

The Warren Record



Patrolmen Here

Blocked street and State Highway Patrol Bus near Warrenton Police Station after calling a state of emergency and curfew at Warrenton by Mayor W. A. Miles following racial disturbance. Some 30 Highway Patrolmen were sent to Warrenton as a preventive measure.

Curfew May Be Changed

All Quiet In Warrenton Following Second Night Of Dusk To Dawn Curfew

Expressing his pleasure over lessening tension and with the reopening of schools, Mayor W. A. Miles said yesterday that he hopes that the town can soon modify the curfew to a later hour at night.

Warrenton passed a quiet Tuesday night following the imposition of a dusk to dawn curfew after a Monday afternoon confrontation between police and a group of about 150 blacks protesting the Warren County Board of Education's school policies.

Tear gas grenades and a pepper fog machine were used to disperse black marchers on Main Street here Monday afternoon after the crowd refused to break up.

Before the tear gas was released Warrenton Police Chief Grady Haynes, using a bull horn, warned the group that it was illegal to hold a march in town without a permit and ordered it to disperse. When the group refused to do so the tear gas was released.

An abandoned school, being used for storage by J. B. Martin, a local electrician and plumber, was destroyed by fire about 10:45 p. m. The school is six miles west of Warrenton and is the former Afton school.

Police arrested a man suspected of setting the fire but details of the charges against him were not released. Police said the suspect, who was in a car, was chased at speeds in excess of 110 mph down U. S. Highway 401.

By late Monday, about 50 state highway patrolmen had been sent to Warrenton by Gov. Bob Scott to enforce the curfew. The patrolmen have their own van parked near the police station in addition to their patrol cars.

At least six arrests for curfew violations were reported by 10:30 p. m. Monday. One black, Van King of Warrenton, was charged with "going dangerously armed to terrify the populace" for driving a car in which there were three shotguns, a two-gallon can of gasoline and boxes of ammunition.

The confrontation at about 1 p. m. Monday is said to be similar to one which precipitated a night of disturbance in Henderson two weeks ago.

City police arrested Warrenton lawyer Frank Ballance, a legal advisor to the protesting black students, and charged him with leading a march in violation of the parade ordinance and with assault on a police officer.

Ballance, in return, filed charges of assault with a deadly weapon (a nightstick) against county sheriff's deputy H. P. Robertson.

Ballance, who was released on \$300 bond Monday, said, "We will consider this unprovoked attack by the police as an act of flagrant police violence

and we want to state emphatically that we know how to deal with violence.

"If violence is provoked upon us, we will answer in kind," he said. Ballance said a pepper fog machine was shoved in his face and he turned it aside "at which time I was struck from the rear by Robertson."

Warrenton Police Chief Grady Haynes, Jr., said Ballance was charged after he attempted to tear a gas mask from the face of an officer operating the pepper fog machine.

Mayor W. A. Miles yesterday scoffed at Ballance's talk about an unprovoked attack on the marchers. He said that Ballance had been given a copy of the ordinance forbidding marching at the police station prior to a meeting held with the protestors at Oak Chapel AME Church, and that Police Chief Grady Haynes had read a copy of the ordinance to Ballance and the marchers before the tear gas was released.

Mayor Miles said yesterday the parade ordinance was passed partly in response to the march which began Saturday during which garbage cans were hit and a window in a cafe cracked.

Mayor Miles Tuesday announced a 6:30 p. m. to 6:30 a. m. curfew would remain in effect for the second night in Warrenton.

The black leaders responded to this Tuesday with a statement over Radio Station WARR recognizing "a state of emergency because of the atmosphere of violence, police brutality and city official harassment," and declaring a curfew from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

The curfew urges all black people to stay out of Warrenton "unless in case of health, employment, official business or buying from other black brothers.

Until last Saturday, the marchers had been orderly. According to a story in the daily press, Chief Grady Haynes said

last Thursday that marches during the week had been orderly. "I don't think the people who have been marching set the fires, either," he noted.

