



Soil on a Rt. 2, Warrenton farm is broken up in an old fashioned way as this picture illustrates. The use of mules on the spring crops is becoming less and less a

sight as tractors have become commonplace. (Staff Photo)

Warren Man Dies Of Shotgun Wound; Housemate Charged

A 53-year-old Warren County man has been charged with the Tuesday night shotgun slaying of his housemate, and is being held without bond in the Warren County jail on a charge of murder.

A 96-hour hearing was scheduled for the suspect today in Warren County District Court.

Arrested on the murder charge was Haywood Per-

ry, resident of Rt. 2, Warrenton, who is accused of shooting Ernest Lee Algood, 36, on Tuesday night.

Deputy Sheriff Bobby Dean Bolton, who made the arrest and is heading the investigation, said he received a call at 10:17 on Tuesday night informing him of the shooting.

Bolton said both men, described as day laborers,

were unemployed. They shared a three-room frame house located a short distance from Baltimore Road, several miles south of Warrenton.

The body of Algood was found slumped over a bed on the first floor of the house. He was fully clothed and appeared to have been shot one time in the upper chest.

Bolton said he was told

by Perry that the gun went off accidentally while the two men struggled for possession. He did not say what prompted the struggle.

The shotgun was found in the trunk of a car owned by George Davis, Perry's step-father. Perry was arrested about 11:45 p.m. at the Davis residence approximately two miles from where the shooting occurred.

Alabama Wreck Kills Cooper

Graveside services for Leonard C. Cooper, Jr. of Union City, Tenn. will be conducted at 4 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Sunset Gardens in Henderson.

Mr. Cooper, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Cooper of Warrenton, was killed in a two-car automobile accident Monday near Bolton, Ala.

Cooper's car was struck by a car driven by Alfred L. Looney of Hillsboro, Ala. Looney's car was reported to have been travelling at a high rate of speed when he crossed over the line, striking Cooper's car on the left side between the fender and door (almost head-on). Mr. Cooper, who was riding alone, was killed instantly.

Looney's car careened off and down an embankment, struck a couple of

trees and burst into flames. Looney was thrown from the car and died instantly. He, too, was riding alone.

Cooper was born on Nov. 19, 1951. He graduated from John Graham High School in 1969. He graduated from A&T State University at Greensboro in 1973 with a BS degree in Animal Science. He did graduate study at the University of Florida at Gainesville, Fla., in animal science, and also studied animal protein and food safety and quality at Chico State University at Chico, Calif.

At the time of his death, Cooper was employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Division of Quality Meat and Safety Program, in the Union City, Tenn. area.

Cooper is survived by his

widow, Mrs. Joyce Cooper of Union City, Tenn., his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cooper, Sr., of Warrenton; and a number of aunts and uncles.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to

Brown Chapel AME Church in Union City, Tenn. for the purchase of hymnals—a project which Leonard had started on behalf of the church, or to A&T University for the establishment of a scholarship fund in honor of Cooper.

School Begins Again Here In Late August

Warren County public school children will begin a new school year on Thursday, August 26, according to a 1982-83 calendar adopted Monday night by the Warren County Board of Education.

The calendar was presented by Mrs. Rachael Ricks, assistant superintendent and ex-officio member of a 15-member

committee which drafted the proposed calendar.

The calendar calls for teacher workdays from August 18-23, with August 24 as orientation day. The calendar also allows nine legal holidays and a number of days designated as teacher workdays.

Principal James Wilkerson of John Graham College Saturday

Promotion To Begin

School Men Endorse One-Cent Sales Tax

The Warren County Board of Education Monday night agreed to promote passage of an additional one-cent statewide sales tax to provide, in part, funds for school construction.

Members of the board agreed to consider the names of two persons in each of their five districts who would serve on a local committee to push passage of the proposed legislation. The committee is expected to be named in a week or ten days.

Supt. Mike Williams said each county board of education is being asked to appoint a 10-member committee of lay citizens to generate support for the proposal at the county level and to contact legislators to encourage passage of the proposal.

"For several years, efforts have been made to convince the General Assembly to call for a \$600 million statewide bond issue for school construction," Williams reported to the board. "Warren County's share of such a bond issue would have been in the neighborhood of \$2 million."

Williams noted that for a number of reasons, the effort has been, for all practical purposes, unsuccessful and will not gain General Assembly approval.

He said that in the past year, two other significant events have taken place. First, in the fall 1981 session the General Assembly authorized the governor to call for a vote on a \$300 million statewide bond issue for clean water facilities, and, secondly, the House, but not the Senate, approved a measure to allow voters at the county level to approve an additional one-cent sales tax having a statewide potential of \$250 million annually.

