

## Pool Room Argument Settled

Norlina commissioners ruled Monday night that the Norlina Amusement Center could continue operations for the next 30 days despite the fact that its operation is not in compliance with town law.

The decision to allow the pool room to continue to do business with a town privilege license came following a brief executive session called by the board to weigh arguments of pool room operators and their critics.

Criticism of the pool room surfaced at the regular August meeting of the board, held August 4, when more than 200 petitioners called on the town board to enforce a 1967 ordinance which forbids the operation of a pool room within 250 feet of a church. Many of the petitioners are members of the Norlina United Methodist Church, which lies across U. S. Highway One from the Norlina Amusement Center.

Frank Ballance, Warrenton attorney representing Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hawks, owners of the pool room, said at Monday night's meeting that to elect now to enforce the statute would be unfair to his clients, whom he said had spent considerable funds in readying the center for business.

He maintained that they had not been told of the restriction when they first applied for and were granted a privilege license. They were told, he noted, that they would be unable to operate past midnight and on Sundays. Opponents of the pool room had noted boisterous behavior in the area of the establishment when they initially sought to close it down. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hawks contended that much of the objectionable behavior had occurred on adjacent private property. They noted that while they did not sell beer in the center, it was near two beer outlets. They said closing of the pool room would not cure the problem.

Following consideration of the arguments, Councilman Wallace Stallings offered a motion that the pool room be allowed to operate until the next meeting of the town board, provided the pool room is operated personally by Mr. Hawks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ben Lloyd and passed unanimously.

## Prices Reported Rising On Local Tobacco Market

Prices on the Warrenton Tobacco Market pushed steadily upward last week, according to figures supplied this week by Sales Supervisor George Willis Shearin.

Shearin said the market sold 386,491 pounds on August 12 for \$488,691, an average of \$1.26 per pound.

He said the market sold 214,319 pounds on August 14 for \$275,456, an average of \$1.2853 per hundred pounds.



These two vehicles were involved in a Thursday afternoon wreck which claimed the life of Lucious Marion Brown, 68. In the photo at top a wrecker crew pulls Brown's car from an embankment where it plunged before striking a tree. The lower photo shows

Trooper W. C. Palmer inspecting the van which collided with Brown's car, throwing both from the highway. Damages to the two vehicles was put at \$5,700. (Photos By Frank Holt)



## Wrecks Claim Two Lives

Highway accidents in Warren County last week claimed two lives and seriously injured four motorists, the State Highway Patrol has reported.

Killed in separate crashes were Allen Wayne (Buck) Matthews, 26, of Rt. 1, Henderson, and Lucious Marion Brown, 68, of Rt. 3, Warrenton.

Matthews was killed Friday night when the car he was driving went out of control on Rural Paved Road 1604 six miles south of Warrenton. The victim's car overturned twice, throwing Matthews and two pas-

sengers from the vehicle. Injured seriously were Willie Ray Collier, 17, and Charles Matthews, 19, both of Rt. 2, Henderson. Both were taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson for treatment of injuries. Matthews was pronounced dead at the scene.

Trooper W. C. Palmer reported that Matthews was operating his car at a high rate of speed when he lost control in a curve. Estimated damage of \$6,000 was done to Matthews' 1979 Chevrolet.

Brown died in Com-

munity Memorial Hospital in South Hill, Va. several hours after he was mortally hurt in a Thursday afternoon wreck on Rural Paved Road 1634, 15 miles south of Warrenton.

Trooper Palmer said Brown was travelling west when a van driven by Alex M. Francis, 23, attempted to overtake and pass the Brown vehicle. As he was attempting to pass, Francis struck Brown's auto, causing both vehicles to leave the road. Each vehicle rammed head on into a tree after impact.

Francis and a passenger in his car, 25-year-old Johnny Ray Francis, also of Rt. 3, Warrenton, were seriously injured and taken to Duke Medical Center.

Francis has been charged with death by vehicle, driving under the influence of intoxicating

liquor and improper passing.

Mr. Brown was the son of the late William Cheatham and Betty Tucker Brown. He was a retired veteran of the U. S. Coast Guard a veteran of World War II, and for the past 10 or 12 years was an employee of the J. T. Harris Construction Company.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. from Shady Grove United Methodist Church at Inez by the Rev. John Bowman. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were members of the deer hunters club.

He is survived by two sisters, Miss Catherine Brown of Inez and Mrs. Rosale Pescara of Palatka, Fla.; and two brothers, Sam T. Brown of Raleigh and Ben D. Brown of Tallahassee, Fla.

## Help Ready For Victims Of Drought

Farm operators who filed a timely and accurate report of acreage and suffer a low yield on corn or grain sorghum may be eligible for payments under the ASCS Crop Disaster Program, Thomas E. Watson, director of the ASCS Office said yesterday.

A farm's actual production must be less than 60 percent of the ASCS yield to be eligible for a payment. The payment is made on the production loss below the 60 percent level. Each farm stands on its own in determining eligibility and amount of payment.

The payment rate for corn is one-half the applicable target price for the farm. For farms at the high rate, payment rate is \$1.18 per bushel, for low rate \$1.03.

Farmers should file a disaster claim as soon as it is apparent that they have a low yield. The claim must be filed immediately for any acreage that is abandoned, or put to non-grain

use. If all acreage is harvested, the claim must be filed within 15 days after harvest is completed.

