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Dr. Hamilton Says

Population Of Warren Estimated At 18,569

Warren County's population as of last July 1 was 18,569, compared with 19,652 in the Federal census of 1960, according to calculations of Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, rural sociologist and statistician at N. C. State University, Raleigh.

Dr. Hamilton's figures show a drop of 5.50 per cent in Warren County since the 1960 census.

An official census will be started in Warren County on January 11 as a part of a voter registration checkup under the Civil Rights Act, and Dr. Hamilton's figures may be soon compared with an actual population count.

Dr. Hamilton's figures also show that Franklin County population loss in the slightly less than five year period was 5.59 per cent, from 28,759 in 1960 to 27,146. Vance County's population showed a gain of 6.17 per cent, up to 33,976 from 32,003 in 1960.

Dr. Hamilton's estimate covered all of the State's 100 counties and was based on reports from the State Board of Health and the State Department of Public Instruction. The survey showed 76 counties gained population in the period since the last Federal decennial census in April, 1960, and 24 counties lost.

The July 1 figure for Vance compared with 32,002 in the Federal census of 1960, and represented a gain of 6.17 per cent.

For the State as a whole, Dr. Hamilton said, population last July 1 was 4,912,195 which was an increase of 365,040 above the 4,547,155 in 1960. His projection was that the State as a whole will pass the 5,000,000 population mark next September 22. Being a little more precise, the professor said "the first baby born in North Carolina on September 22, 1966, will be the five millionth North Carolinian."

The statistician said the

State's population growth in the 1960's has been more rapid than anticipated. Earlier forecasts had indicated North Carolina would not reach the five million mark until the 1970's. He said new industry has played a major role in the State's multiplying population and has kept many people at home and brought in new citizens from other states.

Census To Start On Tuesday

Headquarters office for the special census of Warren will be opened Tuesday morning, Jan. 11 at the National Guard Armory. Grady Howard of the Census regional office in Charlotte will supervise the population count.

The census will ask these questions: name of each person, age, sex, relationship to head of household, and color or race. An additional question, "Does this house have a basement?" will be asked at the request of Civil Defense. A similar census was taken in each of four North Carolina counties in December, 1965.

Local people are needed to work as census enumerators visiting all households in the county, beginning about Jan. 24. Howard said a diligent enumerator can earn from \$12 to \$15 a day.

Candidates must be U. S. citizens, 18 or older, with a (See CENSUS, page 8)

Court Term Adjourns Wednesday

The January criminal term of Warren County Superior Court, which convened here Monday morning with Judge E. Maurice Braswell of Fayetteville presiding, adjourned at noon Wednesday, with several cases not pressed and many others continued.

A defendant who had been fined \$25.00 in Warren County's recorder's Court and appealed his case, drew a \$3392 fine as part of a suspended sentence imposed by Judge Braswell. Arthur Parks, charged with possession of whiskey for the purpose of sale and possession of illegal whiskey, was sentenced to the roads for two years after the two cases had been consolidated. In a third case in which he had been charged with conspiring to aid and abet in the transportation of illegal whiskey, Parks had two years added to his sentence.

Both sentences were suspended for five years upon condition that the defendant pay a fine of \$3392, remain of good behavior, and not violate any federal or state laws for five years and pay court costs. The court ordered Parks held until the fine and court costs are paid.

Charles Winfred Caudle, charged with manslaughter, entered a plea of reckless driving, which the state accepted. He was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence (See COURT, page 7)

John Dore Named Commissioner Of Town Of Norlina

John Dore, operator of Norlina Ice and Fuel Company, was elected a member of the Norlina Board of Town Commissioners at a regular meeting of the board Monday night.

He succeeds P. J. Harton, a member of the board for the past 12 years, who resigned effective Monday night, due to poor health.

The board accepted Harton's resignation with expressions of regret and appreciation for the services he has rendered the town as board member for the past 12 years.

Mayor Graham Grissom said yesterday that the board is sorry to have to lose the services of Mr. Harton but feels that the town is fortunate in obtaining a man of the character and ability of Mr. Dore to replace him.

Dore is president of the Norlina Merchants Association. He is married to the former Frances Fleming of Norlina. They have two daughters, Mrs. Charles Miller, wife of a teacher in the Littleton school system, and Miss Linda Dore, home economics teacher in the Norlina High School.

Warren County Removed From The Second District

Senatorial District Proposed

Warren County on Tuesday was taken from the Second Congressional District and placed in the First by a special committee appointed to make recommendations on reapportionment to a special session of the Legislature to convene Monday.

At the same time, a proposal supported by the Warren County Board of Commissioners to have Warren, Vance and Granville counties placed in the same senatorial district was rejected and a prior plan to have Warren placed in a district with Halifax, Edgecombe, and Pitt was retained.

In addition to senate and congressional districts, Warren becomes a part of a house district with Vance and Franklin Counties, under the plan to be submitted to the Legislature.

