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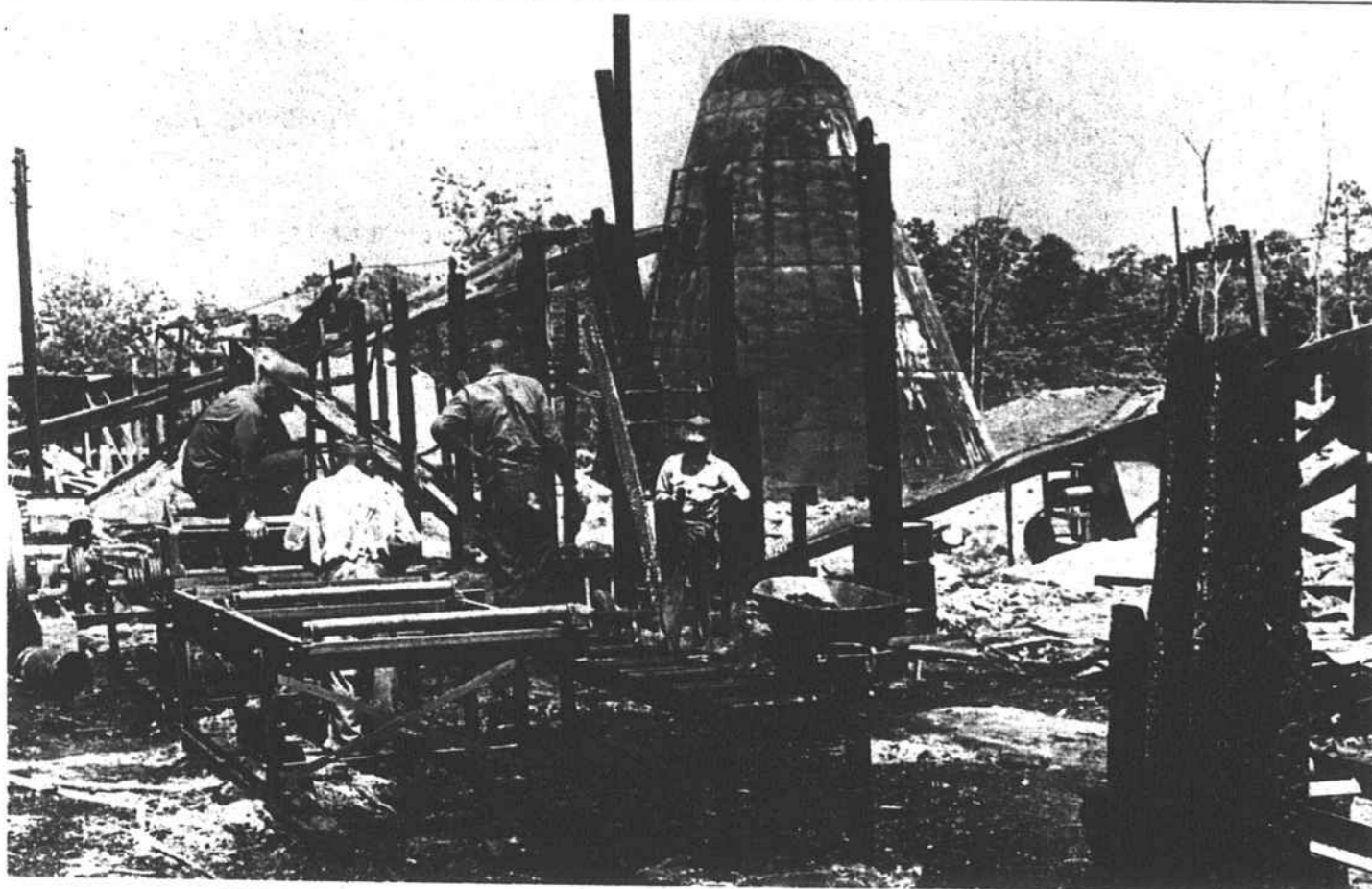
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WORKERS CLEANING UP DEBRIS FOLLOWING FIRE AT ARCOLA LUMBER CO.

Sawmill Destroyed By Fire To Be Rebuilt

One of the three sawmills at Arcola Lumber Company destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon is expected to be replaced by the end of the week. Flames destroyed the sawmill on the west end of the lumber yard around 5:30 on Thursday afternoon, however the debarking attachment to the mill was saved. The fire is believed to have started from a spark.

Both the Arcola Rural Fire Department and two trucks from the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, responded to the call and kept the fire from spreading through thousands of dollars of nearby stacked timber.

Elmer Harris, president of the company, said on Friday morning that he did not know the exact amount of the loss

but he thought it was between five and six thousand dollars, but that it would cost more to replace it. He said that it was not insured, as insurance on sawmills is prohibitive.

By noon Friday, officials of the company were already in touch with machinery sources, and workmen were busy clearing away the debris at the mill site.

Harris said that he expects the mill to be back in operation before the end of the present week. He said that the two remaining mills could not carry the work load of the plant, even with overtime.

