



Warren County Finalists in the National Merit Examination are shown in the office of the Superintendent of Warren County Schools on Tuesday morning as they pose with

Supt. J. Roger Peeler. They are, left to right, Kenneth Cawthorne of Norlina High School, Marvin Newsome, III, and Lynn Mincher of the Littleton High School.

## Labor Survey Of Warren County To Be Conducted

A labor survey of the Warren County area will be made under the direction of the Warren County Industrial Commission early in March.

Plans for the survey, to obtain information needed by industry interested in locating in the area, were made at a lunch meeting at Warren Plaza Inn Wednesday attended by civic and industrial commission members and by representatives of the State Employment Security Commission.

Bill Minette, Industrial Commission Director, presided over the meeting.

Representing the North Carolina Security Commission were Dave Garrison and Thelbert Langley of the Raleigh office and Hall Brooks, manager of the Employment Security Commission office at Henderson.

Garrison explained the procedure necessary to make the survey and offered suggestions as to form and distribution of questionnaires to be distributed in Warren and surrounding counties, including the southern part of Mecklenburg County, Va. He said the in-

formation obtained by the questionnaires would be coordinated by the Security Commission and placed in a printed brochure which would be available to prospects interested in Warren County.

Following an hour's discussion, it was decided that:

Thirty thousand questionnaires would be printed and distributed. The questionnaires would ask, "Would You Take A Job If A New Industrial Plant Is Located In The Warren County Area? Room is to be provided on the questionnaires for pertinent information as to age, race, sex, address, training, etc. of those interested in a job in Warren County.

These questionnaires are to be distributed through the schools, civic organizations, and by special committees, and are to be mailed, where possible, to former Warren County citizens who may be interested in returning to the county if jobs are available.

The questionnaires are to be distributed as soon as forms can be printed and will be circulated by all feasible means and the information they contain will also be published in

the two newspapers of the county.

Following the distribution of the questionnaires, the actual survey will be made from March 1 through March 12.

Monroe Gardner thanked those present for attending the meeting and said that there were two matters upon which he wanted to comment. The first of these, he said, is the need to reactivate a County Chamber of Commerce. The second was to make clear the position of the Industrial Commission relative to publicity. There are no secrets in the commission, he said. It is a county-owned commission and the meeting on the third Thursday nights of each month are open to the public. "We have absolutely nothing to hide, and we need the interest and full cooperation of the public."

Attending the meeting in addition to Minette and members of the State Employment Security Commission were: A. C. Fair, president of the Warren Merchants Association; W. A. Miles, Mayor of Warrenton; Bignall Jones, editor of The Warren Record; Emily Ballinger, Home Economics Extension Agent; Mrs. L. B. Harris, representing the Littleton Observer; Frank W. Reams, of Warrenton, County Extension Chairman; W. A. Delbridge of Norlina, member of the Industrial Commission; Selby G. Benton, member of the Industrial Commission; A. A. Williams, representing the Warrenton Rotary Club; J. Comer Griffin, assistant Superintendent of Warren County Schools; Hal W. Paschall, representing

the Norlina Ruritan Club; W. L. Turner, representing the Warrenton Lions Club; Graham P. Grissom, Mayor of Norlina; J. Milton Stokes, Mayor of Littleton; Matt R. Johnston, representing the Littleton Development Commission; Howard F. Oakley of Warrenton, secretary of the Warrenton Merchants Association; Carlyle King, representing the Littleton Merchants Association; Leigh Traylor, representing Norlina merchants; and W. Monroe Gardner, chairman of the Warren County Industrial Commission.

### Plan To Reactivate Chamber Of Commerce

Plans are being made to reactivate the Warren County Chamber of Commerce, Bill Minette, Industry Director for Warren County, announced yesterday.

Minette said that a county-wide Chamber of Commerce is needed to promote the county in such areas as can not be reached by the County Industrial Commission. He said that committees from such an organization could be of great help to the Warren County Industrial Commission in its efforts to attract industries to the county.

Minette said that he had been in Raleigh discussing the organization with officials of the Department of Conservation and Development and had discussed the reactivation of the Chamber with many local leaders. He said that a meeting to reorganize the County Chamber would be held soon.

## Funeral Held For W. R. Strickland

Wilbur R. Strickland, 81, retired railroad president, died in Warren General Hospital at noon on Tuesday after being ill for several weeks.

The son of the late John C. M. and Theresa Toudree Strickland of Nash County, Mr. Strickland came to Warrenton some 50 years ago and for a number of years was engaged in the automobile business here. He later entered into the plumbing business and for a number of years conducted a plumbing and heating business on Main Street, selling out in recent years to J. B. Martin. He worked with Martin as office manager on a part-time basis until he became ill.

