



In the top picture some 200 persons listen as Rep. L. H. Fountain, Second District Congressman, gives address at the dedication of the new Manson Postoffice building. In the lower picture Rep. Fountain presents

United States Flag to Ellis Fleming, Manson Postmaster. (Pictures through courtesy of Bill Dennis, The Henderson Daily Dispatch).

Manson's Postoffice Dedicated In Formal Exercises On Sunday

Manson's new postoffice was dedicated in formal exercises on Sunday afternoon with the program featured by addresses of Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain and John W. Winburn, postal services officer for the Atlanta area.

Following the program, lasting for nearly an hour, visitors were invited to inspect the new facility and were served refreshments in the building.

Ellis E. Fleming, Manson Postmaster, welcomed the estimated 200 persons who gathered in front of the building for the exercises. He

presented as master of ceremonies Charles M. White, III, Warrenton attorney and solicitor of the Warren County Recorder's Court. The invocation was given by the Rev. Harold Stone, pastor of Young Memorial Presbyterian Church of Drewry, and White recognized special guests, including postmasters from nearby communities.

W. W. White of Drewry, former State senator, introduced Congressman Fountain as a public official who has given long services at various levels.

Rep. Fountain sited the postal service as a democratic

institution and told of its growth and its meaning to the people. He also praised the loyalties and stability of rural people.

Following Fountain's talk, Miss Mary Clair Coker sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art," and Postmaster J. W. Rogers, Jr., of Henderson presented Postal Services Officer Winburn, declaring that he is a friend to postmasters.

Winburn outlined functions of the Post Office Department and told of the extent to which it has expanded in recent years.

Rep. Fountain presented an American flag, which was received and raised on the new flagpole on the premises by three members of a nearby Boy Scout troop. Postmaster W. K. Delbridge of Norlina led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the group joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Frank Apple, pastor of Mt. Auburn United Church of Christ.

The dedication was sponsored by the Drewry Community Club and the Drewry Volunteer Fire Department. Ladies of the group served the refreshments, and members of the club were marshals in directing traffic.

The new building was erected by Postmaster Fleming and is under lease to the Post Office Department for a number of years. The structure is located in the heart of the business section of Manson, near where the former postoffice was situated. It is of brick construction with modern facilities for service to patrons of the Manson office.

SEABOARD SURGEON
Dr. Charles Bunch, surgeon at Warren General Hospital, has been appointed local surgeon for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, it was learned here yesterday.



Gaston Is Named Dimes Chairman

C. P. Gaston, local manager of Carolina Power and Light Company, has been named chairman of the January 1967 Warren County March of Dimes campaign.

"The March of Dimes is fighting birth defects because each year these tragic conditions rob more than a quarter-million American children of their birthright—to enter the world healthy and grow normally," Gaston said in accepting the appointment.

"I think most of us would consider it alarming if we heard about an epidemic in which a new case struck every other minute, which was the second greatest destroyer of life, and which caused half of all cases of mental retardation," declared Mr. Gaston.

"Yet," he pointed out, "birth defects are responsible for..." (See GASTON, page 4)

Schools To Close On Wednesday

Warren County schools will close for the Christmas holidays on next Wednesday, Dec. 21, and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 2, it was learned yesterday at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Holiday days to be observed by Warrenton stores and business houses will not be decided until next week, A. C. Fair, president of the Warrenton Merchants Association, said yesterday.

It is expected that practically all business houses here will close on Monday for the Christmas holiday, which falls on Sunday, and while some stores may be closed on Tuesday, a number of them will be open for business.

Fair said this information should be available in time for the Dec. 23 issue of this paper, which will be printed on next Thursday.

Draft Board To Be Closed For Holidays

The Warren County Draft Board here will be closed from December 19 to December 27, while the clerk, Mrs. Thomas Ellington, is on leave, G. D. Horne, chairman announced Tuesday.

Horne asks that boys whose birthdays fall on the days when the office will be closed to report for registration on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Basketball Games

John Graham High School play William R. Davie on the Warrenton Court beginning at 7 o'clock tonight in its last regular game before the holidays. Norlina will play at Weldon tonight (Friday) and next Tuesday night will play JV teams at Henderson, beginning at 6:15.

Santa Claus

Santa Claus will make scheduled appearances at his house on the Warrenton Courthouse on the following days and hours:
Friday, Dec. 16: 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 17: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 21: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 22: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 23: 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 24: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

To Erect Office

Mechanical Woodyard Planned For Norlina

Speeding Cases Tried In Recorder's Court

Violations of the motor vehicle laws following a crack down on speeders by the State Highway Patrol was responsible for the bulk of cases tried in Warren County Recorder's Court last Friday. Twenty-eight defendants in speeding cases appeared in court and were fined and/or taxed with court costs.

In addition, Kenneth Zeno Peace was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs when he pled guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Jessie Silver pled guilty to failing to comply with limitations on operator's license and was taxed with court costs.

Mack Stevenson, Jr., pled guilty to charges of driving without a valid operator's license and failing to drive on right half of highway. He was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs.

Harold Stanley Wenal was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs when he pled guilty to charges of speeding and passing in a "No Passing" zone.

Bennie Hinton, Jr., pled guilty to a charge of driving at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent under existing conditions. He was

ordered to pay court costs. Ethel Bryant Griffin was ordered to pay court costs when she pled guilty to allowing an unlicensed person to drive a motor vehicle.