His men have been friendly to the marchers, Ballance is quoted as saying in the same article. "They're pretty good diplomats," he noted.

Racial trouble in Warrenton began Monday of last week when black pupils and advisers marched to the school building outside of Warrenton and gave Supt. Roger Peeler a list of demands.

The school board had ordered schools in the Warrenton district closed prior to the march. Racial protests spread to other schools, including those in

nearby Norlina, during the week.

The students added to their list of demands Monday.

Among the new demands is a request that the school board quit permitting private segregated academies to use public school instructional materials and buildings.

The students also asked that the ability grouping system, which they claim has resulted in resegregation of blacks, be discontinued.

Warren County schools were being operated for the second straight year of full integration without any incident before the disruption on Monday of last week.

Parade Ordinance Passed By Town Commissioners

Meeting on Sunday night, upon complaint of a number of merchants about a march here on Saturday, which allegedly got out of hand, the Board of Town Commissioners passed the following ordinance forbidding marches without a permit:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Warrenton:

SECTION 1. No parades or processions shall be conducted within the Town of Warrenton on the public streets, except upon compliance with the following conditions:

(a) A duly authorized representative of the group or groups shall apply to the Town for a parade permit at least five (5) days in advance of the date of such parade or procession.

(b) The application for a parade permit shall be in writing and shall include the following information pertaining to the parade or procession:

- (1) Name of the group to participate.
- (2) Date and time.
- (3) Proposed place and routes of travel.

(4) Manner in which it will be conducted, pedestrian or vehicular.

(c) The routes of travel along the streets shall be submitted to the Chief of Police for his approval, and he shall supervise the conduct of the parade or procession.

SECTION 2. Any person or persons violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, as provided by G. S. 14-4.

SECTION 3. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

Light Session Of Court Here Friday

Only seven cases were tried in Warren County District Court last Friday, due in part to officers of the law being on duty because of school situation in the Warrenton School District.

Due to the absence of Judge Linwood Peoples because of illness, Chief Judge Julius Banzet presided over the short session of court.

Roy Phillip Lynch pled guilty to speeding 65 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Johnny Mac Coleman, charged with driving with an expired operator's license, was found not guilty.

Roger Davis pled guilty to giving a worthless check. Judgment of the court was: "R appearing to the court that the check upon which this prosecution

Attendance Light

Warren County Schools Resume Operations Wednesday Morning

Warrenton District Schools, which were closed on Monday of last week and the Norlina District Schools, which closed on Monday of this week, following racial disturbances, resumed operations on Wednesday morning.

Supt. J. Roger Peeler said Wednesday morning that attendance in some of the schools were normal and in some of the schools the attendance was considerably less than normal. He said that actual figures had not been received at his office.

Schools in the Littleton District had not been closed.

In spite of a public appeal by black leaders, many blacks were in the groups returning to school Wednesday morning, but their numbers were less than normal in the Warrenton district.

A statement released over Radio Station WARR Tuesday and signed by T. T. Clayton and four other black leaders said it is "resolved that all black students shall remain out of the school system of Warren County until we have written assurance from the Warren County school board, the superintendent and the police that our students will be treated normally and safely and not harassed, beaten or expelled . . ." This statement was contra-

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Two partly filled buses are shown disgorging pupils at John Graham High School on Wednesday morning. Attendance was light but school authorities expect attendance to increase after the first few days of resumption.

Early Next Week

In order that advertising may be effective for Thanksgiving trade, the Warren Record will be published early next Tuesday.

All advertisers and contributors of news are asked to bear the early date in mind and send in their copy as soon as possible. Wherever possible we would greatly appreciate receiving such copy on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Young Child Unharmd By Fall Into Well;

Rescued By Firemen

A three-year-old child who fell some 35 feet into a well was rescued unharmed by the Warrenton Rural Fire Department around 10 a. m. Tuesday.

