

Patient Load At Hospital Dips As Surgeon Sought

The patient load at Warren General Hospital here has dropped "roughly 25 per cent" since the departure of Dr. Wirt L. Davis, hospital surgeon, last month, F. P. Whitley, administrator, said yesterday.

year orthopedic surgery residency at the Medical College of Virginia.

"We have had one or two surgeons to express interest in coming here," Whitley said. "But as yet we have been unable to contact anyone who will give us a definite commitment. I hope that within a week the picture will improve."

Whitley said that although "innumerable persons" are being forced to go to other hospitals for treatment requiring surgery, "some are coming back here to recuperate."

Whitley said that since the hospital was left without a surgeon, there had been few emergency cases reported in the county. "In the case of a serious highway accident, we can still be of service. We can treat for bleeding and shock and then send the victims to other hospitals," he emphasized.

At the time of Dr. Davis' departure, the 35-bed hospital was carrying an average patient load of slightly above 22 patients daily. Hospital officials said at that time that they anticipated a drop in the number of patients.



SAM A. WARLICK, JR.

Warlick Is Installed Post Head

Sam A. Warlick, Jr., Warrenton businessman, was installed as Commander of Limer Post No. 25 of the American Legion last Thursday night during a meeting held at Hotel Warren.

Warlick was installed by Legionaire Frank Banzet. He succeeds J. B. Thompson as local post commander. Other officers installed by Banzet during the ceremony were W. Bill Neal, first vice commander; Si Hoskins, second vice commander; H. E. Shaw, third vice commander; Palmer King, sergeant-at-arms; Leonard S. Daniel, historian; and Frank H. Daniel, adjutant.

Some 16 Legionnaires were present for the ceremony. During a business session which followed, Legionnaires expressed interest in the building of a Legion hut here in the near future.

Dairy In County Is Ended With Sale Of Equipment And Herd

Warren County's oldest dairy has been closed with the sale of cows and equipment by J. H. Hundley, Warren County sheriff.

A herd of 17 cows and dairy equipment were purchased last week by Lyman Wright of Vance County and Harold Reavis of Granville County, milk producers for Pine State, a large dairy serving a multi-county area of North Carolina.

The dairy was established about the turn of the century by Walter E. Hundley, father of the sheriff. The founder began delivery of milk in the town of Norlina after construction of the old Norlina hotel. After W. E. Hundley's death, delivery of milk was continued by his son until the end of the Second World War, when delivery was stopped and milk sold to Pine State.

After his election as sheriff, Hundley and his son, Walter, operated the dairy on a partnership basis. Hundley said his son would continue the operation of the family farm, located on the eastern edge of Norlina.

Funeral Services Held For Clements

Funeral services for R. Erskine Clements, 76, a native of Warren County and judge of Vance County Recorder's Court for more than 20 years, were conducted at 5 p. m. Thursday at the Church of the Holy Innocents in Henderson.

The Rev. Herbert Nash Tucker, rector, conducted services and burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Born in Shocco Township, Warren County, Mr. Clements was a director of the Harriet Henderson Cotton Mills and the People's Bank and Trust Co. He was first president of Oconeechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a past president of the Henderson Rotary Club and a past senior warden of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church. He served on the Henderson city council for many years and was owner of Clements Motor Co. in Henderson.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Davis Clements; one son, R. Erskine Clements, Jr.; one sister, Mrs. Lloyd Smith of Farmville; and one granddaughter.

Visit Traylor

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Baker and children, Maureen and Jimmie, of Lexington, Va., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raby Traylor of Norlina. Mr. Baker is manager of Alpine Angus Farms at Lexington.

Manson Youth Wanted Ink, Got Car Instead

A Manson youth who wanted a supply of free ink and wound up winning first prize in a national sweepstakes contest is today awaiting the arrival of a new automobile.

William Ellis Fleming, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis E. Fleming of Manson, has been notified that he is to be the recipient of a Thunderbird convertible as national winner in a contest sponsored by a fountain pen manufacturer.

"It's the only thing I ever won, except maybe a bingo game," Fleming, a rising sophomore at St. Andrews College, said.

Young Fleming said it took a while to convince his parents that he had won the new automobile and that it's difficult for him to realize that he was the top winner. Fleming's father is postmaster of the Manson Post Office.

Fleming said he entered



JULY COULD BE LAST MONTH FOR OPERATION OF TOWN-OWNED HOTEL HERE

Industrial Tenant For Littleton Being Hunted

Efforts to find an industrial tenant for a planned industrial shell building have begun in Littleton.

D. A. Rose, president of the Littleton Development Co.,

sponsors of the fund-raising drive to finance construction of the building, said leaflets have been mailed to 2,000 manufacturing firms throughout the nation.

Copies of the promotional pieces have also been furnished the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, the Seaboard Airline Railroad Co. and Carolina Power and Light Co.

Featuring a picture of the industrial building to be erected in Littleton, the leaflet describes Littleton as "an untarnished territory for industry" with adequate labor, favorable tax structure, progressive government, an abundance of electric power and proximity to Gaston Lake.

Grading at the industrial site has been completed, and work on the new building is expected to begin as soon as legal work in connection with construction contracts are ready. The industrial site is a seven-acre tract adjacent to the Littleton Fairgrounds on the eastern edge of the town.

Littleton citizens and business firms have pledged more than \$30,000 toward construction of the project. The new building will be sold or leased to a qualified tenant with total financing if needed.

In Hospital

Mrs. W. Stanley Wilson of Ridgeway is a patient in Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson where she underwent surgery.

