

Opening Of Schools Postponed Following Judge's Order

Negro Enrollment In White Schools Increased; Faculty Integration Ordered

The opening of all Warren County schools has been postponed for at least one week following a court order issued by Judge Algernon Butler Saturday, it was learned Monday from J. R. Peeler, Supt. of Warren schools.

The board of education was scheduled to meet last night to set a new date for the opening of schools which were originally scheduled to open Friday.

Frank B. Banzet, attorney for the school board, was notified by telephone Saturday morning that a plan for further desegregation of the school system submitted by the board of education on August 19, had been rejected, and a new order was issued. He said that a written order would follow the telephone order.

In his new order, Judge Butler ruled that the plan submitted by the board of education on August 19 was rejected as unsatisfactory both for the 1968-69 and the 1969-70 school year. He ordered increased integration of the school system for 1968-69 and complete desegregation of all schools of the county by the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

Judge Butler ordered for the 1968-69 school year that 15 per cent of Negro students must be enrolled in former white schools.

Peeler said that this would mean a total of 579 Negro students in former white schools. Since 211 Negro

students had already been enrolled in these schools, this would mean that an additional 368 Negro students will have to be enrolled for the 1968-69 year.

Judge Butler also ordered that at least two Negro teachers must be assigned to formerly all-white schools, and that at least two white teachers must be assigned to formerly Negro schools.

Supt. Peeler said that it is simply impossible to make the changes ordered by Judge Butler in less than a week's time. It is not certain that it can be done in a week's time, he said.

He said it will require a week or more to assign and notify by mail the 368 additional Negro students who will be transferred to predominantly white schools and that it will also be necessary to move several mobile units from Negro schools to white schools to provide space for additional transferees. Bus routes will have to be changed and buses transferred.

Peeler said that in addition it will require planning to reach a decision as to which teachers will be transferred. Additional time will also be required in preparing student schedules and in moving books, desks and other equipment and material.

He said that a decision should be reached in time to notify students and patrons of the new opening date in next week's paper.

Warren's 1968 Farm Income \$10,690,000

Warren County's 1968 farm income is estimated to be \$10,690,000, L. B. Hardage, county extension chairman, said yesterday. He said this is a drop of about \$50,000 from the 1967 income.

While tobacco income will be down about \$500,000, Hardage said, this loss will be largely offset by increased income from soybeans, cotton and beef cattle.



EDWARDS

Edwards Associated With Local Warehouse

M. P. Edwards, Jr., 41, a native of Vance County, will be associated with C. E. (Buck) Thompson this year in the operation of Thompson's Warehouse, succeeding the late Dick Young as sales manager.

Edwards was reared on a Vance County tobacco farm and still operates a farm in Kittrell Township. He is the son of the late M. P. Edwards Sr., who was connected with Henderson warehouses for 39 years.

Edwards has been connected with Henderson warehouses for the past 16 years. Last year he backed sales at Farmers Warehouse at Henderson and was in charge of leaf. For the past nine years he conducted sales for Wells Brothers Warehouse in Glasgow, Ky.

Edwards is married and the father of four children, two boys and two girls. One of the sons is a buyer with Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Warrenton Tobacco Market To Begin Sales On Tuesday



Familiar Scene In Warren County

Tobacco is being prepared for curing on W. H. Hawks' farm near Wise on Tuesday morning. This is a familiar site over all of Warren County where much tobacco still remains in the fields.

Change At One Of Five W'houses

The Warrenton Tobacco Market will open at 9 o'clock on next Tuesday morning, Sept. 3 with five warehouses prepared to receive the farmers' crop.

Currins Warehouse will have first sale next Tuesday. Boyd's will have second; Farmers, third; Center, fourth; and Thompson's, fifth.

The five warehouses will be under the same management as of last year with the exception of Thompson's, and many familiar faces will be found among the buyers who will represent all the companies and many independent this season.

Superior Court To Open Session Here On Tuesday

Two murder and seven manslaughter cases have been docketed for trial at the September criminal term of Warren County Superior Court which will open here on next Tuesday morning. Judge Leo Carr of Burlington will preside over the term.

Court will open Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday Monday.

The murder cases embrace one charge of murder in the first degree and the other a charge of murder in the second degree. The manslaughter cases grew out of two fatal automobile wrecks, with a defendant charged with five counts as the result of one wreck, and a second defendant charged with two counts in the other.

Thirteen cases of drunk driving have also been docketed for trial.

