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County Faces Lack Of Ambulance Service

Warren County will be without ambulance service after Jan. 1, unless provisions can be made by the county to subsidize Rescue Squads or otherwise provide the service, Warren County Commissioner Richard Davis said here Monday.

He said all funeral homes of the county would do away with ambulance service on Jan. 1. Blaylock, who operates Blaylock's Funeral Home at

Warrenton, appeared before the county commissioners on Monday morning before the board was called in session and when no quorum was present. He told Chairman Amos Capps and Commissioner Richard Davis that losses on operation of ambulances in emergency cases was responsible for funeral directors going out of ambulance business in Warren and many other counties of the state.

He estimated his own loss at around \$3,000 a year, and added that all other funeral homes in the county suffered losses from answering emergency calls.

As a recent example, Blaylock said that he sent an ambulance to Arcola recently following a wreck. When his ambulance arrived at the scene the driver found that the injured driver of the car had already been taken to the hos-

pital. This is not unusual, he said.

Blaylock estimated that it would cost the county at least \$25,000 a year to provide ambulance service through any subsidization program, and without such subsidization, he said, ambulance service could not be provided.

Blaylock said that it might be possible for the Warren General Hospital to offer ambulance service for its patients. He said that he had an extra ambulance that could be put in excellent shape for an estimated \$200. He said that he would be glad to donate this ambulance to the hospital.

Chairman Capps said that the county did not have \$25,000 for ambulance service in the budget and knew of no way to raise the money until the next fiscal year, and said that to supply such a sum would cause a rise of 12 cents in the tax rate.

Blaylock said that in spite of his losses on emergency service, he would have continued his service except for federal regulations. He said that requirements of the Bureau of Health, Education and Welfare, and a rise in per hour rates under the minimum wage law, and its requirement for overtime pay, and its rule for charging overtime made it impossible to continue ambulance service.

After Blaylock had left and the commissioners were called into meeting, they took no action on providing ambulance service during a full day of business. Chairman Capps told the commissioners that they would have to have a called meeting to finish up business not transacted during the day.

Two Men Sentenced To Roads

Two men, held in jail on a charge of breaking, entering and larceny, were tried in Warren County Recorder's Court last Friday and given road sentences.

Jimmy Rodger Williams and James Hendricks were each charged with breaking into the Warrenton Supply Co., here on Oct. 31. Williams was also charged with stealing a car valued at \$300 from B. & D. Motor premises on Oct. 12, and with breaking into the store of Mrs. A. C. Powell on Nov. 2.

Both men were from Roanoke Rapids.

James Hendricks, who pled guilty, was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, with a recommendation that he be given an option of serving the sentence under the work release plan.

Jimmy Rodger Williams pled guilty to two counts of breaking, entering and larceny, and was sentenced to the roads for two years on each count. The court recommended that he be granted an option of serving the sentence under the work release plan.

Williams also pled guilty to larceny of an automobile and was sentenced to the roads for two years with a recommendation that he be given an option of serving the sentence under the work release plan.

Charles Edward Ragland was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to the roads for 90 days, with a recommendation by the court that he be given psychiatric treatment. The defendant appealed to Superior Court and appearance bond was set at \$50.00.

Morris James Vaughan pled guilty to possession of utensils for manufacturing intoxicating liquors and was sentenced to the roads for two years. The sentence was suspended for five years provided he does not have in his possession any quantity of non-taxpaid whiskey for five years and not violate any of the prohibition laws for five years, and that he be put on (See COURT, page 4)

To Provide Funds For Water Tank

Board Calls For \$100,000 Bond Election Here On December 12

Food Stamp Program For Warren County Still Remains In Doubt

Whether or not Warren County will provide assistance to needy persons in Warren County under a food stamp plan is still in doubt, but Julian Farrar, Welfare Director, said that he is still hopeful that the plan can be put in operation in the county by Jan. 1.

Farrar told the county commissioners and a large delegation of colored persons appearing before the board Monday morning that the Congress has appropriated money for the program, but that the Department of Agriculture has not yet decided where the money will be spent. All of the appropriation may be spent in northern cities or in other states, he said, although he said that he did not feel that this would be likely. But until a decision is made by the Department of Agriculture a decision can not be made by the state or county, Farrar said.

Farrar pointed out that if any money for the stamp program is appropriated for North Carolina, Warren County stands an excellent chance of being placed under the program due to its high priority rate. He said it is third from the top with its request.

