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CROWNED DAIRY QUEEN—Miss Nancy Harris is shown being crowned Dairy Queen by Miss Nancy Wilson, 1961 queen, at ceremonies at the John Graham High School on

Nancy Harris Crowned Princess

Miss Nancy Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harris, was crowned Dairy Queen of Warren County in a contest in which ten girls from three towns of the county competed. She was crowned by Miss Nancy Wilson, retiring queen.

Faye Rose of Norlina was first runnerup, and Joan Winstead of Littleton was second runnerup. Other girls competing were Joyce Weaver and Barbara Hight of Warrenton; Ann Edwards and Linda Dore of Norlina; and Betty Jean West, Jane Riggan and Joyce Moore of Littleton.

William Hicks, chairman of the Warren County Dairy Committee, presided over the event and Larry Bryson of Norlina served as master of ceremonies.

The Norlina High School Chorus, under the direction of

Mrs. Glenn Weldon, rendered vocal numbers. Talent numbers were presented by Mary Blake Acai of Littleton, Teresa Hicks and Michael Wimbrow of Norlina, "Mitch" Mitchell and Vicki Abbott of Norlina, Phil and Joy Lyn Daniel of Warrenton, Judy Kelly of Norlina, Charlie Davis and His Uke of Warrenton, and a minstrel act from Littleton, and a special number by the Four Stars of Norlina, Kenneth Franko, William Perkinson, Paul Lancaster, Jr., and Arthur King

Bake Sale

Members of the Warrenton Presbyterian Women of the Church will sponsor a bake sale on Saturday morning, June 9, from 10 to 12 o'clock at Traylor Appliances on Main Street. Pies, cakes, rolls and sandwiches will be featured.



DINAH CLARKE



VIRGINIA ROBERTSON

Girls Chosen To Attend Girls' State

Two rising seniors from Warren County high schools have been selected by the Warren County American Legion Auxiliary to attend the annual Tar Heel Girls' State at Woman's College in Greensboro from June 17 through June 22.

They are Miss Virginia Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Robertson of Route 2, Macon, a student at John Graham High School, and Miss Dinah Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke of Norlina, a student at the Norlina High School.

Announcement of the selection of Miss Robertson and Miss Clarke was made this week by Miss Sadie Limer, Girls' State Chairman of the local unit.

Miss Robertson is a member of the Future Homemakers of America, a member of

the 4-H Club, the Monogram Club and the Beta Club. She was a member of the Warren County American Legion Auxiliary to attend the annual Tar Heel Girls' State at Woman's College in Greensboro from June 17 through June 22. She was a member of the Jr. Varsity Basketball Team in the 9th grade and of the varsity team in the 10th and eleventh grades. She was FHA reporter in 1960-61, and during the past school year was president of the junior homeroom, treasurer of the Beta Club, and class marshal. She is a member of the Macon Baptist Church, a member of the choir and secretary of the Young People's Class. Her hobbies are sewing and basketball.

Miss Clarke was a class reporter and class marshal in her freshman year. As a sophomore she was reporter for the

Forty-Two Seniors Graduate At J. G.

Forty-two seniors at John Graham High School received diplomas and certificates at graduation exercises held at the school auditorium on Monday night.

Jesse Helms, radio and TV commentator of Raleigh, was the speaker for the occasion. He was presented by Frank Banzet.

The will to succeed is the cornerstone of success in life, Helms said, for what a person wants to do and what a person wants to be will depend on him or her. The world can be a very good world if one will let it.

Helms praised Warrenton for its beauty and for maintaining its sense of values and for its ability to do for itself, as exemplified in the establishment of the educational foundations here.

He decried the modern tendency to get something for nothing, to let the government do it, as foreign to the concept of the Founding Fathers who laid the foundation for the

world's greatest nation. He cited the example of the New York Electricians Unions in seeking a 20-hour week and accepting a 25-hour week as an example of a trend that is threatening our country. He told the seniors to decide whether they wanted to be 40-hour clock watchers, but warned them that this was not the way to success. "Do the best you can whatever you do," he said.

"If you want to just get by," he said, "prepare to go by and pick up your groceries from the Welfare."

The invocation was given by the Rev. John Link. Anne Twitty gave the salutatorian's address. Dixon Ward announced winners of Ward Scholarships, and Principal Tom Brown announced winners of other scholarships. The valedictorian's address was given by William W. Taylor, III. The diplomas were presented by W. R. Drake, chairman of the school committee, and the

Criminal Court Is Still In Session Here

The June Criminal Term of Superior Court, which convened here on Tuesday morning with Judge Heman Clark of Fayetteville presiding, is not expected to adjourn until late today (Friday).

