

These children performed "The Three Little Bears" and "Miss Lucy's Baby" when the Warrenton Head Start Center held its annual Master and Miss Head Start Contest recently. Winners of the contest were Tanesha Shearin, daughter of Ms.

Helen P. Shearin of Warrenton and Otis Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Perry of Warren Plains. Runners-up were Olinda Perry, Odessa Perry and Reginald Williams. (Staff Photo)

Astronomy Course To Be Held In Warren

Starting next month, Vance-Granville Community College will offer a beginning astronomy course for amateur astronomers. The 10-week course will be held on Thursdays from 7 to 10 p. m. beginning June 7 and continuing through August 16.

Classes are designed to teach the beginning astronomer to find objects in the night sky, constellation identification, basic solar system geography, and theory of telescope construction and use. Each student will have the opportunity to make use of an actual observatory as part of the laboratory portion of the course.

Dr. William R. Rose and S. T. Peace, III will serve as instructor for the course. The initial class session on June 7 will be held on campus, and thereafter students will car pool to the observatory located near Manson in Warren County. At the observatory they will have access to several telescopes ranging from a 13" Dobsonian and a 10" Schmidt Cassegrain to smaller refractors and Newtonians. Photographic facilities for astro-

photography are also available.

According to Dr. Rose, the course should be of interest to both beginning and intermediate astronomers, as well as to science teachers and others wanting to learn more about the subject.

A maximum of 15 students can be accepted into the class. Cost of the course is \$10. To register, call the VGCC Office of Continuing Education between 8:30 and 5:30 p. m. May 28-June 1.

Fire Alarm Call Proves To Be Without Foundation

A fire alarm at Warren Nursing Center this morning was apparently triggered either by a malfunction in the alarm system or

by cigarette smoke, according to Walter Gardner, captain with the Warrenton Rural Fire Department.

Gardner said the department responded to the 5:20 a. m. alarm with two units, but one unit, a tanker, was turned back before arrival after it was found that there was no fire.

The alarm indicated a fire in the recreation room of the center.

"There were cigarette butts on the floor of the rec room, but we have no proof that anyone was in there smoking," Gardner said.

An alarm at the nursing center, which is equipped with a sophisticated fire detection system, automatically calls out the Warrenton department and puts the Norlina Volunteer Fire Department on standby, Gardner said.

Thrower Finishes Aircraft Course

Senior Airman Donnell T. Thrower, son of Vaden J. Thrower of 30 Robinson Ferry Road, Littleton, and Grace N. Thrower of Baltimore, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force aircraft loadmaster course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

During the course, students were taught dual rail systems and winching techniques in order to implement and carry-out aircraft loading and unloading plans. They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Thrower is scheduled to serve at Norton Air Force Base, Calif., with the 53rd Military Airlift Squadron.

He is a 1980 graduate of John Graham High School, Warrenton.



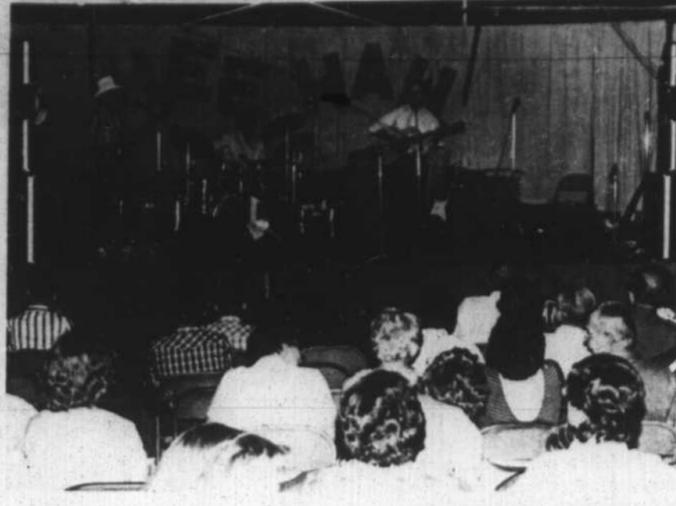
According to folklore, you can expect rain if an ant covers the hole to his nest.

Jobs Are Available

The Franklin - Vance - Warren Opportunity, Inc., Manpower Department is currently accepting applications for the regional Summer Youth Employment Program under the new Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

This program is designed to provide summer work experience, remedial education and vocational training for 444 youths who are economically disadvantaged and between the ages of 14-21.

For further information, contact your local Manpower Office or call 1-800-682-1163.



The country antics in the Seventh Annual Hee Haw production sponsored by the Ladies Auxilliary of the Afton-Elberon Volunteer Fire Department raised about \$2,300 for the purchase of firefighting equipment. Part of the crowd of more than 600 is shown above enjoying a performance by local musicians during the evening of entertainment Saturday night at High Dollar Warehouse in Warrenton. (Staff Photo)

Mrs. Jones Is Speaker At Women's Day Program

Mrs. Mary A. Jones of Rocky Mount was the guest speaker for the annual Women's Day Program at the Snow Hill Baptist Church on Sunday.

Mrs. Jones is a native of Warren County and was educated in the Warren County school system. She graduated from John R. Hawkins High School, and while attending school was very active in school, church, civic organizations and a dedicated worker in the voter registration movement.

She holds a B.S. Degree in Commerce from North Carolina Central University in Durham and is currently enrolled as a part-time student in the graduate program at East Carolina University in Greenville. She is seeking a Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in Business and Office Education. She is employed by the Wilson County School System as a business education teacher at Hunt High School in Wilson.

Mrs. Jones has one daughter, Carletta Jones, a student at Howard University in Washington, D. C.

Laser Beam

(Continued from Page 12) able to reconstruct internal organs with a laser. In one case he was able to rebuild the pinhead-size tips of a young woman's damaged and blocked Fallopian tubes.

Microsurgery that might have lasted seven hours took only one, and the woman conceived a child six months later.

The laser's ability to operate in the microscopic realm comes to the fore in experimental genetic surgery, where a laser borehole in a red blood cell measures only half a micron wide. A human hair, by comparison, is about 80 microns wide.

Rather than just react to health problems, lasers someday may be able to head them off. Richard Zare, a laser chemist at Stanford University, has come up with a laser-induced fluorescence, or LIF, an ultrasensitive method of detecting chemicals in gases and liquids.

Says Zare, "I believe lasers will play a key role in future medical analysis to detect insulin in human serum, for example. With LIF we could probe blood, sweat and tears — like checking a car's exhaust to learn its running condition — and determine a person's health in time to give him a minor tuneup, before he needs a major

She is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. She is an active member of her church, civic and professional groups, having been an officer in her church young-adult missionary group, city-wide missionary group, as well as an officer on the district and state level.



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