

## Summer Vacation To End Today For Warren Pupils

Elementary and high schools throughout Warren County will throw open their doors for the beginning of another school year Friday (today) amid pleas from school officials for improved and steady attendance. Hundreds of pupils have been urged to make all possible efforts to attend school consistently at the outset—especially during the first ten days of the 1963-64 school year, when attendance will be recorded to determine the county's teacher allotment. While schools will not begin their regular sessions until Tuesday, students will report Friday for registration, orientation and the collection of fees. Supt. J. R. Peeler said yesterday that students had been asked to bring their fees on opening day.

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## Search For Surgeon Is Over Here

A three-month search for a full-time surgeon for Warren General Hospital ended this week when hospital officials announced that Dr. Raiford Douglas Baxley of Siler City would begin practice here next week.

F. P. Whitley, hospital administrator, said the acceptance of Dr. Baxley to the job as surgeon here filled the vacancy created in June by the resignation of Dr. Wirt L. Davis.

Dr. Baxley, 46, a surgeon at Chatham Hospital in Siler City for the past 13 years, is expected to move to Warrenton in the near future. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the medical school of the University of Chicago. He has served in Atlanta's Grady Hospital, Tayloe Hospital in Washington, and has been on the staffs of Lincoln Hospital and Watts Hospital in Durham. Prior to moving to Siler City, he was on the staff of the state hospital at Butner. During World War II he served in the U. S. Army Medical Corps.

Since the resignation of Dr. Davis, the county's 35-bed hospital has had surgical help on a part-time basis. Last month, Dr. Robert T. Schorr of Henderson began serving the local hospital three mornings weekly, and was available for surgery and consultation.

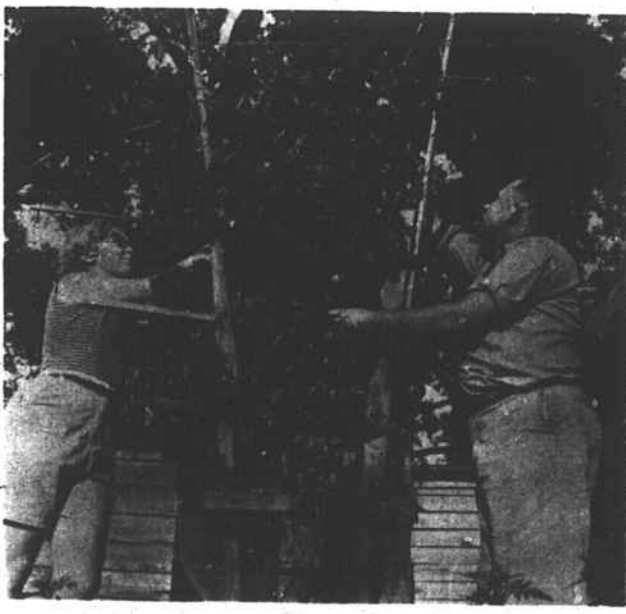
## Association To Meet

The Cullom Baptist Association will meet in a called session on September 3 at 8 o'clock at the Warrenton Baptist Church for the purpose of acting on recommendation of Missions Committee to extend a call to Dr. Carl English of Greensboro to become Secretary of Missions.



Shades Of Jack's Beanstalk

While many of Warren County's farmers were wishing for rain, some were wondering how they would pick their vegetables if their corn and tomatoes received more moisture. Above, corn stalks measuring 15 feet tall tower above Scott Gardner of Warrenton, right, and Gardner's farm manager, E. H. Maynard, Sr. Gardner produced 45 acres of corn this tall. The only trouble was that roasting ears high up on the stalk had to be fetched with a stepladder. Gardner and Maynard were not the only growers of tall plants with problems: Below, Walter Carter of Afton and daughter, Bonnie, stretch to reach tomatoes climbing high above their heads. (Staff Photos)



## Bond Issue Vote Slated October 1

Warrenton voters will go to the polls on the first day of October to determine the fate of a proposed \$110,000 bond issue for the building of a sewage treatment plant here.

Date of the municipal election was approved Tuesday night during a special session of the Warrenton Town Board. If approved the bond issue would help pave the way for a plant "for the treatment and disposal of sewage including the installation of a pumping station and force main, together with the acquisition and installation of the necessary equipment, machinery and apparatus and the acquisition of the lands or rights in land required therefor, and a tax therefor."

Polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and will close at 6:30 p. m. Voting will be in the town's fire station. Mary E. Grant has been appointed registrar and Zenobia Lancaster and W. L. Riggan will serve as judges.

Registration books will be open on September 14, 21, and 28 from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m. Registered voters will not be required to register anew.

Earlier this year the federal government approved expenditures of \$97,999 in federal funds for building the treatment plant, expected to cost \$200,000. Since that time land bordering Fishing Creek one mile south of Warrenton has been purchased as a site for the proposed plant.