Williams said that State Treasurer Harlan Boyles and State Superintendent Craig Phillips are proposing that, in lieu of the two legislative measures, the

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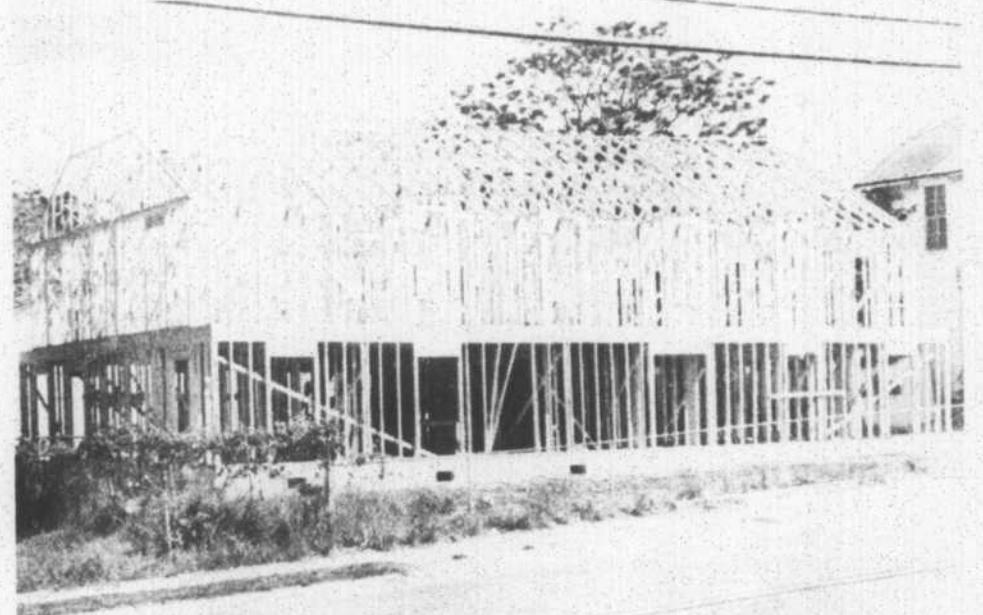
Bernice Cheek Nicholson of Warrenton received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from North Carolina Wesleyan College Saturday

General Assembly levy an additional statewide one-cent sales tax.

Of the proceeds of \$250 million yearly, 20 percent would go for clean water

facilities, 40 percent would go to the counties as a general revenue, and 40 percent would be distributed on a per pupil basis to school units for construction of facilities.

Williams said that under this plan, Warren County would receive approximately \$300,000 annually for school construction.



This is the new office building being built on Bragg Street by Warrenton Attorney Marty Rooker. The two-story building has risen steadily as good weather has enabled contractors to proceed. (Staff Photo)

Board Votes To Exempt Fire District Property

The Board of Town Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday night voted to delete from the Warrenton Fire District along Bragg Street that portion of the district upon which Marty Rooker, Warrenton attorney, is erecting a two-story building, provided that the town attorney finds no legal reason that it cannot be done.

Commissioner Eddie Clayton, in making the motion for the deletion, said that Rooker was making it because Rooker

had been misled in the requirements for fire walls prior to beginning construction of the building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Billy Lanier, and unanimously passed. Commissioner C. M. White, III, was not present for the meeting.

Rooker appeared before the commissioners and told them that he had planned to brick veneer the two-story frame building and had been told by the county fire inspector (Chet Forrester, III) that if the building is brick veneered that fire walls would not be required. Based on this information, Rooker said he began construction of the building and it was not until last Friday morning that Pete Vaughan, Town Administrator, had told him that since the building is within the fire district, fire walls would be required on three sides of the building.

Rooker said that there is

no way now to use fire walls without redesigning the whole building. He outlined five reasons he felt that the fire walls should not be required, based largely on its separation from other buildings. He said that the old C. E. Jackson building, used in more recent years as a building supply business, and now inhabited only by a beauty parlor, was at least 25 feet from the new building, and he would tear that down if required to do so by the commissioners. He said that Tot Currin, former owner of the lot, had asked for a 15-foot easement for entry into a back lot, and that Currin's Chevrolet had a small shed on the northwest corner of the Currin lot.

He said that he realized that the old building is an eye-sore, and plans eventually to tear it down, but not at the present time.

Rooker said that the (Continued on page 8B)

Ballance Seeking 7th District Seat

Warrenton Attorney Frank W. Ballance, Jr. last week filed as a candidate for the 7th District seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Ballance, who is 40 years old, has been active in political events in Eastern North Carolina. He practices law throughout that area and is well known in all of the counties in the district.

In filing for the seat, Ballance stated that he "feels it is time that the average citizens of the district received representation." He further stated that it was his intention upon being elected to "represent all of the citizens of the district."

