



Members of the newly formed "Citizens Against Drugs" (CAD) met last week for an organizational meeting. Shown above are group members (left to right, front row) Irene Robinson, president; Jackie Cameron, vice president; Sgt. C. E. Mustian, Warrenton Police Department; Sophia Bolton, assistant secretary; and Warren County Sheriff

Theo Williams; (second row) Mattie Boyd, coordinator; Gwendetta Tunstall, secretary; Annette Burrows, treasurer; Warrenton Police Chief Freddie Robinson; and Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams. Not shown is assistant treasurer Patricia Jones. (Staff Photo)

Coalition Formed By Citizens Disturbed Over Misuse Of Drugs

Citizens and local law enforcement officers concerned with drug abuse among Warren County youth have formed a coalition which they hope will take the fight against illegal drugs into churches, schools and civic groups.

Citizens Against Drugs (CAD) is the brainchild of Mrs. Mary J. Somerville, chief jailor at Warren County Jail, and Mrs. Mattie Boyd, owner and operator of Boyd's Day Care Center.

"I see a lot of kids and adults in trouble in my work," Mrs. Somerville said this week, "and most of their trouble began when they were on drugs or alcohol. Not too many level-headed people get into trouble."

Mrs. Somerville said that although she was only one person and the problem was county-wide that she felt compelled to address the issue and contacted Mrs. Boyd about starting a drug-awareness group.

What began as a church-sponsored project at Refuge Mission Church in Warrenton, which Mrs. Somerville attends, became a broader-based effort at the urging of Warren County Sheriff Theo Williams.

"The sheriff felt we would have more participation if we invited people throughout the county to join in our efforts," Mrs. Somerville commented.

CAD met for the first time last week and among the objectives outlined were:

- Establishing an environment in which parents and children could work jointly on projects;

- Decreasing the incidence of drug experimentation by providing activities to keep youth off the streets;

- Distribution of literature on the dangers of illegal drug use;

- Assisting community groups in their efforts to fight drug abuse;

- Counseling students on the harmful effects of drug abuse;

- Involving the school system in CAD's work.

"We want to let the kids see that somebody is interested," Mrs. Somerville explained. She countered the assumption that drug abuse only occurs in big cities with the assertion that "you can get anything in Warrenton you can get in New York."

CAD hopes to have within its membership the resources to enable various groups and organizations to make one phone call and get needed information on drug abuse and its treatment.

"In so many groups, you have to run to Tom, Dick and Harry before you find the person who can help you," she explained.

According to Mrs. Somerville, representatives of the Warren County commissioners, Sheriff's Department, Board of Education, and Norlina and Warrenton police departments were contacted prior to CAD's meeting last week and all granted endorsement to the organization.

Currently, CAD has no funds and its members don't seem as concerned at this point about money as they do community participation. In

its initial projects, Mrs. Somerville said CAD will depend on resources such as films and literature available free of charge from state and county agencies and other concerned groups.

"We've got to build and plan and it's going to take more than the group we've got now to make the program work," she said.

A support group has been named to assist CAD in its work in the community. Members are:

Robert Terry, Warren County probation and parole officer and minister of Refuge Mission Church; Dorothy Smith of the County Health Department; Dr. Gary Parker, pastor of Warrenton Baptist Church; Patricia Jones of the Department of Social Services; Paul Kearney, Warren County teachers; Rosalind Gilliam, elementary supervisor for Warren County schools; Jennie Franklin, Chapter 1 and media programs supervisor for Warren County schools; and Sgt. Eugene Mustian with the Warrenton Police Department.

The group's next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 27 at the Warren County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m.

"We want to emphasize that the meeting is open to the public," Mrs. Somerville said. "We want to be sure people know that we need their support."

For more information on CAD, contact Mrs. Somerville at 456-4239, Mrs. Boyd at 257-2468 or the Sheriff's Department at 257-3364.

Taylor Finishes USAF Training At Colo. Base

Airman Roland Taylor, son of Marie Taylor of Warrenton, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force material facilities course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.

During the course, students were taught supply storage and handling techniques for classification and identity of Air Force inventories. They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1984 graduate of Warren County High School.

Maples Contribute Much Color To Fall Splendor

Many of the brightly colored trees you see this fall will be maples. There are several species in North Carolina and most of them are suitable for planting around the home for summer shade and fall color.

The three most common maples in the state are sugar maple, red maple and Norway maple. All of these provide excellent shade and brilliant colors of red, orange and yellow in the fall, according to Agricultural Extension Service specialists at North Carolina State University.

The silver maple, on the other hand, is not recommended as a landscape tree. It is sold at discount stores and is often planted on sites where it really does not belong. The wood is brittle and, once the tree reaches a certain size, it can be a hazard to people and property during wind and ice storms.

The root system often causes problems with sidewalks, drives and septic tanks.

Maples will grow in a wide range of conditions. They grow best, however, in moist locations in either full sun or shade.

When planting a maple tree, be sure to choose a large open site. Dig the hole twice the

size of the rootball and mix in plenty of organic material such as decayed leaves, compost or sawdust. Water well and stake if necessary. You can plant maples in either fall or spring. Fertilize in early spring or summer.

There are no serious pest problems with maples. However, galls sometimes disfigure the leaves and alarm homeowners.

For other information on growing shade trees, contact your county agricultural extension office.



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Warren County Sheriff Theo Williams and Mary Somerville, coordinator for "Citizens Against Drugs" (CAD), are shown above discussing some of the ways local citizens can become involved in the group's fight against drug abuse among the county's youth. (Staff Photo)

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