

Second SBI Agent Enters Probe Of Gilliland Slaying

A second agent of the State Bureau of Investigation has been assigned to assist local law enforcement officers probing the pistol slaying of Warrenton attorney James D. Gilliland.

Air Strip Is Planned For Lake

Gaston Lake is to have its first air strip. Oliver S. Davis, who owns some three and a half miles of shore line on the lake in Warren County and in Virginia, told the county commissioners that he is constructing a 2600 foot air strip on his property at the request of a number of persons who have indicated interest in buying shore lots from him.

Davis had appeared before the board to request that the commissioners use their efforts to have the hardsurfaced road running from Wise to Oakville extended to Five Forks. He said that due to the opening of Gaston Lake traffic had greatly increased over this dirt road, which is also traveled by school buses and a mail carrier.

The commissioners suggested that the Highway Commission be requested to make a traffic count on this road when lake activities reopen in the spring. They said they felt that such a count would improve chances of having the road blacktopped.

In other action, the commissioners ordered that the Court House be closed on Veterans Day, November 11, and on Thanksgiving Day, November 28.

A. P. Rodwell, Jr., Tax Collector, reported taxes collected to date in the amount of \$146,712.97. Of this amount \$96,552.63 was collected in October.

Opposition Lacking At Public Hearing; Change Is Approved

No one appeared at a public hearing advertised for 3 p. m. Monday by the board of county commissioners to protest a change in the classification of zoned property on Gaston Lake and the board ordered the change recommended by the Warren County Planning Board be put into effect.

The 43-year-old lawyer and businessman was shot to death in a weathered shack near Macon on the night of Oct. 28.

His wife, Mrs. Barbara Strieks Gilliland, 34, was charged with first degree murder in the slaying, but was released last Friday on \$5,000 bond. Bond was permitted after Assistant District Solicitor Charles M. White, III, agreed to Mrs. Gilliland's release.

Court officials were uncertain Thursday when a hearing for Mrs. Gilliland would be held. The hearing had previously been scheduled before Judge Julius E. Banzet in Warren County Recorder's Court, but was postponed when bond for Mrs. Gilliland was set.

"The main purpose of the hearing was to determine if Mrs. Gilliland would be released under bond," White said yesterday. "Now that she has been released, the date of the hearing is uncertain."

Gilliland died from a single pistol wound of the throat. An autopsy performed in Chapel Hill on the day following his death determined that his death was caused by a .22 caliber bullet buried in Gilliland's neck.

Two guns were found at the scene, but a ballistic test performed by the SBI has failed to determine if the death bullet was fired from one of the guns found at the shack.

Officers spent more than a day this week at Gilliland's second-floor office on West Market Street in an effort to uncover information which could aid investigation. Authorities were expected to attempt to open Gilliland's office safe and bank safe deposit box late Thursday.

Commissioners Name Hospital Trustees For Six-Year Term

The number of members required for the board of trustees of Warren General Hospital was changed on Monday when Commissioner Robert Thorne asked that the wording of a resolution adopted by the Board on May 3, 1948, be changed to read "not more than 15 members," instead of "15 members."

It was also ordered by the board that the following be appointed as trustees to the hospital for a term of six years: John Kerr, Jr., H. W. Holt, W. E. Turner, Amos L. Capps, R. H. Bright, R. L. Traylor, R. R. Davis, R. C. Mitchell, James H. Limer and H. Evans Coleman.

Dr. Robert S. Young, Warren County Health Officer, appeared before the board at the afternoon session to review the work of his department. He particularly stressed the value of the pre-natal clinics being held at the Health Center by residents of Duke Hospital. He said that the Federal Government had passed a bill providing 75 per cent of the cost of caring for complicated cases of pregnancy. He said that he estimates that \$1,000 would take care of such cases in Warren and asked that the board appropriate \$250 for this purpose during the last half of the fiscal year.

Dr. Young said that medical science has discovered a way to determine whether or not a certain form of retardation could be expected in the child by pre-natal tests, and the condition remedied by certain treatment. He estimated the cost of caring for a retarded child at \$50,000.



DREWRY FIREMEN STAND BESIDE RECENTLY ACQUIRED FIRE TRUCKS

Drewry Community Club Gets Top County Honor

Drewry's community development club has won top honors in Warren County competition and will represent the county in district competition sponsored by the Capital Area Development Association.

Drewry will compete against top communities from Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Vance and Wake Counties for the annual CADA award. District judging will be held on Tuesday and awards will be announced at the annual CADA banquet at the College Union Building at N. C. State in Raleigh on November 20.

