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Mabel Hale of Littleton was honored at a dinner last Thursday night by members of the American Legion Auxilliary for her 55 years of service. Mrs. Hale is shown above with Horace Palmer Post Com-

mander Jesse Pegram, who, on behalf of the unit, presented Mrs. Hale with her portrait, which will hang in the post building. (See story on page 1B.) (Staff Photo by Kay Horner)

Police Reorganization Plans Are Undertaken

Officers Get Raise

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer

Plans are under way for reorganization of the system for police protection for the Town of Warrenton, Police Commissioner A. A. Wood reported at the Monday night meeting of the Town Board.

If plans materialize, within a couple of months police calls will be received by the Town Office during the day and will be taken by the dispatcher in the Warren County Sheriff's Department during hours when the office is closed, Wood stated. Police officers would continue their present duties.



Mrs. Helen Haithcock looks on as Mayor B. G. White reads a resolution passed by the Town Board to honor the memory of her late husband and town commissioner of 18 years, Gordon Haithcock. Following the reading of the resolution at Monday's meeting of the Board, the mayor presented the document to Mrs. Haithcock. (Staff Photo by Mary C. Harris)

Warren Firemen Are Overcome

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

Five Warren County firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion Sunday afternoon after fighting a fire at the home of Mac Davis on Paschall Road in Warrenton.

According to Norlina Deputy Fire Chief Al Bennett, Norlina firefighters Bobby Wilkins, Harold Seaman, who also serves as a Sheriff's Deputy, and Coleman Mustian were treated with intravenous fluids and oxygen at Maria Parham Hospital and later released.

Hawtree firefighters Tim Moseley and Gwen Brantley were treated at the scene with oxygen and cold water baths.

The fire, reported about 12:55 p.m., did about \$20,000 in damage to the two-story frame structure and its contents.

Only two rooms escaped damage from the fire, which began in the center of the house in a dining area, Bennett said.

Cause of the fire, to which members of Churchill-Five Forks Fire Department also responded, was unknown.

Temperatures in the 90s and high humidity made conditions difficult for firefighters, Bennett said.

"The humidity kept the smoke from going up and free-venting itself," he explained. "It just lay like a blanket and wrapped you up."

More than 40 firefighters responded to the blaze, which shut down activity on the Seaboard System Railroad tracks. The home was located off the road beyond the track over which firefighters ran water hoses.

No one was at home when the fire started, Bennett said.

The Norlina department also responded to a fire last Thursday at a mobile home at White's Trailer Park on Oine Road in Norlina.

Damage in the 5:50 p.m. fire was estimated at \$13,000.

On Wednesday, fires were reported at the mobile home of Tammy Haislip at People's Trailer Court and at the home of Mamie Richardson on U.S. 1 north of Norlina.

The interior of the Haislip home was gutted, Bennett said, and damage, including contents, was estimated at \$10,500.

Red Hill Man Held In Shooting Incident

A resident of the Red Hill community is being held in Warren County Jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill following a shooting incident at his home early Sunday morning.

According to Sgt. Lawrence Harrison with the Warren County Sheriff's Department, Willie Edgerton, 62, of Route 1, Warrenton allegedly shot Alan Pope, 34, of Route 1, Warrenton in the right arm and leg in a family disturbance around 1:30 a.m.

Pope, who was treated at Maria Parham Hospital and later released, reportedly had come to Edgerton's residence looking for his estranged wife, Harrison said.

Edgerton was arrested about an hour after the shooting and is being held in Warren County Jail under a \$5,000 bond pending an appearance in District Court this morning (Wednesday).

Assisting in the investigation were Deputy James McCowan and Auxilliary Deputy Johnny Williams.

An arrest was also made this past weekend in connection with a rape reported in August.

Michael Edgerton, 30, of Route 6, Louisburg, was charged with first degree rape and first degree kidnapping of a

The blaze apparently began in the kitchen, Bennett said, but the cause has not been determined.

No damage was done in the fire at the Richardson home, which Bennett said was started by children playing with matches.

A box of rags was ignited, but was carried outside before damage to the structure resulted.

21-year-old resident of the Alert community in Franklin County.

According to Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton, a warrant for Edgerton's arrest was issued Friday morning and Edgerton was picked up by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department Sunday night and remanded to the custody of the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

He is being held in Warren County Jail under \$20,000 bond.

