

## Board Not To Change Assignment

The Warren County Board of Education has refused to reverse its decision to assign 16 Warren students formerly attending Middleburg High School to Norlina High School.

Refusal to change the two-week-old policy Monday night followed a visit by an eight-man delegation from Vance County protesting the student shift. Composed mainly of Vance school board members, the delegation asked that the Warren board reconsider its decision to assign the six high school and ten elementary students to Norlina.

Through its spokesman, J. C. Stabler, Vance superintendent of schools, the delegation warned that both children and parents affected by the transfer would be "terribly unhappy and dissatisfied."

The Warren board, in the wake of a unanimous request from the Norlina school board that the change in assignment be made, on June 24 voted that all pupils in the Norlina district be assigned to the Norlina school; however, county board members agreed that requests for re-assignment of high school students would be studied on an individual basis.

"There's a moral issue involved in this," Stabler told board members here Monday night as he emphasized a contention that the shift would prove harmful to students. He called on Ed White of Drewry, a member of the visiting delegation, to give board members a brief history of the now-abandoned Drewry school and the events leading to the assignment of Warren County students to the Vance County school. Other delegation members called for a reversal of the recent decision.

Stabler finally suggested that no action be taken by the Warren board that would affect the Middleburg students this year, and that Warren and Vance board members meet with the State Board of Education to iron out the problem.

Warren board members expressed the opinion that waiting a year would not solve the problem, and that parents of students affected by the change in assignment had known of the proposed change for a year.

At their June 23 meeting, board members were of the opinion that any pupils now in high school at Middleburg should be allowed, if the student wished, to graduate from the Middleburg school with their class, but all others should attend the Norlina school.

## First Cotton Bloom Reported This Week

Cotton blooms are beginning to appear in Warren County fields this week, a week or more later than usual.

Blooms have been reported from the farms of Gid Thornton, who lives near Oakville, and from the farm of Frederick Williams of Inez.

Thornton received a free bag of flour from White's Gin on Tuesday for submitting the first bloom of the year, an annual contest. Williams' bloom was reported to County Agent Frank Reams early this week.

No blooms have so far been brought to the office of The Warren Record.

## Cotton Is Damaged By Boll Weevils

Boll weevils are damaging cotton squares in Warren County, Frank Reams, county agent, said yesterday.

Reams said that treatment should be started now if it is not already in progress. Due to the late start, he said, treatments should continue every five days until the weevils are under control.



IMAGINATION REPLACES TOYS FOR TWO ONE LASSIES WHO FIND FUN IN TREE

## Negro Seeks Admission To Warren White School

An 11-year-old Negro boy has become the first of his race to seek admission to a Warren County white school. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Louis Davis of Norlina, Rt. 2, have requested that the Warren County Board of Education assign their son, Leonard Davis, Jr., to the Afton-Elberon elementary school.

The child previously had been assigned to the Cool Spring School near Axtelle, one of several frame school buildings to be abandoned

## Six Persons Injured As Car Overturns On Highway Near Macon

Six persons were injured Thursday in Warren County's lone July 4th highway accident when their car overturned a short distance west of the town limits of Macon.

Sustaining minor injuries and taken to Henderson's Jubilee Hospital were Mrs. Marie Hicks, 18, of near Macon, and wife of the driver John Henry Hicks, 21; the couples daughter, five-month-old Angela Hicks; Larry Turner, 2; Maggie Sutton, 70; Mary Turner, 21; and Carolyn Turner, 10.

Trooper V. R. Vaughan, who investigated the 7:30 p. m. accident, said none of the injured appeared to have been seriously hurt.

The driver of the car told Vaughan he was en route to Warrenton on US 158 when he was forced off the road by an eastbound car attempting to pass. He said his car overturned after he left the highway.

Hicks, who said he was driving 60 miles an hour, was charged with speeding. All involved in the accident were Negroes.

upon completion of a new Negro elementary school in southern Warren County. The Board of Education has taken no action on the application.

Davis is a part-time barber in Henderson. His wife lists her occupation as a housewife.

## Cost Of Insurance To Students Is Increased

Warren County football players will not have to carry the burden of increased insurance premiums during the coming school year by themselves. Instead, the Warren Board of Education voted Monday night, they will continue to get some help from schoolmates.