Town officials have said that unless the sewage treatment plant is in operation here before Sept. 20, 1964, the town's present tax rate of \$1.15 will probably be raised. By passing the issue now, commissioners said

Tuesday night, residents will not have to bear the cost of the project without federal financial aid.

Should the town not have the treatment plant in operation by next September to conform to state stream sanitation regulations, the state would erect the plant and bill the town for the cost.

"Actually what the voters will have to decide on Octo-

ber 1 is whether to accept the federal funds which are available with no strings attached, or to pay the entire costs themselves," Myor W. A. Miles said.

"We have passed several bond issues in the past few years and our tax rate has remained stationary. I don't see why this bond issue should change things," he said.

## Criminal Court Term Opens Here Tuesday

### Boy Jailed After Girl Attacked

A 16-year-old Inez boy—charged with the rape of a Negro girl—has been ordered to stand trial at the September criminal term of Warren County Superior Court.

Clifton Alston, a Negro youth, was bound over for trial here next week on last Friday when he was given a hearing before Judge Julius Banzet in Warren County Recorder's Court. Banzet, after finding probable cause, ordered the boy held in jail here.

Alston is accused of raping Mary Louise Alston, a 17-year-old Negro girl, in an automobile in the Liberia community on the night of August 21.

He was arrested last Thursday night after his mother brought him to the Warrenton Police Station to surrender to officers, who had been conducting a search for him following issuance of a warrant.

Alston's hearing came during the regular session of Recorder's Court. Two other persons tried on Friday will also appear in Superior Court, following notice of appeal of (See BOY, page 4)

Some 31 defendants are scheduled to go on trial here next week during the September criminal term of Warren County Superior Court. Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg is expected to open the session at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Only one capital case has been placed on the docket for disposal during this term. Clifton Alston, 16-year-old Inez Negro youth, is scheduled to face trial Tuesday on a charge of rape.

Eight of the defendants expected to be called have been accused by the State of driving while drunk. Another five are charged with violating the state's liquor laws. Other cases range from interference with an officer to neglect of minor children.

Cases scheduled for trial on Tuesday include Charlie Edwards, interference with an officer and attempted assault; Ernest Ayscue, larceny; Robert Henry Dunston, drunk driving and speeding; Sterling Richardson; assault with a deadly weapon; Ervin Lynch, assault on a female and non-support; William Burley, manslaughter; Eugene Farrar, liquor; Ray Russell Roberts, drunk driving; Henry Dunston, two counts of liquor violations; Lucy Farrar, liquor; Beverly Hunter, non-support; James Seward, assault; James Alfred Fields, drunk driving; Charlie Lee - Alston, carnal knowledge; Leonard Davis, assault on a female; Everette Lee Bullock, assault with a (See COURT, page 4)

## Sale Of Snack Items May Bring Funds Cut

Warren County schools are threatened with the loss of a portion of approximately \$30,000 in state funds annually allocated for the school lunch program, Supt. J. R. Peeler said yesterday.

Peeler said that unless the sale of food and drink items—including ice cream—is stopped in schools with student cafeterias state funds would be sliced substantially.

A warning to school officials to abandon the practice of selling snack items to students during school hours was issued Wednesday by Mrs. Anne W. Maley, state supervisor of the school lunch program.

In a letter to school superintendents across the state, Mrs. Maley said that schools

which shared in school food funds provided by the state would have to cease selling "snack items of food and drink on-school premises during the school day." She said that schools which did not stop the sale of such items would be penalized by a one-cent reduction on each plate served in school cafeterias.

For Warren County schools, this could be a considerable amount, Peeler said. A cut ranging from 33 per cent to 10 per cent would be made in Warren County's share of state lunchroom funds if the practice is not stopped, he said. Currently state funds range from three cents per plate at John Graham High School to ten cents per plate (See FUNDS, page 4)

## Warrenton Leaf Market Opening Is Postponed

There will be no tobacco sold in Warrenton next week. The North Carolina Middle Belt Warehouse Association agreed Wednesday to postpone its first day of sales until Monday, Sept. 9. The markets on the belt had been scheduled to open next Tuesday.

The postponement was recommended by the Tobacco Committee at a meeting in Raleigh on Tuesday night. The delay was proposed because of a probable shortage of buyers and graders for the previously scheduled opening day because of the slow movement of tobacco on the Border Belt markets.

The Tobacco Advisory Committee also recommended the postponement of the opening day on the Old Belt until Sept. 23. It had been scheduled to be open Sept. 16.

Action on the new date recommended for the Old Belt is expected at a meeting in Danville, Va., Saturday. Walker Stone of Durham, president of the Middle Belt Warehouse Association, said warehousemen had approved the Sept. 9 opening date in a series of telephone calls Wednesday morning.

