

Warren Schools Will Hold Sessions On Saturdays

Three of the five days missed by Warren County schools on account of bad weather will be made up on Saturdays. The other two days will be made up by an extension of the school term. No curtailment of the Easter Monday holiday is planned. This was decided by the board of education at a meeting here on Monday night. Robert Gupton, vice chairman, presided over the meeting in the absence of Chairman Eugene Davis. Other members present were H. M. Hardy and Boyd Mayfield. The first day of Saturday's operation will be on March 26. Other Saturday teaching dates are April 9 and April 23. Schools will close on Thursday, June 2. The board ordered that the Saturday sessions of school begin at the regular opening time and close at 2 o'clock. The board of education members heard a delegation from the Warren County Boosters Club asking that an item to cover the expense of some bleachers for the new John Graham High School physical education building be included in the 1960-61 budget. The board took no action on the request. A ruling concerning the retirement of teachers at the age of 65 was up for consideration by the board. This State ruling provides that "Effective July 1, 1960, an amendment to the Retirement Act provides that any member will be retired on July 1, following his 65th birthday. However, any member, may continue in service beyond age 65, provided that he obtain each year the recommendation of his employer and the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Retirement system." The board of education ruled that no recommendation for extension of a teacher's service beyond 65 years of age would be made except upon recommendation of the local school committee. Prior to the board's meeting, members and Supt. Peeler joined members of the local school board in an inspection of the newly completed trades building at the John R. Hawkins High School. This building, which was started last spring, will be ready for occupancy following inspection next week by the State's building engineer, Supt. Roger Peeler said. This building, which was designed locally, and built by school maintenance men and bricklaying students, at a cost of approximately \$14,000, was highly praised by those of the inspecting groups. Facts about the building were set forth by Supt. Peeler in a letter notifying school officials of the date of inspection, as follows: 1. The building contains 3,280 square feet floor space. 2. The cost of the building is approximately \$14,000, or \$4.26 per square foot. 3. The building was designed and plans drawn by Al Williams (Chairman, District Committee No. 1), Glenn Pope and J. R. Peeler. 4. C. H. Jourdan, Engineer with the State Department of Education, drew the plans for the heating plant. He also inspected the job. This service was rendered at no cost to the county. 5. Hawkins Trades teacher, W. E. Exum, and the Bricklaying students did the brick and block work. They were paid for the work that was done when school was not in session. 6. A local carpenter was employed part-time. 7. The work was under the direction of Glenn Pope, Maintenance Supervisor, who also did some of the heating, plumbing, electrical and carpenter work. 8. R. C. Comer, Jr., member of the county maintenance group, did most of the heating, plumbing and electrical work. 9. The maintenance crew was used on the building only at times when they were not needed for actual maintenance work. 10. Most of the furniture in the building was obtained from the Surplus Property Agency at a nominal cost. 11. The heating plant was designed with a capacity sufficient to permit the addition of an agriculture building at a later time.

Town To Help In Operation Of Police Radio

Better cooperation between town and county police is expected as the result of a plan to install dual controls on the county radio system. The town commissioners on Monday night voted to spend \$100 for the purchase of a remote radio equipment from Dr. Donald Mules who has dismantled his radio communication system in preparation for his departure from Warrenton, to place it in the Warrenton Police Station, and to connect it with the county's two-way police radio system. Hugh Holt, chairman of the police committee, told the commissioners that the system would give Warrenton police officers closer contact with personnel of the Sheriff's Department in case of need 24 hours a day. It would also be a great advantage, to the Sheriff's Department in that the police radio town would be in operation 24 hours a day. In addition, he said, should the town decide in the future to equip police cars with two-way radio communications, it would give the town 24-hour service. Presently the county's radio tower is only in operation during the hours the sheriff's office in the court house is open. Holt said that since Dr. Mules was selling this equipment at a reduced cost, he felt that it would be a good time to buy it. The commissioners agreed with the police chairman and ordered that the equipment be bought and installed. Little other business was before the commissioners in a session that lasted less than an hour. There was some discussion about stop signs being installed at some of the street intersections and what corners should be designated, but this discussion did not get beyond the talk stage. It will be again brought up at a later meeting. Other business before the commissioners was of a routine nature.



