

Bridge To Be Located Near Eaton Ferry Site

Warren County Schools To Open On September 1

New Principal At Littleton School

Warren County schools will reopen for the 1960-61 term on Thursday, September 1, it was learned yesterday from the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Registration of students will be on Wednesday, August 30, Superintendent Roger Peeler said.

Peeler said that principals would begin their work on August 18 and would be in their office for consultation purposes, pre-registration and other work preparatory to the opening of school.

Only one change has been made in principals of the schools, Peeler said. L. C. Robinson of South Carolina has succeeded Raymond Gilbert as principal of the Littleton school. Gilbert will study at the University of North Carolina this year under a science fellowship.

Teachers will begin their work on August 30.

Three Warren Boys To Attend Camps For Handicapped

Three boys from Warren County will participate in the summer camp program offered by the North Carolina Society for crippled children and adults this year. Dr. William Burns Jones, Jr., Medical Director of the Warren County Health Department, said yesterday.

He listed these boys as Merlin Dickerson, white, of Warrenton, and Lee Rainey, Route 1, Norlina, and Joe Jasper Lewis, Route 3, Warrenton, both colored.

Merlin will attend Camp Sycamore, located in the William B. Umstead State Park in Wake County. Lee and Joe will attend Hammock's Beach Camp near Swansboro. Both of these camps are Easter Seal recreational camps for physically handicapped children and are supported by the contributions of the public through Easter Seal drives each year.

Dr. Jones said that it is through the interest of the people of Warren County in this program that the three Warren County boys will have this opportunity for recreation and guidance.

Sgt. Hunter Wins Pistol Honors

Sergeant First Class Samuel W. Hunter of the Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit, whose home is at Arcola, won the 22 Caliber Pistol Championship match with a score of 885-45x at the 1960 National Rifle and Pistol Matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio, on August 5.

Announcement of Hunter's triumph was announced from Camp Perry this week.

Sgt. Hunter was awarded the Walker Trophy, a miniature trophy, Hi-Standard Trophy Model Pistol and National Rifle Association silver.

Miss Moseley To Return. Miss Nina Moseley, who has been in France and Germany for nearly three and a half years, has completed her tour of duty with the Army Recreation and is in New York from where she will return to her home here as soon as her car arrives from Germany. Her sister, Mrs. Nancy Bullock, and Miss Hattie Drake are her guests in New York and will return to Warrenton with her.

Boosters Dinner. The Warrenton Booster's Club will hold its annual dinner meeting on August 17 at 7:00 o'clock at the Warrenton Country Club. A Dutch dinner will be served at this time.



Controversy Ended By Surprise Compromise

A compromise site for a bridge across the Roanoke River near Eaton's Ferry has brought a favorable response from both Littleton and Warrenton citizens, according to information reaching this newspaper this week.

A weeks long fight between citizens of the Littleton area and the Warrenton area over whether a proposed bridge should be located at Robinson's Ferry or Curl's Hill was ended at New Bern on last Thursday when the State Highway Commission ordered that the bridge be erected at a site between Eaton's Ferry and Robinson's Ferry.

The commissioners ordered that the bridge should be built at an alternate A or an alternate B site, depending upon a decision of highway engineers. The A site is located a mile upstream from Eaton's Ferry and the B site is located 1.8 miles upstream from Eaton's Ferry.

The site chosen by the Highway Commission will shorten the distance to Littleton materially over that of the Robinson Ferry site, but on the other hand the new site will give Warren County a direct connection with Roanoke Township, principal objective of the Warrenton area citizens.

Gen. Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton, one of the leaders in promoting the Robinson Ferry site and president of Warren County's Development Corporation, said this week that the Highway Commission's compromise is a happy solution to a vexing problem.

Marvin Newsom, a spokesman for the Curl's Hill site, said that while his group still believes that the Curl's Hill site would have served Northampton and Halifax Counties as well as Warren, "we feel that so far as the Eaton's Ferry location is concerned, it will serve Warren County as a whole.

Accompanying General Bowers to the Highway hearing at New Bern on Thursday of last week, was Frank B. Banzet, who acted as spokesman for the Warrenton group, and Mayor W. A. Miles and Monroe Gardner.

