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S. Security Changes Add Funds In Warren

NEW YORK—What will the new social security legislation, liberalizing pension rates for residents of Warren County?

How much more will they be receiving from Washington per year? What will the average payment be, compared with what it was last year?

If it is estimated that the change in retirement benefits, approved last month by Congress, will add approximately \$266,000 a year to the amount that local residents have been collecting.

The estimate is based upon the latest statistics for the county, released by the Social Security Administration. They show the number of retired and disabled workers, as well as dependent relatives, on the pension rolls, and the amounts paid them.

All of them will be aided by the legislation. Those who have been getting no more than \$660 a year, the minimum, will now get \$759. The ones who were receiving \$1,320 a year will go to \$1,518. Those who have been at the \$2,100 level will now collect \$2,415.

What is the most that is paid? Under the new schedule, a worker who has just retired at age 65 and has had maximum tax-

able earnings will now receive \$2,278 a year if single. If married and his wife is 65 or older, their total will be \$3,416.

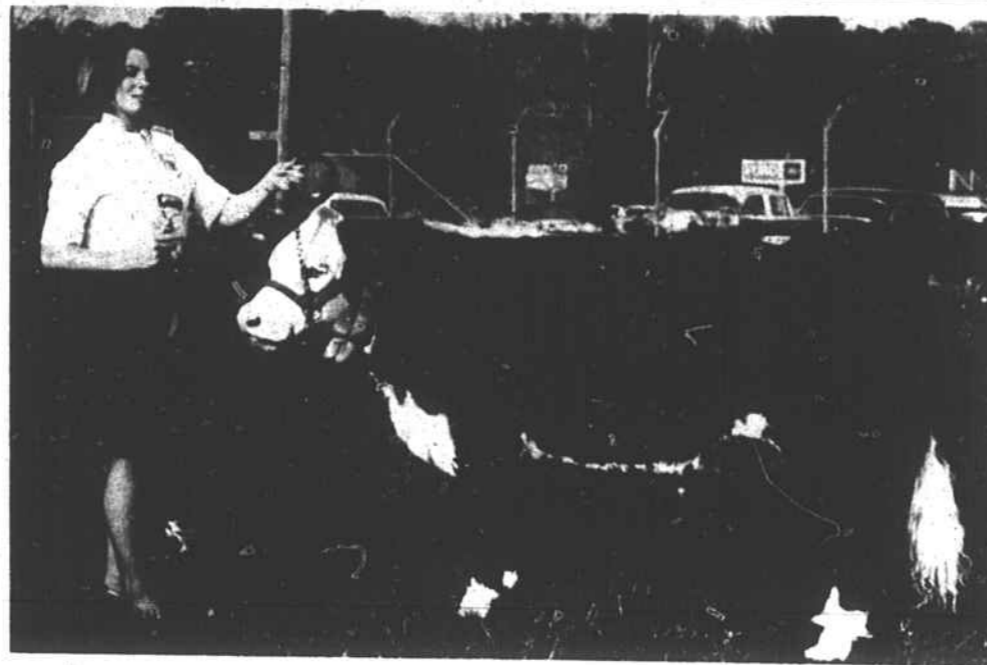
It is expected that there will be further revision in the social security laws sometime this year. In temporarily dropping the Senate's call for a major increase in minimum payments there was a tacit understanding in Congress that this and other issues, left hanging, would be taken up in 1970.

As of the beginning of last year, pension payments in Warren County averaged \$691 per year per recipient, the Social Security Administration reports.

Under the new setup, they will collect approximately \$795 on average.

As for the total payments throughout the local area, based upon the number who were on the pension rolls at last count, they will amount to some \$2,042,000 this year, a considerable rise over the prior total of \$1,776,000.

Although the increase was effective as of January 1st, the checks covering the increments will not arrive until April.



Valerie Fleming is holding Grand Champion steer at Warren County Junior Calf Show and Sale last spring.

Jr. Show And Sale To Be Held In April

The Warren County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held on April 16 at the Warrenton Lions Club Fairground Arena, it was decided at a meeting of the executive planning committee held at the Agricultural Building on Monday night.

