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Norlina Fire Chief Gene Medlin (left) and Butch Meek (second from right) are shown holding the coveted "Best All-Around Department" trophy, which was won by the Norlina department last Saturday on Fireman's Day. The massive trophy will be retained for display by their winning department, having been wrestled away from the Drewry

firefighters. Walter Gardner, second from left, was master of ceremonies for the awards presentation. Chief Deputy Bobby Dean Bolton looks on as the winners express their satisfaction with the outcome of the Fireman's Day competition.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## Norlina Firemen Receive Top Trophy During Competition Here

The Warren County Firemen's Association has announced the results of Saturday's Fifth Annual Fireman's Day. The day's activities included judging of fire apparatus, a parade through downtown Warrenton, a band concert, a visit from Duke

Hospital's Life Flight helicopter and fireman's field events.

"Twenty-one fire departments and one rescue squad participated in this year's activities," stated Walter Gardner, coordinator for this year's event.

"We are very excited with the number of departments that participated this year. Each year it seems to get bigger and better."

Fire apparatus from Warren County was judged in the morning, prior to the parade. Taking first place honors in the Pumper class was the Norlina Fire Department, followed by a tie between the Ridgeway and the Warrenton Rural Fire Departments. The Tanker class was won by the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, followed by the Norlina Fire Department for second and the Hawtree Fire Department, third. Norlina also won the Brush Truck class followed by a tie between Churchill-Five Forks and the Drewry Fire Departments.

After the parade, which featured performances by the 440th Army Band, the Warren County High School Band, the Hargrave Military Academy Color Guard, the N.C. Forest Service and all the participating fire departments, judging of antique fire apparatus was held. Five antiques were judged, including the 1938 Ford belonging to the Warrenton Fire Department, with first place being awarded to the Littleton Fire Department. Mitchner's Crossroad from Franklin Co. and the Bearpond Fire Departments placed second and third, respectively. The Guilford College Fire Department was recognized for travel.

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## More Than 3,000 Students Enrolled In Warren Schools

A total of 3,012 students were enrolled in the Warren County School system on the 10th day of classes this year, according to a report made by the School Board. This is the same amount of students enrolled in the 1986-87 school year.

Seven of the nine schools in the system experienced some growth from last year, with Warren County High School gaining 21 students, the highest number gained in the county. Norlina Middle School followed, with an increase of 18 students from last year. Other schools with an increase from last year are North Warren, 3; Vaughan, 4; Mariam Boyd, 15; Hawkins, 7; and John Graham, 14.

Of the two schools that decreased in enrollment, Northside Elementary had the largest drop, with 16 less students than in 1986-87. South Warren had a slight fall from last year's

enrollment, with two less than the previous year.

At the elementary level, there are 887 students from kindergarten to the third grade level. Although this is higher than the projected number of students for this year, it falls behind last year's K-3 level by 40 students. From the fourth to the sixth grade level, there is a total of 676 students, only six less than last year.

At the middle school level, a total of 507 students were enrolled, 25 more than last year. From grades 9-12, 21 more students are enrolled in the 1987-88 school year, with a total of 942.

Schools and their 10th day enrollments are: Northside, 304; North Warren, 251; Vaughan, 221; Norlina, 231; Mariam Boyd, 340; Hawkins, 249; South Warren, 198; John Graham, 276; and WCHS, 942.



Warrenton Merchants Association President Woody King (center) is shown presenting a facsimile check for \$250 to Pig Cook-Off winners Charles Duncan (left) and Pat Pinnell (right), whose scrumptious sauce and culinary skill netted

them a trophy and a check following Saturday's judging. The winning chefs donated their \$250 prize money to the Warren County Firemen's Association.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## For Six-Day Run

# Annual County Fair Opens Here Monday

Children of all ages will be amused and entertained when the Warren County Fair comes to town on Sept. 21!

Sponsored by the Warrenton Lions Club, Inners Amusement Company has promised to present "fair fun for everyone," offering a minimum of 16 rides, including ferris wheels and a merry-go-round.

The gates open nightly at 6 p.m., except on the Wednesday through Saturday school days when the gates will open at 3 p.m. With the exception of Saturday, \$150 in free prizes will be offered on the school days in a drawing to be held at 7 p.m. Tickets for fair school days will be distributed to students by the schools. All students are encouraged to retain their ticket stubs to be eligible for the drawings. The school days will end at 7 p.m. The cost for all rides will be reduced to special rates.

Adults are encouraged to come to the midway, too. On Monday night, persons pay one price and take advantage of all the rides that they wish. On Tuesday night, senior citizens will be admitted free, and industrial employees will be admitted with a pass. On Thursday, all firemen and their families will be admitted free with ticket. On Friday at the 4-H Pullet Show and Sale, which begins at 4 p.m., pullets will be sold to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the 1988 4-H Poultry Chain.

Area residents are invited to enjoy good food—hot dogs, hamburgers, barbecue, chicken, ham, homemade pies and cakes, and beverages—at the Lion's food booth in the fair building. Dining will be available in the air conditioned dining room.

There is no charge for parking on the graded turf lot, which offers parking attendants.

Those who enjoy the unusual are encouraged to come and see the 700-pound hog which will be on display throughout the week!

Judging of individual exhibits will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday. Entries will be accepted on Monday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All exhibits must be in the building by 5 p.m. on opening day. Premiums for winners will be paid on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Exhibitors who fail to obtain their check or entry during that time may come to the fairgrounds office on Saturday night from 6-8 p.m.

Four other competitive events will also be held during the week. On Wednesday, the Feeder Pig Show will begin at 4 p.m., the Junior Lamb Show will begin at 6 p.m., and the Junior Beef Cattle Show will begin at 7 p.m. On Friday, the 4-H Poultry Show will begin at 4 p.m.