Judge Susie Sharp, 1960 Easter Seal Chairman, Governor Luther H. Hodges and Deborah Lu Ferguson, State Easter Seal Child.

1960 Easter Seal Child Visits With Governor

CHAPEL HILL—The 1960 Easter Seal Appeal was formally presented to North Carolinians when the first sheet of 1960 Easter Seals was sold to Governor Hodges last Saturday by the 1960 Easter Seal Child. Five-year-old Deborah Lu Ferguson, who made the trip from Winston-Salem to the Governor's Mansion, has been looking forward to seeing Governor Hodges, and to posing for pictures with the chief executive. Debbie Lu, as she is called, insisted that she keep her braces off as she "wanted to look pretty for the Governor." Taking part in the ceremony with Hodges, who served one year as State Easter Seal Chairman before he entered politics, was the 1960 Easter Seal Chairman, Judge Susie Sharp of Reidsville, and Dr. Edgar T. Thompson, president of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults, the sponsoring agency of the Easter Seal Appeal. Debbie Lu, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ferguson, was disabled from birth, and is compelled to wear back and leg braces and use a wheelchair. She has been treated at Duke Hospital and at the Bowman Gray Hospital, and presently is attending the Children's Center in Winston-Salem. The diagnosis of her condition is a marked muscular weakness with the medical term of amyotonia congenita. A precocious child, Debbie is a complete extrovert. She is beginning to stand when in her braces, and hopes soon to "graduate" to crutches. Reading is her favorite pastime, but she has time to watch her favorite programs on television and receive some of her neighbor friends. As in previous years, the Governor was again the first Tar Heel to purchase his sheet of Easter Seals. He has issued a statement endorsing the Appeal, as he has in past years. Hodges said that he considers the Crippled Children's Society, which originated in this state 24 years ago, one of the major agencies in North Carolina serving the disabled. He pointed out that the Society spends well over \$100,000 (close to 90% of all Easter Seal Sale receipts) annually in services to the physically handicapped youth and adults of this state. There are, he pointed out, close to 100 local and county affiliated units in North Carolina.

Candidates List Grows As More Citizens File

The list of candidates for public office in Warren County continues to grow. Wiley G. Coleman, secretary to the Warrenton County Board of Elections, announced on Tuesday that three additional candidates had filed as candidates for re-election this week. They are: Julius Banzet, for Judge of Recorder's Court; and Robert C. Gupton and W. Boyd Mayfield, for reelection to the Board of Education. Coleman also said that LeRoy P. Cheek, a Negro, had filed as a candidate for Township Constable in Shocco Township. Previously announcing or filing for public office have been all members of the Board of County Commissioners; Register of Deeds Sam Allen; and Frank Banzet for State Senate, and John Kerr for State House of Representatives. Coleman said that he was maintaining an office in the office of the Clerk of Court for the convenience of those wishing to file for public office or to transact any other business connected with the Board of Elections. He said that he could be found here each day from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Board Lowers Values On 1960 Automobiles

