

The Warren Record

Trustees Chairman Says

Warren General Hospital To Be Operated Normally

Sugar Maple Trees To Be Planted On Streets

Sugar maple trees will be planted in the business section of Warrenton to replace trees recently cut down, it was learned on Monday night at the regular meeting of the town commissioners.

The commissioners agreed to rent a trip hammer and have town employees cut 4x4 ft. holes in the pavement in order that the nurseryman might plant the trees within the next few weeks.

Action of the board was taken after a delegation of the Planning Board appeared to request the town's cooperation.

Shearin Funeral Hold On Monday

Funeral services for Earlie Walle Shearin, 66, of Warren Plains were held at 3 p. m. Monday at Blaylock Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Ted Fuson and the Rev. Richard Parsons.

Mr. Shearin, retired supervisor of the Warren County school bus garage for 39 years, died on Saturday. The son of the late Jesse Vance and Ellen Wemyss Shearin, Mr. Shearin was born in Warren County near Littleton in 1904.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Hester Shearin, a daughter, Mrs. Judith Clark of Warrenton; six sisters, Mrs. S. G. Moretz of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Gladys Stansbury of Littleton, Mrs. R. G. Moseley and Mrs. Belle S. Bright of Warrenton, Mrs. John Woodard of Picyayune, Miss., and Mrs. Ben Allen of Henderson; six brothers, Jack and Woodrow of Norlina, Wilbur (Doc) of Warrenton, Grover of Hollister, Edwin of Scotland Neck and Joe Shearin of Raleigh; and one grandchild.

Warren Academy To Hold Fall Festival

Warren Academy will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 3 p. m. to 11 p. m., at Fleming, Head Master, announced yesterday.

The program will include games, rides, bazaar items, a bake sale, turkey shoot, a white elephant sale, and a country store and fun house which starts at 8 p. m.

Supper, to be served until 8 p. m., will consist of barbecue plates, hot dogs, French fries, and drinks.

A highlight of the festival will be the crowning of the King and Queen of the Festival at 7:45 p. m. and a dance for teenagers.

An auction sale will be held from 8 p. m. to 11 p. m. when many antiques and new articles will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

Bill Connell, chairman of the auction committee, yesterday asked that anyone having articles they would like to donate for the auction sale to bring it to the academy any time Saturday or call one of the following community chairmen:

After the commissioners had agreed to cooperate in the planting of the trees, upon motion of Aaron Allen, seconded by Thomas Gaskill, Mrs. Bowers said that she had not intended to make any remarks, but could not resist the temptation.

She said that often when she and General Bowers were returning to their home here from Raleigh that her husband would remark on the beauty of the trees in Warrenton. Quite often, she said, when she told some person that she was from Warrenton, they would remark, "Oh, that's the town with the beautiful trees."

Prior to the appearance of the members of the Planning Board, Frank W. Reams, director of the Warren County Industrial Commission and member of the Warren County Planning Board, appeared before the board relative to presenting the board with a copy of the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan for the county with a map suggesting available raw creek water as a source of supply for the city water supply.

Charles Pridden and Hart Pinnell of Charlotte also appeared before the board to demonstrate a burglar alarm system they are interested in promoting.

In spite of three delegations, the board had a relatively short session and adjourned around 9:30 o'clock. Other matters before the commissioners were discussions with Chief of Police Grady Haynes readiness of the police department to handle the situation should tensions because of school closing get out of hand; the employment of a street superintendent at a salary of \$80 a week. He replaces Howard Salmon, retired.

A taxicab driver's permit was issued to Wilmon Bert Davis.

UNDERGOES SURGERY
Mrs. Boyd Reams of Warrenton underwent eye surgery at Duke Hospital in Durham on Tuesday.

Warrenton - Mrs. Jack Harris; Norlina - Mrs. Leigh Traylor; Littleton - Tommy Clark; Drewry - Mrs. Vernon Whitmore; Wise - Mrs. Harry Leete; Vaughan - Mrs. Tolly Harris; Arcola - Mrs. Melvin Shearin; Macon - Robert St. Sing; Vicksboro - Mrs. Sidney Fleming; Ridgeway - Mrs. Gus Daske, Jr.; Mezz - Mrs. Billy Davis; Afton - Henry Rooker.

A list of the kings and queens by grades was released by Head Master Fleming as follows:
Grade 1 - Leon Short and Teresa Hathcock.
Grade 2 - Tim Capps and Edith Curtis.
Grade 3 - Larry Robertson and Lisa Dickerson.
Grade 4 - Allen Hawks and Donna Stegall.
Grade 5 - Victor Coleman and Jill Wemyss.
Grade 6 - Chip Capps and Sheila Powell.
Grade 7 - David Jackson and Pam Hathcock.
Grade 8 - Glenn Coleman and Ann Farrar.
Grade 9 - Barry Shields and Debbie Knight.

Zone Change By Order Of Board Is Ordered By Board

Upon recommendation of the Warren County Planning Board, the Board of County Commissioners last Thursday authorized the rezoning of a parcel of real estate in River Township on Gaston Lake from "residential" to "Lakeside Tent or Trailer Camp District."

