

## JG Patrons Sound Call For Books

The John Graham Association of Parents & Teachers is formulating plans for a drive to collect books needed in the local high school library. This is an outgrowth of a meeting of the "President's Committee" held on Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. J. Boyd Davis, local PTA president.

Citizens of the entire area served by the John Graham, Marliam Boyd, and Nathaniel Macon schools will be called upon to contribute books from their own libraries which might be useful in helping the local high school build its inventory of reference, fiction, and textbooks to meet immediate needs for continued accreditation.

A committee composed of Mrs. Lela Holt, chairman, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Rev. Troy Barrett, and Leonard S. Daniel has tentatively set the third week in February for the "lights on" drive. In making the suggestion for such a drive, committee member Dr. Sam Massey expressed the opinion that "there are hundreds, maybe thousands, of volumes on shelves in Warren County homes which would be of tremendous value in our school library and which may no longer be needed by their owners."

Also coming out of this meeting was a "challenge" to the Norlina PTA when committee member W. R. Drake suggested that "a basketball game between the Warrenton and Norlina parents and teachers would 'pack' the school gymnasium and provide both organizations a good source of income."

"This could become an annual affair", Drake said, "and rotate between the two school gyms with agreed percentages going to each school." The Warrenton committee has extended the "challenge" and is awaiting Norlina's reply.

In commenting on local school needs, Principal Kenneth Brinson listed the high school library as "probably the number one deficiency" in meeting State requirements for continued accreditation. "Much is needed on the local level", Brinson said, "and while we are probably getting more in return for each dollar spent than most county school units, we need to provide much more with local funds in order to keep pace and to maintain the effectiveness and prestige of our local schools."

The meeting was attended by members from all sections represented in the Graham-Boyd-Macon PTA.

## Seal Campaign Is Running Behind Last Year, Johnson Says

Warren County's 1963 Christmas Seal Campaign is running behind last year's results in returns so far, Charles T. Johnson, Jr., campaign chairman, reported yesterday.

Receipts as of January 23, 1964 were \$2,44.87, he said, compared with \$2,585.52 a year ago.

"We are earnestly hoping that the people of this County, who have supported our work so loyally in the past, will find time in the next few days to answer their Christmas Seal letter. With so much remaining to be done in the struggle to wipe out TB and to control other respiratory diseases, we feel confident every family will want to renew its annual Christmas Seal contribution which helps make this work possible."

The Warren County Tuberculosis and Health Association, Johnson added, is looking forward to an intensification of its work in the field of prevention, detection and patient care in the respiratory diseases, ranked by the Public Health Service as number one among disabilities in the United States. "To make such a program successful," he said, "the need for funds is greater than ever before."



Officers lead Marshall Simmons from a farm house on the eastern edge of Warren County after the 37-year-old fugitive from Central Prison surrendered without a struggle. At right, occupants of the house watch as Simmons is led out. (Staff Photo)

## Convict Captured In House Near Manson

An escaped prisoner serving 20 to 25 years at Central Prison on a murder conviction was captured near Manson Tuesday afternoon after law enforcement officers from two counties surrounded a house in which he was hiding.

Marshall Simmons, who escaped from the Raleigh penitentiary Sunday, surrendered to officers shortly after 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Billy Clark, a guard at the Warren County prison camp, discovered Simmons hiding beneath a bed on the second floor of a farm house. Simmons offered no resistance.

Warren and Vance sheriff's deputies, Henderson city detectives, and officers from the Warren prison camp encircled the house and an adjacent abandoned dwelling once occupied by Simmons' mother moments before the capture. Both houses are located on US Highway 1 several hundred feet from the Warren-Vance county line.

Officers closed in on the house after receiving a tip that the wanted man had been seen in the area. The house was owned by Mary Yancey. Taking part in the capture

were Capt. J. B. Reeves and Lt. C. T. Varker of the Henderson Police Department and Vance Deputies K. K. Roberson and S. R. Mims, Warren Sheriff J. H. Hundley and Deputy B. G. Stevenson, and prison camp officers.

A bloodhound from the prison camp was brought to the scene as officers encircled the house in search of the 37-year-old convict. Simmons, who was convicted of second degree murder in Duplin County, told officers he had been hiding in the house for two days. He was taken to the Warren County prison camp for transfer to Central Prison.

