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Tired Of Talking Poor

Although we do not like to pay taxes any more than any other persons, four years ago we told the county commissioners we would be glad to have them double our taxes if they would give Warren County the kind of government it should have. They paid little attention to our request but did levy enough taxes to carry on the minimum needs of our people. Had they doubled our taxes it would have caused us some inconvenience but would have caused little inconvenience in our standard of living as county taxes are such a small part of our total expenditures. The same is true whether the taxpayer be a large property owner or the average taxpayer who at that time paid \$27 a year in ad valorem taxes. In his case a few less soft drinks, or cutting down on cigarets or beer would have taken care of the increase.

As for the rich, the amount of county taxes they pay is not going to cause them to give up anything except a possible slowing down of the amount of their accumulations.

Four years ago we talked of doubling our taxes, but Monday as we saw some of the results of a too low tax rate, we would have settled for a fourth. We watched as plans for grouping workers for a more efficient operation of our county go by the board because the commission-

ers failed to levy enough taxes to renovate buildings to which the county holds title; as the county refused to appropriate money for additional land for a school site because the school levy was cut, although such land will probably never again be cheaper.

We think of what might have been the results if the tax rate had been increased a fourth, instead of doubled as we had suggested four years ago. It would not have meant a \$10 increase for the average taxpayer, which is a relatively small amount of the total cost of living; and the cost to the large taxpayers would not have caused much, if any sacrifice. If that had been done in all probability the Allen home could have been renovated, at perhaps a little less cost than the amount bid; the school folks would have been able to get the needed land for a school site; the county would not have to worry about where to obtain the money for repairing the court house roof; for renovating the Peter Davis lot; for better support of our firemen; and might even have had a few dollars set aside in case an emergency should arise.

True economy does not lie penny-pinching, but in the wise expenditure of money, something we hope has been brought home to our commissioners.



4-H club members are displaying and admiring the Warren County 4-H Club flag. Left to right are Joyce Vick, Linda Baker, Donna Paynter, Kathleen Sellers, Jeffrey Bender, Jan Jordan, Cynthia King, Susan Currie, Lisa Leete, Tina Salmon and Pamela Currie.

Warren County 4-H Clubs Design, Fly First Flag

By EMILY BALLINGER
Home Extension Agent

Warren County 4-H'ers now have their own 4-H Club Flag. The flag designed by 4-H members and leaders was first flown during North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh July 25-29.

Early in the year the State 4-H Council encouraged each county to make a flag representative of their county. The flags are to be used for county and district events and were used in the opening ceremony at 1977 North Carolina 4-H Congress. The design of the flag was a decision made at the county level.

The Warren County flag is representative of the county and 4-H organization. The background of the three by five-foot flag is made from light beige polyester fabric. In the center in dark green fabric is a four-leaf clover, the emblem of the 4-H organization. Centering the clover leaf in light green fabric is a map of the county with the name and 1779, the date

Warren County was formed from Bute. The borders are light green and on them are pictures representative of products and interests in the county. These pictures include tobacco, soybeans, and corn representing crops in the county; a cow representative of the beef and dairy interests, logs to illustrate the forest interests, an arrowhead representative of the Indian interests, a boat to represent the recreation areas, and an historical marker as an indication that Warren County is recognized for its contribution to the history of the state.

The county committee designing and making the flag included 4-H'ers Tom Skinner, chairman, Jan Jordan, Jeffrey Bender, and Fannie Williams and 4-H leaders, Mrs. Kathie Wilson and Mrs. William H. Bender. Former 4-H'ers, Miss Laura Bender and Dr. James Clark were most helpful in designing and the art work. Miss Emily Ballinger and Mrs. Bertha Forte also assisted with the overall project.

Mostly Personal

Various Occupations Shown In Factsheet

By BIGNALL JONES
Twenty-three women served in the General Assembly of North Carolina in the 1977 session, with four in the senate and 19 in the house. The first woman to serve in the General Assembly was Miss Lillian Exum Clemen who was elected to the House of Representatives from Buncombe County in 1921. The first black to serve in the General Assembly in the century was Henry E. Frye, from Guilford County in 1969. There were six blacks in the 1977 session—two in the Senate and four in the House.

