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Good Schools Vital To County

Whether or not parents wish to send their children to private schools is a personal matter, but the operation of good schools is vital to Warren County and should be of deep concern to us all.

Several hundred former students will attend private schools this year, but an even greater number of white students will return to the fully integrated schools and many of them will make a real contribution to Warren Schools and through their actions help in the transformation that is inevitable.

Whether or not Warrenton and Littleton should have been permitted to operate private schools and whether or not fully integrated schools are right, has absolutely nothing to do with whether or not Warren County citizens should support our schools. Opponents of the present system took their fight to the courts and they lost.

They now face reality.

Whether or not integrated schools will be better or worse is beside the point, beyond a resort to private schools. Integrated schools are the only public schools we are going to have. We all owe a duty to make them the best schools possible.

It was extremely unfortunate that the opening of Warren County schools was delayed. No useful purpose was served and some harm was done. Not only has it hurt many children, but it has hurt the image of Warren County in the eyes of the state.

Now that they are to open, we trust that they will have the support of all our people, or at least the support of a thinking majority. Economically we can afford to do no less; morally we owe it to Warren County children.

Schools

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Joyce B. Hinton, Delores Thompson, Velma J. Gatling, Mrs. Susie A. Knight, Ruby L. Pinchback, Urias E. Atkins, Lawrence Sampson, James T. Wilkerson, Lucy E. Perkins, Mrs. Ann C. Basnight, Dempsey Davis, Mrs. Ophelia W. Davis, A. M. Ward, Angela R. Edwards, Sterling M. Cheston.

LITTLETON—R. N. Manning, Principal; Mrs. Geraldine Spragins, George Alston, James B. Harvey, John K. Burnes, Jonelle S. Walker, Rebecca Neece, Clifford Whichard, Jeremiah Wills, Mrs. Viola C. Alston, Mrs. Grace A. Breedin, Mrs. Emily B. Alston, Mrs. Evelyn M. Wilson, Thomas McKnight, Jr., Mrs. Ruth C. Lee, Willie Cuthbertson, Jessie Cuthbertson, Mrs. Catherine Whichard, W. Hayes Hurdle, Mrs. Sally A. Collier.

MACON—Mrs. Annie Haynes, Principal; Mrs. Clarice Greene, Mrs. Margery Drake, Mrs. Christine Arrington, Mrs. Nancy P. Blankenship, Mrs. Clementine Hawkins, Mrs. Eleanor G. Ellis.

MARIAM BOYD—L. B. Henderson, Principal; Mrs. Katherine D. Mustian, Mrs. Marie P. Andrews, Mrs. Lula L. Holt, Mrs. Violet M. Henderson, Mrs. Mattie D. Pridgen, Mrs. Arnie R. Fuller, Mrs. Bettie W. Koonce, Miss Mary E. Wright, Miss Essie M. Burchette, Mrs. Annie Lee Drake, Mrs. Mable J. Davis, Mamee Anthony, Mrs. Annie Alston, Mrs. Constance A. Davis, Will H. Kelly, Mrs. Mary J. Harris, Mrs. Margaret S. Scarborough, Mrs. Nannie M. Hurst.

SOUTH WARREN—Otis H. Hawkins, Principal; Elizabeth Massey, Mrs. C. J. Williams, Mrs. Ruby D. Amos, Mrs. Carrie Rosser, Rosa L. Davis, Mrs. Flora Alston, Miss Anna Clark, Mrs. Sophia D. Johnson, Miss Lucy Wortham, Mrs. Gladys Turner, Mrs. Lucy Branch, Mrs. Annie K. Fleming, Fletch B. Davis.

VAUGHAN SCHOOL—J. L. Bridgers, Principal; Mrs. Myrtle Pierce, Mrs. Melba G. Johnston, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Daniel, Mrs. Katherine D. Clark, Mrs. Betsy S. Brown, Mrs. Louise C. Threowitts, Mrs. Ella Christmas, Mrs. Cora Watson, Mrs. Mary D. Williams, Mrs. Majorie W. Ross, Miss Ruth Warwick, Mrs. Virginia Faulkner, Miss Bettie Solomon, Mrs. Cornelia W. McGrier, Mrs. Ophelia W. Swinson, Mrs. Betty Ingram, Mrs. Helens Harris, Frances H. Jeffers.

