

Hospital Is Offered Aid For Time

Efforts to obtain a full-time surgeon for Warren General Hospital will not be slackened despite an offer made this week by a Henderson surgeon to assist in the operation of the hospital here on a part-time basis.

F. P. Whitley, hospital administrator, said the search for a surgeon, begun with the resignation of Dr. Wirt L. Davis in June, would continue and that hospital officials "have prospects of getting a full-time surgeon to locate and work in Warrenton."

An offer of assistance in the operation of Warrenton's 35-bed hospital came this week from Dr. Robert T. Schorr of Henderson, who offered to fill in as surgeon here on a temporary and part-time basis, Whitley said.

A former Elizabeth City surgeon, Dr. Schorr has practiced in Henderson for about one year, Whitley said. He will practice at Warren General Hospital three mornings weekly and will be available for surgery on consultation.

Whitley said that the assistance furnished by Dr. Schorr was "in no way intended as a permanent solution." However, he said that the hospital staff was fortunate to have Dr. Schorr's services until efforts to obtain a full-time surgeon are successful.

Hopes of landing a surgeon in the near future were somewhat dampened this week when a prospective surgeon notified hospital officials that he plans to go into a partnership-type practice.



Passage of a \$110,000 bond issue for a sewage treatment plant here will help keep streams, such as the one pictured above, free of pollution. Warrenton voters

will probably go to the polls in August to decide the fate of the bond election.

(Staff Photo)

Board Authorizes Site Negotiations To Begin

Warrenton commissioners Monday night authorized negotiations for the purchase of a 2.7-acre tract to serve as the site of a proposed \$200,000 sewage disposal plant.

Appointment of a committee to discuss purchase of the tract came after Commissioner D. H. Ward, chairman of the town's water committee, told the board that preliminary talks had begun with the owner of the desired land.

Ward said that he had contacted John Divan of Rocky Mount, owner of a 36-acre tract lying north of Fishing Creek and west of US Highway 401, about two miles south of Warrenton. Ward reported that Divan was opposed to the sale of only 2.7 acres, but expressed a willingness to sell the entire tract for a sum of \$12,000.

While board members said they felt the purchase price was too high, they approved the appointment of a committee—composed of Ward and members of his committee, Mayor W. A. Miles, Water Superintendent Harold Skillman and Town Attorney Frank Banzet—to continue negotiations with Divan.

Aided by Skillman, Ward outlined for the board initial preparations being made for the possible erection of the sewage treatment plant. Both he and Skillman emphasized that the fate of the proposed plant lies in the hands of Warrenton voters, who will probably decide a \$110,000 bond issue during August.

However, they said preliminary steps must be made to meet a deadline in order that Warrenton might receive a \$97,000 federal grant. "For the most part," Ward said, "property owners from the eastern edge of Warrenton to a point on Eaton Avenue have been contacted with regard to a force line which will cross their property."

Easements must be secured from property owners to insure that no permanent structure is built over the line, commissioners were told. Ward said property owners had been cooperative in allowing surveys to be made and in dealing with town officials in regard to the proposed line.

The line would tie into a pumping station east of the town limits. Commissioners currently have their sights trained on two possible locations, both near the home of B. W. Currin, Jr., on Country

Club Road. Several board members agreed to accompany Ward to Spring Hope on Thursday for an inspection of a sewage plant. While smaller than the one planned for Warrenton, the two facilities are comparable, Ward said.

Although not the main item on the agenda for Monday night's special session, discussion by commissioners centered on the forthcoming bond

issue and on work currently underway by engineers and surveyors.

The main item of business, that of approving the town budget and tax rate, was handled in short order. By unanimous vote, board members approved the budget in its entirety and a \$1.15 tax rate. Commissioners also voted unanimously in favor of a poll tax and an automobile license tax of one dollar.

Trunk Search Reveals Well-Hidden Whiskey

An unusual hiding place for a not-so-unusual product was discovered here Friday night when a Warrenton policeman discovered six gallons of non-taxpaid whiskey stashed inside a spare automobile tire.

Night Officer Dorsey Capps made the discovery of the illegal liquor when he searched the trunk of an automobile on Ridgeway Street shortly before midnight.

Three occupants of the car were arrested. They were identified as Emma Lyons,

36, of Liberia, driver of the automobile; Robert Lee Alston, 36, of Henderson, the car's owner; and Mary Townes, 35-year-old Liberia woman.

