

Writes Letter To Fountain

Mrs. Clayton Issues Campaign Statement

Mrs. Eva Clayton of Warrenton, unsuccessful candidate for Second District Congressman in the Democratic Primary of May 4, said yesterday that she has not determined whether or not she will again be a candidate in 1970, but pledged herself to active service as a private citizen.



MRS. CLAYTON

In an open letter to all news media, Mrs. Clayton gives her views on the recent election and enclosed an open letter to Congressman L. H. Fountain congratulating him upon his victory and asked him to address himself to the issues she brought out in her campaign. Her statement is as follows:

"I wish to thank all my supporters for the votes received. I have written Mr. Fountain congratulating him and extending my cooperation. "The question, will I be a candidate next time - I am not prepared to state at this time. Two years is a long way off. A winner never quits and a quitter never wins - I am not a quitter. One fact I am certain of is that I will be just as concerned about the progress and the welfare of all citizens of this district as a private citizen and pledge myself to active service. "As a candidate, I realized that victory in the Democratic Primary against Representative L. H. Fountain was difficult. All political observers and news media continued to remind us that Representative Fountain was Dean of the North Carolina delegation with sixteen years of service and had not been opposed in a Democratic Primary. In spite of these facts, I was a candidate. We conducted a very vigorous

and imaginative campaign and although I did not win the Democratic nomination, I make no apology for our efforts in this campaign. We truly gave our best efforts to this cause, and there were many victories realized through our efforts. As a candidate, I served as a source of inspiration for large numbers of persons to participate in politics who had before not been involved. This was truly seen in our older citizens and youth. As a woman candidate, I inspired women to greater political participation. We brought new hope and faith in the Democratic process. "We further witness the organization of large groups of negroes in each of the eleven counties concerned about good government. Most of these groups were responsible for adding thousands of unregistered persons to the voting rolls. They have great political potential if used wisely. "When we seriously look at the returns and compare certain state candidates efforts with ours, especially those with all the money and trained personnel at their disposal and received 36% or less of the votes, yet, Eva Clayton, a black woman relatively unknown before becoming a candidate, received 33% of the votes with so little money and inexperienced staff. If we did so much with so little in such a short time, this means that with time, organization, funds and hard work, we shall overcome."

Mrs. Clayton's letter to Congressman Fountain reads as follows: Dear Mr. Fountain: I wish to congratulate you on your victory May 4th in the Democratic Primary and extend my cooperation to you as the representative of all the people in the Second Congressional District. As a candidate, I addressed myself to certain issues, i.e. (1) the rural poor - how citizens of the Second District could have an opportunity for a decent living; (2) the problems of the big cities; (3) law and order; and (4) our involvement in Vietnam. I regret that political expediency prevented you from doing likewise. I admonish you now, as the elected representative, to address yourself honestly and vigorously to these issues. I solicit the full weight of your moral character in addition to your political experience in being the representative of ALL the people. We remind you that all people of the Second District include people of all races, the poor, the working class and the rich. Political expediency suggests that 33% of the voters represents real political power. These voters indicated they wanted a change but more importantly, these voters want to see the Second Congressional District progress. Therefore, the real challenge in the Second District is to make it a progressive place to live for ALL of our citizens. Best wishes for a meaningful term in Congress. Sincerely, (Mrs.) EVA M. CLAYTON

Warrenton Minister Honored By Lions Club

A Warrenton minister who has resigned his pastorate here was honored by the Warrenton Lions Club at their regular meeting at the Rural Fire Department Hall last Friday. President F. P. Whitley announced that the Rev. John R. Link had been made an honorary member of the Warrenton Lions Club in appreciation of the work that he had done when he was a member of the club. Mr. Link, pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church for a number of years, has accepted a call to the Spring Hope Baptist Church. He was the guest of Lion Billy Lanier.

Lion A. C. Fair presented a program on Civil Defense. He was presented by Lion Eugene Rogers who had charge of the program. Lion Duke Miles, convention chairman of the Warrenton Lions Club, made a report on the State Convention which is to be held in Asheville. President F. P. Whitley presided over the meeting. Jack Harris led in group singing. Lion Ted Wilson gave the invocation. Chef Henry Myrick served the members a delicious charcoal steak.



Members of the John Graham High School Girls Golf Team stand with Coach Jon Burwell. They are, left to right: April Andrews, Harriet Benton, Charlotte Wood, Meredith Bullock and Kay Currin.

Girls Golf Team Added To John Graham Program

Added to John Graham' athletic program this year has been a girls golf team, coached by Jon Burwell. Making up the team were Kay Currin, Meredith Bullock, Charlotte Wood, Harriet Benton and April Andrews. The team played four matches

in all. Two tri-matches were played among Warrenton, Wake Forest and Louisburg. Wake Forest came in first, defeating Warrenton and Louisburg. Warrenton came in second, winning over Louisburg. The first match was played at Wake Forest, but the last three were played on the Warrenton Golf Links. In the last two matches between Warrenton and Louisburg, John Graham came out on top, giving the girls team a record of four wins and two losses.

