

Warrenton And Macon Combine School Districts

Macon and Warrenton school districts have been combined and 25 pupils from the Macon school, representing the seventh and eighth grades, will be transported to John Graham High School beginning on Monday morning.

Plans for the merging of the two districts were worked out at a meeting of the Macon School Committee, representatives of the John Graham Board of Trustees, and the principals of the two schools in a meeting held at the office of Superintendent Roger Peeler on Monday night.

The Macon committee, all of whom were represented at the meeting, is composed of Mrs. Clarence Adcock, D. A. Grisom, and Walter S. Smiley. Representing the board of trustees were W. R. Drake, who is also mayor of Macon, and Dr. Tom Holt. Also present were Principal J. F. Hockaday of John Graham and Principal Grady Haynes of the Macon School.

The Macon school committee with only four teachers for eight grades and with a loss of a teacher threatened for next year have been greatly concerned about the future of the school in the face of little hope for any population increase in the school district. W. R. Drake who acted as spokesman for

the Macon school committee when it appeared before the board of education last month, at that time said it was not pleasant to contemplate the loss of a school, but the handwriting was on the wall and the needs of the children must be placed first. He said Macon patrons were unwilling to try to operate eight grades with only three teachers.

After considerable discussion Monday night, the consensus of the group was that the best interest of the school children would best be served by consolidating District 6, Macon, and District 1, Warrenton.

The consolidation has been approved by both the board of education, and the State Board of Education.

Under the merger Principal Haynes comes to John Graham as a teacher and Mrs. Haynes becomes principal of the Macon school. Other teachers, Mrs. W. R. Drake and Mrs. G. W. King, will remain at the Macon School.

J. F. Hockaday will be district principal and will supervise the Macon School.

The Vaughan Negro elementary school is also in district 1, but School Superintendent J. R. Peeler said yesterday that the merger is expected to have no immediate effect on that school's operation.

The immediate advantage of the merger for the two schools will be that it will make possible the elimination of two combination grades at the John Graham High School and will, of course, eliminate that problem at the Macon school, Peeler said.

He said that another advantage of consolidation of the district was that it will make it possible for the board of education to assign three teachers to Macon next year even though attendance may not warrant it.



FIRST SALE REGINS AS TOBACCO MARKET OPENS HERE TUESDAY.

Appreciation Celebration To Be Held Here Sept. 16

Thousands of farmers and other citizens from Warren and adjacent counties are expected to gather at Warrenton on next Friday, September 16, when the Warrenton Merchants Association, the Tobacco Board of Trade, Warrenton cotton gins and Mt. Olive Pickle Company stage the town's Appreciation Day celebration.

The event will start at 7:30 p. m.

One hundred and eighty dollars in cash prizes, plus many individual store prizes, will be given to those attending the event, according to A. C. Fair, chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Other members of the committee, which met at the office of Carolina Power and

Light Company on last Friday night to complete arrangements for the event, are Harry Cohen, co-chairman; Dick Miles, Scott Gardner, W. K. Lanier, W. L. Wood, Nicomus Clark, Alpheus Jones, Bignall Jones, C. J. Pierson, Howard Daniel, Norman Pittard, A. H. Bryson and Leon Knight.

Fair said that the purpose of the celebration is to show the appreciation of Warrenton business firms for the patronage they receive from citizens of Warren and surrounding counties.

A \$100 cash prize will be given to the holder of the lucky ticket in a drawing to take place during the evening. The winner must be present to receive his prize, Fair said.

In addition to the grand prize, prizes of \$25.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 cash will be given to white and colored winners of a jitterbug and rock-n-roll contest to be held on Main Street in the business section. Those wishing to take part in this contest are asked to register with any store in the town before 3 p. m. on Friday, September 16.

Fair said that in addition to the cash prizes to be given away, that it is planned to give free drinks to those present as well as balloons and other favors for the children.

At intervals during the evening, drawings will be held for store prizes being offered by individual merchants. Each

merchant will take his box in which tickets have been deposited at his store to the stand where a lucky ticket will be drawn from the box. Afterwards tickets from the individual boxes will be dumped into a large hopper from which the lucky ticket for the \$100 prize will be drawn.

Five Teenagers Are Jailed On Labor Day

Five Pennsylvania teenagers spent Labor Day in the Warren County jail after they sped away from a Macon service station without paying for two dollars worth of gasoline.

Labor Day proved to be no holiday for the quintet following their arrest in neighboring Franklin County by State Highway Patrolman R. A. Clark of Norlina.

The teenagers were apprehended an hour after they removed the license plates from their 1950 Ford and drove up to the gas tanks of the West End Service Station.

