

Davis Named Director Enforcement Officers From Six-County Area Form Cooperative Body

Law enforcement officers from Granville County have helped organize a special multi-county group designed to improve training programs affecting officers of the member counties.

Officers from a six-county area met in Henderson last week to form the Kerr Lake Law Enforcement Officers Association. Counties represented are Granville, Person, Vance, Warren, Franklin and Halifax.

The New Organization will provide "a wonderful opportunity for the smaller departments which do not have the volume to become involved in extended training programs," Person County Sheriff Cliff Palmer, an officer of the association, said.

Other law enforcement officers named to direct the association are: J. R. Wilkerson, Henderson chief of police, president; Palmer, vice president; and Johnny Bobbitt, Henderson police officer, secretary.

Two Granville County officers were named to the association's Board of Directors. They are Sheriff J. C. Cash and Oxford Police Chief Doug White.

Other board members are Roxboro Police Chief G. C. Robinson, Vance Sheriff L. B. Faulkner, Lenoir Police Chief Earl Tharington, Franklin Sheriff William Dent, Roanoke Rapids Police Chief J. Y. Duffey, Wake Forest Police Chief Harry Newsum, Warren Sheriff Clarence Davis and Halifax Sheriff J.

R. Daniel.

The growing awareness that law enforcement is a highly specialized profession requiring technical training was cited as the reason for forming the group.

"Every department is concerned, just as we are, that people deserve the best they can get. Law enforcement is no longer a matter of just carrying a badge," Palmer said.

The Kerr Lake group will work in conjunction with the community college program in initiating the training schools. Instructors will be furnished by the community college and the first school is slated for March 20-April 14 at Henderson, consisting of 120 hours of instruction.

Areas of study include courts and laws, elements of offense, laws of arrest, search and seizure, laws governing evidence and the general principles of criminal law, motor vehicle laws, liquor laws, police administration, human relations and juveniles and the law.

Palmer pointed out that the instructors, employed by the Community College, understand the every-day problems of law enforcement, being SBI employees, special agent and law officers themselves.

Cost to the counties would be minimal, being travel expenses and a \$10 tuition fee. The training school is based upon criteria agreed upon by both the community college and the Kerr Lake group.

The co-ordinated efforts of the sheriff, police and ABC forces in each of the six counties will provide the opportunity for every department to maintain highly trained staff at all times, since the school will be on a rotation basis.



Three young women from Finland who visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Butler during the weekend are shown with Mrs. Butler seated on the steps of their home on Cousin Lucy's Lane Sunday afternoon. Seated to right, are Mrs. Pirko Kuurne of Helsinki, Miss Pirko Korkala of Oulu, Mrs. Butler, and Mrs. Eirra Terbomaa of Helsinki.

Three Young Women From Finland Spend Weekend At Butler Home

A young woman from Finland who visited Warrenton six years ago when she was an Exchange Girl Scout from Finland to this country, again was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Butler during the weekend.

Mrs. Pirko Kuurne of Helsinki, now married, was accompanied to the home of Mrs. Butler by Mrs. Eirra Terbomaa of Helsinki and Miss Pirko Kerkala of Oulu, Finland. The three young women have recently completed a six months course in physical therapy at the Kaiser Rehabilitation Center in Vallejo, Calif., and after visiting friends in Georgia, Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. Butler in Warrenton, flew back to Finland on Monday night from New York.

In Georgia their car broke down and they sold it, and made the journey from Warrenton to New York by bus Monday.

Sitting outdoors at the Butler home on Sunday the three young ladies contrasted the balmy day of midwinter with the snow and cold of Finland at this season of the year. Actually, they said, snow does not begin to fall in Finland until early January, but the ground is covered with snow until April. During the summer months the temperature rises to the upper 80's, but the growing season of four

months is so short that the number of crops grown is very restrictive. Principal crops are wheat, barley, beets and potatoes.

Milk, they said is the favorite drink of the population, and this results in many and large dairy herds. The population also consumes beer and gin-like drink they said was distilled from wood. In addition there is some consumption of vodka imported from Russia and whiskeys imported from other countries. Hamburgers, hotdogs and other American foods are popular in Finland. The reindeer are used for meat and for drawing sleighs in the Lapland section of the country, near where Miss Korkala lives.

The cities of Finland are similar to cities found in this country and are growing rapidly, the young ladies said, but most of the inhabitants live in apartments as they must be built to withstand the bitter cold of winter. Most of the automobiles are compact size with the German Volkswagen a favorite. Apples, the only fruit, as well as coffee, a favorite drink, and tea, have to be imported. Finland also imports its tobacco for the large number of cigaret smokers, they said.

The forests are Finland's principal source of income and paper and woods from its

forests are shipped all over the world. In addition there are many textile plants and some heavy industry, but all ores and coal have to be imported.

