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**HAPPY REUNION**—Warrenton quail hunter Robert V. Allen, right, is reunited with his bird dog, "Preacher," after a successful rescue effort carried out by fireman David Proctor, left. Proctor was lowered more than 30 feet into an abandoned Grove Hill well Thursday afternoon to rescue the dog. (Staff Photo)

## Fireman Enters Well To Rescue Bird Dog

By HOWARD JONES

A Warren County volunteer fireman Thursday afternoon was lowered 33 feet down an abandoned well and rescued a 13-year-old bird dog named "Preacher" which had survived a plunge down the well shaft hours earlier.

The successful rescue attempt took place in the Grove Hill Community of Warren County, and was not without its moments of tension.

The fireman, David Proctor of Eaton Avenue, Warrenton, had to be hauled up the well shaft by hand after a winch on a rural firetruck failed to operate.

The incident began on a mild Thursday afternoon as the dog's owner (and Proctor's next-door neighbor), Robert V. Allen, a Warrenton insurance executive, was quail hunting with Gid W. King, Oakville farmer, and A. H. "Hamp" Bryson, retired Warrenton automobile dealer.

In the middle of the afternoon, they noticed that one of the three dogs with which they were hunting had disappeared. After much calling and searching, Allen finally followed the sound of faint barking to the abandoned well into which "Preacher" had fallen.

The three were unable to rescue the dog, and returned to Warrenton, where Allen sought the help of

the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department. Proctor, Chief A. A. Wood and Kenny Clayton took a woods truck to Grove Hill, drove a half-mile into the woods and found the well.

As the firemen were removing debris from atop the well, an old piece of roadscraper blade fell from the side of the shaft and fell down the well, narrowly missing the stranded dog.

Proctor then put a safety rope around his waist and hooked a winch wire from the truck to his foot and began his descent down the well. He reached about a foot of water at the well's bottom and lifted the dog into his arms. "Preacher" responded by licking the fireman on his neck and the two began their way to the surface.

About three-fourths up the shaft the winch malfunctioned. A smaller rope was then lowered into the well and tied to the dog and Chief Wood pulled the dog to safety. Allen, Clayton and Wood then pulled Proctor up the remaining distance with the safety rope.

Allen said after the rescue that he wanted to thank local firemen for coming to his assistance, and that he wanted especially to thank Proctor, "who risked his life to save my much loved bird dog, 'Preacher'."

## Tobacco Farmers In Warren Get 6.2 Million Pound Quota Cut Of 9 Percent Made For This Year

Warren County tobacco growers have an effective 100 percent quota of 6,287,691 pounds for 1983. This represents a cut of 9 percent, or 610,812 pounds less than 1982, Thomas E. Watson, executive director of the Warren County ASCS office, reported this week.

Watson noted that farmers of the county marketed 7,109,777 pounds or 3 percent more than the 1982 effective quota of 6,989,503 pounds. Of the 11 communities in Warren County, all overmarketed their 1982 quota except three, Fishing Creek, River and Warrenton.

Based on an average price of \$176.10 paid per hundred pounds for tobacco sold on the Warrenton market this past year, the 1982 tobacco crop for the county sold for \$12,520,317. This is \$2,421,844 less than the crop brought in 1981 when the county's producers sold 9,279,117 pounds at an average of \$161.03 for \$1,492,161.

Farmers are allowed each year to market up to 110 percent of their effective quota without penalty. When farmers sell over 100 percent of their quota, the poundage is deducted from the following year's quota. Likewise, when farmers sell less than their quota, the undermarketings are added to the next year's quota.

Producers were allowed to deliver to Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation tobacco poundage over 110 percent of their quota in 1982. Warren County producers delivered 378,623 pounds on 111 farms which will be deducted from their 1983 quotas. According to Watson, this help may not be available next year. His office has been advised that there will not be a carryover program for the 1983 crop.

### Three Are Jailed Following Entry

Three young Warren County men charged with breaking into a summer home on Kerr Lake were jailed here this week in lieu of \$500 bond each.

The three, Alvin Milam, 20, and Eddie Mayfield, 19, both of Rt. 1, Manson, and William Leon Mayfield, 22, of Soul City, were arrested on charges of breaking, entering and larceny.

Warren Deputy Harold Seaman reported that the home of Roger E. Strickland at Kimball Point was entered after a glass on entry door had been smashed and the door unlocked.

Discovered missing when the break-in was reported Saturday were a television set valued at \$350, a stereo set with a value of \$200 and a speaker with a \$60 value.

Sheriff's deputies said the stolen stereo has been recovered.

### Firemen Receive \$20,000

The Warren County Commissioners at a special called meeting Thursday night agreed to donate \$20,000 to the Warren County Fire Association as an aid to the establishment of a radio system to replace the present telephone method of reaching firemen.

The meeting was called for the purpose of re-organizing the ABC Board, but two other items were placed on the agenda, one being the donation to the volunteer firemen, and the second was a hearing concerning the condition of the PCB landfill near Afton.

Captain Walter Gardner and Butch Meek of the Warren County Fire Commission appeared before the county commissioners at their November meeting with representatives of the Motorola Radio system, where the advantages of the radio system over the present telephone system were explained and where the firemen requested a donation of \$20,000 in order that the work on the project might be started early. At that time, the commissioners agreed to pay \$20,000 in early January if the funds were available.