The trial of Thomas Starnes, charged with involuntary manslaughter and driving after his license had been revoked—as an aftermath of a wreck on the Norlina By-Pass several weeks ago in which two men were killed—was being conducted as this newspaper went to press late Thursday afternoon.

In one of the two capital cases on the docket, in which three young white men of Warrenton—Fred Powell, Leroy Vaughan, and Sam Cheek—were charged with kidnapping, the state accepted a plea of assault, but sentence had not been pronounced yesterday afternoon. In other cases disposed of:

Barbara Gray Jernigan was granted a divorce from Douglas Jernigan on the grounds of two years separation. A case against Lucy Y. Ganes, charged with possession of non-taxpaid whiskey for the purpose of sale, was

not pressed.

John Bill Hall, Jr., pled nolo contendere to two cases, one of which charged him with assault on a female, and the other with drunk driving after his license had been revoked. Judgment of the court in the first case was that the defendant should serve nine months on the roads, but the sentence was suspended for three years and the defendant placed on probation. The state took a nolo pro with leave in the drunk driving case.

A case against Roy Carey, charging non-support, was continued.

Jessie Allen King pled guilty to a charge of drunk driving and was given a 60-day road sentence.

Edward Dowtin pled guilty to a charge of breaking and entering and larceny, and was ordered committed to state prison for 18 months. The commitment is not to issue until October 1, 1962, and bond was set at \$2000.00.

George H. Brown, pled guilty to a charge of larceny. An 18-months prison sentence was suspended for three years.

Johnnie Blackwell pled guilty to a charge of non-support. (See COURT, page 10)

Board Asked For Funds For Industrial Engineer

The Board of County Commissioners were on Monday afternoon requested to place funds in the 1962-63 budget for the employment of a full-time industrial engineer to work to secure more industries for Warren County. The suggested figure was up to \$15,000.

The request was made by a delegation representing incorporated towns of the county, civic clubs and an industrial group, with Selby Benton, president of the Bute Development Company, acting as chief spokesman.

Composing the delegation were Dennis Rose, representing the Mayor of Littleton; Mayor Graham P. Grissom, representing Norlina; Mayor W. A. Miles, representing Warrenton; Monroe Gardner, repre-

senting the Bute Development Company; Pett B. Boyd, representing the Citizens Bank and Bute Development Company; Marvin Newsom, representing the Warren County Planning Board; Troy Barrett, representing the Warrenton Rotary Club; and Duke Jones, representing the Warrenton Lions Club.

Benton pointed out that Warrenton County had lost more population than any county in the

state and that people are continuing to leave the county due to lack of job opportunities. He said that it is very difficult for a county without professional help to obtain industries in the face of competition of towns and counties with industrial engineers working full time. He pointed out the results obtained by Oxford through the employment of an industrial engineer, and of an effort being made in that town

to secure a contractor to build 50 houses for people brought into the county through the obtaining of industries. Benton also referred to the experience of Franklin County, which last year employed a full-time industrial engineer.

Pett Boyd said that he feels that more industries are essential if the county is to arrest its population loss, and Marvin Newsome said that he feels that it is imperative to hire an industrial engineer now when the Gaston Lake is offering such an attraction, which should be pointed out to prospective industrialists.

The group pointed out the value of the Carolina Sportswear Factory to the economy of the county, and said that many other such industries were needed. At the time that this factory was obtained the county had no industrial engineer, but General Claude Bowers devoted a major part of his time to obtaining the industry. One of the commissioners remarked that if the county could employ General Bowers as the engineer, that he would be all in favor of such employment.

All agreed that the employment of Bowers—now in Raleigh as Adjutant General—would be impossible, but the consensus was that a cheap man would defeat the purpose of such employment.

Chairman Capps wanted to know if the towns of the county (See BOARD, page 10)

Rural Firemen Seek Site For A Building

The Warren County Rural Fire Department wants a home of its own.

Bill Connell and Irving Lancaster appeared before the Board of County Commissioners Monday to ask assistance in locating a site upon which the fireman might erect a building. They said that while all the auxiliary companies have their own buildings, the parent company at Warrenton is still in temporary and inadequate quarters.

Previously, Sheriff Jim Hundley had told the commissioners that local firemen had approached him about building a fire house on county-owned property back of the jail and upon present jail property. He said the proposed building would come within six feet of the

rear of the jail, allowing no room for needed storage of confiscated cars and other material, and no room for the jailor's family for hanging out clothing and other domestic needs. In addition, if erected the building would make impossible the bringing of prisoners into the rear of the jail by car. For these reasons, he said, he could not approve the jail site, although he realizes that the Warrenton Rural Fire Department "is one of the most worthwhile agencies in the county."