In case funds are not available for the Stamp Program, the commodity program in effect in the county for several years, will still be available, Farrar said. He said that he believed that he would know something definite within the next two weeks and as soon as he was informed that he would pass on his information to the commissioners and to the public.

Ernest Turner, who headed the delegation which crowded the commissioners' room, said that he feels that if there is any way possible to obtain the stamp plan, that would be preferable, and that he and his group feel that it would be better to wait another two

weeks before going back to the commodity plan.

Before entering into a discussion of the stamp plan, Turner told the commissioners that he and his Citizens Group were disappointed that there are no nursing homes for the colored available in the county. He said that the \$103 provided under Social Security is not enough to care for old bed-ridden persons, and suggested that nursing homes would be the solution to this problem.

The commissioners told the delegation that this was a matter for the Welfare Department to handle, as the commissioners had no authority in this matter. Farrar said that some nursing homes are available, and that the Welfare Department would render all possible assistance if cases are called to the attention of his department.

Mayor W. A. Miles and Town Commissioner Durwood Johnson appeared before the board to ask that the county assist the town in maintaining full night telephone service at the police station since a majority of the calls were for county services. They said that of the 63 calls received at the station from Sept. 12 to Oct. 9, 13 were town calls, 21 county calls, 11 for the Highway Patrol and 18 for rural fire department, and ambulances.

Chairman Capps said that he would consult with Sheriff Clarence Davis to see if anything could be worked out. When he called Sheriff Davis Monday night, he was told that the Sheriff's Department would cooperate with the town to the best of its ability, but that it would be impossible for him to assign one of his deputies to the police station.

Much of the afternoon session was taken up with a discussion of the mental health problem in Warren County

with Dr. William M. Taylor, in charge of the Northeastern Mental Health Unit at Butner, and Norwood Clark of the North Carolina Department of Mental Health. Sitting in on the meeting and participating in the discussion were J. Roger Peeler, superintendent of schools, and H. M. Hardy, Warren County coordinator of federal programs.

Dr. Taylor said that a Mental Health Unit had been established at Henderson to which (See STAMPS, page 4)

Christmas Parade To Be Held Here On November 28

Warrenton's annual Christmas Parade will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28, Milton Ayscue, chairman of the Parade committee, announced yesterday.

Ayscue announced that all arrangements are completed for the parade, sponsored by the Warrenton Merchants Association. He said the parade will form in front of the John Graham High School on Main Street and leave promptly at 4 o'clock.

The parade will follow the same route as in previous years and will include two bands, numerous floats with pretty girls, fire fighting equipment, and of course Santa Claus. "If all our plans materialize," Ayscue said, "this will be the biggest and best parade Warrenton has ever had."

In conjunction with the parade, and to properly usher in the Christmas season for Warrenton, N. M. Hilliard, chairman of the promotion committee, and Allen King, chairman of the advertising committee, are working up a special sales promotion.

Warrenton voters will determine on Dec. 12 whether a \$100,000 bond issue shall be approved for the construction of a water tank for the town to replace the water tank destroyed in the warehouse fire here on August 15.

Meeting in called session on Monday night, the commissioners authorized the calling of a bond election to determine whether the town should issue bonds in the maximum amount of \$100,000 to finance, together with any other funds which may become available thereof, for the improvement of the town's water system by the building of an elevated storage tank, and the acquisition of land, and machinery and equipment needed in the improvement.

The polls for said election will open at the hour of 6:30 o'clock a. m., and will close at the hour of 6:30 o'clock p. m. (Eastern Standard Time).

The polling place for said election will be the Fire Station situated in the Town Hall.

M. E. Grant was appointed to act as registrar, and Zenobia Lancaster and Marianne T. Coleman were appointed to act as judges of election.

The registrar will be furnished with the registration book used at the last regular election held in the Town of Warrenton (being the regular municipal election held on May 2, 1967) and she will revise the registration book so that it will show an accurate list of the electors previously registered in the Town and still residing therein, without requiring such electors to register anew.

The registrar will keep the registration books open for the registration of new electors on each day (Sundays excepted) for the period beginning Friday, Nov. 24, and ending on Friday, Dec. 1. The book will be kept open on each Saturday during such period from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. and other days during such period from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. The registration book will be kept open at the polling place hereinbefore named on Saturday, Dec. 2, for the inspection of electors and any such elector shall be allowed to object to the name of any person appearing on said book.

