachers is being sponsored by the John Graham High School Boosters Club. Rogers said it is planned to build seats for from 500 to 1000 persons, depending upon the amount of money that can be raised. He said that it is expected that the bleachers will be completed in time for the first home football game this fall.

Rogers said that money is needed to buy the equivalent of 6,000 blocks. The blocks will cost about 20c each and it will take about 20c in material and labor to put the blocks up.

Any business firm or individual who would be interested in helping the Boosters Club build these bleachers are asked to contact Dr. S. H. Massey, Jr., Howard Daniel, Bignall Jones, Bill A. Benson or Peyton B. Rogers.

Rogers asks that those who have already pledged to buy blocks and who have not turned in their money to please do so at once in order that the work may be started and the bleachers completed in time for the football season.

The Citizens Bank heads the list of donors with a donation of 500 blocks. The Industrial Finance Co., of which Rogers is head, has donated 200 blocks.

Donors of 100 blocks include Odom's Motor Service, Connell Const. Co., Inc., Sanitary Barbershop, Leggett's Department Store, City Sport Shop, Warrenton Insurance Agency, Neal's Print Shop, Radio TV Center, W. A. Miles Hardware

Co., Wiley Coleman, Blaylock's Funeral Home, Pittard Motor Service, Citizens Insurance and Bonding Co., Carolina Power and Light Co., Red and White Supermarket, Warrenton Supply Co.

Giving 50 or more blocks are Dr. Sam Massey, B. G. White, Jim Kerr, Tom Tranyham, Alfred Ellington, Boyd-Boyce Motor Co., W. W. Taylor, Jr., Bumps & Gladys Gro., Warren Theatre, Joe Ellis, Lanier Hardware Co.

Donors of 25 or more blocks include Howard Daniel, William Thompson, W. R. Drake, Gordon Halthcock, W. A. Miles, Mrs. I. J. Rogers, Alpheus Oakley, Pettus Rodwell, Johnnie James, F. M. Drake, Jr., Al Mustian, N. B. Hilliard, W. Lee Riggan, James Peoples, Sam Warlick, J. E. Cheves, A. C. Blalock, Odom's Flower Shop, Fisher's Grocery, J. H. Hundley, L. S. Daniel, Thomas J. Brown, J. C. Moore, Benton Furniture Co., Wood's Cash Grocery, A. A. Wood, R. S. Rodwell, Modern Cleaners, C. M. White, III, Hunter Drug Company.

Other donors will be listed next week.

**Brunswick Stew Sale**  
The WSCS of Warren Plains Methodist Church will sponsor a Brunswick stew sale on Friday, August 3, at the church. The stew will be ready at noon and will sell for 75c per quart if customers furnish own containers; otherwise 85c. Proceeds will be used for the building fund.

**Episcopal Services**  
Services will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway, on Sunday morning, July 29, at 9 o'clock.

Services at All Saint's Episcopal Church have been changed from 9:15 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. for the next two weeks.



MRS. BESSIE H. HAITHCOCK, who retired from the highest job in Warren County at the end of this year's fire season, on Monday stood on the steps of the fire tower which she had climbed for 17 years for this picture. (Staff Photo)

## Mrs. E. D. Halthcock Ends Tower Service

Wilbur R. Davis, Forest ranger for Warren County, this week announced the retirement of Mrs. Bessie H. Halthcock as lookout at the fire tower near Liberia. When the new season begins next fall, some other person will serve "as the eyes of the Forest Service," he said.

Davis said that since 1945 Mrs. Halthcock had kept watch over the county for smokes and when in her opinion a smoke needed checking she had at her disposal two pickup trucks furnished by the Forest Service to go to any part of the county. The trucks are connected to the tower by two-way radios.

Mrs. Halthcock is believed to be the first woman to operate Forest Service fire tower in the state, although now most of the towers are operated by women, Davis said.

The tower was built in 1932 and Mrs. Halthcock's husband, the late E. D. Halthcock, was its first lookout. Following his death in December, 1940, the tower was operated in turn by Eddie Ellington, Lawrence Robertson and David Hight. Mrs. Halthcock began her duties in 1945 and completed them in June of this year.

The watch tower was built on one of the highest spots of ground in Warren County and from its top one commands a

## Mrs. Burwell Gives Recital At Church

An 85 year old woman charmed a large congregation at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Sunday night with the beauty and precision of her playing of the organ.

Mrs. John C. Burwell, organist at the local church for the past 35 years, presented an organ recital at the church as a part of the sesquicentennial celebration, marking 150 years of Methodism in Warren County.

A pupil of Edward McDowell and Walter Damrosch, Mrs. Burwell rendered a program of compositions by Schubert, Bach, Primi, Liszt, Bastiste, Beethoven, Sturgess and Massenet. She also played excerpts from William Tell Overture by Rossini during the hour-long program.

Present for this special occasion were Mrs. Burwell's children and three of her grandchildren: Dr. and Mrs. John

# Tobacco Loan Rates For 1962 Crop Announced

## Judge Says Booze Maker Must Behave

A Warren County man, found guilty on three counts of violating the prohibition laws, had his two-years road sentence suspended for five years in Warren County Recorder's Court on last Friday.

Joseph M. Baskerville was in court charged with manufacturing illegal whiskey, possession of materials for manufacturing whiskey. Judge Julius Banzet ruled that Baskerville should serve a two-year sentence on the manufacturing count, but suspended sentence for five years upon condition that the defendant pay court costs and a \$100 fine, remain of good behavior and violate no prohibition laws for five years. The same condition was imposed in the other two counts except that no fine was imposed.

John Andrew Boyd, charged with an assault on a female, drew a 12-months road sentence. He appealed the case to the Superior Court and appearance bond was set at \$200.