The child, the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Haywood of Warrenton, fell into the well when the well cover on which he was playing gave way. It is believed that he fell feet first. Little water was in the well but with mud is believed to have broken his fall.

Summoned to the scene, members of the rural fire company let Pete Schuster, a member of the company, into the well by a rope. Schuster fastened the rope to the child's body and he was hauled to the surface unharmed. Schuster was then pulled to the surface.

NUMBER OF PAPERS

The Warren Record's press run for its issue of Nov. 12 was 3700.

This was the largest number of papers ever run for a Warren County newspaper for both regular and special editions, and was 100 more than the 3600 record set several months ago and frequently met since that time.

SUPPER CANCELLED

The Farm-City Week supper scheduled for Wednesday night, Nov. 16, at the Lion's Den in Warrenton has been cancelled until further notice.

RETURNS FROM OKINAWA

Miss Elizabeth Gordon Taylor has returned from overseas duty with the Red Cross and is visiting her sisters, Miss Katherine and Nonie Taylor.

Dr. Bunch To Sever Connections With Hospital After Conference

Dr. Charles Bunch, surgeon at Warren General Hospital, will sever his connections with the hospital following a discussion with Elmer W. Harris, chairman of the hospital board of trustees to discuss appropriate conditions for the termination of his contract.

This was revealed in a letter from Dr. Bunch to Mr. Harris, released to this newspaper on Tuesday.

Refusal of the hospital administrator to take orders from him, Dr. Bunch said in his letter to Chairman Harris, has "created utter chaos at the hospital rendering it impossible for me to properly conduct any surgery there and I so advised you in my letters to you dated November 3rd and November 6th."

Dr. Bunch's letter to Chairman Harris, under date of Nov. 17, reads as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"In the light of events which have transpired since the end of June of this year, it is now abundantly clear that you and the other members of the Board of Trustees of Warren General Hospital do not wish me to continue to serve the citizens of Warren County as a surgeon and as Director of Administration of the hospital as provided in my contract executed in 1966. You have indicated in no uncertain terms that, regardless of the consequences to the hospital, you intend to retain a totally untrained and unqualified local person on the hospital pay roll as administrator. You have done this in spite of the fact that Superior Court Judge Coy Brewer has ruled that he is subordinate to me and in spite of the fact that he has stated publicly that he would not take orders from me. Obviously this situation has created utter chaos at the hospital rendering

it impossible for me to properly conduct any surgery there and I so advised you in my letters to you dated November 3rd and November 6th.

"Since it appears that the Board of Trustees does not want me to practice here and since I have no desire to stay where I am not wanted and since you will undoubtedly want to get on with your task of trying to find a replacement for me, I shall be happy to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss appropriate conditions for the termination of our contract. It is my personal feeling that this meeting should be held within the next few days and I anticipate hearing from you within a week concerning this. I would suggest that we meet at the offices of Perry, Kittrell, Blackburn and Blackburn at a time most convenient for you.

"Very truly yours,
(s) "Charles Bunch, M. D."



Sgt. Richard Lee places Lions pin on Capt. Earl Tyndall following his induction as member of Warrenton Lions Club by Lion Howard Daniel at meeting held at Lions Den on Friday night. Daniel is at left and seated is Wallace E. Wood, guest speaker.

Massey Honored By Warrenton Lions

Dr. Sam H. Massey, Jr., Warrenton dentist and vice chairman of the Moratoc District, Boy Scouts of America, was honored as "Distinguished Citizen" of Warrenton and Warren County at the regular meeting of the Warrenton Lions Club

at the Lions Den on last Friday night. Dr. Massey was presented by Lion Tom Watson and was recognized for the outstanding work he is doing working with Boy Scouts in the county and district.

Wallace E. Wood, Sport Executive of the Occoquan Council, Boy Scouts of America, was the guest speaker. Presented by Lion Marvin Gardner, program chairman, Wood discussed "Boy Scouts