

## Jury Rules On Cause Of Death

A Warren County coroner's jury has ruled that a man whose body was found on a highway near here came to his death as the result of being struck by an automobile driven by Mollie Williams Alston.

The body of Robert David Carter, Negro of Rt. 2, Littleton, was found on Highway 43 a short distance this side of the Warrenton Golf Course around 4 o'clock Saturday morning. Evidence was that the man had been struck by an automobile.

An investigation of the accident was made by Highway Patrolman R. H. Clark, who blamed the death on a hit-and-run driver. Parts of an automobile from around the transmission of a car were found near the body which was lying in a pool of blood.

Saturday morning around 10 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Alston, who live on the outskirts of Warrenton, reported to Sheriff Jim Hundley that Mrs. Eddie Alston had run over the body of a man lying in the road at about 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Alston said that he and his wife was badly frightened by the occurrence and for that reason his wife failed to report the accident to the Highway Patrol.

Coroner N. I. Heathcock, called to the scene by Patrolman Clark, ruled that an inquest should be held to determine whether foul play was involved.

At the inquest held at Green's Funeral Home on Saturday afternoon, members of the jury inspected the body and the mortician testified that he found no stab wounds on the body. The issue before the coroner's jury was whether Carter had been previously murdered and placed on the highway, whether he had been walking down the highway when struck by some car whose driver was unknown, or whether he was lying on the highway alive when struck by the car driven by Mollie Williams Alston.

An examination of the car driven by Mrs. Alston revealed that blood and hair were found on the underside of the

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## Open Air Retreat To Be Held Sunday At Memorial Forest

The second annual Sunday School Open Air Retreat will be held at the Memorial Recreation Forest on Sunday, August 16, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

The event, sponsored by Jerusalem, Edward Grove, Hecks Grove and Jordan Chapel Churches, was announced this week by S. A. Davis, president of the MRF's Council. Davis said that every family in the Hecks Grove school community is urged to attend to enjoy this open air retreat, and that every family is urged to bring their family dinner and spread it on the tables in the Forest, forget their troubles and enjoy this fellowship together.

The American Friends Service Student Group has been invited to share in the teaching of the 12 or more classes that will be organized in small sections from the beginners through the adults and seated and taught under the shade of the trees.

From the Forest studio, Davis said, the Jerusalem choir will lead the opening music. The Edward Grove choir will lead when classes reassemble. The Jordan Chapel choir will lead following the lesson series and the Hecht Grove choir will lead the closing.

Davis said the open air audience will join over the loud speaker in the singing.

### REGULAR SERVICES

Regular services will be held at the Warrenton Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. James Grant.



FAMILIAR SCENE as Warren farmers harvest their tobacco crop. Charles Fleming and crew are shown preparing leaf for barn on the Tommie Harrington farm near Vicks-

boro last Friday. Present indications are for one of Warren's best tobacco crops. Border market sales indicate better prices are in store.

## Farmers Optimistic Over Tobacco Outlook

With prices up around \$4.00 a hundred pounds on the border tobacco markets on opening day last Thursday and with the best crop indicated in years, Warren County tobacco farmers are optimistic about prospects for a good year.

A crop, which looked poor only a few weeks ago, has been brought out by fine rains and agricultural agents say that Warren County has the best tobacco crop in years. Many farmers are expected to harvest around 2500 pounds per acre. Some tobacco has been damaged by winds and hail in scattered storms in the northern part of the county, but hail damage to date has been less than is usually the case.

Cotton crops look particularly good at this time, and for the first time in many years the boll weevil has offered no serious threat to the crop.

Based on reports from producers as of August 1, North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco production is forecast at 862 million pounds—or 5.5 per cent from the July estimate, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. Such a pro-

duction would fall short of the 920.7 million pounds produced last year by 6.4 per cent, but it would exceed the 1958-62 five-year average of 804.9 million by 7.1 per cent. If the estimated production materializes, flue-cured yield would pass the one-ton mark for the first time in history and would amount to a record 2,077 pounds, or 78 pounds more than the previous record produced last year.

Following the droughty conditions which prevailed over the state for a considerable period, rains since the first of July brought about a marked improvement in flue-cured tobacco, especially in the Middle and Old Belts, Type 11, and in the Eastern Belt, Type 12.

Type 11 production in the Middle and Old Belts is estimated at 319,800 pounds from 164,000 acres for a yield of 1,950 pounds as compared with a 1963 production of 325,780, 000 pounds from 182,000 acres and a yield of 1,790 pounds.

The United States flue-cured crop is estimated at 1,277, 241.00 pounds for a decrease of 6.9 per cent from the 1, 371,462 pounds produced last year.