These and a large number of other statistics, compiled by Secretary of State Thad Eure, reached our office through the courtesy of Rep. Tom W. Ellis of Henderson who said that I might find them interesting as indeed I have.

"There are too many lawyers in the Legislature" has been a frequent cry through the years, but the percentage of lawyers in the General Assembly has declined and there were only 39 in the General Assembly of 1977, with 25 of these being in the house, and 14 in the Senate.

While the number may have decreased in recent years, there were more lawyers in the 1977 session than in any other profession, and their influence is probably out of proportion to their numbers.

Another large group that has been greatly reduced as North Carolina became more of an urban state are farmers. There were only 23 farmers in the 1977 session with four of these being in the Senate and 19 in the House.

The oldest member in the House of Representatives in the 1977 session was J. Reid Povey (R) of Catawba County, 74, and the youngest member of the House was Ron Taylor of Bladen County, 24. The member in the House with the longest tenure was Dwight W. Quinn of Cabarrus County, with 14 terms, all in the House and the longest tenure of any member in the 1977 General Assembly.

Julian R. Allsbrook of Halifax County was the oldest member of the 1977 session of the Senate, 73, and he also holds the longest tenure in the Senate, 12 terms (11 in the Senate and one in the House of Representatives.) The youngest member of the 1977 Senate was Roger Sharpe of Burke County, 29.

In addition to the attorneys and farmers in the 1977 Senate, the membership included one accountant; one member in the auction business; one member in automotive supplies; two bankers, a college professor, a coordinator of a correction program; one member in the dairy business, two members in the funeral business; one member in the furniture business; one hardware dealer; one member in housing management; five members in the insurance business; one member in the lumber business; one farm machinery manufacturer; one textiles manufacturer; three merchants; two members in the oil business; one pastor; one pharmacist; one plastic packager; four members in real estate; one member in retail trade; and four teachers.

Members in the 1977 House in addition to attorneys and farmers were: two payroll accountants (one retired); one assistant to a college president; three auto dealers; one banker; one broker-developer; one builder; one cattleman; one coach; three college professors; five members in corporate management; one customer service specialist; one dairy farmer; one educational consultant; one educator; one electrical manufacturer's agent; one entertainer; one farm supply dealer.

Also, one fertilizer dealer, two members in the funeral home business; one member in the furniture business; one general contractor; three guidance counselors; three housewives; one member in the ice and fuel business; ten members in the insurance business; one member in investments; one jobber; one landscape contractor; one law office administrator; one legal secretary; one member in marketing enterprises; one member in the meat packing business; two merchants; one minister; one motel and shopping center owner; three members in the oil business.

Also, one orchard operator; one owner of an electrical contracting firm; one owner of a tobacco shop; one pharmacist; one physician-surgeon; one business president; one private detective; one psychiatrist (retired); one public school member; two publishers; eight members of real estate; one restaurateur; two members who are retired; a board chairman; a salesman; two school principals; four school teachers; one securities representative; one member in social legislation; two school superintendents; one tobacconist; one member in TV-Radio station business; one retired member of USDA; one investment company vice president; and one vice-president of a school supply corporation.

Thirty-one of the 100 counties (nearly a third) in the state have no resident members in the General Assembly. Mecklenburg has 12. The six Republicans in the House of Representatives are from Catawba, Henderson, Mecklenburg, New Hanover and Randolph Counties. The four Republicans in the Senate are from Caldwell, Catawba, Mecklenburg and Rowan Counties.

The basic pay for members is \$4800 a year, plus a monthly expense allowance of \$100; plus a subsistence allowance of \$35 for each day of the session. Under this schedule, assuming that more than 150 are spent in session, a legislator might expect to receive about \$18,000 for the two year period for which he is elected, plus weekly travel allowance, during the session, round-trip from home to Raleigh at a rate of \$.15 per mile. The Speaker, President Pro Tem and Minority Leader in the House and Senate receive a larger base pay and allowance.