The 7th District encompasses Warren County townships of Fishing Creek, Fork,

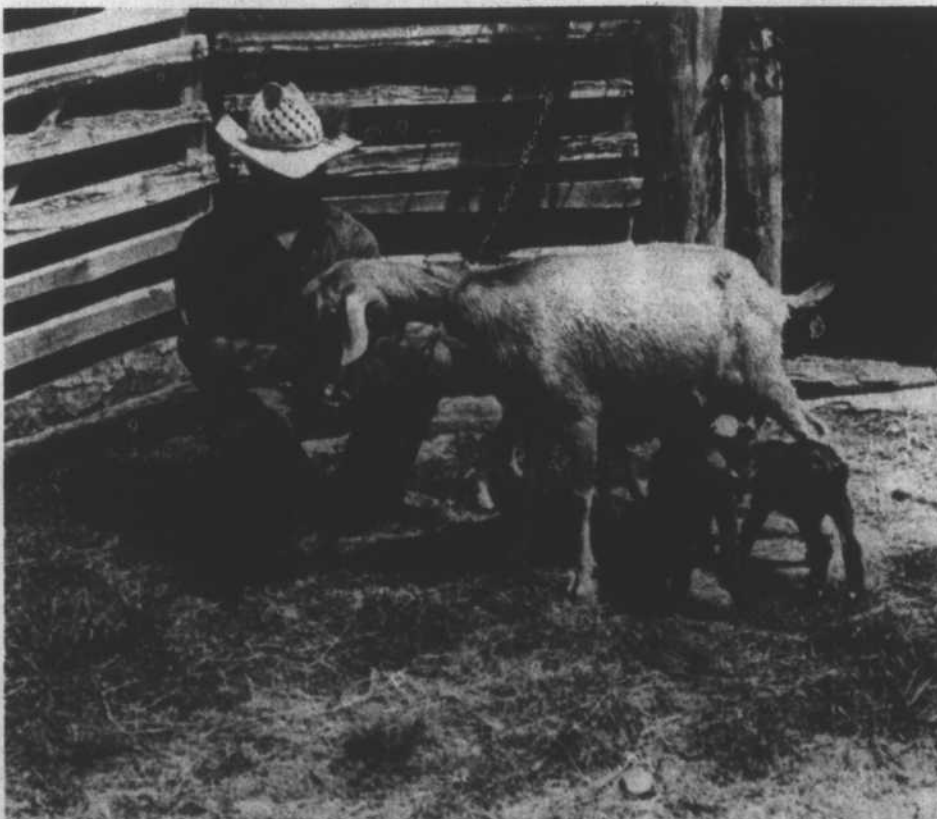
Sandy Creek, Shocco, and Warrenton; Martin County townships of Goose Nest, Hamilton and Robersonville; and 10 townships in Halifax County.

Ballance's wife, Bernadine, recently graduated from North Carolina Central University School of Law and was sworn in as an attorney on April 8.

The Ballances have three children, Garey, Angela, and Valerie.

Others who have filed for the 7th District race are incumbent George A. Hux and Dr. John Bee Moore of Weldon. Moore is pastor of First Baptist Church in Weldon.

No Republicans have filed for the 7th District seat.



These three baby goats have a difficult time finding a place to nurse as their owner, Wortham Davis of Rt. 2, Warrenton, holds the mama goat. The birth of triplets, a rarity among goats, occurred on April 29. Davis reports that both mother and offspring are doing well. (Staff Photo)

Arts Festival

Planned Saturday

Warren County schools will sponsor their second annual School Arts Festival on May 15 from 11 a. m.-3 p. m. on the Courthouse Square in Warrenton.

The festival will include exhibits by students in the schools' art programs as well as musical performances by the bands and choruses.

Winners of the recent storytelling contest will be on hand to tell their tales while others will be displaying their creative writing talents.

Warren County Schools Exceptional Programs will sponsor "A Very Special Arts Festival," exhibiting artwork completed by the schools' exceptional classes and including "hands-on" arts experiences for participants.

The Newold String Trio, a group comprised of three members of the North Carolina Symphony, will return this year to perform throughout the day. Other festival attractions will be face painting, balloon sales, bake sales and dancing.

The public is invited to attend the festival at no charge. In case of rain, the festival will be postponed until May 29.

New Dentist Plans To Practice Here

Dr. Samuel H. Massey's practice of dentistry in Warrenton will expand in the near future with the arrival of James Ernest Crenshaw, Jr. of Gastonia. Crenshaw, who is married to the former Jan Gardner of Warrenton, will graduate from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in Chapel Hill on May 16.

According to Dr. Massey, Crenshaw will join the practice around the middle of July, after successful completion of the state licensing board's exam.

Massey also plans to open an office in Littleton this summer. He and Crenshaw will rotate their services, each spending half the week in Littleton and half the week in Warrenton.

Crenshaw, who did his

undergraduate work at North Carolina State University, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Crenshaw, Sr. of Gastonia. Mrs. Crenshaw is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Monroe Gardner of Warrenton.



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