



Scene At Fair

Scene at last year's 4-H Poultry Show and Sale at Warren Fair Grounds. Another one of these popular shows and sale will be held at the Warren County Fair on Friday afternoon, Sept. 20.

## Warren County Agri. Fair To Open Monday

The Warren County Fair will open on Monday, Sept. 16, and run for one full week, W. K. Lanier, publicity chairman for the Fair committee, announced yesterday.

The Helman's Big H Shows will be on the midway with all the latest rides, Lanier said.

### Poultry Show

A highlight of the Fair will be the 4-H Poultry Show and Sale which will be held on Friday, Sept. 20, at the Fair ground livestock barn. This show will begin at 4 p. m. and the sale will follow the show at 4:30 p. m.

Sears Roebuck and Company sponsors of this 4-H Poultry Chain and will furnish prizes for the show. The pullets at the sale will be sold to the highest bidder and this money will be used for the 1969 4-H Poultry Chain in Warren County.

Jim D. Hemmings, associate Agricultural Agent, said yesterday that the pullets will be sold in coops of 12, each of which coops will be selected from a flock of 100 birds. Nine or ten coops will be sold at this sale.

Persons interested in some real top-notch pullets, many of which have already started to lay, Hemmings said, are asked to come by the Warren County Fairgrounds and buy these pullets from these deserving 4-H youngsters. He said they will appreciate it and buyers will obtain some very fine laying hens for the future.

Lanier said that members of the Warrenton Lions Club, which sponsors the Fair, promise the public to bring them the best in midway attractions and exhibits. Aiding in the display of exhibits this year will be the new exhibit hall. He said the Lions are very proud of this new building.

The new, modern building, Lanier said, has a banquet room which will take care of 150 persons or more. The banquet room, when fully completed, will be air-conditioned and heated, and will have a modern kitchen. When completed, he added, this room will be available to the public for wedding receptions, parties and other events. A rental fee will be set up by the fair officials and a special committee will be named to handle the rental of the banquet hall.

The Warren County Fair Association will hold open house on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, in order that the public may inspect the new building and the food service booth. Lanier said that this booth will serve the best in food, ice cream and cold drinks during Fair Week. He said that the Fair would also have special favors for all the kids.

## Mercury Lights To Be Installed Here

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Warrenton unanimously approved the installation of mercury vapor street lights in the business section of the town at the regular meeting on Monday night.

This modern type street lighting will provide over twice the amount of street lighting now in effect in the town's business section, it was stated during the discussion preceding a motion to have the lights installed. The motion was made by Commissioner Wiley Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Durwood Johnson.

Town Manager J. Ed Rooker said yesterday that the new lights will be installed as soon as the Carolina Power and Light Company is able to do so.

The Town manager read to the board a request signed by 29 residents of Bute Street Extension outside the town limits for extension for water and sewer lines to the area. The request was taken under consideration for study as to method of financing.

## Sept. 16 Is Deadline For Returning Ballots

The deadline for returning ballots in the ASCS community elections is Monday, Sept. 16, Walter Smiley, chairman, ASCS County Committee, announced yesterday.

The return of ballots to the ASCS county office before the expiration date is a very important part of the election process for community committeemen, he said.

Smiley pointed out that two envelopes have been mailed with the ballots sent to all eligible voters of record in the county office. One envelope is plain, and the other has a statement printed on the back which the farmer needs to sign. A witness mark will also qualify as a signature.

Smiley cautioned farmers to be sure to sign this statement

on the outside envelope. "If it is not signed," he said, "the ballot will not be considered as a vote."

The ballot should be marked and sealed inside the plain envelope; voters are cautioned not to enclose any other material, Smiley said. He said that voters should not write on the plain envelope as this assures the secrecy of the vote.

The plain envelope should then be put inside the envelope with the statement on the back, Smiley continued. This statement is a certification that the ballot was marked by the farmer personally without undue influence by any person. The envelope should then be mailed or otherwise delivered to the ASCS county office.

## No Major Problems In Report Of Grand Jury

No major problems in the operation of the county were noted in the Grand Jury's report to Judge Leo Carr, presiding

over the criminal term of court last week.

The jury found that the interior of the court house has not been painted as recommended in the May report of the Grand Jury and recommended that the painting should include the men's restroom in the basement. All offices in the court house were found in good condition.

