

Amos L. Capps, chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, presents a check for \$2500 from the county to Mrs. Lillian Robinson of Littleton, right, chairman of the Nathaniel Macon Home Restoration Committee. Also shown in the picture is Mrs. James P. Beckwith, president of the Warren County Historical Society. Mrs. Robinson said the contribution imade it possible to begin restoration on the corn crib at the Macon homeplace this fall. She said that additional contributions continue to be necessary to complete the project. All

## Buck Springs Is Nominated For Inclusion In Historical Homes

RALEIGH - Buck Springs, the home of Nathaniel Macon tician whom Thomas Jefferson located near Vaughan in Warren referred to as "the last of the the State Department of Archives and History for inclusion both the House and the Senate on the National Register of and served as both speaker Historic Places. The nomination was submitted to the Department of the Interior by Dr. H. G. Jones, North Carolina's liaison officer for his-

toric preservation.

A nationally prominent poli-County, has been nominated by Romans," Nathaniel Macon represented North Carolina in and president pro tempore. In the 1852 election he received twenty-four electoral votes for vice-president.

> The site of his plantation is now owned by Warren County,

which is working with the Warren County Historical Society on plans for the restoration of Buck Springs. One benefit of being listed on the register is protection of the site from alteration or destruction by projects funded in whole or in part by Federal funds. If entry on the register is approved for Buck Spring, official announcement will be made through the State's congressional delega-

# John Graham To Play Davie Here In Opener; Norlina To Travel To Gaston

By LEW HEGE

John Graham's Yellow Jackets and Norlina's Blue Waves open their football seasons Friday night with both teams playing Roanoke Conference games. John Graham will be at home against Northwest and Norlina will be on the road at Gaston. Kickoff time for both encounters is 8 p. m.

Coach Harvey Brooks will have his smallest squad at John Graham this season and will depend heavily on star half-Al Cooper and veteran tailback Al Floyd to motivate the Yellow Jackets. His squad is composed of 19 white boys, an Indian boy and a colored boy. Center Jim Elam has a pulled muscle in his hip and Macon Robertson stuck a pitchfork through his foot Saturday. It is not certain that either will be able to play Friday night, but it is likely that Coach Brooks will have at least 18 boys ready to go at kickoff

John Graham suffered heavy losses via the graduation route and finding a replacement of All-East fullback Leon Edmonds will be difficult. Dwight Davis, a defensive player, has been switched to fullback and is showing prom-

#### Boys Interested In JV Football To Report

All boys in grades 7, 8 and 9 who are interested in playing junior varsity football are asked to meet with Coach John Coleman on Friday, Sept. 4, at 4 p. m. in front of the gym at Hawkins Junior High School in Warrenton.

ise. He is tall, heavy and the | fastest man on the squad in a

straight run. Warrenton also lost some outstanding linesmen including McCoin Brown and Bill Young. Returning are center Jim Elam and guard Larry Short. As usual Coach Brooks has his squad in top physical condition and well versed, but the Yellow Jackets are small and new in number and injuries could make the season a long one.

Northwest, formerly William R. Davie, Aurelian Springs, Mc Iver, and Chalonger, returns halfback Cornelius Young, and Reggie Edwards and Charlie Perry, tackles Jimmy Godwin and Gary Ogburn, guards Bobby Walker and center David Conwell.

If the yellow Jackets can avoid injuries they will be tough. Coach Brooks says that he is confident that his boys will give a good account of themselves.

Coach Robert Price, the Dean of Roanoke mentors, is beginning his 21st season at the helm of Blue Wave football. This should be better than the 20th year when the Waves went 0-9. There is more experience, more ability, more spirit, and best of all, a new offense in the Norlina camp. Offensive coach Bill Fuller has installed Woody Hayes' Ohio State "rip formation."

Probable starters for the Blue Waves are Waverly White at quarterback, big Larry Chavis at fullback, Francis Alston at tailback, and either James Hunt or Jeff Egerton at wingback. At the ends will be senior Donald Wimbrow and either Leroy Moss or Garry Egerton. David Brantley will

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start at center, and veteran Jimmy Barrett will start at guard. Bobby Martin will open at one tackle. The other two positions are still uncertain. Gaston's Rebels were worked very hard in pre-season drills, possibly too hard. Franklinton paid Gaston a visit last Friday night and swamped the Rebels 20-0. This game will

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### **Booster Tickets** Are Now On Sale

Season tickets for all three sports at John Graham High School went on sale last Friday morning following a meeting of the John Graham Boosters Club at the school library on Friday night.

