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'Blue Monday' Observed Here

Two break-ins and one car theft have given new meaning to the phrase "Blue Monday" for several Warren County residents.

Last Monday, Aug. 24, the Rt. 1, Manson, residence of Mrs. Alma Robinson was entered during daylight hours by persons who broke the glass in a rear door. After entry had been gained, a number of blank, personalized checks were stolen.

The stolen checks appeared later as a would-be customer attempted unsuccessfully to pass one at Buchanan's Store in Drewry.

Curtis Gray Brownson, 23, of Rt. 8, Henderson, has been charged with breaking and entering and larceny in the matter. He will also face charges of forgery. According to Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton, Brownson also faces pending forgery charges in Vance County.

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison and Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton were investigating officers.

The following Monday, Aug. 31, arriving Department of Transportation employees found at 6:15 a.m. that their building on S.R. 1001 for the third time had been the target of vandals. Known to be secure on Sunday evening, the glass in the front entrance was found broken.

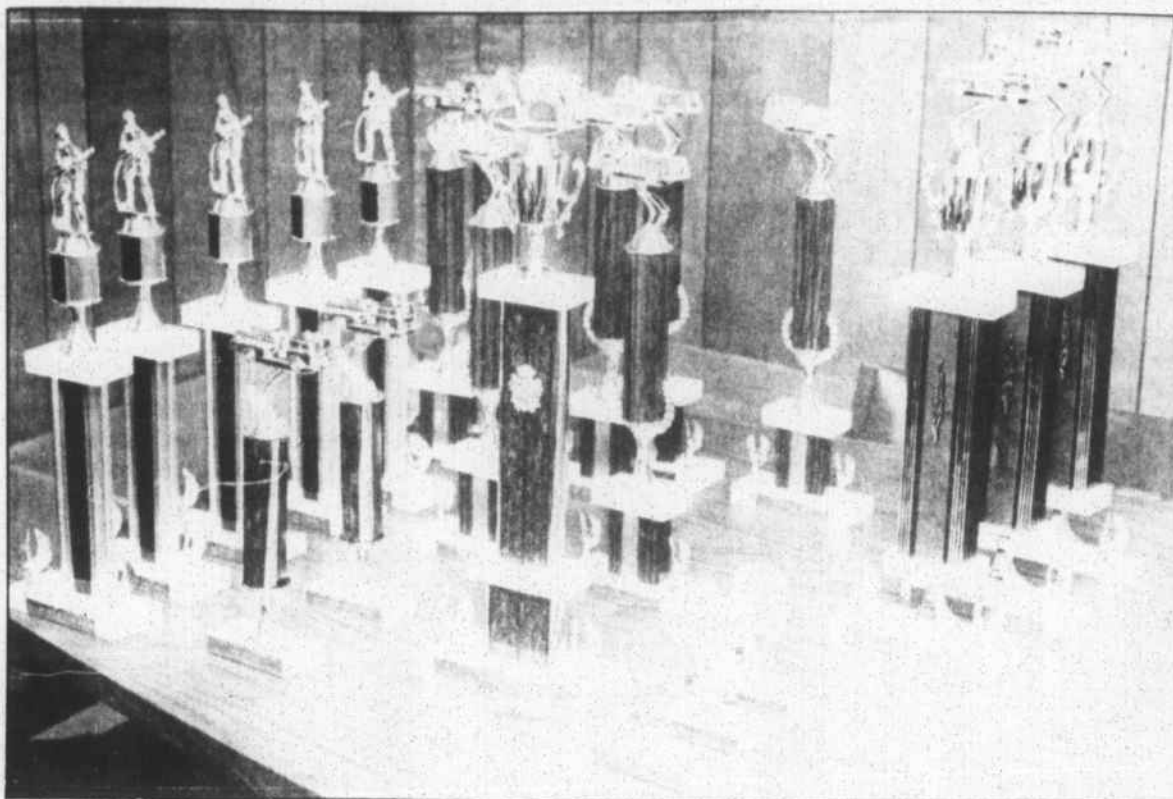
Change was reported missing from a vending machine. Damages to the machine and the value of the missing change have been estimated at about \$50. Entry was into a stock room was also attempted, but the thieves were unsuccessful.