Earl Hildrith, Jr., found guilty of drunk driving, was taxed with the court costs and fined \$100.00.

Leon Barkerville, charged with breaking, entering and larceny, had his case sent to Superior Court. Appearance bond was set at \$500.

Boyd W. Smith was fined \$10.00 and costs when he was found guilty on a speeding charge.

The State took a nol pro with leave in the case of Vernon Lewis Carroll, charged

## Price Support Level 56.1 Cents A Pound

A schedule of loan rates by grades for 1962 crop flue-cured tobacco was announced Wednesday by the U. S. Department of agriculture.

Flue-cured tobacco is grown in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

The loan rates by grades for the 1962 crop reflect an average price support level of 56.1 cents per pound. This average is an increase of 1 per cent over the 1961 crop average of 55.5 cents per pound.

As in past years, growers will offer their tobacco at auction markets in the usual manner and price support will be made available to eligible producers through the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation. An eligible producer is one for whom a "Within-Quota" or a "Limited Support Within-Quota" marketing card has been issued under applicable marketing quota regulations.

The loans will be made on the basis of Official Standard Grades at a specified rate for each grade, with a 6-cents-per-pound differential between "tied" and "untied" tobacco. As previously announced, price support on untied tobacco will be available on limited grades during the first five sales days on markets in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, in addition to marketings of all tobacco in the Georgia-Florida area. Loan rates by grades for "full-support" varieties of "tied" tobacco range from \$82 per 100 pounds down to \$24 per 100 pounds. Last year's range was from \$82 to \$22 per 100 pounds.

Tobacco identified as "discount variety" tobacco again will be supported at one-half of the support rates for comparable grades of other varieties.

Copies of the loan schedule may be obtained from the Tobacco Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Room 4749, South Building, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

## Church Rally To Be Held At Norlina

From 300 to 500 persons are expected to attend the Man-Boy Rally at the Norlina High School Athletic Field on Saturday night, according to Ben Lloyd, president of the Brotherhood of the Norlina Baptist Church.

The program will begin with supper at 6:30 p. m. In case of rain the program and other events will be moved to the Norlina gym.

The rally is sponsored by the Brotherhood of the Cullom Baptist Association, and was announced by Grady Tunstall, Associational Brotherhood President. In making the announcement he said an "excellent program has been planned by your Brotherhood officers," and urged every man and boy in the more than 30 churches



## Dr. Hailey To Be Guest Speaker At Homecoming

Dr. James R. Hailey, assistant professor of religion at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, will be the guest minister at Shady Grove Methodist Church at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning when the Inez church observes Homecoming Day. Dr. Hailey will also bring the message each night at revival services which will be held for a week following the homecoming event.

The homecoming service Sunday morning will be followed by a picnic lunch on the grounds. The Rev. W. D. Sabiston, III, pastor of the church, said yesterday that friends and former members of Shady Grove are cordially invited to attend both the homecoming service and the revival services.

The revival services will be conducted Monday through Friday evenings at 8 o'clock p. m. Special music will be rendered throughout the week by the adult junior choirs of the church and by guest choirs from neighboring churches.

Dr. Hailey, a native of Leaksville, graduated from Elon College with honors in 1950, earned the B. D. degree at Duke University in the summer of 1961. Before entering graduate study he served Methodist churches in Person and Orange Counties.

An active Rotarian and Mason, Dr. Hailey is also a member of the Pi Gamma Mu, learned society, Kappa Psi Nu, and Sigma Alpha Chi. Prior to his entry into the ministry, he was a jeweler and watchmaker for eight years. He served in (See HAILEY, page 10)

## Lions Directors Adopt Budget of Nearly \$5,000

A budget of nearly \$5,000 was adopted by the directors of the Warrenton Lions Club at a regular meeting held at the Country Club on Friday night with R. H. Bright as host.

The meeting was presided over by Lion Monroe Gardner, newly elected president, who expressed his appreciation for the honor, and outlined some of his objectives for the coming year.

In addition to the usual contributions for the TB Association, Boy and Girl Scouts, Warren County Library, Crippled Children, Cancer, March of Dimes, Red Cross and Heart Funds, the board accepted the proposals assigned to the active committee which included funds under the Educational Committee which employs a music teacher for the Marian Boyd and John Graham Schools. In addition to the Educational Committee, under activities are to be found such items as Ladies' Night, Father, Son and Daughter Night, Farmer Night, Teacher's Night, week



Warren County 4-H members are participating in the 4-H Week being held at State College in Raleigh this week. George Holtzman, third from left, and Margaret Ann Paschall, fourth from left, in the above picture, were scheduled to be among the contestants in the Health Pageant last night (Thursday). A State King and Queen of Health will be chosen from these entries. In the lower picture, Sandra Walker poses in her outfit worn in the district contest. She is one of six girls who were selected to model their outfits in the State 4-H Dress Revue which was held on Wednesday night. She placed fifth from among ten contestants.

Christmas Decorations and Warrenton Recreation Commission Night.

The Warrenton Lions Club derives its funds from dues, candy sales, advertising and shows, but largely from the Warren County Agricultural Fair which has been operated by the club for many years and which will again hold this attraction the latter part of September.

Those attending the meeting other than officers and directors were Lions Billy Bugg, Mac Bullock, Duke Miles and Billy Clark. Lion Carl Perrell of Raleigh also attended as a guest of Lion Fred Hurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White of Wise, Miss Peggy Norwood of Arcola and Mr. Douglas Gooch of Stem left Sunday for Duluth, Minnesota, to spend sometime there with Bobby White, son of Mr. and Mrs. White, who is serving in the U. S. Air Force.

Mrs. Bill Inge of Roanoke, Va., visited relatives here this week.