

Board Seeks Court Relief In Dispute

Vance Board Gets Deadline

The Warren County Board of Education Monday night moved its quarrel with the Vance County Board of Education nearer the courtroom when it voted to seek a court order which would send a handfull of Warren students to school at Norlina.

By a 3-1 vote the Warren Board of Education requested board attorney Frank Banzet to bring an action in the Superior Court to restrain Vance Superintendent J. C. Stabler and members of the Vance Board of Education from continuing the tutelage of those students residing in Warren County who are attending the schools of Vance County without release from the board of this (Warren) County.

Members of the Warren board moved toward a showdown with the Vance board on the question of where nine or ten Warren students currently attending Middleburg High School would continue their education. Board members Sam Massey, Ed Harvey and Robert Gupton voted to seek the restraining order, while Boyd Mayfield went on record as opposing the move which might eventually allow the dispute to be settled in court.

While the board voted to seek relief from the court, members agreed to withhold service of process until September 30 to give the Vance board "an opportunity to restore these children to the school or schools to which they have been assigned by proper authority."

Action taken at the special meeting held here Monday night appeared to move the Warren board's position back to its initial stand, when it ruled several months ago that the Warren pupils must attend Norlina High School.

However, after conferences with patrons of both schools and with members of the Vance board, the Warren Board of Education had agreed to alter its initial decision.

The revised proposal of the Warren Board, adopted last month, would have allowed pupils who had previously attended Middleburg High School to continue to attend the Middleburg school. However, students enrolling in the first grade after the resolution was passed would be required to attend Norlina High School.

Warren board members attached a proviso that no Vance buses operate in Warren County for the purpose of transporting Warren students to the Middleburg school. The resolution was forwarded to Vance County officials for action.

Two weeks ago the Warren board was informed that Vance Supt. J. C. Stabler requested permission to operate a bus in the county, but no mention was made of transporting Warren pupils. The Warren board, contending that there was no legitimate reason for operating the bus if Warren pupils were not involved, failed to change their stand.

On Sept. 12 Warren Supt. J. R. Peeler received a letter from Stabler saying that the Vance Board had voted to defy the wishes of the Warren (See BOARD, page 4)

American Legion Auxiliary To Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit No. 23, will meet on Thursday, October 3, at 8 p. m., at the home of Mrs. C. M. Bullock. Mrs. Leonard Daniel, Mrs. Edward Hunter and Mrs. J. T. Ellington will be the assistant hostesses. The program will be on the subject, "Education and Scholarships." All members are urged to attend.



As Fair Manager J. B. Thompson looks on, a sale of an item hand made by the blind is sold. The booth displays the variety of articles made by blind persons from throughout the state. Articles are sold for benefit of the blind during the 25th annual Warren County Fair. (Staff Photo)

Warrenton Tobacco Mart Gets Holiday

Warrenton, along with the other tobacco markets in the Carolinas and Virginia, will have its second sales holiday of the season on Friday, Oct. 4. The first holiday was held on Wednesday.

Agreement to close these two days was reached Sunday by the Bright Belt Warehouse Association sales committee in a continued effort to ease congestion at redrying plants.

The recommendation to close the markets was made by the industry-wide Tobacco Advisory Committee and was approved by the sales committee only after lengthy debate. The original request for

Swine Referendum Will Be Held Here Tuesday

The North Carolina Swine Referendum will be held next Tuesday, Oct. 1. The one and only polling place in Warren County will be located in the front hall of the county agricultural building in Warrenton. The polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 5 p. m.

Swine growers of Warren County and the state will cast their ballots to determine whether or not an assessment of 5c per head shall be levied for all hogs sold for slaughter through auction markets, but will not include hogs selling for less than \$10.00 per head.

The Warren County Swine Referendum Committee is composed of L. A. Fowler, chairman; Boyd M. Reams, secretary; C. P. Pope, E. C. Robertson, and Frank Perkinson.

Frank Reams, county agricultural agent, this week submitted a list of questions and answers concerning the referendum, and urged Warren County swine growers to vote for the program. The questions and answers follow:

1. Who is eligible to vote in the referendum?
Farmers who sell hogs for slaughter and all other persons who receive income from such sales.

2. If several members of the same family participate in the production of hogs for slaughter, who will vote?
Everyone who shares in the proceeds from the sale of hogs for slaughter may vote.

3. What number of votes in favor of this referendum shall be required to carry it?
Two-thirds of the votes cast.

4. What is the referendum?
The law declares it is in the public interest that farm-

SBI, Police Fail To Nab Gang Leader

The State Bureau of Investigation made a water haul here Wednesday night when well laid plans for the apprehension of a gang of thieves went awry when a trap was sprung too soon.

