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MISS SYLVIA DAVIS

## Warrenton Girl Is Henderson Queen

A Warrenton girl, a striking brunette with warm blue eyes, will represent Henderson in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in Raleigh next July 8-11.

Seventeen-year-old Sylvia Lynn Davis won the title of Miss Henderson of 1964 over six other talented contenders in the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce pageant held at Henderson on last Friday night.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Macon Davis of Warrenton, Miss Davis is a senior at John Graham High School here. First runner-up honors went to stately Harriette Kerry Heron and the second runner-up trophy was earned by Jean Fort.

Veronika Haun was named Miss Congeniality in a secret poll of the contestants themselves, conducted earlier yesterday.

A capacity audience in Henderson high school auditorium saw the seven young ladies compete in talent, evening gown and swim suit divisions, with judging also based on poise, personality and the traditional question and answer session.

Sylvia is a senior at John Graham high school in Warrenton and has been studying music with Mrs. George Holden of Henderson. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Davis of the Louisville road, Warrenton, the new Miss Henderson says she hopes to continue her education at Greensboro College in Greensboro.

She is 5-6 in height and her 115 pounds in a perfect 36-23-36 figure neatly fills her swim suit. Sylvia expresses preference for charcoal drawing and oil painting, sewing and needlework, water sports and golf.

In her talent performance last night, Miss Henderson offered a well-executed piano selection, "Clown," they sang a vocal solo, "She Can't Say No," from the musical Oklahoma.

Her first question in the quiz portion of the program was, "If you were seated on a plane next to Richard Chamberlain of 'Dr. Kildare' fame, what would you do?" Sylvia replied, "I don't know just what I would do—I'd probably scream first." In a more serious vein, her second question was, "Why would you consider education important to a woman?" In her answer, Sylvia pointed out the advantages of an education

in providing support for a family if a woman should be married and then widowed.

As winner of the pageant, she receives a \$200 scholarship given by the Junior Chamber, a \$100 scholarship provided by the Henderson Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company and Manager A. H. Parsons, a \$100 scholarship from Henderson Business College and Charles Mason, a \$100 wardrobe and an expense-paid trip from the Jaycees to the Miss North Carolina Pageant in Raleigh, along with her crown and trophy.

Each contestant in the event receives a \$25 savings bond from the Jaycees and a charm bracelet.

## Two Men Held On Kidnapping Charge

Two young Negro men, charged with kidnapping and robbery, will be given a hearing in Warren County's Recorder's Court Monday, Deputy Sheriff Bonnie Stevenson said yesterday.

The men—Johnny Frank Davis, Jr., and Theodore Carter, both 19—are accused of taking over the car of Alton Patrick, 22-year-old white man of Roanoke Rapids, by holding a knife at his throat, and with robbing him of \$30.00.

Stevenson said the robbery occurred Saturday night around 9 o'clock on the Harristown road after Patrick had offered to take the two men from Warrenton to Macon. He said that Davis held a knife at Patrick's throat while Patrick was robbed. He then held Patrick with the knife while Carter drove Patrick's car, but became dissatisfied with Carter's driving, and took the wheel while Carter held the knife.

A few minutes later, Stevenson said, Davis wrecked the car, and both men fled.

## Mrs. Link's Father Dies On Tuesday

Lonnie Baxter Pritchard, 78, father of Mrs. J. R. Link of Warrenton, died on Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were held at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Board Calls For Special Election

Warren County Board of Commissioners Monday called for a special election to determine whether a special tax not exceeding 5¢ on the \$100 valuation shall be levied for the employment of an industrial engineer for Warren County and to otherwise promote the industrial and agricultural development of the county.

The election will be held on May 30 in connection with the Democratic Primary. A separate ballot will be used.

The election, called at the request of the Bute Development Company, an organization that has for years been working for the development of the county, was set for May 30 in order that additional cost of a referendum on the issue of the tax levy might be held to a minimum. A similar issue submitted to voters of Franklin County a year or more ago, was passed by the voters of that county.

