

Upkeep Of Schools Is Large Job

Maintenance Men Stay Busy Getting Ready For Opening

School vacation offers no holiday for Warren County school maintenance men who have been busy readying schools for the 1963-64 session.

When the students file from school at the end of a school year and the teachers return to their homes, maintenance men know that the signal has been given for busy weeks of work. Supt. J. Rodger Peeler said this week.

In all schools, he said, windows have been cleaned, blinds cleaned, all wood floors cleaned and refinished, with quite a bit of touch-up painting. Tile floors have been scrubbed and waxed. Gutters have been cleaned out and downspouts repaired in all schools just as a part of the summer routine.

One maintenance man spends his full time cutting the grass and sprucing up the school grounds at all the schools of the county. Peeler said.

Perhaps the maintenance work will be most conspicuous at Norlina, where painters have been busy on both the inside and outside of the building. "We try to get to each school once every five years," Peeler said.

Cement walks are also being added at Norlina, running from each end of the main building to a street where school buses park. Other high schools in the county receiving a helping hand from the maintenance crews this summer include:

—North Warren, where a \$20,000 school cafeteria is rising, new shingles have been placed on the school roof, and concrete walkways have been added.

—Hawkins High School, where general repairs are being made by maintenance men.

—John Graham High School, where a \$15,000 rewiring job is nearing completion, improvements made at the athletic field (including improved drainage and the erection of a backstop on the baseball diamond), and a covered walkway planned from the main school building to the agriculture and home economics shops.

—Littleton High School, where the rest rooms have been painted, floors tiled in the teacher's lounge and a (See SCHOOLS, page 4)

Currin Named Head Of Boy Scout Drive

B. W. Currin, Jr., Warrenton businessman, has been named chairman of the 1963 Warren County fund raising drive for the Boy Scouts of America. Currin's appointment was announced this week by John T. Church of Henderson, Vanwarco district finance chairman.

The County's annual fund raising drive will be launched here on Aug. 20 with volunteer workers soliciting "Century Club" and "major" gifts, Church said. Heading the drive for "Century Club" memberships will be H. M. Hardy, while A. E. Wilson will be in charge of "major" gift solicitation.

"Special" and "General" gift drives will be held in September, with Milton Ayscue in charge of the special gift drive.

Community chairmen named by Church include the Rev. J. E. McGrier, Warrenton; James Short, Afton-Elberon; and Vernon Whitmore, Manson-Drewry. The drive in Norlina will be conducted by members of the Norlina Ruritan Club. A search for a chairman to head the Arcola drive is under way.

Group chairmen are currently recruiting volunteers to assist in the campaign.



Tobacco losses were estimated at more than a half-million dollars following severe hail storms in two sections of Warren County. At upper left, Vernon Fleming inspects a field of tobacco on the Warren-Frank line which was destroyed by a brief storm Sunday. At lower right, E. C. Robertson of Marmaduke checks his tobacco for punctured leaves. (Staff Photo)

SBI Will Aid In Probe Of Leaflet Circulation

The State Bureau of Investigation will aid in the search for the person or persons responsible for the distribution of leaflets bearing the unauthorized names of two Warren County officials.

Sheriff Jim Hundley said yesterday that the SBI had agreed to assign an agent to assist in the hunt for the

party responsible for affixing the name of Amos Capps, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and that of Julian S. Farrar, superintendent of the Warren County Welfare Department.

Both Capps and Farrar said they were not aware that the handbills were being prepared and that the use of their names was not authorized. Hundley said his department was conducting an investigation on the grounds that distribution of the leaflets constituted a libelous action.

Both the names were printed on the handbills with rubber stamps. The handbill itself was printed on a standard printing press. Produced on six-by-nine-inch yellow paper, the leaflet called for the person receiving the handbill to "trade your farm for real security... sell now."

The construction program here is in keeping with Carolina Telephone's continuing program to fulfill the telephone needs of the communities it serves," he pointed out.

Pitts said, "The Norlina improvement and expansion program was engineered to allow for telephone growth in the future."

Telephone Expansion Is Completed At Norlina

A project to improve and expand the Norlina telephone exchange has recently been completed.

Carolina Telephone Manager H. T. Pitts said yesterday that a \$10,700 program just concluded has expanded the company's central office equipment at Norlina.

