

Community Christmas Cantata Set Sunday

A 58-voice choir, under the direction of the Rev. Milton T. Mann of Macon, will present a community Christmas Cantata in a formal service of worship at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Sunday, December 22, at 7:45 p. m.

The cantata, "Born A King," by John Peterson, is a very melodic and lovely cantata and has been in preparation since October. Mr. Mann said yesterday. The Warren Community Union Christmas Cantata Choir is composed of representatives of six churches of the Warren Community, and is assisted by Mrs. Mon-

roe Gardner, organist; Mrs. Leonard Daniel, pianist; and J. E. Rooker, narrator.

"The public is cordially invited to attend this inspirational and meaningful Christmas service of song and praise," Mr. Mann said. A nursery will be provided for families with small children.

Warren Man Given Suspended Sentence For Timber Theft

A Warren County man drew a 60-day suspended sentence Friday for illegally cutting timber.

Judge Julius E. Banzet passed sentence in Warren County Recorder's Court after hearing evidence that Eddie Green had cut down trees on land not belonging to the defendant. Green, charged with larceny, was ordered not to trespass upon the lands of the S. D. King estate for two years and to pay the estate \$10 for trees cut as conditions for suspended sentence. He was further ordered to pay costs of court.

In other cases disposed of during Friday's brief session, the following action was taken:

Harold Johnson Faulkner, no operator's license, improper registration and failure to stop after accident, 60-day road sentence, suspended one year upon condition he pay \$50 in to the office of the Clerk of Superior Court and \$50 fine for the use of Mrs. Narcissus Medlin to reimburse her for damages done to her auto by defendant. He was also charged with costs of court.

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Discount Program Is Continued

The flue-cured tobacco discount variety program will be continued in effect for the 1964 crop. T. E. Watson, Office Manager for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, reminded tobacco growers this week.

Under this program, price supports for discount varieties are one-half the support rates of comparable grades of acceptable varieties. The discount varieties include Coker 139, Coker 140, Coker 316, Reams 64 and Dixie Bright 244. Any mixture or strain of these seed varieties, or any breeding line of flue-cured varieties, including 187 Golden Wilt, also designated as No Name, XYZ, Mortgage Lifter, Super XYZ, having the quality and chemical characteristics of the five varieties will be designated as discount varieties.

Watson urged every grower to obtain his tobacco seed from reliable sources. By doing this, he said, he will be protected against the planting of mixed or inferior seed. "As in past years tobacco will be checked while it is growing in the field. Any tobacco having growth characteristics and chemical properties similar to discount variety will be supported at one-half the support rate for acceptable varieties. So it is most important that each farmer be sure of the variety of tobacco he plants."

Warrenton Native Wins Promotion By Richmond, Va. Bank

The Southern Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, Va., has announced the promotion of Peter G. Seaman, Jr., to Assistant Trust Officer at a recent meeting of the bank's board of directors.

Seaman, a native of Warrenton, N. C., is a graduate of Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va., and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. He also attended the School of Law and studied as a special student in the School of Business Administration at the University of North Carolina.

Episcopal Services Listed By Rector

Christmas week services for the three Episcopal churches of the area were announced yesterday by the Rev. James M. Stoney, Jr., rector. The services include:

Evening Prayer at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway, on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A Christmas party at Emmanuel Church on Sunday at 4 p. m.

A midnight communion service at Emmanuel Church on December 24, beginning at 11:30 p. m., and a Christmas service on December 25, at 11 a. m.

A Christmas Eve service at All Saints Church, December 24, at 9:30 p. m.



Volunteer firemen battle flames in sub-freezing weather shortly after 2 a. m. Sunday. The frame dwelling, located a half-mile north of the Warrenton town limits, was engulfed in flame when members of the Warrenton Rural Fire De-

partment were summoned. Owned by Sadie Kersey and occupied by her father, the house was falling in when the firemen arrived and was soon leveled by flames. Origin of the fire was undetermined. (Staff Photo)

School Bus, Train Collision Averted

A collision between a Warren County school bus and a speeding train was narrowly averted near here Tuesday, the State Highway Patrol was told this week.

State troopers said a Negro bus returning approximately 20 North Warren High School pupils to their homes Tuesday afternoon was almost struck by the train in the Warren Plains community.

The train's engineer, who was not identified, told patrol officials in Raleigh that he locked his brakes and threw the train into reverse as the school bus edged near the tracks. He said he thought

there would be a collision but that the bus stopped just short of the tracks.

A witness, Mrs. Jack Shearin, said the bus stopped approximately a yard from the tracks as the westbound train passed. The driver of the bus, Jerry Bell, gave state troopers a similar account.

AA To Hold Meeting

A meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in the Warrenton Baptist Church on Monday night, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock. An open meeting will be held and the public is invited to attend. An out-of-town speaker will be present.

