



SANTA CLAUS... a feature of the Warrenton Christmas parade held here on Thursday afternoon. (Staff Photo)

Thousands Greet St. Nick During Christmas Parade

Blessed by good weather, Warrenton staged its largest, most colorful and best parade here Thursday afternoon as thousands of persons, of all ages lined the street from the postoffice to the Dameron building and beyond.

Sponsored by the Warrenton Merchants Association, the parade had some half a hundred entries, ranging from floats with beautiful girls, floats carrying out the nativity theme, to toy automobiles. It included a show horse, ponies, old and

new cars, trucks, tractors, four bands and maporettes and a callopede.

In the parade were marching firemen, Cub Scouts and Brownies, a kindergarten group, and many others. Bands in the parade were the John Graham High School Band, the John R. Hawkins High School Band, the Rollins School Band of Henderson and the Roanoke Rapids High School Band.

Forming at the John Graham High School at 2 o'clock, headed by the official car carrying

Board Orders An Increase In Registration Fees

Rising costs of office supplies caused the board of county commissioners at their meeting here Monday to raise registration fees in the offices of the Register of Deeds and the Clerk of Court.

Costs of deed books and other registration books have more than tripled, Register of Deeds Sam E. Allen, told the commissioners in a discussion that preceded their action.

Following this discussion, Commissioner A. J. Ellington moved a n d Commissioner Richard Davis seconded a motion that the Clerk of Court and the Register of Deeds should charge a fee of \$1.00 for the first page and 80 cents for additional sheets or fractions thereof, plus the present indexing fee for all instruments presented to them for photographing or for typing in lieu of photographing, said instruments to be clear enough to make good copies. The recording fee of the following instruments of statutory or standard form shall be as follows: chattel mortgages, 50c each; crop liens, \$1.00 each; deeds of trust, \$1.75 each.

In other business during the day, the commissioners ordered that Edward Conn of Fishing Creek Township be given a rebate of \$1,000 on tax value for 1959, due to an error in listing.

It was ordered that \$25 be sent to the Caswell Training School as a Christmas offering.

Beer licenses were ordered issued to R. W. Gupton of Warrenton, Thomas B. Vaughan and Jacob T. Tanner of Norlina, Mrs. Pauline and Herman Burnette of Ebony, Va., Herbert Frank Pernel of Warrenton, Thomas and Henderson, operators of the Mid-Way Service Station, of Norlina.

The board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Sue Dossett Skinner, assistant home agent, with regret.

All bonds of the county officials were examined and approved.

It was ordered that all county offices in the court house be closed from the end of business on December 23 through December 26 for the Christmas holidays. It was also ordered that January 1 be observed as a holiday.

The board ordered that all delinquent real estate taxes for 1958 be turned over to the county attorney for collection. (See BOARD, page 14)

Electronic Device To Be Shown Here Tonight

It is possible not only to dim the lights on one's own car with a flick of the horn button, but to dim lights of approaching cars and the headlights of cars pulling up from the rear through an electronic device invented by A. N. Moore, formerly of South Hill, Va., who is interested in manufacturing the devices at Warrenton.

Moore has had pilot models of his invention placed on two cars and will give a public demonstration of its operation on Front street back of the court house here tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock.

Moore, inventor of a money-changing machine, which will give change for bills of any denominations, said that the machine is now entering production and will soon be on the market. He sold this invention several months ago.

Automatic dimmers are in operation on a number of cars at the present. Moore said that these dimmers are worked through the electric eye principal in which the lights from an approaching car dims one's (See DEVICE, page 14)

Board Makes No Change In List Takers For 1960

The same list takers who served in 1959 will again serve in 1960.

Reappointment of list takers for the twelve townships of the county was made by the board of county commissioners in session here Monday. They are:

- Mrs. J. H. Northington, River Township.
- Jasper W. Shearin, Sixpound Township.
- Gid W. King, Hawtree Township.
- W. S. Hicks, Jr., Smith Creek Township.
- Mrs. Annie Wilson, Nutbush Township.
- W. W. O'Neal, Sandy Creek Township.
- Boyd M. Reams, Shocco Township.
- Mrs. Louise Gupton, Fishing Creek Township.
- Mrs. Gilbert T. Reid, Judkins Township.
- A. E. Wilson, Warrenton Township.
- Mrs. Richard A. Coleman, Fork Township.
- L. W. Kidd, Roanoke Township.