Action of the commissioners came after a public hearing in the court room at 3 o'clock attended by only the commissioners, members of the Planning Board, property owners immediately concerned, and their attorney, County Attorney Jim Limer, Frank W. Reams who presided over the hearing and members of the press. There was no opposition to the rezoning.

Limer called the meeting to order, stated its purpose, and asked for a vote on rezoning the real estate as requested by the Planning Board. Six persons voted in favor of the rezoning and none against.

Present at the hearing, in addition to the commissioners, Attorney Jim Limer and Frank W. Reams, director of the Warren County Industrial Commission, were Marvin Newsom, chairman of the Planning Board and Jack Harris, secretary; John T. Nelson, Sr., of Chesapeake, Va., and Gilbert Light of Portsmouth, Va., developers of the trailer camp, and their attorney, Charles Johnson; and Biggins Jones, representing The Warren Record and Mrs. Dorothy Stansbury, representing the Littleton Observer.

The rezoning was to permit the construction of an 80-acre trailer and tent camp area on Gaston Lake by John T. Nelson, Sr. The prospectus for the family camp ground calls for the use of approximately 50 acres of land in River Township, adjacent to Gaston Lake, fronting 4000 feet on the lake and adjoining State Road No. 1354.

A description of the property, read at the public hearing, is as follows:
Bounded on the east by State Road No. 1354 and property of R. B. King and Esther L. King; on the south by the center line of an old abandoned road leading to Lake Gaston from State Road No. 1354, property of R. B. King and Esther L. King and property of Fred Owens and others; on the west by Lake Gaston; and on the north by property of Continental Can Company and being Tract No. 1 of the property described in a deed to John T. Nelson, Sr., from Betsy T. Medlin et vir, dated Sept. 1, 1970, recorded in Book 243, page 154 Warren County Registry.

Nelson said following the hearing that plans for the development are practically completed and that construction is expected to be started by the first of the new year.

The property is primarily wooded in pine, with some 70 acres wooded and 10 acres in (See BOARD, page 2)

Young Hearts To Sing At R. Mount Pageant

The "Young Hearts" of Warrenton will be the featured entertainment at the "Miss Rocky Mount Pageant" on Saturday night, Mrs. W. Monroe Gardner announced yesterday.

Although the "Young Hearts" are separated by miles because of locations of their schools during the week, they continue to get together to render their sought after melodies, Mrs. Gardner said.

Miss Jennifer Taylor is studying to be a dental assistant in Goldsboro at the Wayne Technical School. Misses Janet Gardner and Myra Johnson are in school at the East Carolina University in Greenville, and Miss Lisa Coleman is studying at St. Mary's College in Raleigh.

The group will sing several groups of songs which will include such favorites as "Jean," "Moon River," "Love Me With All Your Heart," "Name," "I Believe," and "Up, Up and Away." They will be accompanied by Mrs. Nellie B. Gardner at the piano.

Warrenton District Schools To Be Closed 'Indefinitely'

Sunday Sales Of Beer Okehed By Commissioners

Sunday sale of beer for off-premises consumption in all sections of the county not embraced in the corporate limits of any other municipalities therein, on each Sunday between the hours of 7:30 and 9 a. m. and between the hours of 12:01 p. m. and 11:45 p. m.

"Further resolved that this resolution shall become effective on this the date of its adoption."

The motion was introduced by Commissioner A. J. Ellington and seconded by Commissioner John A. Wilson. Commissioners Richard R. Davis,

Robert P. Thorne and Chairman Amos L. Capps said that they would abstain from voting.

This raised a question as whether the vote of only two commissioners could result in the passage of a motion and they asked for a ruling by County Attorney Jim Limer.

Limer said he was of the opinion that it could because the motion could be passed because it received the vote of a majority of the commissioners voting. He said that he wished to consult the office of the State Attorney General before making a ruling.

Some 20 minutes later Limer returned to the commissioners room and told the commissioners that he had been right in his opinion but that certain steps would have to be taken before the action of the board became official.

He said that the board would first have to pass an order permitting the three commissioners to abstain from voting. Motions were then introduced and passed, but the matter did not end there.

Chairman Amos Capps, who said that he was strongly opposed to Sunday sales of beer, appealed to Commissioner Robert P. Thorne not to abstain from voting but to vote against the proposal.

Attorney Limer ruled that the board had only granted the three commissioners the right to abstain and had not said that they must abstain. Thereupon, Commissioner Thorne voted against the proposal as did Chairman Capps, making it, two to two.

The tie was broken by Commissioner Richard R. Davis, who said that he would have preferred to abstain from voting, but under the circumstances he would vote for the proposal.

In making the motion for Sunday sale of beer, Commissioner Ellington said he did not favor Sunday sale of beer, but that he was introducing the proposal in fairness to merchants who lived without the corporate limits of Macon and Vaughan where such sales are permitted. He asked that The Warren Record state his position.