Banzet told the commission-

ers that all the Warrenton group sought over the past many years was a bridge that would tie Warren County's isolated Roanoke Township to the remainder of the county.

On July 7 representatives of the Highway Commission indicated preference for the Robinson Ferry location at a meeting held in Littleton. When the controversy over locating the proposed bridge there or at Curl's Hill broke out anew, the matter was referred for a hearing before the full commission. That hearing was held last Thursday at New Bern, resulting in the compromise proposal.

According to commission estimates, the bridge if located at Curl's Hill would have cost in the neighborhood of \$1,025,000 and an estimated \$750,000 at Robinson's Ferry. Yesterday the commission said the bridge at the chosen Eaton's Ferry site will cost between \$850,000 and \$900,000.

According to the record, Eaton's Ferry was chosen as the site for a Roanoke River bridge back in 1955 and the sum of \$300,000 set aside for that project. Developments leading to a license to Virginia Electric and Power Co. to construct a second hydroelectric facility on Roanoke River between Thelma and Littleton apparently brought about difficulties that resulted in cancellation of plans.

In 1955 a delegation representing Warren County called on Gov. Luther Hodges urging construction of a bridge that would join both parts of that county. It was pointed out at that time Roanoke Township was isolated from the remainder of the county and its only means of contact—by vehicle was by way of Eaton's Ferry which has been in operation for around 150 years.

This condition, it was pointed out, resulted in school children of Roanoke Township being unable to attend school during river flood seasons because the ferry is not suitable for transporting school buses.

The governor also was told at that time the bridge would draw trade from southern Virginia communities to Warren County towns.

Neal Resigns As Special Officer; Truck Talked

Willis F. Neal has resigned as special police officer for the Town of Warrenton, effective September 1.

Notice of his resignation was given to the board of commissioners at their regular meeting here Monday night, and was accepted "with regrets" by the commissioners.

Neal gave as his reason for resigning his age and declining health. Neal was not present at the meeting but, through Commissioner Beverly White, expressed his appreciation to the town for the fine treatment accorded him, and promised his services in case of emergency.

Neal, a former sawmill operator, has served the town for 20 years as a special officer.

The commissioners did not discuss a replacement for Officer Neal at their Monday night meeting.

The commissioners are interested in the purchase of a new fire engine for the town. They discussed the demonstration of

Work On Gaston Dam To Start On September 1

The excavation and construction for the Gaston dam and power house is scheduled to begin on September 1.

Clearing and building access roads to the dam site will begin immediately.

Virginia Electric and Power Company announced this week from its office at Richmond that Norman D. McKenny, manager for the construction of the Gaston hydroelectric dam and power station on the Roanoke River arrived at Roanoke Rapids on August 4 to establish field offices for the construction.

McKenny said the first step in building the dam will be preparation of the site and erection of the construction plant, including machine and carpenter shop and equipment

buildings.

A construction engineer with Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation, which has been awarded the contract to build the dam and power house, McKenny has a background of engineering experience in heavy industry. Some of his projects include the construction of shipyards, paper mills, steam electric plants and hydroelectric stations. He recently constructed a multi-million dollar dam on the Baker River in Washington State for the Puget Sound Power and Light Company.

Completion date for the 200,000 kilowatt station, eight miles upstream from Vepco's Roanoke Rapids hydroelectric station, has been set for the

spring of 1963. Exploratory work has been proceeding for several months. When completed, the 3,600 foot long dam will create a beautiful inland lake 34 miles long, 13 miles across at the widest point, with 20,300 acres of surface area and over 350 miles of shoreline.

At its highest elevation, the dam will rise 105 feet about the river. Except for the powerhouse and spillway section, which will be concrete, the dam will be earth and rock fill. Radical crest gates will provide control of the reservoir elevation during times of flood. Three feet of flood storage above the normal reservoir pool level will be provided for flood control purposes.

Warrenton Lions Give Picnic For Negro Blind

The Warrenton Lions Club sponsored a picnic for the colored blind of Warren County on the campus of the John R. Hawkins High School on Wednesday afternoon.

Present for the picnic was Mrs. Agnes Purnell, Blind Case Worker, and her dog, Jolly, and Miss Jackie Frazier, assistant to Mrs. Purnell.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, pickles, and ice cream were served by members of the Blind Committee of the local Lions Club.