## Land To Be Advertised For Taxes

The Warren County Board of Commissioners Monday ordered that real estate of citizens who have failed to pay their 1963 taxes be advertised in May and sold the first Monday in June.

In other business before the board in a long session Monday, the commissioners ordered that Alvis Paschall of Smith Creek Township be granted a \$17.50 tax refund for 1963 on account of typographical error.

A. P. Rodwell, Jr., tax collector, reported tax collections in the amount of \$6,346 in March bringing the total collections for the year to \$316,602.36. Collections are just about average for the year, Rodwell reported. S. E. Allen, Register of Deeds, reported 90 marriage licenses issued for the first quarter of 1964, for which \$450 was turned into the General Fund.

On motion of Commissioners Richard Davis, seconded by Commissioner John Wilson and duly carried, the Bute Development Company was requested to report in writing to the Board of County Commissioners at its next meeting on the activities and progress being made in obtaining new industries and extension of existing industries within the county with the funds appropriated for such purposes by the county.

The board ordered that William W. Taylor, Jr., be given a reduction of \$800.00 in tax value on his property in Warrenton known as the "Taylor Building" on Main Street, due to the property being out of line in value with similar property.

The State Highway Commission was requested to widen West Franklin Street in the Town of Warrenton known as S. R. No. 1001. The request to widen the street was made after W. A. Miles, Mayor of Warrenton, had appeared before the board asking that such action be taken.

## Board Members To Seek Re-election

All five members of the Board of Education will be candidates for re-nomination in the Democratic Primary of May 30.

At least all five—Gene Davis, Ed Harvey, Dr. Sam H. Massey, Jr., Boyd Mayfield, and J. T. Gupton—signed their filing papers and paid their fees to Wiley Coleman, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, Monday night.

Coleman said that in addition to the members of the Board



EVELYN PALMER

## Miss Palmer To Appear With Chorus On NBC Network

A former Warrenton girl, Evelyn Palmer, will make her appearance on National television on April 11, it was learned here this week.

Evelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Palmer, formerly of Warrenton and now of St. Petersburg, Fla., is a member of the Ciega High School Choir of St. Petersburg which will appear on the NBC network Saturday as a part of the Mrs. America Program. Evelyn is in the soprano group of the choir which will also sing at the New York World Fair in June.

## Cheek Still Held By Authorities In Philadelphia

Archie Cheek, charged with the shotgun slaying of his grandfather, Ernest Cheek, on November 22, 1962, failed to return to Warrenton Monday with Sheriff Jim Hundley to answer a murder charge.

Sheriff Hundley went to Philadelphia, Pa., over the weekend to bring Cheek, a young Negro arrested by the FBI and held in Philadelphia, to Warren County for trial. Hundley said that he had been notified by Philadelphia police that Cheek had expressed a willingness to return to the county.

Hundley said that only a short time before he was to bring Cheek to Warrenton a Philadelphia "Public Defender" appeared with a writ of habeas corpus and the judge ruled that another hearing would have to be held.

Hundley said he was told by (See CHEEK, page 2)