## Board Budgets Fund To Pay For Truck

The Board of Town Commissioners Monday night approved the amount of \$7,683.64 as a supplementary budget for the Fire Department in order that the balance due on the recently purchased John Bean Fire Fighter could be paid in full during the current fiscal year. The funds were appropriated from surplus funds on hand June 30.

The board also approved payment of a bill in the amount of \$384.17 to pay the expenses of Fire Chief Walker Burwell and two firemen incurred in attending the John Bean Fire Fighters School at Lansing, Mich., and in the delivery of the new fire truck to Warrenton.

B. C. Powell appeared before the board in behalf of himself and Willard Faucette of Sinclair Service Station to ask the commissioners to abate certain nuisances occurring on a lot back of the Community Center. The board took no action but Mayor W. A. Miles promised Powell that he would have police officers make an investigation of conditions of which he complains.

Bruce Rose appeared before the commissioners relative to parking meter problems, but no action was taken.

Other matters before the board in a rather long session were of a routine nature.

## Football Practice To Start Saturday

Football practice will begin at the John Graham High School at 7:30 a. m. Saturday, Coach Jimmy Webb announced yesterday.

Webb said that around 25 boys have already signified their intentions of coming out for the team and that about 20 of these were members of the squad last year.

The John Graham Coach said that he is looking forward to a good season and expressed the hope that many boys would be on hand for the first session Saturday morning.

### HORSE SHOW

A horse show will be held at Robbins Ball Park in Clarksville, Va., on Saturday afternoon, August 15, from 1:30 p. m. Daylight Savings Time, and 7 p. m. DST. Delicious cold drinks and Brunswick stew will be served.

The show which will be comprised of 42 classes is sponsored by the Mecklenburg Life Saving and Rescue Squad.

## Woman Is Shot

Cornelia Powell Williams, young Negro woman, is in a serious condition at Roanoke Rapids Hospital as the result of being shot in the back with a 22 calibre rifle at the home of her sister, Mrs. Sol Smith, Jr., at Vaughan around 9:30 Saturday morning.

Charged with the shooting is Mrs. Williams estranged husband, Joseph Williams, who is being held in Warren County jail without bond.

Following the shooting during a quarrel over a child, Williams fled. He was picked up by Littleton Police officers on Saturday afternoon and brought to the Warren County Jail by Deputy Lloyd Newsome.

According to the Sheriff's Department, the bullet went through a kidney and punctured the woman's intestines. The kidney had to be removed because of the injury.

## Man Is Stabbed

Lenn Simms, Sr., colored, is recovering at Jubilee Hospital in Henderson from knife wounds allegedly inflicted last Friday night by Russell Davis at Arthur Alston piccolo joint at Libertia.

According to the sheriff's department, Simms was stabbed in the face and stomach, and 70 stitches were required to close the wounds.

Davis, who is being held in Warren County jail, alleges that

Simms attacked him with a stick, after he had cursed him.

A warrant charging Simms with an assault with a deadly weapon has been sworn out by Davis' wife, according to the officers.

Miss Emily Burt Person returned to Warrenton this week to resume her duties as vocational home economics teacher at John Graham High School.

## Warren Will Seek To Participate In North Carolina Fund In 1965

### Children Assigned At Board Meeting

A misunderstanding over the admission of two Negro children—Ramona Denise Harvey and Ronald Andre Harvey—to John R. Hawkins school was corrected at a meeting of the Warren County Board of Education Monday night, and the two children were ordered admitted.

In assigning 18 Negro children to white schools at the July meeting of the board, several applications from among the 57 pupils requesting assignment were denied on the grounds that the parents of the children were not legal residents of Warren County.

This led to the impression that two children of Mrs. Sarah S. Harvey, who now resides in Richmond, Va., were denied admission to all Warren County schools.

Monday night Melvyn Tunstall and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Tunstall, grandmother of the children, appeared before the board to ask that the children be allowed to attend the John R. Hawkins High School.

Tunstall, who acted as spokesman was told that the board in denying admission to white schools of children whose parents are not legal residences of the county, did not attend this to apply to admission to other schools, and that the children could attend John R. Hawkins.

Dr. S. H. Massey told Tunstall that since space is at a premium in the white schools and all the applications could not be approved, the board felt that first consideration should be given to those children who are legal residents of the county.

Tunstall said that he understood that, and he felt that the

admission of the eighteen students was fair and he believed entirely satisfactory to members of his race who understand the problem. Massey assured him that the board acted in good faith.

