

County Drought Sufferers May Get FHA Funds

Warren County has been designated as a disaster area for the purpose of Farmers Home Administration loans. Under the designation drought sufferers may borrow funds for the purchase of hay and feed grains for basic herds and for the operation of

their farms. Warren County was already among the 35 counties of the state declared disaster areas as the result of a severe and prolonged drought. Under this designation producers could buy hay and feed grains for foundation herds at reduced rates. Now such farmers may apply for loans to buy such supplies.

Notification that Warren County had been eligible for disaster loans was received Monday from Congressman L. H. Fountain. In his wire he did not say what other counties were included in the designation.

Applications for disaster loans are now being received at the local FHA office, James Elam, supervisor, said yesterday. Approval of the loans will follow the same procedure as in other FHA loans he said.

Elam said that this type loan is to supplement regular sources of agricultural credit and the applicant must show a definite connection between his need and drought or other causes. He said that the loans not only cover funds for the purchase of hay and feed grains for foundation herds but also funds for the production of crops and other necessary expenses.

Loans will not be approved after June 30, 1964, Elam said. He added that the interest charge would be 3% upon the balance due.



Looking like forgotten figures from a Great Depression, two members of a clown troupe parade along Warrenton's Main Street on Saturday. Occasion for the unusual garb and beaten umbrella was a Shriners' parade held during a light drizzle Saturday morning to acquaint Warrentonians with the work of Shriners with crippled children. (Staff Photo)



MRS. JESSIE E. HARRIS

Local Woman Writes Book

A Macon woman has joined a growing list of Warren County authors with the publication of a book—"Legends of Famous Trees."

Mrs. Jessie Eubank Harris, widow of Lemuel R. Harris of near Macon, has collected the histories, descriptions and stories of many famous trees and incorporated them into a book printed by Dorrance and Company of Philadelphia, Pa. Sale of the book began here this week.

Mrs. Harris is the third Warren County author to publish a book within the past two years. Others writing books were novelist Reynolds Price, a former Macon native, and Mrs. Frank H. Gibbs of Warrenton.

Mrs. Harris was born near Bethel, a community in Pitt County, but spent most of her childhood in Maysville. She later moved to Wilmington. She is a graduate of Washington Collegiate Institute, where she taught for several years. She also attended Columbia University and the University of North Carolina. Last year she taught in the Littleton High School.

She has served as an officer of the Woman's Club, the Home Demonstration Club, the PTA, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She has also taught a Sunday School class in the Macon Methodist Church for a number of years.



Warrenton Mayor W. A. Miles receives copies of new Girl Scout books during a presentation held here Tuesday. Warrenton troop members presented the books to the mayor to place in the Warren County Memorial Library. Distribution of books marked an

Three Warren Towns Will Share \$15,000 In Powell Bill Funds

Three Warren County towns will share in more than \$15,000 in Powell Bill funds made available for street improvements.

Allotment of \$4,808.84 to Warrenton, \$5,233.12 to Norlina, and \$5,008.27 to Littleton was announced this week by the State Highway Commission.

The funds are distributed annually by the State to qualified cities and towns for use in non-highway system street work within their corporate limits. Checks for the municipalities are expected to be received by October 1.

Powell Bill funds are based on a formula using the population and street mileage in the municipalities.

Total distribution of the funds by the State this year is \$8,078,232 to 420 municipalities. The figure represents an increase of \$437,524.08 over last year. In the 13 years of Powell Bill allocations, more than \$81 million has been distributed, and the number of participating municipalities has grown from 386 to 420.

History Makes News For School Patrons

History became news this week when Warren County school patrons voiced dissatisfaction over what they charged was an inadequate supply of textbooks and adopted a resolution calling for more books.

Members of the Graham-Macon-Boyd PTA voted Tuesday night to send the Warren County Board of Education a request that additional North Carolina history textbooks be made available for all seventh and eighth grade history students at Nathaniel Macon Junior High School.

Objections of parents were raised after students in both grades were told they would have to share a limited number of "North Carolina, History, Government, Geography," a text written several years ago by UNC professor Hugh T. Lefler. The sharing plan stemmed from a decision by state school authorities to shift the teaching of North Carolina history from the eighth grade level to the seventh.

Warren County school officials, advised of the change in February—when all history teachers and principals in the county were notified of the transition to take effect during the 1963-64 school year—were disturbed about what Supt. J. R. Peeler termed a "misunderstanding."

Peeler said Thursday that the State Division of Textbooks (See HISTORY, page 4) had agreed to supply more books.

Enrollment of all schools during the period covered was 6,108, compared with 6,198 in 1962-63—a drop of 90. Smaller enrollments in both the white and Negro elementary schools was responsible for the reduction. An increase was noted in white, Negro and Haliwa high schools.

Total enrollment figures show that 1697 white and 4,411 non-white children are enrolled in the schools. Among the non-whites are 347 Haliwas.

The 1697 white students enrolled during the first two weeks of 1963-64 compared with a total of 1681 for the same period last year. White high schools this year show an enrollment of 522, compared with 502 in 1962-63; in the elementary schools, the 1963-64 enrollment is 1,175, compared with 1,179 last year.

Robinson Case Is Continued

The special term of Warren County Superior Court, called Monday to hear an appeal by Virginia Electric and Power Company from damages awarded by a commission to Nannie P. Robinson and heirs of the late J. R. Robinson, adjourned on Wednesday afternoon. Judge Howard Hubbard of Clinton presided over the three-day term.

As a result of the hearing a tentative negotiated settlement was made but no definite figure was decided upon, according to attorneys for the Robinsons. The tentative settlement was made following the appearance of the eleventh witness for the Robinsons on Wednesday morning. Ten witnesses had appeared for the Robinsons previously. The power company put on no witnesses.