The commissioners, while asking for the authorization to issue \$100,000 bond, do not anticipate that the full amount of the issue shall be used. They have applied for a government grant, which would substantially reduce the money required from the bond (See BOND, page 4)

Cooper Appointed To Good Neighbor Advisory Board

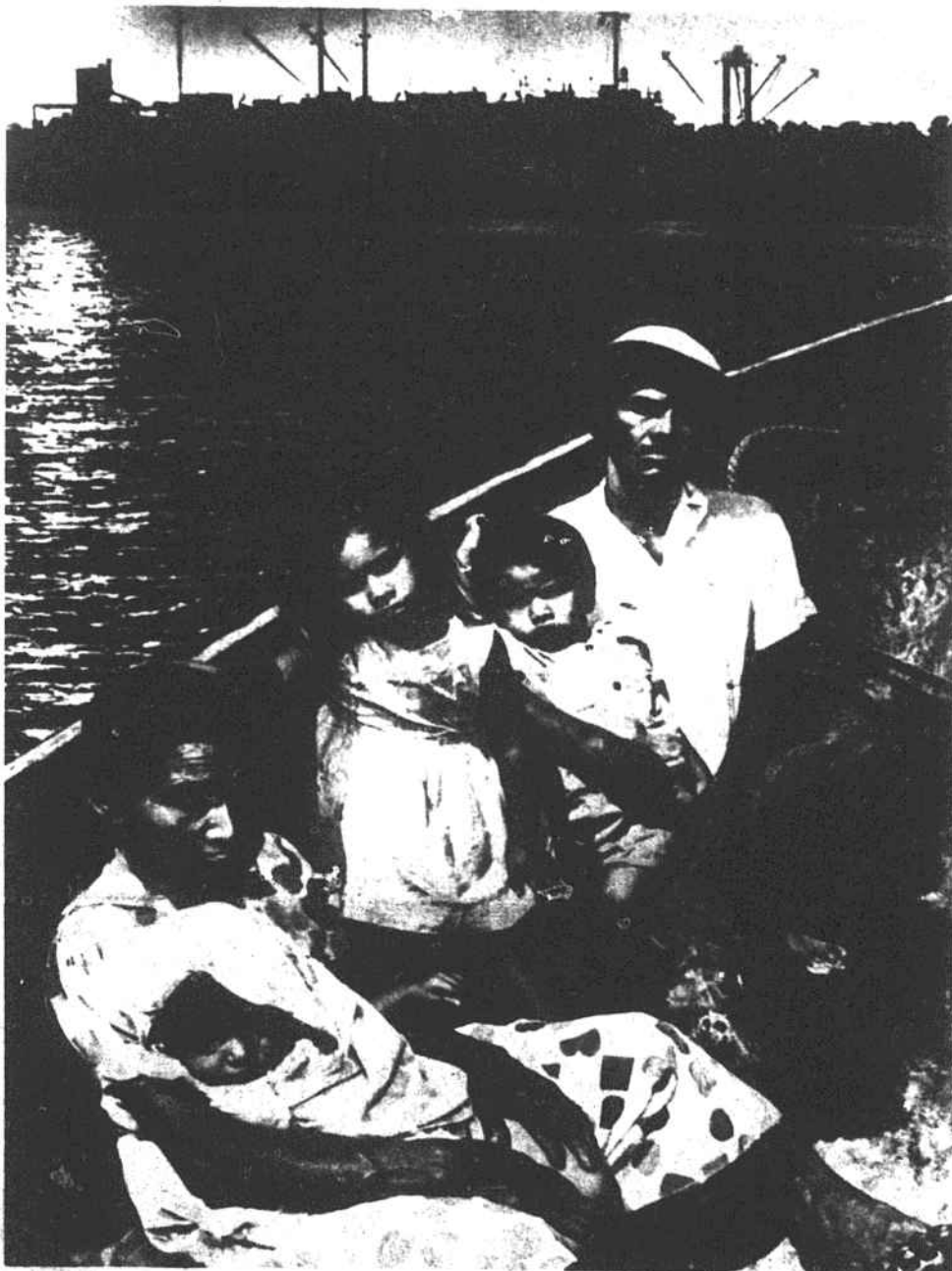
Leonard C. Cooper, Warren County Agricultural Extension Agent, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee of North Carolina Good Neighbor Council to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Cooper was notified of his appointment by Governor Dan K. Moore on Nov. 2. In his letter, in which a commission was enclosed, Gov. Moore said:

"I believe that you can make a significant contribution to the work of this committee and am hopeful that you will be in a position to accept."

