

The Warren Record



Like the statue on this canoe ride at the Warren County Fair, the Warrenton Lions are looking for hundreds of fair-goers to take advantage of the entertainment offered by the week-long event which

they sponsor annually. The fair will run through Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Warren County Fairgrounds, with entertainment by Inners Amusement Company on the midway. (Staff Photo)

Rice, Enriched Flour Among Items To Be Distributed Free In Warren

Surplus food from the U. S. Department of Agriculture will be distributed to low income families in Warren County by the County Social Services Department on Wednesday, Sept. 26, according to Julian Farrar, director.

Distribution will begin at 8:30 a. m. at the National Guard Armory in Warrenton and will continue until 3 p. m. or until all food items are distributed. The following scale for family size and monthly income, respectively, will be used to determine eligibility for the food items: one, \$540; two, \$728; three, \$917; four, \$1,105.

Those now receiving food stamps or their representatives will have to show their Food Stamp ID Card and their name must appear on the current Food Stamp Printout, Farrar said. Those not receiving food stamps will have to sign a form at the distribution site declaring the amount of monthly income, which cannot exceed the amounts indicated

above. Anyone picking up food items for an invalid or house bound individual must bring a signed statement from the individual showing income level and approval of the food to be received by their representative. Volunteers are again requested to help with the distribution, Farrar said. To volunteer, call 257-3242.

Ordinances Discussed At Session

Members of the Warrenton Planning Board and town commissioners met with Bob Chandler, chief of planning of the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, in an hour and a half meeting in the Town Hall at 7:30 o'clock on Tuesday night. Mayor B. G.

White presided over the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review Planning Board and Board of Adjustment Ordinances. The ordinances were read item by item by Mayor White, and discussed by him, Chandler and planning board members, with suggestions for

changes offered by each, and noted on the ordinance pages. A copy of these changes was taken by Chandler for further study and re-writing by Chandler's department. Chandler's re-writing will have to be first approved by the Planning Board before adoption by the Board of Com-

missioners after a public hearing. Commissioners present at the Tuesday night meeting were Gordon Halthcock, W. A. Miles and Charles M. White, III. Planning Board members present were Mrs. Herman S. Andersen, McCarroll Alston, Lee Cheek, Jeff Palmer, Ann Harris and Lawrence Boyd.

Balloon Brings Long Distance Friendship

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer
Twelve-year-old Kerry Harris of the Afton-Elberon community has learned that friendships can be initiated with unseen persons without leaving grandmother's front yard. On the September 3 birthday of her grandmother, Mrs. Katie Joyner, also of Afton-Elberon, Kerry launched a helium-filled balloon which her grandmother had received as a birthday remembrance. On the outside of the balloon she attached a paper on which was written her name and address, with the hope that someone would discover the balloon and notify her. Her hopes were realized on September 10, when a three-year-old girl, Bethany Gayle Reynolds of Manchester, N. H., found the balloon during a visit

to her grandfather's farm in Callands, Va., a small farming community outside Chatham, Va. Kerry recently received a letter written by the child's mother, explaining that Bethany and her family discovered the birthday balloon as they walked along a dirt road leading to a pond on the farm. Ironically, Bethany and her mother had celebrated their birthdays on September 8, making the balloon discovery a belated birthday surprise. Kerry's mother, Mrs. Cecile Rupp, related her daughter's excitement at hearing from the finder of the balloon. Kerry has written a letter to Bethany and hopes to learn more about her new young friend. Kerry is also the daughter of David Harris of Warrenton.

Warren Schools Have Change In Principals

Three Posts Are Affected

By MARY C. HARRIS
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At a special called meeting of the Warren County Board of Education on Friday, Sept. 14, board members accepted the resignation of Ben Howard, principal of John Graham Middle School, thereby prompting additional changes within the school system. W. T. Ramey, principal of North Warren Elementary School, was appointed to fill the position vacated by Howard, and Costel Evans, assistant principal at Warren County High School, was elected to replace Ramey.



HOWARD



RAMEY



EVANS

In announcing the changes, which are effective September 25, Superintendent Mike Williams expressed regret at losing Howard who he said "has been a good principal and has rendered fine service" to the system. He added, "However, we feel fortunate to have two good men to step in and fill the vacancies."

