

## Court Day Switch Is Scheduled

County officials have been notified by Anne F. Davis, Clerk of Superior Court, that beginning on March 1, 1981, the days for holding sessions of Warren County District Court, will be changed. Mrs. Davis said that "beginning the first of March, 1981, all criminal sessions of Warren County District Court will be held on Wednesday of each week instead of Friday, by order of Judge Claude W. Allen, Jr., Chief District Court Judge, Ninth Judicial District. "The mixed juvenile and civil session which had previously been held on Wednesday, will now be held on Thursday begin. 'ing in March."

## Names Of Jurors Drawn For Term

The names of 65 Warren County residents have been drawn for jury duty during the criminal term of Warren county Superior Court when it begins on Monday.

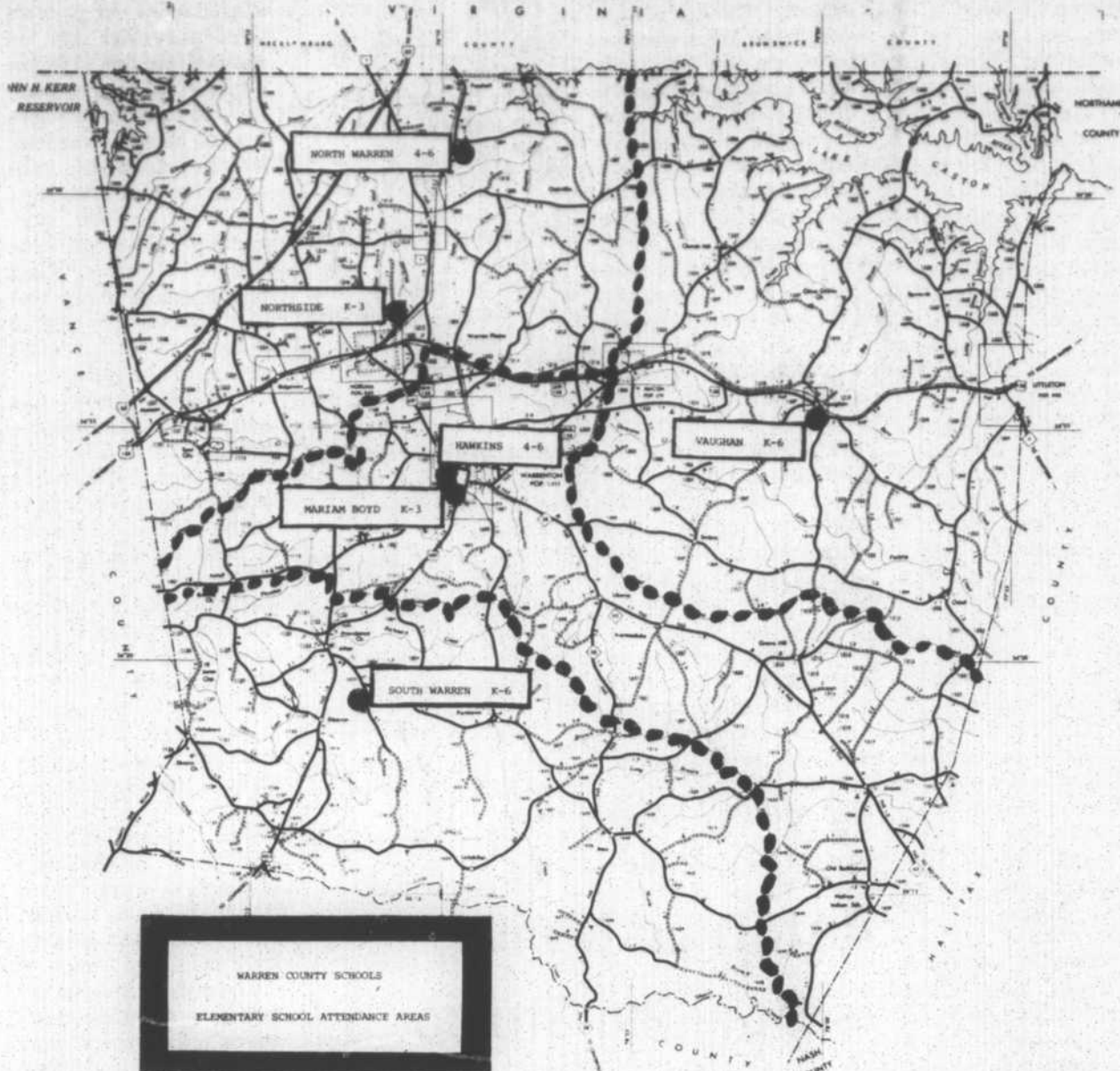
Court officials said jury excuses will be heard at 9:30 a. m. at the outset of Friday's session of Warren County District Court.