The jury found that its May recommendation that the exterior of the jail be painted had not been complied with. Otherwise, the committee visiting the jail found eight inmates, the jail neat, clean and well kept, and the grounds clean and neat. The entire premises is in good order with the exception of inside storage rooms which needs painting and a fan and hood needs to be installed in the kitchen.

The committee visiting the Warren County Department of Corrections reported 56 inmates, including 41 on work release. The facilities were clean, neat, orderly and well kept. No recommendations were made.

The committee inspecting other county facilities made further recommendations concerning the heating system of the courthouse and agricultural building. One thermostat to control both building has been found. (See GRAND JURY, page 4)

# Warren County Schools To Open Next Monday

## Citizens Committee Calls For Boycott Of Stores, Warehouses

The Warren County Citizens Committee on Monday night called a boycott of Warrenton stores and the Warrenton Tobacco Market until "such time as the Warren County school shall open."

The action of the committee followed a meeting of the

Board of Education on Monday night when the board adjourned after announcing that the schools would open next Monday morning, and denying a large Negro group of school patrons a hearing on grievances.

Following the announcement

of the assignment of teachers and pupils and the date for the school opening, in the presence of a large group of Negro patrons, the board adjourned without giving this group a chance to be heard.

When Mrs. Eva Clayton, spokesman for the group, rose and asked to be heard, Frank Banzet, attorney for the board, ruled that for the patrons to speak would put the school board in contempt of court as they were parties to a suit which resulted in Judge Butler orders for the schools to open under orders that he had laid down. Banzet said that he had notified T. T. Clayton, attorney for the patrons in the suit, that only an attorney could speak for this group.

Mrs. Clayton said that the group was not appearing as parties to any suit but as patrons interested in the school who wanted to state their grievances, and promised to be brief.

Banzet held that the group had made themselves parties to the suit and that for them to be heard might put the board in contempt of court and advised the board not to permit Mrs. Clayton to speak.

Following the meeting, the Citizens Committee adjourned to Greenwood Church where a boycott of Warrenton stores and warehouses was ordered.

E. A. Turner, chairman of the Citizens Committee, said yesterday that the group was very much incensed that Mrs. Clayton was not allowed to be heard, questioned the good faith of the board and expressed some doubt that the schools would open on Monday.



SHEARIN

## Shearin Sworn In As Officer Of Bar During Court Term

Ronald Vance Shearin, Warrenton native and son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Shearin, was sworn in as an attorney and officially admitted to the practice of law in the State of North Carolina on Thursday, Sept. 5, before Hon. Leo Carr, Judge of Superior Court. Shearin was introduced to the Court by Hon. Charles M. White, III, Assistant Solicitor.

Shearin received all of his formal education at John Graham School and at Duke University. Upon graduation from John Graham in 1961, Shearin was awarded a Proctor & Gamble Scholarship, a full four-year scholarship awarded by the Proctor & Gamble Corporation to one member of each entering class at Duke University. Shearin received an A. B. Honors Degree from Duke in 1965. He majored in history and wrote his senior honors thesis on "The Westminster Parliamentary Elections of 1806-07."

Shearin was also a scholarship recipient for study at the Duke University School of Law, where he received his Juris Doctor Degree in June, 1968. At the Law School, Shearin served on the editorial staff of the legal quarterly "Law and Contemporary Problems," as a member of the Duke Bar Association and as president of the Duke International Law Society. He served as Southern Regional Administrator for the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court

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## Meetings Held By Citizens

Following the announcement that the opening of schools in Warren County had been postponed indefinitely, public meetings were held at Warrenton by citizens of the county of both races.

Last Thursday night a group of school patrons met at the Episcopal Parish House to discuss the school situation and the possibility of reopening the schools. Finding the parish house too small to accommodate the crowd, those in charge moved the meeting to Blalock's Funeral Home.

With Charles Johnson serving as moderator, the group discussed the plight facing the county with a threat of no schools in general and the possibility of establishing a private school in Warren County by the beginning of the 1969-70 school year when full integration of the schools has been ordered.

This discussion resulted in the appointment of a committee to discuss the possibility and the feasibility of establishing a private school here. Named to this committee were three Warrenton attorneys, Charles Johnson, Charles White and Jules Banzet and two representatives from each township in the county. Johnson was named chairman of the committee. Mrs. Emma Greer was chosen as secretary.

