



MRS. LANIE HAYES HOLDS BUTE COUNTY WILL BOOK NO. 1

Lost Will Book Restored To Warren County

A photostatic copy of Will Book No. 1, lost from the office of the Clerk of Court for more than 50 years, has been restored to the county through the efforts of a Warrenton woman.

This was revealed on Monday when Mrs. Lanie Hayes, clerk of court, appeared before the county commissioners with the copy of the will book, and explained its re-appearance in the Warren

County Court House.

Mrs. Hayes said that the book was listed as Will Book A, instead of 1, and that persons had written in from time to time asking for information from the volume, but it was not available. It had been rumored for many years that the book was removed from the Clerk's Office by Col. Fred Oids, a historian, and taken to Raleigh, and could be found in the North Carolina

Department of Archives and History.

Recently Mrs. John Kerr, who for several months has been making a study of county records, went to the Department of Archives and History and found the book. The Department had a photostatic copy of the book made and returned it to the Clerk's office in Warren County. Mrs. Hayes said that all the will books are now in her office.

The nicely bound volume, replacing the old will book, is lettered "Bute County Will Book No. 1, including wills, inventories and deeds." The old book was placed in Warren County when Bute County was divided into Warren and Franklin counties.

Mrs. Hayes said yesterday that Mrs. Kerr should have full credit for the return of the copy to Warren County.

Schools Reopen After An 8-Day Holiday

Warren County schools resumed operation Monday morning after a suspension of eight days due to the snow and freezing weather of the past two weeks.

Supt. J. Roger Peeler said yesterday that attendance was fair Monday among the white schools but was poor among the Negro schools, and that considerable bus difficulty was encountered.

So many buses were stuck, Peeler said, that the school mechanics were delayed in reaching several buses needing repairs. This resulted, he said, in some children not

getting home before 9 p. m. Practically all rural children are transported to and from classes, and many of those live on dirt roads, which complicated the transportation problem.

Plans will be made for making up the eight days lost, but no schedule has yet been announced.

The cold weather not only kept children from school, but was responsible for freezing pipes in many of the schools. Major repairs to plumbing were completed during the weekend, and as far as could be learned all classes resumed on regular schedule.

Man Jailed Following Alleged Robbery Try

A Warren County man, jailed on one charge, was tried on another in Warren County Recorder's Court Friday morning.

Johny Frank Davis, Jr., young Negro man, was arrested on Wednesday night by the Sheriff's Department on a charge of assault and attempted robbery Wednesday night of last week and placed in jail. He was already being sought by officers on a traffic violation charge. Friday morning he was sentenced to jail for 30 days on a charge of driving without a valid operator's license.

Davis was picked up at the

home of his mother near the Virginia - Carolina Lumber Co. plant after he had allegedly assaulted and attempted to rob Bud Johnston, colored, at his home a short distance from Warrenton.

According to Sheriff Clarence Davis, John Davis, Jr., had under a robe in the back seat of Johnson's car parked in front of Johnson's store near the Box Mill. When Johnson parked in front of his home, he was struck on the head by Davis. The blow raised a knot on Johnson's head but did not knock him unconscious. Davis then attempted to choke Johnson with his left hand while attempting to remove his wallet with the other. Johnson fought off his assailant, who fled. The alleged assault occurred around 8 o'clock, Sheriff Davis said.

Davis is being held for a hearing in Recorder's Court today (Friday) on the assault and attempted robbery charge.

Davis was out on parole from a seven-year sentence on a robbery charge, and will also be tried for violating his parole.

Drake To Seek House Relection

Incumbent Rep. Wilton R. Drake of Macon today announced that he will be a candidate for re-election to the General Assembly subject to the May Democratic Primary. Drake served his first term in the N. C. House of Representatives two years ago.

In announcing his candidacy, the Warren legislator said his decision to run had been reached "first of all out of respect for the stated wishes of countless friends in Warren County who have placed their confidence in me and who stand with me on my record."

