



MEET THE PRESS — The five gubernatorial candidates faced the North Carolina Press Association at the University Friday afternoon. From left are Dr. Reginald Hawkins, Bob

Scott, Melville Broughton, James Gardner and John Stickley. (Photo by Jock Lautere)

Candidates On Platform At Press Meeting

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The five men who are competing to see which one of them will replace Dan K. Moore as Governor of North Carolina are seated on the state in a row and they are waiting for the program to begin which will give them a chance to make statements about their candidacies.

Starting at the left, they are Reginald Hawkins of Charlotte, a Democrat; Bob Scott of Haw River, a Democrat; Mel Broughton of Raleigh, a Democrat; James Gardner of Rocky Mount, a Republican; and John Stickley of Charlotte, a Republican.

All of them appear a bit apprehensive. Mr. Hawkins is sitting forward on his chair, his

hands loosely folded between his knees. Mr. Scott and Mr. Broughton shift about in their seats. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Stickley seem the calmest.

The hall is filling with publishers and editors and reporters and photographers from North Carolina newspapers. The place is Howell Hall, the Journalism School on the University campus. It is Friday afternoon in Chapel Hill, the second day of state press association's three-day winter institute.

The moderator for the program, James H. Atkins of the Gastonia Gazette, calls for order and announces that the candidates have drawn lots to determine the order of their appearance.

The order is to be Stickley, Gardner, Broughton, Scott and

Hawkins.

Mr. Stickley gets up and starts talking. He is a businessman and he says business and the business of state are the same except for the profit motive. He goes on from there and the people listen.

Mr. Gardner does not look at the speaker. His gaze settles on the audience, appraising the reaction. Mr. Broughton watches the speaker most of the time,

with occasional glances at the audience. Mr. Scott's attention is riveted to the speaker. Mr. Hawkins has his hands laced in his lap and he looks at them part of the time and spends part of the time looking out the window. At one point he looks at Mr. Stickley and then looks away.

The second speaker is Mr. Gardner. He talks about how bad (See CANDIDATES, page 2)

Change In Social Security Law Means More Benefits

The changes in the social security law signed by President Johnson on January 2 will mean a benefit increase of at least 13 percent in social security checks.

The Social Security Administration's high speed electronic computers are figuring the increases for all 23,700,000 social security beneficiaries around the country and will finish the task in time to include the increases in the checks delivered early in March.

Beneficiaries need not take any action to get the increase. It will be sent to them automatically.

Residents of the Raleigh area can expect the first increased check on Saturday, March 2nd, one day earlier than the usual 3rd of the month delivery of social security benefit checks.

Under a recent arrangement with the Treasury Department and the Post Office, social security checks are delivered a day early instead of a day late when the 3rd of the month falls on a Sunday or holiday.

Some social security beneficiaries will receive more than a 13 percent increase. The minimum benefit for workers retiring at 65 is increased from

\$44 to \$55.

The average benefit payable to a retired worker, about \$86 will be raised to \$98 at an increase of \$12 a month. The average couple's benefit, now \$145, will go up to \$165; and the average aged widow's benefit will rise \$11, from the current average of \$75 to \$86.

The last increase in social security benefits amounted to 7 percent, and was effective January 1965.

About 3 out of every 10 beneficiaries receiving an increased check early in March will be someone under 65, many of them the children of working fathers who have died.

The value of social security survivors insurance is often overlooked. Social security is more than just a retirement system. But it is also income protection for the family in case of the breadwinner's death or disability.

With the increased benefit payments provided under the new amendments to the law, the face value of social security survivors insurance protection is increased to about \$940 billion. This is just about equivalent to the value of all the private life insurance now in force.

4-H's Learn About Tornadoes At Meeting

L. B. Hardage, County Extension Chairman, said that Warren County boys and girls learned by way of television Monday night that tornadoes occur more often in midwestern, southern and central states than in any other sections of the United States.

The youngsters also learned what causes a tornado and what not to do before the "demon" strikes. The occasion was the second meeting of a TV Action Club which was seen Monday over television station WUNC, Channel 4.

4-H TV Action Club Advisor, Dick Arnold, showed the members films of tornadoes striking towns and the resulting destruction. He also told the youngsters how the weatherman can forecast tornadoes and alert people to the danger.

L. B. Hardage pointed out that boys and girls are learning through weekly television meetings about emergencies and what they can do to prepare for them.

Next week's TV Action Club meeting will be seen Monday at 7:30 p. m. over station WUNC, Channel 4.

Viewers will have an opportunity to learn about "The Shaking Earth", Hardage said.

Larger Cotton Crop Predicted For 1968

Dwindling supplies of desirable quality cotton and strong prices are expected to encourage farmers to play a larger acreage in 1968.

Small North Carolina crops for the past two years, due primarily to weather conditions and insect damage, have been factors in the drop in the supply of quality cotton.