Jim Hemmings, associate Extension Agricultural Agent, a member of the committee, said yesterday that the show and beef calf judging will start at 2:30 p. m. on April 16 with the

sale starting at 4 p. m. Hemmings said that there will be a total of nine beef cattle entries in this year's show and sale.

Travis Pulley, vice chairman of the committee, presided at the Monday night meeting. During the main business session, the group discussed the rules and regulations of the 1970 show and sale and a few minor revisions were made to clarify the rules. The committee adopted a resolution that the

number of entries into each year's show shall be determined at the fall meeting preceding the following year's show.

Members of the executive planning committee for the Warren County Junior Livestock Show and Sale attending the meeting were Travis Pulley, William Bender, J. O. Knight, L. C. Davis, F. W. Reams, Gordon Limer, L. B. Hardage, Scott Gardner, William Brauer and Jim Hemmings.

Icebergs One Day May Augment World's Supply Of Fresh Water

WASHINGTON—Cities of the future may now in an iceberg to help solve water shortages. For decades, men have sought to tap the abundant water locked in the polar icecaps. Antarctica alone holds about 80 percent of the Earth's fresh water in its frozen grip.

More than a century ago, ships from San Francisco sailed to Alaska to bring back lake

ice. But in 1853 when mild weather slowed the freezing of lakes, glacier ice proved a satisfactory substitute, the National Geographic Society says.

Towing Icebergs Proposed
Oceanographers have suggested that ice bergs could be towed to the West Coast to furnish water for Southern California's desert.

Two United States scientists recently estimated that if an iceberg 250 yards thick and 2,700 yards across were towed to Australia, it would provide 207 billion gallons of water—even though 70 percent of the iceberg would melt during the trip.

Dr. William Campbell, of the Department of the Interior's Geological Survey, and Dr. Wilford Weeks of the Army's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, concluded that a sea-going tug could make the voyage for less than \$1 million. The fresh water obtained from the iceberg would be worth about \$5.5 million.

This would be less than a tenth of the cost for an equivalent amount of desalted sea water.

The scientists had in mind tabular, or flat-surfaced icebergs that form when the continental ice shelf covering Antarctica is eroded by the pressure of tides, storms, snowfalls, and even earthquakes.

For example, ice formation thrusts the 160,000-square-

mile Ross Ice Shelf seaward as much as four feet in a day. Icebergs—some larger than American states—are broken off from the shelf's edge by the action of the sea.

In 1956 the Navy icebreaker Glacier skirted a tabular iceberg 208 miles long, 60 miles wide and about 1,000 feet thick. The 12,000-square-mile mass nearly equaled Connecticut and Massachusetts combined.

Tugboat Risks Disaster
Icebergs found in the Arctic usually are mountainous rather than tabular, and frequently assume fanciful shapes.

These floating castles and cathedrals sometimes become top-heavy as they melt. A ship attempting to tow one would risk being crushed if the iceberg capsized.

As many as 20,000 Arctic icebergs can form in a single year, primarily from glaciers pushing into the sea. Where the seabed drops away sharply from the land, the sea eats into the overhanging ice until it breaks off as an iceberg.

Winston Churchill suggested towing icebergs in World War II, but not for water. A British historian quotes him:

"Let us cut a large chunk of ice from the Arctic icecap and tow it down past Cornwall, fly on our aircraft and tow it to the point of attack."

Mrs. Butler Appointed To 3-Member Board

Mrs. R. B. Butler of Warrenton has been appointed a member of the Warren County Board of Social Services, succeeding William Benton of Littleton who recently resigned. She begins her new duties on Feb. 1.

Mrs. Butler was appointed by the two other members of the three-member board. They are Marvin Aycock of Elberon, whose appointment was recommended by the State Board of Social Services, and John Wilford of Manson, representative of the County Commissioners on the board.

Julian Farrar, director of Social Services for Warren County, in announcing the appointment of Mrs. Butler, said that the board is fortunate to have a person of Mrs. Butler's ability and record of civic services on the board.