Mr. Strickland was active in civic development of the town and was one of a group of business men who established the Warrenton Building and Loan Association and for a number of years served as a director of the association. For many years he served as a member of the board of town commissioners and was at one time mayor of the town.

Before coming to Warrenton, Mr. Strickland served as a railroad engineer for several years. Railroad engineering was his hobby and for many years he and Mrs. Strickland frequently drove to Norlina to see the trains roll in. One of his pleasures in later years was to talk with friends about his railroad experience. As a member of the board of town commissioners he served on the railroad committee, and was named President of the Railroad by the town commissioners. He was also a stockholder of the railroad company. A few years ago he resigned as president but never lost his interest in the welfare of the town-owned railroad company.

Mr. Strickland also for many years served as a judge of election for county primaries and elections.

He was an elder in the Warrenton Presbyterian Church where last rites were held on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with the Rev. James H. Grant, officiating. The body remained at the Kesler Funeral Home in Henderson prior to the services. Interment followed at the graveside of Bethel Lutheran Church, Salisbury, with the Rev. Mr. Troutman conducting last rites at 3:30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Edna Cagle, of Warrenton; three sisters, Mrs. C. J. Williams of Goldsboro, Mrs. Nannie Cone of Castalia and Mrs. Louise Bradley of Rocky Mount; and one brother, Leslie of Roxboro.

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his home with his aunt, Miss Estelle Davis, who died two weeks ago.

Mr. Daniel attended the first Officers Training Camp at Fort McPherson at the beginning of the First World War and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. He served in the Transportation Corps and was promoted to Captain. Following the war he remained in the Army Reserves where he was promoted to Colonel.

He was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and a member of Johnston-Caswell Masonic Lodge and recently was made a Life Member of the Lodge.

Mr. Daniel is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva B. Daniel.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS



By Representative W. R. DRAKE Of WARREN COUNTY

Raleigh — In beginning this series of articles, I am grateful to the editor for the opportunity of communicating with my constituents each week and keeping you informed of legislative and political matters which affect you.

First of all, I want to express appreciation to all the Warren citizens who attended the opening session of the General Assembly last Wednesday and who attended "Open House" sponsored by very gracious friends. Incidentally, the Warren County delegation was second in numbers only to the Anson County delegation which honored the Speaker of the House, Honorable "Pat" Taylor of Wadesboro. Those in attendance were extended courtesies of the House by Speaker Taylor and enjoyed fellowship later with many State Senators, Representatives and Members of the Council of State.

The first days of the session were taken up mostly by routine matters of organization and introduction of resolutions and a few bills. Two of the bills introduced are of some importance and may become controversial. One has to do with increasing the deduction for dependents for State Income Tax purposes from \$300 to \$500, and the other involves a change in name for "The Institution of Higher Learning of Hillsboro Street" which is supported by the State, as expressed by Speaker Taylor.

I was impressed by Governor Moore's Message on Thursday to a joint session of the House and Senate. The program he outlined is one of continued progress and advancement in many fields with major emphasis on Education. Consensus among legislators is that the greater portion of the Governor's proposals can be carried out with some revisions and compromises in certain areas.

Committee assignments have been of chief concern to most of us during these first days. Although, it is impossible for the Speaker to comply with wishes of each House Member, I can report to you that I am highly pleased with my assignments though I am not at liberty to divulge all of them at the time of this writing. If announced in time, they may appear elsewhere in this paper. I will state, however, that they are in the areas which chiefly concern Warren County in matters mainly controlled by State Government.

In conclusion, let me say that my main reason for accepting the opportunity of writing this weekly column is that I want the people of Warren County to realize that the office I hold is their office. I want them to feel close to their representatives in State Government and to feel free to express themselves on all matters of importance. I shall welcome your comments and advice. My address is P. O. Box 100, State Legislative Building.

## Three Qualify As Merit Scholarship Finalists

Three Warren County high school seniors have qualified as National Merit Scholarship finalists, it was announced at the office of the Superintendent of Schools this week.

Qualifying were Kenny Cawthorne of Norlina High School, and Lynn Mincher and Marvin Newsome, III, of Littleton High School.

To qualify, these seniors took a merit examination in March, 1964, and made outstanding scores in the Scholastic Aptitude Tests.

Mrs. Rachel Fisher, supervisor of Warren County schools, said yesterday that the honor of finalists was won by 1/2 of 1% of all high school seniors. Of this number some 14,000 will be awarded scholarships to the colleges of their choice by the National Merit Scholarship Association.

All of the winners have outstanding school and community records.