NORTH WARREN—G. H. Washington, Principal; Mrs. Edna S. Baughman, Mrs. Mildred B. Hicks, Mrs. Brenda J. Fuller, Mrs. Ora L. McRae, William J. Shoenberger, Mrs. Alma K. Mayfield, Vella Betsy Clark, Mrs. Susie R. Cooper, Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, Mrs. Mollie Washington, Mrs. W. H. Gibson, Brown J. Hawkins, Mrs. Lillian Martin, Willie T. Ramsey, III, Mrs. P.

G. Tyson, Mrs. Mabel F. Williams, Mrs. Hattie T. Mason, Mrs. Mabel B. Mar's, Charles Smith, Lillie C. O-martie, Carrie Barnes, William S. Fuller, Mrs. Faye Faulk Smith, Mrs. Minnie O. Kenedy, Mrs. Marie H. Thomas, Estelle G. Woodard, Yolander Williams.

NORTHSIDE—Henry Creene, Principal; Mrs. Shirley White, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Little, Mrs. Mary E. Henderson, E. dythe N. Wright, Mrs. France A. Epperson, Mrs. Margaret Hicks, Mrs. Irene A. Hinton, Miss Mary Patillo, Mrs. Naomi W. Harris, Mrs. Fannie M. Plummer, Mrs. Myrtle Ayscue, Mrs. Hattie L. Williams, Mrs. Ada H. Waller, Mrs. Elettie J. Davis, Mrs. Christine C. Davis, Mrs. Catherine P. Kearney, Miss Kathleen N. Gardner, Mrs. Connie E. Davis, Mrs. Louise K. Hunter.

Court

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Minnie Silver, drunk driving, nol pros with leave. Barry Wayne Brown, breaking, entering and larceny, nol pros with leave. Martha Champion Macklin, possession of non-taxpaid liquor for sale, nol pros. Jot an Herbert Terry, possession of non-taxpaid liquor for purpose of sale, nol pros with leave. Sally Terry Goode, possession of non-taxpaid liquor for purpose of sale, nol pros with leave.

Hubert Delaney Pulley, involuntary manslaughter, from three to four years in state prison. Suspended for five years and defendant placed on probation.

William Crump, larceny, not guilty. Clyde Ray King, driving while license suspended, remanded to district court.

James Austin Hayes, Jr., drunk driving, not guilty. James Austin Hayes, Jr., failing to stop for stop sign, nol pros.

James Austin Hayes, Jr., speeding in excess of 80 miles an hour, six months sentence, suspended for two years upon defendant's remaining of good behavior, not violating any of the penal laws of state or federal governments, and payment of \$150 fine and court costs.

Fobby Ray West, driving while license suspended, 12 months on roads, suspended for two years upon good behavior, not violating any penal laws of state or federal governments, and payment of \$250 fine and court costs.

Charlie Plummer, petty larceny, 18 months on roads, suspended for three years upon defendant remaining of good behavior, not violating any state or federal penal laws, not go upon premises of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thompson, pays \$50 judgment for attorney's fee and court costs. Edna Mae Plummer, petty larceny, 10 months in women's quarters of State Department of

Correction, suspended for three years upon identical terms imposed in case of Charlie Plummer.

Ralph W. Bradberry, drunk driving, four months on roads, continued for one year upon payment of \$100 fine and court costs and remains of good behavior and law abiding.

John Clifton Banks, assault with deadly weapon, motion for non-suit allowed; prosecuting witness, Annie Marie Banks, taxed with court costs upon finding charges frivolous and malicious.

Eddie Holmes Williams, Jr., drunk driving, remanded to District Court.

David Alston, third offense of drunk driving, six months on roads with option of work release recommended.

Milton Samuel Jones, drunk driving, four months on roads, suspended for one year upon payment of \$125 fine and court costs, and remaining of good behavior and law abiding.

James Lee Miller, possession of utensils for manufacture of intoxicating whiskey, 18 months on roads, suspended for three years, defendant placed on probation for three years upon payment of \$200 fine and court costs, and remaining of good behavior and law abiding.

Robert Lee Williams, drunk driving, four months on roads, suspended for one year upon payment of \$100 fine and court costs, and remaining of good behavior and law abiding.

Herman Williams, drunk driving, four months on roads, suspended for one year upon payment of \$125 fine and court costs and remaining of good behavior and law abiding.

Sandy Fields, assault with deadly weapon, nol pros with leave.

Ralph W. Bradberry, speeding, nol pros with leave.

Herman Williams, drunk driving, nol pros with leave.

James Lee Miller, manufacturing non-taxpaid whiskey, nol pros with leave.

Fred Robertson, hit and run, nol pros with leave.

Fred Robertson, drunk driving, nol pros with leave.