Two Men Are Injured In Accident

Two Vance County men were hurt in a single-car accident around 5:30 p. m. Sunday about half a mile north of the Ridge-way I-85 overpass.

Taken to Warren General Hospital by the Warren County ambulance were Frederick Robertson, 24, driver of the 1963 Ford involved in the wreck, and his father, Prince Robertson 50, of Kittrell. Frederick Robertson was treated at the hospital for a painfully injured hand and released. Prince Robertson was hospitalized with a head wound.

Highway Patrolman W. A. Joyce, who investigated the accident, said that the car was traveling south when it ran into a ditch and back onto the road where it overturned and traveled for some distance on its back. He said the car was completely demolished.

Joyce said that Frederick Robertson has been charged with drunk driving.

Welfare Cuts Are Subject Of Meeting

THE Education Committee of the Economic Development Corporation was scheduled to meet Wednesday night, Jan. 28, at 7:30 at the Oak Chapel Methodist Church. Title I and plans for various programs were to be discussed.

Mrs. Eva Clayton in announcing the meeting said that all welfare recipients who receive aid for dependent children are urged to be present. Ways and means of restoring welfare cuts in Warren County were to be discussed.

Rescue Squad Lists New Phone Numbers

The Warren County Rescue Squad's new phone numbers are 257-4931 during the day and 257-4670 during the night and weekends, Sgt. Rip Aycock said yesterday.

Aycock said the squad made 16 calls last week.



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Two Norlina Bank Officials Promoted

Promotion of two officials of the Norlina Branch of Peoples Bank and Trust Company was announced this week by W. H. Stanley, president.

William D. Little was promoted from cashier to vice president, and Helen P. Read was promoted from assistant cashier to cashier.

Among other promotions made at the regular monthly meeting of the board on Jan. 21 and announced by President Stanley were John Madison Foster from assistant vice president to vice president, and Marie P. Floyd to assistant cashier at the Henderson Branch.

Jury Awards Damages In Reservoir Case

Damages in the amount of \$8,965 were awarded Pauline M. Edwards and her husband, Hubert L. Edwards, by a jury in the civil term of Warren County Superior Court last Tuesday afternoon following several hours of deliberation.

The civil term of court opened on Monday morning with Judge Edward B. Clark of Elizabethtown presiding.

Trial of the case, which grew out of appropriation of lands covered by Gaston Lake by Virginia Electric and Power Company, began on Monday morning. The issue submitted to the jury was:

"What sum, if any, are the defendants Pauline M. Edwards and husband, Hubert L. Edwards, entitled to recover of the Petitioner Virginia Electric and Power Company, for the appropriation of that portion of the lands of the defendant described in the defendants' land, over and above all special benefits, if any, accruing to defendants land by reason of the creation of the reservoir described in the Petition?"

The case of George W. Davis vs. Thomas E. Clifton, Adm. of the Estate of Ed D. Mills,

was being tried on Wednesday near noon when this paper went to press.

Prior to calling the power company case on Monday, the case of Robert Clyde Mitchell vs. John R. Edwards et al. was continued by consent of all parties with approval of the court "for good cause."

In the case of A. O. Kearney, Ancillary Adm. of Estate of Clarence Emanuel Chavis, vs. Perry Williams, Joseph H. Fitts, III, Adm. Estate of Joseph H. Fitts, and Milam P. Fitts, Adm. of Estate of Sallie Milam Fitts, on the motion docket, action was dismissed as to estate of Joseph H. Fitts and Joseph H. Fitts, III, Adm. of estate of Joseph H. Fitts and estate of Sallie Milam Fitts and Milam P. Fitts, adm. of the estate of Sallie Milam Fitts.

In the Matter of the Will of Mattie L. Tucker, the appeal of the three caveators, Earl Dewey Parrish, Jr., Myrtle Louise Parrish Blackburn and Charlotte Ann Parrish Mason, was dismissed for failure to serve statement of case and appeal within the time ordered and allowed.