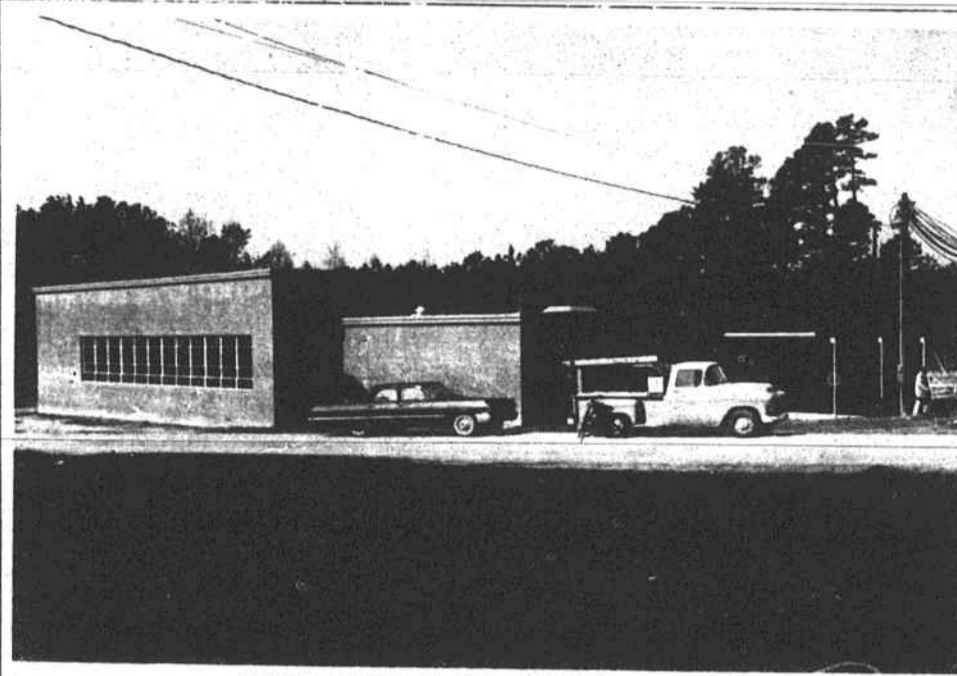
of Education, that Frank B. Banzet had filed for the House of Representatives, Roy B. Clark had filed for constable of Judkins Township, and Jimmie C. Hudson had filed for constable of River Township.



Students are shown inspecting books displayed at the John Graham High School gym this week. The book display, including basic selections of required books, supplementary books and reference books, was also presented at other high schools of the county this week.

(Staff Photo)

# Alleged Trespassers To Be Tried Today



NORTH WARREN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Students To Enter New Addition At North Warren School Monday

A \$115,000 addition to the Northside Negro elementary school will begin operations on Monday morning, J. R. Peeler, superintendent of Warren County schools said Monday.

The addition will contain four

classrooms, and auditorium-lunch room. He said the addition will give space for a central library as well as adding cafeteria facilities.

As a result of completion of the building, Peeler said, the Paschall Chapel two-teacher school will be closed and some 60 pupils and the two teachers will be transferred to the North-

side school.

Peeler said that seven small Negro schools still are being operated in the county, including Hecks Grove, a larger school. But with the completion of Southside elementary school within a short time there will be no one-teacher and two-teacher schools left in the county.



JACK H. CRUM

## Crum To Lecture At Two Churches

The Rev. Jack H. Crum, director of Christian Social Action of the N. C. Council of Churches and also a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, will be the guest speaker at meetings held at two churches of the county on Sunday, the Rev. Milton Mann, pastor of the Macon Methodist Church, announced yesterday.

Mr. Crum will address the Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-District meeting at the Jerusalem Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. His topic will be "Communism and Christian Youth," and he will present slides of his tour of Europe and Russia. Mr. Mann said that this program will be the highlight of the meeting. The election of new MYF Sub-District officers will also be on the agenda for the afternoon session.

The Rev. Mr. Crum will deliver his address and show slides at the Macon Methodist Church at 7:45. The evening meeting will be primarily for all interested Christian adults, Mr. Mann said. The service is sponsored by the local Commission of Christian Social Concerns of the Macon Methodist Church. "The public is cordially invited to attend either of these informative, interesting and timely meetings," Mr. Mann said.

## Patrons Back School, Principal At Hearing

More than a hundred Negro school patrons gathered in the court room of the Warren County Courthouse on Monday night to express to the Board of Education their confidence in and support of the John R. Hawkins High School.

A brief statement was read by James Jones, Warrenton merchant, stating the purpose of the meeting, after which Daniel Bullock said that was all the business of the meeting. Asked by Chairman Eugene Davis if anyone else wished to be heard, Bullock said there were none. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned and the members of the Board of Education returned to their office downstairs.

The statement read by Jones in its entirety was as follows: "Mr. Davis, Mr. Peeler, Mr. Drake, and members of the Board, we are here tonight to

express and show our full confidence and support of the school program and the principal of the John R. Hawkins High School."