Motorist Appeals \$100 Fine In Recorder's Court

A motorist charged with reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident has appealed a \$100 fine levied in Warren County Recorder's Court.

George Allen gave notice of appeal here Friday when sentenced by Judge Julius Banzet. Allen, fined \$100 and costs of court, will be tried in Warren County Superior Court.

In other cases called on Friday, the following action was taken:

Osborne Davis, possession for purpose of sale, six-month sentence, suspended for two years upon condition he not violate any prohibition laws of the state for two years, not have in his possession any non-taxpaid whiskey for two years and pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

Samuel Royster, drunk driving, \$100 and costs. Ernest Allgood, Jr., no operator's license, \$25 and costs.

John Daniel Hedgepeth, non-support, not guilty. Robert Kearney, reckless driving, not guilty.

Murray Matthew Bernard, speeding, \$10 and costs. Johnnie Jackson Harris, non-support, prayer for judgment continued for a year on condition defendant pay \$15 per month for support of three minor children and pay costs of court.

Harvey Tunstall, drunk driving, \$100 and costs. Mary Moore Rowe, speeding, costs.

Floyd Bullock no operator's license, reckless driving and improper mechanical equipment, state took nol pros in reckless driving charge; case remanded to Justice of Peace on charge of improper mechanical equipment.

Jacob Whaley, two counts of larceny, not guilty of one charge; prayer for judgment on second count suspended for one year upon condition defendant not violate any criminal laws of state for one year and remain of good behavior.

Jimmie Roupe, two counts of larceny, prayer for judgment in each continued for two years upon condition he violate no criminal laws of state for one year and remain of good behavior.

Hotel Ordered Closed If Lease Is Surrendered

Operators Of Boats Get Stay

Operators of boats on Kerr Lake will have until October 1 to show evidence that boat sanitary facilities are state approved, Col. J. S. Grygiel of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers announced this week.

Boat owners previously had until August 1 to meet sanitation requirements. The extension of deadline was granted at the request of the Kerr Reservoir Development Commission. The Commission, favoring action to keep the waters of the mammoth reservoir unpolluted, felt that the fall months would be the proper time for making changes in existing facilities or installing new ones.

Colonel Grygiel, district engineer, said that during the fall months many boats are

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Health officials warned this week that there is no safe way to look directly into the eclipse without risking incurable burns of the eye caused by invisible infra-red rays of the sun.

Officials warned against the use of sunglasses, colored

lenses, and other eye protection devices.

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J. COMER GRIFFIN

Assistant Co. Supt. Selected

J. Comer Griffin, a 1958 graduate of East Carolina college, has been named assistant superintendent of the Warren County school system. His election to the newly created post was announced here by J. R. Peeler, Warren schools superintendent.

A native of Martin County, Griffin was born in 1936 and graduated from Bear Grass High School in 1954. During the past year he served as elementary supervisor of New Hanover County elementary schools.

Hiring of Griffin followed several weeks of interviewing prospective candidates for the post, the first of its kind in the county. Peeler said Griffin would be assigned as superintendent in charge of instruction and curriculum.

"He will coordinate instructional programs and will make studies of our curriculum," Peeler announced. In addition, Griffin will have administrative duties dealing with personnel, transportation, maintenance and other areas where assistance is required.

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Search Is Begun For Operator

An eleventh-hour search for a new operator of Hotel Warren is under way this week as Warrenton citizens seek to prevent the closing of the hotel at the end of this month.

Closing of the hotel appeared more than a possibility following a special session of the Warrenton board of commissioners Monday night. Town aldermen, notified by the Hotel Warren Corporation that its three-year-old lease would not be renewed before its Aug. 1 expiration date, announced that the town would not underwrite operation of the municipal-owned hotel.

A C. Fair, chairman of the hotel corporation—a non-profit organization which began operation of the hotel three years ago after securing a lease agreement from the town of Warrenton—said efforts were being made to find a person interested in either leasing or buying the hotel.

In operation here since 1922, the three-story brick structure was operating at considerable loss when the Hotel Warren Corporation was formed. The corporation, composed of townspeople who joined to insure continued operation of the hotel after commissioners voted to cease its operation, has poured some \$12,000 in capital improvements into the community project during the past three years.

"We do alright financially during the summer months, but the added expense incurred during winter months has proven burdensome," Fair said. However, he added that the hotel had shown a profit, but the proceeds from its operation had been plowed back into the enterprise.

During Monday night's special session, commissioners agreed that upon termination of the lease by the hotel corporation, the hotel should be closed. They voted to notify the hotel corporation that at the conclusion of their lease that the building should be vacated and locked and the keys turned over to Mayor W. A. Miles.

Miles said Wednesday that he felt the town board might be wise to sell the structure if a buyer can be found. He said the cost of tearing down the building would be high, due mainly to the thickness of the walls.

Fair, also a town commissioner, hopes that if the hotel is purchased the new owner will continue to operate it as in the past. "We don't have a community meeting building as in other towns and the hotel serves as a civic center," he said.

During Monday night's meeting, Fair requested that the town assume several thousand dollars in financial obligations assumed by the hotel corporation. Consensus of the board members, after consultation with Town Attorney Frank Banzet, was that it would be illegal for the town to assume or pay these obligations.

Commissioner A. D. Johnson, who was absent, and Fair, who abstained when a vote on the hotel was taken, were the only commissioners not giving their stamp of approval to the motion that the



Workmen sink a well at the site of a new Negro elementary school in southern Warren County. The well, completed over the weekend, paves the way for the construction of the new building which will serve Negro

youngsters who previously attended school in small one- and two-room buildings scattered throughout the southern portion of the county.

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