

## Assault Charges Brought

A 25-year-old black woman of the Drewry community, released from Dix Hill on Wednesday last week in order that she might stand trial in Warren District Court on a charge of larceny of an automobile, is being held in a Vance County jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

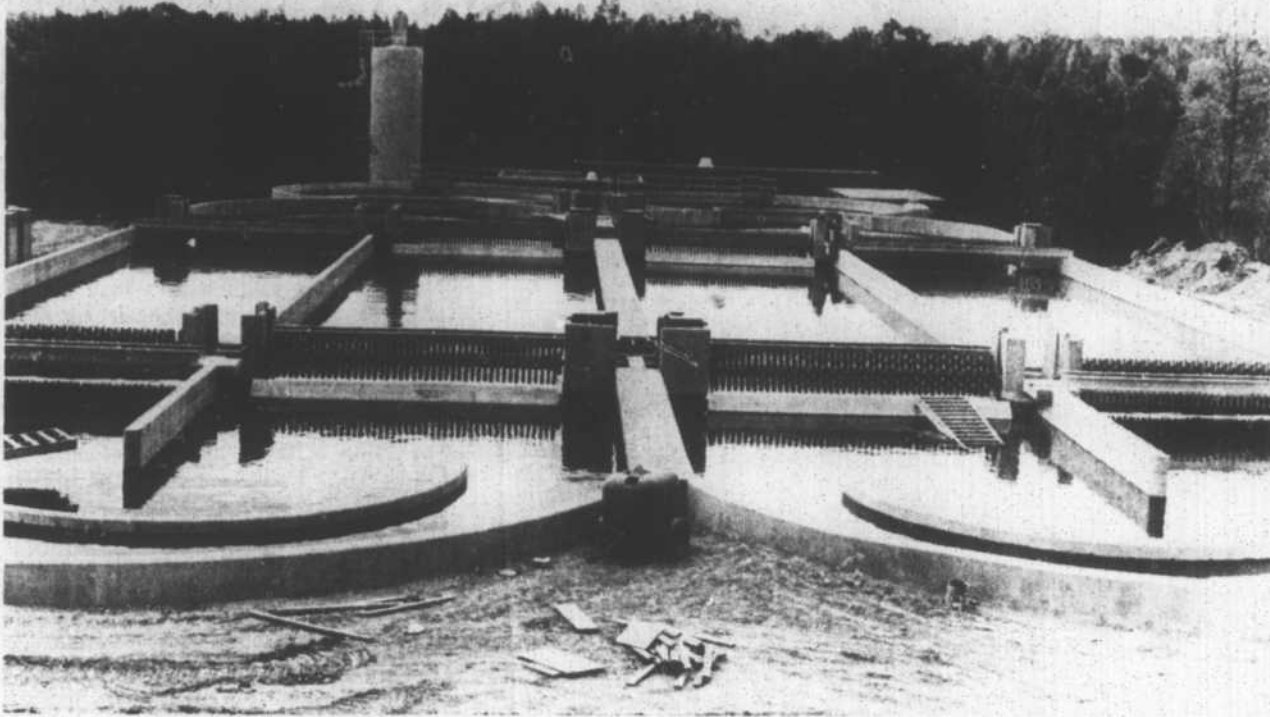
Clementine Russell had been sent to Dix Hill where she was kept for two weeks to ascertain if she was sane enough to stand trial. When relatives, plaintiffs in the action, refused to press charges, she was released, and taken by Deputy Sheriff Capps to Henderson where he attempted to have her committed to Butner. But the Mental Health Department in Henderson would not sign the commitment papers, and she was released Capps said.

On Saturday afternoon Clementine Russell walked into the White Store at Drewry in Vance County and struck Millard Paschall, Jr., over the head with a soda bottle and stabbed him in the face with the broken bottle. He was taken to Chapel Hill Memorial Hospital.

Later in the afternoon she went to the yard at the home of Michael Evans in Warren County where she assaulted him with a pocketknife, cutting him in the neck and forehead. Evans was taken to Warren General Hospital.

Following the assault on Evans, his assailant was arrested by Deputy Dorsey Capps and taken to Henderson and placed in Vance County jail. Following her trial in Vance County, she will be brought to Warren County to stand trial on the Evans assault.

Deputy Capps said that in releasing Ms. Russell on Wednesday of last week that officials at Dix Hill had notified Warren authorities that while Clementine Russell was sane enough to stand trial, she was dangerous to self and others.