The commissioners agreed with Sheriff Hundley. In addition they said that the location would be bad because of the narrowness of Bragg Street and the fact that it is often

(See BUILDING, page 9)

Fair Calls For Runoff

A. C. Fair, Warrenton jeweler, second high man in the race for coroner in the Democratic Primary of May 26, on Monday called for a runoff with incumbent N. I. (Shot) Haithecock.

The Second Primary will be held on Saturday, June 23, with the polls opening at 6:30 a. m. and closing at 6:30 p. m.

Haithecock polled 1167 votes in the May 26 Primary to Fair's 776 votes for a lead of 391 votes out of a total vote of 3367 cast for the eight contestants in the Coroner's race.

Fair said yesterday that his decision to call a second primary was reached only after serious and careful study and much discussion with many of the voters of the county.

"With encouragement from them," he said, "I therefore felt it was my civic duty to proceed to fill the need and responsibility of the position of Coroner."

Red Cross Drive Now Underway In Warren County

The annual Red Cross Drive is now underway in Warren County, A. C. Fair, county roll call chairman, announced yesterday.

The county goal is \$2,843, which is \$1000 less than the goal last year, Fair said.

The support of the Red Cross is an obligation and privilege of every citizen, the chairman said. He pointed out that in 1961 the people of North Carolina made possible the collection of 98,627 pints of blood and while Warren County is not an active participant in the blood program, the county received free 180 units of gamma globulin, made available by the Red Cross to the State Health Department.

In times of natural disaster the county is eligible for immediate aid with funds and blood needed. In 1954, following a hurricane, five families received \$915 in Warren County as direct grants. No loans are ever made in times of disaster.

Warren County veterans received monetary benefits of \$1,292 as a result of Red Cross (See RED CROSS, page 9)

Cucumbers

W. A. Connell and Daniel Williams delivered the first cucumbers from the 1962 crop to the Warrenton Cucumber Market on Thursday morning.

Children's Day

Children's Day will be observed at the Warrenton Baptist Church Sunday with the Primary and Junior Choirs singing. There will also be a parent-child dedication service.

Mrs. John Morrison and Helen of Concord are visiting Mrs. T. J. Holt.



ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Church To Observe 125th Anniversary

The Zion Methodist Church will hold a homecoming day celebration on Sunday, June 10—Pentecost Sunday—to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the church.

The Rev. W. G. Farrar, pastor from 1946 until 1952, will bring the morning message at 11 o'clock, following Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

All members, former members and friends are invited to attend both these services, the Rev. D. F. Funderburke, pastor, said in announcing the homecoming event. Each person attending, he said, is invited to bring a picnic lunch which will be shared on the church grounds following the worship service.

"This should be a wonderful day in the life of the church when thanks be given to God for the Christian heritage of the church and when old friendships and acquaintances are renewed," the minister said.

Located in Warrenton County, near Norlina, Zion Methodist Church has been a place of worship for about six generations. Mr. Funderburke said. The first Zion Church, a one-room log building, was constructed about 1837, nearly twenty-five years before the Civil War. Mr. Funderburke continued his sketch of the history of the church as follows: Around the year 1870, the first trustees were appointed

as follows: J. H. White, Ham Fleming, Captain J. H. Mayfield, John Potillo, R. F. Rose and William Paschall.

The next church house, built in 1874 by the Mayfields, Whites, Flemings and Potillos, had board seats. At this time it was customary for the ladies in the congregation to be seated on one side of the sanctuary with the men on the other. A shed was built onto this room where the colored people could sit and worship; there was a hole in the wall of the main part of the building so that the colored people could see and hear the service. The meetings, which were held every year, lasted two weeks; people came from miles around to worship and even filled the grounds, because the church never held large crowds.

In 1900, the third Zion Church building was constructed of plank as the one before it had been. The committee in charge of this building included: Mr. Ed. White, Mr. Jim Burchette and Mr. Joe Harton.

This structure was later replaced by the beautiful stone edifice which is used for services of worship today. The present church, which has grown from a one-room log house of worship to its present size with a membership of around 300 people, was dedicated (See CHURCH, page 9)



RONALD W. SEITZ

Ronald Seitz To Be Ordained As Lutheran Minister

Ronald W. Seitz will be ordained into the Lutheran ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ridgeway, at 11 o'clock on Sunday, June 10.

Mr. Seitz is a graduate of Norlina High School, Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois and Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. He will begin his ministry at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Kinneer, Wyoming and Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Dubois, Wyoming, in August. Mr. Seitz is the son of Mr. Leonard A. Kilian of way.