Federal Crop Insurance On Cotton Is Reduced

RALEIGH — Limitations on 1970 cotton insurance liability were announced today by Julian E. Mann, North Carolina State Director of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

"Because of heavy losses in the last few years," Mann said, "we are limiting the amount of insurance we write on cotton crop investments for the 1970 crop year."

Federal Crop Insurance fieldmen will visit as many growers as possible until January 31. After that date, if the county limit has not been reached, applications for cotton insurance will be accepted only in FCIC offices until the limit is reached. At that time, sales will be closed, Mann explained.

In North Carolina, cotton crop damage has been caused by cold weather, drought and excessive rain during the past four years. North Carolina cotton growers have received \$2,358,931 in Federal Crop Insurance indemnities since 1966, as opposed to \$818,775 paid in premiums during the same period.

Nationally, more than \$50

million was paid to cotton growers in the 1966 through 1969 period by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Some \$20 million was paid in by policyholders for cotton protection during the same period.

The intent of Congress when Federal Crop Insurance was created, Mann said, was for premiums to be sufficient to pay indemnities and to provide an adequate reserve to pay indemnities in years of heavy loss. In the past 20 years, cotton indemnities have averaged half again as much as premiums. This means that for every dollar of premium taken in since 1948, Federal Crop Insurance has paid out a dollar and a half.

Current Federal Crop Insurance policyholders will not be affected by the limitation, Mann said, but 1969 policyholders who have cancelled their policies for the 1970 crop year should reinstate at once. "After we reach our liability limit, Mann warned, we will not be able to accept reinstatements from former policyholders."

Peeler Is Named Local Coordinator Of Courses

RALEIGH—J. R. Peeler, Superintendent of Warren County Schools, has been named Local Coordinator of In-Service Education in North Carolina by Craig Phillips, Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction.

The Program for the Professional Improvement of Teachers, a State financed program, provides funds to administrative units for local in-service programs in accordance with regulations and procedures adopted by the State Board of Education.

James Valsame, acting director, Division of Staff Development, explained that the local coordinator will be invited periodically to regional meetings to bring them up to date on State sponsored in-service education and staff development opportunities.

"Funds are still available for all phases on the program for the current school year, and all teachers are encouraged to take advantage of these

programs. The Local Coordinator will be invaluable to the teachers in their administrative unit and to the Department of Public Instruction in helping to make this program even more meaningful to the improvement of public education," Dr. Phillips said.

Miss Bullock Wins Honor At Peace

RALEIGH—Kathy Bullock has been recommended for acceptance into the English honors program at Peace College. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKee Bullock of Fairview St., Warrenton, she is a Peace freshman.

The honors program will allow Kathy to engage in independent reading and research paralleling the work of the regular English course. She will be given course credit for the semester with her transcript indicating the honors status.

Criteria for the independent study program are ability to read and respond to literature with sensitivity and appreciation, ability to do independent research in both primary and secondary materials, willingness to devote time to the study of the program, and the recommendation of the local coordinator.

Capture Still

Deputy Sheriff Drayton Cape and Warrenton Police Officer Freddie Robertson captured a small whiskey still in Hartsville Township on Thursday morning. The still was not in operation at the time of the raid. The officers destroyed 125 gallons of mash and three gallons of whiskey.

Gen. Bowers Resigns N. C. Adjutant Post

Major General Claude T. Bowers, Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard for the past 10 years, has resigned effective Feb. 1.

Col. Ferd L. Davis of Zebulon was named on Wednesday of last week by Governor Scott to succeed General Bowers. Davis, 50, automatically will assume the rank of major general upon becoming adjutant general. His salary will be \$20,000 a year.

Scott's announcement to newsmen in his office last week ended prolonged speculation as to Bowers' retirement. Bowers, 71, retired from the Army some five years ago.

Bowers, who was appointed adjutant general in 1960 by Gov. Terry Sanford, remained on throughout the term of Gov. Dan Moore.

Scott told reporters that Bowers offered his resignation when Scott took office a year ago. "However," the governor said, "I asked him to remain until I could get settled in my office and my administration well under way. I am grateful to General Bowers for this willingness to do so."

