

Youthful Auto Theft Ring Gets Warrenton Car

Two young Virginia boys who stole an automobile here Friday night during a wild two-state theft spree have been turned over to Federal Bureau of Investigation agents for questioning.

The two youths, part of a trio which dipped into the Tar Heel state on Friday night and committed a number of auto thefts, were arrested on Saturday morning by police officers in Roanoke, Va.

Two other youths who were travelling companions of the boys nabbed in Roanoke were caught hours earlier in Roxboro in another stolen car.

The car stolen here on Friday night, the property of Arch Ayscue, was stolen from the yard of James Peoples of Warrenton. The names of the boys committing the theft were not released because of their age.

According to Roxboro Police Captain Page Brooks, three youths left Roanoke late Friday night during a stolen automobile. Hours later, in Collingsville, Va., they stole another auto, and began their travels in two cars. They continued to Warrenton where another youth joined the group. Here they decided to abandon the vehicle stolen in Roanoke.

Ayscue went to Roanoke Saturday and returned with his car. He was accompanied to the Virginia city by Carl Pinnell. According to local police officers Ayscue refused to press charges against the boys because of their age.

After leaving Warrenton the youths travelled through Vance, Granville and Person counties in North Carolina, leaving behind a trail of discarded automobiles as they periodically switched automobiles. In Person county two of the boys stopped for gasoline and drove off without paying the attendant. This led to their arrest.

Girl Jailed For Cutting Husband

A 16-year-old Negro girl is being held under \$500 bond for the cutting of her husband on the streets of Warrenton on Saturday afternoon.

Her husband, about 20, is in a serious condition in Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

According to Chief of Police R. D. Chewning, Rose Jean Williams cut her husband Alwood Williams over the eye and in the stomach during a quarrel on the Periman corner late Saturday afternoon.

The knife wound in the man's stomach was about two or three inches long, but deep, Chewning said, causing internal bleeding.

Taken to the Warren General Hospital, the man was examined by a local physician, and sent to the Chapel Hill hospital because of the absence of the hospital surgeon.

Officer Howard Salmon arrested the young woman and lodged her in the Warren County jail where she was released under bond on Monday morning.

Chewning and Officer Macon Reavis summoned an ambulance for the wounded man.

Chewning quoted the woman, who had been married three months, as saying the fight started because her husband wanted to go to Wise and she did not want him to go. Chewning also said that the wounded man told him he did not know that his wife had a knife.

Road Contract To Be Let In Late 1961

The contract for the rebuilding of Highway 158 from a point near Macon to Littleton is not expected to be let before the end of the year.

Highway Division Engineer Merle Adkins said here Wednesday that surveys for the road were being made and that the money for its construction is available, but that it is unlikely that the contract would be awarded before the end of the year.

Adkins said that little would be gained by an earlier advertising for bids and a letting of the contract, as winter weather would delay construction.

Adkins was here to discuss Warren County road needs with the board of county commissioners in called session Wednesday morning. He was accompanied to the meeting by

district engineer Roger Dowtin and Highway Commissioner Benson.

The commissioners were in session for about an hour and a half during which time they accepted the road program as presented by the Highway Commission, after a study of a map prepared by the commission. Under this program three roads will be hard surfaced in Warren county during the fiscal year.

Roads to be hard surfaced are the Griffon road in Fishing Creek Township, between Arcola and Hollister; the Cedartown road in Nutbush Township, and a road in River Township north of Littleton.

All the commissioners were present for the meeting except Commissioner Richard Davis, who was sick.

Virginians Discuss Building Highway 85

Virginia highway officials and residents of neighboring Mecklenburg County in Virginia are meeting to map the course of a 13-mile section of Interstate Highway 85 which will join the superhighway already completed in Warren County.

Construction on the Mecklenburg County section—part of Virginia's 1,083-mile interstate system that will be a portion of the interstate highway that will link Petersburg, Va., with Montgomery, Ala.—is expected to begin next year.

E. B. Hubbard, Richmond engineer, believes that it will take from two to three years for completion of the link. Hubbard recently conducted a hearing between Mecklenburg officials and highway officials.

