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John Thomas Harris, contractor for site preparation for Wood Yard at Norlina, left, stands with R. Melvin Shearin, Amos L. Capps and James David Allen, area forester for Continental Can Company, at wood yard site. At right, bulldozer is shown clearing land for 10-acre site.

Wood Yard Being Built At Norlina

A modern, up-to-date wood yard is in process of construction at Norlina, located just west of the Seaboard Coast Line underpass on railroad property leased to Continental Can Company, to be operated by Amos L. Capps Pulpwood Company.

Negotiations for the wood yard at Norlina have been underway for several months and construction was announced this week by Frank W. Reams, director of Warren County Industrial Development Commission.

Reams said that the ten-acre site will feature a first-class spur track capable of lining up 10 cars which may be loaded from both sides. Adequate crushed stone will be spread to provide a solid foundation in all-weather loading when using the monstrous mechanical "yardster."

This wood yard will replace the very inadequate facility now used at the Macon depot, which only allowed one side loading and shortage of space.

Amos L. Capps, president of Capps Pulpwood Company, glowingly stressed that this facility is a long-time dream come true, which will give a much better opportunity to serve the forest producers of this area and provides a steady flow of pulpwood to the mills. Another asset provides storage space for any surplus wood that might accumulate.

Reams said that the Warren County Industrial Development Commission welcomes this enterprise to Warren County and congratulates the Seaboard Coastline, Continental Can Company, Amos L. Capps Pulpwood Company, the citizens of Norlina and others for making possible this needed facility.

Melvin Shearin will be supervisor of the yard.

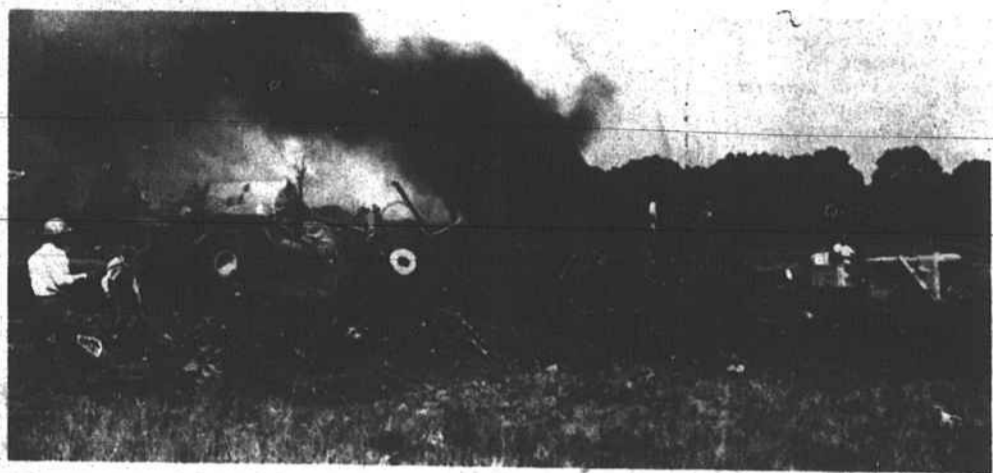
Littleton School Bill Is Enacted

The bill creating a separate Littleton - Lake Gaston school system was passed on a 51-22 vote by the House Friday despite the pleadings of Henry Frye, D-Guilford, the first Negro to serve in the General Assembly in this century.

"This is the third in a series of small districts," said Frye, "and I oppose it. I urge all other members to vote against this measure."

Frye and others have claimed this bill and the other two are segregationist measures. The bill passed Friday would separate the Littleton - Lake Gaston district from the county system and would allow the residents to levy a special tax to support the new administrative unit.

The bill, sponsored by Sens. Vernon White, D-Pitt and Julian Allbrook, D-Halifax, was returned to the Senate for concurrence with an amendment. The legislature has enacted similar bills for Warrenton and Scotland Neck.



School Election To Be Held On July 1

The Town of Warrenton this week gave notice that a special election will be held in the Town of Warrenton on July 1 for the purpose of submitting the question whether the qualified voters of said Town shall approve the creation and establishment of the Warrenton City Administrative School Unit with its administrative Board and whether a special supplementary school tax shall be levied and collected for such school purposes.

Only those qualified voters within the corporate limits of the Town of Warrenton shall be eligible to vote in the election, and a vote by a majority of those voting in favor of the question will establish the school unit.

In the event that the qualified voters of the Town of

Warrenton approves the establishment of a city administrative unit and the supplementary tax of not less than 50¢ on each \$100 valuation, the Board of Town Commissioners shall then proceed to appoint a Warrenton City Board of Education consisting of five members and levy annually a supplementary tax of not less than 50¢ on each \$100 of assessed value of real and personal property taxable in said Town of Warrenton.

The polls for the election shall be the usual polling place in the Town of Warrenton, the Fire Station situated in the Town Hall.

