

The Warren Record

PCB-Laced Soil Removal Begun Here

Fair To Begin On Monday

By KAY HORNER
Staff Writer
The annual Warren County Fair, which has been held every year since 1936 with the exception of the years during World War II, will begin a six-day run here on Monday.

The fair, sponsored by the Warrenton Lions Club, is scheduled to continue through Saturday with gates opening at 6 p. m. each day except Wednesday, school day, when gates will open at noon, and Saturday when the games will open at 2 p. m. for a special (Continued on page 18)

Change Is Made In Voting Place

Warren County voters in the 12th (Roanoke) Precinct who have been voting at the Elam Community House on State Road 1360 will now vote at the Roanoke Wildwood Fire Company on Eaton Ferry Road, Littleton, according to Mrs. Ruby Jones, Warren County supervisor of elections.
The County Board of Elections voted to make the change in the polling place because the Elam Community House was without adequate heat and indoor plumbing and the entrance presented a hazard to voters.

Norlina Native Murdered In Virginia; Two Charged

Henry Rodwell, a native of Norlina and the son of the late Pink and Lettie Rodwell, was killed Sunday, September 5, in Charlottesville, Va. Funeral services were conducted this past Sunday from Norlina Baptist Church.

The following article is taken from the September 10 issue of The Cavalier Daily of Charlottesville.

By JOHN MORRIS
Henry Rodwell was best known as the day cook at University Diner, but he was best loved for his cheerfulness and his willingness to go out of his way to help a friend.

Local Restaurant Opens Monday

Mrs. Jan Gardner Crenshaw of Warrenton is the new manager of The Carriage House on Main Street in Warrenton.

The seven-year old restaurant, which was closed for a brief time and recently re-opened under new management, is open daily.



Hundreds of Warren County residents turned out Sunday for a march from the old Afton School to the PCB dump site south of Warrenton. Vows to stop the dumping were heard here on the eve of the state's attempt to rid more than 200 miles of roadside of

PCB-laced soil. The chemical linked to cancer in laboratory animals, was illegally dumped in the summer of 1978. More than 20 miles of the damaged roadside is in Warren County. (Staff Photo)

Beautification Committee Named

A Town Beautification Committee, tentatively appointed by Mayor Beverly White, was approved by the Board of Warrenton Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday night.
All the nominees have been contacted and agreed to serve, Mayor White said. The com-

missioners unanimously approved the formation of a beautification committee composed of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. James Frazier, co-chairmen; Mrs. Grace Miles, Mrs. Edith Gary Spruill, Mrs. Anne Rodwell and Richard Hunter.
Three visitors ap-

peared before the commissioners at the Monday night meeting and were recognized by Mayor White who presided over the meeting, also attended by all the commissioners, Town Attorney Charles T. Johnson and Town Administrator V. R. "Pete" Vaughan.

The first visitor recognized by Mayor White was Steve Young, representing Smith-Douglass Fertilizer Company. He requested that the site of a gin on Hall Street be changed from multiple business to roadside business in order to make the site more saleable. He was informed by Mayor White that before any action is taken, the request must be

referred to the Planning Board and the board of Adjustment. Mayor White said he would refer the written request to the proper authorities.

Former Auditor Lonnie Shuping of Louisville, the second visitor to be recognized, spoke briefly, congratulating the commissioners on the progress the town has made in its financial condition during the past year. He prophesied that present policies would lead to further improvement in the town's position.

The third visitor was Monroe Gardner, Warrenton businessman, who requested permission to set up a game room using video

machines in a building formerly used as a fish market directly back of Evan's Pool Room, with its entrance facing East Franklin Street. This request was finally granted to the satisfaction of Gardner, but not without considerable discussion by the commissioners and reference to the law books by the town attorney, over the question of amount of taxes that could be charged for the privilege of operating such a game room.