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Area Deaths And Funerals

MILTON J. UMPHLETT LITTLETON — Funeral services for Milton Jarvis Umphlett, 61, of 226 Roanoke Avenue, Littleton, will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at Enterprise Baptist Church. The Rev. Jerry E. Harper, Sr., pastor, will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Umphlett died Tuesday morning at Halifax Memorial Hospital. He was a commercial artist and had owned and operated a sign business in Littleton for a number of years. He was a World War II—U. S. Air Force veteran, a member of the Littleton Lions Club, teacher of the Men's Class at Enterprise and chairman of the building committee and had served as Sunday School superintendent and on the deacon board of which he was chairman.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ellen King Umphlett; two sisters, Mrs. Delvin (Lona) Eure of Hertford and Mrs. B.V. (Inez) Lindsey of Dayton, Ohio.

MYLDRED R. WILSON DURHAM—Miss Myldred Rowland Wilson, 60, a retired Air Force major and resident of Clearwater, Fla., died Tuesday afternoon in the Veteran's Administration Hospital after a short illness.

Services will be held at Hall-Wynne Funeral Home Chapel, Thursday at 2 p. m. with burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Instead of flowers contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Wilson, she was born in Warrenton where she graduated from John Graham High School, and attended East Carolina University in Greenville. She was a graduate of St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Richmond, Va. She served in three campaigns in the European Theater with the 198th Division in World War II, receiving three medals. For the past ten years, she had been on the nursing staff at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Fla. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Clearwater and belonged to the Nurses' Association.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Flora W. Stanley of Durham, Mrs. Carrie Hamlet of Wilson, Miss Katherine Wilson of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Eula Wake of Silver Spring, Md.

UVA B. TURNER
Following several years of declining health, Mrs. Uva Bowden Turner, 85, died

Sunday night at her home in the Vicksboro community. A native of Warren County, she was born January 28, 1892, and was the daughter of the late Frank and Maria Barnes Bowden. She was a member of Shocco United Methodist Church where the funeral services were conducted at 4 p. m. Tuesday by the Rev. Dennis P. Levin. Interment was in the Turner Family Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, William Edward Turner of the home; a step-daughter, Mrs. Ruth T. Wiggins of Henderson; three step-sons, L. E. (Jack) Turner, C. Brooks Turner, and Robert F. Turner, all of Henderson; eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Serving as active pallbearers were James Reavis, Jr., L. B. Bowden, James Garrett, Robert E. Fleming, Willis Fleming and J. B. Pritchard. Honorary Pallbearers were other friends attending the services.

DANIEL W. TERRY
Funeral services for Daniel W. Terry, 60, who died July 24 in Warren General Hospital, were held on July 30 at 2 p. m. from Bethlehem Baptist Church in Wise with the Rev. Robert Burnette, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Alma Walton of the West Indies, Mrs. Edna Earl Andrews, Misses Gladys Terry and Sara Rose Terry of New York, and Mrs. Elizabeth Lesure of New Jersey; two sons, David Terry and Nelson Terry of Warrenton; one sister, Mrs. Lucy Morgan of Alexandria, Va.; one brother, John Terry of the home; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Pallbearers were James Howell, Melvin Green, Joseph Green, Percy Lesure, Lloyd Collins and Scottie Robinson.

JAMES B. HENDERSON
Funeral services for James B. Henderson, 72, of Macon were conducted Sunday at the Oak Level Church of Christ at 3 p. m. by the Rev. Leon White. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Henderson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Channie Henderson; a daughter, Mrs. Annie Rose Owens of Newark, N. J.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

MRS. IRENE B. PAYTON
Funeral services for Mrs. Irene Bryant Payton were conducted Tuesday, July 26, at the Greenwood Baptist

Church at 3 p. m. by the Rev. Alex Brown. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Payton is survived by her husband, Theodore Payton of Baltimore, Md.; one son, Anthony Bryant of Baltimore; two grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Wilhemina Alston of Brooklyn, N. Y.; three brothers, Russell Bryant, Benny Bryant, of Warrenton, and Wilbert Bryant of Brooklyn, N. Y.

DAVID E. ISLES LITTLETON — Funeral services for David Edgar Isles, 73, of Route 3, Littleton, were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday from Hockaday Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Isles died on Wednesday of last week. Burial was in the family cemetery at Thelma.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen Copeland Isles; a son, David Edgar Isles, Jr., of Thelma; four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy I. Green and Mrs. Elizabeth I. Hockaday of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Mary Ann Hodges of Hickory and Mrs. Carrie Emma Bowers of Charlotte; a sister, Miss Estelle Isles of Wise; and several grandchildren.

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