At present around 70 men are employed by the plant, Harris said. At times, he said, the mill employs more than 100 men.

Banzet Leads Ticket

Board Members Re-elected In Heavy Vote In Primary

Rites For Gaston Held Here Friday

Funeral services for Clarence P. (Bud) Gaston were conducted at Emmanuel Episcopal Church here on Friday at 4 p. m. by the rector, the Rev. Robert Orvis. Burial was at Asheville on Saturday at 11 a. m.

Mr. Gaston, local manager of Carolina Power and Light Co., for the past 17 years, died at his home here Wednesday night. He had been connected with the power company for more than 25 years.

He was a native of Buncombe County and was a graduate of Christ School in Arden and Western North Carolina University at Cullowhee. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II and was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the Rotary Club and the John Graham High School Booster Club. He was chairman of the Warren County polo drive.

Surviving are one son, C. Perry Gaston, III; three sisters, Mrs. Hugh Lamb and Mrs. Virginia Wilson, both of Asheville and Mrs. J. L. Connelly of Swansboro; one brother, Harry Gaston of Asheville; his stepmother, Mrs. Lois Gaston of Asheville; two half-sisters, Mrs. Thomas Knowl of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Clifford Brookshire of Waynesville; and a half-brother, Buck E. Gaston of Asheville.

Broughton Leads In Warren County Vote

Melvin Broughton announced on Wednesday morning that he would not call for a second primary.

Mel Broughton, who got one-third of the total vote in Saturday's Democratic Primary has the privilege of calling a second primary as Lt. Bob Scott missed winning a clear majority by some 25,000 votes. Scott's vote was approximately 48.1 percent of the vote cast; Broughton's vote was 33.4 percent and Dr. Reginald Hawkins vote was 18.3 percent.

Scott's lead over Broughton was approximately 100,000 votes. The actual lead cannot be determined until officials returns are all tabulated over the state and certified to the State Board of Elections.

A second state candidate also has the privilege of calling for a run-off.

Dr. Raymond Stone, second high man for State Superinten-

dent of Public Instruction, has not yet decided whether or not to call a second primary. He fell around 40,000 short of the total received by Craig Phillips, who failed to receive a clear majority.

Broughton and Stone have until noon May 18 to make their decisions.

Both Broughton and Stone were high men in Warren County. In the gubernatorial race Broughton received 1845 votes in Warren; Dr. Hawkins was second with 1409 votes; and Scott received 1353. Dr. Stone received 1675 to Craig Phillips 1245 votes.

A few Republican votes were also received in the county. Jim Gardner in his race for Governor received 44 votes to Jack Stickle's 9; in the race for Lt. Governor Trosper Nolan received 13 votes and Don H. Garren 26. In the race for Commissioner of Insurance Carl W. Rice received 12 votes to Everette L. Peterson's 23 votes.

Warren County voters in Saturday's Primary returned Richard R. Davis and John Wilson to the Board of County Commissioners, and elected Dr. Charles Bunch as a member of the Board of Education, succeeding Dr. Sam H. Massey, Jr., who was not a candidate.

Davis defeated Negro candidate Beaman Hunt, and Dr. Bunch defeated Negro candidate Mrs. R. E. Ransom.

Pete Harris will also become a member of the Board of Education, succeeding Chairman Gene Davis who was not a candidate. Harris was not opposed.

Mrs. Eva Clayton of Warrenton, Negro candidate defeated incumbent L. H. Fountain in her bid for the Second District seat in Congress, received 1653 votes to Rep. Fountain's 2764.

John T. Church of Henderson retained his seat in the State House of Representatives by defeating Bobby W. Rogers 2688 to 1362 in Warren County and 4632 to 3831 in Vance. The vote in Franklin County is not immediately available.

Warren County supported Julian Allsbrook and Vernon White as White upset Bridges in his bid to keep his seat as district senator. Allsbrook received 2994 votes in Warren; Bridges received 1463 votes and White received 1629 votes.

Julius Banzet led the ticket in Warren County in his successful bid to become one of the three judges of the newly formed 9th district court. Banzet received 3715 votes in Warren, some 1800 ahead of his nearest competitor, Linwood Peoples of Vance.

In the governor's race, Mel Broughton was high man in Warren. Dr. Reginald Hawkins, Negro candidate, placed second, with Lt. Bob Scott in third place.

Warren County voters also favored Dr. Raymond Stone in the race for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Stone trailed Craig Phillips for this position by about 40,000 votes over the state.

In constable races, Freddie F. Robinson defeated C. R. Loyd, Jr., for Warrenton Township Constable by the vote of 647 to 490 and Joe Cobb was elected Constable for Smith Creek Township, defeating Don E. Lemieux 697 to 490.

Democratic Precinct Meetings To Be Held

Democratic Precinct Meetings will be held throughout Warren County at 12:00 o'clock noon, Saturday, May 11, John Kerr, Jr., chairman of the Warren County Democratic executive committee, announced this week.

At these Precinct meetings a Precinct Democratic Executive Committee will be elected for a term of two years, together with delegates to the Warren County Democratic Convention, which will meet at 12:00 o'clock noon in the Court House in Warrenton on Saturday, May 25.