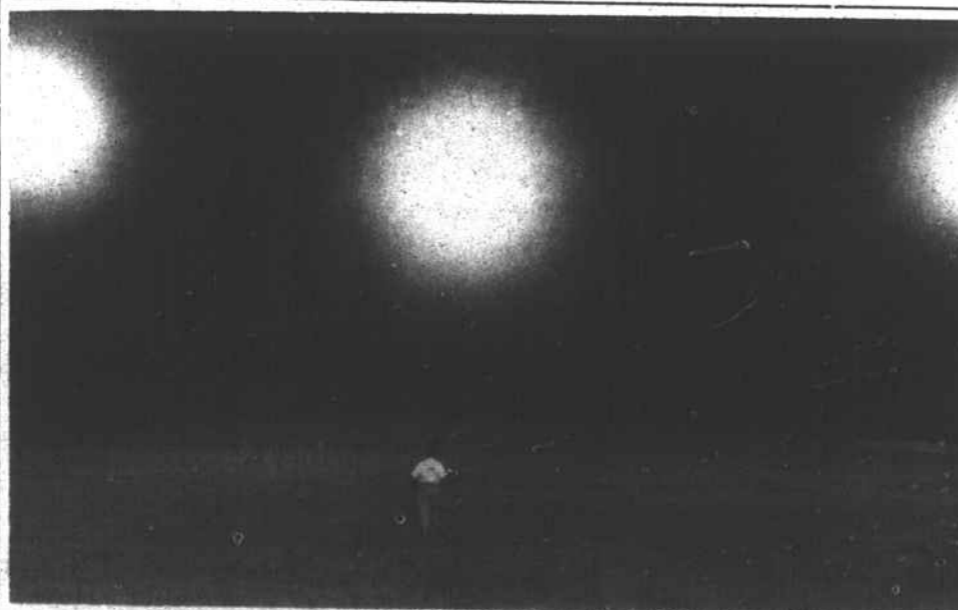
Included in the project was the installation of equipment to provide facilities to serve 75 new main telephones for subscribers in this area. This equipment will make possible service to new subscribers and will permit better grades of service to present subscribers.

Pitts said the growth of Norlina in recent years has brought about an increased demand for telephone service. This demand had taxed the capacity of existing equipment.

Telephones in this area have increased from about

Communion Services

Services of Holy Communion will be observed at All Saint's Episcopal Church on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, the Rev. James M. Stoney, Jr., announced yesterday. He said services of Holy Communion will also be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.



Newly-installed lights at the John Graham High School athletic field give the appearance of three moons as the field is illuminated by the new system for the first time. Erected by the Warrenton Boosters Club, the new system will provide adequate lighting for both night football and baseball games.

Farmlands Are Lashed By Hail; Crop Damage Will Exceed \$700,000

Man's Body Recovered From Lake

Negro Is Second Drowning Victim Within Four Days

A 21-year-old man drowned Saturday afternoon after he jumped from a bridge overlooking an inlet of Gaston Lake north of the Eaton Ferry bridge.

The body of Luther Patillo, Negro resident of the Elams community, was recovered from the waters of Gaston Lake by rescuers Saturday after he drowned at approximately 1:30 p. m. He was the lake's second drowning victim in four days, and the third person to lose his life in the reservoir.

Warren County Coroner N. I. Haithcock said Patillo drowned two miles north of the Eaton Ferry bridge. He said Patillo and a group of companions were swimming when Patillo decided to jump from a bridge over the inlet. He reportedly jumped and failed to return to the surface.

Haithcock and Deputy Sheriff L. W. Newsom said the death was attributed to accidental drowning. Haithcock said no inquest would be held.

Patillo's body was recovered near the Sikes Boat Landing. Earlier in the week, M. C. Wright of White Plains was found in the waters of Pea Hill Creek, down stream from the spot where Patillo drowned.

Two Defendants Draw Road Sentences In Recorder's Court

Two defendants were given road sentences in Warren County Recorder's Court last Friday by Judge Julius Banzet and a third defendant was fined \$100. In addition, a defendant, sentenced to the roads had his sentence suspended for two years.

Leonard Williams and David Lee Alston, were charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and each was sentenced to the roads for 90 days.

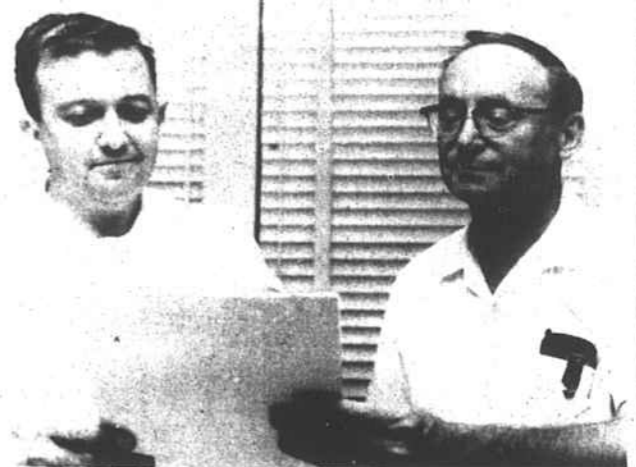
Ray Williams, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was also sentenced to the roads for 90 days, but his sentence was suspended for two years upon condition that he not go on the premises of J. B. Lynch for two years, pay a \$25 fine and court costs.

James George Drungo, found guilty of drunk driving, was fined \$100 and taxed with court costs.

In other cases involving violations of motor vehicle laws Leon Pate, Jr., was found guilty of driving 49 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone, was taxed with court costs.

George Hurley Carroll, Jr., found guilty of speeding, was ordered to pay a \$15 fine and court costs.