He said another consideration was the "tremendous amount of encouragement received from many fine citizens of Franklin and Vance counties who now join Warren in a tri-county district with only two seats in the House."

A third factor affecting his decision, Drake said, was the fact that he has "a very strong personal desire to continue in service to the citizens of those three great counties."

"As a result of recent federal court ordered reapportionment of the State Legislature, one of these three counties will lose its individual representative. Such a blow to that county can only be lessened by electing representatives who are dedicated to the principle of local government and who will make themselves available to the people and responsive to their wishes by working closely with their duly elected local governing authorities. To this end, I shall make every effort, if nominated and elected by the people of the District," he said.

Drake was born and reared in Macon, where he now resides. He served as Macon's Mayor for 15 years before being elected to the North Carolina General Assembly.

In addition to serving as Democratic Party precinct chairman and member of the Warren County Democratic Executive Committee, Drake was also delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1952, being the first national delegate ever elected in State Convention from Warren County.

He is engaged in the gen-



W. R. DRAKE

eral insurance business in Warrenton where he has maintained an office since 1942 and has been active in civic affairs.

Married to the former Margery Rice of West Springfield, Mass. they have three children: Wilton R. Drake, Jr., a sophomore at Duke University; Charles Edward Rice Drake, a freshman at East Carolina College; and Frances Jean Drake, student at Nathaniel Macon Junior High School at Macon.

Sylvia Davis Chosen For VIC May Court

Miss Sylvia Lynn Davis, sophomore at Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia, has been selected as a member of the 1966 May Court at VIC and was second runner-up to the May Queen. Selection is based on personality, charm, beauty and school spirit. Miss Davis is one of sixteen girls selected for this honor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Macon Davis of Warrenton.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Mrs. Charles Miller has accepted a position at the Bank of Zebulon in Zebulon. Mrs. Miller is the former Miss Joyce Gupton of Hollister.

Tri-County Organization Formed Warren May Be Named Redevelopment Area

The Warren County Board of Commissioners Monday requested that Warren County be designated as a redevelopment area under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1956.

The board ordered that a copy of the resolution requesting Warren's inclusion under the act be sent to the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration in Raleigh.

J. H. Limer, attorney to the board, said yesterday that the resolution passed by the board was intended to make Warren County eligible to participate fully in ECA programs, and had no definite bearing upon a three-county organization to take advantage of the Federal government Economic Opportunity Act. He said it might have some indirect value to the recently formed organization.

The organization to which Limer referred was recently formed at a meeting held in Henderson between representatives from the three counties. The tri-county organization will be known as the Franklin, Vance, Warren Opportunity, Inc. Officers were elected as follows:

Arthur Loyd of Vance County, chairman; Luther Baldwin, Franklin County Negro Extension Agent, vice chairman; and James H. Limer, Warren County attorney, secretary.

The officers will complete the organization and obtain a charter. An April 1 deadline was set for obtaining the charter.

The three county organization will be operated as a project, but each county will be able to choose its own program. Each county is also required to set up its own organization under the tri-county organization structure.

Representatives from the county boards of commissioners, boards of education, health, welfare and other agencies are required. Civic leaders and representatives from the poverty-stricken must also be represented on the county boards.

Such projects as Headstart, Job Corps and other aspects of the Economic Opportunity Act passed by Congress last year will be under the jurisdiction of the organization.

In other actions during a rather quiet session, the commissioners ordered that beer licenses be issued to W. Brooks Overby, Violet Brown Williams and Luther Paynter upon receipt of their state permits.

It was ordered that \$25.00 be paid on the funeral expenses of Zack Twisdale.

The State Highway Commission was requested to add to the county road system that road in Shocco Township known as the "Jerry B. Davis road."

Whanger To Speak At Two Churches

Dr. Alan Whanger, a missionary to Rhodesia, will be the guest speaker at Hebron Methodist Church on Sunday, Feb. 13, at the 10 o'clock service, and at the Warren Plains Methodist Church for the 11 o'clock service.

