

## Dining Room At Hotel Warren Expected To Be Reopened By Easter

Warren Hotel dining room, closed since the first of the year, may be reopened by Easter, Monroe Gardner, chairman of the board of directors of Warren Hotel Corporation, Inc., said Tuesday.

The statement by Gardner was made following a meeting of the board of directors and a few other interested citizens at the court house on Monday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to open bids on new equipment for the kitchen.

Gardner said that three bids were received, one for \$2600, one for \$4600, and one for \$5600. The low bid was accepted. Gardner said that there is equipment for which bids were received.

In addition it was estimated that an additional \$1200 would be needed for painting, wiring, plumbing and installation of the broken-tile floor. The equipment, which Gardner authorized to purchase includes sinks, glass washers, dish storage cabinets, a hood, and tables. He said that all of the equipment is of stainless steel.

While the hotel corporation has only \$1200 on hand to finance the repair of the hotel dining room, the directors instructed Gardner to place orders for the equipment immediately in order that the dining room might be re-opened by Easter. A drive for donations for additional funds will be intensified, while the purchase is being financed, Gardner said.

Gardner said that with the tiling of the floor, the painting of the kitchen, and in the installation of stainless steel equipment, the kitchen and dining room should have no trouble in obtaining and main-

taining a grade A health rating. A C grade rating imposed as a result of conditions in the hotel kitchen was responsible for the closing of the dining room.

### Wilson Appointed Clerk Of Warren Elections Board

Eugene Wilson, deputy tax collector for Warren County, has been appointed by the Warren County Board of Elections to serve as clerk, C. C. Britton, secretary of the board, said yesterday.

As clerk to the board, Wilson will be in his office at the court house and available from the hours of 9 to 5, excluding Saturday afternoon, for anyone who desires to file for any county office.

Britton said that all filings for county offices must be in the possession of the County Board of Elections by 12 o'clock noon on Friday, April 13.

### Joint Meeting Of Planning Board To Be Held Tuesday

LITTLETON—Marvin Newson of Littleton, chairman of the Tri-County Planning Board, has announced that the highway engineer for the Halifax, Warren and Northampton County District will meet with the planning boards from the three counties and representatives of the Community planning Office of the North Carolina Department of Conservation (See JOINT, page 10)

### Board Orders Meters Installed On Franklin St.

The installation of five additional parking meters on the streets of Warrenton was authorized by the Board of Town Commissioners at its regular meeting here on Monday night.

All of the meters will be installed on East Franklin Street from the store building of Gabelle Brown to the corner of East Franklin and Bragg Streets, on the north side of the street. No parking signs will be erected on the north side of the street from Brown's store to the corner of East Franklin and Main Streets. One hour parking signs will be posted along the entire south side of East Franklin Street from Main to Bragg Streets.

In the discussion preceding the authorization of the installation of the meters, it was pointed out that merchants along that part of the street to be covered by the five meters had asked for their installation because persons working in the town had been parking their cars in front of the business houses all day long. "It is the same thing that originally brought about the installation of meters on Main Street," one of the commissioners commented.

In other traffic matters, the board authorized the Police Department to put movable "No Parking" signs in front of the Warrenton ABC Store on Monday mornings so that whiskey trucks may unload without double parking. The signs are to be removed as soon as the truck has been unloaded. It was pointed out that it takes quite some time for the whiskey trucks to unload and that since they came to Warrenton only on Monday mornings that traffic flow would best be served by the erection of the temporary "No Parking" signs.

Commissioner Thomas Gaskill pointed out that a traffic problem was created on Main Streets on Friday afternoons when the Sportswear Factory lets out and on Saturday afternoons due to motorists holding up traffic while they try to turn into Macon Street. "Sometimes the traffic light will turn two or three times before the motorists can make his turn," Gaskill said. He suggested, and the commissioners concurred, that the remedy would be to station a traffic officer at this intersection during these two busy sessions. The commissioners agreed to furnish water without charge for a farm machinery demonstration at Thompson Warehouse on Tuesday, after it had been determined that this demonstration was called in the interest of the farmers of the (See METERS, page 10)

## \$500 Check Given To Foundation

A check for \$500 was presented to the Foundation for Better Education, Inc., on Tuesday afternoon by the Warrenton Rotary Club as the campaign to solicit memberships in the Foundation gets underway.

