



Ribbon Cut At Fair Building

The newly erected Warren County Fair building and Exhibit Hall was officially opened on Monday afternoon with ribbon cutting ceremonies in which W. A. Miles, mayor of Warrenton and Amos L. Capps, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners cut the ribbon across the main entrance to the building. Shown taking part in the ceremonies are, left to right: W. Monroe Gardner, assistant fair manager; Capps, Mack Bullock, chairman of the board of the Warren County Fair Association; A. A. Wood, president of the Warren County Fair, Mayor Miles, and Duke Miles, secretary-treasurer of the Warren County Fair Assn. Not present when the picture was made was J. B. Thompson, manager of the Warren County Fair.

Warren County Agricultural Fair In Full Swing

The Lions sponsored Warren County Fair which opened here on Monday with the Helman's Big H Shows on the midway will continue through the week. The usual small crowd on opening night has been increasing through the week and the Lions are expecting a successful fair, W. K. Lanier, fair publicity chairman, said yesterday.

Exhibits this year are being housed in a new building which affords better displays. This building was formally dedicated on Monday morning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Amos L. Capps, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and W. A. Miles, Mayor of Warrenton, in the presence of Fair officials.

surprisingly good in view of the exceedingly dry weather of the past six weeks, Lanier said, and are attracting considerable attention.

The Blind Booth, under the management of Eugene Rogers, has an unusually large number of exhibits this year and profits from sale of articles made by the blind and near blind will be used for work among

the blind, major project of the Warrenton Lions Club, Lanier said.

Wednesday and Thursday are school days when Warren County school children will be admitted free, and these days always swell Fair attendance.

A highlight of the Fair will be the annual 4-H Poultry Show and Sale which will be held at 4 p. m. Friday.

Witness Fined For Contempt

A witness who failed to appear in court was held in contempt of court and fined in Warren County's Recorder's Court in a long session principally concerned with trial of traffic cases.

The court found that Benny Perry, Jr., willfully absented himself from court to avoid testifying in the case of William Woodard, charged with larceny, and fined him \$10 and court costs for contempt of court. The court noted that as a result of Perry's failure to appear in court, the state was unable to proceed against the defendant, that the case was therefore not pressed and the present whereabouts of the defendant is unknown.

Dock Hunt, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

Charles Hogle Belch, Jr., was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs when he was found guilty of drunk driving.

Linwood Burnett was sentenced to the roads for 30 days when he pled guilty to a charge of using profane language in public. The sentence was suspended for two years provided the defendant does not violate any of the public laws of North Carolina for two years, and pays a \$25 fine and court costs.

Clyde E. Fuller pled guilty to drunk driving. He was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

Willie James Thomas, who was fined \$100 and ordered to pay court costs when he pled guilty to a charge of drunk driving, gave notice of appeal to Superior Court. Appearance bond was set at \$150.

Higgon Arlando Patton pled guilty to allowing an unlicensed person to drive a motor vehicle. He was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs.

Lonnie Wayne Loyd was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs when he pled guilty to having no operator's license.

Bonnie Thurston West pled guilty to carrying a concealed weapon. He was ordered to pay a \$50 fine and court costs.

Bonnie Thurston West was taxed with court costs when he pled guilty to transporting tax-

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Warren County Schools Have Successful Opening

Attendance About Same As In 1967

Warren County schools opened for the 1968-69 school year on Monday morning in what has been described as a very successful opening.

J. Roger Peeler, Supt. of Schools, said yesterday that attendance was just about the same as last year and expressed his pleasure with the way the schools began this year's work, and his thanks for the fine cooperation he has received from patrons during a trying period of transition.

The schools ran only a half day on Monday and Tuesday and half of the schools only ran a half-day on Wednesday and Thursday.

Peeler said that it was originally planned for the school to run a half day Monday, which was orientation day, but some difficulty in high school scheduling was encountered on Tuesday resulting in the schools operating only a half day. He said that half the schools ran a full day Wednesday while other students attended the fair; and that Thursday the other half of the schools would run on a full schedule while those off Wednesday afternoon would have a full day of school. He said that both these half holidays had been scheduled earlier and had nothing to do with school changes.

Friday all the schools are expected to be on full schedule.



W. R. Drake presents Speaker Pat Taylor at Lions Club Ladies Night meeting at Country Club.

Pat Taylor Speaker At Lions Ladies Night

Government is a serious matter and the people need to pay more attention to the kind of persons we elect to represent us, Pat Taylor, of Wadesboro, Democratic Candidate for Lieutenant Governor, said here last Friday night.

Taylor was the guest speaker at the annual Lions Club Ladies' Night when the Lions were hosts to their ladies and other special guests at the Warrenton Country Club. Approximately 150 persons were present.