Unlike pool rooms where a tax may be levied upon each table, a \$10 privilege tax would be levied as the privilege tax for a game room, whether one (Continued on page 18)



This self-contained mobile headquarters for the North Carolina Highway Patrol was brought into Warrenton on Monday and will be on hand today (Wednesday) to assist local law enforcement officers with any traffic problems that might arise when the first truckloads of PCB-laden soil are transported into the hazardous waste landfill in the Afton area, according to Sgt. Cecil Wilkins with the Highway Patrol. The mobile unit is equipped with radio equipment for communication with patrol units in the immediate area and surrounding counties, and with two telephones. (Staff Photo)

State Begins Big Operation

By BIGNALL JONES
Editor Of The Record
As The Warren Record, which contains a page advertisement concerning the disposal of PCBs, signed by Heman Clark, secretary of the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, was going to press at 10 o'clock this morning (Wednesday), State Highway trucks containing PCBs laced soil from 210 miles of roadway were moving toward a landfill in Warren County near Afton under police escort, and a group of Concerned Citizens Against PCBs were marching toward the landfill, according to plans announced at a group meeting at the courthouse on Tuesday night.

According to that announcement, whether the march would be a peaceful demonstration or a physical attempt to stop the trucks was to be decided at a meeting at South Warren School beginning at 8 o'clock, according to the Rev. Luther Brown, one of the speakers at the Tuesday night meeting.

The Concerned Citizens Against PCBs had staged a march from the school to the landfill on Sunday afternoon in protest to the dumping of PCBs in Warren County, and on Monday had made additional appeals to Governor Hunt and to Senator Jesse Helms to stop the dumping of the PCBs at Afton. Governor Hunt in refusing to grant a public hearing to a Warren County group said there were no alternatives. Office aides to Senator Helms said that he refused to become involved in this issue.

A crowd estimated by state newspaper reporters and television representatives at from 230 to 300, met for more than two hours in the courthouse in a meeting reminiscent of an athletic pep rally in that almost every charge of bad faith and promise of continued defiance was met by both cheers and standing ovations from the audience. Jim Ward presided over the meeting in which Ken Ferruccio, head of the Warren County Concerned Citizens Against PCBs, was the principal speaker. He warned that the Afton project could signal the spread of other hazardous waste dump sites.

"We will have to fight it here," Ferruccio said. "We have to stop it here or it will proliferate throughout the state of North Carolina."

He warned that any demonstration should be non-violent. All of Warren County should turn out to fight the deposit of soil, he said, "or be in jail." He said that he had met "a great leader" in the person of the Rev. Leon White. The crowd gave him a standing ovation and sustained applause.

Other speakers were Henry Pitchford, presi-

Holiday Is Denied

The Warren County Board of Education voted Monday night to allow school children who might wish to participate in anti-PCB dumping demonstrations to be given excused absences from school.

The vote came minutes after a vote to call a county-wide school holiday for September 15 — the day the state begins cleaning up more than 200 miles of roadside laced with PCBs — failed by a 3-2 margin. Board member Henry Pitchford called for the holiday, and his motion was seconded by Harold Harris. Voting against the motion were Board Chairman Henry Bobbitt, Leigh Traylor and Mrs. Kathy Wilson.

On the vote to grant excused absences, the three members voting, against the Pitchford motion earlier voted to allow students to take part in anti-PCB demonstrations without penalty. Pitchford, and Harris abstained on the vote.

The vote was called after Jim Ward, representing the Citizens Concerned About PCB, told the board that "the citizens of Warren County are engaged in a fight to protect our environment." He asked the board to declare Wednesday "a day of unity" and asked that schools be closed for the day.

Supt. Mike Williams objected to the proposed holiday, which he called "a major and drastic step which I do not feel (Continued on page 18)

Board Agrees To Replace Line

In its regular meeting on Monday night, the Norlina Town Board voted to replace the water line on Division Street due to damage caused by trucks on the road, and to install a larger water line on Darden street, along with a fire hydrant, according to Mrs. Mae Givens, town clerk.

The board also voted to purchase a fingerprint kit for the Norlina Police Department, and discussed further the removal of the Seaboard Station which will be donated to the town.