Sanders, aiding and abetting in larceny; Clarence Thomas Fields, drunk driving, speeding 75 miles per hour in a 60 mph zone; Ernest Williams, driving while operator's license was revoked; Ivey Felts, third offense of public drunkenness; Willie Ella Burchett, two charges of manslaughter; Frank Harrington, larceny; Wallace Emmanuel Neal, speeding 73 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone, improper registration, and driving while license was suspended.

Wednesday - George Thomas Jones, murder; Samuel Mansfield Fishel, drunk driving and transporting taxpaid whiskey with seal broken; Fred Robertson, second offense of drunk driving and hit and run; Robert Rivers, reckless driving, speeding 90 miles per hour (See COURT, page 3)

Growers May Compete In Soybean Contest

Any producer with a five-acre field or more of soybeans is eligible to participate in the North Carolina soybean contest, L. C. Cooper, Agricultural Extension Agent, said this week. He said that participants are not restricted to varieties, fertilizers and cultural practices.

The purpose of the contest, Cooper said, is to emphasize those practices necessary for efficient production, to encourage the production of quality soybeans and to help farmers produce the soybean crop to its maximum potential in its continued development of Warren County and state agricultural opportunities.

Awards are sponsored by the N. C. Soybean Producers Association, Inc., and the N. C. State University Extension Service.

Cooper said that a similar contest with identical rules and regulations, but limited to the seven counties making up the Capital Area Development Association, is being promoted by the Capital Area Development Association, through the county CADA and Agricultural Committees.

Members of the committee are W. B. Ellington, A. O. Johnson, R. E. Fleming, and James R. Davis.

Over 600 Families Getting Food Stamps In Warren County

Six hundred and twenty-four families embracing 3442 persons were receiving food stamps in Warren County on Aug. 26, Julian Farrar, Welfare Director, said yesterday. Stamps received by these persons were valued at \$48,167.

New applications have decreased and the caseworker has begun home visits, Farrar said.

Recertifications are being made on recipient families where changing income was expected within two or three months after participation (See STAMPS, page 2)

Rites For Former Norlina Mayor Are Held On Friday

Funeral services for James Louis Overby, 89, were conducted at 4 p. m. Friday at Norlina Methodist Church by the Rev. Bruce Pate and the Rev. Mr. Ekilaughman. Burial was in Warren Dale Cemetery in Norlina.

Mr. Overby, a former mayor of Norlina, died at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital on last Thursday morning. He was a charter member of the Norlina Methodist Church and was a Sunday School superintendent for 49 years. He owned and operated Overby's Grocery Store in Norlina for 60 years. He was also a member of Francis S. Packard Lodge AF&AM.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hettie Clark Overby; a son, J. Roy Overby of Raleigh; a daughter, Mrs. Macon Moore of Littleton; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Norwood Succeeds Davis As Forester

Allen T. Norwood has been selected to fill the Warren County Forest Ranger vacancy created by the recent retirement of Wilbur F. Davis on July 1.

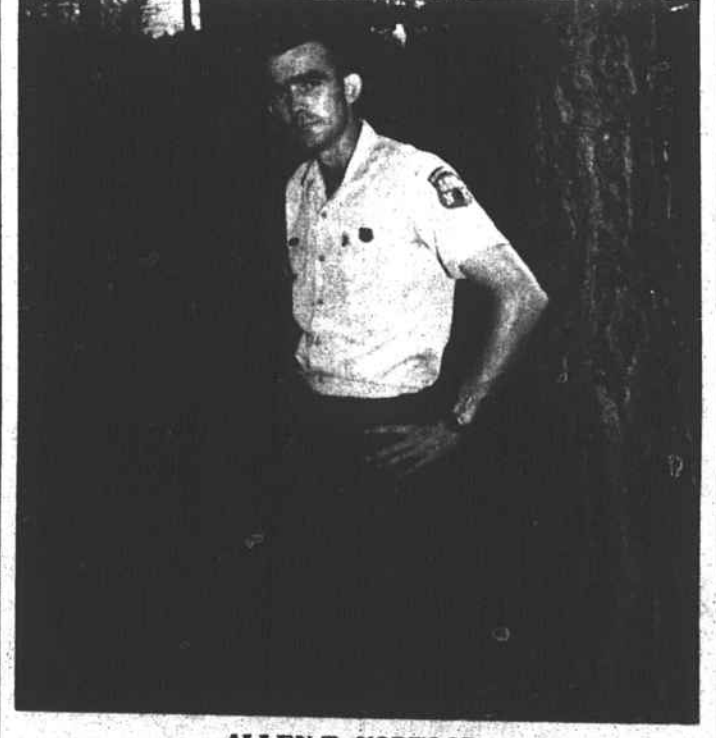
District Forester E. F. Corn of Rocky Mount yesterday announced Norwood's selection and said he will move to the County on or near the first of September.