The meeting triggered a discussion of a policy of the admission of any children to Warren County schools whose parents are not legal residents of the county. The members questioned the justice of taxing Warren County citizens to edu-

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### Baxter Succumbs To Heart Attack

Funeral services for William Alexander Baxter, 53, were conducted at the Norlina Methodist Church at 4:30 p. m. Sunday by the Rev. Bruce Tate. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Warrenton.

Mr. Baxter died of a heart attack at his home at Norlina on Saturday night. He was the son of the late William Alexander and Della Fitts Baxter of Ridgeway and a graduate of Norlina High School.

At the time of his death Mr. Baxter was owner and operator of the Baxter Tire and Recapping Company on the Norlina road. For many years he was a member of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, retiring in 1961.

He was a member of the Durham Masonic Lodge No. 352, AF&AM, the Scottish Rite Bodies, and the Sudan Temple Shrine.

He is survived by his wife, the former Maxine Drake of Warrenton, and by one sister, Mrs. J. M. Lewis of South Hill, Va.

Warren County is expected to seek participation in the North Carolina Fund next year, it was revealed at a meeting of the board of education Monday night.

The fund provides teachers and some funds for special courses for those handicapped by environment and for other causes, and is an experiment in the effort to break the poverty cycle.

Assistant County Superintendent Comer Griffith and Kenneth Brinson, principal of the John Graham High School, have been making a study of the program for several weeks and Monday night sketched its provisions and objectives for the benefit of the board members.

After a brief discussion the board members decided to have further study made and to apply for one of the several plans offered next year.

The meeting of the board lasted for more than three hours, with much of the action of a routine nature.

During the time the members approved a survey of school building needs for the State Department of Public Instruction to be used in connection with the State School Construction Bond issue of Nov. 3.

Thirteen of fourteen students from Warren County assigned to the Middleburg High School were reassigned to the Vance County school at the request of the board of education of that county. The application of the fourteenth pupil, Paula Ann Fleming, a beginning pupil, was declined. This action was in keeping with a resolution of the board adopted on August 5, 1963, stating "That new pupils (beginners and transfers) entering school in 1964-65 will be assigned to the Norlina school.

The 1963 resolution also stated that "The Vance County Board of Education will not send buses into Warren County to pick up pupils." This resolution was the basis of a refusal by the board of a request from Charles Mitchell that his children be permitted to ride the bus from his home in Warren County to Middleburg.

The Halifax County Board of Education has released the assignment of Deena Lew Arrington to the Warren County Board of Education. Monday night the Warren board approved the assignment of the child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Arrington, Jr., to the first grade at Marlam Boyd school. The request that Kathy Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold (See FUND, page 8)

## 4-H Club Members Leave For Camp

More than 30 Warren County 4-H'ers left Monday, August 10 for a week's encampment at the new Betsy-Jeff-Penn 4-H Center near Reidsville. A few of the week's activities will include handicraft, canoeing, boating, swimming, dancing and electric activities. The 4-H'ers will have athletic competition, talent show, vesper programs,

a banquet and meet new friends from Forsyth and Jones counties.

One adult leader, Mrs. Clifton Stegall is attending camp with the group along with the two assistant agents to serve as cabin counselors and group leaders.

The group is made up of the following:

Arlene Bender, Conrad Bender, Laura Bender, Tommy Bender, Donna Brauer, Carla Callihan, Bonnie Carter, Annie Mary Craft, Clifton Randy Curtis, Valerie Fleming, Ernest Boyd Harris, Phil A. Harris, Teresa Hicks, Burnice White Hilliard, Carol Hobgood, Ruby Kimball.

Nancy Pete Mitchell, Hal Paschall, Jr., Bob Rideout, Mike Rock, Harriet Sabrowski, Shirley Sabrowski, Shirley Anne Seaman, James Clifton Stegall, Carolyn West, Judy Gayle West, Ronnie West, Vivian Williams, Pamela Hardage, Mrs. Clifton Stegall, Miss Rita Castleberry and L. B. Hardage.



WARREN COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS

pictured prior to entering bus for camp

## Boosters Club Gives Tickets To Players

The Warrenton Boosters Club will give free tickets to the North-South Boys Home Game to be played at Greenville tonight (Friday) to all boys who are going out for the John Graham High School football team this fall.

Al Blalock, flashy halfback of last year's John Graham team, will play for the North team. Al was outstanding in all sports and school activities during his four years at John Graham High.

Announcement that the Boosters would provide tickets to the game tonight was made yesterday by Peyton B. Rogers. He said the John Graham activity bus will be used to carry the boys and will leave from the gym at 4:30 p. m. The boys who are planning to attend the game are asked to be on time.

The second annual Boys Home Bowl Game is to be played tonight in East Carolina College stadium and is sponsored by the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw, a home for underprivileged and in many cases homeless boys.