JGHS Team Invited To Play In Holiday Event At Nashville

Warrenton's Yellow Jackets, unbeaten in five starts this season, have been selected as one of four teams to participate in a Holiday Invitational Doubleheader to be held in the George I. Womble Gymnasium in Nashville Dec. 27 and Dec. 28.

Tickets for the event, which will pit Warrenton against Nashville on the first night of the event, went on sale here this week. Warrenton will meet Spring Hope on the second night of the post-Christmas twinbill. Wakelon is the fourth team in the double bill.

John Graham Principal Kenneth Brinson said yesterday that both student and adult tickets were on sale here. Students may purchase tickets through Monday morning for 50c. Brinson said, and adult tickets are being sold for 75c.

All tickets sold in Nashville, both for children and adults, will sell for 75c, with profits from the event being shared by the participating clubs. Brinson said that tickets purchased here before Monday would assure the purchaser of a seat in the event of a sellout.

A special section has been reserved for Warrenton fans in the Nashville gym, which has a seating capacity of approximately 1,800. Tickets are on sale locally at Sanitary Barber Shop and Boyd-Boyce Motor Company.

On Dec. 27, Spring Hope will meet Wakelon at 7:30 p. m., while Warrenton and Nashville will tap off their contest at 9 p. m. The following night Warrenton and Spring Hope meet in a 7:30 affair, while Nashville and Wakelon meet in the nightcap.

Norlina Quintet Puts Unbeaten Mark On Line Against Aycock

An undefeated Norlina quintet scored a 47-43 cage triumph over William R. Davie Tuesday night to run its Halifax-Warren Conference record to 4-0 Tuesday night, and their hardwood mates scored their first victory of the season by downing the Davie lassies, 26-19.

In the nightcap played on the Norlina court, John Allen, Johnny Mayfield and Buck Wiggins provided the scoring punch for Boy Price's squad which downed the visitors for the second time this year. Allen netted 13 for the Waves, while Mayfield and Wiggins each collected 11. Center Billy Watson of Davie took scoring honors with 25 points, while teammate Larry Phillips collected 10.

In the opening game Kay Floyd, with nine points, and Judy Ellington, with eight, broke the Waves' four-game losing skid by overtaking Davie in the third quarter and staying in front for the remainder of the contest.

Last Friday night Norlina defeated cross-county rival

Warrenton Cagers Take Fifth Twinbill; At Littleton Tonight

Warrenton's basketball teams won their fifth twinbill of the season Tuesday night as both the boys' and girls' squads gained easy wins over Aurelian Springs' cage clubs. The Jackettes coasted to a 24-10 triumph and the Yellow Jackets rolled to a 46-35 win.

Warrenton held the Aurelian Springs lassies scoreless in the first quarter and allowed them only one point during the first half as they built up a 10-1 halftime advantage. Knox Polk led the way for the victors with eight points, while running mate Gayle Fleming netted seven.

In the nightcap, Aurelian Springs made the going rough for the first quarter, but playmaker Wayne Gibson, who had 14 points for the night, ran into early foul trouble and sat out a portion of the contest before fouling out in the final frame.

Bid Of \$158,200 Is Submitted For Treatment Plant

Novel About Warren Co. Put On Sale

An award winning book by Manly Wade Wellman, "Settlement on Shocco: Adventures in Colonial Carolina," for young readers nine, to thirteen, was published Saturday by John F. Blair, Publisher, of Winston-Salem.

"Settlement on Shocco" is fiction based on the facts of regional history and has won the literary award sponsored by the Carolina Chapter Tercentenary Commission for prose fiction dealing with North Carolina history prior to the American Revolution.

The story begins a little over two hundred years ago in what is now the southern part of Warren County, North Carolina, when a frontier family followed an Indian trail through the wilderness to Shocco Creek and there made a home for themselves.

By 1763 this family along with other settlers found it necessary to form counties, courts, county offices, and militia to protect themselves from exorbitant taxes, Lord Granville's unscrupulous rent collectors, dishonest land dealings, and Indian War. They were proud colonists who realized that their years of labor spent in building the frontier were endangered by King George's tyranny, and that they must soon assert themselves to be free from his oppression.

Manly Wade Wellman was born in the Portuguese West African colony of Angola, the son of a medical missionary. He has published over forty books, many of them dealing with North Carolina, where he has lived since shortly after World War II. Fourteen of his books are novels for young readers dealing with North Carolina's past and present.

Wellman lives near Chapel Hill and conducts a creative writing workshop at Elon College. When he is not writing, he spends much of his time studying Carolina history and folklore.

Christmas Edition Slated Monday

On Monday, December 23, the Christmas week edition of The Record will be published, carrying Christmas greeting advertisements, and necessary legal notices. No advertisements for this edition can be accepted after Saturday, December 21, at noon.