No time was set for a report of this committee and it is not anticipated that any effort will be made to open this private school during the present school year.

A mass meeting of colored citizens was held here in the Warrenton Colored Baptist Church by the Citizens Committee with Ernest Turner, NAACP president, presiding. Members of the Board of Education, Supt. J. R. Peeler, and Mayor W. A. Miles, as well as the press, had been invited to attend the meeting, but no white persons were present.

In its notice, notifying the board of education members and superintendent of schools of the meeting, the Citizens Committee stated: "Many citizens who were not previously concerned became outraged after reading the article in our

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## Enough Teachers Volunteer

Warren County Schools will open for the 1968-69 school term on Monday morning, Sept. 16, which will be registration day when the schools are scheduled to run only a half day.

Tuesday will be the first regular day of school and the cafeterias will be open.

Teachers will report for work on Thursday morning, Sept. 12, when a county-wide teachers meeting will be held at John Graham High School at 9 a. m.

This was decided at a regular meeting of the Board of Education on Monday night, which was attended by a large group of Negro patrons.

After the board had been called to order by Chairman Eugene Davis, Supt. Peeler told the board members that he had informed the members that he would call a meeting as soon as necessary white teachers had volunteered to teach in predominantly Negro schools, and that on Sunday he had received a sufficient number of volunteers. Following the assurance of the teachers, he said, he had called for the board to meet.

Peeler then read a list of those teachers who had volunteered and the schools to which they had been assigned and transfer of students, as well as a number of other teacher assignments necessary due to transfer of certain white teachers. He said that some 75 Negro teachers had volunteered to teach in predominantly white schools.

Following the reading of the assignment, the board members voted that the teachers should report for work on Thursday; that the schools should open for registration next Monday and that the first regular meeting of the school should be held on next Tuesday.

Voting against the motion to open the schools was Robert Gup-ton who asked that his vote against the motion be recorded. Following the motion to open the schools, the board voted to adjourn.

Mrs. Eva Clayton, spokesman for the group of Negro citizens, asked to be heard.

Frank Banzet, attorney for the board of education, told Mrs. Clayton that since the group was responsible as participants in the suit that resulted in Judge Butler's order to integrate the schools, that only an attorney for the group could legally speak, and that to allow her to speak might put the board in contempt of court.

Mrs. Clayton said that the group was not present as litigants but as patrons interested in the operation of the schools who wanted to present their grievances. She was overruled and the board adjourned.

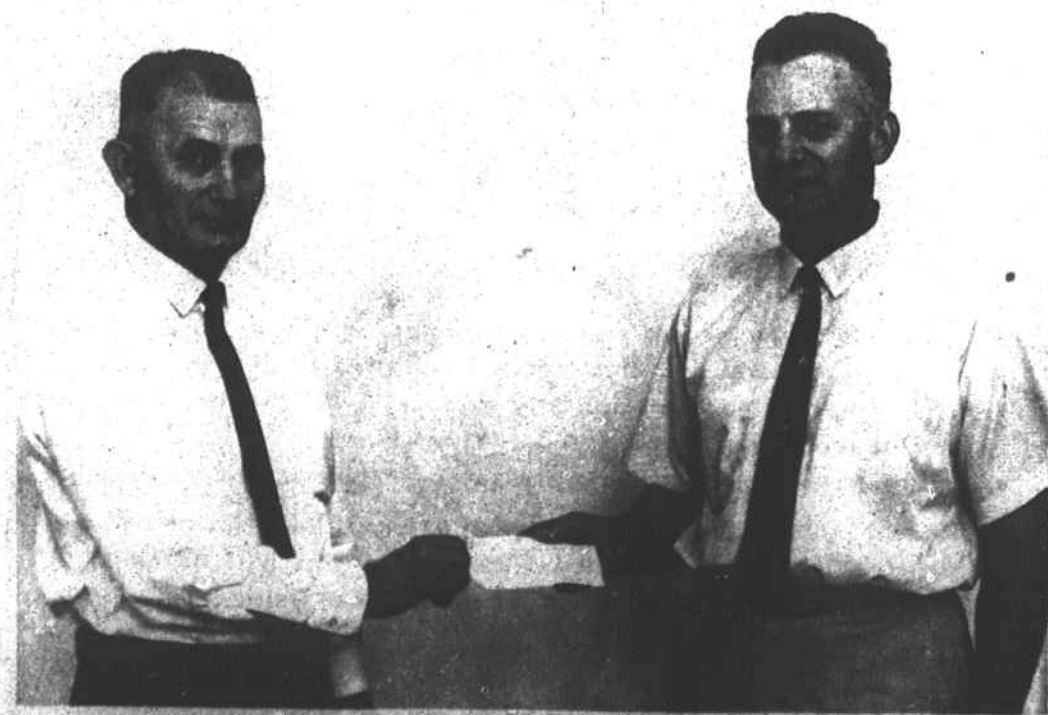
Supt. Peeler said yesterday that while school officials usually welcomed visitations to the schools, that it is requested that no parents visit the schools on Monday due to the reorganizational problems encountered this year. He said an exception would be parents taking first grade students to school.