Hawkins Joint Choruses To Give Concert Sunday

The joint 55 voice choruses of John R. Hawkins School will present a Spring Concert of religious, patriotic and contemporary works on Sunday, May 19, at 6 p. m. The concert will be held in the school gymnasium. Soloists will include Elvira Harrison, soprano, Regenia Kearney, alto, William Crews, tenor and William Perry, bass. During intermission, two piano solos will be rendered. Fenice Boyd will play Chopin's "Etude", and Warren Cheek,

Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 5". There will not be an admission charge and all students, parents and friends are invited to attend this evening of beautiful music. Mrs. C. B. Jenkins is director of the High School Chorus and the Junior High School group is under the supervision of Mrs. W. A. files. No matter what happens, there is always someone who knew it would.

Littleton Boy Among Elite At E. C. Univ.

A Littleton boy was among the elite at East Carolina University last winter semester when he made all A's the university announced this week. Henry B. Howard, director of publicity, said that those who made all A's are the elite of the University. Next, he said, are those on the dean's List by earning a solid B-plus average, and the Honor Roll includes students who made a B average with no grade below C. Two Warren students - Alice R. King of Route 1, Norlina, and Ann L. King of Route 1, Warrenton - made the Dean's List. Warren students making the honor roll were Barbara C. Gibson of Route 2, Littleton, James E. Perkinson, Jr., of 221 Oak Street, Littleton, Elmo D. Spragins of Route 3, Littleton; Linda C. Spragins of Littleton; William M. Fleming of Route 1, Manson; William C. Carter of Norlina and Lucy K. Rodwell of Warrenton.



Ridgeway 4-H Club Hosts Elec. Clubs

The Ridgeway 4-H Electric Club was host to the electric clubs of the county at a meeting held in Warrenton on May 8. Wayne Overcash, Carolina Power and Light Company representative, was the speaker. He showed a film on the "Mighty Atom" and discussed electricity, the projects and the possibilities of being a winner in the Electric Congress, which he urged the members to attend. Cookies and drinks were served. L. G. Bender and Mrs. C. F. Holtzman, 4-H adult leaders, attended the meeting. Mrs. Holtzman announced that another workshop would be held on May 14 at the Ridgeway Clubhouse.

Plans Completed For New Clubhouse

Final plans for the construction of a new community building at Ridgeway were completed on Tuesday night when a representative of Mitchell Engineering Company of Norlina met with members of the Ridgeway Community Club. The meeting was held at the temporary clubhouse with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bender and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bender serving as hosts and hostesses. Richard Bender, president, presided over the business session. After the regular routine business meeting, the hostesses served delicious refreshments to the 40 members present.

John Honor Roll Is Released

The John Graham High School honor roll for the fifth grading period was released this week by Principal Fred Bartholomew as follows: Mrs. Nancy Blankenship's 4th Grade - Claude Burrows, Cynthia Connell, Susan Gardner, David Lancaster. Mrs. Mamie King's 4th Grade - Sheila Campbell, Cindy Dillard, Kay Fleming, Lisa Fleming, Louise Limer, Jeanne Moseley. Miss Jo Ellen McLean's 9th Grade - Ann Hardy, Denise Harvey. Mr. Wayne Plaster's 9th Grade - Arlene Bender, Richard Tunstall. Mr. Jon Burwell's 9th Grade - Antonette Iwanicki, Alice Marie Mustian, Debbie Blackwell. Mrs. Mary Shield's 10th Grade - Carl Peoples, Irene Bowen, Scoggin Jones. Mrs. Gail Dill's 10th Grade - Elizabeth Coleman, Marlene Hunt, Dianne Tharrington, Ellen Twitty. Mrs. Nancy Williams' 11th Grade - Charles Somerville, Clarence Young. Mr. James Soufas' 11th grade - Phyllis Loyd. Mr. Robert Stephens 12th Grade - Paul Whitley, Paulean Richardson. Miss Edwina Rooker's 12th Grade - Bob Rodwell.

Mrs. Childers Dies At Richmond Hospital

Mrs. Elizabeth Gardner Parker Childers, former resident of Warrenton, died Monday morning at St. Luke's Hospital in Richmond, Va., after a brief illness. A memorial service was held at Christian Funeral Home in Richmond, Va., on Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock and funeral rites were conducted at Greenwood Cemetery in Macon at 11 a. m. Wednesday by the Rev. A. E. Thompson, Jr., pastor of Macon Methodist Church. Mrs. Childers was a native of Warren County, the daughter of the late Winfield and Sallie Egerton Gardner of Churchill. She attended the Graham School in Warrenton and graduated from Louisa College in 1909. She taught school in Warren County.

Attend Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Dorman F. Baylock attended the North Carolina Funeral Director's Association Convention in Raleigh recently. It pays to advertise

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Hawkins Teacher Receives Fellowship

Walter Belk, Jr., a Hawkins High School teacher and 1964 honor graduate of Saint Augustine's College in History, has accepted a fellowship to study at one of Virginia's leading private colleges from Sept. 1968 to August 69, it was announced by the local school yesterday. Belk will complete his studies under Dr. Theodore Wilson in United States History between 1898 and 1968 this summer at the University of Kansas. He is a member of Sigma Rho Sigma collegiate national honor society for history scholars.

Quart of Seeds

Last spring an effort was made in Hoke County to get residents to plant green and yellow squash. This spring Mrs. E. H. Bowling, Aberdeen, R. I., donated a quart of seeds she had saved from her last year's garden. The seeds were distributed to persons who were eager to plant squash this year. "These seeds will plant a lot of hills and the fruit will be valuable next fall and winter for baking, broiling and in making pies," Mrs. Ellen E. Willis, home economics extension agent, believes.

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