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Norlina High School Commencement Plans Are Announced By Principal

Norlina High School Commencement plans are now completed, Principal Clint L. Hege announced this week. All events will be held in the school gymnasium. Parents and friends are invited to attend all exercises connected with graduation.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday, June 7, at 8 p. m., by George H. Washington, Baptist minister and principal of North Warren School.

The awards Program will be held in the gymnasium on June 10, beginning at 10:45 a. m. All scholarships, trophies and honor awards will be given out at this time.

The graduation exercises will be held on Wednesday night June 10, at 8 o'clock, with Harris T. Remley, an executive of the Seaboard Coastline Company of Jacksonville, Fla., delivering the commencement address.

Mattie LaVerne Jordan and Matilda Faye Hunt have been named Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively, for the graduating class of 1970.

Harriet Sabrowski will give the invocation and Barbara Hunter will give the benediction.

The Norlina High School Senior Class will present a talent show tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the gymnasium. The purpose of the program is to raise funds to leave an appropriate gift to the school. The price of admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students. There will be no competition between the participants. The program is being supervised and directed by senior class advisors and officers. A feature of the program is anticipated to be an appearance of the Tall Blues of Norlina.

In announcing commencement plans, Principal Hege gave biographic sketches of the two speakers, and the valedictorian and salutatorian, as follows:

Harris T. Remley
Harris T. Remley, the commencement speaker, was born in West Palm Beach, Florida,

May 30 Last Day For One-Year Vaccinations

Saturday, May 30, from 1 p. m. to 2:30 p. m., will be the last opportunity Warren County dog owners will have to obtain the one-year, one dollar vaccination for their dogs, Claude J. Fleming, Dog Warden, said yesterday.

He said that after May 30 only 3-year vaccinations will be given at a cost of \$4.00. Fleming said that after June 1 registered letters will be sent to all dog owners who have not had their dogs vaccinated and/or listed. After 14 days those who fail to respond will face legal action.

Mrs. W. L. Wood Installed As Woman's Club President

Mrs. W. L. Wood was installed as president of the Warren County Woman's Club for the next two years at a dinner meeting held at the parish house of Emmanuel Episcopal Church on last Thursday night.

Other officers installed by Mrs. R. B. Butler, president of District 14 of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, were: Mrs. Charles Bunch, first vice president; Mrs. F. P. Whitley, second vice president; Mrs. Leonard Daniel, corresponding secretary and publicity chairman; Mrs. Manley Martin, recording secretary; Mrs. B. G. White, treasurer; Mrs. T. W. Hawkins, parliamentarian; and Miss Elizabeth Rooker, chaplain.

Mrs. Wood gave a report on the State Convention held in April in Winston-Salem, which was attended by Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Butler. Mrs. Butler, Eastern Seals chairman, reported a final figure of \$1,450 which has put Warren County in the lead in the state. Mrs. Butler also



REMLEY



WASHINGTON



JORDAN



HUNT

and now resides in Jacksonville where he graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. He served in the U. S. Navy, Pacific Theater of Operations, during World War II. He has been associated with the Railroad's Freight Traffic Department in the Industrial Development for several years.

Remley has been most active in Duval county affairs through his work with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and various

Boards of Directors. He has been a moving force in the United Fund for Jacksonville which is the world's largest city in the area.

He spends much time studying and doing research work to compile factual and authentic information for use in Pro-American Programs of Education. The sole purpose of this effort is to inform and encourage more Americans to

Ruritan Club Working On Land-Fill Disposal

O. W. Strickland, Registered Sanitarian with the North Carolina State Board of Health, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Wise-Paschall Ruritan Club last Thursday night. He was accompanied to the meeting by Palmer King, Warren County Sanitarian.

Strickland discussed the unsightliness of garbage and its health menace and the problem of handling this increasing problem. He showed slides of garbage piled up around North Carolina cities and spoke of the health menace from rats and mosquitoes from uncovered garbage. Old automobile tires are a source of mosquitoes, he said. Rain accumulates in these tires and offer a breeding place for mosquitoes, he pointed out. In addition to the pollution of a community, he said, the health menace could easily spread into surrounding communities.

Strickland said he was afraid that it would be a long time before garbage disposal would be handled as a county program in Warren County, and disposal systems would have to be worked out among various communities.

He brought plans for a garbage disposal system being worked out in the Wise-Paschall community, and praised the Ruritans for their recognition of the problem locally and their willingness to do something about it.

