

Board Pondering Sale Of Railroad

The Board of Directors of the Warrenton Railroad met with the Warrenton Town Commissioners during a called meeting of the town board on Thursday night.

President Eddie Clayton and Howard Oakley told the board that a New Jersey man, Walter A. Martin, had been seeking a small railroad line with shop to set up a repair shop and had inquired into the feasibility of the Warrenton Railroad.

Martin proposes to lease or buy a controlling interest in the railroad either by a three year controlling interest arrangement or a five-year lease.

Oakley said that the Town of Warrenton owns 1960 shares of the Warrenton Railroad Company, each valued at approximately \$13.26 with a resale figure of approximately \$35,023.

Oakley also said that Cochrane Furniture Company pays the railroad for the use of the facility but the amount paid does not pay the interest.

During a discussion that followed, the board inquired about the depot being used as a clubhouse, the possibilities of renting the space to Martin, and legal aspects of the transaction.

Oakley, referring to his age, was of the opinion that a man to keep the Warrenton Railroad going was important. He also noted that a diesel repair shop and a good railroad into the town could interest additional businesses along the route. Extra businesses would bring more revenue, he said.

Delegate

Haliwa Chief W. R. Richardson, chairman of the N. C. State Commission of Indian Affairs, was one of two state delegates to the Governor's Interstate Indian Council's annual conference in Detroit, Mich., Sept. 7-10.

Chief Richardson was accompanied by A. Bruce Jones, executive director of the state commission.

Clayton and Oakley, in the absence of Martin, stated the proposals by Martin which included using the old roundhouse for the diesel repair shop. The board also noted that the repair shop would employ local citizens.

Commissioner Sam Massey told the railroad committee that he had never been informed about the matter and was the representative from the Town Board to the Railroad Board. He thought the joint committee, members of the Town Board appointed to the railroad board and the Board of Directors for the Warrenton Railroad, should meet with Martin.

Clayton and Oakley told Massey they had met with Mayor Miles and Gordon Haitcock of the board, who they were told were the correct members.

Massey suggested that the correct members meet with Martin and report back after reviewing the situation. It was also decided that the other stockholders of the company be informed of Martin's plans and the men would report to the Town Board at a later date.

In other business discussed, the town board voted unanimously to loan an air conditioner not in use to the local National Guard. Commissioner B. G. White made the motion to make the loan until funds were set up by the Guard to buy it because of the continuous help the Guard provides to the town.

The commissioners also voted to use town funds to pay Ann Inscoe, recently hired as secretary and dispatcher for the Police Department. Her salary was to have been paid through a grant but she is ineligible because she is still a student.

Commissioner Massey argued that the position was not necessary and was the only board member to register a dissenting vote following a motion to pay Miss Inscoe and retain her position as previously planned.



A color portrait of John R. Hawkins was presented to the Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc., by John R. Hawkins (left) and family. John R., III (center) made the presentation to Patsy Hargrove, (second from left) executive secretary, who then presented the portrait to James T. Wilkerson, principal of Hawkins Junior High. Also shown in the picture is Mrs. Sophie Hawkins (right).



Officers of the Warrenton Chapter of Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc. include (left to right) Richard Ayscue, Jr., Rudy Ayscue, Mammie Alston, Gwendetta Tunstall, Magnolia Williams, Ella Dunson and Roosevelt Evans.



National officers for the Hawkins Alumni group were given oaths of office for the 1977-79 term at the annual banquet Saturday night. They included (left to right) Tamara Nixon, John J. Hawkins, Luvenia Alexander, Robert Jeffries, Patsy T. Hargrove, Rev. Nesbit Spruill, Ella Dunson and Henry Williams.

Hawkins Alumni, Friends Hold Gala Reunion Here

The Fifth Annual Homecoming for the John R. Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc., was held during the Labor Day weekend.

Festivities began with a hospitality hour at Howard Johnson's Restaurant in Henderson on Friday night. The annual awards and recognition banquet was held in the school gym on Saturday night. Following

the awards program a dance was held. Patsy T. Hargrove, executive secretary, presided over the awards program. The invocation was given by the Rev. Nesbit Spruill. A delicious chicken dinner, served buffet style, was served.