The tax value on all 1960 automobiles will be reduced 25% in Warren County. This was decided on Monday when the Board of County Commissioners met at a Board of Equalization and Review to hear complaints of Warren County taxpayers who feel that their property is unfairly listed. Reason for the cut in 1960 model automobiles, the commissioners said, is that they are listed higher in proportion to their worth than any other models. During the day the commissioners lowered the valuation on four pieces of real estate and raised the valuations on two parcels. Total reductions amounted to \$2125 and increases \$335, leaving a valuation loss to the county of \$1790. The commissioners said that it was almost an unheard of thing for a citizen to ask to have his tax valuation increased. But this happened Monday. Alton Pridden of Inez told the commissioners that 162.3 acres of land in Fishing Creek Township was valued too low. "It is valued at what I paid for it, but it is too low," Pridden said. He asked the commissioners to increase the valuation from \$183 to \$500. The commissioners complied with his request. The other increase in valuation was on 311.4 acres of land in Fishing Creek Township, the property of P. P. Watson. The valuation was increased from \$512 to \$550. Reductions, with listed value and increased value, respectively, were as follows: Luther J. Walker, one acre in River Township, \$2500—\$1500; Albert N. Sinn, one lot in Norlina, \$1650—\$1000; Augustus Alston, 103 acres in Warrenton Township, \$4425—\$4000; Heirs of McKinley Alston, 311.4 acres in Fishing Creek Township, \$750—\$700. In addition to adjusting property valuations, the commissioners requested the State Highway Commission to add to the county road system that road in Nubush Township running southerly from the depot at Manson to George Allen's home, a distance of about one-half mile; inspected the agriculture building with a view to possible renovation, and attended to a few routine matters. Present at the meeting were Chairman Amos Capps and Commissioners Robert Thorne and Richard Davis. Commissioner Clanton Perkinson is serving on a Federal jury in Raleigh, and Commissioner Elington was unable to be present because his business associate, Jim Beckwith, was serving on the Superior Court jury.

County Science Fair Held Local School Wednesday

The Warren County White School Science Fair was held at the John Graham High School physical education building on Wednesday afternoon and night. Represented were the three high schools of Littleton, Norlina and Warrenton and the elementary and grammar schools of the county. The Negro Science Fair will be held at the John R. Hawkins High School here this afternoon and tomorrow. Ribbons were awarded Wednesday to the first, second and third place winners and honorable mention was given in each of the four divisions—primary, grammar, upper elementary and high school. Under high were two divisions, physical science and biological science. Winners in the white fair of grades 7, 8 and 9, are entitled to competition through the district level, Calvin White, school supervisor, said yesterday. Grades 10 to 12 are eligible through state and national level. There is no competition set up for Negro beyond the county level. White said that the school fairs have been very good and the county fair was exceptionally good. The students, he said, have shown much creative ability and much scientific thinking. Principals, teachers, students and parents should be commended for their fine work, he added. Judges for the county fair were Mrs. Christine Holland, supervisor of Vance County schools, chairman of the judge's committee; E. O. Young, Jr., principal of the Middleburg (See FAIR, page 10)

Highway Crews Praised For Work In Removing Snow

George Davis, mail carrier on Route 3, Warrenton, this week commended the State Highway Department for its excellent work in removing snow from the roads of Warren County. Davis said local members of the highway force have worked with a diligence and faithfulness that deserve the thanks of all our people. A similar thought was expressed last week by Clarence Davis of Marmaduke, former deputy sheriff of Warren County. In a telephone conversation, Davis said: "These men have worked all night in the bitter cold weather while we have been well sheltered. As I was sitting by a warm fire, I heard the roar of the motors on their scrapers as they battle the snow, and I thought of how much we owe them. They deserve the thanks of us all."

It's Teachers Vs. Parents In Ball Game Tonight

A Parents-Teachers basketball game will be played in the John Graham gym tonight (Friday) with the first game beginning at 7:30. In the first game, lady teachers will play lady parents and in the second game the men teachers will play the men parents. Referees will be Leonard Daniel and Alpheus Jones. The games are sponsored by the John Graham Athletic Association and proceeds will be used to buy equipment for the baseball team. Mrs. Annette Daniel will be the head coach for the women teachers. She will be assisted by Mrs. Etolla Vale and Mrs. Virginia Pearsall. The cheerleaders will be: Miss Elizabeth Allen, chief; Mrs. Elba Banzet and Mrs. Vera Campbell. Mrs. Ersie Stewart will be the water girl. The women teachers' roster of players contains the names of Marcia Bennett and Maybelle Bryant, co-captains; Mrs. Heath Beckwith, Mrs. Sue King, Mrs. Annie L. Drake, Mrs. Louise Hunter, Mrs. Nancy Blankenship, Mrs. Nannie Margaret Hurst, Mrs. Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Patricia Hudson, Mrs. Frances Davis, and Mrs. Margaret Williams. Mrs. Anna Fuller will captain the lady parents' team.