Most of the unhappiness Tuesday was registered by Pitt, Edgecombe, Halifax and Warren counties. All four counties sent spokesmen to fight their proposal on grounds that the district's northern and southern districts are too far apart "geographically, socially and economically."

Halifax Sen. Julian Allsbrook, presently Warren's senatorial representative, explained a redistricting plan devised by the four counties with the basic intent of keeping Pitt and Greene together in the Sixth District, making a new one out (See REMOVED, page 7)

Drake Says Reapportionment Plan Is Preposterous; To Fight

The proposal of a special Legislative committee removing Warren County from the Second Congressional District, linking Pitt County with Warren in a Senatorial District, and a House District composed of Franklin, Warren and Vance counties, this week came in for strong condemnation by Warren's Rep. Wilton R. Drake, who promised to fight it to the best of his ability in the special session of the Legislature.

In a prepared statement, submitted to The Warren Record Thursday, Rep. Drake set forth his views as follows:

Drake's Statement
Final "committee" recommendations to be made to the General Assembly next week as to its plans for reapportioning the State House, State Senate, and Congressional Districts are absolutely preposterous as they affect this general area of the State. It is perfectly clear that the so-called "Select Committees" are exactly what their name implies and that

they have been playing with figures and protecting certain personalities rather than considering people and plain geography. Under no circumstances can nor will I support either of the plans as they now stand.

For instance, the Committees propose that Warren County become part of a State Senatorial District which stretches through Halifax, Edgecombe and Pitt Counties and to the mouth of Pamlico Sound; that Warren become part of a State House District including Vance and Franklin; and finally, adding insult to injury, they propose to jump all the way across Halifax, Roanoke River and Gaston Lake and throw us into a Congressional District which stretches to the Atlantic Ocean. Frankly, they might as well throw us over their shoulders and into the Ocean for the sharks to devour as far as the representation of our people and their interests is concerned. Convivially, both of our State Representatives could come

from Vance County, both State Senators could hail from Pitt and, with the First Congressional District's present muddle, our Congressman could come from 'God only knows where!' Certainly, the General Assembly of the great State of North Carolina could not, in seriousness and in common sense, do such a thing to the traditionally outstanding people of Warren County, with a population of almost 20,000, at one and the same time furnished this State with its Governor, both United States Senators and the Congressman from their district! No other County can claim such a heritage.

I know of the problems which these Committees faced because I attended a number of their meetings myself and they listened to me with keen interest and concern in separate meetings. But what came out of those meetings is absolutely unthinkable, unworkable, and not even in keeping with what the Federal Courts have demanded - one man, one vote! These Committees are sentencing certain people, and many people, to no voice whatever in their government. It isn't fair, it isn't reasonable, and I won't buy it!

They can present all the plans they want, but there is only one plan which would do justice to all the people of North Carolina if we must disregard the guarantee of our State Constitution that every County shall be represented in one of our legislative bodies. That plan has not been made public, but it has been in the minds of a number of legislators and I have been advocating it ever since we were first concerned with the possibility of Re-apportionment. My plan is very simple and can be very easily arranged (See DRAKE, page 8)

Board Studies Plan Of Reapportionment

Much of the session of the board of county commissioners Monday was taken up with a discussion of the position of Warren County in a proposed shuffling of counties in a proposed redistricting of the state by a special session of the Legislature.

Called in on the discussion late Monday afternoon were Frank B. Banzet, chairman of the Warren County Democratic Executive Committee, and John Kerr, Jr., long a power in Warren County politics.

The group again expressed dissatisfaction with a plan to put Pitt County in a new senatorial district with Warren, and gave approval to a substitute plan submitted at Greenville last Friday that would have Edgecomb, Halifax, Warren and Franklin in the same district. Plans were made for a delegation to appear before a legislative committee in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon to join with Pitt County in support of the new proposal.

Attending this meeting in Raleigh were Board Chairman

Amos L. Capps, Commissioners A. J. Ellington and Robert Thorne, County Attorney, Jim Limer, and Frank B. Banzet.

County Attorney Limer, who attended a meeting in Greenville last Friday when plans for the substitute district were drawn, told the commissioners earlier at Monday's meeting of the new plan, and the reasons for its adoption. In their discussion later in the afternoon the commissioners, Limer, Kerr and Banzet all agreed that (See BOARD, page 7)

Farmers May Have Land Premeasured

Premeasurement service is again being offered to Warren County farmers for the 1966 crop year, T. E. Watson, ASCS office manager, announced yesterday.

Watson said the deposit to cover the actual cost of the work is made by the farmer at the time he makes his application for premeasurement. The cost is the same as last year which is \$3.00 plus \$1.10 per acre for tobacco, 80¢ per acre for other crops and land uses, or a minimum cost of \$8.50 per farm.

ASCS began accepting requests for this service on Jan. 6. Watson said farmers desiring this service should file their request with the ASCS office as soon as possible.

Ridgeway Postoffice Robbery Attempted

A United States Postal Inspector said Sunday that the effort to rob the postoffice in Ridgeway early Sunday was apparently the work of an amateur.