Central Prison Warden K. B. Bailey said Simmons was first missed Sunday at a 9 p.m. headcount, but the escapee's identity was not determined until about 11 p.m.

Bailey said Simmons, an honor-grade prisoner and a native of Wallace escaped by breaking through a screen in a window on the first floor of the honor grade building and scaling an eight-foot chain link fence. The building is out side the Central Prison wall.

## Connell Named Director Of Heart Fund Campaign

W. A. Connell, III, prominent dairyman and farm machinery distributor, will be chairman of Warren County's 1964 heart fund campaign, it was announced yesterday by the North Carolina Heart Association.

Proceeds of the campaign will be used to fight the heart and circulatory diseases, now responsible for more than 54 per cent of all deaths in the United States. These diseases include heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries, rheumatic fever and inborn heart defects.

The annual nationwide campaign, which supports the research, education and community service programs of the American Heart Association and chapters, begins with the opening of Heart Month, Feb. 1. It continues through Feb. 9. "I am happy to accept the chairmanship of the 1964 Heart Fund campaign and to join actively in this health crusade which is saving hearts in our own community and throughout the nation," Connell said. He added:

"This assignment is challenging because the Heart Cause is so very important. It is unique in that it is concerned with a great complex of diseases



W. A. CONNELL, III

which constitutes the Number One U. S. health problem of our times." Connell said that the Heart Fund will reach its high point here on the weekend of Heart Sunday, Feb. 23, when volunteers will visit their neighbors to distribute information about the heart and its diseases and to receive contributions. Similar Heart Sunday visitations are to be carried out by more than 1,750,000 Heart Fund volunteers in residential communities throughout the nation.



MARSHALL SIMMONS

## Four Men To Face Trial On Theft Of Corn; Hearing Held

Four Warren County men were slated to face trial in Warren County Recorder's Court here today on charges of corn stealing.

Three of the men were charged during the past weekend with stealing corn from the C. W. Cole farm near Wise last Thursday night. Officers accused the men of pulling the corn during the moonlit night and selling it the following day at a local feed mill.

Arrested in connection with the corn theft from the Cole farm were Gene Russell, James Alexander and Fred Alston, all of near Wise.

During their investigation, members of the Warren County Sheriff's Department also charged Clarence Russell, a brother of Gene Russell, with theft of corn from Mrs. Ava Perkinson of Wise.

The four Negro men were given a preliminary hearing Monday night before Magistrate N. G. Hudgins in Norlina.

## Annual March Of Mothers Scheduled

The annual Mothers March will be held here on Monday night as the annual March of Dimes campaign gets underway in Warren County, C. P. Gaston, Warren County chairman, said yesterday.

Residents of the town are asked by Gaston to turn on their porch lights at 7 o'clock at which time the fire siren will sound to remind citizens of the occasion.

Money raised by the March of Dimes Campaign, of which the Mothers March plays a prominent part, is used for a continuous fight on birth defects, arthritis, polio, and for support for the Salk Institute for biological studies.

Gaston said that he hopes our citizens would donate as liberally as possible to the March of Dimes campaign this year. He asks that anyone who should be missed in the Mothers March Monday night mail a check to him at Carolina Power and Light Company at Warrenton.

## One Case Is Tried During Civil Session

The January civil term of Warren County Superior Court, which convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock, adjourned early Monday afternoon after trying only one case. Judge Henry A. McKinnon of Fayetteville presided over the short session.

A case involving a suit by the operators of a local warehouse against the Warrenton Tobacco Board of Trade, expected to take much time of the court, was continued, and was responsible for the short term of court.

Suing the Tobacco Board of Trade were M. P. Carroll, Edward E. Moody and Edward Radford, trading as Center Warehouse No. 2, who alleged in their complaint that they had been unfairly treated in the allotment of setting time following the construction of their new warehouse on the Norlina Road last summer.

The continuance was granted at the request of attorneys for the defendants on the grounds that they wanted to study a deposition of Edward G. Tarwater, a defense witness, before adversely examining M. P. Carroll.

