



Warrenton's trees got a trimming this week as workmen cleared the path of power lines in the business and residential sections. A tree expert, riding in a man-

euverable capsule, uses a portable saw during trimming operations on Warrenton's Main Street. (Staff Photo)

Warren Schools Rank High In State Survey

Graduates Continue Education

Warren County has been ranked among the top five county educational units in North Carolina in the number of 1963 high school graduates continuing their formal education.

The county's white schools ranked fourth and the Negro schools placed fifth in the tenth annual follow-up survey of 1963 graduates prepared by the State Department of Public Instruction. The survey was released this week by Calvin White, Warren County school supervisor.

The state's 100 county units were not grouped with the 72 city units, which tended to have a higher percentage of high school graduates continuing their education.

Warren's ranking was based on (1) number of students enrolling in four-year colleges; (2) number enrolling in two-year colleges; (3) number entering trade schools, business schools, nursing schools, etc; and (4) number entering military service.

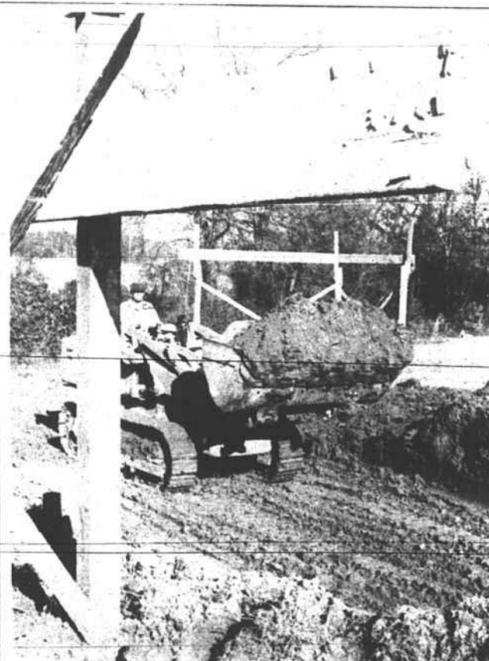
Warren white schools had 64.5 per cent of their 1963 graduates continuing their formal education, while the Warren Negro school percentage was 54.9 per cent.

White county units ranking above Warren, in order of rank, were Currituck, Duplin, and Wake. Mecklenburg, which did include city schools, was fifth. Among the leaders in the Negro county units, in order of rank Onslow, Durham, Camden, and Stanly.

Both Warren white and Negro schools ranked above the state average, 56.2 for white units, 38.6 for Negro. Each topped the county unit average, which stood at 51.4 for white units and 35.1 for Negro units. Warren Negro schools surpassed the city unit average of 46.3, but the county's white schools were below the city average of 67.5.

The follow-up report showed a decrease in the number of graduates entering college and military service, but showed an increase in the number entering business, trade, and nursing schools.

The high schools of the state graduated 48,480 students in 1963, an increase of 412 over the previous year. Of these graduates, 51.88 per cent continued their formal education.



A bulldozer operator breaks ground for an administrative office building which will be erected adjacent to the Warren General Hospital. The \$45,000 structure is expected to be completed by July 1. (Staff Photo)

Administration Office Building Work Starts

Construction of an administrative office building to serve the Warren County school system began here this week at a site adjacent to the Warren General Hospital.

The brick building, expected to cost approximately \$45,000 will be erected by Hutchins Construction Co. of Durham and will consolidate existing county

school offices.

"We expect the building to be completed by July 1," Supt. J. R. Peeler said yesterday. Peeler is currently negotiating with low bidders, following a decision by the Warren County Board of Education in December not to approve bids amounting to \$47,978.

The building, which will contain approximately 4,000 feet of floor space, will be erected north of the hospital. Meanwhile, inclement weather has slowed progress on the South Warren elementary school, Peeler said. He said the project was progressing "very slowly," and did not give an estimated completion date.