A great deal of mystery surrounds the operation, including the exact number of SBI agents here, thought to be around half a dozen, the names of the two men arrested at Hawkins school, and the most wanted man who made his escape. The officers came into town quietly, set the trap, and after it was sprung as quietly departed.

From what can be learned, the SBI agents were tipped off that a gang planned to rob the John R. Hawkins High School. Why the high school has not been explained.

Arriving in Warrenton the agents contacted Warrenton police and a member of the State Highway Patrol. Agents and police surrounded the school and the State Trooper stood by in case they should try to escape in an automobile.

Around 10 o'clock the three Negro men composing the gang approached the school and disappeared within the shadows of the building. After waiting about 15 minutes for the men to enter the building, the officers closed in. But they were too quick, the men had not yet entered the building. The officers grabbed two of the men, but the most wanted man eluded their grasps and fled. Bloodhounds brought to the scene followed the trail of the fleeing man for a short distance before losing it.

The agents not only missed their most wanted man, but they found themselves with two prisoners whom they could not hold as the crime of entering the school building had not been committed.

Warren Couple Fed On 50th Anniversary

The Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday afternoon from two to five o'clock in their home at Warren Plains.

Guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Brickhouse, Jr., of Sanford and Mrs. Tommy Johnson of Red Springs registered guests.

Receiving were Mrs. R. R. Hershey of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Cecil Shore and Mrs. Ralph B. Shore, Jr., of Greensboro, daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. Brickhouse. In the gift room were the Rev. and Mrs. Ellis Davenport of Columbia, sister and brother-in-law of Mr. Brickhouse.

Pouring punch in the dining room were Mrs. Manley Fulcher of Woodland and Mrs. Wade Brannon of Dunn, sisters of Mrs. Brickhouse. The punch table was covered with a gold linen cloth and bore an arrangement of yellow glads and mums, flanked by burning tapers. The gift table also held an arrangement of yellow and gold flowers, as did the entire home.

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Voters To Determine Fate Of Bond Issue



Rides at the annual Warren County Fair, scheduled to be dismantled Monday after a week-long run, were idle Tuesday afternoon as attendance dipped at the fair. But by Wednesday the rides were in operation as hundreds of Warren school children set a new attendance record. (Staff Photo)

\$110,000 Asked For Plant Here

Voters of the Town of Warrenton will go to the polls next Tuesday, Oct. 1, to decide the fate of a \$110,000 bond issue.

Proceeds from the bond issue, if passed, will be used with a \$97,000 federal grant, to finance the improvement and enlargement of the sanitary sewer system of the town by the construction of a plant for the treatment and disposal of sewage, including the installation of a pumping station and force main, together with the acquisition of necessary land and machinery for the plant's operation.

The polling place for the election will be the usual polling place in the Town of Warrenton, namely the Fire Station in the Town Hall. The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

Mrs. Mary E. Grant is registrar for the election, and Zenobia Lancaster and W. L. Riggan are judges of election.

The registration books which have been opened for the past two Saturdays for the registration of new voters, will be open Saturday (tomorrow) from 9 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p. m. Town officials say they expect no increase in the town tax rate should the bond issue be passed. Several months ago the town commissioners put into effect a sewer tax and boosted the water rate in preparation for the construction of a sewage treatment and disposal plant here. Funds from this source are expected to be sufficient to pay the interest on and retire the bond.

Funds from the sale of bonds will be used with a federal grant to construct the plant, to be located near Fishing Creek. Also to be constructed is a pumping station and force main in the eastern part of the town and force it into the mains leading to the treatment plant.

Decision to build a sewage treatment plant was taken several months ago after the town authorities had been notified by the State Stream and Sanitation Commission that the town must cease to dump raw sewage into Fishing Creek. The board immediately took steps to put the town in a position to obtain a federal grant. This grant was given with the understanding that the plant must be 51% completed by Nov. 19, 1964.

This clause in the grant, town officials point out, give voters little choice about supporting the bond issue. Should the bond issue be defeated, the commissioners have said, the plant will be built by the State Stream and Sanitation Commission and the cost will be charged to the town.

"A favorable vote for the bond issue," Mayor W. A. Miles said yesterday, "will mean a \$97,000 tax saving to the taxpayers of the Town of Warrenton."

Circus Scheduled

Beers-Barnes Circus will appear at the Norlina school athletic field on Saturday, Sept. 30, for one show only, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Sponsored by the VFW, Post 4006, of Norlina, the circus will feature 25 acts, including trained seals, dogs, lions, elephants, griffins, horses, and trapeze acts. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children. Proceeds from the circus will be used for the VFW building fund.