The trio, released from Warrenton County jail on bonds ranging from \$50 to \$500, will be given a hearing here Friday in Warrenton County Recorder's Court. Alston and the driver were each charged with possession for the purpose of sale and transporting non-taxpaid whiskey. Mary Townes was charged with aiding and abetting in the transportation of the liquor.

Warrenton Attorney Will Speak Sunday

Charles Johnson, Warrenton attorney, will be the speaker at the Warrenton Baptist Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Stephen Daniel, moderator of the church, will preside.

The Rev. John Link, pastor, in announcing the service, said that the Presbyterian Church recently held a conference for Christian lawyers and that many of the denominations are placing emphasis on lay-leadership in the churches. "The service for the 11 o'clock worship hour Sunday," he said, "should make a vital contribution to the work of the church." The public is invited.

J. E. Rooker of Warrenton will be the guest teacher on the "Church of Our Fathers" over TV Channel 5 on Sunday at 1 p. m. Rooker and the Rev. John Link are sharing the broadcasting lessons for the month of July.



Warrenton Policeman Dorsey Capps pulls a jar of moonshine whiskey from an unusual hiding place. The illicit cache, measuring three gallons, was discovered inside an automobile tire. Capps seized the six one-half gallon jars when he searched the trunk of a car travelling through Warrenton.

Hotel Warren To Stay Open On Monthly Basis

Additional Courses To Be Offered

Additional courses in driver's education will be offered Warrenton County youngsters this summer if interest in the program mounts, J. R. Peeler, superintendent of schools, announced this week.

Peeler said preparations to provide additional behind-the-wheel instruction for prospective drivers were made following a General Assembly act which restricted 16- and 17-year-old youngsters from obtaining operator's licenses until they have completed a course in driver's education.

"Here in Warrenton County the new law could mean that many boys and girls cannot get their licenses until they are 18 years old unless they enroll in a driver training course immediately," Peeler said.

The new law goes into effect Nov. 1, and persons under 18 applying for licenses as of that date must show proof of successful completion of the training course.

Peeler said extra courses might be arranged in all three of the county's white schools if demand is sufficient. He said no summer courses would be offered in the Negro schools, where driver's training is conducted during the regular school term.

Currently, students 14½-years-old and older are eligible for the program. Courses now being taught at Warrenton, Norlina and Littleton offer 36 hours of class instruction, six hours of driving and 18 hours of observation prior to completion. Instructing the young drivers are B. L. King, Jimmy Webb and Tommy Satterfield.

Decline In Number Of Curers Is Noted

A steady decline in the number of workers from a three-county area—including Warren—assisting in the harvest of Canadian tobacco was revealed this week in a release prepared by W. Hall Brooks, manager of the Henderson office of the N. C. Employment Security Commission.

Figures compiled during the past five years show that a severe drop has taken place in the number of persons from Warren, Vance and Granville Counties helping with the Dominion flue-cured crop since 1958. That year (See PERMITS, page 8)

Directors Vote For New Plan

Warrenton's municipal-owned hotel, plagued by high operating costs and threatened by closure, got a new lease on life this week.

The sprawling, three-story brick building, slated to be closed on Aug. 1, got a last-minute reprieve from directors of the Hotel Warren Corporation who agreed Wednesday to continue its operation on a monthly basis.

The decision to continue its operation came in response to requests made by townspeople that efforts be made to keep the hotel in operation.

"It's the only meeting place most of our civic clubs have, and many persons have expressed interest in seeing that it remains in operation," A. C. Fair, Warrenton jeweler who heads the hotel corporation, said yesterday.

Closing of the hotel, built in 1922 on a corner lot in the heart of town, appeared probable last week when the Warrenton board of commissioners ordered it closed should the hotel corporation surrender its three-year-old lease on its Aug. 1 expiration date.

Action by the Town Fathers followed notification by Fair that the hotel corporation's directors would not renew the lease agreement with the town. Fair, also a commissioner, said the corporation's directors had agreed to surrender their lease earlier this month. Faced by approaching months of higher operation cost and burdened by several thousand dollars in debts, the directors favored abandonment of the project to keep the hotel alive.

Monday night, during a special session of the town board, Fair was told by fellow commissioners that the town would approve the operation of the hotel on a month-to-month basis. Commissioners also discussed sale of the hotel when and if a prospective buyer is found.