The Board of Commissioners has appointed M. E. Grant to act as Registrar and C. C. Britton and H. R. Skillman to act as Judges of Election. The Registrar will keep the registra-

tion book open for registration of new electors on three Saturdays, June 14, June 21 and June 28, from 9 a. m. until 9 p. m.; and one each day (Sunday excepted) for the period beginning Friday, June 13, and ending on Friday, June 20.

The original bill to create Warrenton as an administrative school unit contained the words "and shall levy a tax of not more than 50¢ on the \$100 valuation," but was amended to read "not less than 50¢ on the \$100 valuation."

Under the act the Warren County Board of Education is directed to turn over to the Warrenton school administrative unit all public school property, both real and personal, and all buildings, facilities, and equipment used for public school purposes, located within the corporate limits of Warrenton, and all records, books, monies budgeted for said facilities, accounts, papers, documents and property of any description.

Included in the transfer would be some 40 classrooms with the completion of the new building at the Mariani Boyd school, as well as the new library completed at John Graham and a new carpentry shop now under construction, both built with federal funds.

It was the largest mass meeting held in Warren County since the one last year when a decision to boycott Warrenton was taken. He said that many of those present were extremely bitter over efforts to create a special school here and to deny other citizens the use of school facilities presently belonging to the county unless they pay a tuition fee. Particularly bitter, he said, were a number of students who now attend John Graham High School.

Under the Legislative act, the County of Warrenton must turn over to the Warrenton school district, following approval of the voters of the proposed district, all county school property lying within the town of Warrenton.

Under the transfer would be 40 classrooms. The proposed district has only some 213 pupils. Proponents of the school district say that the 1,000 or more students needed to operate the school would be obtained by students from all over the county attending the special school and paying a tuition fee, the amount of which has not yet been determined. Proponents of the school say that the improved calibre of the school would attract the necessary number of students and their parents.

Turner said yesterday that

Warren Tax Valuations Up More Than 11 Million

Court Term To Open On Monday

The June Criminal Term of Warren County Superior Court will convene on June 2 with Judge A. Pliston Godwin, Jr., of Raleigh presiding.

Two murder cases and five manslaughter cases are on the docket for the term scheduled to last through Wednesday. The docket also includes 22 cases of drunk driving as well as a number of other violations of the motor vehicle laws.

The court schedule is as follows:

Monday - Lawrence William Seaman, Jr., reckless driving; Fred Robertson, drunk driving; Red Robertson, hit and run; Milton Brodie, resisting arrest, assault and threatening life of an officer; William Loyd Reid, drunk driving; Henry Clement Shearin, drunk driving; Egerton Plummer, assault with deadly weapon with intention to kill; Thomas Plummer, Jr., drunk driving.

Also, David Horace Ayscue, drunk driving and transporting taxpaid liquor with seal broken; Milton Samuel Jones, drunk driving, and carrying concealed weapon; John Deland Felts, drunk driving; Frank M. Harrington, obtaining money by false tokens; Milton Lee Davis, obtaining money by false pretense; Thomas Oliver Bowman, simple assault; Joseph C. Simms, breaking, entering and larceny.

Also, David Alston, third offense of drunk driving; David Earl Champion, speeding; David Earl Champion, drunk driving; Durwood C. Johnson, drunk driving; Milton Macon Brodie, no registration plates; Milton Macon Brodie, no liability insurance; Willie George Williams, assault; Robert Donald Moss, drunk driving; Carolyn Fleming, obstructing an officer; Vance Wade Johnson, drunk driving; William Crump, larceny; Lindsey Ray Johnson, drunk driving; Lindsey Ray Jackson, transporting taxpaid whiskey with seal broken; Lindsey Ray Jackson, speeding; Charlie Plummer, larceny; Edna Mae Plummer, larceny; William Harden Daniels, manslaughter.

Tuesday - Minnie Silver, drunk driving; Nathaniel Ellis, operating motor vehicle while license suspended; Robert Rivers, reckless driving, speeding 90 miles per hour, turning out lights while speeding; Robert Rivers, speeding 70 miles per hour in 35 mph zone; Willie Ella Burchett, two cases of manslaughter; Angus Tipton (See COURT, page 12)

Warren County Tax Valuations

TOWNSHIP	1968	1969	INCREASE
RIVER	2,014,938	2,878,605	863,667
SIXPOUND	1,248,422	2,350,107	1,101,685
HAWTREE	1,620,048	2,722,288	1,102,240
SMITH CREEK	2,757,007	3,722,099	965,092
NUTBUSH	1,363,272	2,282,824	919,552
SANDY CREEK	1,322,400	2,339,364	1,016,964
SHOCCO	750,182	1,268,030	517,848
FISHING CREEK	1,081,507	1,818,152	736,645
JUDKINS	1,421,388	2,249,459	828,071
WARRENTON	7,049,963	9,439,377	2,389,414
FORK	769,059	1,150,796	381,737
ROANOKE	916,727	1,513,596	596,869
COUNTY TOTAL	22,314,913	33,734,697	11,419,784

Figures Released By Auditor

Warren County's tax valuations are now \$33,734,697, up \$11,419,784, following a new revaluation, according to figures released this week from the office of A. P. Rodwell, Jr., county auditor.

