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Colonial Manager Is Transferred

John G. (Bennie) Powell, manager of the Warrenton Colonial Store since 1962, has been promoted to manager of a new store at Washington, N. C.

He will complete his duties at the local store Saturday and will report for his new duties at Little Washington early next week.

Powell will be succeeded as manager of the Warrenton store by W. T. Carter of Belhaven.

A native of Warrenton and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Major Powell, Powell is a graduate of John Graham High School. He began working for Colonial Stores at Warrenton in 1949 and worked with stores at Raleigh, Greensboro and Henderson before being returned to the Warrenton store as manager.

Powell for several years has been active in Boy Scout work and has also been active in the Merchants Association and the recently organized Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Warrenton Baptist Church where he has served as a deacon and where he is currently a Sunday School teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell are the parents of three children, Pamela, 15, John Gaylord, Jr., 14, and Philip, 10.



Kathy Hight, left, holds snake cucumber while Freda Hight holds sword cucumber at office of The Warren Record on Tuesday morning. The daughter of the late James Hight, the young girls live with their grandmother, Mrs. Hugh Hight of Norlina, who accompanied them to the newspaper office. Kathy, 9, is in the fourth grade and Freda, 10, is in the fifth grade.

Housing Authority May Be Established In Warren

Warren County Valuations

	1969	1970	INCREASE
River	\$ 5,757,210	\$ 6,071,700	\$ 314,490
Sixpound	4,700,214	4,873,456	173,242
Hawtree	5,444,576	5,670,406	225,830
Smith Creek	7,444,198	7,851,974	207,776
Nutbush	4,565,648	4,647,506	81,858
Sandy Creek	4,678,728	4,732,080	53,352
Shocco	2,536,060	2,617,682	81,622
Fishing Creek	3,636,304	3,780,946	144,642
Judkins	4,538,992	4,658,568	119,576
Warrenton	18,891,554	19,572,970	681,416
Fork	2,301,952	2,371,706	70,114
Roanoke	1,427,280	1,510,120	82,840
Wildwood Point	1,599,912	1,614,964	15,052
Roanoke Township and Wildwood Point	3,027,192	3,125,084	97,892
TOTAL	\$67,522,268	\$69,974,078	\$2,451,810

Must Be Approved At Hearing

Whether Warren County will have a Housing Authority is to be determined by the Federal Government, Warren County Commissioners following a public hearing at the Warrenton County Courthouse on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 8 p. m.

The commissioners authorized the public hearing at their regular monthly meeting last Thursday after a committee from the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce appeared before the board asking the support of the commissioners in setting up a housing authority. One of the required steps is that a public hearing be held on the matter following 30 days public notice.

L. C. Cooper is chairman of the committee appearing before the board with members Monroe Gardner and Roy Neal. Spokesmen were Cooper and Neal.

The spokesmen said that proposed housing authority would be under the direction of HUD which would provide federal funds with no costs to the county.

Plans call for building houses in the \$12,000 to \$18,000 cost range, with both ownership and rental being subsidized by the Federal Government, with the county collecting taxes based upon county tax evaluation.

The Housing Authority is an instrument of the county government, a body that handles the public housing for the board of county commissioners.

The local county housing authority board goes to HUD for a director. The local authority decides where houses are to be located and types of housing.

According to a fact sheet submitted to the board by the committee there are three housing programs as follows:

1. Individual home builders program No. 235:

Home owners program FHA loans, VA loans. This program is a low income family program with income limitations, established locally. Warren County area income for low income family is \$4,050 to \$6,345. From this income are to be deducted 5% of the gross and \$300 for each minor or disabled family member.

Land and lot ownership can be the down payment. The program is administered by the builder or contractor. Market interest rate 9%. Federal government subsidized interest down to 1% interest loan rate. Owner pays 20% of his adjusted gross income as monthly or yearly payments. If payments are more than 20% owners adjusted income the interest is subsidized downward to 1%.

If applicant can not make payments of 1% interest rate then applicant does not qualify for program 235.

2. Rental program 236 sponsored by non-profit and limited dividend corporations. These organizations build a

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Young Macon Girl Killed In Accident

A ten-year-old Warren County girl was killed last week when she fell off the tailgate of a truck on which she was riding near Vaughan.