Commissioner John Wilson said that he supported the proposal because he wished to be fair to country merchants. Commissioner Davis said that he did not think it was fair to country merchants to forbid their selling beer on Sunday when it was being sold in the towns. Commissioners Thorne said he did not approve Sunday beer sales and Chairman Capps said he would do all in his power to stop such sales in the county.

STEW SALE
Jerusalem Methodist Church will sponsor a Brunswick Stew sale, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Coleman. The stew will be ready to sell at noon at \$1.00 a quart if customer furnishes container, otherwise \$1.15. Proceeds will go to benefit the church.

Ambulance Purchase Puts Board In Bind

Unable to borrow money because of the law, and with not enough money on hand to make the purchase, the commissioners considered cancelling the order, but said they realized that a new ambulance was needed.

After some discussion they decided to allow the order to stand. They expressed the hope that the beer and wine check would be enough to take care of the purchase and would be received long before the ambulance arrives.

On the first Thursday in December all the commissioners will complete their term of office and become private citizens. As such they would be able to sign a note for the money should the wine and beer sale be not sufficient. This they agreed to do, in the hope that they would be repaid by the new board when it makes up the 1971-72 budget.

Richard Davis said that he would discuss the problem with newly elected Claude Bowers before an adjourned session of the board on Tuesday night.

All members of the board were present for the Thursday meeting and all the members agreed to sign a personal note if necessary for the purchase of the ambulance.

In other business the commissioners ordered beer license be issued, upon receipt of state permit, to Wallace Phillip Holtzman, T/A as Ridgeway Supply Company; Candies Miller, T/A as Soul Club; James D. Wilson, T/A as Warren Plains Market; and James Groom, T/A as Groom's Grocery.

The board ordered that a rifle be purchased for Claude J. Fleming, Dog Warden.

A. P. Rodwell, Jr., tax collector, reported 1970 collected during October in the amount of \$140,969.09, making a total collected to date of \$184,988.25. The percentage of 1970 taxes collected to date is 81.96 per cent.

During the afternoon session, L. B. Hardage, Extension chairman, told the commissioners that in observance of Farm and City Week, Warren County farmers would be host to city friends at a luncheon at the Lions Den at Warrenton at 6:30 p. m., on Nov. 18. He said that Dr. G. W. Andrews, Extension central district chairman, would be the guest speaker. He asked that the members of the board of commissioners be present.

Warrenton District Schools, ordered closed by order of the Board of Education on Sunday, will remain closed indefinitely, the board ordered at a second meeting held on Tuesday night.

The schools were ordered closed on Sunday after the Board of Education had learned that plans were being made to disrupt the operation of John Graham High School, it was learned yesterday at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Supt. Peeler said that in view of the fact that there had never been an incident in any Warren County schools, the board felt that it would be better to close the schools than to have them disrupted and to have students and parents worried about their safety.

Peeler said the other schools in the district were closed because their students rode the same buses as the John Graham students.

Speaking for himself as superintendent of schools, Peeler said: "I realize that there are black students who would like to have things a bit different. I also feel that there are white students and parents who are not completely satisfied with the policy and operation of the schools. I personally, as superintendent, could make a list as long as my arm of changes to improve the schools. But we have all, black and white, administration and teachers have had to give a little and take a little. I personally believe that many people, both white and black have shown great restraint until this explosion occurred."

Peeler also pointed out that school policy was set by the Board of Education.

At the board meeting on Tuesday night the members passed a resolution expressing complete confidence in Supt. J. Roger Peeler and Principal Fred Bartholomew.

The board also voted to direct Principal Fred Bartholomew to expell all students who made defamatory remarks to Supt. Peeler and Principal Bartholomew at the school administrative building on Monday.

The board also passed a motion to the effect that before any demands of the black students will be granted they must first apologize to Principal Fred Bartholomew for the defamatory remarks made in No. 1 of the lists of demands and also in the conference room of the educational building with Supt. Peeler and Principal Bartholomew.

Some 75 black students and adults marched from the Oak Chapel AME Church to the county educational building where six students were granted an interview with and presented a list of demands to Supt. Peeler and Principal Bartholomew.

A second march from the church to the administrative building was held on Tuesday with no interview with Supt. Peeler.

Both marches were peaceful, according to Grady Haynes, Jr., Warrenton police chief.

The marchers were escorted by a State Highway Patrol cruiser, and Warrenton police officers and county sheriff's deputies were stationed at Warren General Hospital.

Black activist Ben Chavis of Oxford and the Rev. Leon White director of the North Carolina Continuing Committee for Racial Justice, spoke briefly to the marchers from the steps of the office building. The offices were empty and the doors were locked during Tuesday's protest.

The Rev. Jeremiah Webb told the group, "We are going to say to Roger Peeler and the Warren County Board of Education that black students are not satisfied with the condition of schools in Warren County."

About 500 black students attended a meeting Tuesday night at Oak Chapel AME church at which they elected a committee to represent the State Chapter at the meeting.