Presented by former Warren County Representative W. R. Drake, chairman of the program committee, Taylor said that while he would comment on government he was not going to make a political talk. He expressed his pleasure at being in Warrenton and had words of praise for Drake with whom he had served in the General Assembly. He said that the former representative had made a fine record and he hoped that the people of Warren County would again send him to the General Assembly.

Illustrating his remarks with humorous illustrations, the speaker said that the affairs of Government are a serious matter and concerned him greatly. America, he said, was built on slow growth, but of late we have seemingly been going too fast. There seems to be a lack of responsibility in government, too much hate, and a lack of calm and intelligent discussion, too much taking of exception when exception is not meant.

"We must have calm and intelligent discussion of our problems if we are to get America back on the even keel that made it the greatest nation on earth," Taylor said. In closing, he quoted Winston Churchill's statement that "Democracy is the worst form of government, except all others," and added, "With all its faults we still have the best government in all the world."

Lion President J. Allen Tucker presided over the meeting. Guests were welcomed by Lion Ted Wilson and the response was given by Lioness Laurie Tucker. Music was furnished during the dinner by Mrs. Gid King at the organ.

Group singing was led by Past District Governor Monroe Gardner with Lioness Nellie Gardner at the piano. The grace was said by Lion Ed Rooker.

Special guests were Past District Governor Ray Pruitt and Mrs. Pruitt of Franklinton, and representatives of the Warrenton Woman's Club.

Special thanks were expressed to the Lionesses who decorated the club and to the committee in charge of the supper. Lion E. T. Odom was also given the thanks of the club for the beautiful floral decorations.

Following the banquet the guests enjoyed several hours of dancing with Lion W. R. Drake at the organ.

May Make Changes In S. S. Addresses

Social security beneficiaries in Warren County who need to report changes of address or other events that affect the payment of their monthly benefits may now do so through the social security office at 1122 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh, Robert Flynn, district manager, said yesterday. Reports may be made by mail, telephone, or personal visit.

Flynn said that up to now beneficiaries were encouraged to notify the Social Security Administration about the occurrence of these events on post-card forms pre-addressed to one of six social security record centers throughout the country. Beneficiaries received the postcard forms when they initially applied for monthly benefits.

Flynn said that the change in reporting methods is designed to reduce the time needed to change addresses and process other information having an effect on payment of monthly benefits. The change is prompted by the increased capacity of social security district offices to transmit the information over high speed communications circuits to record offices.

In addition to address changes Flynn said that events that affect receipt of monthly social security checks include employment, marriage or remarriage in some instances, divorce, and death.

Football Games

The John Graham Yellow Jackets will host William R. Davis football team here on Friday night.

Norlina, 13-15 loser to Louisburg last Friday night, will journey to Gaston on Friday night.

ARRIVE IN CALIFORNIA

Sgt. and Mrs. Raymond Bartholomew of Bangor Air Force Base Maine has arrived in California, after spending 30 days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bartholomew and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher. The Bartholomew's new address is 605 E. North 4th St., Lombard, California 95247.

It costs United States taxpayers \$100 million a year to pay the bills dumped on the property

County Convention To Held Here Wednesday

The county convention where farmer-chosen delegates will elect farmers to fill vacancies on the Warren County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee will be held Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1968 at 3:00 p. m. in the courthouse in Warrenton, according to W. S. Smiley, chairman, ASC County Committee.

The convention will be open to the public, and any person interested in observing the voting procedure may attend. However, only farmer-delegates to the convention may participate in the election process, Smiley said. Election is by secret ballot.

County Committeemen are elected for 3-year staggered terms, and the service of each county committeeman is limited to three consecutive terms. (one county committeeman will be elected for a three year term for Warren County). Each year, the convention also elects a first and second alternate committeeman, each for a 1-year term.

After the county committeemen are elected, the delegates vote again to determine which of the regular committeemen will serve as chairman and vice chairman for the coming year. These positions are re-determined annually.

The delegates to the county convention will be the elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and regular member for each community.

All 1969 Committeemen will take office October 1.

Polling Change Made In River

A change has been made in the polling place in River Township, Paul Lancaster, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, announced yesterday.

He said the River polling place had been changed from the old Littleton Observer office to the Littleton Florist's Shop.

Lancaster had previously announced that the Smith Creek polling place had been changed from Hayes' Old Store to Painter's Store at Oine.

An entirely new registration has been ordered for Warren County when a loose-leaf system will be adopted. The books will open on Oct. 5. Lancaster asks that voters register as early as possible due to the large number of citizens that must be re-registered.

Speed Tells Connection With Connector Road

Rep. James D. Speed, Representative in the State House of Representatives from Warren, Franklin and Vance Counties, this week takes note of a front page news story in The News and Observer which questioned the part Rep. Speed played in the obtaining of a short connector road in Warren and Franklin Counties. Rep. Speed had appeared before the Warren County Board of Commissioners on one or more occasions when he was asked to assist in having this road built. The road had also been requested by a number of Warren County citizens.