The only other case docketed was that of R. M. White & Sons vs. J. L. Fleming. The litigants waived a jury trial. The Court ruled that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover anything and ordered that he be charged with the costs of the action.

## Youth Charged With Placing Cross Tie In Train's Path

A 14-year-old boy charged with the near-derailment of a passenger train near Macon last week will be given a hearing here before Juvenile Judge Joe N. Ellis today at 2:30 p.m. The youngster is charged with placing a heavy wooden cross tie on the Seaboard Air Line tracks two miles east of Macon last Wednesday night.

He was arrested Thursday by two special SAL agents from Raleigh who tracked the boy from the spot where the cross tie was found to the youngster's house, a short distance away. His name was not released by authorities.

Officers said the southbound train-dispatch train No. 17 struck the cross tie while travelling at 55 miles per hour. The engine's apron threw the tie off the track, preventing a derailment, but the engine was damaged by the blow.

The young boy gave no reason for placing the tie on the track. He had moved from Franklin County a week before the incident occurred, officers said.

## Coroner Rules No Foul Play In Death Of Warren Co. Man

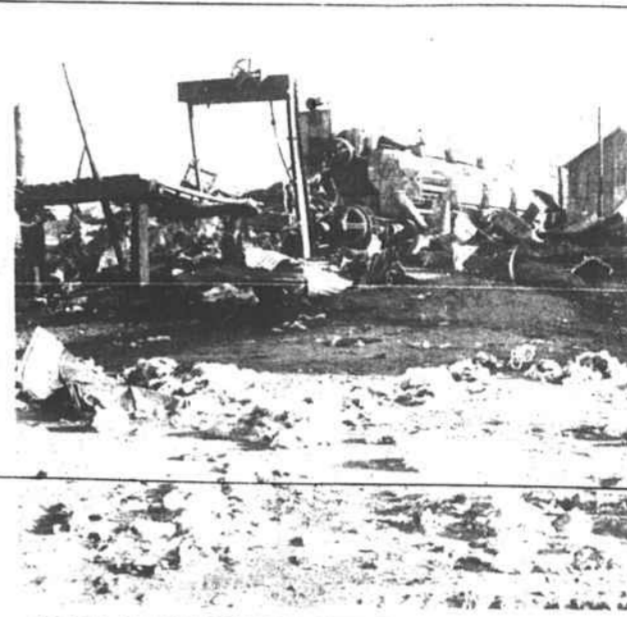
Warren Coroner N. L. Hathcock has ruled that no foul play was involved in the death of a 56-year-old man whose body was discovered early Tuesday morning in Possumquarter Creek three miles south of here.

The body of Charlie Gilbert Williams, Negro of the Baltimore Community of Warren County, was found partially submerged in approximately five feet of water. Sheriff Jim H. Hundley said Williams' head was resting on a log approximately 10 feet from the creek bank when the body was discovered.

A search for Williams was begun early Tuesday morning when he failed to return home Monday night following a hunting trek into nearby woods. His body was discovered less than a mile from his home.

Hathcock's ruling came later in the day, when authorities learned that Williams periodically suffered from dizziness. Officers said Williams' loaded shotgun was found on a bank overlooking the creek.

## Eight Charged In Theft Case



SCENE OF FIRE WHICH SWEEP WISE COTTON GIN

## Wise Cotton Gin Is Destroyed By Flames

Fire completely destroyed Perkinson Cotton Gin at Wise at 4:55 Monday afternoon with a loss estimated at more than \$50,000, only partially covered by insurance.

Destroyed with the gin were 13 bales of cotton and a trailer of Dugger Cotton Company of Rocky Mount.

Cooper C. Perkinson, in charge of the operation of the gin, said that the fire originated from an electric motor. He said that he heard the motor spark and saw a sheet of flames envelop the gin within minutes.

Perkinson said that it would have been impossible for firemen to have extinguished the flames had they been present at the time. He and his brother, Page Perkinson, praised the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, the Norlina Fire Department and the Drewry Auxiliary Fire Department for their work in confining the flames to the gin. The loss would have been at least \$10,000 more if it had not been for the

## Fire Chief Thanks Public For Gifts To Rural Fire Dept.

Jimmy Roberts, Chief of the Warren County Rural Fire Department, yesterday asked that this newspaper express his thanks of the department to the public for contributions made during the recent drive to raise funds for a fire house at Warrenton.