The young women spoke and understood English, even the Southern drawl, without any difficulty. They said that they studied English in High School where it is an elective subject. They also studied German and other subjects as electives. Russian is also an elective in the Finnish high schools, but the young women did not take this course.

The people of Finland are not too much disturbed by the Russians who are their neighbors, and Finland carries on regular trade with the communists. "Why should we worry about the Russians," they said, "when we know that if they wish to overrun our country we can not stop them".

Finland has a republican form of Government, with only one house of parliament. The president is elected for six years and may succeed himself. There are a number of splinter parties and six major parties, including the communist party, which has representation in parliament. The socialistic party is perhaps the strongest party in the country, and the communist party has failed to show much growth.

During summer the sun shines all the time and for a period there is no night. Asked how they could get their courting done when there is no moon, Miss Korkala said with animation, "Oh, you just ought to see our August moon."

The blond young women could easily pass for Americans. They expressed the hope that they might again some day return to America and were insistent that Mr. and Mrs. Butler visit them in Finland. Mrs. Butler said, "We might just do that."

CP&L Meeting

HENDERSON — Heating and cooling equipment dealers from the Henderson area will hear Carolina Power & Light Company's 1967 advertising and sales promotion plans outlined at a dinner meeting here Friday, January 27.

The meeting, set for 7 p. m. at the Holiday Inn, will attract heating and cooling equipment dealers from Vance, Warren, Franklin, Nash, Granville and Caswell counties. Earlier this month, a similar meeting was held for appliance dealers from the area.

L. A. Pearce, CP&L's Henderson district manager, and J. W. Coleman, Jr., district sales manager, will act as hosts for the meeting.

Must Be Paid \$1 An Hour

School Bus Drivers To Get Big Pay Boost

Jury Rules Justifiable Homicide In Rifle Death Of Husband

A Manson woman was released from jail Sunday morning after a coroner jury had ruled justifiable homicide in the shooting of her husband.

Mrs. Thelma Valentine was charged with shooting her husband, Rufus Valentine, 30, with a .22-calibre rifle in their home near Manson around 8:30 Saturday night.

Sheriff Clarence A. Davis said that Rufus Valentine was killed by a bullet through the heart. A second shot hit his throat.

Davis and Deputy B. G. Stevenson said Mrs. Valentine shot her husband because he had been drinking, taking pills, gone crazy and raising sand and threatening to kill her.

Stevenson said she told officials she left the house to get away from him, but that he followed her into the woods and brought her back saying, "Either I'm going to kill you or you're going to kill me."

She said he locked her in a room, made her take off her

clothing, and asked one of their six children to bring some water so he could "take more pills." "I tried to calm him," she said, "but his mind had gone blank and he was laughing like he was out of his mind."

Sheriff Davis said she told him she got the rifle which her husband set on the table between them. "That's when he got up and said, 'If you ain't going to kill me I'm going to kill you.'" She said she beat him to the rifle.

Sheriff's official said Valentine had a long record of disturbances and rifle threats. He was released some 10 months ago after serving two years on the roads for shooting in a store full of people. He was killed with the same rifle he used to shoot up the store.

The jury empaneled by Coroner Bobby Blacklock Sunday morning was composed of Fred Hurst, Herman Rooker, Barker Williams and William B. Brown of Warrenton, and J. B. Wilson and Clifton R. Hicks of Norlina.

Warren County school bus drivers may have their salaries practically doubled under the temporary federal ruling that will permit under 18-year-old students to operate the buses until the end of the present school year.

J. Roger Peeler, Warren school superintendent, said yesterday that he did not know just what the pay of the student drivers would be pending a check of the hours driven. He said that pay for the drivers would probably range from \$50 to \$80 a month.

Student drivers in Warren County are at present receiving a salary of \$30 a month, but the government has ruled that their pay must be at a minimum of a dollar an hour. Following announcement by Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz last week that under 18-year-old students would be temporarily allowed to operate the buses under the \$1 an hour wage scale, it was estimated that the average raise for these drivers would be around 80 per cent.

Peeler said that this figure would likely be exceeded in Warren County due to the length of several of the school bus routes. He said that in addition to the 72 students and three adult drivers, salaries of maids will also be increased and that lunchroom personnel would get some increase. Around 18 maids are employed in the schools.

Bus drivers, maids and lunchroom personnel are paid by the state. Peeler said that the only direct cost to the county brought about by the government order will be in the maintenance department of the schools. Persons in these departments working more than 44 hours a week will have to be paid time and a half for overtime, he said. At the present time, he said, no overtime is being paid.

The suspension of the ruling that students under 18 years of age could not drive school buses after Feb. 1, removed a grave threat that many of Warren's school buses could not be operated because of inability to secure adult drivers in sufficient numbers.