The rape was reported about 5:30 a.m. Aug. 17 by a woman who said she was kidnapped from Club 43 on Highway 43 east of Warrenton and taken to a wooded area off Highway 58 where she was raped.

Bolton also reported the arrest of Aubrey Rodwell, 22, of Littleton on a charge of child abuse and assault of a child under 12 years of age.

The incident, which allegedly involved switching of the child, was reported by the child's father. Rodwell was a friend of the child's mother, Bolton said.

The name of the child and his family was not released.

Assisting in the investigation was Deputy J. M. Alston.

Rodwell was released on unsecured bond pending a Sept. 18 court appearance.

Two Mayors, Councilmen Enter Race

Two incumbent mayors and a number of commissioners have already filed for a place on the ballots in upcoming municipal elections in November, according to spokespersons in each of the county's three towns.

Mayor B. G. White of Warrenton and Mayor M. C. Clary of Macon have given notice of their intention to run again for the top office.

Filing clerk Mrs. Debbie Formyduval reported on Tuesday that all six of Warrenton's incumbent commissioners have filed for re-election. Commissioners Eddie Clayton, W. A. Miles, C. M. White, III, Bobby Edmonds, Phil Daniel and A. A. Wood have paid the \$5 filing fee and requested a slot on the November ballot.

In Norlina, Town Clerk Mae Gums stated Tuesday that there had been no word as yet from Mayor Bill Perry regarding his plans for re-election. Three incumbent commissioners, however, have given notice of plans to run again: Commissioners James Vaughan, Dwight Pearce and Walter Newman.

Macon's filing clerk, Mrs. Sarah Edwards, stated on Tuesday that four commissioners had

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Schools Closing Early For Fourth Day In Row

For the fourth consecutive school day, Warren County Schools will close today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. due to the hot weather.

A number of other public school systems in the area have shut down early as temperatures have climbed well into the 90's, making temperatures in classrooms without air conditioning less than bearable.

Schools Superintendent Mike Williams stated Tuesday that the

decision would be made early Wednesday regarding school closing time on Thursday and thereafter the decision would be made on a day-by-day basis, depending upon the weather forecast.

Williams said that announcements will be made in the schools a day in advance of early closing. Announcement will also be made on WRAL-TV Channel 5 and WRVD-TV Channel 11 and on WRAL-FM, he stated.

Bomb Scare Proves Hoax

A bomb scare at John Graham Middle School in the early hours of Sunday morning resulted in a search of the school by the Warrenton Police Department and members of the Warrenton Rural and Town of Warrenton fire departments, but the search turned up "nothing whatsoever," according to Warrenton Police Chief Freddie Robinson.

Robinson said this week a caller who identified himself only as someone from Oxford threatened to blow up the school.

Local authorities suspect the call may have been linked to a keg party Saturday in Norlina where two arrests were made for disorderly conduct.

Lions Planning Annual Warren Agricultural Fair

The Warrenton Lions are setting the wheels in motion for the Warren County Fair scheduled to begin Sept. 16 and to continue through Sept. 21, Lion J. B. Thompson, general manager of the local fair, stated Monday.

Inners Amusement Company has again been engaged to provide rides and games on the midway, Thompson said, and prospects appear favorable for a successful fair providing the weather cooperates.

The gates will open nightly at 6 p.m. except on School Days, Wednesday and Saturday, when operations will begin at 12 noon.

On the two designated school days, students

will be admitted free and all rides will be reduced to special rates, Thompson said. Prizes valued at \$300 will be given away at 6 p.m. Wednesday. As in the past, tickets will be distributed at the county's schools, he noted.

Monday will offer the unique advantage of unlimited rides for one price, the manager reported.

Senior citizens will be admitted free on Tuesday night. Industrial employees will also be admitted with a pass.

Another attraction of Wednesday will be the Junior Beef Cattle Show at 4 p.m. The show is open to persons aged 9-19, and will include classes for market

Fire At Peck Sends Firemen Out On Tuesday

A fire at Peck Manufacturing Company Tuesday morning shortly after midnight brought out members of Warrenton Rural and the Town of Warrenton fire departments, but was extinguished by equipment at the plant, according to Walter Gardner, captain with the rural department.

Gardner said the fire started in equipment used to process cotton waste and was extinguished by a dry chemical system built into the machinery.

"We pulled out some pieces of cotton and extinguished them," Gardner said, "but very little water was used."

Gardner said no damage was reported.

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