Dr. R. Charles Brooks, North Carolina State University extension marketing economist, explains that exports for 1968 are estimated at about 4.5 million bales and domestic consumption at about 9 million bales.

"If these estimates are realized, the carry-over of cotton next August will be about 6.5 to 7 million bales, down 6 million from the previous year," Dr. Brooks said.

Court Says Charge Was Frivolous

An alleged frivolous charge in Warren County's Recorder's Court last Friday resulted in the prosecuting witness being taxed with court costs.

Gillis Alston was charged with an assault on a female, but the court held that the charge was frivolous and malicious and ordered that his wife, Toy Alston, be charged with court costs.

Harry Junior Alston was found guilty on a non-support charge and sentenced to the roads for 60 days. The sentence was suspended until Dec. 1, 1968 provided the defendant pays into the office of the Director of Public Welfare the sum of \$20 per week, commencing Jan. 29, 1968, and continuing until further order of the court, and pays court costs.

Thomas O. Bowman was also found guilty of non-support and sentenced to the roads for 60 days. The sentence was suspended until Dec. 1, 1968, provided the defendant pays into the office of the Director of Public Welfare of Warren County each Monday, commencing Jan. 29, 1968, the sum of \$30 per week for the support of his wife and five children, and continuing weekly until further order of the court, and pays court costs.

Eugene Williams was sentenced to the roads for 60 days when he pled guilty to a charge of assault on a female. The sentence was suspended until Dec. 1, 1968, provided the defendant keeps the peace towards all persons, particularly, Irene Williams, and that he refrain from the use of any intoxicating liquor or beverage, not violate any of the criminal laws of the state and pays court costs.

Waverly Richardson, charged with malicious damage to personal property, was found not guilty.

Albert Henderson, charged with fraud, tendered a plea of guilty of trespassing. He was sentenced to the roads for 60 days. The sentence was suspended until Dec. 1, 1968, on condition that the defendant remain of good behavior and not violate any of the criminal laws of the state of North Carolina until Dec. 1, 1968, remain gainfully employed, and pays court costs.

Robert Cornelius Towns was found guilty of drunk driving and driving with improper brakes, and was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs. The defendant gave notice of appeal and appearance bond was set at \$150.

P. K. Perkinson was charged with improper equipment, no muffler and turn signal not working. The court held that the warrant was improperly drawn and dismissed the case.

Charles Leonard Jones was ordered to pay court costs when (See COURT, page 8)

Appeal Is Made For Recent Fire Victims

An appeal was made this week for clothing and household furnishings for an Elberon family whose home was completely destroyed by a recent fire.

Mrs. Elwood Burgess said that the Harvey Angel family lost all their clothing and furnishings in a fire which destroyed their home on Jan. 8. The family consists of the father, who wears extra large size 44 pants; the mother, who wears a size 20 1/2 or 22 dress; and two daughters, one of whom wears a size 20 dress and the other who wears a child's size 5 dress.

The family is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Furney Rivers. Clothes and other articles for the family may be delivered at the Rivers home, or persons desiring to make donations may call Mrs. Burgess of Route 2, Warrenton. Her telephone number is 456-4653.

Showers For Angels

The Young Adult Class of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church will have a floating shower at the Afton Community Building at the Afton School on Friday night from 7:30 until 9:30 p. m. when friends may bring gifts of clothing, household furnishings and other gifts for the Angel family.

Volunteers Taking Course

Ambulance Service For County Nearer

Stenographer Ill; Court Ends Tuesday

Illness of the court stenographer and difficulty in finding a replacement for her, couple with illness of several key witnesses caused Warren County Superior Court to adjourn on Tuesday afternoon.

The civil term of court opened on Monday with Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., of Lumberton presiding.

Mrs. Grace Kearney of Henderson, court stenographer, failed to appear on account of illness and several substitute stenographers were found to have commitments. By the time that a substitute was located in Raleigh, it was discovered that several key witnesses in several cases were also ill. As a

result only three cases were tried before court adjourned.

Bessie Wrenn Smith was granted a divorce from Walter Clemon Smith, and Robert Hunter Carroll was granted a divorce from Barbara Faucette Carroll.

In a third divorce case, Bernice C. Nicholson vs. Mabel C. Nicholson, a divorce was denied when the jury found that the plaintiff and defendant had not lived separately and apart from each other for at least one year next preceding the commencement of the action as alleged in the complaint. The plaintiff was charged with the cost of the action.

Mrs. Williams Heads Warrenton Woman's Club

Mrs. H. M. Williams, Sr., was elected president of the Warrenton Woman's Club at a meeting at the parish house of Emmanuel Episcopal Church on last Thursday night.

Mrs. Williams was chosen to head the club following the report of Mrs. T. W. Hawkins, chairman of the nominating committee.