At the County Convention delegates and alternates to the State Convention will convene at 12:00 o'clock noon in the Municipal Auditorium in the City of Raleigh on Thursday, June 6.

Precinct meetings will be held at the regular polling place for each precinct.

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RECEIVES AWARD
Among students receiving student government awards at Student Activities Night at North Carolina State University at Raleigh was Ronnie P. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerston D. King, of Route 1, Warrenton.

Warren County's Population Is Now Estimated At 18,700

Warren County's estimated population is 18,700, compared with the official population of 19,652 in 1960, according to figures compiled by the Budget Division of the State Department of Administration and the Carolina Population Center at Chapel Hill.

North Carolina's estimated population increased from 4,556,155 to 5,023,613 between April 1, 1960 and July 1, 1967, an increase of 10.3 percent.

This percentage matches exactly the population boom for the United States as a whole. Cumberland County, home of Fort Bragg, posted the biggest population gain and Wake County was second.

The report showed that 17 counties lost population during the seven-year period.

The biggest percentage loser was Tyrrell County in North-eastern North Carolina, where population decreased 8.2 percent (4,520 to 4,148). Clay County in the west dropped by seven percent (5,526 to

5,159). The report's 1960 figures were taken from the official census. The 1967 estimates were compiled with technical assistance from the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

The estimate indicates that Warren County has lost around 5,000 since 1950, with some 4,000 of these occurring the period from 1950 to 1960. The loss of 952 in the past seven years shows a definite decrease in the rate of population loss in the county.

The Warren County population figures for 1967 show a population figure much above that projected in 1963 in "1980 Projections for North Carolina Counties," prepared by Joseph H. Perry, Division of Community Planning and by Dr. C. Horace Hamilton of North Carolina University.

The authors of the volume in 1963 said that "if present trends continue" Warren would have a population of 15,730 and in 1980 would have a population of

12,370. The projected loss for the county for the period between 1960 and 1970 was around 4,000 for the ten-year period. The estimated loss after seven years was less than 1,000. This indicates a definite slowing down in population loss in the county and indicates a definite change in trends in the economy since the 1960 census.



NEAL

Dudley Neal To Be Licensed To Preach

Dudley Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Neal, will be licensed to preach in a ceremony at the Warrenton Baptist Church on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship service. Mr. Neal is a graduate of John Graham High School and Chowan College. He will enter Campbell College at Bites Creek, N. C. for further study this fall.

The pastor, John R. Link, will conduct the service; and he will also preach his last sermon as pastor on Sunday. After vacationing, he and Mrs. Link will move to Spring Hope, the first of June to assume the pastorate of the First Baptist Church there.

HONORABLE MENTION

Bill Jones, a News and Observer photographer, received honorable mention at the annual Southern Short Course in News Photography at Chapel Hill. It was announced yesterday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Jones of Warrenton.

Bartholomew Named Head Local NCEA

Fred Bartholomew, principal of John Graham High School, was installed as president of the Warren County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association for the coming year at its annual public relations banquet at the Littleton Community Center last Friday night.

Coye Lewis, assistant superintendent of Warren County Schools, presided over the installation ceremony. Other officers installed were B. L. King, principal of Macon Junior High School, vice president; and Mrs. Heath Beckwith, attendance counselor secretary-treasurer.

Retiring officers are Rex Gordon, Norlina High School Principal, president, who presided over the meeting; and Mrs. Patsy Pierce John Graham teacher, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Carolyn Ricks, Littleton teacher and vice president, died during the year. The program was dedicated to her memory.

Charles Chewning, superintendent of the Durham County Schools, was the guest speaker. He has recently been elected to the board of directors of the NCEA from the East Central District, of which Warren County is a member.

Chewning challenged the educators, and especially the younger members, to become more involved in the workings and functions of the professional organization. He also asked that members keep abreast of the changes in the field of education and to accept even greater responsibility in shaping the minds of our young people.

Chewning was presented by (See BARTHOLOMEW, page 2)



BARTHOLOMEW

Mrs. William T. Skinner Is Named State Winner

Mrs. William T. Skinner, III, Route 3, Littleton, has been named State 4-H Alumni Recognition winner.

Mrs. Skinner is presently Warren County Food Services Supervisor and home-maker. For eight years, she was Assistant Home Economics Agent in the county working very closely with the 4-H club program. Since her employment as an Extension Agent, she has kept in close contact with the Agricultural Extension program serving in leadership capacities in training demonstration contestants, giving demonstrations, serving as judge for county events and serving on the Littleton area 4-H sponsoring committee.

During 10 years as a 4-H club member in Kentucky, Mrs. Skinner received many honors and recognitions. She was state winner in several activities, including the foods judging contest and the dairy foods demonstration. She held many leadership positions on local and county levels.



MRS. SKINNER

An International Farm Youth Exchange Delegate to Finland in 1951, Mrs. Skinner is active in civic, educational and religious organizations.

As a State 4-H Alumni Recognition winner, she will receive a plaque from the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation.