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WELCOME TO WARRENTON—The above sign which welcomes people to Warrenton is located on a hill overlooking the Warrenton-Rocky Mount Highway, and was recently

repaired and painted by the Warrenton Merchants Association.

## Board Of Education Expected To Endorse 'Head Start' Plan

The Warren County Board of Education is expected to sponsor project "Head Start" during the summer for 240 pre-school children in the county, J. Roger Peeler, superintendent of schools, announced yesterday. This is a federal program de-

signed to help all children of poverty-stricken areas.

The proposed project for Warren County has as its objectives (1) to provide for the child a wider and more varied experiences, (2) to improve the child's health through the use

of many activities and resources, (3) to improve the child's emotional and social development, (4) to increase the child's ability to work, play and to get along with his family and others, (5) to acquaint the child with people of many walks of life (teachers, doctors, dentists, policemen, welfare workers, other children, parents, etc.), (6) to provide opportunities for each child to experience success, express himself, and to be a part of a total group, (7) to arouse the child's curiosity about his environment, (8) to improve self-confidence, (9) to provide opportunities for the child and his family to participate in plan-

(See HEAD START, page 4)

## Man To Be Tried For Murder At Court Term

A Warren County man is scheduled to be tried for murder in Superior Court on next week.

Robert Lee Carter, charged with the murder of Cora Lambert here on November 7, is scheduled to be tried next Tuesday. Frank Banzet and Julius Banzet were appointed by the court to conduct his defense after Carter had signed an affidavit, with his mark, stating that he had no money and was \$100 in debt.

Carter was arrested by officers from the Warrenton Police and Sheriff's Department on Saturday morning, November 7, following the murder of Cora Lambert, 42, in the early hours of the same day.

Cora Lambert, who was employed as a maid by Miss Mary Frances Rodwell, clerk in the office of the Register of Deeds, was found dead in her home early in the morning of November 7 by Robert Green, a friend, who said that he stopped by the home for a cup of coffee while on his way to work. He reported the death to the Warrenton

Police Department.

When officers reached the scene they found the woman lying on the floor of her home with her skull cracked and her face beaten to a pulp. Lying beside the body was a blood-stained piece of stovewood.

The May term of Warren County criminal court will convene on Monday morning with Judge Clarence Hall of Durham presiding.

The court is scheduled to run three days with the usually run of cases, except the one murder case, with many of the cases on the docket having been appealed from Recorder's Court. The docket for the three days is as follows:

Monday - Ernest Ayscue, larceny; James Baxter, two counts of trespass; Tom Lewis Rooker, drunk driving; Forest Richard Harris, driving after license revoked; Edward Lee Dowtin, drunk driving; Yarrowborough Williams, non-support (See COURT, page 11)

## Dr. Lake To Speak At Commencement

Dr. I. Beverly Lake of Raleigh, candidate for governor in the Democratic primaries last summer, will be the speaker at commencement exercises to be held in the John Graham High School auditorium on next Thursday night, June 3, at 8 o'clock. He will be introduced by Rep. W. R. Drake.

The Rev. Leonard T. Wilson, minister of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church of Warrenton, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock on Sunday night. The Rev. Robert Oates will give the invocation; the Rev. John Link will read the Scripture, and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Jack Wilcox.

Fifty-two seniors will be candidates for diplomas at the commencement exercises next Thursday night. The Class Wal-

come will be given by Jim Davis and Joyce Seaman, salutatorians, and the Class Farewell will be given by Nancy Wilson, valedictorian. The benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. J. M. Long. Mrs. Monroe Gardner will serve as pianist and R. M. Davis as choir director. Class mascots are Pamela Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thompson, and Jeff Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews.

### HAWKINS SCHOOL

One hundred and eleven seniors are scheduled to graduate at commencement exercises at John R. Hawkins High School on Tuesday afternoon, June 1, at 2 p. m.

The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. James T. Guines, (See LAKE, page 3)



J. ESTES BYERS

## Hawkins Principal Resigns

J. Estes Byers, principal of John R. Hawkins High School for the past 21 years, has resigned.

He has accepted a position as principal of the new West Cary High School, where he will be the first principal of this new high school.

Byers, a controversial figure among patrons of the Hawkins school, was re-elected principal by the Warrenton District Committee at a recent meeting of the board. At the same meeting he submitted his resignation.