North Carolina and South Carolina will be allowed to continue indefinitely using pupils under the age of 18 as school bus drivers.

Governor Dan Moore and State Supt. of School Charles Carroll have been in Washington this week conferring with Secretary Wirtz in an effort to have him make his temporary ruling on school bus operators permanent.

Secretary Wirtz said on Thursday of last week he was suspending action on a new regulation which would have forbidden use of the students as school bus drivers. His action affected North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and 14 other states.

Wirtz said he wants to obtain information on operations in the various states and will decide after the survey, expected to be completed by July, whether to make the regulation permanent or to drop the limitation.

ACCEPTS POSITION

William V. Duke, who received his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois, and Mrs. Duke are spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. W. G. Coleman, before leaving for Ithaca, N. Y., where he has accepted a position as Professor in Plant Physiology at Cornell University.

STEW SALE

The Warrenton Rural Fire Department will sponsor a stew sale at the fire house on Saturday, Jan. 28. Stew, at \$1.00 per quart or 75¢ a tray will be ready by noon.

Measles Day Clinic To Be Held

The Warren County Health Department will hold another "Stop Measles Day" at the Health Center on Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Dr. Lloyd Harrison, health director, asks that parents who have a child from one through six years of age to take their child to the Health Center next Tuesday for the measles vaccine. Parents who are not positive about their child having had measles to check the following symptoms: White spots noted on inside of mouth which are followed by redness of eyes, cough, rash, very high temperature. This type fever usually lasts seven or more days, he said.

Common measles incidence in 1966 hit a new 21-year low as a result of efforts of the private physicians, public health departments and the U. S. Public Health Service to vaccinate susceptible children, Dr. Harrison said.

If the remaining "several million" children unprotected from measles are vaccinated before the spring measles season, the prediction is that 1967 can be the year the U. S. wipes out common measles, according to Dr. William H. Stewart, U. S. Surgeon General.

Since vaccines against common measles became available in March, 1963, more than 15 million children have been protected against this potentially dangerous disease. Still, 1966 saw 3.7 million babies born that will need immunization when they reach their first birthday.

The "Stop Measles Day" which has been held by the Warren County Health Department and health departments in many other counties will help to account for the large decrease in the death rate from measles in 1967, Dr. Harrison said. In 1964, he said there were 421 deaths reported that resulted from measles.



S. L. HARRIS

Franklin Man Is Administrator Of Local Hospital

An administrator for Warren General Hospital has been employed by the hospital board of trustees.

Sherrill Lane Harris, 24, a native of Granville County, began his duties with the local hospital on Monday morning.

Harris was born and reared at Royall, about six miles from Lenoir, and attended Bunn High School. His father is a member of the board of trustees of Franklin Memorial Hospital at Lenoir, and this, Harris said, was a contributing factor in his long-time interest in hospital administration.

Following his graduation from High School, Harris completed Lenoir College and then transferred to Atlantic Christian College where he will receive his B.S. degree this spring. At Atlantic Christian College he majored in Business Administration and minored in Economics. Harris is a member of the Baptist Church and is unmarried.

Traffic Cases Tried In County Court

All but two of the sixteen cases called for trial in Warren County Recorder's Court last Friday were concerned with violations of the motor vehicle laws.

In one of the cases, Mary Helen Vaughan, charged with assault and with using profane language, failed to appear in court. Judgment absolute on her bond was ordered.

In the other case — Mary Thomas Pettitioner, vs. Eddie Thomas, respondent — the court issued the following order: "It appearing that the defendant is in arrears in his payments under order of Court, it is ordered that he appear in this court on Friday, January 27, 1967. Let capias issue accordingly."

Emanuel Amos Kearney was found guilty of allowing an intoxicated person to operate his motor vehicle, and was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

Leroy Moses Steed, alias Charlie Palmer, was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs when he pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving. Lucious Townes pled guilty to charges of drunk driving and

to operating a motor vehicle without a valid operator's license. He was sentenced to the roads for 12 months with a recommendation that he be placed on Work Release.

Clifton Boyd Stegall pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving. He was sentenced to the roads for six months. The defendant gave notice of appeal and appearance bond was set at \$250.

Harry Thomas Wright was ordered to pay court costs when he pled guilty to failing to comply with restrictions on license.

Herley Finnell Moss was charged with speeding and with failure to stop at a stop sign. Prayer for judgment was continued until June 2, 1967.

Defendants in other speeding cases and verdicts of the court were as follows:

Thomas W. Faucette, Jr., \$10 and costs; James Alfred Nance, costs; William Spencer Nabors, costs; Curtis Allen Overby, \$10 and costs; Leonard Toth, \$10 and costs; Joseph E. David, \$10 and costs; Larry Steve Mawney, costs.