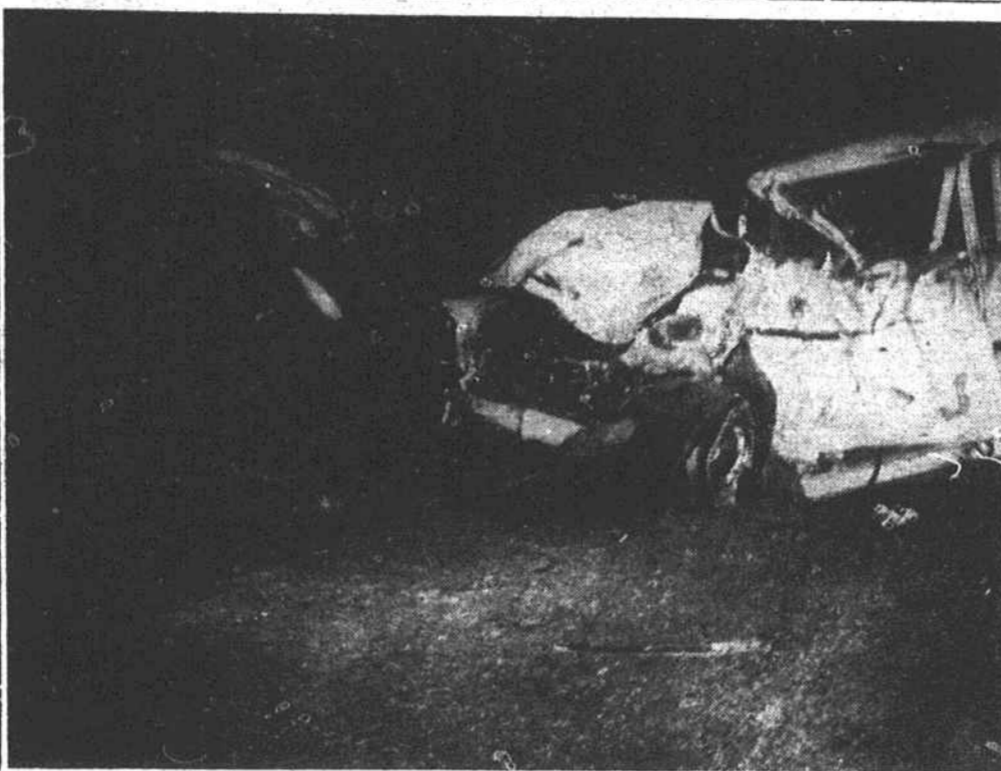
The 13-mile section will run from the North Carolina state line near Bracey and Hagood in Virginia to Highway 58, east of South Hill, Va.

The 13 miles of dual lane highway is expected to cost more than nine million dollars.

Proposed interchanges will be at Highway 58 east of South Hill and at Route 637 near Bracey, Va.

Heads Couples Club Mrs. Margie Watson was elected president of the Couples Club of the Warrenton Baptist Church at its first fall meeting on Monday night.

Other officers elected were Thurman Batten, vice-president; Mrs. Kathleen Gay, secretary; and Mrs. John Link, program chairman.



Smashed cars in head on collision in which one person was killed and seven others injured in wreck near Afton on Saturday night.

Warren Youth Killed, Seven Hurt In Wreck

An 18-year-old boy was killed and seven persons seriously injured when a speeding automobile plowed head on into a truck five miles south of here early Saturday night.

Killed instantly in the collision was Walter Earl Cheek, of Route 1, Norlina, the driver of a car which smashed into a truck driven by the dead youth's uncle on a rural paved road a mile west of the Afton community.

"The automobile apparently went out of control in a curve of the road and crashed into the truck which was trying to dodge the oncoming car," State Highway Patrolman D. M. Wiggins of Louisburg said Monday.

Two of the accident victims were listed in critical condition shortly after the wreck.

Three local ambulances carried the injured to Warren General Hospital here for emergency treatment before transferring to a Durham hospital.

"There was no one at the scene I could talk with—most of the injured were unconscious and one girl was apparently suffering from shock and unable to describe the accident," the highway patrolman said.

The uncle of the dead youth was identified as Walter Royster, 41, driver of the flatbed truck rammed in the 7:30 accident. Evidence at the scene showed that Royster had attempted to get out of the path of the automobile, rushing toward him on the wrong side of the road.

"The car was travelling between 70 and 80 miles an hour when the two vehicles collided," Patrolman Wiggins said. The speed of the truck was estimated in the neighborhood of 40 miles an hour.

Passengers in the truck also included Thornton Woodard, 33, and Alexander Macklin, 19. Both were hospitalized.

Riders in the automobile were listed as James Edward Campbell, 20, Delores Towne, 16, and John Clifton Bullock, 16. All of the injured, along with the dead youth, were Warren County Negroes.

Both vehicles were demolished, according to the investigating officer.