Following the obtaining of the gas, they sped away and later stopped to replace the license plates on their automobile.

Patrolman Clark spotted

their car near Ingleside in Franklin County and made the arrests. They were returned to the Warren County jail. Clark listed the teenagers as Janet Ruth Russell, 16, of Sadsbury, Pa.; Shirley Killian, 15, of Coatesville, Pa.; Edwin Larry Maule, 16, of Cochranville, Pa.; William James Rotten, 16, of Unionville, Pa., owner of the automobile; and Ray Barlowe, 17, of Sadsbury, Pa., driver of the car.

All but Rotten and Barlowe were released in the custody of their parents this week. Both Rotten and Barlowe are being held in Warren County jail after being unable to raise \$100 bond on charges of obtaining gasoline without paying for it, and reckless driving.

Warren County's Program On Dogs May Be Revamped

Warren's dog program may be completely revamped with all rabies vaccinations being given by veterinarians and the dog warden working to round up strays under the strict supervision of the Warren County Health Department.

This was the plan offered by William Burns Jones, Jr., Health Director of the Warren County Health Department, to the board of county commissioners at their meeting on Monday.

In addition, it was suggested that a modern dog pound be constructed as soon as funds become available. The cost of this is not expected to run more than \$900, but as the item was not put in the budget, this part of the program may have to be extended to

the new fiscal year. Dr. Jones discussed several phases of dog control in the county at some length, with the commissioners seeming in agreement on most points. One point of possible difference is whether the rabies inspectors shall retain all of the \$2.00 fees for vaccinating dogs with the three-year serum, and the county receive all of the \$1.00 penalty for late vaccinations, or whether the county should receive 50c on all vaccinations.

Dr. Jones expressed the view that there would be little difference, but the commissioners wanted further study on this angle.

The commissioners decided to defer action until their October meeting when Dr. Jones, a representative from the State

Board of Health and Robert Stegall, acting rabies inspector and dog warden, will meet with the commissioners. The commissioners ordered that the employment of Stegall as rabies inspector be continued for 30 days.

In a full day of activities, many of a routine nature, and the hearing of several persons concerning road improvements, the commissioners ordered beer licenses issued to David C. Bennett of Norlina, J. & R. Supermarket, Warrenton, and James Earl Stegall Perkinson of Littleton. The board also noted that the beer license of Louis Rooker, operating a place of business on Highway 1 near Norlina, has been revoked on the charge of sale of

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Warrenton Market Has Opening Day Average Of \$59.64

Train Kills Negro Man At Wise

A 40-year-old Warren County man was killed in Wise early Saturday morning when he was struck by a speeding north-bound train near the Wise Depot.

The mutilated body of Ollie Grigg, dragged several hundred yards by Seaboard Air Line's Silver Meteor, was discovered at approximately 3 a. m. Saturday by SAL officials and Warren County law enforcement officers.

Coroner N. I. Halthcock said that the victim, a Negro, had apparently been drinking prior to being struck by the train at approximately 2:10 a. m. Saturday.

Halthcock said that Grigg had been visiting his sister and was apparently returning to his home a mile from the depot when he was killed.

The Warren County coroner said that the SAL engineer thought he spotted either a man or dog on the tracks but was unable to stop before he had travelled three miles from the depot. The engineer said that he backed up but did not see anyone near the tracks.

Apparently he did not back up far enough and was unable to spot the body. He spotted blood on the front of the train, and called a railroad official in Henderson, who found the body an hour later.

Halthcock ruled the death accidental shortly after his arrival at the scene.



DR. JOSEPH J. ALLEN

Dr. Allen To Begin Practice

Dr. Joseph J. Allen, 28-year-old native of Greensboro, arrived in Warrenton this week to begin the general practice of medicine.

Dr. Allen, who was discharged from the U. S. Navy yesterday, will set up his practice in the building occupied by Dr. R. R. Huntley, who will move to Chapel Hill.

Dr. Allen attended the University of North Carolina from 1950 through 1957 where he received his B. S. and M. D. degrees. From July, 1957, until July, 1958, he interned in the Medical College Hospitals of South Carolina.

In September of 1958 he began a two-year tour of duty with the U. S. Navy. A year of this tour was spent at sea aboard the USS Thuban, an attack cargo vessel.

Dr. Allen is married to the former Jennene Steedly of Charleston, S. C. The Allens have one child, Alissa, who is 14 months old. They are living on Crockett Street.

To Teach Bible Course

The Rev. John R. Link, pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church, will teach a course on "How To Understand the Bible" at Elizabeth City next week.

Picnic For Employees

Leggett's Department Store held its annual picnic for employees and their families at Satterwhite Point on Wednesday.