Barbara Jane Richardson, of Route 2, Macon, received injuries which proved to be fatal when she fell off a truck driven by Highway Colley Spruill, 55, also of Route 2, Macon.

Trooper W. A. Joyce said the accident occurred on State Road 1810, one mile south of Vaughan.

Lowest valuations are to be found in Fork, closely followed by Shocco. Sandy Creek, ranking sixth in valuation, showed the smallest increase.

Warrenton Township shows the largest valuation and the largest increase in valuations, but not on a percentage increase. The largest increase on a percentage basis was River Township, an increase from \$5,757,210 to \$6,071,700, or \$314,490.

Smith Creek, containing the Town of Norlina, has the second highest valuation, with River in third place.

Valuations Up In All Townships

Total valuation of real estate and personal property in Warren County in 1970 is \$69,974,078, an increase of \$2,451,810 over the 1969 figures, according to figures obtained this week from A. P. Rodwell, Jr., county tax collector.

The figures are actual valuation, exclusive of corporation tax of some \$7,500,000. Tax valuations are 50% of the actual valuation.

For tax purposes Wildwood Point in Roanoke Township is treated as a single entry, separate from Roanoke Township.

Sunday Beer Sales Question May Be Submitted To Voters

Warren County Commissioners are toying with the idea of permitting the voters to determine the issue of whether beer shall be sold in the county on Sunday, in the general election in November. The commissioners pointed out at their meeting last Thursday that by holding a referendum at the time of the general election the cost would be small.

Sunday sale of beer is now permitted by municipal action in the town of Macon and Norlina, as well as at Middleburg in Vance County. A number of merchants doing business outside the town have appeared before the commissioners stating that municipal sales of beer on Sunday is hurting their business, that it is unfair competition and requesting the board to pass an ordinance permitting Sunday beer sales in the county.

When Mrs. Pauline Burnette and her son, Jesse Lee, of Roanoke Township appeared before the board Thursday morning requesting that Sunday sales of beer be permitted, the commissioners said they realized that municipal sales of beer on Sunday was unfair to county merchants and intimated that they might pass an ordinance that afternoon permitting Sunday sales of beer.

Following dinner, the commissioners came up with the idea that the proper solution might be to let the people vote on the measure.

Bobby Tucker of Vaughan and Swep Carroll of Macon appeared before the board in early afternoon to add their plea to that of the Burnettes.

Later in the afternoon when the question was brought up for consideration, Chairman Capps was unable to obtain a motion to pass an ordinance permitting Sunday sale of beer, and the matter was tabled. Reason given for tabling the matter was that Commissioner Richard Davis was absent and that the commissioners wanted a full board before taking any action.

The contractor for installing a boiler at the courthouse was awarded by the county commissioners to Newsom Oil Company of Roanoke Rapids, low bidder, following the opening of bids at 11 a. m. Thursday. Newsom Oil Company's bid was \$5,689.

Other bidders were R. C. Comer, Jr., of Warrenton, \$12,902.40; and Southern Piping Company of Wilson, \$7,000.

During the regular session of the commissioners Alfred Davis appeared before the board to request the commissioners to ask the State Highway Commission to take over a dead-end road in Hawtree Township, a distance of about half a mile.

The commissioners ordered that the week of Nov. 8 through Nov. 14 be declared Forestry Week. Action of the board was taken following a request by L. B. Hardage, County Extension Chairman, who praised the work of the Forestry Club and discussed the value of timber to the county.

Hardage, who appeared before the board with Miss Emily Ballinger, Extension Economics Agent, also reported that Warren County has excellent crops, spoke of the value of recent Wheels tobacco demonstration at the Frederick Williams farm near Moss, and

Tax Monies Collected For Special School District To Be Refunded

All tax monies collected for the operation of the Warrenton Special School District, established by an act of the Legislature which a Federal Court declared unconstitutional, will be refunded to the taxpayers.

Some 40 taxpayers had refused to pay the levy after the court declared the Legislative act unconstitutional.

The decision to refund the monies was made on motion of Commissioner Aaron Allen, seconded by Commissioner M. P. Powell, and passed by the commissioners after an hour and a half's discussion at the regular meeting on Monday night.