The regional waste water treatment plant at Warrenton is nearing completion at a cost of nearly \$6 million. A part of the giant plant is pictured above. According to Bill Neal, water plant superintendent, shown in the front of

picture are oxidation ditches where paddle-wheels stir air into sewage. In back is shown lime tank and feeder. Neal said the plant is expected to be completed in mid-December. (Staff Photo)

## Labor Problem Cited At Meet

Leaf-falling time has arrived and already the town's leaf-raking crew is busy gathering and hauling away leaves from Warrenton homes, Eddie Clayton, street committee chairman, told the Warrenton Town Commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday night.

Clayton and County Administrator Pete Vaughan agreed that the town equipment appears to be in good shape, but the problem is a shortage of labor. Two suggestions were made to reduce this problem. One was that citizens who are gardeners use the leaves in compost piles; the other is that citizens, where feasible, place the leaves in bags and place them at the street curbs. It was pointed out that such bags could be bought at cost at the town municipal building.

Clayton and Vaughan were quick to point out, with other commissioners joining in that the two suggestions called for voluntary cooperation. Where citizens continue to rake leaves to the edge of the street, the town will

continue to haul them off.

What was expected to be a short meeting of the board turned into an hour and a half session when J. T. Fleming appeared with his lawyer, Julius Banzet, Jr., seeking clarification of a town ordinance, and Banzet afterwards appeared on his own behalf to complain of damage afflicted upon him because of a faulty sewage main.

Several months ago in an effort to reduce the number of pool rooms on Main Street, the commissioners passed a law forbidding any more pool rooms to be opened on Main Street. Fleming has a three-year lease on the old Warrenton Theatre building which permits him to operate a theatre and/or auditorium and other "indoor entertainment."

Fleming said he wanted to install video game machines in the lobby of the building, explaining that these are not gambling machines, that their use is good, clean fun for all ages of children and adults, that no beer or other intoxicating beverages would be served, and

that an adult would always be present to see that good behavior is maintained. He said that before he ordered these machines he wanted to be sure that nothing in the pool room ordinance would be in conflict with the operation of the video games.

After some discussion, Town Attorney Charles Johnson said that the pool room audience appeared to be a little vague, and suggested that the easiest way for Fleming was to appeal to the Town Board of Adjustments for a variance. Both Fleming and his lawyer agreed to this procedure.

Banzet said his reasons for appearing before the board were both professional and personal. He has been before the board one or more times to complain of damage to his home caused by a blocked-sewer main that caused backed up sewage to overflow his basement room, shower and furnace room, running into hun-

dreds of dollars of damage and a great deal of inconvenience. He said on the previous Friday sewage had again backed into a part of his furnace room, but had receded before any more damage occurred. He said he was seeking relief before any more damage resulted.

Bill Neal, superintendent of the Warrenton Water Department, explained to the commissioners that an eight-inch terra cotta pipe had been crushed and clogged until only about two inches of space remained and sewage would catch on broken pieces of the main and clog the line. He said that whenever he tried to reach out the line, his reamer would bring back broken pieces of terra cotta pipe. He said that homes on the opposite of the street were higher than Banzet's basement and that overflow from the blocked main would flow into the Banzet

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## Native Of Warren County Chosen For School Position

The Rev. Dr. Leroy Fitts officially has accepted the call to the presidency of Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Va.

Dr. Fitts, a native of Norlina is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Fitts.

In 1962, Dr. Fitts graduated from the John Hawkins High School, Warrenton, after which he entered the Virginia Seminary and College to complete his junior college work. In 1965, he entered Shaw University. During his senior year at Shaw, he received a Mary Reynolds Babcock Scholarship and a Charles B. Keesee Scholarship to do graduate studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. His post-graduate studies were pursued at the Seminary and at the Peggy Meyerhoff Pearlstone School of Graduate Studies, Baltimore Hebrew College, Baltimore, Md.

Numerous honors and awards have been bestowed upon Dr. Fitts because of his labor and dedication to the improvement of the quality of life for humanity, i.e., an "Outstanding Young Men of America Award," citation and biographical listing in "Who's

Who among Black Americans" and "The International Biographic Center" of Cambridge, England. He also received a citation from Onslow County Mental Health Clinic for his volunteer work in Jacksonville.