Calendar Sales Funds To Be Used For Foundation

The academic foundation at John Graham high school will be the recipient of funds raised through the sale of community birthday calendars.

Warrenton Rotarians, who annually conduct the sale, voted on Tuesday night to donate proceeds of the sale to the recently-established foundation. Sale of calendars began here on Wednesday night.

"We plan to sell advertisements on the calendars to various merchants, and hope to sell enough calendars to individuals to make a substantial contribution to the foundation," Selby Benton, sales chairman, said this week.

Benton said that Warrenton had been divided into districts in order to facilitate the sales. All members of the Warrenton Rotary Club are currently working in the districts in an effort to wind up the sales during the three-week selling time given the program.

The calendars, which will be sold for two dollars for a family or for one dollar for an individual, will contain the time and place of various civic meetings and the birthday and anniversaries of all subscribers.

In charge of sales outside Warrenton in the John Graham Graham school district is Rotarian Bill Perry. Rotary wives will sell the calendars at local drug stores during the final week of the sale, Benton said.

F. M. Drake To Work With Gas Co.

F. M. Drake, Jr., has accepted a position with Gowen and Atwell Gas Company which will open an office in the old Boyd-Boyer Motor Company building on Main and Market Streets on October 1.

The company, with its main office in Roanoke Rapids, is now serving Warren County with LP gas.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Boyce and son, Bobby, recently returned from France, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glover re-

Potato Vote To Be Held Saturday

North Carolina sweet potato growers will vote tomorrow, Saturday, September 23, in a sweet potato referendum to determine if they are willing to be assessed in order to promote production and marketing of sweet potatoes.

All Warren County growers are encouraged to vote in the referendum, T. B. Weldon, chairman of the county committee, said yesterday.

Weldon said that yam growers will decide if they are to join most other commodity groups in North Carolina in assessing in the production of sweet potatoes for sale in 1961 are eligible to vote.

Leaders of the sweet potato industry say money is "desperately needed" if North Carolina is to hold on to its sweet potato markets.

Weldon says a polling place has been set up in the front office of the county agricultural building, Warrenton. The polls will be open from 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

If approved, the assessment will be 2 per cent per bushel for fresh market sweet potatoes and 2 cents per 100 pounds for cannery stock.

Two-thirds of the growers voting must be in favor of the assessment in order for it to carry. Any person who has a financial interest in sweet potato production is eligible to vote.

If approved, the board of directors of the N. C. Sweet Potato Association, Inc., will decide how the money is to be spent. The board is composed of four producers, four shippers and one processor.

If money is made available, the board is expected to authorize an extensive promotional and advertising program in order to boost the sale of North Carolina yams.

Boy Scout Fund Drive Is Showing Good Progress

Reports to date on the annual Boy Scout Drive are most encouraging, Scott Gardner, chairman of the drive in Warrenton, said yesterday.

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Others at the breakfast were Bernard Thompson, Gene Wilson, county chairman; Bud Gaston, Selby Benton, Allen Tucker, the Rev. John Link, Pete Burrows, Randolph Morris, F. P. Whitley, Mrs. Will Graham, Mrs. Hattie Scott, Mrs. Nora Purdie, Mrs. Heath Beckwith, G. W. Shearin, W. A. Benson, Claiborne Aycock, Eugene Odum, and David Dickerson.

Gardner said that he is deeply grateful for the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the public and the good work of the canvassers.

Postponed PTA Meeting To Be Held Tuesday

The John Graham-Mariam Boyd PTA meeting, scheduled for Tuesday night, will be held in the John Graham High School auditorium on next Tuesday night, September 26, at 8:00 o'clock.

The meeting was postponed due to threatening weather from Hurricane Esther.

The fashion show, sponsored by the Warrenton Merchants Association and scheduled to be held at the PTA meeting, will also be held on next Tuesday night.

Mrs. Moss To Teach Study Book

Mrs. W. H. Moss, Jr., of Henderson will teach the Woman's Society of Christian Service Study Book, "Churches For These Times," in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Monday afternoon, September 25, at 3:00 o'clock.

Each member of this church and members of surrounding churches are urged to attend.

TO SHOW SLIDES ON RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT

A. C. Fair will show training slides of radioactive fallout at the Episcopal Parish House on Friday night at 8:15. The public is invited to attend.

Sanford, Graham And House To Appear On Programs Here Oct. 4

October 4 has been designated as Education Day in the white schools of the John Graham School District.

On that day Governor Terry Sanford, Dr. Frank Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina and former United States Senator, former Chancellor Robert B. House of the University of North Carolina, and other distinguished citizens will be in Warren County and will participate in educational exercises.