Prior to the meeting a petition supporting Prof. Byers and the Hawkins school, signed by some 300 persons, was submitted to the board.

During a brief session following the meeting in the court room, the board members approved a request of the Littleton school committee that Mrs. Helen Gardner Bell, who has passed the retirement age, be employed for another school year.

The board approved the election of Charles Richard Taylor, a graduate of East Carolina College, as successor to Mrs. Milton Mann, a fifth grade teacher at John Graham High School, who has resigned.

The board also approved the purchase of library books for Warren schools during the summer months.

## Zoning Hearing To Be Held On May 4

A special hearing to consider changes in zoning boundaries and other regulations in a part of the Gaston Lake area will be held by the Warren County Board of Commissioners on Monday, May 4, at 4 o'clock.

The request for the hearing was made by Marvin Newsom, chairman of the Warren County Planning Board, who appeared before the commissioners Monday afternoon with Jack Harris, secretary of the board, and Monroe Gardner. Newsom also told the commissioners that further state assistance was needed from the State Department of Conservation and Development in carry-

ing out the orderly development of Gaston Lake. He said this assistance could be provided by the commissioners appropriate \$1500 over a two-year period to meet matching funds of state and federal government. After some discussion the commissioners agreed to make the donation.

Newsom said that the development of the lake is almost exceeding his expectations with an increasing number of subdivisions being offered to the public. This, he said, is going to be reflected in an increase in valuations of the county. "It is a tremendous thing," he said.

## Students Are Back In School

More than a hundred Negroes, charged with trespassing in racial demonstrations here during the past ten days are scheduled to be given a hearing in Warren County Recorder's Court today.

Some 20 other demonstrators were added to the list of more than 100 previously arrested Wednesday afternoon when they blocked the entrance to Boyce and Hunter Drug Stores by sitting in front of the doors of the town's two drug stores and refusing to move.

The demonstration, the first in Warrenton's history, began on Saturday afternoon, March 28 when the two drug stores, the Puritan Cafe and the Warren Theatre were the targets of the sit-downs, and Hotel Warren was added to the targets on a second demonstration Tuesday afternoon.

In Saturday afternoon's demonstration 57 persons were arrested, including Elliot Eisenberg of New York, an 18-year-old white student at Amherst College, who was charged with trespassing and inciting to riot. The demonstrators, mostly teen-agers, were hauled to jail in a police car, and after four town policemen and two deputy sheriffs became exhausted after bodily lifting the demonstrators into the car, tear gas was used to clear the streets in front of the drug stores.

By Tuesday the police were ready with a large van and a number of added deputies, and cleared the store entrances without too much difficulty, arresting 58 demonstrators in the process. Aiding in stopping the demonstration were two Negro leaders deputized by Sheriff Hundley and Mayor W. A. Miles. Six other alleged leaders were cited to appear in court April 10 when they refused to serve as deputies.

Tuesday's demonstration followed a boycott of Warren County Negro schools which began on Tuesday morning and lasted for a week, and by a march and song and prayer service on the court house steps Monday and Tuesday afternoons, and by a march on Wednesday afternoon. The marches were peaceful and police and highway patrolmen assisted in routing traffic while marchers were crossing streets.

The boycott which resulted in more than half of students remaining away from Negro schools for several days, apparently ended Wednesday when a large proportion of students were back in school. Whether the boycott was called off by the NAACP or wore itself out is not known. J. R. Peeler, superintendent of schools, said Wednesday afternoon that the boycott was over and that he was no longer making a count of attendance. Thursday morning school buses passing through Warrenton's business district enroute to John R. Hawkins High School here were fully loaded.

Monday night the Board of Education was in session to hear a delegation of Negro school patrons backing the Hawkins High School and its principal J. E. Byers, under attack by the NAACP. At that time Chairman Eugene Davis notified the board that he had been requested by Ernest Turner, president of the Warren NAACP chapter, to give executive committee a hearing on Tuesday night. This delegation of more than a score of NAACP members appeared before the board at 8 o'clock on Tuesday night. When Chairman Davis told the (See SCHOOL, page 2)