Defendants in other speeding cases and verdicts of the court were as follows:

Betty Loretha Ashworth, \$10 and costs; Joseph Howen Atkinson, \$10 and costs; Rodney Jerome Deer, \$10 and costs; Laureano Miguel Falls, Jr., \$10 and costs; William Howard Edwards, \$10 and costs. (See COURT, page 4)

Lions To Sponsor Decorations Contest

The Warrenton Lions Club will again sponsor a Christmas decorations contest this year, Nat White, chairman of the civics improvement committee, said yesterday.

First and second prizes will be awarded for the best outside decorations and the best indoor decorations as seen from the outside.

White said that judges will tour Warrenton and decide on the winners some night just before Christmas.

Wood Elected President Of Fair Association

A. A. Wood was elected president of the Warren County Fair Association at a dinner meeting held at Colonial Lodge on Wednesday night. Wood succeeds J. B. Thompson.

Mack Bullock was reelected chairman of the board and Duke Miles was reelected secretary-treasurer. New directors for a three-year period under the club's rotating policy were Clinton Capps and Bud Endecott. The newly elected officers and directors will take office the first of January.

Mack Bullock presided over

the meeting and Duke Miles gave the secretary-treasurer's report. In addition to funds given the Warrenton Lions Club by the Fair Association, the sum of \$500 was allocated to the Lions Club for special charities. Miles' report showed a successful year by the Fair Association.

Miles announced that Helman's Big H. Shows would play the midway of the 1967 Fair, and that the Fair Premium List would be distributed prior to May 1, 1967.

Plans for the construction of a mechanical woodyard at Norlina by Continental Can Company, Inc., of Hopewell, Va., and Amos L. Capps, Warren County pulpwood dealer, are practically complete, Capps said yesterday.

Capps said that a site on the Seaboard main line has been tentatively obtained and that the company had been in contact with the Highway Department relative to the building of a road to a point just a few hundred yards west of the Norlina highway underpass. This site is near where the old Baskerville cement block plant was once located.

While the yard is not expected to employ many men, Capps said, it will greatly facilitate the movement of pulpwood from trucks to railroad cars for shipment to Continental Can's Hopewell plant and other plants owned by the company, as well as the shipment of hardwood to plants with which Capps has a connection.

Capps said that when the yard is completed that trucks will be unloaded by crane. This will, he said, greatly speed up the unloading of these trucks, a task now performed manually. In addition the yard will provide space for storage of wood that may be handled when bad weather does not permit it being hauled in from the woods.

Work on the actual construction of the yard is expected to be started within the next few weeks if no hitch occurs, Capps said.

He said that he plans to erect an office at the Norlina site where those delivering pulpwood may be paid by the load or by the week if they prefer. He said that as soon as the wood is delivered to the yard and measured that personnel would be available to make payment.

MRS. NASH DIES

The Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Baxter were in Norfolk, Va., recently, due to the death of Mr. Baxter's sister, Mrs. H. O. Nash, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Cabell. Funeral services were held in St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Norfolk, Va.

CHURCH SUPPER

Members of the Warrenton Presbyterian Church held a supper on Wednesday night in the basement of the church.

Lots Being Sold At New Cemetery At W. Plains

Memorial Gardens at Warren Plains has been under construction for several weeks, landscaping and beautification are underway and many squares and half squares have been sold, the Rev. Robert F. Oates, pastor of the Warren Plains Baptist Church, said yesterday.

He said that since this is a community project, yet open to the public, as stated in the by-laws, several interested individuals have made contributions toward landscaping, beautification and maintenance of the project. Any future gifts will be welcomed, he added.

The Rev. Robert E. Brickhouse, a retired minister, who for many years served the Warren Plains Baptist Church, laid the groundwork for construction of the Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Mr. Oates and the Rev. Al Thompson assisted in the beginning details.

The history of the Warren Plains Memorial Gardens began some 12 years ago when

plans were begun by concerned individuals and groups, Mr. Oates recounted yesterday. These plans had to be relinquished because a suitable location could not be purchased by the group.

But the ground work had been laid and much hard work had not been done in vain. During the summer of 1966, Mr. Oates said, plans were revived and a suitable location was found. The dream of the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse for many years became a reality at last. A Club was formed, by-laws drawn up and officers elected. These officers are: Robert V. Allen, president; William Thompson, vice president; and Macon Myrick, secretary-treasurer; Horton Brantley as chairman of the board of trustees, Luther Carroll is director, and trustees are Leonard Wilker, Gilmore Copley and R. K. Carroll, III.

These men have given many hours to the tasks of creating the Memorial Gardens, Mr. Oates said.



SHADES OF THE HOOVERCART. Charlie C. Yates of Rt. 3, Warrenton, parks his cart, built from an old automobile, near Thompson's Warehouse last Friday even while on a trip to Warrenton last Friday.

He says his vehicle is "A Joy Buggy," an improvement over the Hoovercart. Yates is a tenant on the farm of Mrs. Mabel Morse near Liberia.



LIONS' CHILDREN SHOWN AT CHRISTMAS PARTY AT COUNTRY CLUB

Father-Son-Daughter Christmas Party Held

With "Old Santa" in attendance, the Warrenton Lions Club's annual Father-Son-Daughter Christmas party was held at the Warrenton Country Club on Monday night with approximately 75 in attendance.

Sons and daughters, gathered around the piano, and to the accompaniment of Lioness Nellie Gardner, sang Christmas carols and hymns prior

to being presented gifts from Santa Claus.

Following this phase of the program those present enjoyed refreshments of punch and cookies.

The Christmas party was in charge of the boy's and girl's committee, of which Sidney Fleming is chairman.

The club house was decorated in the Christmas motif.