



GEN. CLAUDE BOWERS

General Claude Bowers Dies Tuesday At Age 90

Major General Claude T. Bowers, 90—the Warrenton resident who was appointed Adjutant General of North Carolina and for whom the state National Guard facility in Raleigh was named—died Tuesday, Sept. 12.

A native of Halifax County, he was born July 18, 1899 and was the son of the late T. R. Bowers and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Dowtin Bowers. In 1918, Gen. Bowers entered North Carolina State College, where he joined the United States Army Student Army Training Corps, continuing that

affiliation until the corps was disbanded after the World War I Armistice.

In 1921, Gen Bowers enlisted in the North Carolina National Guard, Company B, 120th Infantry, 30th "Old Hickory" Infantry Division, serving until called into active duty on Sept. 16, 1940. He was also given various assignments in the First Division and the Third Army in Europe, which continued until the end of World War II. He was promoted to Colonel in July, 1945, and was

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Man Accused Of Selling Timber Of Others Jailed

The Roanoke Rapids man—who failed to appear in Warren County District Court last month on a charge of selling \$23,000 worth of timber which was not his property—was brought back to Warren County from Georgia last week and released on bond to await a preliminary hearing scheduled here next month.

David Langston, 29, had been charged in July with obtaining property by means of false pretenses, after allegedly selling timber to a Jamesville logging company. The timber had been cut in the Enterprise community near Littleton and was the property of the family of Forrest Ryals.

After the suspect failed to appear in Warren County District Court for a preliminary hearing

last month, a warrant was issued for his arrest and bond set at \$5,000.

According to Sgt. Lawrence Harrison, Warren County Sheriff's personnel learned last week that Langston had been apprehended and confined in the Columbia County Detention Center in Georgia. A fugitive warrant was issued last week and the suspect waived extradition.

Sgt. Harrison was dispatched Thursday evening to the facility, located about 10 miles outside of Augusta, Ga., and returned to Warren County on Friday of last week. After Langston's \$5,000 bond was posted last weekend, he was released. The suspect's next preliminary hearing in Warren County District Court has been scheduled for Oct. 18.

Value Placed Above \$800,000

Illegal Drugs Confiscated Friday

Illegal drugs valued at over \$800,000 were confiscated on Friday of last week in Warren and Vance counties, following a raid conducted by the combined forces of law enforcement officers from Warren and Vance counties, and the N. C. Highway Patrol.

According to Warren County Det. H. B. Askew, a search of six undisclosed sites in Warren County resulted in the discovery of 400 marijuana plants and a quantity of hashish.

"This was just a part of the continuing crackdown on drug pushers that has been taking place all summer long," Askew

said. "It's a long and hard process, but we're going to try to get as much of it off the streets as we can."

Det. Askew said that over \$2 million in drugs have been confiscated this year in Warren County.

In the Vance County portion of the search in an area off Satterwhite Road near I-85, an additional 100 marijuana plants were found.

Acting on information received from two state officers in a N. C. Highway Patrol helicopter, Warren and Vance county officers went on foot to the sites and cut down the marijuana plants. The

Low Tar Heel SAT Scores Fail To Produce Surprise In Warren

Educators Are Not Caught Off Guard

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
News Editor

Tuesday morning's televised and printed announcements that the mean SAT scores of North Carolina's students had slipped one more notch—dropping from 49th to 50th in the nation—did not catch the Warren County Board of Education off guard.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Thompson had received advance notification from the office of the State Superintendent that South Carolina and North Carolina had "traded places" with regard to student performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

At press time, the Warren County Schools central office had not received statistics concerning the performance of local students on the test.

The SAT, a standardized test administered by Educational Testing Service (ETS) for the College Board, is used by many colleges to select students for admission. Divided into two parts, students receive separate sub-scores, ranging from 200 to 800, for the verbal and math sections of the test. Combined scores on the test range from 400 to 1600. Each year, the College Board publishes mean scores of students from the test administrations of the previous school year.

With that information comes the caution that states should not be ranked according to the mean scores of their students.

But each year, that caution is ignored. And each year, assumptions are made with regard to the quality of education provided by the lower-ranked states.

