



"BOONDOCK" ..... hideaway where J. D. Gilliland was killed

## Over 5,000 Votes Cast In Warren On Saturday

Approximately 5100 votes were cast in Warren County Democratic Primary Saturday with a total of 5,072 being cast for the six candidates for the nomination for Governor.

This vote, the largest ever cast in Warren County, compared with a vote of approximately 3300 in the Democratic Primary of 1960 cast for the gubernatorial candidates.

High man in the Governor's race was I. Beverly Lake, who won a clear majority of the votes cast in Warren County. Dr. Lake's vote was 2716. He was followed by Richardson Preyer with 1731 votes and Dan K. Moore with 579. Kidd Brewer of Raleigh received a total of 28 votes, Burlleson 5, and Stansbury 13.

While Dr. Lake won a majority of the votes in Warren County Saturday, he was eliminated in the state race, which saw Preyer emerge as top man with a lead of some 25,000 over runner-up Moore. Moore has already called for a second primary.

Six Negroes seeking major offices in Warren County were defeated, but a Negro candidate defeated a white candidate for Township Constable in Sixpound Township, and in three other townships Negroes had no opposition for constable.

Frank Banzet was high man in the three-man race for House of Representatives, with 2109 votes. W. R. Drake was second with 1574 votes. T. T. Clayton, who received 1344 votes was eliminated. Drake is expected to call for a second primary, it was learned yesterday.

All incumbents on the boards of education and county commissioners were re-nominated.

In the board of education race, Dr. S. H. Massey, Jr., defeated Mrs. Robert E. Ransom, Negro, 3554 to 1317; Eugene R. Davis defeated Ernest A. Turner, Negro, 3369 to 1327; and W. Boyd Mayfield defeated Walter R. Boyd, Negro, 3474 to 1235.

In the race for a seat on the board of county commissioners Alfred J. Ellington led the ticket with 3549 as he defeated John R. Ellis, Negro, who received 1375 votes. Commissioner Richard R. Davis was two votes behind Ellington as he defeated Marvin K. Boyd, 3547 to 1293.

The special 5¢ tax for the employment of an industrial engineer passed 2711 to 1890. In this referendum 12 of the 14 precincts gave a majority for the special levy, with only Roanoke and Smith Creek voting against the tax. Heaviest vote for the tax was in West Warrenton precinct where 503 votes were cast for the tax and 237 against. East Warrenton's vote was 333 for and 194 against.

In Judkins Township Roy B. Clark defeated Haley Robertson by three votes in the race for Township Constable. Clark received 158 votes and Robertson 155 votes.

Wiley D. Vaughan, incumbent, defeated Charles Loyd, Jr., 995 to 319 in a race for Warrenton Township Constable. Vaughan received 593 votes to Loyd's 178 in West Warrenton Precinct, and 402 to 141 in East Warrenton Precinct.

George E. Shearin, Negro, defeated Earl Lewis by three votes in the race for Township Constable in Sandy Creek. Shearin received 189 votes and Lewis 186.

Three Negroes became the Democratic nominees for Township Constable when they failed to receive opposition. They are Leroy Cheek in Shocco; Francis Alston in Smith Creek, and James Jordan in Nutbush.

Election returns were slow in being reported Saturday night due to the heavy vote, and a complete return was not available until the next day. In West Warrenton Precinct where more than 1000 votes were cast, the count was not completed until 4 a. m. Sunday.

## Diplomas Are Awarded To 322 Graduates As Schools Close

Three hundred and twenty-two graduates received their diplomas this week as Warren County schools closed their 1963-64 session.

All commencement sermons were delivered on Sunday, May 31, with the exception of North Warren High School where the baccalaureate exercises were held on May 24. Graduation exercises were held at John Graham High School at Warrenton, at Norlina High School and at Littleton High School on Wednesday night, with graduation exercises at John R. Hawkins High School and at North Warren High School on Tuesday afternoon.

The commencement sermon for John Graham High School was delivered by the Rev. James Stoney, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Warrenton. The commencement address was given by the Rev. Jack Wilson, assistant to the Chaplain at Duke University.

Fifty-four seniors received their diplomas at John Graham.

The Rev. Billy K. Fallow of Conway, S. C., former pastor of the Norlina Baptist Church, delivered the commencement sermon at Norlina. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. William B. Martin, Professor of Education at East Carolina College, Greenville. At Norlina 36 graduates received their diplomas.