Guests at the picnic in addition to Mrs. Purnell and Miss Frazier were Carrie Shearin, Flossie Jefferies, Heneritta Kearney, June Alston, Clifton Williams, James Williams, Henry Robertson, and Burley Scott.

Football Practice Starts Monday

Football practice will begin at John Graham High School on Monday night, August 15, at 7 o'clock, Coach Fate King announced yesterday.

He said boys are requested to report for equipment and physicals at this time.

Having lost six of his first string players through the graduation route last spring, King said that he would have to depend largely on sophomores and juniors, as only three seniors are expected to be on the squad. However, he said, many of the juniors are experienced and prospects for the season "are fair."

Difficulty confronting two boys in getting home from practice may cause them to drop from the squad, King said, listing these boys as Alvin Reavis and Benson Aycock. If Reavis should drop out, the squad would have only two seniors.

Lost from the team through graduation were such stalwarts as Tommie Miles, Ed Wood, Sammy Short, Monroe Mustian, Norwood Pully and Frank McDowell.

At the boys with experience turning to the team will be Clinton Neal, quarter-

back; Gordon Haitcock, Billy Mitchiner, Larry Hayes and Raymond Bartholomew, halfbacks; Steve Clark, fullback or end; Alvin Reavis and Clinton Ranes, fullbacks; Bill Clark and Macon Reavis, guards; George Pittard and Billy Rogers, centers; Bobby Edmonds, Laurance Boyd and Steve Joyner, tackles; A. C. Collier, Herman Rooker, and Wilton Bolton, ends.

New members of the squad will be Thurman Rooker, Chocky White, and Richard Williams, returning after year lay-off; Bill Taylor and Al Fleming, playing for first year; and Benson Aycock, if transportation can be arranged.

Freshmen expected to come out for the team include Billy Benson, Herbert Rooker, Jimmy Overby and Roddy Drake. Coach King said that it is likely that other freshmen from Macon and Afton will come out, but it has been impossible to obtain their names.

Coach King said that nine games have been scheduled for the season, with six of these games to be played at home. The team will open its season at Scotland Neck on September 2 and will play at Weldon on

September 16, after an open date on September 9. The only other games to be played away from home will be at Norlina on October 28.

John Graham will play its first home game on September 23 when it meets Spring Hope. Other home games scheduled are: Nashville, Sept. 30; Louisville, Oct. 7; Littleton, Oct. 14; Franklinton, Oct. 28. John Graham will end its season on November 4 when its p'ays, Benevenue here.

Roberts Appointed Chief Warrenton Rural Fire Dept.

Jimmie Roberts was elected acting chief of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department at a meeting of the firemen on last Friday night.

Roberts was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Dixon Ward who recently resigned. Ward had served the rural fire company as chief since its organization in 1955. Cliff Ellis was elevated to fill out the unexpired term of Roberts.

Neal Appointed Town Clerk By Commissioners

Clinton Neal was appointed Town Clerk and Water Department assistant at a called meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners on Wednesday night.

He will succeed Edward Hunter who has resigned effective September 1, to accept a position in the bookkeeping department of Peck Manufacturing Company after working for the town for a number of years.

Neal will begin his new duties with the town on Monday morning.

Monroe Gardner and B. W. Currin, Jr., appeared before the board at its special meeting to discuss water and sewer lines for their new development, "County Meadows," off the Country Club road. The matter was referred to the water committee.

The appointment of Neal and the discussion of the water and sewer lines were the only matters before the board Wednesday night.

Town Wants To Sweep Streets For Sundays

Motorists are requested not to park their cars anywhere on Main Street after midnight on Saturdays.

W. L. Wood, chairman of the street committee of the town, said that the reason for the request is to enable the street to be swept so that it would be clean for Sundays.



Robbins To Preach At Local Church

Dr. Cecil Robbins, president of Lenoir College, will preach at the 11 o'clock worship service at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Sunday, August 14.

The Rev. Troy Barrett, pastor of the church, is at Lake Junaluska.

Dr. Robbins is a former pastor of Wesley Memorial Church and is a former editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Mrs. Hatcher Crossland and children of Richmond, Va., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Baker.