The robbery effort proved futile and nothing was found to be missing, Mrs. Eva S. Holtzman, Ridgeway postmaster, said yesterday.

The building was entered and the dial on the safe was broken, but the safe was not opened.

A postal inspector and local law enforcement officers visited the scene on Sunday and examined the safe and other equipment with Mrs. Holtzman.

Boy Fatally Injured When Bicycle Is Hit

A 19-year-old Negro boy was fatally injured here last Friday night when the bicycle which he was riding was struck by an automobile.

James Arthur Coleman of Rt. 1, Warrenton, died at Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, Saturday morning, from injuries he received around 8:05 p. m. Friday when his bicycle was struck by a 1957 Chevrolet car driven by Jackson Alston of Franklin Street, Warrenton. The accident occurred near Smiley's Store on the Warren Plains Road a short distance north of Warrenton.

R. A. Clark, investigating

Highway trooper, said that evidence is that Alston was overtaking and passing another vehicle when his car struck the boy's bicycle being ridden on the left side of the highway. He said the impact carried the boy and his bicycle a distance of 117 feet and that the car continued to move forward an additional 120 feet before coming to a stop.

Alston was charged with reckless driving and involuntary manslaughter. A grand jury found probable cause Monday and Alston was bound over to Superior Court on the involuntary manslaughter charge.

Being Santa Is His Hobby

Some citizens of Warren County have fishing as a hobby, to others hunting is a hobby, and to others sports is a relaxation. But to the Warren County man bringing joy to children is a hobby.

For years County Commissioner A. J. Ellington has spent practically all his spare moments during the Christmas holiday playing Santa Claus wherever children can be gathered and during the past Christmas many who once sat on the knee of Ellington as Santa this year watched the shining

eyes of their grandchildren as they nestled in the arms of Santa Ellington.

A suit can be uncomfortable, often the hours can be long, the hot hot may become monotonous. That is to many but not to Commissioner Ellington. Monday he commented in regard to his long service as Santa Claus, "I enjoy it more than the children. It is a real pleasure to me and I wish you would thank the people of Warren County for giving me the opportunity each year to play Santa Claus."



Lodge Officers Installed

Officers of Johnston-Caswell Lodge No. 10, AF&AM, were installed Monday night in an open meeting attended by a number of ladies. The installing officer was Past Master J. Ed Rooker with Past Master J. C. Moore as marshal. The officers, left to right, are: Front row—Jimmy Roberts, treasurer; Horace Shearin, junior deacon; Bill

Neal, senior deacon; Kenneth Copley, tiler; middle row—L. O. Robertson, secretary; Anton Reid, junior warden; A. D. Endicott, senior warden; back row—A. D. Johnson, acting steward in place of W. R. Vaughan, who was absent when picture was made; W. J. (Jack) Harris, worshipful master; Hy Diamond, chaplain; and Robert Stegall, steward.

Mrs. Banzet To Head Heart Fund Campaign

Mrs. J. E. Banzet of Warrenton has been appointed Heart Fund chairman for Warren County February fund drive, by the Rev. Ted Wilson, president of the Warren County Heart Association.

Mr. Wilson also yesterday announced the appointment of P. B. Boyd, president of the Citizens Bank, as heart fund treasurer.

Mrs. Banzet, as heart fund chairman, will appoint area community leaders who will direct the annual fund raising effort in behalf of the North Carolina and American Heart Associations, of which Warren County is a division.

Mrs. Banzet pointed out that heart disease is the leading cause of death in Warren County and said that the important work of the Heart Association deserves the widest possible support. She said the annual Heart Fund contributions support the Association's program of public health education, professional information, heart re-

search, community service and public information. Boyd, in addition to banking and accounting for money raised during the annual February Heart Fund campaign, will handle memorial gifts which are acceptable throughout the year.

Boyd explained that memorial gifts are acknowledged immediately upon receipt. Two notices are sent—one to the donor, as a receipt for income tax deduction purposes, the other to the family of the deceased person in whose name the gift is made. The latter notice mentions the name of the giver but not the amount of the gift.

"Memorial gifts are a thoughtful and practical way to honor those who have died from heart or blood vessel disease," Boyd said. "The money goes into heart research and the rest of the heart program—a program aimed at conquering these diseases. Checks may be made out and sent to me at South Main Street, Warrenton."



MERLE HARRINGTON

Harrington Wins Mill Promotion

A Merle Harrington has been appointed to the office of Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of China Grove Cotton Mills Company, China Grove, North Carolina, by action of the Board of Directors effective Dec. 31, 1965.

Harrington came to China Grove Cotton Mills in 1957 and was appointed assistant treasurer in 1961. He graduated from John Graham High School in 1948 and graduated from Duke University with a degree in Business Administration in 1957. His college education was interrupted by a four year tour with the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

Harrington is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrington of Rt. 2, Henderson, and is married to the former Miss Ann Mayfield of Norlina. They have two sons, Scott, 12, and David, 7, and live at 905 South Franklin Street, China Grove.