



The Nativity scene on the Warrenton courthouse lawn, is part of the Christmas decorations being sponsored here by the Warrenton Woman's Club. Small Christmas trees have been placed along Main Street from the Post-

office to Sinclair Service Station. Lights on these trees will be turned on tonight (Friday) at 6:30 o'clock and will be followed by a visit from Santa Claus at 7:30 o'clock.

## Group Seeks To Keep Warren Hospital Open

Warren General Hospital is in serious financial difficulties and may be forced to close on January 1, David Richards, hospital administrator told a group of citizens interested in maintaining the hospital Friday night.

Some 40 persons were present at the meeting held at Richard Davis's Cabin near Warrenton when plans were discussed to keep the hospital in operation. John Kerr, Jr., chairman of the Hospital board of trustees, called the meeting to order and presented Richards said the hospital

was \$25,000 in debt, but had enough funds on hand to keep the hospital operating until the first of the year. Unless additional funds are forthcoming, he said, the hospital will probably have to close. He said, in answer to a question, that only five patients were in the hospital Friday.

Immediate cause of the Hospital's difficulties, Richards said is the lack of a surgeon. There is some hope of obtaining a qualified surgeon here by the first of March, he said, but provision will have to be made to keep the hospital in operation until that time. It will be

several days before it is known whether or not the surgeon will come to Warrenton, he added.

A more far reaching cause of the hospital's difficulties, Richards said, is the economic difficulties of the county. If this difficulty is to be overcome, he said, it is going to take the full cooperation of all the people. "I mean," he said, "all the people, without regard to race, color or creed, or financial responsibility or lack of financial responsibility."

The success of any hospital the administrator said, is the support of the doctors and the number of doctors who are

practicing in the hospital. If we are to obtain more doctors, he said, we will have to offer more inducements for them to come here. Among these inducements are suitable offices and living quarters for young

### Basketball Game To Start At 7:30 P. M.

Basketball play here Friday night will start 30 minutes late. Scheduled to play are boys and girls teams from Murfreesboro.

Kenneth Brinson, principal of John Graham High School, said yesterday that due to the Christmas lights being turned on and service Friday night at 7 p. m. the girls game with Murfreesboro will not start until 7:30 in order that the public might attend both festivities.

### Games Tonight

John Graham High School will play its third home basketball game of the season tonight (Friday) when it hosts teams from Murfreesboro in a double-header.

On next Tuesday night John Graham again will be at home when it will entertain teams from Weldon.

Norlina will also be at home for its next two games. Tonight it will host non-conference Aycock, and on next Tuesday night will play teams from Littleton.

### Santa Claus Letters

A number of letters to Santa Claus have been received by The Warren Record and forwarded to the North Pole. Copies of these letters will appear in next week's edition of this newspaper.

### CHOIR TO SING

The Beginner, Primary and Junior Choirs of the Warrenton Baptist Church will present a program of Christmas Music on Sunday, December 13, at the 11 o'clock morning worship service.

The choirs are under the direction of Mrs. John Link with Mrs. W. A. Miles as accompanist.

### RIDGEWAY SERVICES

Services of Holy Communion will be observed at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ridgeway, on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. James M. Stoney, rector, in charge.

### IN HOSPITAL

Miss Estelle Davis is a patient in Warren General Hospital for treatment.

## Growers To Vote On Quotas Next Tuesday

### Cotton Vote Also To Be Held

Just what a "yes" or "no" vote will mean in the December 15 referendum on upland cotton marketing quotas was explained yesterday by W. S. Smiley, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee. All farmers who engaged in the production of upland cotton in 1964 are eligible to vote in the referendum.

The Chairman said that the basic program choices are:

1. If at least two-thirds of the growers who vote in the referendum approve of quotas, the quotas will be in effect for the 1965 upland cotton crop, marketing penalties will apply to any excess cotton produced on a farm, price-support loans at a level within the range of 65 to 90 per cent of parity will be available to farmers who do not exceed their acreage allotments, and - in addition - price-support payments can be earned by farmers for keeping their acreage within the farm's "domestic" allotment.

2. On the other hand, if more than one-third of the growers who vote oppose the quotas, then there will be no quotas and no penalties applicable to the 1965 upland cotton crop, no "domestic allotment" program providing price-support payments, and price support to farmers who comply with their acreage allotments will be available at 50 percent of parity, as directed by law. The regular acreage allotment program is not affected by the outcome of the balloting. The allotments will remain in effect - whether or not quotas are approved - as a means of determining eligibility for the available price support.

Smiley pointed out that, while the Secretary of Agriculture is directed by law to proclaim quotas for the next crop when the total upland cotton supply

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### Polling Places Listed

Polling places where Warren County producers may cast ballots in the tobacco and cotton referendums on marketing quotas were announced yesterday by W. S. Smiley, chairman of the ASCS Committee. Polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. on Tuesday, December 15.

Smiley said that all eligible voters are urged to go to their nearest polling place within the county and vote.