Accepted production evidence must be furnished for each farm on which a claim is filed. This can be weight tickets or sales receipts for grain sold. Have the buyer or grader identify the weight ticket with the name or ASCS farm number on which produced. If the grain is to be stored on the farm, call and we will measure the production from each farm as it is put into the bin.

The following guide lines are important. Failure to observe them can result in the farm being declared ineligible for disaster payments.

1. Do not destroy any crop acreage or crop residue until released by ASCS. Each farm will be visited.

2. Notify the ASCS Office immediately of any acreage not to be visited. (Continued on page 9)

## Warren Students Will Return On Friday

Summer vacation comes to an end for students in the Warren County schools on Friday, August 22.

This day has been designated as Orientation Day. Students will report to their schools at 8:30 a.m. and will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. During this time, they will be informed of school fees and assigned to classes.

All students are required to pay a three dollar basic instructional fee. Information on insurance and other fees will be given to students by their respective schools.

Another important aspect of the school opening this year is the fact that all students Kindergarten through twelfth grade must be immunized. State Law requires that beginning this school year, principals must suspend students within 30 days of the start of school if they do not meet the requirement of the law.

State law requires that every student should have 3 shots of DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine, 3 doses of OPV (oral Polio vaccine) 1 measles (rubeola) shot after age 12 months and 1 rubella (German measles) shot.

Due to a change in all bus numbers above 100, students can look forward to the following bus numbers instead of the familiar ones from last year.

Vaughan School - Bus 124 changes to 78, Bus 105 changes to 77.

Hawkins School - Bus 108 changes to 65, Bus 127 changes to 66.

John Graham High - Bus 114 changes to 67, Bus 128 changes to 68.

Northside School - Bus 140 changes to 75, Bus 141 changes to 76.

North Warren - Bus 117 changes to 64, Bus 132 changes to 73, Bus 139 changes to 74.

Mariam Boyd School - Bus 147 changes to 63, Bus 301 changes to 69.

Norlina High School - Bus 121 changes to 70, Bus 133 changes to 71, Bus 135 changes to 72.

Priscilla Johnson, Director of Pupil Personnel

Services, said she would like to encourage all parents to help the schools in achieving one hundred per cent enrollment by enrolling all children as soon as possible this school year.

Warren County schools will open their doors to approximately 3200 children for the start of another school year, according to Ms. Loree Strickland, president of the Warren County unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE).

"NCAE members are looking forward to a good year for our schools," said Ms. Strickland. "We want this year to be the best that it can possibly be for each child."

"We hope that all parents will work with us to make this year a successful learning experience for each child. Each parent should visit

his or her child's school early in the year," continued Ms. Strickland, a classroom teacher at Hawkins Junior High School.

"A good working relationship between the parents and the school is one of the most important factors in determining whether a child does well in school. Educators want to work with parents," she continued.

NCAE is the largest professional association in the state, with some 45,000 teachers, principals, supervisors, superintendents, and other certified educators as members.

The goals of NCAE are the professional improvement of its members, the promotion and the protection of the welfare of its members, and the advancement of the cause of education in North Carolina.

## Jobs Available

## Warren Jobless Figures Released

Unemployment in Warren County stood at 9.9 per cent at the end of June, figures released by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina have revealed.

Paul W. Keck, manager of the ESC Office in Henderson said that although the economy is tight and the unemployment rate is high, there are jobs available, especially for skilled and experienced workers.

"Licensed practical nurses, good typists, mechanics and machine repair people are in demand," Keck said. "Employers are continuously looking for applicants with good qualifications and work experience."

The unemployment rate for Warren County

was up substantially from July a year ago when the rate was 7.7 per cent. Unemployment at the end of June in Vance County was 11.9 per cent, while it stood at 8.8 per cent in Granville.

Keck said active applications for work at the end of July stood at 4,514, up over the previous July's figure of 3,425, but down slightly from June.

He said 255 active job openings were available at the end of July, with an average wage on job openings of \$3.50 per hour. During July 323 applicants were placed on jobs.

Initial claims for unemployment insurance totaled 761 during the month of July, down drastically from June when the number stood at 1,101.

## State Presidency Goes To Native Of Warren

Fred L. Bartholomew Jr. principal of Princeton High School, is the new president of the North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principal Association.

A native of Warren County, Mr. Bartholomew received both undergraduate and graduate degrees at East Carolina University. He is married to the former Deanna Ballou and has three children: Betsy, 16, Nancy, 14, and Fred, III, 9.

The membership of the association is composed of principals and assistant principals throughout North Carolina. The paramount objectives of the association are listed in its Constitution as follows:

(1) Promote achievement of the educational objectives of the state of North Carolina with paramount emphasis on the welfare and needs of all

children. (2) Promote the unity, professional growth, protection, and general welfare of the principals and assistant principals in North Carolina.

(3) Provide a mechanism by which principals, assistant principals, teachers, and other educators can improve education and educational leadership for the State of North Carolina.

## Four Barns Among Calls

Among 14 recent fires to which the Warrenton Rural Fire Department responded four were tobacco barn fires. Contents of all four were destroyed but the firemen left one of the barns standing.

Five hundred sticks of tobacco, the property of Zinc Alston, were (Continued on page 9)



Two large watermelons are displayed by three children of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Odum of Arcola. Holding the huge melons are, left to right, Steve, Claude and Elsie Odum. The larger melon weighed 163 pounds, the smaller one weighed 90 pounds. (Staff Photo)