Named to serve as jurors during the February criminal session are: Tollie R. Harris, Jr., Hester Evans, James Carlos Harris, Pattie Ivory Towns, Clementine Jones Austin, Carla Batchelor Williams, Irene Fitz, R. Leigh Traylor, Jr., Ann Harris Collins, Judy Gupton Seaman, Jean House Clayton, Kenneth Douglas Davis, Thelma Ann Taylor, Donald Smallwood Wimbrow, Wesley S. Cooper and Sarah Bell Jerman.

Also, Margaret Wilson Hight, Sharon Dorene Somerville, Walter Lee Miller, Alton McCoy Kearney, David Williams, Nancy Catherine Gooch, Charlie Thomas Peele, Cynthia Cheek Morris, Nesbitt Elwood Spruill, Effice Jones Savoy, Ernestine Parks Roberts, C. M. Bullock, Lou Zene Aycock, Mamie Baskett, Carrie Bell Perry and Willie F. Carroll, Sr.

Also, Lawrence E. Davis, Charles Lindburgh Wilson, Hazel Thomas Pinell Perry, Willie Mae George, Evertte L. Harris, Willie Jackson Perkinson, Gordon Henry Limer, Barbara H. Davis, Lucille Williams Randall, Alma Lucile Hilliard, Charles Jackson Rivers, Daniel McCray Richardson, Carolyn Abbott Pitzing, Myrtle H. Munn, Weldon Clinton Capps and Susie Harper Stansbury.

Also, Elizabeth Powell Davis, Bobbie Henderson Wilson, Naomi Walker Harris, Mabelle Fitts, Queen E. Alston, Ethel D. Hargrove, Roderick Douglas Hariston, Michelle Annette Townes, Alma Short Short, Walter Russell Taylor, Bert Alston, Jeanetta K. West, Cathia Jenette Wilson, Samuel Brown, Bennie Lafayette King, Marion Thompson, and Cleamon Alston.



The broken lines indicate the borders of the proposed elementary school attendance districts in Warren County. A public hearing will be conducted next month

to determine if the lines will remain as are proposed. A related map can be found on Page 5.

## Board Would Annex 2 Areas

Meeting in called session on Thursday night of last week, the Warrenton Town Commissioners, unanimously agreed to file at the next regular meeting of the board a resolution of intent to annex two adjoining sections to the town.

This was the first official step toward an annexation plan that has

been under consideration for several months, and that the commissioners hope to complete by July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

The motion to file the resolution of intent was made by Commissioner A. C. Fair, seconded by Commissioner Richard Hunter, and unanimously approved by the five

commissioners present. Absent were Commissioners Billy Lanier and Charles M. White, III, both of whom were out-of-town.

Commissioner Fair commented that when he made a motion to extend the town limits 15 years ago, he could not receive a second to his motion. One of the requirements for any extension of town limits is that a public hearing must be held.

Prior to voting to go forward with annexation plans, Mayor White pointed out that two areas to be annexed during the first year of annexation, and the reasons for choosing these areas and benefits to both the town and to the people being taken in.

Area I is located northwest of Warrenton along both sides of U. S. Highway 401 and 158 (Ridgeway Street). Present land use consists of residential, industrial, commercial and county medical facilities. Area extends from Horse Branch on West Franklin extension to and including Carolina Sportswear Company.

Mayor White said this area meets the prescribed statutory requirements as outlined by G.S. 160 A-36 for annexation by ordinance for towns under 5,000 population.

Residences to be annexed in area 1, Mayor White said, (including trailers, 40); business and offices, 15; total tax valuation, \$1,434,863; tax benefit to town 67c on \$100 valuation), \$9,613; population (White 58, Negro 18), 76.

Area II is located west of Warrenton along Franklin Street to Horse Branch. Present land use consists of residential, commercial and Hawkins Junior High School.

This area also meets the prescribed statutory requirements as outlined by G.S. 160 A-36 for

annexation by ordinance for towns under 5,000 population.

Residences (including trailers), 34; business (funeral home), 1; total tax valuation, \$252,150; tax benefits to town (67c on \$100 valuation), \$1,689; population (White 0, Negro 68), 68.

Mayor White also submitted figures showing benefits to residents of annexed areas, and benefits to the town.

Benefits to residents were listed as:

1. Reduced water and sewer rates (one-third less than present).
2. Garbage collection (twice a week).
3. Fire protection (Town Fire Department).
4. Police protection (24 hours a day).
5. Street lights on residential streets as determined by CP&L survey.
6. Periodic street cleaning including trash and leaf pickup.
7. Insurance rate on property reduced by being within town limits.
8. Town taxes (tax deductible).
9. Vote and have an active voice in town affairs in helping to make the town a better place in which to live.

Benefits to town annexing suggested areas:

1. Increase tax revenue.
  2. Increase in population to town would give industries more incentive to locate here.
  3. Powell Bill Fund increased (\$9.0496 per capita; \$669,1734 per mile of local street which is not shown on state system).
- Mayor White said, and the commissioners agreed, that the two areas to be annexed, not only have the advantage of less cost to develop, but also are fortunate that the two areas total population are close enough not to raise any racial repercussions.