Deputy J. A. McCowan is the investigating officer.

Also on Monday, the 1986 Chevrolet Nova belonging to Ms. Cathia W. Pope of Rt. 2, Norlina, at 9 p.m. was reported missing from her residence.

The vehicle was recovered at 9:30 p.m. on S.R. 1224 in Ridgeway. According to Chief Deputy Bolton, no one was at the scene when the wrecked automobile was found.

There are no suspects in the crime. Deputy Clarence Adcock is the investigating officer.



These impressive trophies will be awarded on Firemen's Day, Saturday, Sept. 12, to competitors in various contests to be held here in Warrenton. Shown (far left) are the firefighter trophies which will be awarded to winners of the five competitive events to be held in the afternoon. The two trophies which display fire trucks (second from far left) will be presented to the entering fire department with the best antique fire truck and to the department for whom the trip to Warrenton involved the greatest distance. Shown also (center, rear) are the seven taller fire truck trophies to be awarded in the apparatus competition to be judged in the afternoon. The three fire truck trophies (shown far

right) will be presented following the morning apparatus competition, which is limited to member departments in the Warren County Fire Association. Tokens of appreciation (shown right, front) will be presented to the three judges for the events. The 20 trophies to be awarded to fire departments have been provided by the Warren County Fire Association. The unique trophy which bears the emblem of the pig (shown center) will be awarded by the Warrenton Merchant's Association to the winner of the association-sponsored "Pig Cook-Off." All trophies will be on display at the Lion's Den at the Warren County fairgrounds on Firemen's Day. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Six Cooks Secured For Event

The names of six of the needed eight cooks for the Merchant's Association Pig Cook-Off on Sept. 12 were released by Walter Gardner, coordinator for this year's Firemen's Day activities.

"We have been very pleased with the community's effort to make this year's project a success," he said.

At press time, the following persons, whose sponsors are shown in parentheses, had registered: W. E. Exum and Robert Dunston (Southern States and Gilbert Manufacturing), Hart Pinnell (AAA Burglar Alarm Co., Inc.), Butch Meek and Dean Andrews (Butch Meek, Nationwide Insurance agent), Mickey Ellis and Vance Neal (Cochrane Furniture Co., Inc.), Chuck Curtis (Drewry Fire

Department), and Dorsey Capps (The Warren Record).

"We have two more slots open and two already committed sponsors for persons who wish to enter this year's event," Gardner added.

The Pig Cook-Off is being sponsored in order to have barbecue on hand to sell during the annual Firemen's Day. Proceeds from the event will be used jointly by the Warrenton Merchant's Association and the Warren County Firemen's Association. A cash prize of \$250 and a trophy will be given to the first place winner.

Barbecue plates will be sold for \$3.50 at the Warren County fairgrounds on Saturday, Sept. 12, for lunch and dinner. Tickets are available from area Warrenton merchants.

Alarm Bese By Problems

Only a tree which refused to remain extinguished and an alarm which decided to activate itself claimed the attention of Warrenton Rural firemen this week.

Last Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m. Warrenton Rural firefighters were summoned to the farm owned by Pettway Boyd of Warrenton, which is located on U.S. 401 South at the intersection of Limerstown Road, to extinguish flames in a tree at the edge of the property. The tree had ignited after a fire, begun to burn off land for reuse in planting, had jumped the protective line around it.

The landowner had feared that the tree would fall and strike a nearby power line. Once the fire was controlled, he cut down the tree.

The following evening at 9:15 p.m., a passerby saw that the tree was smoldering. Firefighters were again summoned to the site and successfully extinguished the potential flames.

The town alarm sounded twice on Monday evening between 9:30 and 10 p.m. and again early Tuesday morning and that night. No distress calls signaling fires caused the alarms, only electrical problems in the system, spokesperson Kenny Clayton said.

Precautions Taken

Local Funnel Cloud Spotted

A funnel cloud sighted Friday night caused the first Eagles contest against Louisburg to be abbreviated, and sent some area residents scurrying for shelter.

At 10:03 p.m. a call from a N.C. Highway Patrolman who funnel cloud was received by the Warren County Sheriff's Office. According to the trooper, the cloud was seen over One Road near I-85, moving in a northeast direction.