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Funeral Services Held Here For Frank H. Gibbs

Funeral services for Frank Herbert Gibbs, who died at his home here on Saturday, were conducted at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Monday afternoon by Dr. Cecil Robbins, president of Louisburg College and a former pastor of the Warrenton church. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Gibbs had practiced law here since his release from the U. S. Navy in 1918 where he served as a naval aviator. He had served three terms in the State Senate, several terms as Warrenton mayor, and was named to the N. C. Industrial Commission by the late Gov. William B. Umstead. He was a charter member of the Warrenton Lions Club.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mary Tasker Polk; a daughter, Mrs. Barnaby McAuslan of Ashland, N. J.; a son, Frank H. Gibbs, Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. Virginia Pearsall of Warrenton and Mrs. G. T. Adams of Sanford; and a brother, John C. Gibbs of Danville, Va.

The son of the late Dr. J. T. Gibbs and Mary Overbough Gibbs, Mr. Gibbs was born in Rockingham, N. C., on August 4, 1896. He attended school in various towns where his father served as a Methodist minister and was graduated from Washington, N. C., high school, where he was an

Local Draft Office Will Close For Week

The Warren County Draft Board office here will be closed from July 29 to August 5, while the clerk, Mrs. Thomas Ellington, is on vacation, Selby Benton, chairman, announced Thursday.

Benton asks that boys whose birthday falls on the days on which the office will be closed to report for registration on Monday, August 5.

Warrenton, Norlina Phones To Gain Digits

All telephone numbers in the Warrenton exchange will change to seven digit numbers beginning with 257 on September 8, according to Howard T. Pitts, local manager for Carolina Telephone.

In the Norlina exchange all of the existing four digit numbers will be pre-fixed with the three digits 456 at this same time.

Pitts said that to avoid calling on subscribers at a time which might be inconvenient, the company will mail number plate stickers to subscribers who are requested to place them on their telephones.

"We don't like number changes—but it is necessary to make these changes to provide the best possible service here and to keep in step with technological developments in telephone communications," Pitts said.

The new number plates will consist of seven digits and are in keeping with the numbering system which is gradually becoming nationwide, Pitts said. This system is part of a plan which will eventually enable more and more telephone subscribers to dial their own long distance calls.

The new number plates will include the area code for the eastern portion of North Carolina. As part of the overall plan for direct distant dialing, the nation has been divided into areas, each assigned a different code number.

The code number for this area is 919.

Pitts said customers in Warrenton and Norlina should not use the numbers 919 when placing calls. This code will be used on calls coming into this area. In commenting on this Pitts said, "If our subscribers pass their area code along to people who call them frequently from other dialing code areas the incoming calls will be handled more rapidly."

Former JG Principal Accepts Roxboro Job

Thomas J. Brown, principal of John Graham High School here for the past two years, has accepted a position as principal of the Roxboro High School.

Brown, who will be succeeded here by Kenneth R. Brinson of Sanford, was principal of West Davidson High School near Lexington when he was named John Graham High School principal in July, 1961.

A native of Union, S. C., Brown graduated from Charlotte Technical High School, and received his B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Illinois. He had done graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

A Methodist, Brown is married to the former Miss Virginia Latta of Burlington. They have two young children.

Man Is Held In Shooting At Manson

A Franklin County Negro man, charged with shooting a Manson Negro, is being held under \$500 bond for his appearance in Recorder's Court to answer to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Leroy Yancey, was arrested in Franklin County and brought to Warrenton County by Deputy Sheriff Bonnie Stevenson following the shooting of Howard Allen at Manson on Sunday afternoon.

Allen, shot in the back and leg with a shotgun, was hospitalized Sunday but was discharged from the hospital on Tuesday. Stevenson said that Allen was shot from a distance of about 30 feet. Physicians said, according to Stevenson, that fat was responsible for Allen's injuries not being more serious.

Stevenson said that his investigation revealed that Yancey had gone to the home of his sister, Mrs. Sam Hicks, Sunday afternoon to get his niece to go home with him (See SHOOTING, page 8)

Minister Is Named Here

The Rev. James H. Grant, Jr., of Richmond, Va., a 1963 graduate of Union Theological Seminary, will assume the ministry of three Warren County Presbyterian churches on August 1.

Mr. Grant, also a graduate of Hampton-Sydney College, will make his home in the Presbyterian Manse in Littleton. He has conducted services on several occasions here as a supply pastor.

Churches to be served by Mr. Grant include the Warrenton Presbyterian Church, Littleton Presbyterian Church and Gruver Memorial Presbyterian Church.

He succeeds the Rev. Levi H. Humphreys, who resigned to accept a call from Piedmont Presbyterian Church in Burlington. Mr. Humphreys served the county's Presbyterian churches for approximately three years.