



Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, Democratic candidate for governor, brought his campaign to Warrenton on Tuesday, one week before voters will make their choices known for offices ranging from the court house to the White House. Edmisten, speaking in front of the Warren Court House, said he was ignoring the advice of advisors in not spending his time in the more populous Piedmont, and wanted to come to small counties like Warren which had

given him his victory margins in previous campaigns. At Edmisten's left is Herb King, Warrenton native who now lives in Wake County and who accompanied him here; and to King's left is Warrenton Attorney Al Thompson, who serves as Edmisten's county co-manager, along with Sheriff Theo Williams and former Sheriff Clarence Davis.

(Staff Photo)

10,660 Eligible To Vote Here Tuesday

Candidates Await Verdict Of Voters

Warren County voters are expected to go to the polls in large number next Tuesday as Americans take part in the November 6 General Election.

A total of 10,660 Warren voters are eligible to cast ballots next Tuesday, Mrs. Ruby W. Jones, supervisor of elections, said yesterday.

That number is up significantly from the presidential election of four years ago, she noted. In 1980 a total of 8,159 Warren residents were eligible to vote.

Just how many voters are likely to cast ballots in Warren is open to speculation, Mrs. Jones acknowledged, but she said the number of requests for absentee ballots indicates that interest in the scores of elective posts to be decided is high.

A total of 164 one-stop and civilian absentee ballots have been sought, she said. Eighteen overseas absentee ballots have been dispatched, as have 34 military absentee ballots.

On paper, the election in Warren County looks like a Democratic run-away, according to the registration figures. Democrats registered in the county number 10,211, while Republicans number only 390. There are two registered Libertarians and 57 unaffiliated voters.

Of Warren's 10,660 eligible voters, 5,949 are black, 4,369 are white, 341 are Indian and one is Oriental.

Voters, whether voting by machine or paper ballots, will face a host of contested and non-contested races, plus a state constitutional amendment.

The polls are scheduled to open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Jones predicted that the precincts with voting machines —Hawtree, Nutbush, West Warrenton, East Warrenton and Norlina—could have vote tabulations as early as 8:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Topping the ballot for Warren voters will be

that for President, a battle between President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush, Republicans, and Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro, Democrats. On the Presidential ballot are Libertarian President-

tial hopeful David Bergland and Socialist Workers candidate Mel Mason, and their respective running mates.

Tuesday's vote will mark the culmination of a hotly contested senatorial race between in-

cumbent Sen. Jesse Helms and Gov. James B. (Jim) Hunt, Jr. Also on that ballot are Bobby Yates Emory of the Libertarian Party and Socialist Workers candidate Kate Daher.

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Four Flee As Fire Discovered

Two Warren Children Die When Flames Sweep Home

By HOWARD JONES

Two children spending the weekend together at their grandmother's rural Warren County home were killed when flames gutted the house early Sunday morning.

Killed in the blaze were Walter F. Miller, Jr., an eight-year-old Ridgeway boy, and his first cousin, six-year-old Jonathan Jiggetts of Rt. 2, Norlina.

The two died when fire swept through the modern four-bedroom brick home located a stone's throw from White's Grove Christian Church, situated on a paved road leading from west of Norlina to Oine. The scene of the tragedy is about two miles west of Norlina.

Norlina Deputy Fire Chief Al Bennett said Monday that authorities believe the blaze was caused by faulty wiring in an attic near the two bedrooms in which the victims were found.

One of the victims, found unburned but overcome by smoke and heat, was given artificial respiration for about 30 minutes by Warren Deputy Sheriff T. H. McCaffity and Norlina fireman Coleman Mustian, Bennett said, but attempts to revive the youngster were futile.

The youngster had been found lying between a closet and a chest-of-drawers by Norlina fireman Butch Meek, who arrived early on the scene but who had to wait for arrival of fire apparatus to get an air-

pack before he could enter the smoke and flame filled house.

Units from Norlina, Hawtree and Ridgeway responded to the call, which was received by Norlina firemen at 12:20 a. m. Sunday.

Damage to the home, believed to be six or seven years old, was estimated at \$40,000, and to its contents, \$10,000.

Deputy Chief Bennett, himself a state trooper, said there was no sign of

fire when firemen arrived. When entry was attempted, oxygen fed the flames, which created an intense heat estimated to be as high as 1,500 degrees.

During the effort to recover the victims and contain the fire, two firemen, Meek and fellow firefighter Bobby Wilkinson, were overcome by smoke and had to be administered oxygen at the scene.