Henderson Gets Another Factory

HENDERSON — A new industry locating in Henderson was announced today by Mayor Carroll V. Singleton. It is the Fram-Aire Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fram, Incorporated. The concern is one of the major producers of automotive filters, and the corporate name is well known in the automotive industry. The products include oil filters, carburetor air filters, water filters and gas filters. The Henderson plant will produce filters for air conditioning and forced air heating industries. Filters to be manufactured in Henderson will be treated with a new process known as Permachein, which is said to remove 99 percent of the bacteria from air passing through it. It is understood that Fram is the first company on the continent (See FACTORY, page 2)

Civil Term Of Superior Court Ends Thursday

The Civil Term of Superior Court which opened on Monday morning with Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., of Fayetteville presiding, adjourned around 10 o'clock on Thursday morning. M. P. Burwell, Jr., was granted a divorce from Elizabeth O. Burwell; David H. Nicholas was granted a divorce from Dorothy M. Nicholas; and Georgia B. Jones Sutton was granted a divorce from Stewart Sutton. In a suit of Martin Well Company vs. John Russell, Jr., a jury held that Martin was entitled to recover the sum of \$700. Two cases were on the motion docket. "In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Mary Pendergrass" the case was continued. In the matter of King Feed Company vs. R. L. Topping, Jr., and others, it was ordered that the service summons be quashed. In the case of W. D. Martin et ux vs. the State Highway Commission, it was ordered that a consent judgment be signed before the Clerk of Court. A non-suit was taken in A Willie Christian vs. Katzenstein Farms when the plaintiff failed to appear in court. The court ordered that the plaintiff be taxed with the costs. In the case of Charles M. White, III, Ancillary Administrator of Luther Garland, vs. Fannie S. Ross et vir., the court ordered that the property be sold by Commissioner James D. Gilliland. A non-suit was taken in the case of Roy Jones vs. Willie J. Montgomery et al. In the case of W. E. Mulchi, III, et ux vs. Tasker P. Hicks a consent judgment is to be (See COURT, page 10)

Lions Club Hold Meeting Warrenton Country Club

The Warrenton Lions Club met on Friday night at the Warrenton Country Club where a barbecue, stew and fried chicken dinner was served by Ralph's of Roanoke Rapids. The Rev. E. W. Baxter, retired Episcopal minister of Warrenton, was the guest speaker. He was presented by Duke Jones, program chairman, and spoke on the subject, "The Wonders of Man."

Odom Flower Shop To Move To New Quarters

Odoms Flower Shop, which has been located in the Moseley building on Main Street, will move within the next few weeks into the Harris building, occupied for many years by J. P. Pipkin, Jeweler, across Main Street from the court square. E. T. Odom, owner of the Flower Shop, said that he would move as soon as the Harris building could be renovated. He said he expected this to be around the first of April. Odom has been operating a drygoods store in connection with his flower shop for many years. He said that when he moves into his new quarters that the drygood line would be discontinued.

Williams Hurt

Mr. Bobby Williams of Essex is in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, as a result of head and internal injuries received near Wilson last week when he ran into a parked pulpwood truck. He is the husband of the former Miss Alice Pridden of Warrenton.

Oxford Girl Is Winner In District Competition

An Oxford girl is among state finalists who will compete for a \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually by the N. C. Federation of Women's Club. Miss Betty Rawls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rawls of Oxford, became a finalist when she won the 14th district elimination contest last week. The interviews to choose the winner of the 14th district were held at the Warrenton Baptist Church on March 8. Judges were Mrs. Paul Wilson, librarian at Roanoke Rapids High School; the Rev. John Link, pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church; and J. R. Peeler, superintendent of Warren County Schools. Mrs. John R. Link is the division scholarship chairman. The contestants were Miss Rawls; Miss Linda Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hardy of Grove Hill; Miss Judith Currin, daughter of Mr.



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