REV. JAMES T. CLELAND

Professor To Speak At Church

The Rev. James T. Cleland, James B. Duke Professor of Preaching at Duke Divinity School, will preach during the 11 a. m. worship service at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church on Sunday.

Dr. Cleland, a Scotch Presbyterian minister who is also dean of the Duke University Chapel, is a graduate of Glasgow University and Glasgow Divinity School. He taught at Union Theological Seminary in New York, at the Glasgow Divinity School and at Amherst College before coming to the Duke Divinity School in 1945.

Author of several books and series with religious themes, Dr. Cleland last year preached at each of the service academies and conducted the Christmas worship service for American servicemen stationed at Thule, Greenland.

Both the adult and children's choirs will sing during the service, the Rev. Troy Barrett, Wesley Memorial pastor, said this week. At 3:30 p. m. Sunday members of the church school will have their Christmas party in the fellowship hall of the church. At 8 p. m. the Community Christmas Cantata will be presented in the church.

Two Firms To Begin Work Here

A Fayetteville construction company was tentatively awarded a \$153,200 contract Wednesday for construction of a sewage treatment plant here. Work on the plant is expected to begin later this month.

Consolidated Construction Co. of Fayetteville was low bidder for the plant construction, main item in providing an efficient sewage disposal system here. Cost of the overall project, including purchase of plant site, is expected to be approximately \$200,000.

A Warrenton firm, Connell Construction Co., submitted the low bid of \$35,191.20 for erecting a lift station and laying sewer lines.

Bids from five concerns were opened during the 45-minute special session. Although tentative acceptance of bids was made by commissioners pending a review of figures, a town official said that the tentative acceptance would be tantamount to full acceptance.

Work on the project, par-

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Draft Board Office Schedules Closing

The Warren County Draft Board office here will be closed from December 23 to December 30, while the clerk, Mrs. Thomas Ellington, is on leave. Selby Benton, chairman, announced Thursday.

Benton asks that boys whose birthday falls on the days on which the office will be closed to report for registration on Monday, Dec. 30.

Heads Of Girl Scout Drive Extend Thanks

Mrs. Arthur Williams and James Y. Kerr, co-chairmen of the Girl Scout Drive in Warren County, announce its successful conclusion this week and on behalf of the Girl Scouts, express thanks to all those who contributed and those who helped make the drive a successful one.



Norlina Postmaster Bill Delbridge holds one of the 273 children who greeted Santa Claus during the postmaster's annual Christmas party held at the Nor-

lina postoffice Monday. The Christmas event is well on its way to becoming a tradition with Norlina children. (Staff Photo)

Norlina Man Works To Brighten Christmas

When Norlina Postmaster Bill Delbridge began using a North Pole cancellation stamp on children's letters to Santa seven years ago, he had little idea that he was about to become a full-fledged public relations man for St. Nick.

Delbridge's decision in 1957 to put a touch of authenticity on the youngsters' letters quickly mushroomed into a chore that kept him working two weeks before Christmas. Not only did he provide each letter with a North Pole postmark, but he took time to draft an individual reply.

During the next three Christmas seasons Delbridge answered between 400 and 600 letters annually. Before 1961, when a deluge of Christmas mail forced him to cancel his project, letters from children in a host of states were being received at the Norlina postoffice. Letters written to Santa, in care of Delbridge, even began pouring in from the children of servicemen stationed overseas.

While he gave up replying to the letters, Delbridge kept

up his job of making Christmas a happier occasion for hundreds of children. During the 1961 Christmas season he hired a professional Santa Claus to listen to the wishes of scores of children who flocked to the Norlina postoffice.

That year Delbridge took colored pictures of each child who visited Santa, and later gave the pictures to the children. The cost ran well above \$100 and last year Delbridge substituted the colored pictures with toys.

He bought 24 dozen toys last Christmas, but that was not enough for the crowd of youngsters who attended Delbridge's Christmas party in the postoffice.

Earlier this week, Delbridge staged another one of his annual Yuletide postoffice parties. The postoffice lobby contained a Christmas tree decorated by Delbridge and his wife, whose decorations throughout the year make the building seem more a home than a mailing station.

More than 70 children

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More than two centuries of military service is represented by the Warren National Guardsmen receiving service ribbons for more than 15 years service Tuesday night. Some 25 officers and enlisted men not pictured also received ribbons for more than five years service. Pictured following presentation by Capt. Robert L. Duke, commanding officer of Company C, are: front row, left to right,

Fenner Peoples, 21 years; J. E. E. Smiley, 30 years; Roy A. Cameron, 34 years; James Peoples, 27 years; and Arthur H. Floyd, 23 years. Back row, left to right, are Duke, with 15 years; Carson S. Pridgen, 16 years; Mansfield F. Aycock, 16 years; Walter M. Gardner, 16 years; Horace S. Shearin, 10 years; and Carlton W. Whitty, 16 years. (Staff Photo)