The polling places are located as follows:

Fishing Creek - Pittman's Store and Davis's Store, Arcola.

Fork - W. K. Thompson's Store.

Hawtree - Perkinson's Store

and J. W. Bolton's Store, Paschal.

Judkins - Triangle Service Station and Mrs. Blanche Stallings' Store, Embro.

Nutbush - J. C. Watkins' Store and Buchanan's Store.

River - R. L. Salmon's Store, Gray's Place and King's Grocery, Littleton.

Sandy Creek - Aycock's Store, Ayscue's Store and Bill's Place.

Sixpound - W. J. Wilson's Store, Macon, and Edmonds' Store.

Smith Creek - Mayor's Office, Norlina, and Paynter's Store.

Warrenton - Agricultural Building and Bolton's Store, Warren Plains.

Shocco - Pinnell's Store.

### Growers Are Urged To Vote

Warren County farmers will go to the polls on next Tuesday, December 15, to decide whether or not quotas shall be continued on flue-cured tobacco and cotton.

In addition the growers will determine whether or not assessment shall be levied on peanuts and tobacco for research and sales promotion.

Eligible to vote in the tobacco quota referendum is any person who had a share in the 1964 crop of flue-cured tobacco or its proceeds - as owner, operator, share tenant, or sharecropper - is eligible to vote in the referendum. Also, each person who was either the owner or operator of a farm for which a 1964 tobacco acreage allotment was established is eligible to vote, even though no tobacco was actually produced on the farm in 1964, if an allotment was established for the farm for 1965.

W. S. Smiley, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, pointed out yesterday that in this referendum growers will have the choice of approving or disapproving quotas for the next three crops. If at least two-thirds of the growers voting approve quotas by voting "yes" the quotas will remain in effect.

A favorable vote will mean a continuation of the present tobacco program, with penalties on marketing access tobacco, and price supports on the 1965, 1966 and 1967 crops of flue-cured tobacco.

An unfavorable vote will mean no quotas, no penalties, and no price support on the 1965 crop of flue-cured tobacco. In this event, Smiley said, another referendum will be held next year on quotas for the following three crops.

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## Teenage Gang Here Broken By Police

Wholesale arrests here Saturday morning by town and county officers are believed to have broken the back of a gang of teenage Negro shoplifters who have worked here for some time.

Seventeen warrants have been issued charging the members of the gang with larceny and with cutting an awning in front of a business house here. In addition to the 14 boys and one man over 21 allegedly involved in the charges, four young boys were also charged with the crimes. Their names were not released by police because they are under 16 years of age.

The arrests Saturday morning resulted from investigations followed by the police after a stolen watch had been found on one defendant, Town Police Chief Bob Chewning said yesterday. The investigation, he said, covered from a week to ten days. County officers, Chewning said, aided in rounding up defendants living outside of Warrenton.

Most of the defendants are around 17 years of age, Chief

Chewning said. The defendants and the charges are: Clarence Jones, larceny, cutting awning; John Hargrove, larceny; Robert Dale, larceny; Curtis Kearney, receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen; Roy Kearney, larceny; Charlie Cheek, larceny; William Bland, larceny; Alfred Alston, cutting awning; Len Simms, III, cutting awning; John Hargrove, receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen; William Thornton, larceny; Alfred Alston, larceny; Claude Champion, larceny; Thomas Christmas, larceny.

The defendants are expected to be given a hearing in Warren County Recorder's Court today (Friday).

Many of the stolen articles have been recovered, Chief Chewning said. He listed the business places from which articles were stolen as follows:

The Warrenton Department Store, Warrenton Supply Company, Edwards' Department Store, Nu-Way Shoe Store, Lanier's Hardware Company, Diamond's Department Store.



LYNNE FRAZIER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Frazier of Norlina, is shown with Warren County's favorite Santa Claus at the annual Santa Claus party given by Postmaster William K. Delbridge at the post-

office. The party this year, held on Tuesday afternoon, was attended by around 400 children. A tape of the party was made by TV Station WRAL, Raleigh, and put on the air at 6 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.



The Warren County Board of County Commissioners were sworn into office on Monday afternoon by Mrs. Lanle Hayes, Clerk of Warren County Superior Court. Shown, above taking the oath of office, left to right, are Commissioners Robert P. Thorne, Amos L. Capps, Alfred Ellington, Richard R. Davis, John Wilson. In lower picture, Sam E. Allen, Register of Deeds, is sworn in by Mrs. Hayes.

## Capps Re-elected

Amos L. Capps, Warren County pulpwood dealer, will again serve as chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners.

Capps was unanimously re-elected chairman at an organizational meeting of the commissioners Monday afternoon after they had taken the oath of office before Mrs. Lanle Hayes, Clerk of Court. The term of the com-

missioners expired at the close of the morning session, and, re-elected in the General Election, they began their new two-year term at the beginning of the afternoon session.

Prior to the swearing in of the commissioners, Mrs. Hayes administered the oath of office to Register of Deeds Sam E.

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