Howard's resignation resulted from his recent appointment to the principalship of Woodlawn Middle School in the Alamance County town of Mebane. The school serves the eastern zone of the county. At the time of his resignation, Howard was beginning his 15th year in the Warren County system. Before joining the staff at John Graham, he had served as principal of Vaughan Elementary School for three years, and prior to that tenure, had taught at John Graham High School.

A native of Washington, he earned the Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in education degrees at East Carolina University in Greenville. He is currently working toward an educational specialist degree at the university. He has done additional graduate work at N. C. State University in Raleigh and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Howard and his wife Helen, a native of Warren County, and their children, 15-year-old Beth and 12-year-old Jeff, will move from their home in Afton to Mebane.

He indicated that he has enjoyed his time of service with the school system and hopes that he has made some contribution to the education of the county's children. Howard said, "I look forward to a new place, a new challenge, and a new situation." In replacing Howard as the principal of John Graham Middle School, W. T. Ramey, III brings 17 years of experience as a professional educator. The Henderson (Continued on page 5B)

Bids Are Being Sought

First Step Is Being Taken To Repair Hospital Roof

By KAY HORNER
News Editor
The first step toward repair of a badly deteriorating roof at Warren General Hospital is being taken this week with advertisement of bids for the work, according to Charles Worth, county manager.

The project, which is being supervised by the Rocky Mount architectural firm of C. Robert Shields, will be funded from a \$152,000 grant awarded the county last March and \$80,000 in matching funds from the county.

All of those funds must be used for structural improvements at the facility, according to the terms of the grant. Funds remaining after roof repair will be used for renovation of a nurse's station, Worth said. Leaks in the roof have caused severe damage to the interior of the facility and have limited the number of rooms at the hospital which can be utilized. Shields, who was authorized by the county commissioners last year to formulate a master plan for Warren County health systems, in May presented a proposal for renovation of the hospital in conjunction with construction of a new Health Department at a total estimated cost of \$3,482,000.

The commissioners have taken no action on the proposal, and in July turned to the N. C. Office of Rural Health for assistance in a study to determine how the financially troubled hospital could be converted into a viable health care facility. In a related matter, Worth said the hospital this week was commended by the Division of Facility Services of the N. C. Department of Human Resources for recent improvements in the delivery of health care. The Facility Services staff periodically inspects health care facilities

as a part of on-going certification for federal Medicare and Medicaid programs, Mrs. Amy Norwood, acting hospital administrator

said yesterday. The commendation was for general overall improvements in hospital operation, she said.

Victim Improving

Mrs. King Injured In Saturday Wreck

Warren County Deputy Finance Officer Roberta W. King of Littleton was reported improving this week in Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids following an automobile accident in which she was injured Saturday night.

The accident occurred about 8 p. m., according to 1st/Sgt. S. S. Bailey with the Highway Patrol, on U. S. 158 near the intersection with R. R. 1349.

Also injured in the accident was Erving Jackson Carter, driver of the other car, of Rt. 1, Littleton and John Jackson, a passenger in Carter's car. Both were treated and released from Halifax Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. King, 63, was traveling west on U. S. 158 in her 1981 Ford when a 1971 Oldsmobile driven by Carter at-

tempted to pass another vehicle and struck Mrs. King's car head-on. Mrs. King's car was knocked backward, according to reports, and onto the shoulder of the road before overturning. Carter's car skidded around and came to rest facing north on the shoulder of the road.

Carter, 44, was charged with improper passing, no operator's license and hit-and-run driving. Damage to Mrs. King's car was estimated at \$4,000 and damage to Carter's automobile was listed at \$1,000.

When the accident occurred, Mrs. King was returning home after visiting her husband, Robert, a patient at Halifax Memorial Hospital. He is recovering from injuries received recently in a tractor accident.

\$5 Million Plateau Reached By Growers

The Warrenton Tobacco Market passed the \$5 million dollar mark in sales Tuesday as growers presented offerings on four warehouse floors. Mrs. Alice R. Robertson, sales supervisor, said farmers Tuesday sold 402,954 pounds for \$745,183.14, for an average of \$184.93 per hundred pounds. Stabilization got 17 percent of the leaf. For the 1984 season, the Warrenton market has sold 3,080,104 pounds for \$5,405,338.44, for an average of \$175.49 per hundred pounds. Thus far this season Stabilization has received 20 percent of the offerings. Mrs. Robertson said the Warrenton Market will conduct sales on Monday and Wednesday of next week.