The presentation was made by the Rev. Troy J. Barrett, president of the Warrenton Rotary Club, to Mrs. J. Boyd Davis, vice-president of the Foundation.

The Foundation for Better Education, Inc., was organized

several months ago and received a charter from the State of North Carolina. It was set up as a non-stock, non-profit corporation to provide a full-time central organization through which funds might be raised to meet needs at John Graham High, Mariam Boyd Elementary School, and Nathaniel Macon Junior High School, which frequently cannot be met through tax funds.

W. W. Taylor, Jr., was elected president of the Foundation at an organizational meeting

of the corporation held last week. Mrs. J. Boyd Davis was named vice-president; and W. R. Drake was chosen as secretary-treasurer.

Directors appointed at the meeting include Frank Banzet, William H. Bender, Selby Benton, A. C. Blalock, Mrs. Richard Coleman, Howard Daniel, Leonard Daniel, Mrs. J. Boyd Davis, R. R. Davis, W. R. Drake, Mrs. Monroe Gardner, H. M. Gardner, Elmer Harris, Dr. Thomas Holt, W. A. Miles, W. W. Taylor, Jr., S. A. War-

lick, A. E. Wilson, William Wilson and A. A. Wood. The directors propose to launch a drive within the near future to make this project known to the school patrons and others interested and to solicit memberships.

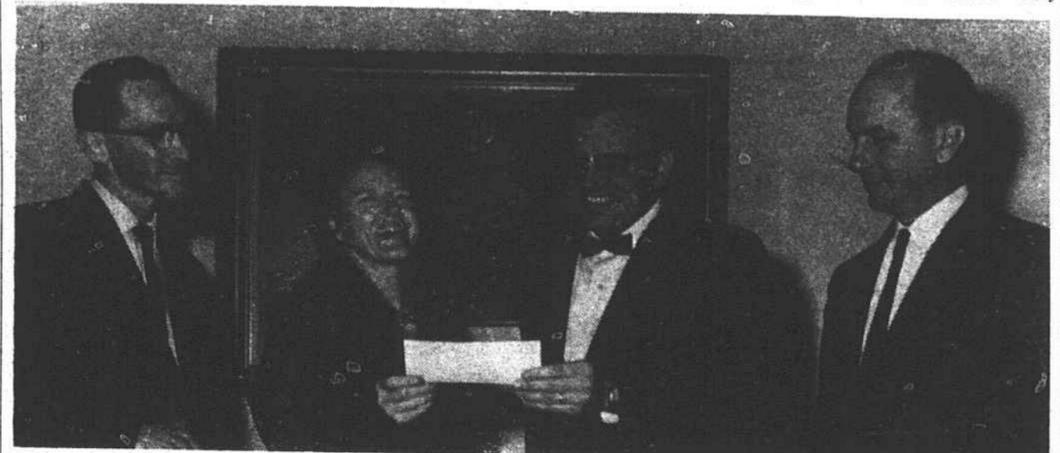
The directors pointed out that each year substantial private contributions are made to the three schools which are a part of the John Graham School system in order to defray expenses which cannot be paid with tax funds. They

stressed that the organization of the Foundation was prompted by the present necessity for raising funds for the current school year and by the need for some type of continuing organization of persons interested in the three schools through which the needs of the schools can be made known to the public and funds can be raised by private subscriptions to meet them.

Only through such an organization as this, the directors said, can the local high school and its component parts have fully equipped libraries, science laboratories and other facilities needed to operate the type of schools that will soon be required if local graduates are to be able to obtain admittance to the better colleges, and to employ such additional teaching personnel as may be required to provide a complete, well-rounded curriculum.

The charter for the Educational Foundation provides in part that the purposes for which the corporation was organized are: "To foster and promote increased community interest in, and to assist financially and otherwise in the operation of, John Graham High School, Mariam Boyd Elementary School, and Nathaniel Macon Junior High School; to organize, conduct, and carry on various plans, projects and undertakings for the general improvement of educational facilities in said schools; to provide funds for the employment of teachers and other school personnel in said schools in addition to those allotted by the State Board of Education; to purchase or otherwise acquire books, supplies, equipment, or any other property of materials for use in said

(See CHECK, page 10)



\$500.00 CHECK—Mrs. J. Boyd Davis, vice-president of the Foundation For Better Education, Inc., and the Rev. Troy J. Barrett, president of the Warrenton Rotary Club, hold \$500 check presented to the Foundation by the Rotary Club on

Tuesday afternoon. Looking on are W. R. Drake (left), secretary-treasurer of the Foundation, and Selby Benton (right), a director of the Foundation. (Staff Photo)

### Reckless Driving Cost Man \$100 In Recorder's Court

It cost Sam Green Harris \$100 and court costs when he was found guilty on a reckless driving charge in Warren County Recorder's Court on last Friday, but other violators of the motor vehicle laws—mostly speeders—got off with smaller fines and costs.

As is usually the case, the docket was heavily weighted with motor law violations, with only a few cases of another nature. William McKinley Davis, (See COURT, page 10)

### Powell To Review Lenten Study Book

The Lenten Book, "Meaning of Suffering," by Dr. Fosdick, will be reviewed by Dr. Howard P. Powell of Edenton Street Church of Raleigh as a "Day Apart" service on Monday, March 26, in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. The services will begin at 10:30 a. m., and will close with a short session following lunch.

Each person is asked to bring and keep a sandwich and coffee will be furnished by the church. The spiritual uplift given by Dr. Powell is expected to draw many to attend and members of neighboring churches are invited and urged to attend, the pastor, the Rev. Troy Barrett, said yesterday.

## John Graham Leads County In White High School Dropouts

John Graham High School leads the white schools of Warren County in the number of pupils who drop out after entering high school.

This was revealed here on Monday night by Superintendent of Schools J. R. Peeler, who presented figures supplied by Supervisor C. C. White, which covered a four-year span and were based on total enrollment.

Figures revealed that dropout was higher in the ninth and tenth grades of school, and the sophomore year was statistically the most critical year.

"The reason for the dropout in the tenth grade may have its roots in the freshman year," White said following the release of the figures.

Usually the students who drop out of school find the transition from elementary to high school difficult, White said. However, in many cases a student who does not submit to the urge to drop out during his first year in high school will attempt to try another year, and the real losses are seen during the second year.

Another reason for the sophomore dropout rate is the fact that most students in the tenth grade reach their sixteenth birthday during their sophomore year and truancy laws no longer apply to them, White said.

The figures supplied by White cover the years 1957-61. While they do not take into account pupils who do not return to school after the expiration of a particular term, White said he felt the figures gave an accurate reflection of the dropout problem.

"Warren County's dropout rate is lower than the rate in both the state and nation, but we are anxious to study the problem and try to bring laws no longer apply to them, (See DROPOUTS, page 10)

## Board Does Not Want Any Married Students

The practice of married students attending public schools does not meet with the approval of the Warren County Board of Education.

While state law provides that a married student is entitled to continue his or her schools, board members voted to request the State Board of Education study a possible revision in the law.

Board members were of the opinion that the presence of married students in the classroom was demoralizing to the remainder of the student body, and felt that once a student marries, he or she should continue his or her education elsewhere.

"Only if a married student is considered a 'menace' can this student be barred from attending public school in North Carolina," Supt. J. R. Peeler told the board members.

The does not restrict an unwed mother from attending a public school, members learned. While authority to change the law rests in the hands of the General Assembly, members of the board upon motion of Boyd Mayfield agreed to forward a letter to the State Board of Education in an attempt to bring about a change (See MARRIED, page 10)

## Receives \$200 Prize Mayflower Winner In Development Contest

Mayflower Community of Warren County—the recipient of the top \$200 Capital Area Development Award sponsored by the Capital Area Community Development Association—was honored at a banquet on Wednesday night at the Hawkins High School Cafeteria, when the annual Community Awards program was given.

Special speaker for the occasion—attended by Commissioner A. J. Ellington, as a representative of the Board of County Commissioners, Sam Massey, Jr., representative of the Board of Education, and other county officials—was the Hon. John Kerr, Jr. Kerr praised the group for their efforts in promoting the welfare of their county through community efforts and congratulated Mayflower upon winning the coveted award in seven-county competition.

Highlights of the various communities' accomplishments that were made this year were given to stimulate others to move forward to build a better community through better community improvement.

Sharing in the program and receiving certificates of awards for their participation and accomplishments were the communities of Shocco, Recks Grove, Snow Hill, Vaughan, Oine, Olive Grove, Ellington, Cool Springs, Embro, Ridge-way and Fork Chapel.



AL MUSTIAN

## Mustian To Head Cancer Drive In Warren County

Al Mustian, Warrenton businessman, has been appointed Warren County Chairman for the 1962 American Cancer Society Drive which will begin on April 1.

Mustian's acceptance of the chairmanship was announced Monday by W. E. Perry, Jr., Warren County Cancer Society Chairman.

Mustian, who is associated with the Warrenton Department Store, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina where he majored in History. A native of Warren County, he is a member of the Warrenton Baptist Church and the Warrenton Lions Club.

Perry also announced that Mrs. Tom Holt has accepted the appointment of Memorial Gift Chairman, and that anyone wishing to make a membership (See MUSTIAN, page 10)

BAXTER TO PREACH  
The Rev. Edward W. Baxter will preach at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Wednesday night, March 21, at 8:00.



SHERIFF JIM HUNDLEY stands with axe in front of still captured in Hawtree Township on Monday afternoon.

## Officers Nab Three Men In Still Raid

Three Negro men were arrested while operating a small whiskey still in Hawtree Township on Monday afternoon.

Brought to jail in Warrenton following their arrest by Warren County officers and Vance County ABC officers were Henry George, Davis Alexander and Richard Lewis Gaines, all in their thirties.

Gaines and Alexander gave bond in the amount of \$500 each for their appearance in Recorder's Court Friday. George is being held in jail.

Officers on the raid were Sheriff Jim Hundley and Deputy Lloyd Newson of Warren County and Vance County ABC Officers Spencer Mimms and Bill Watkins.

In addition to capturing the men, the officers destroyed a 50-gallon steam whiskey still and four gallons of whiskey.

The still was in full operation when the operators were surprised in a wooded section of northern Hawtree Township around 1:30 on Monday afternoon.

## March 23 Deadline On Cotton Acreage Release

March 23 is the deadline for releasing cotton acreage.

Thomas E. Watson, local ASCS office manager, said this week that he hopes that all cotton that would otherwise not be planted will be released to the ASCS Committee for distribution to other farmers for the 1962 crop year.

Releasing acreage he can't plant is the only way a farmer can retain planting history and keep from cutting his own future allotments, Watson pointed out. All the advantages from releasing and re-appportioning cotton acreage does not go only to the farmer who will be able to plant the released acreage this year, but the farmer who released acreage benefits just as much as the farmer who received the released acreage, he said.

Watson said that complete release of cotton acreage which will not be planted this year could go a long way toward solving the problems of the cotton farmers, ginners, and processors. "If the Tar Heel cotton farmers do not plant their full acreage or take advantage of the acreage release provisions they will bring about a considerable cut in this state's cotton acreage. With cotton bringing nearly 40 million dollars annually to farmers in this state we just can't afford to reduce our state's farm income in this manner."

Farmers who cannot plant their full cotton acreage this year should by all means come by their ASCS county office and release the acreage they will not use," Watson said.