Board members were unanimous in ruling that a rate increase in school insurance be spread evenly over the entire student body in each school in which pupils engage in high school interscholastic football.

Announcement Monday night that insurance premiums in white schools in the county would jump from \$1.50 per student to \$2.00 caught board members by surprise, but members agreed that student spectators should pay the same rate as student players. This has been the policy adopted during the past few years.

Dr. S. H. Massey of Warrenton said it did not seem fair to make a boy pay \$15 or more each year to play football, when fellow students derive much enjoyment from watching the contests. Other members were of the same opinion, and voted to distribute the cost.

L. E. Taylor, insurance agent for the Walker Agency, Inc., of Charlotte, told members that no rate increase in which school insurance would be forthcoming if football

players were offered separate policies at considerably higher costs than the standard policy. He said the increase was the first for Warren County "in about four years," and that the hike was caused by an increased number of claims during the past school year.

Insurance premiums in the county's Negro schools, where football is either not played or where students take out separate policies, will rise from \$1.25 to \$1.50, the agent announced.

In other action taken by the board, the transfer of eight Negro elementary students to John R. Hawkins High School here was approved, but the board took no action on a request from Halifax County that seven Haliwa students be assigned to the Haliwa School near Arcola. Members instructed Superintendent of Schools J. R. Peeler to inform the Halifax superintendent that the students will be taken provided space can be provided.

Contract for the drilling of (See INSURANCE, page 4)

Breaks Hip Mrs. Thomas R. Frazier of Warrenton, an employee of the Warren County ASCS office, underwent surgery Thursday in Duke Hospital. Mrs. Frazier, who serves as ASCS treasurer, broke her hip Tuesday in a fall at the local office.

# Voters In Two Towns To Decide Bond Issue Fates

## Second Norlina Vote Set

A \$47,000 supplementary bond issue has been ordered by the Norlina Town Commissioners to be held at the Mayor's Office on Tuesday, August 20.

The purpose of the bonds are to supplement a \$44,000 grant recently approved by the Federal Housing and Home Financing Agency under the Accelerated Public Works Program in order to include in the sewer and sewage treatment system those sections of town not included in the original survey.

Mayor Graham Grissom said yesterday that the cost of the entire sewer project is \$398,000, which includes approved Federal grants of \$188,000 and a balance of \$210,000 from the sale of bonds.

These bonds are to be retired annually for a period of 38 years by a tax increase of 40c making a total tax rate of \$1.75. In addition, Mayor Grissom said there would be a sewer service charge of 75c, making a minimum monthly service charge for water and sewer of \$5.25, plus 61c for each additional 1000 gallons of water.

The registration books will be open in the Mayor's Office on each of the following Saturdays: July 27, August 3, and August 10. Saturday, August 17, has been designated as Challenge Day.

## Make Good Showing In Annual Contests

Warrenton firemen placed in all four contests staged Thursday in Wilson during the final day of the three-day annual session of the North Carolina Colored Firemen's Convention.

Negro firemen from Warrenton took second place in the 100-yard reel race, 50-yard grab race and truck race. Local firefighters finished third in the foot race.

A traditional part of the yearly gatherings, the races are a highlight of the meeting. Fire Chief W. P. Burwell, who attended Wednesday's session, said local firemen had drawn praise for their performance during the sessions.

Two Warrenton firemen were elected to state offices during the annual election. Cleveland Anderson was named association secretary, and McCarroll Alston was elected as an association dean. Alston was also named to head the group's training program for the next year.

Seventeen Warrenton firemen attended the meeting. Five remained here on call in case of fire, Chief Burwell said.



Warrenton's Main Street, and several other town traffic arteries, got a face lifting this week as a thick coating of asphalt was laid down by state employees. Hundreds of local residents became bona fide Tar Heels as they attempted to cross streets here before the work was completed, but many townspeople later boasted that the new black top represents the greatest improvement since the First World War—when a plow pulled by a team of 22 mules broke ground for a paved Main Street. (Staff Photo)

## Site Near Hospital Picked For Building

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday approved the hospital grounds as the site for an administrative building for the Warren County school system.

Work on the building is expected to be started within a few weeks, as soon as plans can be completed by an architect and bids for construction advertised and opened. An architect for the proposed building has already been employed.