When the schools open next Monday morning, it is expected that two white teachers will be in every formerly Negro school of the county. Due to some changes in assignment, a list of these teachers was not available.

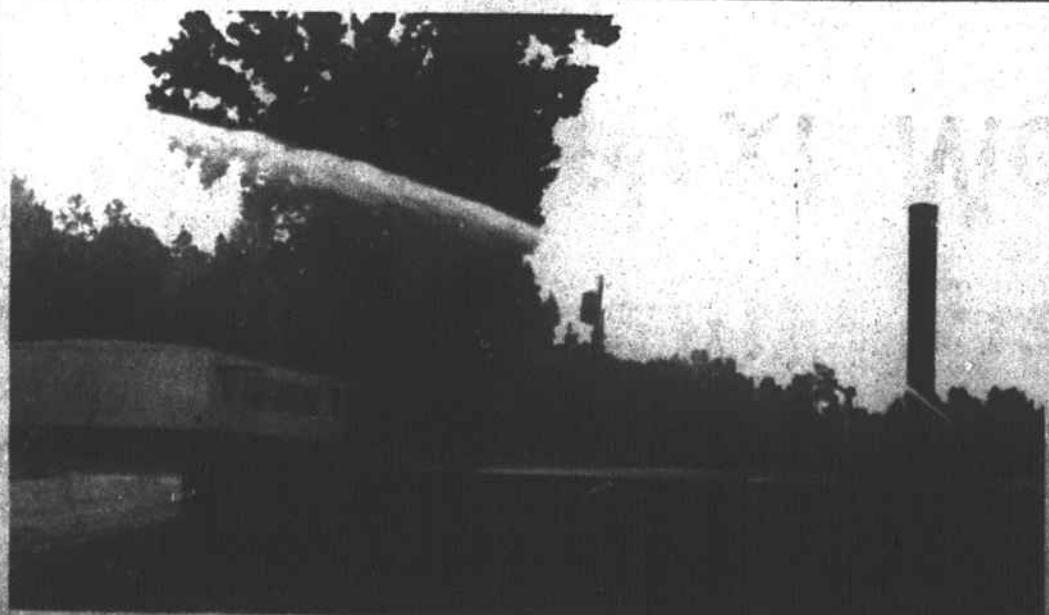
Schools affected will be Macon, Norlina, South Warren, Affon-Elberon, North Warren, Hawkins, Halliwa, Vaughn, Northside, John Graham, Littleton, and Marian Boyd.

## TO HOLD MEETING

John Church of Henderson, Warren County's representative in the General Assembly, will be a special guest at the regular monthly meeting of the Wise-Peeler Bar Association on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 8:30 p. m. The meeting will be held at the



William H. Bender, Chairman of the Warren Soil and Water Conservation District, is shown presenting a check to L. B. Hardage, Extension Chairman for Warren County. This money will be used to create more interest in the soil conservation projects among the youth of the county. These include soil and water conservation, wildlife and forestry. Other members of the Board are A. S. Bugg, P. B. Boyd, Elmer Harris and W. S. Smiley. The Extension Service wishes to thank the Soil Conservation District Supervisors for their interest in the youth of Warren County, Bender said.



Warrenton Colored Volunteer Firemen on Monday night gave a demonstration of the new high pressure sprayer recently acquired by the town. The demonstration was given under the direction of Fire Chief Walker Burwell and Assistant Fire Chief McCarroll Alston. The picture above was taken on Tuesday morning.