He came to Warrenton from Columbus County in 1941. Mrs. Byers, a Hawkins teacher, has also resigned and will teach in the Wake School System next year.

### RECEIVES DEGREE

Larry Limer received his B. S. degree from ECC, Greenville this week. He is now stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga. undergoing eight weeks of advance infantry training prior to entering the Officer's Cadet School at Fort Benning, Ga., in July.

### BUYS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. James Knox Polk have purchased the old Polk home on North Main Street where they have lived for a number of years, from Mrs. William T. Polk of Greensboro.

### RETURNS HOME

"Chip" Capps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Capps returned to his home here Wednesday after undergoing a tonsillectomy at Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.

### BANKS TO CLOSE

The Citizens Bank of Warrenton and The Peoples Bank of Norlina will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

## Board Of Education

# Assigns 86 Negroes To County White Schools

## Warren County Desegregation Plan Is Denied In Washington

### Carroll Believes Rejections Are Due To Technicalities

RALEIGH — State school officials were notified Monday that statements of compliance to the 1964 Civil Rights Act submitted by 28 North Carolina school units have been turned down as inadequate.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State superintendent of public instruction, received the notice from U. S. Commissioner of Education Francis E. Keppel in form letters. No specific reasons for the rejections were given by Keppel, except that the 28 plans "lack the provisions which would be necessary to find them) adequate...."

However, Carroll said he believes the plans are "probably defective in only a minor fashion." He said that he is advising the 28 school superintendents to inquire of the federal officials "in what way their respective plans are inadequate."

### PLANS ARE SOUND

"It's primarily a matter of re-negotiation," he said. "My feeling is the major portions of each plan are sound."

A spokesman of the U. S. Office of Education in Washington said such rejection notices do not mean the plans have been rejected completely.

No plans are being sent back as totally rejected, the spokesman said.

The 28 units listed by Carroll apparently had been notified that plans submitted several weeks ago did not come up to all the standards in guidelines discussed May 3.

In such cases, a copy of the guidelines have been furnished the local school authorities.

### TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

In general, the plans submitted by North Carolina school (See SCHOOL, page 11)

A desegregation plan submitted by the Warren County Board of Education under title 6 of the Civil Rights Act, has been turned down by the U. S. Commissioner of Education.

The plan submitted by the Board of Education offered freedom of choice regardless of race to all students seeking assignments to Warren County Schools, and was drawn up according to guidelines submitted by the Office of Education of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Also rejected by the Washington authority were the plans of 28 other school units.

The letter of rejection was read to the Board of Education on Monday night by Supt. J. Roger Peeler, who said that he was at loss to understand why the plan had been rejected.

Board members said they were of the opinion that they had met with the federal requirements in approving the plan submitted, but instructed Supt. Peeler to write to the U. S. Commissioner of Education and ask the assistance of his office in drawing up a suitable plan.

Failure to comply with the federal plan of operation could mean the withdrawal of federal funds from Warren County schools. This would directly affect the operation of the vocational departments, possible loss of lunchroom funds, and probable loss of funds from the proposed national aid to education act.

The letter to Supt. Peeler notifying him of the rejection of the plan submitted by Warren County reads as follows:

Dear Superintendent Peeler:

The plan for desegregation submitted by your school district to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has been reviewed by the staff of the Office of Education. Section 80.4 (c)(2) of the Departmental Regulation issued under Title VI requires the Commissioner of Education to

determine whether such plans of desegregation are adequate to accomplish the purposes of the Civil Rights Act and the Regulation. On the basis of our review, the plan submitted lacks the provisions which would be necessary to find it adequate under this Regulation.

I realize the great difficulty that many school districts face in adopting a plan for desegregation. Nevertheless, the law and the Regulation require school authorities to take the necessary action to end the dual system of schools for white and Negro students as quickly as possible if the district is to participate in federally assisted programs. The plan must be sufficient to achieve this result.

I am enclosing a document which sets forth the guidelines by which I will be governed in determining the adequacy of desegregation plans. The responsibility for adopting and carrying out a desegregation plan must inevitably rest with local officials. The enclosed guidelines, however, should help (See REJECTED, page 11)

## Pre-School Children Should Take Vaccine

All children who will begin school in September, 1965, will need a booster of the oral polio vaccine if they received three doses (sugar cubes) during 1964, Dr. Robert F. Young, Warren County's Health Director, said yesterday.