Captain Gardner said following the meeting that all 12 of the Warren County Rural Volunteer Fire Departments would become a part of the system in which all firemen and their companies would be united by radio. In addition the Littleton Fire Company and the Warrenton Fire Company would also be included in the hook-up.

The \$50,000 additional cost of the system has been temporarily assumed by the firemen to be raised by special dinners and other forms of entertainment, with the hope that the county may be able to give further aid when the time comes for making up the budget.

Not only will the new system increase the effectiveness of the fire companies, Gardner said, but in the long run will save the county money.

## Warren County's 1982 Tobacco Sales Report

| Community     | Effective Quota | Pounds Sold | Pounds Under Marketed | Pounds Over Marketed |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Fishing Creek | 348,719         | 337,050     | 20,019                | 12,890               |
| Fork          | 248,176         | 264,208     | 6,573                 | 23,016               |
| Hawtree       | 957,274         | 1,014,776   | 20,013                | 75,722               |
| Judkins       | 532,841         | 542,919     | 9,214                 | 26,100               |
| Nutbush       | 821,360         | 843,362     | 32,884                | 49,586               |
| River         | 100,697         | 98,224      | 6,485                 | 3,308                |
| Sandy Creek   | 1,497,983       | 1,589,536   | 8,918                 | 93,926               |
| Sixpound      | 527,571         | 535,266     | 22,558                | 29,650               |
| Smith Creek   | 824,314         | 852,109     | 33,032                | 50,515               |
| Warrenton     | 784,513         | 771,148     | 55,461                | 44,026               |
| Shocco        | 255,055         | 261,179     | 7,625                 | 16,006               |
| TOTALS        | 6,898,503       | 7,109,777   | 222,782               | 424,745              |

### Special Term Ends Thursday

## Confusion Over Court Case Created By Insurance Issue

Confusion over a civil case heard last week during a special term of Warren County Superior Court was cleared Friday following the conclusion of the trial.

An out-of-court settlement, details of which were not made public, brought an end to the trial of Marvin P. (Marty) Rooker, a Warrenton attorney, vs. his father, W. F. Rooker. The evidence in the case was heard by a jury as Judge Hamilton Hobgood of Louisburg presided.

Due to the rules of civil procedures, and particularly a court order previously filed in

the matter with the clerk of Superior Court, the existence of insurance could not be revealed to prospective jurors by the parties, or their attorneys, in the lawsuit.

Attorney Rooker said following settlement of the case that several prospective jurors had expressed concern when, during the jury selection process, they were asked whether it bothered them that the case involved a son suing his father.

Since the insurance company was not named in the title of the case, many who read of

the case have expressed concern that Marty Rooker was suing his father.

Attorney Rooker said Friday that the lawsuit was instituted "solely for the purpose of collecting the liability insurance" and that "the Rooker family unity is as tight as ever."

### Board Has Members, No Chairman

The Warren County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is still without a chairman, as former Chairman William K. Lanier, Sr. refuses to stay on the board after being asked by the county commissioners to resign, in spite of a vote at a special meeting on Thursday of last week not to accept any resignations from the ABC Board.

Lanier reiterated a statement made earlier in the week that he did not intend to serve longer on the board where he has served for some 25 years, 12 of which have been as chairman.

"It's been a lot of fun," Lanier said in a telephone conversation yesterday afternoon, "but during the past six months the fun has largely disappeared because of dissension on the board. I bear no hard feelings to anyone over the action of the commissioners."

Bill Delbridge was rather indefinite when called late yesterday. He said that since the board had not accepted his resignation he was officially a member of the board, but did not know just what the board wants.

John Henry Palmer of Macon was definite. He

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## DSA Nomination Deadline Is Just Two Days Away

The deadline for nominations for the Warren County Jaycees Distinguished Service Award is two days away.

The DSA is presented each year to a young man under 35 who exhibits meritorious service to his family, community, and nation. It is the highest service award presented by the Jaycees.

The award will be presented at the DSA banquet set for Thursday, January 20, at 7 p. m. at the Warrenton Lions Den. The deadline for nominations is January 14.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the office of Nationwide In-

urance Agency on North Main Street or from any Warren County Jaycee member.

Other awards to be presented January 20 will be the Boss of the Year Award, Outstanding Young Educator Award, Outstanding Young Farmer Award, Outstanding Young Correctional Officer Award, Outstanding Young Fireman Award and a Faith in God Award. The Boss of the Year Award and Faith in God Award will be given for the first time this year, and neither has an age limit. All award recipients except the DSA winner can be women. The Boss of the Year winner must be the

employer of a Jaycee member.

DSA nominees must be 35 years of age or less. The nominee is not eligible if he became 36 before January 1.

The DSA nominee must be U. S. native or a naturalized citizen. He must work or live in Warren County.

Completed forms should be mailed to P. O. Box 631 or hand delivered to any Jaycee member.

For those who would like to attend the banquet, reservations are necessary. The guest speaker will be Frank Ilder, former state Jaycee official. The public is invited.