Allen's motion was identical to motions made by him at the June and July meetings of the board in which he proposed that the tax funds be refunded and that the town's share of the expenses incurred by the school prior to the court's ruling be pro-rated with the school board on an in-town, out-of-town basis and paid out of current funds.

At the June meeting Allen's proposal was seconded by Commissioner Thomas Gaskill, who voted against the motion following long discussion with only Allen voting yes. At the July meeting Allen's motion failed to receive a second, but again it was discussed at length.

During all three attempts by Allen to have the monies refunded his motion was countered by suggestions that the town withhold expenses incurred in the organization of the school and for legal expenses, totaling around \$16,000, and return the balance. The difficulty of such plan was the 40 persons who had failed to pay this part of the tax levy.

While the commissioners, after months of delay, have finally ordered a refund, this

Planning Board Makes Changes In Zoning

The Warren County Planning Board recommended to the Board of County Commissioners Thursday that changes be made in zoning ordinance permitting that mobile homes with toilet and kitchen facilities be classified as residences for zoning purpose, provided the changes are approved at a mass meeting to be held in the courtroom here on Sept. 1.

Under the change neither tents nor trailers without kitchen and toilet facilities would be permitted.

Appearing before the commissioners to recommend the change were W. J. Harris, president of the Planning Board, Jules Banzet, III, secretary, and Richard T. McIntyre, a real estate dealer of Henderson, now engaged in a development on Gaston Lake.

McIntyre said that the present zoning law works a hardship on his company's development, making it difficult to sell lots, and asked that mobile homes with kitchen and toilet facilities be permitted according to the company's plan of development. He said that his company's development plan was actually stricter than requirements under the present zoning plan.

After McIntyre had told the commissioners that there had been a big change in mobile homes over the years and that

many of them are attractive, he was asked by the commissioners if he wanted to restrict mobile homes with wheels. He said he felt that requirements for toilet and kitchen facilities would serve the same purpose and were to be preferred.

Following a lengthy discussion, the commissioners passed the following resolution: "Whereas, the Warren County Planning Board by letter of this date has recommended that Section II-1 a) (2) of the Warren County Zoning Ordinance be amended to permit mobile homes designed by original construction as a place of residence and travel trailers containing within themselves bathroom and kitchen facilities in residential areas of the zoned area; that section II-1 C (9) of said ordinance be repealed and that the entire area described in the ordinance as zoned be zoned Residential District other than such lands within the zoned area as have been specifically heretofore rezoned to another usage;

"Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that this Board hold a public hearing relating to such changes at 8 p. m., Sept. 1, 1970, in the courtroom of the Warren County Courthouse, notice of which shall be published by the clerk to this board as provided by law."

Special Offering To Be Taken By Presbyterians

The Session of the Warrenton Presbyterian Church has called for a special offering to be received at the regular church service on Sunday, Aug. 16, to be used for the relief of suffering among the people in and around Corpus Christi, Texas, and other areas due to damage by Hurricane Celia.

Harold Skillman an officer of the church, said that the collection would be taken at the request of William A. Benfield, Jr., moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. During the service Sunday, Skillman said, special offering envelopes will be available at the front of the church. Checks should be made payable to Warrenton Presbyterian Church and marked "For Crisis Fund."

In his letter to the local

Jr. Club To Conduct Babysitting Clinic

The Warrenton Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a Babysitting Clinic conducted by Mrs. Bernard Thompson.

All girls from the age of eleven up who are interested in attending this course are asked to call Mrs. Bernard Thompson at 257-3831 or to be at the Rural Fire Station in Warrenton at 7:00 p. m. on August 17th for registration.

The classes will be in two hour sessions - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of the first week and two nights the following week. There will be no charge for this clinic.

Participants will be taught basic first aid, how to care for small children and how to entertain their charges. Some of the sessions will be taught by specialists in the areas to be covered. During the clinic students will work with children of all ages.

Upon completion of the course, girls will be awarded certificates and their names, addresses and telephone numbers will be made available to anyone desiring their services.

TO CONDUCT SERVICES

Anton L. Reid of Warrenton will conduct the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning, Aug. 16, at the Macon Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

Miss "Lib" Tuten of Lima, Peru, Miss Gail Short of Wake Forest and James Furgenson of Chesapeake, Va., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Satterwhite and attended the Draffin-Roberts wedding.