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Plans Are Outlined For Fall Festival

The Warren Academy Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 3, will offer entertainment for persons of all ages. Mrs. Cal White, president of the sponsoring parent-teacher organization, has announced the day's schedule of activities to take place at the Warrenton Lions Den.

Chairpersons for the festival are Mrs. Harry Jackson Carter, Mrs. Frank Killian, and Mrs. Luther Perkinson. They will be assisted by parents and friends of the school in conducting the events which will begin with student field day activities at 10 a. m. and continue throughout the day, ending with an auction at 8:30 p. m. Hot dogs and Brunswick stew will be available at 11 a. m.; booths and games will operate from 12 noon until 6:30 p. m.; a ham and turkey buffet

will be served from 5:00 until 7:30 p. m.; student contests and raffle winners will be announced at 8 p. m.; and the 8:30 p. m. auction will close the festival.

Booths will offer an assortment of goods for sale, including crafts, Christmas items, baked goods, home-canned goods, and peanuts. Entertainment will consist of bingo, various children's games, cake walk, face painting, horror house, and a MASH tent.

Tickets are available for the ham and turkey buffet. They may be purchased from any student at a cost of \$4.00.

Mrs. White encourages residents of the area to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy good food and entertainment and to shop for out-of-the-ordinary items.

Promises To Fight Pipeline

Edmisten Brings Vote Search Here

Gubernatorial Candidate Rufus Edmisten spent some 11th hour

campaign time in Warren County Tuesday, calling on a

court house square crowd in Warrenton to give him the same sup-

port that small-county voters had given him on several occasions as candidate for attorney general and this spring as candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Surrounded by campaign aides, Edmisten spoke from the courthouse steps, shortly after noon yesterday, telling those assembled that tax cuts recommended by his opponent, Congressman Jim Martin, would be disastrous for small counties like Warren.

Edmisten said any tax cut suggested by Martin could be better used to improve the quality of education in North Carolina.

And he hit on a theme close to the hearts of his audience when he said he would continue his strong opposition to efforts of Tidewater Virginia cities to draw water from Lake Gaston.

"They should clean up their own dirty waters," Edmisten said, noting that it would not be long once a pipeline was built to carry water from Lake Gaston to Virginia Beach, that every town along the way would want to tap onto the line.

Edmisten, who said he was reared in Watauga County, said the small counties of North Carolina need particular help.

"The big counties can take care of themselves," he told his audience, but the smaller counties, lacking the appeal of their larger counterparts, need special help.

In a taped interview earlier at The Warren Record, Edmisten, who served on the staff of U. S. Senator Sam Ervin, said he saw Senator Ervin last week, and although Ervin suffers from arthritis, his mind is clear as a bell, in spite of his 88 years. Speaking of the senator's loyalty to the Democratic Party, Edmisten said that if he hears of Senator Ervin endorsing anyone

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Golf Course Addition Approved

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer

Warrenton businessman Selby G. Benton gained final approval for a nine-hole addition to his golf course at Lake Gaston Estates at the October 25 meeting of the Warren County Planning Board. Four members of the board were present for the meeting in the board room of the Industrial Development Commission in the Taylor Building.

Benton, who serves as chairman of the plan-

ning board, also submitted a preliminary plan for a subdivision adjoining the addition to the golf course. No action was taken in regard to the subdivision.

Brian D. Hallock of North Wales, Pa., who is purchasing a 14-acre tract of land on Lake Gaston, requested permission to develop the parcel and to divide it into 14 individual lots. The Planning Board recommended that the development be allowed but denied his request for a variance from the

required 50-foot right-of-way within the development.

Other action taken by the board were the granting of approval for a three-lot subdivision for Mary W. Killebrew and for the division of property of the Willie M. Felts estate in Judkins Township into three lots.

After consideration of specific requests, members of the Planning Board continued to work on a zoning map for presentation to the Warren County Commissioners.



The North Warrenton Baptist Church building is steadied on a trailer and braces in preparation for relocation to a site beside the industrial training plant for Owens-Illinois on N. Main Street. Weather permitting, the final stage of the move will begin at 1 p. m. Wednesday. In the interim, services of the church will be conducted at the VFW Hall in Norlina. (Staff Photo)



Two Warren youngsters died in the flames which gutted a large portion of this house early Sunday morning. The brick home, some six years old, is

located on a highway linking U. S. 1 with the Oine Road. Two adults and two other children escaped the fatal inferno. (Staff Photo)