President Eddie Clayton presided over the meeting attended by some dozen members and highlighted by a talk by Coach Harvey Brooks.

Brooks said that the team had more speed than last year's team and the boys are showing a great deal of promise. The handicap facing the school is the small number of boys on the squad. The squad is composed of only 20 players, 18 white boys, one black boy and one Indian. As a result there are not enough boys on the squad for a scrimmage.

The coach explained that usually boys in the ninth grade fill the gap of those graduating from the squad, but this year the ninth grade has been transferred to John Hawkins school. Hawkins will have a junior varsity team, which should help John Graham in the years ahead, but it makes it tough on this year's squad, he said.

However, Brooks said he is optimistic. "We have a bunch of good boys, and if we don't suffer injuries and receive the full backing of the patrons, we will have a good season,' he concluded.

Following Brook's brief remarks, plans for sale of booster tickets under the direction of Chairman H. V. Massengill were discussed and tickets were distributed to the Boos-

ters present for sale. Massengill said that the minimum goal for ticket sale this

## Retail Sales Show Gain In Warren

Retail sales in Warren County climbed over a million dollars during the past fiscal year, according to a release from the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

The increase in sales raised Warren County from 17th place to 20th place in the state.

Total retail sales in the county in 1969-70 were \$17,300,802, compared to \$16,258,843 in 1968-69, a gain of \$1,041,959.

During the year there was a loss of \$20,265 in 1% retail sales, from \$283,461 to \$263,196; and a drop of \$76,580 in 1 1/2 % auto and planes, from \$907,463 to \$830,883. A was shown in all other categories.

More money was spent in Warren County retail establishments for food than for any other items, followed closely by automotive. These two categories were also responsible for the largest gains in sales, for a total gain of \$589,914. Food sales in 1969-70 were \$5,333,048 compared with \$5,037,292 in 1968-69, up \$295,736. Automotive sales showed a gain of \$294,160 1968-69 to 1969-70from \$4,840,248 to \$5,134,408.

Other categories in which gains were registered are listed below with the 1968-69 figures being given first, followed by 1969-70 figures and

Furniture - \$801,985, \$875,-777, \$73,892; general merchandise - \$3,183,530, \$3,-462,238, \$278,708; building materials - \$464,062, \$490,327. \$56,265; unclassified - \$648,-059, \$809,848, \$161,789.

## Manson Youth Is Drowned While Swimming At Lake

A swimmer in the Bullocksville Park area of Kerr Lake was a drowning victim at two o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Authorities identified the victim as Charlie David Fields, of Route 1, Manson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie C. Fields also of the Route 1, Manson address.

Information was that the tragedy occurred on the youth's 20th birthday. He was said to have been a veteran of U. S. army service and had been released from military duty earlier this month.

The body was recovered by members of the Vance County Rescue Squad about 45 minutes after the squad responded to the call for assistance at the scene. Officials pointed out that the youth was found in some ten feet of water approximately 100 feet from shore.

In swimming alone at the time, Fields apparently had attempted to swim across a cove at Bullocksville when he went under, squad members explain-

Fields was born in Warren County on Aug. 29, 1950, and was in the U. S. Army from April 26, 1970 to Aug. 11.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church by the Rev. L. R. McKnight. Burial was in the church cemetery with full military rites.

Surviving are his parents, Charlie C. and Annie G. Durham Fields; three sisters, Misses Jeanette Fields of Richmond, Va., Mary L. Fields of Washington, D. C., and Margaret Fields of the home; one brother, Philip Fields of the home; and his maternal grandparents, John and Fannie Paschall Dur-

#### Musical To Be Given

The Christian Folk Musical, "Tell It Like It Is," will be presented at the Warrenton Baptist Church on Main Street on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 8 p. m., by the combined youth of Westend and North Henderson Baptist Churches of Henderson.

The Rav. L. Mack Thompson, minister of the church, said that the purpose of the musical isto convey the Christian message in modern and relevant terms. He said that both youths and adults of the community are invited to

# Classes To Start Tuesday

# School Officials Optimistic Over Outlook For New Year

faculties strengthened, Warren County school officials are extremely optimistic over the school program for the 1970-71 school year.