Stone predicted that with the delay the Middle Belt would have "better averages and better sales" than recorded on the Border Belt and Eastern Belt on opening days. "Tobacco with good quality will sell better than last year," he declared.

Markets on the Middle Belt are Durham, Aberdeen, Garthage, Fuquay Springs, Ellerbe, Henderson, Louisburg, Oxford, Sanford and Warrenton.

## Phone Books Are On Way

Delivery of a new telephone directory for the Warrenton and Norlina exchange is scheduled to begin next week, Howard Pitts, local Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. manager, announced yesterday.

Directories will contain new listings of all telephone customers on the exchange who will be affected by a mass number change which will become effective Sept. 8. Subscribers in this area will have their telephone dialing systems converted from four to seven digits.

In the new directory the exchanges of Louisville, Franklinton and Wake Forest have been included. The new exchanges will be contained in one book with Henderson, Norlina, Warrenton and Oxford.

"After Sept. 7, subscribers should throw away their old directories to eliminate the possibility of using numbers that have been changed," Pitts said.

## Danger Of Bats Is Stressed By Warren County Health Officials

A stern warning, directed primarily at Warren County children, was issued this week by county health officials in the wake of an outbreak of attacks by bats—at least three of which have been carriers of rabies—on children throughout the state.

A warning against playing with crippled bats or bats that appeared to be sick was issued by Dr. R. F. Young, county health director, after a bat was captured in Warrenton Monday and forwarded to the State Laboratory of Hygiene in Raleigh.

Dr. Martin Hines, a consultant with the State Health Department, has reported that the bat was one of a species called the red bat. This rodent usually winters farther south and in summer is solitary and roosts in trees, shrubs or near the ground.

While no person has reported being bitten or scratched by a bat in Warren County, health

officials are taking no chances in their efforts to ward off a possible case of human rabies. In addition to submitting the bat captured here to the state laboratory, health officials are busy trying to acquaint the citizenry with the danger of rabies, popularly thought to be carried almost exclusively by dogs. Lengthy anti-rabies inoculations, including 16 injections of duck embryo vaccine, are prescribed for each victim of a bat attack. This summer there have been ten reported cases of bats attacking children in North Carolina.

On July 20 a 1½-year-old girl from Rowan County was bitten on the palm of her hand while she was in the family car parked under a tree. An older sister pulled the bat from the child, threw it to the floorboard, and it was killed. The State Laboratory found that the bat, a red one, was infected with rabies. The child is receiving anti-rabies treatment.

On August 14 a bat was found in bed with a child in Forsythe County. There was a small mark on the child; and although examination of the bat revealed no rabies germs, the child is receiving vaccine.

A woman noticed a bat flying at the base of a tree in Durham on August 15, and she called the county dog warden. He captured the bat and submitted it to the State Laboratory. It was found to contain rabies germs.

The first identification of rabies in insectivorous bats in the United States occurred in 1953, when a yellow bat attacked and bit, without provocation, a seven-year-old Florida boy in daylight. Since that incident, rabies has been isolated from several hundred bats in 40 states. Isolations were made from 186 bats in 1961 and from 157 bats in 1962. The isolations were from 25 different species of bats.

Dr. Young said he was told that the State Laboratory has been besieged with live bats, dead bats, letters of inquiry, and telephone calls since the recent reports appeared in newspapers. "Since laboratory tests have shown a number of bats from dif-

## No Power

Warren County residents planning to be on time for church Sunday had better not put too much reliance in their electric clocks. Chances are, if they do, they'll arrive just as everybody else is leaving.

A recommendation that citizens not trust their electric clocks was made yesterday by C. P. Gaston, local Carolina Power and Light Co. manager, who said that power would be interrupted early Sunday morning.

Power is scheduled to be disrupted for one hour on Sunday for customers in Warrenton, Norlina, Littleton, Macon, Vaughn, Wise, Middleburg, Manson, Drewry and rural areas. Gaston said electric service would be interrupted from 5 a. m. until 6 a. m. Also scheduled to be without electric power at the same time will be REA customers in the same areas.

## Father Jailed On Charge

A Warrenton white man has been jailed here following his arrest on a charge of attempted rape of his 14-year-old daughter.

Harold Lynch, a resident of North Warrenton, was arrested at the home of his estranged wife near here Monday by Deputy Sheriff B. G. Stevenson. He was jailed here pending a hearing in Warren County Recorder's Court Friday.

Stevenson said that Lynch was arrested after his young daughter reported that her father had made advances toward her after asking her to come to his home, where he lives alone.

Stevenson said the girl ran from her father's house after her cries attracted neighbors, who came to the house. In a warrant issued on Monday, Lynch is accused of attempted rape on August 21.