Shown above is the Warren County ASC Committee in their monthly conference. In addition to regular monthly business, they are discussing the Cotton and Peanut Referendums to be held next Tuesday, December 15, and their cooperation with the peanut and cotton assessment referendums. The are, left to right: W. E. Mulehi, Jr., vice chairman; W. M. Fleming, regular member; W. S. Smiley, chairman; Thomas E. Watson, office manager; Van H. Johnson, district fieldman; Frank W. Reams, ex-officio member.

Growers To Vote On Quotas Tuesday

Smiley Defines Farmers Eligible To Cast Ballots

Farmers "eligible to vote" in the upcoming referendum on the 1960-crop cotton marketing quotas were this week defined by W. S. Smiley, ASC chairman.

"The general rule is that anyone who engaged in the production of cotton in 1959 is eligible to vote in the December 15 referendum," the chairman explained. "This, of course, would include all persons—whether owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper—who had an interest in the 1959 cotton crop."

"However, under provisions of law now in effect, the term 'eligible voters' also includes some other persons whose right to vote on cotton quotas may not be so well understood," Smiley said.

"For instance, any grower who had a 1959 cotton allotment for his farm but who produced no cotton this year is also eligible to cast a ballot on 1960-crop quotas.

"Likewise, a farmer who placed his 1959 cotton allotment in the Soil Bank is eligible (See GROWERS, page 14)

Polling places for the cotton and peanut referendums to be held on Thursday of next week, December 15, were announced yesterday by the local ASC office.

Farmers of Warren County and the nation will by their vote next Thursday decide whether quotas penalties will apply, the kind of allotment program in effect, and the level of price support for the 1960-crop cotton.

The referendum will be held between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. Polling places will be as follows:

- Fishing Creek Community—Pittman's Store.
- Fork—W. K. Thompson's Store, Inez.
- Hawtree—R. P. Perkinson's Store, Wise.
- Judkins—Clark's Service Station.
- Nutbush—J. C. Watkins' Store.
- River—Salmon's Store.
- Roanoke—Jones' Store.
- Sandy Creek—Aycock's Store, Elberon.
- Shocco—Junior Order Hall.
- Sixpound—Stegall's Store, Macon.
- Smith Creek—Mayor's Office, Norlina.
- Warrenton—Agricultural Building.

tee chairman, said yesterday. He explained that farmers would have a choice of two programs and cited the results of a favorable and an unfavorable vote.

The marketing quota program will be in operation for next year's crop, the chairman explains, if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case, farm operators will have an opportunity to elect a choice between (A) complying with their "regular" farm allotments—with price support available at not less than 75 per cent of parity for the 1960 crop of upland cotton, or (B) complying with an increased farm allotment 40 per cent larger than the "regular" farm allotment—with support at a level 15 per cent of parity lower than under the first choice; quota penalties will apply to any cotton produced in excess of the chosen allotment.

If more than one-third of the votes are against quotas, there would be no quota penalties, only the "regular" allotments would be available, and the price support level to eligible growers would drop to 50 per cent of parity.

All farmers who were engaged in the production of cotton in 1959 will be eligible to vote in the referendum.



Mrs. Skinner Resigns As Assistant Home Agent

Mrs. Sue Dossett Skinner, assistant home agent in Warren County for the past eight years has resigned, effective on February 29.

Mrs. Skinner gave notice of her resignation to the board of county commissioners here on Monday afternoon, stating that she was resigning to become a full time homemaker. She will continue to make her home in the county. She is the wife of William Skinner, III, large stock farmer of Littleton.

Jurors Drawn For January Court Term

Jurors for the January criminal term of Superior Court, which opens on January 11, were drawn by the County Commissioners on Monday as follows:

- Mrs. C. A. Jones, John L. Lynch, T. B. Blackwell, Boyd Fleming, Glenn St. Sing, R. C. Comer, Jr., A. A. Williams, W. R. Taylor, E. H. Pinnell, James Robinson, Wilson Fleming, W. C. Daniel, Charlie L. Basket (col.), Mrs. James P. Beckwith, William J. Hawks, W. T. Burton, Henry L. James, Mrs. B. A. Thaxton, W. Leon Knight, William H. Faulkner, Mrs. Anna Fuller, Gene Hudgins, Jack Newson, Harry M. Williams, Jr., Zeb V. Sutton (col.), Mrs. Melvin Shearin.
- G. H. O'Neal, James Harold Robertson, F. E. Bobbitt, Miss Eula Allen, Mrs. R. L. Harmon, E. G. Hecht, Jr., J. H. Duke, Vance Robertson, C. B. King, Jim M. Stewart, Z. V. St. Sing, H. J. Halthcock, Eugene E. Richardson (col.), Mrs. R. C. Mitchell, Mrs. Margie O. Burrows, W. B. Bobbitt, Sr., Hubert L. Bobbitt, Vernon Myrick, Mark S. Harris, George W. Edwards, Emily Ballinger, John T. Allen, E. P. Fitts, G. W. King, Randolph Morris, James T. Evans.