The Warren County Forest Ranger works directly under the supervision of District Forester E. F. Corn whose office is in Rocky Mount. The District Forester and his Staff will assist Ranger Norwood in carrying out a varied Forestry Program in the County. Forest fire suppression and fire prevention will always hold top priority in the program. Assistant District Forester David Hudson of Rocky Mount will

advise and assist Warren County landowners with scientific management and harvesting of their forest stands. Landowners may call the new Ranger at 257-4227 Warren Fire Tower for this assistance.

The County Forest Ranger will collect forest tree seed through producers, sell tree seedlings and deliver them, give planting instructions, assist in the Forest Service superior tree program, plow pre-suppression fire lanes for landowners, provide custom prescribed burning service, mark timber, provide educational forestry programs for interested groups, promote a program of forest insect and disease detection and control, and cooperative efforts with other County Agricultural Workers and Rural Fire Departments.

Warren Smokechaser Irving Halthcock and Warren Lookout Tower Operator Mrs. Mary W. Twitty will continue their Forest Service duties under the supervision of Ranger Norwood.



ALLEN T. NORWOOD

New Water Tank Is Now In Operation

Warrenton's new 150,000 gallon water tank went into full operation Wednesday morning, J. Edward Rooker, town manager, said yesterday.

The tank had been filled Saturday and sterilized with chlorine for 48 hours. Following this period the water was tested for purity by the State Board of Health and certified as satisfactory, Rooker said.

Following the tests the tank was slowly filled with water at night and the filling was completed Tuesday night and the tank placed in full operation Wednesday morning.

The new tank replaces the tank destroyed by a warehouse fire on Aug. 15 last year. Rooker said that the emergency pressure tank leased by the town is expected to be removed from the downtown lot within the next few days.

In Hospital

Patients in Warren General Hospital were released late Tuesday afternoon as follows:

Manley Martin, Janice Seaman, Peytona Rogers, Louise Hale, Virgie Shearin, Graham Horne, William Smiley, Willie Hamm, Mary Grant, Judy Clark, Jean Stewart, Moses Kearney, Frank Green, Wiley Coleman, Sidney Gibson, Eudora Egan, Iva Michelle Carroll, Mattie Rodwell, Lillie Alston, Celean Portlock, Nancy Silver, Phil Nelson Radford.

LEAVE FOR COLLEGE

Misses Debbie Roberts, Lib Nicholson and Ellen Mastian and David Harp, Jimmy Rivers and Jerry Ellington left this week for Louisiana College where they entered the freshmen class.

Rotary Club Hosts District Governor

Avery C. Upchurch, district Governor for this area of Rotary International made his official visit to the Warrenton Club last Tuesday. Following a business session with the officers and directors of the local club, Upchurch gave the principal address at the regular dinner meeting of the entire club held in the Civic Room at Colonial Lodge.

Officers of the Warrenton Club for 1968-69 are: Hugh Holt, president; Lyman Friday, vice president; Charles Johnson, secretary. The local club is one of 43 in its district which stretches from Marion to Burlington. The entire Rotary International movement now includes more than 600,000 members in countries around the world. Only in the United States is membership permitted to be over 100,000.



John Graham's 1969 Football Squad

John Graham Yellow Jackets are pictured, left to right: first row-Kenny Clayton, manager; Danny Bartholomew, George Shearin, Harry Williams, Burwell Powell, Jerry Thompson, Jim Elam, Robin Capps, Ben Aycock, manager; second row-Coach Wayne Plaster, Terry Rivers, Bill Young, Steve White, Ronnie Riggs, Clarence (Buck) Young, Carl Peoples, Clifton Wilson, Coach Harvey Brooks; back row-Clarence Thompson, Bobby Miles, Edward Shearin, Billy Spruill, McCain Brown, Leon Edmonds, Wayne Short, Hugh Davis, Julian Roberts. Not present when the picture was taken last Friday morning were Lafayette Turner, Benny Hilliard, Alan Cheek, and Frank Hunter. John Graham will open its football season here on Friday night, Sept. 6, when it meets a team from Park View High School, near South Hill, Va.