Arcola's community club finished in second spot in county judging, while Inez finished third and Epworth-Enterprise, fourth. Judges for the county contest were Mrs. Lydia Booth, home economics extension agent of Nash County; J. W. Sanders,

Hendersoh; and Fred Manley, district supervisor of vocational agriculture teachers.

During the past year Drewry's club has purchased and remodelled the old Drewry school building. The community now has a community building with large meeting room and recreation room and houses two fire trucks acquired this year.

Club officers are Wilson Fleming, president; W. A. Pulley, vice-president; Mrs. Eugene Wilson, secretary; C. B. Curtis, Jr., treasurer; and Mrs. Ellis Fleming reporter. The building committee is composed of Ellis E. Fleming, C. B. Curtis, Jr., J. Wilson Fleming, W. Alvis Pulley and Vernon N. Whitmore.

Returns Home Mr. F. B. Newell returned home this week after spending several weeks in Veterans Hospital, Durham.

Mayflower Club To Represent County In CADA Contest

Mayflower Community will represent Warren County in the Capital Area Community Development competition on November 18.

Mayflower has represented the county for the past four years and has taken top honors in the Capital Area for three consecutive years. The community was named 1963 county winner after edging Vaughan, Snow Hill, and Russell Union in the county eliminations.

Sixteen communities are participating in the CADA program—a continuing program for the cooperation of individuals and groups working for the good of the community.

Mayflower, using as its theme, "The Development of People," has involved all of its 34 non-white, two Indian and one white families in the community development program. It has launched projects from picking cotton to selling milk, increasing Sunday School attendance, as well as providing for the community widows.

Community leaders take pride in telling how community development has helped the young people to shoulder responsibility, and the older citizens to build a better community. They say three new homes were built using Warren County sources of recommended credit and by doing so, three families saved over \$8,000. They said they were almost swindled on a "fly-by-night housing deal," but com- (See WINNERS, page 3)

Citizen Condemns Health, Welfare Depts., Hospital

A Warrenton man Monday advocated that not only the Warren County Welfare Department be abolished, but that the Health Department and the Hospital be closed in order to give relief to taxpayers.

W. Faulk Alston, appearing before the board of county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday to ask that an outside person be employed to check the operation of the Welfare Department, told the commissioners that he thought they might as well close the Department, the Hospital and the Health Department. He suggested that welfare cases be taken

care of in a county home. Alston said that there are a number of people on the welfare rolls that should not be on them. He said that if a person were employed to check this list behind welfare officials that he would save the county thousands of dollars. He would, Alston said, save many times his salary.

In reply to a question by Chairman Capps as to whether he had appeared before the Welfare Board as he had been invited to do, Alston said that he was out of town at the time of the meeting. Alston's stay was brief. The commissioners took no action upon his request.

North Warren High School Has Contrast In Personnel, Plant

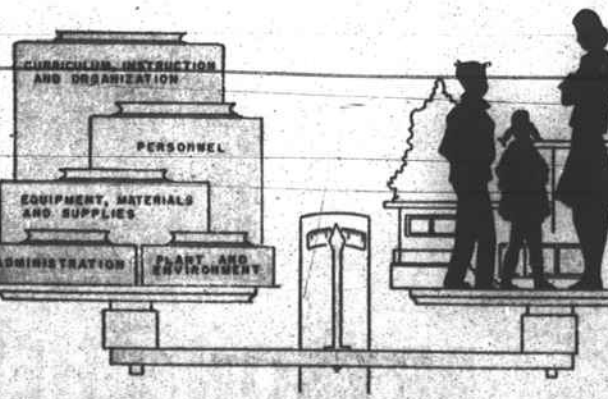
School officials studying North Warren High School in an effort to bring Warren County's five high schools in line with higher state standards for accreditation are taking a long look at North Warren's physical plant.

It is here that most work must be done if the school is to meet minimum standards established by the State Department of Public Instruction when the school is put to a test in two years.

Currently North Warren pupils attend school in a relatively up-to-date school—provided they remain in the main school building. In the adjoining building they encounter the substandard conditions which Warren officials must alleviate before the school meets accreditation standards two years from now.

The school's gymnasium windows rattle during a strong wind; in several rooms a single light bulb, suspended from the ceiling, furnishes the only light. Pot-bellied stoves are still used.

Fourth In A Series: North Warren High



While the physical facilities sound a negative note, school officials are confident the school's personnel would pass any accreditation test.

North Warren is the only school in the county with a full-time librarian and a full-time guidance counselor. Ranging from adequate personnel to inadequate physical facilities are a number of

areas where improvements must be made if the school is to retain an accredited status. Among the standards which cause maximum concern at North Warren are:

—The school has developed for each subject in its curriculum written course outlines in which objectives are stated. (See SCHOOLS, page 2)

Integration Of Warren Schools Object Of Suit

Industrial Tax Vote To Be Held

Warren County citizens will be given an opportunity to express their wishes in regard to the levying of a special tax for industrial development of the county at an election to be held in the early part of 1964.