## Public Hearing Slated

# New District Lines Proposed For Warren

An attempt to draw district lines to determine which school a Warren County youngster will attend next fall has been begun by Warren school officials and will be considered at a public hearing here next month. The hearing is scheduled to be held at the Mariam Boyd Elementary School on February 16, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Agreement to conduct the public hearing at this time came Monday night as members of the Warren County Board of Education reviewed maps showing proposed attendance districts and involving all school children. (No district lines will be needed for high school students, all of whom will be attending the consolidated Warren County High School.)

Supt. Mike Williams, who presented the proposal, said that natural boundaries were used whenever possible, and every effort was made to avoid splitting communities. For example, he pointed out, when the dividing line of a district happens to be a road, all children from each side of the road will attend the same district schools. Creeks form the major portion of the district lines.

Of a total of 1,639 students expected to attend elementary and middle schools next fall, only 126 would be involved in a change, Williams said.

He said the lines were developed with several objectives in mind. Among them:

- To match numbers of students with facilities in a manner that would result in the maximum use of permanent facilities and the minimum use of mobile and relocatable classrooms.
- To maintain sufficient numbers of students at each school to enable the school to operate on a sound fiscal basis.
- To minimize the time and distance that would be required in transporting pupils.

Williams told the board that the need for clarified elementary district lines has existed for many years. With the reorganization of schools to be implemented in 1981-82, "it has become imperative that elementary and middle school district lines be established."

Williams said the proposal, developed without the benefit of citizen input, should be publicized and an opportunity provided for public input. He said the board must consider its policy on transfers and whether or not transfers "currently approved will remain in effect in 1981-82."

Williams said that beginning with the 1981-82 school year, students in grades seven and eight will be served by middle schools located on the campuses at John Graham and Norlina high schools. The plan for reorganization adopted by the Board of Educa-

tion indicated that each school would serve approximately 50 percent of the student population in these grades. The projected student population for next fall is 522 students.

"The facilities at each of the two campuses are adequate to serve the anticipated 260 students," Williams predicted. "At the same time, we can eliminate the use of eight mobile units currently in use at the two schools and cease using the basement at Norlina. In addition, it would not be necessary to use the old agriculture building at either school."

Basically, the new proposal has all students

leaving South Warren and Hawkins Elementary Schools attending John Graham Middle School and all students exiting North Warren and Vaughan Elementary Schools attending Norlina Middle School.

Williams said the exception would involve the Embro-Grove Hill area where students attending Vaughan Elementary School should go to John Graham for reasons involving transportation.

He said that using projected enrollment figures for next year, this proposal would place 262 students at John Graham Middle School and 260 students at Norlina Middle School.

## Graduate Of JGHS

# Warren Native Greets Hostages

A former Warren County resident was among the first Americans to greet the 52 freed hostages upon their arrival in Algeria last week. She was Captain Angela Wilson Hardy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wilson of Airport Road, Warrenton.

Captain Hardy, a 1966 graduate of Warrenton's John Graham High School, was medical crew director of one of two C-9 aeromedical evacuation aircraft which took off from Rhein-Main Air Force Base in Germany as word was received that 52 hostages held in Iran had been released. Later these jets transferred the hostages from Algeria to West Germany.

Aboard her airplane were hostages with last names ranging from A through K, her mother reported during an interview on Sunday.

Captain Hardy was at the U. S. military hospital in Wiesbaden, West Germany, when former President Jimmy Carter visited the 52 freed Americans. She was congratulated by the President and given a kiss on the cheek.

Later, she had appear-

ances on the television shows "Today" and "Good Morning, America." Her parents saw neither telecast. Mrs. Wilson was at work on her job at Carolina Sportswear. Mr. Wilson was on the job with the N. C. Department of Transportation at the Interstate 85 Welcome Center.

Captain Hardy entered the Air Force ten years ago after completing her nursing degree in Suffolk, Va. Three years ago she married James E. Hardy of Birmingham, Ala., now a major stationed in West Germany.

This is Captain Hardy's second tour of duty overseas. She earlier spent 13 months as an Air Force nurse in Thailand.



CAPTAIN HARDY

## UNC Football Players Set To Appear In Town

Victor Harrison, John Graham graduate and starter on the University of North Carolina football team, who will be honored here at a pig-pickin' on Feb. 7, designated as Victor Harrison Day, has notified promoters of the day that he will be accompanied from Chapel Hill by classmates and teammates, runningback Kelvin Bryant and quarterback Rod Elkins.

Also expected are Ernie Williams of the

Carolina Education Foundation, coaches and possibly other football players.

Miss Edwina Rooker, librarian at John Graham, who is assisting with the promotion and who announced that Rod Elkins and Kelvin Bryant are expected for the event, and also that Dennis Rogers, columnist for The News and Observer and a Carolina fan, had also received a special invitation to be (Continued on page 3).