

## Equipment Testing DDD Begins

Installation of equipment has been completed and is now being tested to provide Direct Distance Dialing for telephone users in Henderson, Centerville, Franklinton, Louisburg, Norlina, Oxford, and Warrenton.

The announcement was made this week by Howard T. Pitts, local manager for Carolina Telephone, who said that the new service will be inaugurated on May 26.

"With this new D. D. D. service, telephone customers will be able to dial their own station-to-station long distance calls to points throughout the nation," Pitts said.

The telephone company is making an extensive effort to inform the public of the forthcoming conversion.

Company representatives are appearing before civic clubs and other groups to explain customer long distance dialing to telephone users. Brochures explaining direct dialing will be mailed to subscribers and will be available (See TESTING, page 2)



CITY MARKET SCENE OF EXPLOSION

## Exploding Fumes Damage Building

Exploding gasoline fumes blew out the back wall of City Market, shattered window panes, knocked canned goods from shelves, broke several cases of wine, scorched woodwork and damaged a door, with no injury to the four persons in the building here around

9:30 a.m. Monday.

In the building at the time of the explosion were N. I. (Shot) Halthcock, owner, Mrs. Halthcock and little daughter, Linda, and Ervin Williams, an employee.

A gasoline tank was being

filled a few feet outside the door of the building when fumes were blown into the store by the wind. Halthcock was in the process of lighting a cigar when the explosion occurred. The gasoline distributor placed a vent pipe on the tank Monday afternoon.

By Mr. and Mrs. Steed

# Application For Radio Station Here Is Made

## Assault Cases Are Aired In County Court

Four cases of assault with a deadly weapon and one of simple assault were before Judge Julius Banzet in Warren County Recorder's Court last Friday. All other cases were concerned with violations of the motor vehicle laws.

Jake Seward entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was ordered to serve 60 days on the roads, but the sentence was suspended for two years provided the defendant not violate any of the criminal laws of the State for two years, remain of good behavior and pay court costs.

Robert Kearney, John Kearney, Sam Cheek, Jr., and Sam Cheek, Sr., were charged with assault with a deadly weapon in separate cases. All pled not guilty, but were convicted of engaging in an affray. Judgment in each case was continued to June 2.

Frank Howard Pendergrass was taxed with court costs when he pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

Wilson Fenner Pendergrass, who pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving, was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs.

William Lentz Ivey pled guilty to exceeding a safe but not stated speed. He was ordered to pay court costs.

Frank James Bullock, charged with having no operator's license, was found not guilty when he exhibited a valid license.

Algiers Augusta Royster, found guilty of driving 50 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone, was ordered to pay a \$5 fine and court costs.

Defendants and verdicts in other speeding cases were as follows:

Marcellous Boyd, \$10 and costs; Ester Payton, costs; Holden Curtis Strickland, costs; Lonnie Ellis Goode, Jr., costs; Gerald Keith Harman, \$15 and costs; Travis Gary White, costs; Lonnie Dewitt Helms, costs; Julius Monroe Stanley, costs; Marshall Carl New, Jr., \$5 and costs.

## Watson Is Elected Head Local PTA

Tom E. Watson was elected president of the Graham-Boyd-Macon PTA for the 1967-68 school year at its final meeting of the year held at the John Graham High School auditorium on Tuesday night.

Other officers elected were William H. Bender, vice president; Mrs. Franklin D. Daniel, secretary, and Mrs. Mildred C. Shearin, treasurer.

J. R. Peeler, superintendent of schools, was the guest speaker. He discussed the proposed class arrangements for the 1967-68 school year.

Mrs. A. A. Wood, retiring president, presided over the meeting. The 4-IPS, accompanied by the piano by Mrs. Harriet Banzet, presented several musical selections.

Principal Bartholomew and Mrs. Wood thanked the PTA members for their help and support this year.

## SUPPER AT INEZ

The Shady Grove Methodist Church will sponsor a barbecued chicken supper on Saturday night, May 20, at the Inez Community House. Plates, at \$1.25, will be ready to serve at 6 o'clock.



Lieut. Bob Scott is shown speaking at Friday meeting of Warrenton Lions Club.

## Lt. Gov. Robert Scott Lions Club Speaker

Increase in urban strength in the General Assembly as a result of reapportionment could lead to a State tax on cigarettes in future years, Lt. Gov. Robert Scott said here Friday night. He said that the imposition of any such tax in the present assembly seems to him to be unlikely.

Scott's comment was made in a question and answer period following a talk to members of the local Lions Club and special guests at Colonial Lodge. He also said that he did not believe that an overall cut in State taxes would be possible in view of the demands of state agencies for funds.

Presented by W. R. Drake, who was in charge of the program, Scott at the beginning of his talk explained that as Lieutenant Governor he presided over the Senate, but has little part in shaping of legislation, and as a consequence was not too familiar with many of the bills offered. He said that most of his information comes from the news media, and is the same as that furnished the reading public.

Often mentioned as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1968 Scott said that some kind of rumor to this effect must have escaped from his political headquarters in Raleigh. His remarks had no direct bearing on his candidacy, and were largely confined to the functions of government in North Carolina, after he had expressed his appreciation to the people of Warren County for the support given his father, the late W. Kerr Scott, in his campaigns for Governor and U. S. Senator.