At 10:05 p.m. notification was received from the Highway Patrol Department in Raleigh.

At 10:16 p.m. a tornado watch was issued by the National Weather Service.

The funnel cloud was also sighted by an unidentified employee of the Department of Transportation at the Paschall bridge.

Strong winds coursed through the streets of Warrenton causing many residents to protect their plants and other vulnerable objects.

Emergency Management Coordinator Gary Robenolt was notified. "I set up a base of operation at Eaton's Ferry Grocery," Robenolt said. "There were heavy winds with speeds of about 40-50 miles per hour in the Lake Gaston area," he reported, "but there was no evidence that the funnel cloud actually touched the earth."

The criteria of touching the earth is the measure used to differentiate a tornado from a funnel cloud.

According to Robenolt, tornadoes touch the earth. "We were lucky," he said, "because severe thunderstorms always have the potential of spawning tornadic activity."

Robenolt stated that damage caused by tornadoes is usually narrow in width. Damage resulting from downburst winds are typically fairly wide, Robenolt noted.

Winds associated with Friday night's storm were sufficient to cause only minor damage in the county. A tree was blown over a power line about three miles north of the Eaton's Ferry Bridge, on S.R. 1357. "The

Jobless Rate Rises

The jobless rate for Warren County in July showed a slight increase from June's rate of 5.6 percent to July's figure that was 6.2 percent.

Roanoke-Wildwood Fire Department responded to the alarm placed for assistance with the arcing power line," Robenolt said. Roanoke-Wildwood firefighters remained on the scene until Halifax Electric arrived to turn off power to the line.

The storm Friday night came on the heels of storm activity which had occurred the preceding night. According to Robbie Ross of the Department of Transportation, two large trees had been blown over in the Vicksboro and Churchill communities. D.O.T. personnel were summoned at about 11 p.m. to the Vicksboro site and at about 7:30 a.m. Friday morning to the Churchill area to dispose of the two large oaks.

Cooper Named Acting Head

A Warren County native has been named interim director of the department of social services.

Clarence Cooper, professional staff member in the department since 1975, has been named interim director, effective Sept. 1, to fill the position vacated by Charles Haywood on Aug. 31.

Cooper held the position of interim director following the retirement of former director Julian Farrar in October 1986 until the appointment of Haywood in January of this year. The interim director will also continue to fulfill his responsibilities as food stamp supervisor for the county.

According to Warren County Commissioner Francis L. Alston, chairman of the Board of Social Services, Cooper's selection was based on his record at the department and his previous experience as interim director. "Everyone is satisfied with his work," Alston said, "and we (the board) selected him again in consultation with the regional personnel director."

Cooper spoke positively about his predecessor. "He (Charles Haywood) did a fine job while he was here and his will be hard shoes to fill," he said. "During this interim period while a permanent replacement is sought, I will do my best to keep the agency going in the positive direction that had been advocated by Mr. Haywood during the short time he was here."

Warrenton Market Posts High Average

Tobacco sales in Warrenton are continuing to look good for the Warren County tobacco farmers. Mrs. Alice R. Robertson noted that the Warrenton Tobacco Market had the highest averages on Monday of any of the markets in the Old and Middle Belts.

"The farmers here in Warren County want everyone to know the kind of prices they have been

getting for their tobacco," Mrs. Robertson said enthusiastically.

This past Monday, an average of \$153.45 per hundredweight was reached on the 233,397 pounds sold. This brought in an amount of \$358,155.90, with an average of less than half of one percent going to Stabilization.

In other sales, last Thursday 130,247 pounds of tobacco were sold, bringing in a sum of

\$189,122.86. An average of \$145.20 was reported by Mrs. Robertson, with only one percent of the tobacco taken into Stabilization.

The season's totals are 1,471,855 pounds of tobacco sold, for \$2,084,440.58. An average of \$141.62 per 100 pounds was given, with only three percent of this year's tobacco going to the Stabilization stocks.