Newsome is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Newsome, Jr.,

of Littleton. He is Chief Marshal of the Littleton school, a winner of the U. S. History Award, a member of the basketball team, co-business manager of the Annual staff, and subdistrict MYF president. He served as president of the junior class, vice-president of the freshman and sophomore classes, and business manager of the senior class. He is treasurer of the Student Council, a member of the Beta Club, the Library Club, the folk-singing group — The Travelers. He is a bus driver and was the Morehead nominee from the Littleton school.

Miss Mincher is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mincher of Littleton. She is a senior Girl Scout, a member of the Annual Staff. She is 4-H district champion of Girls' Home Economics and State winner in the Fruits and Vegetables Use Demonstration, a member of the 4-H Key Club, a member of the FHA, second vice president of the North Carolina Di-

vision of the Children of the Confederacy. She is a junior marshal, a member of the Library Club and the Glee club, past president of the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, and a bus driver.

Cawthorne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cawthorne of

Norlina. He was a member of the football team for four years and co-captain of the 1964 team. He has been a 4-H member for two years, a member of the FFA for two years and a member of the BSA Club for three years. He was a Morehead nominee from the Norlina school.

## Adult Educational Survey To Be Made

The Warren County Board of Education Monday night ordered that a survey of county needs be made prior to deciding whether an adult education course should be conducted in the county by the Wilson Technical Institute under the Federal Economic Opportunity Act. The survey is the first step in applying for the course.

The survey was ordered after Phillip Beaman of the Wilson Institute had appeared before the board to explain procedure in setting up the course and the work to be offered under the program.

The only cost to the county would be to provide places for holding classes and janitorial services. The Institute would provide the cost of textbooks and teachers salaries.

Beaman said that the classes, to be held in the evenings, might be held in schools, churches, libraries or even, in some cases, private homes. Instructions would be given in classes of from 8 to 15 and may be held in any section of the county where need dictates.

The program would not only teach elementary reading and writing, but high school courses leading to an adult high school diploma. The classes may be continued in the training center through the junior college level, Beaman said.

In addition where facilities are available vocational training may be offered.

The board took no action on a request that a Neighborhood Youth Work Program be requested under the Economic Opportunity Act. Making the request was the Rev. G. E. Chenk, coordinator of the Recreation Memorial Forest, Inc., who was accompanied to the meeting by

the Rev. P. G. Davis, president of the Warren County Emancipation Association.

Chek told board members that the program would provide needed work for many Warren County young people and at the same time would allow much needed work to be done on school grounds and other public utilities. He pointed out that the entire cost would be borne by the Federal Government.

## Commissioners Seek To Raise Salaries

One salary decrease and seven salary increases were approved by the board of town commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday night.

The commissioners agreed to reduce the salary of Harold R. Skillman, water superintendent, from \$141.56 a month to \$100 a month, effective on January 1, 1965. Skillman, who has reached the age of retirement and now works on a part-time basis, asked for the cut in his salary.

The commissioners also approved a motion to have Warren County Representative W. R. Drake request that the town charter be amended so their own salaries may be increased. The proposed raise is to be from \$20.00 a month to \$25.00 a month.

A better check of the parking (See COMMISSIONERS, page 3)

## NORLINA PTA TO MEET

The Norlina PTA will meet in the music room on Monday night, February 15, at 6 o'clock. J. R. Peeler, school superintendent, will be the guest speaker.

## Warrenton Pianist To Play At Raleigh

RALEIGH—Twenty-three year old Tasker Polk, who is rapidly gaining national and international attention as one of the most promising of the young American pianists, will be heard this Sunday at the North Carolina Museum of Art in a recital of all-classical music.

Set for 4 p. m. in the Flemish galleries, the presentation will be free and open to the public, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

The career of the young Warrenton, N. C., pianist has been watched closely by North Carolina music circles since his 1958 victory in the N. C. Federation of Music Clubs' competition. That same year he also was awarded top honors in the soloist competition for the East Carolina symphony orchestra, a win he repeated in both 1959 and 1961.

In those later years he also took first place in the Mabel Morrissey Keith competitions. U. S. Music circles took note of the young North Carolinian when, in 1961, he was named

first-place winner in the important International Bach Festival auditions in Washington, D. C.

Culminating many years of piano study, Polk has for the past two years been a student at the famous Conservatorium in Basel, Switzerland. While there, he studied with many of Europe's ranking musicians including the highly regarded pianist, Paul Baumgardner, who is well-known for his duo-concerts (on the RCA-Victor label) with such famed musicians as Casals, Fournier, Kulenkampff, and Fournier. Among other top-flight musicians on the faculty of the Swiss academy is composer Pierre Boulez.

Polk is currently a student of Loren Withers, head of piano instruction at Duke University and himself a recognized concert pianist.

For Sunday's museum concert, Polk will include Sonata in D Major by Haydn, Sonata in D Minor by Beethoven, Papillons by Schumann, and Variations Serieuses by Mendelssohn.