Regular classes will begin on next Tuesday morning, Sept. 8.

The Warrenton Tobacco Mar-

ket opened on Tuesday with

an official average of \$73.83,

\$1.71 above the average paid on

L. J. Robertson, Jr., sales

270,554 pounds of to-

supervisor, said the market

bacco for \$200,025.28 Tuesday

For this week only the mar-

ket will be opened on Friday.

There will be no sales next

week due to a tobacco holiday

Robertson said that only a

fraction of the crop went into

Stabilization and that farmers

generally seemed to be pleas-

He said that prices reach-

ed \$82 with most good tobacco

ranging from \$77 to \$79. Non-

descript tobacco sold parti-

cularly good, Robertson said.

quality tobacco offered on open-

Announcement that flue-cur-

ed tobacco in all operating belts

will be suspended for all next

week was made by the industry-

wide Flue-Cured Tobacco Mar-

keting Committee at Raleigh on

ing day as generally good.

Robertson described the

declared on Tuesday night.

opening day last year.

with blocked sales.

ed with sales.

No Sales Next Week

today (Thursday) and on Friday students will register for class-

Tobacco Averages \$73.83

first week-long sales holiday

Sales were suspended to give

buying companies an oppor-

tunity to remove leaf from

warehouse floors and catch up in

An 11-man subcommittee

recommended the action after

hearing reports that several

buying firms have had diffi-

culty finding labor to remove

purchased tobacco from ware-

house floors. Some compan-

ies also reported their re-

drying facilities were glutted

and they needed time to take

care of a backload of leaf

accumulation in their plants.

also have plagued the indus-

try in many areas, spokesman

Transportation problems

"Nobody wants a holiday, but

some companies will be forced

to withdraw from the markets

unless they are granted relief,"

said Howard B. Cone of Uni-

versal Leaf Tobacco Co., Rich-

mond, Va., vice chairman of

the South Carolina Farm Bu-

David H. Sloan, president of

the industry committee.

their processing operations.

Here As Market Opens

since Sept. 1967.

For the first time John Graham High School will operate as a senior high school. The grade has been trans-

Hawkins which will be operat- teacher will be at both John ed as a junior high school with Graham and Norlina. This

Also added at John Graham is Norlina and John Graham. Ben a carpentry program to be | F. Howard will teach this course taught by William Harrell of at John Graham and will also

subcommittee, said the goal

of the industry group is to

provide maximum buying com-

petition for the farmer on chery

"We've sold about 30 million

pounds more tobacco this

season than in the same num-

ber of sales days last year,"

Sloan reported, to the full com-

mittee after a lengthy session

Cone pointed out that pur-

chases of the 1970 crop have

not been as evenly dis-

tributed among the buying

companies as in 1969. This he

said, has aggravated the

congestion problem for com-

panies that have bought heavi-

tion, Cone said, is the lateness

of the crop in most areas.

Rains in July caused the crop

to renew its growth and com-

pletion of harvest has been de-

The need for harvest labor

it more difficult for

on the farm, it was said, has

warehouses and buying firms

to employ the workers they

layed beyond usual dates.

made

Another factor in the situa-

of his subcommittee.

grades seven, eight and nine. course was divided between Durham. For the first time a assist as a football coach. - Dempsey Davis will teach the course at Norlina.

Another course added at John Graham is Drafting, to be taught by Gilbert Blaylock.

Special reading programs have been added in most schools, Supt. Peeler said. Reading classes, taught at South Warren last year, have been added at Mariam Boyd and North Warren. In these classes groups of four and five will be given special help in reading.

Full time choral music teachers will be employed at John Graham, Norlina and Hawkins and for the first time certified music teachers will teach in all the elementary schools. These teachers are Miss Virginia Williams at Mariam Boyd, Miss Delores Graham at Vaughand Littleton, Mrs. Connie Davis at South Warren and Northside, and Miss Yolanda Williams at North Warren. In addition, for the second year, Joel Towns will teach

instrumental music at Hawkins. Special programs in English for slow learners will be taught in all high schools.

Two of the additions expected to strength the school are special teachers for the educable retarded and special teachers to reduce the number of pupils in the first grades.