Lt. Gov. Scott likened the State government to a corporation in which the people are the stockholders, the legislature the board of directors, and the Government and Council of State are management. If it is to be a good corporation, he said, it must have the interest of the stockholders, who must see to it that a good board of directors is chosen and that good management is secured. The dividends of such a corporation are service to the people and the development of a better and stronger state.

People should be free to criticize the action of their government, Scott said, because such criticism is not only a right of the people, but, if constructive, may lead to more effective government. The people, he said, are much interested in highway construction and if we are to have the types of roads essential to serve the needs of the people, a new look at highway financing should be taken. Only one cent, he pointed out, has been added to the gasoline tax to finance road construction since the beginning of the Scott road building program, and this does not meet the need (See SCOTT, page 3)



## Norlina Boy Named Page In Assembly

A Norlina High School student has been named to serve as a page in the State House of Representatives for a term that begins on May 22 and extends through May 26.

Raby Leigh Traylor, III, (Ray), son of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Traylor, was notified of his appointment by David M. Britt, Speaker of the House. Britt said that Ray's selection was made possible by the recommendation of the Honorable James D. Speed, a representative from the House district of which Warren County is a part.

Ray was asked to report for duty at 1 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the Pages' Room on the second floor of the Legislative Building.

An application for the construction of a standard broadcast radio station at Warrenton has been made to the Federal Communications Commission by a Warren County native and his wife.

Notice of the filing of the application was given this week by Vernon H. Steed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Steed of Arton, and Mrs. Frances L. Steed.

The 72-page application is on file at the Citizens Bank in Warrenton and is open to public inspection.

Steed said that studios will be in downtown Warrenton and the transmitter will be erected on U. S. 158A, 1.1 mile NE of Jct. N. C. 158, with antenna 148 feet above ground. He said that he and his wife will move to Warrenton and begin construction as soon after FCC approval as possible. Construction will be completed within six months of FCC approval, Steed said.

Steed graduated from John Graham High School in 1959. He is also a graduate of Grantham School of Electronics, Washington, D. C., and the Radio Engineering Institute of Sarasota, Florida. Presently he is working as a radio engineer in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Steed, the former Frances Lewis, was born in Danville, Va. She is a graduate of John Motley Morehead High School at Spray, attended Westhampton College in Richmond, Va., graduated from Averett College in Danville, Va., and East Carolina College at Greenville. She is presently teaching school in Henrico County, Va.

## J. Graham Chorus To Give Concert

The John Graham High School Chorus, under the direction of Robert M. Davis and accompanied by Mrs. Nellie Gardner, will present its spring concert in the auditorium on Thursday, May 25, at 8:15 p.m.

The program consists of the following numbers: "Adoramus Te", Palestrina; "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs", Lotti; "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Traditional Canon); "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee", Bach; "Ave Verum Corpus", Mozart; "Praise Ye the Father", Gounod; "Marching to Pretoria", (South African Veld Song); "Shenandoah" (Traditional Chantey); "The Happy Wanderer", Moller; "Pick a Bale of Cotton" (Plantation Song); "Maria" from "The Sound of Music"; Rodgers; "The Sound of Music" (Choral Selections); Rodgers; "Edelweiss" from "The Sound of Music"; Rodgers.

There will be no admission charge.

## Services To Be Held At Gardner's

A week of worship services will be held at Gardner's Baptist Church, beginning on Sunday evening, May 21, and continuing each evening at 8 o'clock through Friday, the Rev. Russell C. Morris, pastor, announced yesterday. He said the public is invited to participate in the services. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Alfred T. Aycock, pastor of Pine Level Baptist Church. He is a former pastor of the Wise Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lilly Belle Gardner has returned home after being in the Methodist Home in Durham for several weeks.

## Legion Post To Send Cigarettes To Vietnam

Limer Post No. 25 of the American Legion has purchased cigarettes to send to Warren County boys now serving in Vietnam.

Anyone having friends and relatives eligible to receive these free cigarettes are asked to send their names and addresses to American Legion, Limer Post No. 25, M. C. Clary, Commander, Warrenton, N. C.

## Parham Home Badly Damaged By Fire

The home of Charlie Parham, approximately two miles northwest of Axtelle, was badly damaged by fire around 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon. The fire was discovered by a milk truck driver.

Both the Afton-Elberon and Warrenton rural fire departments responded to the alarm. The house was saved but was badly damaged on the inside, with clothing and furniture destroyed.

## To Stop Collecting Papers Until Fall

Weekly collections of papers and magazines for the building of the brick wall and walks at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church will be discontinued until the fall, Miss Mariam Boyd and Miss Edith Burwell announced yesterday. They asked that their thanks be extended to friends in both the town and county for their donations.

## TO SERVE DINNER

The Wise-Paschall Ruritan Club will hold a country ham and barbecued chicken dinner at the Wise school building from 5 to 8 p. m. on Friday, May 19. Plates will sell for \$1.25 for adults, and 75¢ for children under 12.

## NAMED DELEGATES

Dr. F. P. Hunter and Dr. Lloyd Harrison of Warrenton have been designated to officially represent the Warren County Medical Society in the House of Delegates of the N. C. Medical Society in Pinehurst on May 24.

## ASKED TO MEET

Parents of the children of the Little League Baseball Team are asked to meet at the Fair Grounds on Tuesday, May 23, at 5 p. m. with working tools to help improve the ball diamond. The request was made yesterday by Lewis Becker.