Woman's Club To Meet December 17

The Warrenton Woman's Club will meet at the Warrenton Country Club on December 17 at 8:00 p. m.



James C. Harris, president of the Inez Community Club, is shown above showing check won by Inez club to fellow club members—Mrs. E. R. Davis, center, and Mrs. Frederick Williams. (Staff Photo)

Reams Speaker At Inez Community Club Meeting

A "never-say-die" attitude can do much to improve a community, Warren Farm Agent Frank Reams told members of the Inez Community Club at a regular meeting of the club on Monday night.

Reams was on hand at the supper meeting, held at the community clubhouse, to show a motion picture of farm techniques employed in California. By seeing what methods other places employ in their farm operations, we are often able to improve our own methods, he commented.

Open House To Be Held At Factory

Interesting citizens of the area will be given an opportunity to see Warrenton's newest and largest industry.

Claude T. Bowers, president of the Bute Development Company, said that an open house would be held at the factory on the Norlina road on next Friday, December 18, from 7 until 9 o'clock.

Bowers said that a special invitation was being mailed to purchasers of A and B bonds, but that the general public is invited to attend, inspect the machinery and building and enjoy a social hour. Refreshments will be served.

The factory is now employing nearly 300 persons. It is expected that the 300 mark will be reached by January 1.

Robinson Wins Scout Honor

A former Warrenton boy was presented the highest service award given by the Boy Scouts of America this week in ceremonies conducted at Roanoke Rapids.

Walter Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Warrenton was presented the God and Country award in a ceremony at the Rosemary Baptist Church.

Robinson, 18, is an Eagle Scout and is currently enrolled in Chowan College in New Bern, N. C. He is the first member of the Rosemary Baptist Church ever to win the coveted award.

Robinson is a former resident of Warrenton but moved to Roanoke Rapids with his family several years ago. His parents returned to Warrenton in November and assumed the management of the Warren Theatre here.

Two Offices Broken Into Here On Wednesday Night

Warrenton police are continuing their search for an unknown person or persons who broke into the offices of a doctor and a dentist here and made off with approximately \$140 sometimes Wednesday night.

Police Chief Howad Salmon said yesterday afternoon that no definite leads had been unearthed concerning the two thefts, but that his department was continuing its investigation.

The offices of Dr. Wallace White and Dr. Sam Massey on Graham Street were broken

into, police think, between 6 and 8 p. m.

The offices, in separate buildings, close for business around 5 p. m. each day. Approximately \$90 was taken from the office of Dr. White, while \$49 in currency was grabbed from Dr. Massey's office.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Wednesday night a woman in the Wise community discovered a check made payable to Dr. White.

She notified the Warrenton physician, but thinking nothing. (See OFFICES, page 14)

Some Warrenton Stores To Observe 9 P. M. Christmas Closing Hour

A number of Warrenton stores will keep holiday hours for the convenience of the Christmas after-supper trade, Mrs. Helen Harmon, secretary of the Warrenton Merchants Association, said yesterday.

Some of the stores will be open until 9 o'clock tonight (Friday) and on Friday night, December 18, and continuing through Wednesday night, December 23, these stores will be open until 9 o'clock, closing at 7 o'clock on Christmas Eve night.

M. J. Harmon said that it had not been determined just what stores would be open during the Christmas rush shopping season, but that some of them would remain open and that people of this area could be

assured of finding a number of stores open prepared to take care of the after-supper shoppers.

Warrenton County schools will close for the Christmas holidays on next Friday afternoon, December 18, and will reopen on January 4.

The board of county commissioners at their meeting here Monday ordered that offices in the court house be closed for the Christmas holidays on December 23 and to open the following Monday morning. The board also ordered a one-day New Year's holiday.

Most college students are expected to return to Warren County for the holidays on next Friday, December 18.