

After Woods Ordeal

Elderly Woman Returns Safely

Mrs. Mollie Jones, 83, of Rt. 1, Warrenton, who disappeared from the home of a neighbor around 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of last week was discovered in the woods between 8 and 9 o'clock that night, ending a search that began around 3:30 p. m., when the Warren County Sheriff's office was notified that she was missing. She was unharmed.

Sheriff Davis, Deputies T. R. Williams and Harold Seaman, went to the home of Mrs. Jones and started a

search through nearby woods. Police Chief Romey Williams of Norlina, joined friends and neighbors in the search.

Unable to find the aged woman after a prolonged search, the Sheriff's Department called the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Firemen at 5:10 p. m. Fourteen firemen responded and searched for the woman until the search was called off at dusk.

Around 9 p. m. the Warrenton Police Station received a radio call from unknown persons saying that Mrs. Jones had been found in the woods about two miles from her home.

Mrs. Jones, contacted by telephone Monday, said that she had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Sallie Alston, who she said lives about a mile from her home. When she started to return home, she made a wrong turn and found herself lost in the woods. She said she often suffers with dizziness. Asked about who found her, she replied that there were so many that she could not remember, but they were friends and neighbors, both black and white. She said that she feels no ill effect from the ordeal.

Two Fire Calls Are Answered

In addition to joining in the search for Mrs. Mollie Jones last Wednesday, the Warrenton Rural Firemen at 3:10 p. m. the same afternoon were called to assist in fighting a woods fire on cut-over land near the home of Kenneth Mustian. The fire was extinguished with a Forest Service plow.

One acre was estimated to have been burned over by the fire of undetermined origin.

Nine rural firemen, with a pumper and brush truck, responded to the alarm.

On Thursday afternoon the Warrenton rural firemen answered a 5:45 o'clock call to a heavily wooded area on RPR 1001 which was on fire. The fire was extinguished by a Forest Service plow and some water where it could be reached, as there was undergrowth and brush present as well as grass.

The cause of the fire and the amount of damage were not listed in the fire report.

Fifteen firemen from the Warrenton Company, with a pumper, a tanker, two brush trucks and a crash wagon, answered the call. The pumper and tanker were sent back to the Warrenton station.

Also assisting in the fight were firemen with equipment from the Afton-Elberon Rural Fire Company.

Crop Reporting Plea Is Given

Thomas E. Watson, executive director of the Warren County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, is encouraging all farmers to report all crops planted on their farms as soon as possible, but no later than June 14.

All grain crops should be reported whether or not the farmer participated in the 1982 acreage reduction programs, he said. For farmers who did not participate in the program, certification will be an important factor in determining the 1983 acreage bases.

Farmers participating in the acreage reduction program must report all grain planted plus conservation use acreage by June 14 to be eligible for program benefits. "There will be no exceptions," Watson said.

Flue-cured tobacco and peanut growers must report this acreage to be eligible for price support.

Watson said that when the farmer completes his plantings of crops he should visit the county ASCS Office to certify.

Duke Student Has Duty Here

Amanda Berry, a student at Duke Divinity School, will be serving as summer associate minister at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Warrenton.

The Rev. Charles E. Owens, pastor, said that quite often students on such assignments are called "youth ministers," but he stressed that Ms. Berry will be participating in all aspects of the church's ministry.

A native of Port Washington, N. Y., Ms. Berry in September will travel to Germany as part of an exchange program, and she hopes to graduate from Duke in 1984 with a master of divinity degree.

Graduates

Ida Seward Moore graduated cum laude in North Carolina Central University's 71st annual commencement exercises on Sunday. She received a bachelor of science degree in recreation.

Miss Moore is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Seward of Norlina.



A youngster on the Court House Square in Warrenton admires an art exhibit during Saturday's arts festival. The festival was sponsored jointly by art, music and vocation programs in the public schools, as well as exceptional programs and a reading program. (Community Schools Photo)

Arts Festival Held On Court House Lawn

Once again the weather did its part to make the Schools Arts Festival a success. Crowds of people attended this year's festival which was the second of its kind sponsored by Warren County Schools. The activities were staged on the Court House Square and were the joint effort of the art, music and vocational programs in the schools, as well as the Warren County Schools' Exceptional Programs and the ESEA Title Reading Program.

Arranged on the grounds of the Courthouse Square were pegboards and tables which displayed student work completed during the school year in classes taught by art instructors Victoria Lehman and Pam Brame, Violetta Poston, Albertha Valentine, Joyce Carroll, Jeff Hawkins, Rebecca Corbett, Claire Cooper and Ellender Coleman, instructors.

The Newold String Trio returned for this year's festival, after drawing listeners of all ages last year. The trio, composed of members of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, performed throughout the festival, and included in their repertoire magic tricks to illustrate various musical trends and themes. Several winners of the Warren County Schools Storytelling Contest performed during the festival, while students in the ESEA Title I program exhibited creative writing accomplishments. ESEA teachers who were responsible for the displays are Becky

Blaylock, Sheneque Jackson, Willie Rogers, Janice Honeycutt, Pamela Shearin, Roberta Scott, Catherine Kearney, Laura Spell, Ronnie Marable, Gwendolyn Levister, Dorothy Kearney, Cheryl Jones, Lucy Branch, Judy Carroll, Glenda Soloman, Melba Johnston, Shirley White and Brenda Hollowman.

Funds for the School Arts Festival were provided by the Grassroots Grant Program of the North Carolina Arts Council through the Community Schools Program. Those for the Very Special Arts Festival were provided through the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Emergency School Assistance Act (ESAA) and Warren County Schools.