Peeler indicated that another school project in the county—the addition of a cafeteria and four classrooms at Northside elementary school—would be completed in "about two weeks." He also expressed pleasure over the rate of progress at a luncheon at North Warren High School.

Unbeaten Warrenton To Tackle Wildcats Tonight

Undeclared Warrenton and once-beaten Middleburg tangled tonight in the nightcap of a basketball twinbill in the John Graham High School gymnasium.

Winners of 13 in a row, the Yellow Jackets are currently in first place in the Halifax-Warren Conference race. Middleburg, playing in the Kerr Lake Conference, dropped its first game after 12 consecutive wins Tuesday night when Aycock took a 39-35 decision.

Warrenton downed Aycock 78-47 earlier this month, and warmed up for the meeting with a win over Littleton on Wednesday night.

Entering this week with a 37.9 shooting percentage from the floor, the Jackets have had a couple of close calls while rugging up their unbeaten string. They came from 16 points behind to nip Davis, 48-46, and edged Weldon, 58-54, in their two closest contests.

High scorer for the Jackets has been forward Al Blaylock, who also boasts the best accuracy mark from the floor. John Graham's quintet, coached by Jimmy Webb and Jon Burwell, has a balanced offense but has not been consistent from the foul line where it has posted a 53.2 percentage mark.

Coach Joe Stepusin's Middleburg Wildcats have an offense centered around Jimmy Brown, who dumped in 16 points against Aycock Tuesday night.

In the opening game of the Friday doubleheader, Warrenton's girls will meet another once-beaten opponent. Middleburg's lassies have a single loss in 13 starts.

Norlina has an open date Friday night, but sees action next Tuesday night when it travels to Weldon. The Norlina boys' team, which was defeated by Weldon in an overtime period, will be idle Tuesday night.

Prayer For Judgment Continued

Six defendants in Recorder's Court last Friday charged with larceny received a reprieve when prayer for judgment was continued in each case.

The defendants were Bonny Kerney, Charlie Kerney, Charles Lewis Wortham, Charlie Williams, Nathaniel Bullock and Sammy Davis. Judge Julius Banzer ordered that prayer for judgment in each case be continued for one year upon condition that the defendant not violate any criminal laws of state for one year, remain of good behavior and pay court costs.

The State took a nol pros with leave in the case of Wallace Neal, charged with larceny.

The court found James Haywood Foster not guilty. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license and with presenting a license not his own.

James Plummer Alexander was charged with reckless driving and with speed competition. Prayer for judgment was continued for 60 days upon condition the defendant surrender his operator's license for 60 days, and pay a \$25 fine and court costs.

Arthur Evans was found guilty of non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued for one year upon condition that the defendant pay into the office of the Welfare Department \$20 per week for the support of his minor children.

James Edward Alexander was charged with speed competition and reckless driving. Prayer for judgment was continued for 60 days upon condition the defendant surrender his operator's license for 60 days, and pay a \$25 fine and court costs.

Willie Lee Haskins appealed a 30 days road sentence. He was found guilty of non-support. Appeal bond was set at \$100.

Jimmie Roope, given a suspended sentence on July 12, 1963, when he was found guilty of a larceny charge, was deemed to have carried out the provision of his sentence and was ordered discharged.

Cromwell Homer Kimball pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs.

Frederick Reelson Parks pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs.

The State took a nol pros with leave in cases of two defendants—Larry Patterson Davis and Robert Lee Nash—charged with speeding. In other speeding cases defendants and court verdicts were as follows:

Thomas Alphonso Kirkland, costs; Harvey Bingham Carlton, \$10 and costs; Thomas Daniel George, costs; Peggy Mary Bender, \$10 and costs; Robert Griffin Edwards, costs; Winfred Overman, \$10 and costs; Wendell Edward Koener, \$15 and costs; Carlton Norris Reavis, costs.