It is very important that they receive this booster as soon as possible, he said. If they did not receive all three doses of the oral vaccine in 1964 they will need two doses of the vaccine.

Dr. Young said that the Warren County Health Department has this vaccine available for children six weeks to six years of age. He urges all parents of pre-school children to obtain this vaccine for their children soon.

Eighty-six Negroes have been assigned to previously all-white schools of Warren County under the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Seventy-one of these were assigned by the Board of Education on Monday night.

Applications from 84 applicants for transfers to white schools were reviewed by the board and all were accepted by the board with the exception of those whose parents do not reside in Warren County. The board took the view that pupils of both races whose parents live in other states should be educated in those states where the parents reside.

While the bulk of those transfers will be to the John Graham High School in Warrenton, Negro pupils have been assigned for the first time to the Littleton School.

Of the 71 assignments made Monday night, 29 were assigned to the John Graham High School, and nine to the John Graham Elementary School. Ten pupils were assigned to these schools last year. In addition, six pupils were assigned to Mariam Boyd school and five to the Macon Junior High School, both of which schools are a part of the John Graham school.

Six Negro students have been assigned for the first time to Littleton High School, and seven to Afton-Elberon. Where seven pupils were assigned to Norlina High School, where one Negro student is already enrolled.

Parents of assigned pupils have 20 days in which to ask reassignment by the board where they are dissatisfied with assignments made Monday night.

In addition to requests for assignments of Negroes to white schools, a large number of Negro students requested reassignment to other Negro schools. Due to crowded conditions in most of these schools and transportation problems, almost all of these requests for reassignment were denied by the board.

## Public Asked To Buy Poppies May 28-29

The public is asked to wear a poppy today and tomorrow in remembrance of Warren County veterans by the Warren County Chapter of the Legion Auxiliary.

These little commemorative flowers will be on sale Friday and Saturday and will be sold under the direction of the Auxiliary.

Hospitalized veterans have made more than 20,000,000 of these flowers. Mrs. Leonard Daniel, publicity chairman, pointed out yesterday. The American Legion Auxiliary throughout the veterans hospitals has presented all poppy materials free of charge and has presented disabled veterans paychecks totalling \$300,000 for their work in making the flowers.

## Special Service To Be Held By Baptists

A special service of the observance of the two church ordinances will be held at the Warrenton Baptist Church on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship hour, the Rev. John Link said yesterday.

Emphasis will be placed on the symbolism of Baptist and Holy Communion. The following will receive baptism, after which they will join the church congregation in their first observance of the Lord's Supper.

James Egan, Marlene Egan, Kay Curtis, Dale Grady, Alan Pinnell, Pamela Pinnell, Vonnette Vaughan, Marlene White, and Sharon White.

## Two Seniors To Attend Girl's State

Two Warren County rising seniors have been chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit No. 25 of the American Legion to attend Girl's State at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro from June 20 through June 26.

They are Miss Segrid Ann Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ellis of Macon, a rising senior at John Graham High School and Miss Alice Marie Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Moody of Wise, a rising senior at Norlina High School.

Miss Moody has been a member of the Future Homemakers of America for three years and was elected president for the 1965-66 school year. She was vice president of her class in her freshman year and president of the junior class this year. She is also a member of the Norlina High School Student Council.

Miss Ellis has been president of her homeroom during her freshman, sophomore and junior year; a member of the library staff in her freshman, sophomore and junior year. For three years Miss Ellis has been a member of the Future Homemakers of America Chapter, serving as treasurer in her sophomore year, and vice pres-



SEGRID ELLIS



ALICE MOODY

ident in her junior year. She has been a member of the basketball team during her sophomore and junior year.

Miss Ellis is an active member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, where she has held six appointive offices—Love, Religion, Nature, Service, Drill Leader and Chaplain. She has held five elective offices—Treasurer, Faith, Hope, Charity, Worthy Associate Advisor. She is a member of the Grand Cross of Color, highest honor any Rainbow Girl can receive and is Grand Love, an appoint-

ed state officer.

Miss Ellis has also been active in 4-H work and was president of her club in 1964.

Announcement of the appointment of the two girls was made this week by Miss Sadie Limer, Americanism chairman of the Legion Auxiliary.

Miss Limer said that 325 high school rising seniors will be selected in their home communities to attend Girl's State this year. The Warrenton unit, she said, has already sent 25 (See GIRLS, page 11)