"I would appreciate your undertaking this important task and I extend my thanks to you in advance as you assume these responsibilities."

Cooper said yesterday that he considers his appointment an honor and that he would accept the appointment.



In 1966, the S. S. HOPE undertook a 10-month medical teaching - treatment mission to Nicaragua. Thousands of Nicaraguans, like this family, came to the Hospital Ship Hope for vitally needed health care.

Jr. Club Women To Sponsor Project

The Warrenton Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a project for the Hospital Ship Hope at HOPE Headquarters on North Main Street here on Nov. 9-10-11, Mrs. Sam Webster, publicity chairman, said yesterday.

HOPE Headquarters will be located in the Tarwater Building, where the Warrenton Supply Store was located for many years prior to moving into the Scoggin Building.

Special emphasis will be placed on education on Thursday, Nov. 9, Mrs. Webster said. Members of the club will distribute HOPE leaflets and the film, "Hope In Peru," will be shown throughout the day from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. She said, "Hope In Peru" is an inspiring story of the services performed by dedicated men and women of the medical profession to thousands of underprivileged Peruvians.

Friday, Nov. 10, a Food Fair will be held at Hope Headquarters with proceeds to be used to buy desperately needed children's crutches for the Good Ship Hope. The following food stuff will be available at the food fair: pies - pecan, chess, chocolate, lemon, brown sugar, coconut, lemon chess, sweet potato, and pumpkin; homemade rolls; cakes - pound, coffee, chocolate and nectar; cookies - brownies, cheesestraws, gingerbread squares; candy; take-out plate lunches with a choice of meats - fried chicken, chicken salad, or ham - potato salad or slaw, pickle, bread, dessert.

Saturday, Nov. 11, the Food Fair will continue with a limited choice of foods. During the three days, HOPE doctors' and nurses' uniforms will be on display and for sale. The uniforms will fit the "Barbie"

type dolls and will make wonderful Christmas presents, Mrs. Webster said.

Mrs. Webster said that the local club expresses its appreciation to the following for helping make this project possible: Mr. John G. Tarwater, Mr. R. B. Butler, Warren General Hospital, Blaylock Funeral Home, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Colonial Stores, Inc., A & P Stores, Inc., Quality Grocery, Alston Grocery Company of Littleton and Sick Room Supply Store of Henderson.

HOPE Means Health Opportunity for People Everywhere, Mrs. Webster said. The purpose of Project HOPE, she added, is to teach and train

doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, dieticians, technicians, and other paramedical staffs in developing nations. During the course of a ten-months stay in any one particular country, Project HOPE could not possibly attempt to cure all the sick. However, by teaching and training local counterparts, Project HOPE will make a far greater long term contribution to the health of these developing nations, for these trainees will continue to practice what they have learned long after S. S. Hope has gone on to another country. Thus by leaving behind knowledge, Project HOPE gives some-

(See PROJECT, page 4)

Gordon Haithcock Named Member Of Town Board

Gordon Haithcock, Warrenton painting contractor, has been appointed a member of the Board of Town Commissioners to fill out the unexpired term of A. C. Blalock, who resigned following his appointment as Warrenton postmaster.

Haithcock's appointment was made at a special meeting of the town board Monday night, called for the purpose of calling a bond election to provide funds for the building of a water tank here.

Influencing Haithcock's appointment, the commissioners stated, was a desire to give the town more representation in its southern part.

In addition to approving the bond election and appointing

Haithcock as commissioner, the board transacted a few other items of business.

The commissioners authorized the payment of \$1,030 for a radar timer. The funds were taken from the contingency fund.

The board authorized the issuance of additional taxicab permits to N. L. Haithcock and Alpheus O. (Dell) Kearney. Both men now operate taxicabs in the town, and the permits are to allow them to add an additional taxicab.

The application of G. M. Brown to operate a social club, "Al Hambra," on East Franklin Street was before the commissioners following his application for a state license. The board offered no objection.



Betty Jean Holtzman poses with her dog in front of the Drewry Fire Station on last Friday night while adults and other children were partaking of a turkey and ham supper. Brother Jerry strives to get the dog into a suitable pose for the cameraman. Betty and Jerry are the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holtzman of Drewry.