Rep. Speed's statement follows:

This statement is in response to the article by Jack Childs appearing in the Friday, September 13, 1968 issue of The News and Observer concerning 1.86 miles of connector secondary road in Franklin and Warren Counties which will link a large area of these counties between highways 401 and 58.

I cannot understand the purpose of such an article nor the manner in which it was written and published in such detail and prominence except possibly as an attempt to smear me or the State Highway Commission.

The addition of this formerly abandoned rural highway link is very valuable to the people

traveling back and forth between Warrenton and areas of Franklin County and will shorten the distance by from at least six to 15 miles. It also will cut the distance between the forest ranger stations and fire towers in the two counties by perhaps 10 miles. This is a heavily forested area and the personnel of these stations work in close cooperation in times of need.

This road has very little significance to me personally. I own no land on the road, and the road will be of no more benefit to me than to the others who travel in the area. It will be a convenience to many people.

It is true that I have rented Mrs. Egerton's land in Warren County. I have never planted any crops on this land but have sub-rented to others. I have done this to help an 83 year old relative, Mrs. Egerton, who has no sons and whose two daughters live a considerable distance away. Many people have expressed regret or surprise that the old road connecting these lands, which was within a few feet of the present road, was ever abandoned. It was abandoned after the bridge across Shocco Creek washed away during the early 1930's, depression years, at which time the counties were attempting to maintain our rural roads and before the state assumed this responsibility.

As a representative in the General Assembly from this district, Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties, and as a member of the House Roads committee, I have had occasion

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Rites Held For Warren Soldier

Funeral services for Pfc. Lawrence E. Steverson, 24, were conducted at Coley Springs Baptist Church at 3 p. m. last Thursday by the Rev. Kermit Richardson, with an U. S. Army escort serving as pallbearers. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Pfc. Steverson was killed in action in Vietnam on Aug. 22. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Steverson of Warrenton, he was born Nov. 6, 1944, and was a member of Coley Springs Baptist Church. A graduate of John R. Hawkins High School, he entered the U. S. Army in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Gail Robinson, and one son, Victor Lawrence; his mother and father; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Green and Mrs. Iris Foster, both of Patterson, N. J.; nine brothers, Charles and Stewart of Warrenton, Richard of Raleigh, Thomas of Fort Hood, Texas, Robert of Fayetteville, and Percy, Carson, Arden and Oliver of the home.

Four Warren Towns To Receive Powell Funds

Four Warren County incorporated towns will receive state street aid allocations this year under provisions of the Powell Bill, State Highway Commission chairman J. M. Hunt, Jr., announced yesterday.

The allocations totaling more than \$10 million will go to qualifying cities and towns in the state.

Under the allocation Warrenton will receive \$5,900.01 for its 5.22 miles of streets.

Norlina, with 5.01 miles of streets, will receive \$6,845.36. Littleton, with 5.05 miles of streets, will receive \$6,997.89.

Macon, with 1.22 miles of streets, will receive \$1,166.55.

Hunt said that checks will be mailed from Raleigh the latter part of September so that they will reach the municipalities by Oct. 1.

Funds equal to the amount produced by one-half cent of the regular six-cents per gallon motor fuel tax levied by the state are returned annually to participating municipalities in proportional shares based on relative non-state system street mileage and on the relative populations of each of the municipalities.

Charles M. White, III, Appointed Prosecutor

Charles M. White, III, 42, of Warrenton has been appointed Prosecutor for the new Ninth District Court by Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisville.

White is an attorney at law and is currently serving both as Solicitor of Warren County's Recorder's Court and as Assistant Solicitor of Warren County Superior Court. He was reared in the Drewry Community of Vance County, attended high school at Middleburg and later graduated with an A.B. degree and subsequently law degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The new prosecutor will assume office on Dec. 2 for a term of two years and one month. Commencing on Jan. 1, 1971, the position of Prosecutor will be eliminated under the new court system and the Ninth Judicial District will elect a new Superior Court Solicitor for the five counties of Franklin, Person, Granville, Vance and Warren.



WHITE

White is a Presbyterian, and currently serving as a deacon and Sunday School teacher in his church. He is married to the former Sally Alston Tarry of Mecklenburg County, Va., and they have three children, Charles M. White, IV, Mary Tarry White, and Alice Bowen White.



The Sight Conservation and Blind Committee Booth is the center of interest for members of the Warren County Lions Club at the annual Warren County Fair which is now in full swing. Here hundreds of items are on sale with profits going for assistance to the blind, the major club project. Among the items on sale are aprons, baskets, basketry, household articles, leather goods, toys, weaving, and numerous articles of wood. Eugene Rogers, chairman of the Sight Conservation and Blind Committee, suggests that this is an excellent place to buy Christmas gifts.