Work on the disposal system has been started at Wise. The land for the project has been leased to the club by Carl Perkinson of Wise, a member of the Wise-Paschall Ruritan Club. It is located on the Wise-Oine Road, one mile west of Wise, and will be one of the State's first civic owned land-fill projects.

W. C. King, who handles publicity for the club, said that the Wise-Paschall Ruritan Club must depend on the public for support of the project, and that this support has always been given.

He said that the Ruritan Club will sponsor a ham or turkey supper at the old Wise school building on Friday night, May 29, from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock. He said the supper would be served buffet style and that plates would be available for taking out. Proceeds will be used for the garbage disposal project.

King also announced that the Ruritan Club will start its 1970 softball play on Monday and Thursday nights of each week. The games will be played under the lights at the Wise school ball park. Anyone wishing to play are asked to contact Jack Whitby or Bobby Lockemy.

The Wise-Paschall 4-H Club was in charge of the meal at the meeting which was presided over by Albert Perkinson, president.

HAM OR TURKEY SUPPER
The Wise-Paschall Ruritan Club will serve a Ham or Turkey Dinner (Cafeteria Style) on Friday, May 29, from 5:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. at the old Wise School in Wise. Adults \$1.50 and children under 12, \$1.00.

Criminal Court To Open Monday

The June criminal term of Warren County Superior Court will open on Monday morning with Judge Hamilton Hobgood of Lenoir presiding.

Two murder cases are on the three-day docket, with numerous cases of breaking, entering and larceny, scheduled to take up the time of the court. There are also several cases of drunk driving and other violations of the motor vehicle laws and a number of other cases.

The docket is as follows: Monday—Arthur Gunter Sumner, worthless check; David Earl Champion, speeding and drunk driving; Durwood C. Johnson, (Henderson) drunk driving; Jimmie G. Hudson, speeding; William Meadows, public drunkenness, second offense in one year; Cleveland Hawkins, two counts of assault on female; Frank Hargrove, assaulting an officer; and entering; Bruce Eugene Ellis, drunk driving.

Also, Bruce Eugene Ellis, speeding; James Lenward Evans, manslaughter; William Alfred Miller, speeding; Clyde Alton Spragins, Jr., arson; Louran Weber, III, speeding; Louran Weber, III, no operator's license; B. C. Brown, receiving stolen goods; James Baskett, two counts of breaking, entering and larceny; James Allen Baskett, three

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Mrs. John Mitchell Is Featured In Newspaper Article

Mary Regan, staff writer for The News and Observer, came to Warrenton for the second in a series of North Carolina women who "are not only a part but a product of the place in which they live," and here she found Mrs. John Mitchell and featured her and her husband, John, in the "Today's Woman's" section of The News and Observer of Sunday, May 24.

"The main thing I do is fight. I fight for the trees—to keep the trees on the street," is a boxed quotation from Mrs. Mitchell which with three large photographs illustrates the article. One of these photos shows Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell walking beneath two large trees with the caption, "People say of us, 'Warrenton—that's the town with the trees!'"

"Two little dogs and a German police were playing in the yard in front of the white columned porch," Mary Regan said in beginning her article. "Mrs. John Mitchell came out and stood waiting on the top step. 'Not a one of them is ours,' she said, extending her hand. 'The big one is the gentlest of them all.'"

"Inside, a portrait of Mrs. James Knox Polk, wife of the



SALMON

Please, No Color Pictures

The Warren Record welcomes pictures but must insist that they be in black and white and of a quality that will reproduce well. We are receiving an increasing number of pictures in color and we have no facilities for color separation. Sometimes these can be used but invariably the color picture gives us an inferior negative and hurts the appearance of the paper.

We welcome black and white pictures of good quality, but must ask our readers not to send pictures in color.

Appeal Uncertain

School Act Unconstitutional, Federal District Court Rules



Eagle Scout Robert Thompson stands with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Thompson, during Court of Honor Ceremonies at Wesley Memorial United Church on Sunday morning.

Robert Thompson Is Eagle Scout

Robert Wayne Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bernard Thompson of Macon, received the Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor at the 11 o'clock worship service at Wesley Memorial Methodist on Sunday morning.

William K. Delbridge, Executive Board member of the Occaneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America, was chairman at the Court of Honor. Dr. S. H. Massey, Jr., district vice

chairman of the Moratoc District, gave the charge to Scout Thompson. The following scouts of Troop 617 participated in the ceremony: Smitty Bugg and Richard Blankenship, award bearers; Frank Hunter and Walter Gardner, Jr., ushers; William Cox and Billy Watson, flag bearers.