Whether the referendum will be held at the special election to amend the Constitution in January or in the May primary was not determined by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday.

Following the appearance of representatives of the Bute Development Company asking that the voters be given an opportunity to express their views on a 5c levy for industrial development of the county, the commissioners agreed to call for a referendum at the time of another election.

Local Parade Will Be Focal Point Of Nov. 11 Holiday

Scores of Warren citizens will turn the spotlight on Veterans Day Monday during a parade scheduled to get underway here at 2 p. m.

Soldiers, civic club members and school children will participate in the parade, slated to move along Warrenton's Main Street from South Warrenton to the John Graham High School.

Parade Chairman Bill Neal, a member of Limer Post No. 25 of the American Legion, sponsors of the event, said that a contingent of National Guardsmen, Boy Scouts, school organizations, members of the Norfolk Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, members of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Warrenton Rural Fire Department will take part in the parade.

Neal said that band music would be furnished by a sound car and that several floats would be included in the procession.

Services At Ridgeway Communion services will be observed at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway, on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. James M. Stoney, rector, announced yesterday.

Injunction Sought By Negroes

The parents of 53 Negro children living in Warren County have filed a suit in Federal court asking that the Warren County Board of Education be directed to present a plan calling for desegregation of all schools in the county this school year.

They asked that the court issue a temporary and permanent injunction to enjoin the board and J. R. Peeler, superintendent of schools, from operating the schools on a segregated basis.

Peeler said Thursday that he had received no official notice of a suit being filed in U. S. Eastern District Court in Raleigh against the board and the superintendent.

"I am at a complete loss to understand why a case would be filed against us in a district Federal court," Peeler said. "I know only what I have read in The News and Observer." (The Raleigh newspaper carried the story in its Wednesday edition. Since then Peeler said he has been unable to gain additional information concerning the suit.)

Race Signs To Be Taken Down In Courthouse Here

Signs designating race will be removed from public toilets in the courthouse here Monday.

Action of the board came after a delegation of Negroes representing the local chapter of the NAACP appeared to protest the discriminatory practice and to ask that the signs "white" and "colored" be removed and the toilets be designated "Men" and "Ladies."

Spokesmen for the group of Negroes was T. T. Clayton, Warrenton Negro attorney. Others in the group were Ernest Turner, Mrs. Robert Ransom, Hinton Jones, Melvin Tunstall and James Bullock. The group composed the committee appointed by NAACP officials at a county-wide meeting in the courthouse Sunday when some 400 persons were present.

Mrs. Ransom told the commissioners that it is not believed that the removal of the signs would cause much change in the actual use of the rest rooms, but that the signs were discriminatory and objectionable to members of her race.

During the discussion it was brought out that the condition of the outside toilet used by Negro men was deplorable. It is usually filthy and contains a large number of empty bottles as a result of being used as a drinking place. Clerk of Court Joe Ellis, custodian of the court house, said that in addition to bottles and filth that often toilets and other fixtures were damaged. This was blamed on drunks.

Later in the day the commissioners inspected the toilets and said that the Negro women's toilet was in good condition, but brought back empty bottles from the toilet of the Negro men. The court house janitor was called in and testified that he had cleaned up the toilet that morning at which time he had removed all bottles.

The suit contends that the Warren board: (1) Makes assignment of principals, teachers and other personnel on the basis of race and color, and (2) distributes school funds on a racially segregated basis.

The suit noted that a petition was drafted Aug. 1 and presented to the board urging that it "cease operating the Warren County schools on a racial basis." The petition was presented to the board during August.

"No reply to the petition has been received," the suit states, "nor has any action been taken to eliminate discrimination in the operation of the school system."

Peeler said yesterday that "school law specifically states that 'the administrative remedies provided under the North Carolina Assignment and Enrollment of Pupil Acts must be exhausted before the courts of the United States will grant injunctive relief and such rights must be asserted as individuals, not as a class or group.'"

Peeler said that only one Negro parent has requested that his child be assigned to a white school.

"His application was duly considered, denied on sound reasons, the parents were so notified and no appeal made," Peeler said. "No other Negro patron has requested the board of education to reassign his child to a white school."

Peeler said that the board had received "several petitions requesting that immediate steps be taken to operate the Warren County schools on an integrated basis. One of these petitions was filed with the board in August. The board considered the petition and deemed that no action could be taken at that time."

The August petition, signed (See INJUNCTION, page 2)