The Rev. A. E. Thompson, pastor of the Macon and Warren Plains Church, said yesterday that Dr. Whanger worked as a medical missionary at a large hospital at the Nyadri Methodist Center. He said that the public is invited to attend either or both of these services and feels that Dr. Whanger's talk will be very inspiring.



Town authorities were a bit too optimistic about the effect of warmer weather and sunshine and last week threw snow pushed up by snow plows back into the center of the street in the belief that it would soon melt under the impact of vehicles. But the snow was slow to melt and formed a mixture of snow and ice that soon became filled with holes and bumps, reminiscent of

those found in a sawmill woods road. After a couple of days of bumping and twisting, Sunday a road machine was put back to scraping up the packed ice and snow. The above picture shows the residue being pushed to the side of the street from where most of it was hauled away. Warm weather and sunshine this week has finished the job and Warrenton's main street is now clear.

Fountain Opposes Any Cut In Surplus Milk To The Schools

Rep. L. H. Fountain, of the Second District, yesterday expressed his all-out opposition to any and all proposals, be they from the President or elsewhere, which would have the effect of cutting back on the School Lunch and the Special Milk Programs.

"It may be true," Mr. Fountain said, "that other Federal moneys will be available for these purposes and that the President is attempting to redirect these programs so as to make them primarily available to the underprivileged and disadvantaged children."

"This is well and good," he

said. "I am not quite sure yet about what is being proposed. 'However,' he continued, "when we are scattering money all over nation and international lots for one thing or another (some good and some not so good) the fact that the School Lunch and Special Milk Programs reach the nutritionally deprived children of economically sound parents as well as the economically deprived ones should not result in a cutback in the programs."

"It is a well-known fact," he continued, "that a large percentage of our students

whether from poor or financially able families are not provided with well-balanced meals at home. The Milk Program are intended to improve the physical and mental standards of all of our children. The fact that the School Lunch Program provides at least one meal per day and emphasizes the necessity of proper eating is sufficient justification for the cost."

I am not concerned about the particular program which provides the funds for milk and food to the more than 900,000 children who are involved as I am that the program be continued, Rep. Fountain said.

Rep. Fountain continued, "It sounds all right to say that we will 'feed the needy' but we will 'make the others pay full prices.' Such a policy is not consistent with the theory upon which these programs have been operating for years—this is, providing at least a hot lunch and a glass of milk to each school child at the lowest possible cost. To adopt any other policy would mean that thousands of children, the greatest crop we grow, would suffer. As someone said in a telegram to me, 'In all government spending, there is no higher return on investment than our investment in future generations through these programs to help meet the nutritional need of our children.'"

Mrs. Odom To Assist In Heart Fund Drive

Appointment of Mrs. E. T. Odom, Jr., as chairman of "Heart Days - for Business" in Warrenton was announced this week by the Rev. Ted Wilson, Warren County Heart Fund President.

This will be a solicitation of businessmen by businessmen. It will cover stores, service stations, garages, professional offices, city officers and all other non-residential places of the community.

Mrs. Odom said the business canvass would continue through February and when visits are completed the kits are to be turned in to the appropriate person.

"In the pre-retirement years before 65 diseases of the heart and blood vessels take more lives than the next

five leading causes of death combined," Mrs. Odom said. "They pose a constant threat to business and industry, afflicting skilled workers and executives in their most productive years."

Heart balloons and heart tags will be sold Saturday, February 19, throughout the business district in Warrenton by the Cub Scouts.

L. B. Henderson, principal of John Hawkins High School has been appointed Heart Fund chairman for the Negro area. He has appointed chairmen for the different areas in Warren County and they began work this week distributing information telling how to safeguard the lives and hearts of all members of a family. They will also receive Heart Fund contributions.

BASKETBALL

John Graham Yellow Jackets will play at Enfield tonight and will host Weldon here Saturday night. On next Wednesday night William R. Davis will play here. All games start at 7 p. m.