The new tax valuations represent 50 per cent of the true valuations as established by appraisers, and are the figures which will be used by the county commissioners in making up the 1969-70 budget.

The greatest increase in valuation on a dollar and cents basis was in Warrenton Township, but the greatest increase on a percentage basis was in Roanoke Township, due to developments on Lake Gaston.

The smallest gain was made in Fork Township, up \$381,737. Warrenton Township's gain was \$2,389,414, and three other townships showed gains of more than a million dollars. They are Sixpound, Hawtree and Sandy Creek.

While much of the increase in valuations was due to developments on Lake Gaston and to some extent on Kerr Lake considerable increase was found in other townships not affected by the lakes. Another factor was the rise in value of property on Highway I-85, particularly at intersections which have become sites of service stations.

S. Security Payments Over \$1.75 Million

Social Security payments in Warren County are now running at the rate of more than one and three-quarter million dollars a year.

A record \$148,000 in monthly social security benefits were being paid to 2,570 residents of Warren County at the end of December 1968, an increase of 2.8 per cent above the amount payable at the end of February 1968, according to R. A. Flynn, district manager for social security.

At this monthly rate, Warren Citizens will receive \$1,776,000 in 1969.

"Throughout the country, monthly benefits payable at the end of 1968 amounted to nearly \$2.1 billion, some \$350 million higher than at the end of 1967," Flynn continued. "Approximately three-quarters of the increased monthly amount resulted from higher benefit rates (See S. SECURITY, page 12)

Mrs. Webster Selected As 'Woman Of The Year'

Mrs. Sam Webster was presented the "Woman of the Year" award by the Warrenton Junior Women's Club at a meeting of the Club at Warren Plaza Inn on last Thursday night.

The award is presented annually to an outstanding member of the Warrenton Junior Women's Club.

Mrs. Webster has served as Home Life chairman and has worked on many projects in the community this year, including the "Christmas Sing" and the Easter Sunrise Service.

Mrs. Sara E. Perkinson, publicity chairman for the club, said yesterday, "She is a capable person and her friendly attitude and spirit of cooperation has done much to strengthen the club." Mrs. Perkinson said.



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telling what attributes each one symbolized.

Mrs. W. E. Lanier presented Mrs. Owen Robertson, Jr., and Mrs. Gus Daeke, Jr., also special guests.

Officers installed were Mrs. Earl Halthcock, president; Mrs. Bobby Barlow, first vice president; Mrs. Jack Harris, second vice president; Mrs. Faye Gallalee, recording secretary. (See WEBSTER, page 4)

Ted Schnurr Killed In One-Car Accident

Ted Stuart Schnurr, former star athlete at John Graham High School, was killed in a one-car accident in Minnesota on May 9, it was learned here this week.

Funeral services for the 19-year-old former Warrenton resident was held at Helgeson Funeral Chapel in Warroad, Minn., on Monday, May 12.

Paper Collections To Be Resumed Here

The collection of old papers and magazines will be resumed at Warrenton this week.

Misses Marliam Boyd and Edith Burwell, Mrs. W. A. Graham and Mrs. Bill Spruill, on behalf of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, express thanks and appreciation for the past cooperation in this project.

Anyone having old newspapers or magazines may take them to the Methodist Church Parsonage garage or, if collection is preferred, call one of the four ladies listed above.

TO PRESENT REVUE

The Harris Kindergarten will present a Revue of 1968-69 on Thursday, May 29, at 8 o'clock at the Methodist Church. There will be no admission charged and the public is invited.

TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

B. Alston Macon, Jr., a native of Henderson and student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., will preach at the Warrenton Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, June 1.

BAKE SALE

The Zion 4-H Club will hold a bake sale in front of Trinity's Parsonage from 10:00 a.m. beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 31. Free coffee, cream, butter and margarine will be sold.



Chorus To Present Concert

The John Graham High School Chorus will be presented in spring concert on Thursday night, May 29, at 8:15. The program is a varied one consisting of the following sacred and popular selections: "Adeste Fideles," "Cantata Domino," (Text based on Psalm XLVII), "Trumpet Voluntary," "Soon-a Will Be Done," featuring Jennifer Taylor, soprano soloist; "Wagon Wheels," "Till There Was You," "Summertime," from Porgy and Bess; Norman Luboff's "Yellow Bird," "Young at Heart," "Anywhere I Wander," from Hans Christian Anderson, "The Impossible Dream," and closing with Kellum's "Gonna Get Along Without Ya Now." The chorus is under the direction of Robert M. Davis and accompanied by Mrs. Nellie B. Gardner.

There is no admission charge to the concert.