Scout Thompson became a Boy Scout on Nov. 20, 1963. In order to obtain the rank of Eagle he completes the rank

of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life. He completed the requirements for 21 merit badges. Robert is now serving as Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 617.

W. Monroe Gardner is Scoutmaster and Tom Watson is assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 617.

Scouts from Troop 617 attended the Court of Honor and participated in the candlelight ceremony.

Salmon Resigns From Town Police Force To Become Street Supt.

Howard H. Salmon, veteran Warrenton police officer, resigned as Police Chief and police officer Monday night to accept a position of Superintendent of Streets. His resignation is effective May 31.

Salmon, who has had nearly 36 years of police experience, has been a member of the Warrenton Police Force for nearly 15 years, has been Chief of Police for some four years. He assumed this office upon the death of the late R. D. Chewing.

For several years, Salmon served as part time Street Superintendent, and several weeks ago requested that he be permitted to resign from the police force and devote his full time to the duties of street superintendent.

At a called meeting of the Board Monday night, Salmon's request was granted and he will begin his new duties as full time street superintendent next Monday.

The purpose of the called meeting was to clear up several matters pending before the board. Among these were a meeting with taxicab drivers to discuss the taxicab problem in the town and to amend a paragraph in an application to the EDA for a grant for extension of water and sewer lines to

factory sites in North Warrenton.

The changing of a conditional paragraph, to which EDA attorneys had objected, was a matter of giving approval to Town Attorney Charles Johnson to make the change and oc-

cupied little time. The same was not true of the meeting with the taxicab drivers which consumed an hour and a half of the commissioners' time.

At the invitation of the commissioners, Thurston Brown, (see SALMON, page 8)

Whether or not the Town of Warrenton will appeal a decision of the Federal Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina declaring a Legislative Act creating Warrenton as a city school district will not be known until the town commissioners meet on June 8, Mayor W. A. Miles said Wednesday morning.

Legislation by the 1969 General Assembly which would have set up three largely white separate schools in heavily black Halifax and Warren Counties was declared unconstitutional Tuesday by the U. S. District Court for Eastern North Carolina.

The court ruled that the legislature's attempt to establish the separate units "violates the state's duty to effectuate unitary system of public schools in North Carolina."

The court also held the separate units, which would have been located at Warrenton, Scotland Neck and Littleton-Lake Gaston, would have prevented the county school boards from complying with court desegregation orders.

District Court Judges Algon L. Butler and John D. Larkins filed the opinions in Raleigh. Laws establishing the separate units were challenged in court last summer by the U. S. Justice Department and black parents in the two counties.

The court issued temporary injunctions just before school started last fall, barring the separate units from operating. Tuesday's decision makes the injunction permanent.

The Justice Department had charged that the laws enacted by the 1969 General Assembly to set up the separate school districts would create "white islands" in the two counties. All three municipal units had prepared to accept a substantial number of white transfer students from the areas remaining in the county school systems.

In Warren County, blacks and Indians constitute 73 per cent of the student population. The separate school unit at Warrenton would have been 94 per cent white with 876 pupils. Some 685 of these pupils would have been white students transferring into the Warrenton schools from the county.

The Littleton-Lake Gaston unit would have had a little more than 800 students, only

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Revival To Be Held At North Warrenton

Revival services will be held at North Warrenton Baptist Church beginning on Monday night, June 1, and continuing through Sunday night, June 7, with services each night at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Tom Currie, pastor, announced yesterday.

The Rev. Henry Johnson, pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, will be the guest minister. He is a graduate of Furman University and Southeastern Theological Seminary.

The Robertson Family, the Currie Family, the Youth Choir of the Norlina Baptist Church and the choirs from Sulphur Springs will furnish special music each night.

A nursery will be provided.

Vaughan Church To Have Homecoming

The Vaughan Baptist Church will have homecoming services on Sunday, May 31, at 11 a. m. The Rev. J. C. Walton, a former pastor of the church, will be the guest minister.

A picnic lunch will be served following the services.

In making the announcement, the Rev. Joe Riggs, pastor, said that all former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.



SANDRA KING

Five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. King of Warrenton, sits on a desk in the office of The Warren Record during a recent cold spell while the editor snaps her picture. The little girl lives near the newspaper office and frequently asks the editor to take her picture. This time she caught the editor in an ill moment with his camera loaded.