Roberts said that while the drive was a success due to the generosity of the public, additional funds are needed. He asks that those who have not yet donated and wish to do so to send donations either to him or to Edward Hunter, secretary-treasurer, at Warrenton.

Progress made in the construction of the building has been good, Roberts said. He said that it is hoped that the building will be sufficiently completed by next week to enable trucks to be stored in it, and that the building could be completed in the spring.

## Chewing Improved

The condition of Robert D. Chewing, Warrenton Chief of Police, who suffered a stroke on January 19, was reported yesterday to be slightly improved.

Following the stroke, Chief Chewing was taken to Warren General Hospital, where his condition still remains serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Powell of Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rison of Charlotte were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis at Ines.

## Equipment Stolen In Virginia

The arrest of two Warren County men Wednesday brought to eight the number of persons charged in connection with the theft of highway construction equipment in neighboring Mecklenburg County, Va.

Warren Sheriff's deputies Wednesday arrested Albert Williams and Ludlis Hinton of Wise on charges of receiving a part of the loot stolen from a storage trailer owned by Talbot Marks Construction Co., a firm currently engaged in the construction of Interstate 85 in Virginia.

Both men were released on \$100 bond following a hearing Wednesday night before Norlina Magistrate N. G. Hudgins.

Earlier Warren and Vance County Sheriff's departments had cooperated to bring the arrest of four Warren youths. Charged with theft of gas, motor oil, electrical tools and an acetylene welding outfit were Robert Pitchford, 20, of near Oine; Amos Ellis, 20, and William Earl Ellis, 17. Officers also arrested a minor in connection with the theft.

Saturday night two other teenage boys, Roy Felts and John Lee Jordan, were arrested. The two, along with those arrested earlier in the week, waited extradition and were turned over to Mecklenburg County authorities.

## Rites Conducted Here For W. Lunsford Long

Funeral services for William Lunsford Long were conducted at Emmanuel Episcopal Church here on Saturday at 3 p.m. by the Rev. J. M. Stoney, Jr., rector. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Long, 73, retired textile and mining company executive, died of heart failure at his home here early Friday morning.

Interested in mining ever since 1917, when he operated a zinc mine in Spotsylvania County, Va., Mr. Long headed Tungsten Mining Corp., which, during World War II, developed the tungsten mine in Vance County near Henderson. Eventually, the mine became one of the nation's chief suppliers of this strategic metal.

Mr. Long was one of the principal organizers of the American Tungsten Institute, where he served as president. He was also a former director and president of Manganese, Inc.

Earlier, in 1936, he reorganized Halle Mines, Inc., which mined gold in South Carolina for a number of years, as well as elsewhere. He served Halle as director and president. Although he retired in 1960, Mr. Long continued to serve as a mining consultant until his death from offices he maintained at 500 Fifth Avenue in New York.

A life-long interest and participation in politics marked Mr. Long's career. He was a member of the N. C. House of Representatives from 1915 to 1917. Thereafter, he was a member of the State Senate which he served as president Pro Tem in 1921, 1923 and in 1927.

He was a member of the N. C. Democratic Executive Committee from 1918 until 1928, and was a delegate to the 1932 Democratic National Convention.

Mr. Long was born near Garysburg in Northampton County on Feb. 5, 1890, a son of the late Lemuel McKimney



W. LUNSFORD LONG

Long and Bettie Gray Mason Long. He earned his A. B. degree (1909) and his LL.B. degree (1911) from the University of North Carolina. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities.

From 1911 until 1934 he practiced law in Roanoke Rapids, where he was active in the business life of that town, being president of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, The Roanoke Rapids Mills and the Roanoke Rapids Fiber Board Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Long came to Warrenton to make their home in 1941. He and Mrs. Long were active in the social life of the town and he was active in the business, civic and religious life of the town and county, and in farming. A patron of the arts, he was a contributor to the North Carolina Museum of Arts and the Oakland Art Center at the University of North Carolina. He was president of the Warren County (See LONG Page 4)