Some 20 New Faculty Faces On Hand As Warren Schools Begin Year

By MARY HUNTER
Community Schools Director

Warren County students are not the only ones finding themselves in a new classroom situation. According to James Jordan, assistant superintendent, about 20 new teachers have been employed since students were dismissed last summer.

"Teachers are in demand," said Mr. Jordan, "and with teachers moving around to find the position for which they are best suited, we face the task of replacing this many most every year."

Six teachers were added this year to the staff at Warren County High School. Returning to a familiar spot in the math department is James Howell. Mr. Howell taught last year at Weldon High School, but has taken back his former position as math teacher and basketball coach.

Also joining the math faculty at the high school is Cynthia Parks. Ms. Parks comes to Warren County from Waterloo, Iowa where she worked for Waterloo Community Schools.

Two new teachers in the Social Studies department at the high school are Ingrid Wesley and Juanita Cozart. Mrs. Wesley is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University and is living in Henderson with her husband and their three children. Ms. Cozart, a native of Oxford, is a graduate of N.C. A & T State University and comes to Warren County from Vance Senior High School where she taught economics and government.

New to the vocational department at Warren County High are Clarence Jones, masonry teacher, and Victor Hunt, agriculture teacher. Both Mr. Hunt and Mr. Jones have been teaching at Vance Senior High School.

At John Graham, Dolores Carlton has taken a special education position. Mrs. Carlton, a graduate of Norfolk State University, comes to Warren County from Wayne County, where she taught for Goldsboro City Schools.

Susan Dickerson, a native of Henderson, is filling a fourth grade position at North Warren Elementary School. Miss Dickerson is a recent graduate of Atlantic Christian College.

At Hawkins Elementary School, two new teachers have been hired to teach sixth grade classes. Tony Cozart, a graduate of St. Paul's College and N.C. Central University, comes to Warren County after having taught at Aycock Elementary School and serving as assistant principal at Eaton-Johnson Middle School, both in Vance County. Mary Catherine Harris of Warrenton is returning to the system after having taught at Warren Academy and working as a staff writer for The Warren Record.

At South Warren, Judy Strickland has been employed as an ECIA, Chapter I reading teacher. A graduate of the University of Maryland, Mrs. Strickland enters the system after having taught for Wake County Schools. Kimberly Kinsley, a graduate of Vance Senior High School and UNC-Chapel Hill, will be teaching first grade at South Warren.

Three new teachers are at work at Vaughan Elementary School this year. In a fourth grade class is Patricia Adcock. A native of Macon, Ms. Adcock is returning to Warren County after having taught in Georgia. In a fifth grade classroom is Hazel Blount, a graduate of N.C. Central University. Mrs. Blount has taught for Durham City Schools, Richmond County Schools, and last year at Epsom Elementary School in Franklin County. Waverly Mills is filling a sixth grade position at Vaughan. Mr. Mills is a graduate of Wake Forest Univer-

sity and Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, and has taught at Hawley Middle School in Creedmoor and Mary Potter Elementary School in Oxford.

At Northside Elementary School, Nancy Stainback has been employed to teach kindergarten. Mrs. Stainback, a graduate of East Carolina University and a native of Mississippi, moved to Warren County with her husband this summer. Sarah West, a native of Pitt County and a graduate of J.H. Rose High in Greenville and East Carolina University, has accepted a second grade position at Northside.

Judy Carroll of Warrenton, a former ECIA Chapter I reading teacher for the system, is teaching kindergarten at Mariam Boyd Elementary School. Mrs. Carroll is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College.

Employed to fill unit-wide positions are Johnnye Smith and Michael Coleman. Miss Smith is filling a Speech/Language position after having served as a speech pathologist for Durham City Schools for the past eight years. Mr. Coleman, a graduate of UNC-Greensboro, is serving as a hearing impaired teacher and comes to Warren County Schools from a similar position in Brunswick County.

There are a few positions left to be filled, according to Mr. Jordan. "We are pleased with the employees who have entered the system this year," said Mr. Jordan, "and look forward to filling the remaining vacancies very soon."

Positions left to be filled are an Industry Education Coordinator, a math/science teacher at John Graham Middle School, two elementary music teachers, two assistant principals and one high school Spanish teacher. Interested applicants should contact Mr. Jordan, 257-3184.