In Hospital

Patients in Warren General Hospital on Tuesday at 5 p. m. were listed as follows:

Hulda Warner, Anna Stegall, Eunice Thompson, Ann Collins, Florence Edwards, Mamie Hight, Pete Jones, Betty Parkinson, Douglas Draffin, Olive Coleman, William Alton Mustian, Rebecca Russell, Robert O'Brian (NB) Russell, Everett Carroll, Andrew Wortham, Marty Allen, Henry Hight, Pattie Burchette, Ronnie E. Williams, Anell Williams, Michael Jones, Hester Alice Evans, Dock Davis.

An inch of rain falling evenly on an acre of ground equals 27,000 gallons of water. Such a rainfall on Washington, D. C., for example, would drop 1.3 billion gallons of water on the Capital.

Mostly Personal

BY BIGNALL JONES

The efforts of a number of Warren County citizens to enroll their children in private schools following a court order to integrate the public schools, recalls days of poor public schools and relatively good private schools, and it also tends to recall with some wonder the insistence of my Sunday School teacher, the former Miss Mattie Brown, that there is nothing new under the sun.

Miss Mattie was a fundamentalist and her Bible told her that there was nothing new under the sun and she imported this information to the young boys in her class. We thought we had her when we asked her did they have automobiles in Biblical days, but I learned later in life that there may have been difference in mode but little that is new in action.

Certainly there is nothing new in people being dissatisfied with the public schools and sending their children to private schools and this happened long before race was an issue, although status has in many cases played a part, with the desire to give their children a better education.

A one-room school in Sandy Creek Township was my initiation to the public school.

The school was operated for four months each year, and had neither indoor plumbing nor central heat. The teacher taught from the first grade through Latin and the age of the pupils ranged from seven to 17 or 18 years of age. The school contained bright pupils and slow pupils, pupils from advantaged homes and pupils from less advantaged homes, and the teacher taught them all according to their ability to learn and with some degree of success.

Our teacher was Miss Bessie Blacknall, who afterwards became a missionary to Alaska. I doubt that she ever entered a college door, but she was dedicated and conscientious and I learned more from her during the two years I attended her school than in any other eight-month period in my life.

We walked about a mile and a half to school each day, and I and my brothers always had to prepare our lessons each night. I still have a recollection of my father hearing my lesson and I pronouncing the word, spelling it and re-pronouncing it. I well remember that I left an r out of a perfectly legitimate word and turning it into a dirty four-letter word and my father's warning not to spell it that way in school. But I did.

We moved to Warrenton when I was nine years old and entered the school with my lifelong friend, Robert Davis, who had been taught by his mother to the point where he could enter the fourth grade. My eight months of formal schooling enabled me to enter the sixth grade, but inability to pronounce words in the story of Ulysses was responsible for my being sent back to the fifth grade. My greatest regret about this now is that I lost the services of Miss Mariam Boyd as my teacher, although I was fortunate enough to have had Miss Willie Macon for my teacher.

That there is more in the boy than in the school is well borne out by the experience of my brother, Brodie, who began school with me at the age of nine. We both entered the sixth grade at the Warrenton Graded School, but while I was sent back to the fifth grade he was promoted to the seventh grade before the year was over. The next year he entered the John Graham private school. I don't remember whether he attended John Graham, where he was a member of the debating team, for one or two years before he entered the University of North Carolina for one year. But I do remember how hard he studied while he was a student at John Graham, often getting up early in the morning to study after studying at night. If I had shown the same ambition I might have even mastered the pronunciation of words, something the lack of which has handicapped me to this day.

At the same time that the graded schools, which we used to call the free school, was operating here Mr. John Graham was operating the John Graham Academy and Miss Lucy Hawkins was operating an excellent school for little boys and girls. My sister attended Miss Lucy's School and my brother attended the John Graham School. I always attended the free school, which may be because my father had to cut the garment according to the cloth.

John Graham Academy was one of the better private schools. He was a good teacher and had an excellent faculty and was a good disciplinarian, which was responsible for many boys being sent to his school. Unquestionably it was a much better school than the old Warrenton graded school, but I had much rather have attended the modern John Graham public school. My regret is that I did not attend Miss Lucy Hawkins' School, as I have always felt that she and her sisters taught a great deal more than is to be found in books.

The Warrenton Graded School was only a few years old when I went to school there, and its growth furnished me with an unique experience, permitting me to graduate from the same school three times. I graduated from the ninth grade and the next year the tenth grade was added, and I graduated from that. I dropped out of school for a year to work, and went back to finish the 11th grade, while many of my classmates went to John Graham after finishing the tenth grade, making me, I believe, the only three-time graduate. I may have lacked a lot of being the smartest student ever to have graduated from the Warrenton Graded School, but I was the most graduated.