The school system has employed seven teachers to instruct the educable mentally retarded, and a new system of teaching adopted. These children will be grouped with regular school classes and withdrawn during the day for special instruction.

Additional first grade teachers have been employed and it is expected that no more than 22 pupils will be in any first grade

Peeler said that much study has been going on during the summer months and that this year students would be grouped according to learning ability.

known until school opens how many pupils would be enrolled. He said that a number of pupils who transferred to Halifax County last year had returned to Warren County schools and 27 students at Warren Academy have returned to county schools. He said he did not know how many students who attended school in Vance County last year would return to Warren Coun-

ty schools. Peeler said that testing results from last year had been encouraging and that he would elaborate on this in a special article in the near future. He said that a change in the attitude of the public to the schools was also en-

couraging. With a year of full integration behind them, with a fine summer program, with many new courses to be offered, Peeler said that he is extremely optimistic over the outlook for the 1970-71 school year.

## Friday Orientation Day At John Graha

Friday, Sept. 4, will be orientation day for the students attending John Graham High School this fall. The students will be at school on this day from 8:30 until 11:30 a. m.

School buses will run on approximately the same time schedule and approximately the same route as when ac closed last year.

on the first day of school, for some reason your chil not picked up, you should test the nation, in which the child is er

## Warren County Township Census Report

TOTAL	23,538	19,661	3877	15 202	4200
Wallenton	5503	5036	469	4103	933
Warrenton		2281	158	2020	261
Smith Creek	2439		483	678	319
Sixpound	1480	997			257
Shocco	1200	950	250	693	443
Sandy Creek	1915	1441	474	998	500000000000000000000000000000000000000
Roanoke	277	197	80	175	22
River	1774	1418	356	1120	298
Nutbush	2215	1925	290	1396	529
Judkins	1800	1319	481	887	432
	2152	1821	331	1478	343
Hawtree	1098	838	260	558	280
Fishing Creek Fork	1683	1438	245	1186	252
TOWNSHIP	1950	1960	1950-60 loss	1970	1960-70 los

## All Townships Show Population Loss

All 12 townships of Warren County showed a drop in population from 1960 to 1970 according to preliminary 1970 census reports made available to this newspaper this week by Congressman L. H. Fountain.

The greatest drop in population on a per capita basis was Warrenton Township, from 5036 to 4,103, a decrease of 933. The smallest loss on a per capita basis was in Roanoke Township, the smallest township in the county. Roanoke's population in 1960 was 197 and in 1970 it is 175, a drop of 22.

The greatest loss on a percentage basis was in Shocco Township, from 836 to 558, a drop of 280 or 38%. The smallest decline on a percentage basis was in Smith Creek, from 2281 to 2020, a drop of 261 or 12 minus per cent, followed by Rosnoke with 11 plus per cent.

The trend of population decline in the townships from 1960 to 1970 followed the decline from 1950 to 1960.

Warren County's population decline in the townships from 1960 to 1970 followed the decline from 1950 to 1960. Warren County's population

decline was the largest in the state from 1960 to 1970 on a percentage basis, when the county suffered a loss of 4369. its greatest loss. In the perfrom 1950 to 1960 the county lost 3877 persons, for a total loss in the 20-year period 8,246.

The population and loss in each township during the two decades are shown in the above

The 1970 population of Nor-

Farmers Told Of Process

of the election process for Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Community Committeemen, especially where ballots are mailed in to the ASCS county office. In Warren County, the deadline for returning ballots in the commun-

ity election is September 11. W. S. Smiley, Chairman, ASC County Committee, points out that two envelopes have been mailed with the ballots sent to all eligible voters of record in the county office. One envelope

Farmers were reminded this is plain, and the other has week of a very important part a statement printed on the back which the farmer needs to sign. A witnessed mark will also qualify as a signature. Voters should vote for three

lina was given at 921, a loss

of 6 during the decade. War-

renton's 1970 population was

given at 1046, a drop of 78.

Macon lost 16 persons, from

Only the population of that

part of Littleton lying in War-

ren County was given in the fig-

ures supplied by Congressman

Fountain. The Warren total is

449. In 1960 Littleton's popu-

lation in both Warrenton and

Halifax Counties was 1024.

187 to 171

or less nominees and seal the ballot inside the plain envelope; voters are cautioned not to enclose any other material. Also, voters should not write on the plain envelope, This assures the secrecy of

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