Governor Sanford will speak at the Nathaniel Macon School at Macon at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, October 4, in pursuance of his policy to make an educational address in every county of the state.

Alumni of the old John Graham Academy will meet at the John Graham School at 11:30 when a plaque will be presented the school in honor of the late John Graham and

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Boy Is Badly Hurt In Freak Accident

A young Warrenton Negro boy was seriously injured in a freak accident on the outskirts of Warrenton around 6 p. m. Saturday afternoon.

Ben Richard Burton, 13, son of Leola Burton, is in Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill as the result of injuries suffered when a trailer broke loose from a car being driven by Mrs. Cleveland Hawkins and catapulted into the yard in Crinkley Town where the boy was playing. The boy was knocked unconscious by the trailer and was taken to Warren General Hospital from where he was sent to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

The car was being followed at the time by Chief of Police R. D. Chewning and Officer Macon Reavis and Reavis said that he saw the trailer when it overturned several times and rolled up a ditch bank into the yard.

Chewning said that Ernest Lyons, a local colored man, had reported to him that Cleveland Hawkins had taken the trailer from his boy and was on his way out of town. The officer said that he knew that the driving license of Cleveland Hawkins had been revoked, and for that reason as well as the trailer report, he and Officer Reavis gave chase to the Hawkins car in hope that they could catch it while it was within the town limits. They were following it beyond the town limits when the trailer broke loose from its hitch about half a mile from town.

Chewning said that the car had stopped when they arrived and that he was told it was being driven by Mrs. Hawkins. He said he could give no further particulars as an investigation of the accident was made by a Highway Patrolman from Franklin County and his records were not available.

Speeders Face Banzet In Recorder's Court

Warren County's Recorder's Court had all the earmarks of a traffic court last Friday when 13 of the 17 before Judge Julius Banzet were concerned with violations of motor vehicle laws.

A prayer for judgment was continued for two years in the case of James Durham, Jr., charged with reckless driving, upon condition that the defendant violate no motor vehicle laws for two years, and pay court costs.

Priscilla Ellen Smith, charged with speeding, was ordered to pay court costs.

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his teachers.

Dr. Graham and Dr. House will speak at these exercises which will be attended by Governor Sanford.

Following the exercises in the school a luncheon for alumni, patrons and supporters of the white schools in the Warrenton district will be held at the Warrenton Country Club. W. R. Drake, chairman of the Warrenton district committee, said this week. He said the program for the luncheon has not been worked out in detail.

The luncheon will be attend-

ed by Governor Sanford, Dr. Graham and Dr. House and other dignitaries from various sections of the state.

Drake, who is also a member of the statewide "Committee of 100" for Better Schools, issued the following statement yesterday:

"In making our plans for this occasion our committee has but one purpose in mind, and that is to focus attention upon our local Educational program and our needs for total support in order to attain the level in public education

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Fair To Open Here Monday

All next week from Monday through Saturday will be Fair Week in Warrenton County.

The Warren County Fair, sponsored annually by the Warrenton Lions Club, will open the big six-days event on Monday morning and crowds are expected to through the midway and the exhibit hall to the end of the spectacular affair on Saturday night.

Palmetto Exposition Shows will play the midway with scores of popular rides and other attractions.

Free admission will be provided on each of the two big days, when \$200 in prizes will be given away. Wednesday will be white school day and Thursday will be colored school day.

Featuring the fair will be a Junior Calf Show on each of the two school days.

With \$2000 offered in premiums, the exhibit hall is expected to be unusually attractive this year.

Food booths will be operated each day of the Fair. The American Legion Auxiliary will operate a food booth in the exhibit building, and the colored 4-H committee will operate a food booth on the grounds.

Free parking will be provided on the large parking lot adjacent to the Fair Grounds and members of the Lions Club will be present at each of the concession stands and at the gates to assist in the orderly operation of the fair.

The local Lions committee promises an unusually good fair this year and urges the people from Warren and surrounding counties to be on hand each day for good clean entertainment and profit.

All proceeds from the Fair received by the Warrenton Lions Club will be used for Blind Work and other club activities.

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was found guilty on a speeding charge.

Melvin Howard Walters was taxed with court costs on a speeding count.

A case against James Bullock, charged with reckless driving, was not pressed because the defendant was out of the state.

A case against Richard Edward Reavis was not pressed with leave. Reavis was charged with speeding.

Benjamin Cornelius Abenathy was fined \$25.00 and costs on a speeding count. A charge of reckless driving was not pressed.

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