289,126 Pounds Sold Here

The Warrenton Tobacco Market had one of its best opening days Tuesday with full sales and hundreds of pleased farmers.

The market average on opening day was \$59.64, compared with an average of \$55.89 in 1959.

Sales Tuesday totaled 289,126 pounds for which farmers received \$172,379.10.

Offerings have been light on Wednesday and Thursday with no down turn in prices and heavy sales are not expected until a week or two due in part to the lateness of much of the crop in Warren County.

Frank Reams, county agricultural agent, told the board of commissioners on Monday that Warren County has an unusually fine tobacco crop and that he expected to see the average per acre yield increase as much as 50 pounds. Reams also said that the county has a good cotton crop and perhaps the best corn crop in its history.

Edge Wood, sales supervisor for the Warrenton market, yesterday described the opening on Tuesday as an unusually fine one, with farmers seemingly highly pleased with prices and little tobacco going into Stabilization. "I did not see a ticket turned during the day," he said.

Wood's estimate was borne out by remarks of many farmers on the street here a few hours after the market opened. They ranged from claims of a good sale to wishes of farmers that that had brought some tobacco for the opening sale.

Business generally has felt the stimulus of ready cash provided by the market.

"Off-To-College Day"

A special service for the college students was observed on last Sunday at the Warrenton Baptist Church. The pastor spoke on the subject, "Playing The Game," emphasizing the need for young men and women who play the game of life according to the highest standards regardless of personal consequences.

Receiving Treatment

Mrs. R. R. Davis is a patient in Warren General Hospital for treatment.

In Hospital

Mrs. A. W. Hall is a patient in Warren General Hospital.

Skillman Warns That Water Shortage Looms

A warning that water consumption might have to be curtailed was issued to Warrenton residents yesterday by H. R. Skillman, superintendent of the Warrenton Water Department.

Skillman's warning to the town's citizens came on the heels of a series of storm advisories indicating that the season's fourth hurricane might strike this area. Skillman said, Warrenton's water supply could be affected by possible power failure.

At present maximum water storage for the town is 175,000 gallons. Normal consumption for this period is in the neighborhood of 200,000 gallons daily, he said. Before the completion of the Warrenton water plant two years ago, only 75,000 gallons were available in storage.

Skillman cautioned townspeople to conserve water in every possible way should a power interruption occur. He listed tub baths and toilet flushing as two of the ways in which water is most quickly used. He pointed out that flushing a toilet requires approximately five gallons of water.

A power failure not only would inconvenience residents, Skillman said, but would also seriously hamper fire fighting should a fire occur during this time.

He said that although his warning was given impetus by Hurricane Donna, residents should be aware of the consequences of a limited water supply and the necessary procedures to be followed at all times.

Man Hurt When Tractor Overturns

Van A. Coleman, 67-year-old Wise farmer was painfully injured about 2:30 Wednesday afternoon when the tractor he was operating rolled down a ten-foot embankment and pinned him beneath it.

Coleman's hip was broken and he was taken to Warren General Hospital, where he was reported recovering satisfactorily following surgery early Thursday morning.

Warren Criminal Term Ends Here Wednesday

The September term of Warren County Superior Court adjourned here on Wednesday morning following one of the shortest terms in recent years. Court convened on Tuesday morning with Judge Leo Carr of Burlington presiding.

Prison sentences totalling only five and one-half years were handed down by the veteran jurist during the two-day session. A number of continuations and the acceptance of several guilty pleas by the state aided in the brevity of the term.

Three men, including two escaped convicts, and a Warren County Negro woman were given prison terms after Judge Carr heard testimony in their cases.

Nelson Bruce, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was given the stiffest sentence, a two-year prison term, by the presiding judge.

Elijah Rogers and Arthur Robinson, currently serving terms in the Warren County Prison Camp, were both given 18 months sentences to be added to their current terms after they were found guilty of escape.

Mary Hendricks was sentenced to serve six months in Women's Prison after she entered a not contending plea through her attorney John H. Kerr, to charges of possession of non-tax-paid whiskey for purpose of sale.

Robert W. Riggan, charged with drunk driving, was given

a suspended sentence and fined \$150 and costs of court. A suspended sentence was given Wilson Hedgepeth, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and Judge Carr ordered him to pay \$500 and costs of court.

A charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill was not tried by the state. Other cases in which the state took a not pro plea included Richard Hargrove, assault with a deadly weapon, and Howard Palmer, driving a motor vehicle without a license. Hargrove, assault with a deadly weapon, was given a suspended sentence.

Cases continued term included Paul Henderson, possession of non-tax-paid whiskey, and Robert W. Riggan, charged with drunk driving, was given (See COURT, page 13)