The Rev. James Walker, minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Roanoke Rapids, delivered the commencement sermon at Littleton on Sunday night.

J. W. Manley, former English teacher at Littleton, gave the commencement address. Twenty-one graduates received their diplomas.

John R. Hawkins High School at Warrenton, largest school in the county, held its graduation exercises on Tuesday afternoon when 113 graduates received their diplomas. Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, Dean of Instruction at Saint Augustine College in Raleigh, gave the commencement address. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. David L. Morrison, pastor of the Warrenton AME Church.

Miss T. Lorraine Cumbo, Guidance Consultant of the State Department of Public Instruction, delivered the commencement address at North Warren High School at Wise on Tuesday afternoon when 88 seniors received their diplomas. The commencement sermon was delivered on Sunday afternoon, May 24, by Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, former President of A. & T. College, Greensboro, and now associate director of the United States Peace Corps.

## Mrs. Gilliland Freed On Murder Charge

Mrs. Barbara Gilliland was found not guilty of the pistol slaying of her husband James D. Gilliland in a hideout near Macon on the night of October 28, 1963, in Warren County Superior Court Tuesday.

Judge Henry A. McKinnon, judge presiding over the June criminal term of court, ordered a non-suit at 4:45 Tuesday, some 45 minutes after defense counsel Robert S. Cahoon of Greenboro, had asked for a non-suit. Judge McKinnon ruled that the State's evidence was not sufficient to send the case to a jury. He praised the State for the diligence of its investigation and for its presentation of the case by Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr., and assistant Solicitor Charles White.

The case opened Tuesday morning with a selection of a jury and a statement by Solicitor Burgwyn that he would not ask for a verdict of murder in the first degree, but would ask for a verdict of murder in the second degree or manslaughter as the evidence dictated. The case ended late Tuesday afternoon, the 44th birthday of the slain Gilliland, as Judge McKinnon ordered a non-suit.

Evidence in the case was that the German-born, but naturalized Barbara S. Gilliland, appeared at Warren General Hospital at 9:20 on the night of October 28, 1963, and told a nurse on duty that she was afraid that her husband was dying. Taken into the operating room, Gilliland was pronounced dead by Dr. Robert S. Cline. It was determined that Gilliland had died of a gunshot wound in his throat from a .22 calibre pistol. Mrs. Gilliland, in a high state of emotion, pled that her husband be saved, denied her guilt, and asked to see her lawyer, Frank B. Banzet.

Further testimony was that Gilliland was killed at a hideout, known as "Boondock," in a wooded area near Macon, where two pistols, a quantity of whiskey and chaser, and a woman's garments were found. Nearby was the station wagon belonging to Gilliland.

It was brought out that Gilliland was at Edmond's filling station at Warrenton, which Gilliland owned around 8 p. m. on the night of October 28, that he went to the Sandwich ship, which he also owned, to obtain a pistol while his car was being serviced, and that he purchased a bag of crushed ice. While he was at the station, Mrs. Gilliland drove up and after talking with her husband for a few minutes and after he had bought her a Coca-Cola drove away. Gilliland left a few minutes later after telling Edmonds that if his wife called to tell her he had gone to Raleigh.

Less than an hour later Mrs. Gilliland appeared at Warren General Hospital with her husband in a dying condition, or already dead.

Mrs. James Burton, registrar nurse on duty at the hospital, was the first witness called by the State. She testified that at 9:20 Mrs. Gilliland, wearing bloodstained jodhpurs, appeared at the desk where she was stationed and told her that her husband was dying and asked help in bringing him into the hospital. Mrs. Burton said that she, Mrs. Gilliland, an orderly and a nurse's aid brought Gilliland from a Volkswagen car into the hospital where he was taken into the emergency room where Dr. Robert S. Cline, physician on duty, pronounced Gilliland dead. Mrs. Burton said that Mrs. Gilliland was bloody and very upset, and that she understood her to say to her husband, "I tried to warn you." She said that Mrs. Gilliland asked that her lawyer be called.

Recalled to the stand later, Mrs. Burton said that she had asked Mrs. Gilliland how she had managed to get her husband in the car, and that Mrs. Gilliland had told her that her husband was able to walk at that time.

Bonnie Stevenson, deputy sheriff, testified that he was called to the hospital where he found Mrs. Gilliland crying and leaning over the body of her husband in the emergency room. He said she made no statement to him.