Dr. Fitts is the editor of the Lott Carey Herald, the official publication of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, U.S.-A. Inc. and author of two books. For almost a decade, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.

Virginia Seminary and College was founded by the Virginia Baptist State Convention in 1887. The school opened its doors to many former slaves and other young men and women in 1890.

The property value of the school exceeds \$2 million. There are six acres on the Lynchburg campus and approximately 60 acres in other parts of Virginia. The rural property is scheduled to be developed into an excellent summer camp for youth from urban centers.

The challenges and opportunities of the school are many and varied. Dr. Fitts recently said: "The

historic mission of Virginia Seminary and College is dear to the heart of all who have received a rewarding academic experience 'on the hill.' It has rendered almost a century of service to our people in the struggles for liberation."

## Wood Stove Is Reported Stolen

A wood stove was reported stolen from a new logging company at Inez, owned by Glen Coleman, Jr. of Rt. 3, Warrenton, on Saturday.

Deputies Dorsey Capps and Harold Seaman investigated the theft. They found that a black Long wood stove had been removed from the rear entrance of the building through a door that evidently had not been locked. Capps surmised that it was loaded on a truck and taken away.

He said the stove had never been used and was valued at \$900. Capps said that whom ever took the stove must have been familiar with the building as nothing but the stove was taken. He said the investigation is continuing.

## Three Warren Towns Receive Road Funds

The three incorporated municipalities in Warren County are among 461 municipalities in North Carolina to which checks were mailed last week by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for local street maintenance and construction.

Secretary of Transportation W. R. Roberson, Jr., announced that the monies, totaling \$31.3 million make up the fiscal year 1982 allocation of state street aid, or Powell funds.

The allocations are based on community population and certified street mileage in each community. Secretary Roberson pointed out.

The three incorporated municipalities of Warren County received a total of \$29,061.58. Population, street mileage, and funds received by each town, respectively, are as follows:

Warrenton, 911, 6.62 miles, \$12,674.29.

Norlina, 904 persons, 9.14 miles, \$14,190.76.

Macon, 153 persons, 1.22 miles, \$2,126.53.

Mayor Beverly White at the regular board meeting of the Warrenton Town Commissioners here Monday night, when the receipt of Powell Bill funds was announced, said that receipts were based on 1980

population and street mileage. Due to its expansion program, effective July 1, 1981, increasing both population and street mileage, the amount of the fund next year is expected to be greatly increased.

## Shriners Planning Annual Feed Here

The Warren County Shriners will sponsor a barbecue Wed., Oct. 21, from 11 a. m. until 8 p. m. at the county fairgrounds on Norlina Road in Warrenton. All proceeds will go to the Shrine hospitals and burn centers.

Nationwide, Shriners operate 19 hospitals for crippled children and three burn institutes. Last year, the fraternal organization spent \$1,700,000 a day, 365 days a year, for charitable causes.

The current budget for Shrine hospitals is \$562 million. Of this total, only 1.7 percent is designated for administrative costs.

The dinners will be served continuously, rain or shine, during the nine-hour period, and tickets may be purchased from any Shriner or at the door.

The cost is \$3.50 per plate and dinners will be carried out or eaten on the premises.

## Bids Being Sought On New Bleachers For Use At School

### Options Discussed By Board

Members of the Warren County Board of Education have decided to seek bids on new bleachers for the Warren County High School before making a decision on whether to buy new or used bleachers.

That decision came Monday night after the board had spent considerable time trying to determine in which direction to go in the purchase of the seating equipment for the new gymnasium at the consolidated high school.

The question of new bleachers was prompted by an October 5 decision of the Warren Board of County Commissioners to appropriate an additional \$25,000 to the school system for the purchase of gymnasium equipment at Warren County High School provided the funds are available from county revenues.

Superintendent Mike Williams told the school board that he was aware of at least two options available to the board should the funds become available.

The first is the purchase of used bleachers. He said Morehead High School in Eden has available for purchase one bank of used bleachers. The bleachers are approximately 20 years old and are in good condition, except for the finish, which has been worn and chipped by use. He said the understructure is sound and functions well, and the seat and foot boards are in good condition.

"This bank of bleachers is 90 feet long and 13 rows high and will seat 780 persons," Williams said. "The purchase price is estimated at a maximum of \$16,400 but could be as low as \$14,800 depending upon the amount of labor required for moving and installation."