Marshall William Ellis, Lawrence J. Edmonds and William Henry Burwell were (See COURT, page 4)



Dr. R. A. Kilby, left, a major in the U. S. Army Medical Corps, gets instructions from Dr. Robert F. Young, Warren County health director. Dr. Kilby, a graduate of Williams College and the University of Buffalo, will spend a one-year residency in public health in Warren and Halifax Counties. He will assist public health officials in both counties. Prior to his arrival here, he served a residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic and attended the Harvard School of Public Health. The father of three children, he and his family will live in Roanoke Rapids. (Staff Photo)

Tobacco Is Hard Hit; Corn Hurt

Hail As Large As Hen Eggs Level Fields Of Cotton

Two violent hail storms which lashed Warren County farmlands during the week-end caused damage estimated at nearly three-quarters of a million dollars.

County Agent Frank W. Reams said yesterday that his crop damage estimate of \$733,500 could be conservative. "I have never seen crops harder hit by hail," he added.

Hardest hit was a two-mile square in southwestern Warren County. There a Sunday afternoon storm dropped hail stones as large as hen eggs, stripped tobacco from the stalk, peppered pea, pepper and corn fields, and laid waste to hundreds of acres of cotton, before skipping into Franklin County.

The day before a severe hail storm ripped crops in a wide area of the Marmaduke community. Main damage in both storms was inflicted on tobacco, the county's principal cash crop. Reams said tobacco farmers lost more than a half-million dollars during the two brief storms.

Reams made his estimates following a tour of the stricken areas on Monday. He said approximately 500 acres of tobacco was damaged by hail. Some 500 acres of corn, 1,000 acres of peas, 2,000 acres of peppers, and 2,000 acres of other crops were heavily damaged.

Saturday's storm cut a mile-wide path through from three to four miles of farmland near Marmaduke. "The loss would be considerably higher, but this area is heavily forested. Cultivated fields are not butted end on end as they are near the Franklin County line," Reams said.

Sunday's storm struck at a heavily-concentrated area of tobacco production. In minutes it had stripped what farmers considered one of their best crops in recent years.

"Birds fell as if they were struck by buckshot during the storm," one farmer commented. Another said his children had been busy burying fallen birds during the day after the storm.

The storm came at the peak of the growing season, when few farmers had still most of their tobacco in the fields. Insurance coverage ranged from \$1,000 per acre to none.

At the southeastern tip of Warren County, rows between the head-high tobacco stalks were covered with punctured leaves. On some stalks only two or three good leaves remained.

"I wish it had destroyed all the tobacco," one farmer said. "At least then I could plow it up. Now I have to go down each row looking for a few good leaves."

Many fields were totally stripped of leaves. Young corn was also destroyed, as the pellets shredded leaves and in some instances bowled the younger plants over.

Parker Resigns As John Graham Coach

Charles E. Parker, head coach at John Graham High School here since 1961, has resigned to accept a position with the Deacon Club Foundation of Wake Forest College.

Parker's Warrenton teams compiled a record of 70 wins and 21 losses during the past two years. His football teams represented the Tar-Roanoke Conference in district or state playoffs both seasons, and his boys' basketball squad played in the State Class A finals in 1962.

Parker, who was a member of the Wake Forest football varsity, directed three of his teams to conference championships during his first year of coaching.

In his letter of resignation, submitted to W. R. Drake, chairman of the John Graham Executive Committee, on Monday, Parker said he would "never cease to be grateful for the opportunity I had to serve in Warrenton."

He added that "the most rewarding phase of my job was being able to work with the very fine people here and to coach boys of such high caliber. John Graham High School's success in athletics has been accomplished by boys with determination and desire to do their best always, and I am sure in the future they will continue to do so."

Drake said that school officials have begun efforts to secure a coach for the next school year, but that no successor to Parker has been found yet. Drake said the Executive Committee had accepted Parker's resignation with a "feeling of regret and appreciation for his fine services during the past two years."

Drake said that Parker's "superior qualities of character and leadership among our youths have been reflected in the success of the programs he has undertaken as well as in the classroom, and the continued success of our athletic and scholastic programs will be enhanced by his having devoted these two years to service in the school and community."

Parker will report to work in Winston-Salem on Monday. His wife and two children will move the latter part of this month. In his new position, Parker will divide his time between fund raising and recruiting.



CHARLES E. PARKER

New Business Slated To Open On Monday

A new business will begin operation near here next week when Baxter's Tire and Recapping Service opens Monday on the Warrenton-Norlina Highway.

The new firm, housed in a concrete-block building with large plate glass windows across the front, will handle new tires in addition to providing a recapping service.

Owner of the firm is William A. Baxter, a former Warrenton resident and retired member of the N. C. Highway Patrol. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, who will live in Norlina temporarily, plan to build a home in Warrenton.

Baxter said his firm plans a grand opening, when prizes will be given away and open house held, at a later date.

In Hospital

Mr. W. R. Strickland is a patient in Warren General Hospital for treatment.