Charles Wilson, then serving as night officer at Norlina,

that he remained with Mrs. Gilliland for some 45 minutes. He said that during that time Mrs. Gilliland asked him if he were married, and when he told her he was she said, "Never forget to tell your wife you love her."

Odell Kearney, Negro, testified that he worked with Gilliland, not for him. He said that he had been engaged to repair the road leading from the highway to the cabin and that Gilliland

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## How Warren County Voted In Democratic Primary

	RIVER	JUDKINS	SIX POUND	HAWTREFF	NUTBUSH	SMITH CREEK	SANDY CREEK	SHOCCO	FORK	FISHING CREEK	NORLINA	EAST WARRENTON	WEST WARRENTON	ROANOKE	TOTAL
<b>GOVERNOR</b>															
Brewer	3	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	1	2	6	1	7	1	28
Burlleson	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
Lake	276	196	179	382	104	109	142	86	62	81	395	328	371	19	2716
Moore	77	23	16	28	28	19	56	16	21	77	54	70	76	32	579
Preyer	122	101	103	136	103	30	186	121	47	93	119	196	342	32	1731
Stansbury	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	13
<b>LT. GOVERNOR</b>															
Blue	190	115	103	228	80	87	128	47	43	117	255	282	299	8	1982
Jordan	69	22	43	35	22	12	30	13	10	16	43	50	78	6	449
Scott	188	168	143	250	124	50	202	145	74	93	258	221	362	43	2321
<b>COM. OF LABOR</b>															
Castlebury	131	125	112	160	89	39	151	99	27	76	157	166	275	31	1638
Crane	229	99	94	216	84	42	147	70	33	94	265	217	306	13	1909
Wardell	40	53	47	89	33	50	42	24	24	33	75	91	85	17	703
<b>COM. OF INS.</b>															
Frederick	42	28	22	52	9	13	6	12	10	24	44	34	36	8	481
Lanier	299	212	204	310	172	66	302	153	58	145	372	383	561	40	3124
Whitley	57	37	36	111	28	55	24	28	22	38	88	85	88	7	681
<b>HOUSE REP.</b>															
Banzet	279	123	60	210	114	81	150	73	38	136	312	219	297	20	2109
Drake	114	104	172	220	36	49	56	34	53	47	181	246	256	6	1574
Clayton	83	89	70	121	87	25	174	111	40	72	82	119	235	36	1344
<b>ED. EDUCATION</b>															
Mrs. R.E. Ransom	84	81	71	123	83	26	179	110	35	65	82	110	229	39	1317
S. H. Massey	377	222	215	419	140	123	184	107	86	181	478	458	543	21	3554
E. R. Davis	353	193	199	400	126	119	184	98	89	189	442	425	530	22	3369
E. A. Turner	82	88	75	123	85	27	162	109	42	61	86	127	224	36	1327
W. R. Mayfield	363	206	199	416	148	130	192	109	88	180	161	428	524	24	3474
W. R. Boyd	76	76	70	117	78	23	162	98	36	58	116	116	117	29	1235
<b>COUNTY COM.</b>															
A.J. Ellington	373	213	214	420	149	130	199	106	90	148	448	531	22	3549	
J. R. Ellis	85	98	76	117	81	27	171	107	40	12	24	37	37	1375	
M. K. Boyd	73	87	60	91	72	32	169	100	3	10	223	35	1239		
R. R. Davis	381	208	218	421	142	117	201	111	2	10	539	24	3547		
<b>SPECIAL 5¢ TAX</b>															
For	229	155	150	291	125	64	240	124							
Against	211	140	136	220	87	86	100	64							

## June Term Of Court Adjourns

The June criminal term of Warren County Superior Court which convened here Monday morning with Judge Henry McKinnon presiding was expected to adjourn late Thursday afternoon as this paper went to press shortly after noon.

With the disposal of the Gilliland case on Tuesday and with a decision to continue cases of defendants charged with refusal to aid officer few cases of outstanding interest were on the docket.

Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn said Thursday morning that cases against Melvin Tunstall, Francis Alston, Ernest Turner, Thureton Brown and T. T. Clayton, all charged with refusal to aid an officer, would be continued. These cases grew out of racial demonstrations here several weeks ago when NAACP leaders were deputized but refused to aid officers in ending a sit-down demonstration here.

The Grand Jury entered a true bill against Archie Cheek, charged with the murder of his grandfather, Ernest Cheek. Cheek is being held in Pennsylvania and his case was continued.

Ethel Davis, charged with obstructing an officer in the state (See COURT, page 4)