Other officers elected were Mrs. J. Allen Tucker, first vice president; Mrs. Charles Bunch, second vice president; Mrs. M. S. Martin, recording secretary; Mrs. Leonard Daniel, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Smith, treasurer; Mrs. W. R. Hedgepeth, chaplain; Mrs. Thomas Ellington, historian; Mrs. W. L. Wood, parliamentarian.

The Hon. James Speed of Lenoir, representative of Warren, Vance and Franklin County in the State House of Representatives, was the guest speaker. He spoke on "Ambulance Service in North Carolina." Presented by Mrs. R. B. Butler, he read the ambulance law adopted by the Legislature and explained its provisions in a question and answer period.

Mrs. R. B. Butler, retiring president, presided over the dinner meeting. She presented

the club with a wooden lectern which she had made for the club to use at its regular meetings.

Following Speed's talk, Mrs. J. Allen Tucker, program chairman, presented a film, "America, the Land We Love," sponsored by the United States Government in promotion of Savings Bonds. The film was shown by Frank Reams, director of Warren County Industrial Commission.

Mrs. H. W. White, Easter Seal Chairman, announced that the annual drive would begin March 1 and called for volunteers from the club. She also announced that the club had given nine Christmas gifts to children in the State schools.

Mrs. Leonard Daniel, Fine Arts chairman, announced the Crafts Exhibit to be held at the February meeting and urged each member to enter articles in the competition and to attend the District IV Fine Arts Festival to be held in Roanoke Rapids on Feb. 24.

The President thanked the hostesses, Mrs. Harry Williams, Sr., and Mrs. L. O. Robertson, for the lovely decorations and the ladies of the church for the delicious meal.

Preparations for ambulance service on a volunteer basis for Warren County are shaping up well and only the approval of the county commissioners and the purchase and equipment of an ambulance are needed for their completion.

This is expected at the Feb. 5 meeting of the commissioners.

Under a plan worked out at a recent meeting of a special ambulance committee appointed by the county commissioners, the Sheriff's Department is to operate the ambulance service in the daytime and members of the Warren County Rescue Squad and the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department are to operate ambulances at night. There may from time to time be some variation in the schedule as the three agencies will cooperate, but as a general thing the volunteers will answer only night calls.

Plans to purchase a used ambulance from a local funeral home have been abandoned. Instead the county commissioners will be asked to purchase a large station wagon through the State purchasing department and convert it into an ambulance.

Hope has been expressed that after July 1, when funds will become available for ambulance service under the new tax levy, the operation of ambulances will be turned over to a private agency.

In preparation for taking over the ambulance service, a special 16-hour course in advanced first aid training is being conducted here by James Moseley and Linwood Rose of the Warren County Rescue Squad. The course, which began on Monday night, was again held on Tuesday night, and will be held on Thursday night and on the same nights next week, with a four-hour course on Sunday in addition.

Present at the meeting on Monday night to take the course were Sheriff Clarence Davis, Deputy Dorsey Capps and 22 firemen, including one fireman from Norlina.

Also present at the meeting Monday night were Dr. Thomas Holt, Warren County Health Director, and his nurse, Mrs. Dorothy Elms. They examined the eyes and ears and took the blood pressure of the 24 persons present for the course.

Former Staff Member Winner Of Prizes

The Butner-Creedmoor News of Creedmoor was the winner of one first prize, two second prizes, and one third prize in competition among North Carolina weekly newspapers at the North Carolina Press Association midwinter meeting at Chapel Hill last week. Awards were presented by Gov. Dan K. Moore.

The Butner-Creedmoor News, founded and edited by Howard Jones, won first prize for best Feature Picture; second prize for best Feature Story; second prize for best Editorial; and third prize for Excellence in Offset Typography.

Jones, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bignall Jones of Warrenton, is a former staff member of The Warren Record.

Col. Howard A. MacCord, State Archaeologist with the Virginia State Library, will be the speaker at a meeting of the Roanoke River Chapter, Archaeological Society of Virginia, on Wednesday, Jan. 31st, in the Courthouse at Boynton, Va. He will show slides of work carried out by the state society during 1967. The meeting is at 7:30 p. m. and all persons interested in archaeology are invited to attend.

The Warrenton Rural Fire Department will hold a show and sale of the fire house, which will be ready at 11 a.m.



County Ranger Wilbur F. Davis is shown loading seedlings on truck to be delivered to Warren County farmers.

Seedlings Available For Warren Farmers

County Ranger W. F. Davis announced yesterday that the N. C. Forest Service will offer 20 different kinds of tree seedlings for sale in 1968 planting season.

Some of the trees for sale suitable for this area include loblolly pine, longleaf pine, black walnut, sweetgum, red cedar, Arizona cypress, yellow

poplar, bald cypress, sycamore, black locust, tupelo gum, black gum and green ash. Davis said that due to limited supplies of some species, it will be advisable to order early to assure that trees will be available.

Any landowner interested in ordering tree seedlings can get order blanks from County Ranger Davis at Warrenton, phone 257-4227.