Donnie Lee Boyd, charged with speeding and failure to obey a stop sign, was ordered to pay a \$10 fine and court costs.

NAMED TO COMMITTEE

Raby Traylor, Norlina businessman, has been named to a four-man membership committee of the Carolinas Hardware Association.

The committee will have a membership goal of 600 members during 1964. Traylor is owner of Traylor's Hardware of Norlina.

Break-in Is Probed; Norlina Man Charged

A police investigation is continuing at Norlina following the Wednesday night break-in of a Norlina grocery store and the theft of approximately 40 cartons of cigarettes.

Police reported that the break-in was discovered Thursday morning by G. D. Knight, owner of Knight's Food Market on Hyco Street. Entry had been gained by forcing an iron bar which covered a rear window of the store.

In addition to the cigarettes, a small amount of change, believed to be less than three dollars, was reported missing.

Earlier, a hearing was set for Monday night before Norlina Mayor G. P. Grissom for John H. Hunt, Jr., former manager of the Norlina Supermarket, who was charged with breaking and entering, larceny and receiving Saturday night.

Hunt was arrested in front of the supermarket by off-duty policeman Charles Wilson, shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday. He was charged with the theft of 19 cartons of cigarettes and a ham.

Hunt was jailed shortly after his arrest, but was released Sunday morning under \$500 bond.

Young Norlina Girl Is Contributor To Children's Magazine

Mary Dowell Taylor, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Taylor of Norlina, is a contributor to Jack and Jill magazine, the 25-year-old children's magazine published by The Curtis Publishing Company.

The written item is included as a news note in a special department of Jack and Jill called North, East, West and South and is an excerpt from a letter to the editors. The letter tells about "having no excuse to be late for school because she lives right across the road from it."

This news note was selected from among many hundreds which are submitted by children throughout the United States and the entire world. Each contributor receives a framed "Certificate of Merit" from Jack and Jill magazine, signed by the publisher.

Battleship Museum To Honor War Dead

"Plans for the establishment of the Museum aboard the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial have progressed to the point where we are about ready to submit the Roll of Honor of North Carolina World War II Dead to the engraver," Rear Admiral Robert B. Ellis, USN (Ret.), Superintendent, said this week in a communication addressed to all North Carolina newspapers seeking the names of all those who died in World War II. He added:

"As you know, this Roll of Honor will be the most important feature of the Museum. We are making every effort to insure that there will be no omissions or other errors in it. For that reason, I will be extremely grateful if you will publish the attached list of names of men and women from the area served by your newspaper who lost their lives in World War II while in a line-of-duty status. It is further requested that your readers be informed of the significance of the list and to be told to report any discrepancies directly to the Battleship Memorial, P. O. Box 17, Wilmington, North Carolina."

The list as submitted by Admiral Ellis follows:

Thomas A. Alston, Joseph N. Cole, John Collins, Joseph R. Daniel, Moses S. Davis, Robert E. Davis, Ollie M. Denton, William P. Dowtin, Eugene P. Dunston, Jerry Ellis, James Fisher, Floyd F. Fleming, Jr., Jessie Goode, Rodgers J. Harris, Cornelius Bracey Hendricks, Jr., Andrew J. Hundley, James W. Hunter, Louis C. Jones, Benjamin F. Jordan, Fred D. Kearney, Arthur D. Kelly, Haywood D. Latta, William S. Meadows, George W. O'Neal, Walter C. Paynter, Allen L. Peoples, Russell W. Perkins, Romeo Lamont Powell, Jr., Williams C. Rivers, Sam T. Robertson, Wallace S. Rodwell, Dudley A. Rose, Arthur

B. Sherin, Junius Stallings, George C. Stegall, Alvin William Stephenson, Robert E. Thornton, John E. Wall.

Snowfall Probably To Prompt Extension

Last week's snowfall will probably cause an extension of the 1963-64 school term, Superintendent J. R. Peeler predicted this week.