When I entered the graded school at the age of nine I had a classmate who was 19. Not only did we have great variations in ages and ability, but from different social status at a time when this was deemed of considerable importance. Perhaps during the years that I attended this school, we had maybe a dozen good teachers, two or three superior teachers, among my own being Miss Mariam Boyd, Miss Willie Macon and my last year, J. Edward Allen. At least one of my principals had only a high school education. Several others may have entered college, but they were not educated.

John Graham Academy had the teachers, but it had one thing in common with the public school, in addition to poor facilities, and that was an inability to educate all of its students. Frank Graham, Bob House, Bill Polk and a number of others were excellent students, but hundreds of others who attended the Academy left with little better education than they would have attained at the Warrenton Graded School. For the boy or girl who wanted a real education, who was willing

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SUSAN AYSUCUE



PATSY DANIEL



PAMELA POWELL

Four Queens Crowned At Baptist Church

A Coronation Service was held in the Warrenton Baptist Church Sunday, September 7 during the morning worship hour for the Girls Auxillary. Th G. A.'s is an organization for girls ages 9 through 15 in the Baptist church and they work to pass off steps, namely: Maiden, Lady - In - Waiting, Princess and finally Queen.

During this service four queens were crowned by their mother. They were: Susan Ayscue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ayscue; Patsy Daniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Daniel; Elizabeth Over-

by, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Overby; and Pamela Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Powell. Never before had the church had a service of this kind. Mrs. Jimmy Tate, (Anne White) completed the work for this achievement, but was never crowned.

The Queens began their work four years ago under the leadership of Mrs. Monroe Gardner. During this time they have learned numerous scriptures, done mission study work, missionary reading and learned about the Baptist Convention. During the Queen step they were required to keep a scrapbook of their work.

Others recognized Sunday were Jan Gardner and Karen Coker, receiving the Maiden Award; Michelle Ayscue, Lynette Comer and Kathy Myrick, receiving their Lady-



ELIZABETH OVERBY

in-Waiting Award. Those taking part in the Service were the Rev. and Mrs. Mack Thompson, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Jimmy Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gardner, Mrs. Stephen Daniel and Ann Rooker.

Serving as usherettes were: Annette Vaughan, Yonette Neal, Sharon Johnson, Susan Hardy, Beth Elam, and Donna Overby. Leaders for the G. A.'s are Mrs. Paul Myrick, Mrs. Coley Perkinson and Mrs. Stephen Daniel.

Cutting Patient Is Treated At Henderson

HENDERSON — A cutting affair near Norlina Sunday was reported by the sheriff's office after the cutting victim was brought to Maria Parham Hospital for treatment.

The report indicated that James Dalles of Route 2, Norlina, was cut on the elbow by his daughter when he tried to get her out of bed to cook breakfast. The daughter was listed as Nannie Dalles, 19, Deputy B. L. Hamm's report said the cutting occurred at the home of Floyd Neal near Norlina.

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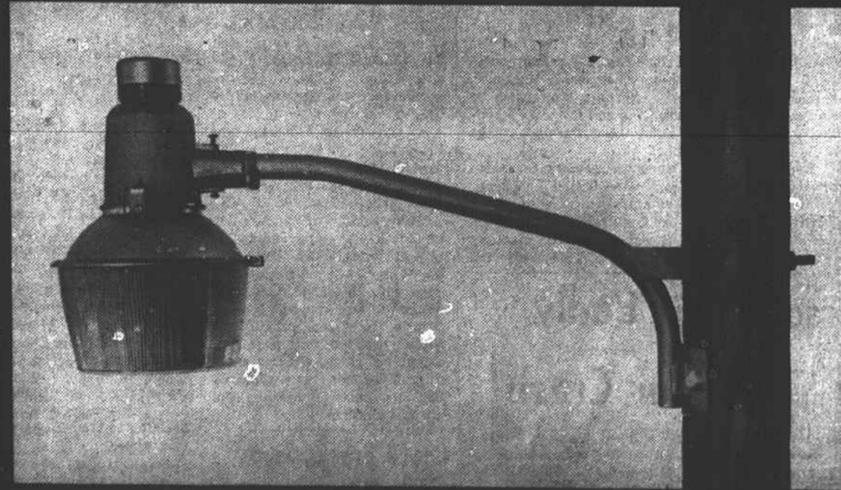
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