"It was good to have a man of his experience during the first year of my administration when the National Guard was called upon on several occasions to deal with civil disorders, natural disasters and searches for missing persons. We enjoyed a warm friendship and good working relationship," Scott said.

Gen. Bowers enlisted in the North Carolina National Guard on February 18, 1921 with Company B, 120th Infantry, 30th "Old Hickory" Infantry Division. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on January 20, 1923, promoted to first lieutenant on June 9, 1924, and to captain on October 9, 1924 when he was appointed commanding officer of Company B, 120th Infantry in Warrenton.

He commanded Company B for fourteen years, during which time he was captain of the rifle team which won twenty trophies. On March 22, 1938, he was promoted to major and assigned as commander of the 1st Battalion, 120th Infantry. General Bowers was called into active service with the 30th Infantry Division, North Carolina National Guard, on September 16, 1940. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel on February 13, 1941 and served with the 30th Infantry Division in various capacities until June 1943 when he was transferred to overseas duty.

General Bowers commanded a battalion with the First Division in Sicily and England for about a year. He was then assigned to Third United States Army where he remained until the end of World War II. He received the silver eagles of a colonel on July 26, 1945. For his service during World War II he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, the European-American Medal.

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Two Divorces Granted In Warren Dist. Court

Two divorces were granted in last Friday's session of Warren County District Court.

Queen Esther Townes Hunter was granted an absolute divorce from William Herman Hunter, and Mildred Louise Williams was granted an absolute divorce from Yarborough Williams.

Walter Spruill, Jr., failed to appear in court to answer to a charge of a second offense of public drunkenness. Judgment absolute on his bond was ordered and the state took a not pros with leave.

Larry Dean Strange failed to appear in court to answer to a charge of non-compliance with conditions of a suspended sentence. Nisi Sci Pa and capias was issued. Bond was set at \$500 by defendant's appearance at the next session of court.

Hugh Spruill was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court costs. He was pled guilty to a charge of speeding 80 miles per hour in a 45 mph zone.

James Dennis Green pled guilty to speeding 60 miles

per hour in a 50 mph zone and was ordered to pay a \$5.00 fine and court costs.

Johnnie Neal Wynn of Cole-rain, a tank driver, pled guilty to a charge of speeding 50 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone and was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court costs.

Leonard Cole Cooper, Sr., was ordered to pay a \$5.00 fine and court costs when he pled guilty to speeding 65 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone.

Betty Mosely Weber of Durham pled guilty to using a plate not registered to her vehicle. She was ordered to pay court costs.

James Brown pled guilty to using an improper muffler and was ordered to pay court costs.

Janice Duke Rainback was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court costs when she pled guilty to a charge of driving 50 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone.

Willie Carr, Jr., pled guilty to a charge of public drunkenness. He was ordered to pay court costs.

Four Persons Die In House Fire At Littleton

LITTLETON—Two persons remained in satisfactory condition at Roanoke Rapids Hospital Monday for treatment of burn injuries received in a house fire that killed four others early Sunday morning.

Dead are Buddy Tabron, 63; John Ashe, 45; Crews Ashe, 20, son of John Ashe; and Tommy Lewis Rice, 22.

Hospitalized were Thomas Franklin Rice, 55, a brother of John Ashe, and Mayola Tabron, 49, wife of Buddy Tabron.

Albert Saums, 45, escaped unhurt.

Firemen here said the seven persons were sleeping in the one-story frame home four miles from Littleton on Highway 158 when Saums was awakened by the fire between 2:30 a. m. and 3 a. m. Sunday.

Saums woke up Thomas Franklin Rice and both rushed from the house to get help.

Rice was the first back to the scene and was injured after he helped Mrs. Tabron to safety and tried to rescue the others.

Rice told firemen he was driven back by flames that engulfed the back bedroom, where all four killed in the fire had been sleeping.

A fire department spokesman said the cause of the fire had not been determined.

The blaze was already out of control by the time firemen were notified and reached the scene.

The bodies of the four persons who died in the fire were removed after the fire had been extinguished.

These were the first deaths of the year attributed to fire in Halifax County.