The superintendent said the bleachers are available immediately and could be in place within four to six weeks.

On the other hand, he said, new bleachers could not be expected to be available in time for the basketball season. He said new bleachers are available from a number of companies operating in North Carolina, and that cost estimates from these companies range from \$30-\$35 per seat for wood bleachers.

"Based on sales representatives' estimates, the cost of one bank of new bleachers (90 feet long and 13 rows high with a seating capacity of 780 persons) will range from \$23,400 to \$27,300," Williams told the board.

He said firm pricing could only be secured by developing specifications and taking bids. Bleachers manufactured of metal or fiberglass are available at a lower cost but are less desirable in terms of maintenance and operational costs, he said.

Williams said it was felt that it would be in the best interest of the new school



DR. ATKINSON

### New Minister

### Is Filling Pulpit At Local Church

Dr. Lowell M. Atkinson is serving as Interim Minister of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church while the Rev. Mr. Charles E. Owens, the appointed minister, is studying as a Benjamin N. Duke Fellow at Duke Divinity School for the fall semester.

Dr. Atkinson is a retired member of the Northern New Jersey Conference, now living in Ship Bottom, N. J. He did his undergraduate study at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and took his B.D., M.A., and Ph.D. at Drew University, Madison, N. J. He has also studied abroad at Oxford and the University of Birmingham. He is a contributing editor of Pulpit Digest, and his sermons have been published in Best Sermons, The Ministers Manual, and in various books and periodicals. He is listed in Who's Who in Methodism.

He has travelled to South Africa, the Middle East and Holy Land, Europe, the Caribbean, Bermuda, South America, Hawaii, and the Bahamas for a total of 27 overseas preaching missions, and he has been a delegate to five World Methodist Conferences. His travels are shared with others in his color slide programs.

Dr. Atkinson is married to the former Wilhelmina A. Blanker, and their daughter is Mrs. James R. Grabill of Warrenton.

### District Meeting Is Planned Here

Members of the Fourteenth District of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will attend the annual fall district meeting at 10 a. m. on Sat., Oct. 17, at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Warrenton.

The district president, Mrs. L. O. Robertson, Jr., of Warrenton, will preside at the meeting.

Featured speakers will be the state president, Mrs. John V. Sutton of Greensboro, and third vice president, Mrs. Michael Lewis of Gastonia.

Hostesses for the day will be members of the Warrenton Woman's Club and the Warrenton Junior Woman's Club.

Registration will begin at 9 a. m. and luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m. in the church fellowship hall.

### Sadat Sent Letter To Local Girl

An eight-year-old Warrenton girl had more than a passing interest in the funeral Saturday of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, for among her souvenirs is a personal letter from the slain leader.

In February of 1980 Kara Michelle Henderson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Henderson, Jr., of Warrenton, saw a children's Sunday morning television program about the Great Sphinx which told of the repair work needed to restore the Egyptian landmark.

She decided to send a dollar to help in the restoration, and she penned a letter to the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, enclosing her contribution.

Shortly thereafter, Kara, now a third-grade student at Mariam Boyd School, received a letter from the Egyptian ambassador, thanking her, and telling her that he was sending the donation and her letter to President Sadat.

Then in early May, 1980, Kara received the following letter:

"My dear child KARA, 'I was pleased to receive your kind letter conveying a splendid gesture and a keen interest in preserving the Sphinx which is one of the greatest Ancient Egypt monuments.

"Once again, I wish to thank you my dear child Kara for your genuine feelings towards Egypt and its Ancient Civilizations which contributed much to the rise of the following world civilizations.

"With all kindest regards and best wishes for a better tomorrow

"Mohamed Anwar El Sadat."

### Lawmen Probe

### Two Break-Ins

Police reported break-ins at the office of the Macon Wood Yard and the Hawkins Elementary School during the weekend.

The office of the Macon Wood Yard was entered through the front door following the removal of a pane of glass which was found on a cot near the entrance, according to Deputy Harold Seaman who was investigating the incident for the Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Seaman said nothing of value was reported missing from the wood yard office.

Warrenton police are still investigating a weekend break-in of Hawkins Elementary School. Officer James McGowan said the point of entry was not evident and that no damage was done to the building. A drink machine and a snack machine were reported to have been broken into, but no money is believed to have been taken.

The only items listed as missing, McGowan said, were some drinks and packages of crackers.