Wife Of Mayor Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Margaret Lloyd White, wife of Mayor Beverly G. White of Warrenton, died at Warren General Hospital this morning (Wednesday) at 3 o'clock.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. James Tate of Henderson; a son, Charles "Chocky" White of Henderson; and her mother, Mrs. Lee Lloyd of a Henderson nursing home.

Funeral arrangements were not complete at 10 a. m. today.

Norlina Residents Killed

Suspect Arrested In Double Murder

Willie Joseph White, 53, black male, is being held in Warren County jail without privilege of bond, charged with the murder of his step-daughter, Margaret Norris, 40, and his step-granddaughter, Renee Norris, 16, at Norlina at around 6:30 a. m. Sunday.

Chief Romey Williams of the Norlina Police Department received a call at his home at 6:30 a. m. informing him that there had been a double murder at the trailer of Rose White at No. 1, North Street.

Williams said that he and Norlina Police Officer Willie Alexander arrived at the White home about 6:30 a. m. and entered the trailer. Williams said that they found lying on the floor of the bedroom the body of Margaret Norris, who had been shot in the head with a shotgun. In a corner of the same bedroom lay the body of Renee Norris, who had been shot in the stomach with the same weapon.

Chief Williams said that on Sunday, May 9, Willie Joseph White and his wife had a terrible fight at their home, and following the fight, his wife, Rose White, had gone to New York and then to Philadelphia, Pa., where she was at the time of the shooting.

Gene Ravenlo, who lives at the home of Margaret Norris, was an eye-witness to the shooting, according to Chief Williams. Ravenlo said that when White came to the home of Margaret Norris and asked her to get her clothes out of his trailer, that he and Renee Norris accompanied them to White's trailer. He said that White asked Mrs. Norris where was his wife. Mrs. Norris said that she did not know, whereupon he reached in a corner picked up a shotgun and shot Mrs. Norris in the head.

When Mrs. Norris was shot, Renee Norris grabbed a pillow and held it before her chest as she cried out "Rose is in Philadelphia." The second blast from the shotgun riddled the pillow and blew a hole in the stomach of the teenager.

Following the shooting, Willie J. White fled.

Chief Williams called the Warrenton Police Department soon after the shooting which put out an all-points bulletin for the arrest of Willie Joseph White.

At 3:30 p. m. Sunday, Bishopville, S. C. police notified Warren County

officials that they had surrounded the former home of White where his car was parked, but that they were delaying the arrest because a number of children were in the home. About 9 p. m. Sunday night the Bishopville officials notified War-

ren officials that White was in custody.

Early Monday morning Warren County Deputy Sheriff Bobby Dean Bolton and Chief Romey Williams of Norlina left for Bishopville. They returned around 5 p. m. Monday and (Continued on page 16)

Dates For Voting Given For Warren

Mrs. Ruby Jones, supervisor of elections for Warren County, has announced the revised schedule for primary elections this year.

June 1 is the registration deadline for voting in the primary.

June 24 is the last date for the issuance of absentee ballot applications, and June 28 is the deadline for returning absentee ballots.

Those who will be out of town on election day, but who do not wish to vote by absentee ballot, may participate in "One-stop" vot-

ing. They may cast their votes at the County Board of Elections office at the Hendricks Building on Front Street from June 2 to June 24. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. from now until election time.

However, to be eligible for one-stop voting, residents must bring evidence of their inability to vote on election day.

The date of the first primary is June 29. The second primary, if needed, has been set for July 27.

Chamber Directors Hear Goals Review

The Board of Directors of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting Tuesday.

Charles Hayes, president, reviewed goals set at the beginning of the year and the status of each at the present.

Several of the goals have been accomplished. Norlina and Warrenton have been redesignated Communities of Excellence, and the chamber has initiated the publication of a newsletter for local merchants.

However, Hayes noted that the chamber has fallen far short of its goal of 20 new members for the year.

He also noted that plans for the Christmas parade are underway, and that the chamber has recommended to the Board of Commissioners the hiring of a full-time economic developer for the county.

One of the chamber's goals was to have one person from the county appointed to a statewide policy board. This goal has not been accomplished, largely because few appointments are being

made at this time by the Hunt administration, due to a revamping of its policy on appointments.

Hayes reported that the chamber is now officially incorporated and expressed appreciation to William L. Griffin with the firm of Perry Kittrell Blackburn & Blackburn for his donation of time and effort in processing the articles of incorporation.

Hayes also reported on a trip to Raleigh to attend a seminar presented by a Laurinburg development team that took Laurinburg from the lower quarter of 100 North Carolina counties in manufacturing wages in 1959 to the top 10 in the state in manufacturing wages in 1982. He noted that the town of 11,000 has a Chamber of Commerce budget of \$119,000, and shared with the directors some of the various aspects of the community's commitment to development.

The closing of stores for Memorial Day was discussed, and David Gardner, chairman of the merchants committee said that (Continued on page 16)



Warren Academy's 1981-82 yearbook has been dedicated to John Milam Ross and wife, Ann. Shown during a ceremony at which time a copy of the annual was presented to the honored couple are, seated, left to right, Margaret Ross, editor; Mr. and Mrs. Ross, and Mrs. Mildred Johnson, sponsor. Standing are, from left, Amy Dickerson, Debra Brown, Dean Smith, Stewart Johnson, Jennifer Harris, Paula Hayes and Sherry Wilson. (Staff Photo)