Pupils Help Smash Attendance Record At Warren Co. Fair

Attendance at the 25th annual Warren County Fair reached an all-time high Wednesday when hundreds of school children swarmed onto the fairgrounds during the first two school days.

The record number of school children offset low attendance registered during the first two days of the agricultural fair, which opened for a week's run on Monday.

Fair Manager J. B. Thompson said members of the Warrenton Lions Club, sponsors of the fall event, blamed cool weather for the small crowds on Monday and Tuesday night. By Wednesday night Lions were expressing optimism that attendance would approach that of last year before the fair ends Saturday night.

Wednesday three Warren County school children walked away with more than \$200 in prizes. Mikel Wimbrow of Norlina won top prize—a new bicycle, while Barry Howard Adams was winner of a radio and Susie Ann Bender was the recipient of a basketball and goal.

The number of persons visiting the exhibit hall has been high, Thompson said. More than \$2,000 in premiums were awarded Tuesday during judging.

Performing on the midway are Palmetto Exposition Shows and the midway is crowded with what Thompson (See FAIR, page 4)

Eighteen Cases Are Disposed Of Friday

Eighteen cases were disposed of by Judge Julius Banzet and Solicitor Charles M. White, III, in Recorder's Court last Friday with nine of the eighteen cases concerned with violations of the motor vehicle laws.

William Roger Ball, in court on a liquor charge, was fined \$25.00 and taxed with court costs.

Ossie Lynch, who pled guilty to an assault charge, was given a 60-days road sentence. The sentence was suspended for two years upon condition that the defendant not violate any criminal laws of the state for two years, keep the peace toward all persons, especially Dollie Lynch, and pay court costs.

The State took a nol pros in the case of James Turner, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

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Johnnie Wesley Wyche, found guilty of assault, was sent to the roads for six months.

Martin L. Vaughan was in court charged with violation of G. S. 105-236 (9). Prayer for judgment was continued until October 25, 1963, upon condition that all sales tax reports due to be filed with N. C. Dept. of Revenue from Nov. 1962, through June,

1963, be filed and all taxes due the Revenue Dept. be paid by Oct. 25, and that he pay court costs.

James Palmer Terry pled guilty to a charge of non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon condition of the defendant remain of good behavior for two years, not to engage in any gambling for two years, and pay a fine of \$50.00 and court costs.

Claudine Shearin, charged with non-support, entered a plea of nolo contendere. Judgment of the court was that the defendant pay court costs.

Wilbur Leon Terry, found guilty of reckless driving, was fined \$25.00 and taxed with court costs.

William Byron Ellington pled guilty to allowing an (See COURT, page 4)

School Study Planned To Head Off Loss Of Accreditation

A study to determine what steps must be taken to prevent several Warren County high schools from losing their accreditation was authorized Monday night by the Warren County Board of Education.

An effort to find ways to meet minimum standards for accreditation in the county high schools will be begun here shortly by Assistant Supt. J. Comer Griffin. Board members approved the study after being told by Supt. J. R. Peeler that state standards for accreditation were raised last year and that Warren schools would have "about two years" in which to meet

the standards. Not only do the higher standards affect the county's high schools, but new standards must be met in the elementary schools, Peeler said. Currently the Haliwa High School is the only high school in the county not accredited. White elementary schools are accredited, but no Negro school in the county has been able to meet the state standards.

Peeler said that in some cases the county would probably be forced to hire extra teachers to meet higher standards. Primarily, however, the lack of accreditation is

due to inadequate physical facilities.

"We should have two accredited Negro elementary schools by next year with completion of Northside and South Warren elementary schools," Peeler said.

In the high schools, Peeler pointed to several areas where efforts must be made to meet minimum standards. Areas where revised standards are not being met include:

—A pupil-teacher ration of not more than 28-1.
—Class groups not in excess of 35 pupils in academic courses.
—A non-teaching principal

in schools employing 15 or more teachers.

—A full-time librarian when the enrollment is 351 to 1,000 and a part-time librarian devoting at least one-third of the school day to library services when the enrollment is less than 350. (At present, only Hawkins and North Warren High Schools meet this standard.)

—A central library, attractively furnished with adequate and appropriate library and equipment, with a reading room with floor space to accommodate 10 per cent of the enrollment.
Peeler said the latter pro-

vision would be hard to meet. "We don't have enough space in any school for a central library," he said.

In other action taken Monday night, the board agreed to approve the hiring of an elementary teacher for Norlina, provided funds could be found.

Board members voted to release Jerry Pendergrass, Debbie Pendergrass, Ricky Abbott and Judy Abbott to attend Aycoveck School in Vance County. Members also approved Connie E. Dean's request to enter Afton-Eiberson school.