The commissioners' meeting to adopt the 1963-64 budget, approved the hospital site after some discussion as to whether or not the administrative building should be located on the hospital grounds or on the Hendricks lot just back of the court house. Both sites had been under consideration for several days, with no preference stated to the commissioners by the Board of Education.

The administrative building is expected to cost approximately \$35,000, with funds for its construction already provided for in the school budget. Supt. J. Roger Peeler said yesterday that it is expected that the building would be completed within about six months.

In addition to approving the school administration building site and adopting the 1963-64 budget, the commissioners also approved the granting of a beer license to Thomas W. Tucker of Ridge-way on receipt of a state permit. Register of Deeds S. E. Allen reported 71 marriage licenses issued for the quarter ending June 30, for which \$355.00 was turned into the General Fund.

The commissioners ordered that an appropriation be made for school purposes in anticipation of the incoming

1963-64 taxes in the amounts of \$20,000 for current expenses and \$10,000 for capital outlay.

The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday night, July 16, when the commissioners will meet to revise the jury list.

## Burwell Named As New Teacher Here

Jon Lawrence Burwell, 23-year-old New Bern native, has been hired as a history teacher at John Graham High School for the 1963-64 school year.

Burwell, a 1963 graduate of Guilford College, will teach history and one or two science courses at John Graham. Hiring of Burwell was announced this week by W. R. Drake, chairman of the John Graham executive committee.

Burwell is a 1958 graduate of New Bern High School and received an AB degree in history from Guilford College this year. He is married and is a Presbyterian. An outstanding college and high school athlete, he will help with the athletic program here.

He was one of three teachers whose hiring was approved Monday night by the Warren County Board of Education. Other teachers approved were Lizzie M. Barber at John R. Hawkins High School and Doris Helen Mitchell of North Warren High School.

The appointment of S. M. Bullard of Pembroke as new principal of the Haliwa School was also approved. Bullard will succeed Hardy Deese.

One resignation, that of Helen K. Clifton of Hawkins High School was submitted to (See BURWELL, page 4)

## \$110,000 Election Set Here

Plans to submit a \$110,000 bond issue to the voters of Warrenton for the construction of a sewage treatment plant were approved by the Board of Town Commissioners Monday night.

Action of the board followed the announcement last week that the Department of Health Education and Welfare had approved Warrenton's application for \$90,000 to be used for the project.

First step in the chain of events leading to the calling of the bond issue was taken Monday night when the commissioners ordered that a notice of intent to ask for the bond issue be published in The Warren Record. This and several other technicalities are expected to delay the actual calling of the issue for several weeks but the election is expected to be held within the next six to eight weeks.

In other business before the commissioners, all town employees were re-employed. The board ordered that \$100 be donated towards the expense of the John Graham schools recreational program.

A. C. Blalock was appointed a director of the Warrenton Railroad Company, and Thomas Gaskill and Dixon Ward were appointed to vote the town's stock in the railroad company at the annual meeting of the stockholders. They were uninstructed.

J. Howard Daniel, G. W. Poindexter and H. W. Holt were named trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund. Walker P. Burwell was appointed Civil Defense Director for the town.

Election of the Town Planning Board members was postponed until after consultation with present members and its chairman, G. W. Poindexter. Appointments are expected to be made at the August meeting of the board.

## Norlina Couple To Take Part In Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hayes of Norlina will be among antique car owners from coast to coast participating in a 500-mile tour sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club of America.

Cars of old vintage from California to Florida will begin rolling into Rocky Mount Monday for the first leg of the journey, which will carry drivers and passengers to Washington before the tour is completed. Dubbed the Eastern National Tour, the event will officially begin Tuesday when cars steam out of Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, veteran participants in such tours, will be travelling in a 1911 Empire.

## Large Garden Pests Sighted In County

Insects are generally the leading causes of concern for Warren County garden growers about this time of year.

But not for F. F. Limer, farmer of Rt. 2, Warrenton. Limer revealed Saturday that his garden pests were of a much larger variety.

The culprits: deer which have wandered into Limer's garden during the past few weeks, nibbling at tender ears of corn and playing havoc with other vegetables.

## Warrenton Lions Stage Annual Cookout For County's Negro Blind Here



Warrenton Lions Club members and guests are seated at a long table during the annual cookout for the county's Negro blind here.