Peeler said students who got a week-long holiday because of the year's first snowfall will probably remain in school until June 3. A formal decision is expected to be reached Feb. 10 during the next regular meeting of the Warren County Board of Education.

"Our experience with Saturday classes has not been good," Peeler said.

The current school term was scheduled to end on May 27 prior to the cancellation of classes last week.

Jones Named Preyer Campaign Manager

Howard F. Jones, Warrenton newspaperman, has been named Warren County campaign manager for Democratic gubernatorial candidate L. Richardson Preyer.

Mrs. James P. Beckwith of Warrenton will serve as woman's campaign manager for Preyer in the county. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lunsford Long of Warrenton.

PTA Speaker Cites Need To Consolidate Small County Schools

A member of the State Department of Public Instruction Tuesday night made a strong case for school consolidation in Warrenton County.

J. L. Cashwell, supervisor of supervision and curriculum, told members of the Boyd-Graham-Macon PTA that per student costs in small schools is high, while the curriculum is limited.

Cashwell, a former teacher and principal, did not call for school consolidation as such, but pinpointed the drawbacks of operating small schools.

He urged the use of an individual approach in teaching, and outlined the state requirements for graduation. Cashwell also told of curriculum trends in different subject areas.

Mrs. J. Boyd Davis, president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. W. Monroe Gardner was program chairman.

Haithcock Funeral Held On Tuesday

Funeral services for Leonard Wilker Haithcock were conducted from the Inez Baptist Church Tuesday at 3 p. m. by the Rev. J. T. Wilson. Burial was in the Haithcock family cemetery.

Mr. Haithcock, 77, died on Sunday. He was a member of Reedy Creek Baptist Church and was a native of the Liberia community where he was a farmer.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mozelle Powell; two sons, L. M. Haithcock of Macon and Coroner Norman I. Haithcock of Warrenton; one brother, Walter M. Haithcock of Henderson; one sister, Mrs. Angie Robertson of Marmaduke; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Laundromat Opens In Warrenton; Grand Opening Is Planned

A coin-operated laundry has been opened on Warrenton's West Franklin Street and plans are under way for a grand opening.

J. E. Jordan of Smithfield, owner of the new establishment, this week announced the opening of the Warrenton Laundromat. Jordan owns a similar commercial laundry on College Street in Henderson and in Raleigh and Dunn.

The Warrenton Laundromat is housed in a frame structure located in front of Thompson's Warehouse and opposite White's Gin. Jordan has installed 15 automatic washers and five automatic dryers in the building.

The building was remodelled and a graded parking lot is planned by the owner.

James Jones, Warrenton merchant, is supervising operation of the laundromat.

Prospective Teacher Loans Now Available

Scholarship loans for prospective teachers are now available to Warren County seniors, Mrs. Rachel Fishel, guidance director of Warren County schools, announced yesterday. She urges interested seniors to contact her or any high school principal for information.

Mrs. Fishel said that approximately 450 scholarship loans of \$350 each are awarded from the N. C. Prospective Teachers Scholarship Loan Fund to residents of North Carolina who intend to enroll in North Carolina colleges or universities and prepare to teach in the public schools of North Carolina. Many applications are already on file, she said.

In awarding Scholarship Loans the Awards Committee considers the applicant's high school scholastic record, his character and financial need, his purposefulness and intention to teach, as well as the areas and subjects in which the demands for teachers are considered greatest.

These loans may be repaid in full, including interest, by teaching in the public schools of North Carolina. Application must be made no later than March 1, 1964, to the Prospective Teachers Scholarship Loan Fund, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, N. C.

PRINCIPAL BEGINS WORK

Bernard Lowry of Pembroke, a former teacher and principal in the Robeson County school system, has been named principal of the Halls School in southeastern Warren County. Lowry, who holds both bachelor's and master's degrees, began his duties on Monday. He succeeds S. M. Bullard, who resigned earlier this month.