According to Tuesday morning's media reports, the national average this year for the SAT is 950 out of a possible 1600 points. North Carolina's average is 836. The state was ranked lowest on the verbal subscore, and was tied with the District of Columbia and South Carolina on the math subscore.

"A test preparation component should be implemented into the Warren County school system to prepare our students to take standardized tests," Dr. Thompson told the board Monday night.

Questions had been raised concerning test preparation courses for those juniors who would be taking the PSAT/NMSQT (a preliminary SAT test which is used in the competition for scholarships awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation) and seniors who would take the SAT. Also discussed had been SAT-preparation programs to be

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Warren County EMS workers remove Gertrude Rooker, above, from a 1982 Chevrolet she had been driving after it was struck on the right side by a 1989 Ford Escort, pictured below, at the intersection of SR 1001 and the Manson-Axtell Road (SR

1100). Rooker and three passengers in the other vehicle were all treated and released from Maria Parham Hospital. Damage to the Chevrolet was set at \$1,000, while damage to the Ford was estimated at \$10,500. (Staff Photos by Diane Davis)

4 Persons Hurt In Monday Wreck

Four people were injured in a two-car collision at the intersection of SR 1001 and the Manson-Axtell Road (SR 1100) Monday morning just before eight o'clock.

Ms. Mamie Gertrude Rooker, 49, of Warrenton, was driving a 1982 Chevrolet west on SR 1001 when the vehicle was struck on its right side as it entered the intersection with SR 1100. The vehi-

cle is owned by M. R. Williams Wholesale Distributors.

The other vehicle, a 1989 Ford, struck the Chevrolet as it entered the intersection. It was driven by Bennie Bernard Richardson, 17, of Rt. 7, Henderson, who was charged with failure to stop at a stop sign.

Ms. Rooker, Richardson and the passengers in Richardson's

car, Edward Seward, 38, of Rt. 7, Henderson, and Ervin Terry, 20, of Welcome Avenue in Henderson, were taken to Maria Parham Hospital. All four were treated and released, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Damage to Rooker's car was estimated at \$1,000, while damage to Richardson's auto was set at \$10,500.

Week Of Fun And Amusement To Begin For Warren Residents On Next Monday

By DIANE DAVIS
Staff Writer

Area children and adults will find themselves provided with plenty of fun and amusement when the Warren County Fair comes to town next week.

J. B. Thompson, fair manager, said Monday morning that the fair is "guaranteed to be in full swing" next Monday night, Sept. 18, when the gates open at 6 p.m.

Inners Amusement Company will return again to provide a total of 16 rides for this year's week-long fair, to be held Sept. 18-23. These rides will include the ferris wheel and merry-go-round, he said, and many others.

The gates will open Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 6 p.m., and the fair is scheduled to open Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. for school days.

Prizes worth a total of \$150 will be offered on Wednesday, with a drawing to be held at 7 p.m. Tickets for fair day will be distributed in all the schools, and all students are encouraged to keep their ticket stubs to remain eligible for the drawing.

The cost for all rides will be offered at a special rate until 7 p.m. each school day.

Home-cooked meals, hot dogs, hamburgers and french fries will be served by members of the Warrenton Lioness Club in the air-conditioned dining room inside the Lion's Den. All food will be prepared by Dorsey Capps and his staff, Thompson said.

Exhibits can be entered on Monday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. All exhibits will be judged beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

On Monday night, fairgoers can pay one price to get into the fair and ride all of the rides at no extra cost.

Tuesday night will offer senior citizens free admission, and industrial employees will be admitted free with a pass.

Firemen and their families will not be charged admission Thursday night.

The fair will open Saturday at 1 p.m. Premiums for winners will be paid Saturday from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Exhibitors who fail to

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Law enforcement officials load marijuana plants onto a dump truck Friday following a raid by the combined forces of the sheriff's departments of Vance and Warren counties and the helicopter of the N. C. Highway Patrol. Illegal drugs valued at more than \$800,000 were confiscated in six undisclosed sites in Warren County and in an area off Satterwhite Road near I-85 in Vance County. The plants were later destroyed at the Warren County Landfill. (Photo by Brenda Clarke)