Following the report of a tentative agreement, Judge Hubbard ordered the case continued to the January term of Superior court, and instructed the attorneys to attempt to negotiate a firm settlement by that time.

Board Of Education To Map Strategy In Two-County Hassle

Members of the Warren County Board of Education will meet in a special session here Monday night to map strategy in a two-way tug of war between the Warren and Vance boards of education.

The two counties are currently caught in a dispute over whether a handful of pupils living in the western section of Warren County should attend school in Norlina or Middleburg.

The Warren board some months ago ruled that the pupils must attend Norlina High School, but after conferring with members of the Vance board, agreed to let the students already enrolled in Middleburg High School continue their schooling there. Under the new plan, students enrolling in the first grade after the resolution was passed would be required to attend Norlina High School.

However, last week the dispute grew hotter with a decision of the Vance board to send a bus into Warren County to pick up children attending Middleburg school—a decision contrary to a compromise agreement fostered by the Warren board.

Teachers Are Feted By Warrenton Lions Club On Saturday

Teachers of the John Graham High School, Mariam Boyd Elementary School and the Nathaniel Macon Junior High School were honored by the Warrenton Lions Club at a Junior Ladies' Night dinner at the Warrenton Country Club on Saturday night.

A. A. Wood, 1st vice president, presided in the absence of President Nat White, who was absent due to illness. Past President J. Howard Daniel was toastmaster.

The Rev. Milton Mann, minister of the Macon Methodist Church, was the principal speaker, and talked on "Drop-outs in School". Mr. Mann was introduced by W. R. Drake, J. Edward Rooker, past president, gave the invocation, and Lion Sam Warlick extended a welcome to the teachers and Lionesses. Members of the school faculty were recognized by Kenneth Brinson, principal of the John Graham High School.

Dinner music was provided by W. R. Drake, Hugh Holt and Shipp McCarroll, who also played for a dance which followed the dinner. A special musical program was presented by "The Villagers," a string quintette from Raleigh.

Warren Fair To Begin Monday



The Rev. John R. Link seems a sure bet to win at least one blue ribbon when the Warren County Fair opens here on Monday. The Warrenton Baptist minister is shown with a 110-pound pumpkin which he grew here this summer. Link, who has an assortment of mammoth vegetables in his back-yard garden, said the pumpkin was the largest he has seen in Warren County. (Staff Photo)

Lions Will Hold 25th Fall Event

The 25th annual Warren County agricultural fair is scheduled to get under way here on Monday.

J. B. Thompson, manager of the Lions-sponsored event, said the fair would begin its week-long run on Monday morning and continue through Saturday night, Sept. 28.

Thompson, in his first year as fair manager, said yesterday that this fair promised to be one of the best ever staged on the Warrenton Fairgrounds, located west of town on the Norlina Road. Assisting Thompson in the direction of the yearly fall spectacle will be W. Monroe Gardner.

Performing on the midway this season will be the Palmetto Exposition Shows. Dozens of tractor-trailers are expected to bring the carnival to town Sunday. Scores of rides, amusements and tent shows will crowd the midway as the Palmetto company returns to the local fairgrounds for the third straight year.

An outstanding event of the fair will be the two school days, Thompson said. Wednesday is white school day and Thursday has been set aside for the Negro school children of the county. On both days students will be admitted free and fairway rides will be lowered in price.

In an effort to promote the educational aspect of this year's fair, billed as the fair which puts "Warren County on Parade," the Warrenton Lions Club will offer a prize to the teacher conducting the largest number of pupils through the fair's exhibit hall on each school day.

Additional prizes worth an approximated \$200 will be given children during the two school days. A junior (See FAIR, page 4)

Giant Bird, Fish Draw Blame For Power Failure

A hungry bird and a fish combined to disrupt electrical power in the southeastern section of Warren County Sunday.

Linesmen were called to the scene of a power interruption at 12:30 p. m. Sunday. Between M. T. Harris' Store and Fishing Creek on NC Highway 43, they located the source of the failure.

A large bird, alleged to have been a hawk, an eagle, or an osprey, was found dead atop a power pole. Linesman discovered that the bird, which had a wingspan of 64 inches, had perched atop the pole to eat a 16-inch catfish it had clutched in its talons.

Repairmen said that apparently the fish contacted a 7,200 volt power line, resulting in the death of the bird and the loss of power.



Harold E. Lloyd of Norlina, left, and Raymond E. Eller of Norlina examine the cause of a power failure in Warren County on Sunday. The large bird the two men are holding was electrocuted when the catfish, held by Lloyd, held in the bird's grasp, struck a high-voltage line during a light rainfall. (Staff Photo)

Graham Grissom To Operate Cleaning Plant In Warrenton

Graham P. Grissom, operator of a dry cleaning plant at Norlina, has purchased Fashion Cleaners in Warrenton, a firm operated for a number of years by N. H. Clark.

Grissom announced this week that he retains both plants under his personal management, and that he would share supervisory of both plants on a daily basis.

"I am looking forward to an opportunity to serve my many Warrenton friends," Grissom said. He said he is prepared to receive cleaning and pressing orders at the present time, and added that he hopes planned improvements in the Warrenton plant could be carried out by the first of the year. Additional modern finishing equipment is expected to arrive within a month.

He said he planned to make no change in the operation of Grissom's Service Cleaners, a Norlina plant he has operated for the past 17 years.

Clark merged the operation of the old Harris & Gardner plant and Superior Cleaners, operated for many years by Herman May, into a single operation. However, he retained cleaning operations in buildings on Main and Macon Streets. Grissom said that he would continue to keep both plants here open for the present time.

Clark, a resident of Henderson, has announced no future business plans.