Rules and regulations for all exhibits are listed in the fair book.

## Insurance Company Closing Local Site

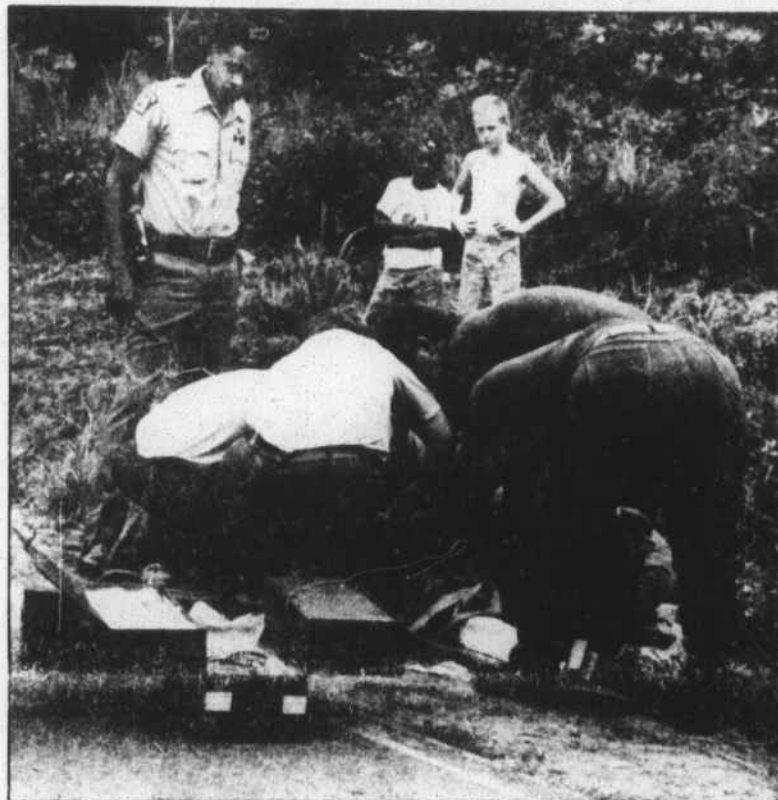
At the end of the work day on Friday, Peoples Security Life Insurance Company will close its Warrenton office at 108 Bragg Street and transfer all operations to the Roanoke Rapids office, Mrs. Ann Harris, spokesperson, confirmed this week.

The Roanoke Rapids office is located at 720 Roanoke Avenue with a mailing address of P.O. Box 699, Roanoke Rapids, 27870. The telephone number is 1-535-2123.

Copies of the fair book are available in the home economics office of the Warren County Extension Service.

J. B. Thompson is fair manager for the 1987 season. A review of the new fair book shows that the Lion's motto, "We Serve," has been taken seriously by the organization.

The 1987 fair book has been dedicated to Robert "Duke" Miles, who joined the Lions Club in February, 1949. He has held offices in the club, ranging from "tail twister" through president, and has served on most of the 32 committees. The honoree has served as secretary to the Warren County Fair Association for the past 36 years.



Warren County emergency professionals hover around seven-year-old Shakita Renee Taylor, who was struck Saturday morning by a highway patrol cruiser on the Warren Plains Road (S.R.1305). According to Trooper R. J. Hedgepeth, driver of the vehicle, the child was running with a group of playmates when she darted onto S.R. 1305 behind a northbound truck before running into his cruiser. Following impact with the left front of the patrol car, the child was thrown to the left shoulder of the road. Warren County Ambulance Service personnel transported the child to the emergency room at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson, where she was deemed in serious condition and stabilized before being rushed to Duke University Medical Center for treatment. According to a Duke spokesperson, the child was a patient in Duke North at press time, and was listed in satisfactory condition.

(Photo by Brenda Clarke)

## Mock Disaster Slated At Norlina Saturday

Warren County residents will have a taste of disaster on Saturday, Sept. 19, when a full-scale disaster exercise, using a tornado scenario, will be held at about 1 p.m. in Norlina. Emergency Management Coordinator Gary Robenolt announced this week.

According to Robenolt, the scenario of the exercise will have a tornado touch-down at the southern edge of town and proceed through the residential section. The imaginary tornado will strike Norlina Middle School—which, according to the scenario, is in session—before jumping U.S. 1 to touch down again in the northeast part of the town.

High school students will be made-up to represent victims with various types of injuries; some will act as fatalities. Smoke bombs will be used to represent fires. Robenolt urged residents to stay out of the smoke, which, although non-toxic, could be irritating. "Persons with lung problems should be especially careful," he said.

Debris, one or two overturned cars, and simulated downed power lines will be scattered around the area, Robenolt added.

According to Robenolt, the objective of the exercise is to make the experience as realistic as possible to achieve good training.

Among the participants in the exercise will be local elected officials; fire services, emergency

medical services, and law enforcement personnel; members of the American Red Cross; representatives from the division of emergency management, the department of social services, the school system and local community groups. Professionals from Maria Parham Hospital, Community Hospital will also participate, along with mutual

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## Tobacco Market Has Good Sales

At the Warrenton Tobacco Market, sales continue to look good for Warren County farmers. According to Mrs. Alice R. Robertson, the farmers had "a fantastic day" of sales last Thursday, and the prices the farmers are getting have been great.

A total of 374,479 pounds of tobacco was sold, with an average of \$1.67 per pound. This brought in \$628,319.27, with only three percent of Thursday's leaf going to Stabilization stocks.

The totals to date are 2,349,348 pounds sold, bringing in a sum of \$3,458,439.12. An average per pound for this year's crop is \$1.47, with four percent going to Stabilization.

The market will be open next Tuesday and next Thursday (Sept. 20 & 22) for sales.