Greetings and special remarks were given by J. T. Wilkerson, principal of Hawkins Junior High; Mayor W. A. Miles, representing the Town of Warrenton and Warren County Chamber of Commerce; and Ernest Turner, chairman of the Warren County Board of Education.

Following the welcoming remarks by special guests, Henry Williams, president of the Philadelphia Chapter, installed the new slate of national officers for the 1977-79 term. Taking the oaths of office were Patsy T. Hargrove, executive secretary; Luvenia Alexander, assistant executive secretary; Ella Dunson, executive recorder; Alma Hunt, executive treasurer; Tamara Nixon, executive project chairperson; John J. Hawkins, executive parliamentarian; Nesbit Spruill, executive chaplain; and Robert Jeffries, executive scholarship chairman.

Delores M. Rose, a former officer of the Warrenton Chapter, introduced the new slate of local officers for the 1977-79 term as follows: Roosevelt Evans, president; Richard Ayscue, Jr., vice president; Ella Dunson, treasurer; Rudy Ayscue, financial secretary; Edna Wright, recording secretary; and Gwendetta Tun-

stall, assistant recording secretary.

Recipients of scholarships from Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc., Edna Elaine Tunstall, (\$600) Mary Lou Cheek, (\$600) and Debra Seward, (\$200) were presented with certificates of achievement by Robert Jeffries, chairman of the executive scholarship committee. He also named Barbara Pullen, valedictorian of John Graham High School during the 1976 term, as the recipient of a \$600 scholarship. She will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall.

Recognition of special guests was given by Patsy T. Hargrove and Roosevelt Evans. Among the special guests recognized were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bobbitt of Littleton, Mrs. V. H. Levister, Mrs. E. A. Turner and many others.

John J. Hawkins, nephew of John R. Hawkins (for whom the former high school and present junior high is named), joined by his wife and son, John R., III, presented the Alumni association with a large color reproduction of his uncle after getting numerous requests from friends and neighbors.

The color portrait was accepted by Patsy T. Hargrove on behalf of the alumni association. She turned the photo over to James T. Wilkerson, principal at Hawkins, so that it could be seen by everyone.

The benediction was rendered by Roosevelt Alston, assistant principal at Norlina High School.

Deaths And Funerals

ROMIE J. LYLES
Romie Joyner Lyles, 77, of Warrenton, died Monday following an 11-year illness. He was a retired merchant.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. at the Blaylock Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Tom Currie and the Rev. Ralph Culler. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery in Warrenton.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maggie George Lyles of the home; four sons, Elton and Charles Lyles of Warrenton, Joseph Lyles of Newport News, Va., and Romie Lyles, Jr., of Orlando, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Edith Head of Burlington, Iowa and Mrs. Shirley Adams of Richmond, Va.; three brothers, Allen Lyles of Norlina and Hilliard and Charlie Lyles, both of Roanoke Rapids; a half-brother, Thomas Lyles of Chicago; a half-sister, Mrs. Ruby Stinson of Suffolk, Va.; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charlie B. Lyles, Darrell Lyles, Wayne Lyles, Ronnie Head, Ranger Wilkerson and Bobby Wilkerson.

MURRAY BROWN

Funeral services for Murray Brown, 78, were held recently at Union Grove Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. P. G. Davis. Mr. Brown, the son of the late Murrell and Ann C. Brown, was born in Marlboro County, S. C., April 6, 1899. He and his wife, the former Miss Corrie C. Brown, a Warren County native, had lived in Norfolk, Va., for many years.

He is survived by his widow; four daughters,

Mrs. Maxine Leonard of Louisburg; Mrs. Annie B. Mitchell, Mrs. Dorothy Swain and Mrs. Margaret Payton, all of New York City; one son, Murrell Brown of Fayetteville; two sisters, Mrs. Lula Thompson and Mrs. Margaret Brown; one brother, Coleman Brown of Bennettsville, S. C.; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

HARVEY BOYD, JR.

Harvey Boyd, Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Boyd, died in Duke Hospital on August 15 following injuries received in a car accident August 14.

Funeral services were conducted August 19 at Coley Spring Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. C. V. Brown.

He is survived by his parents, Bobby Boyd and Mrs. Celestine Boyd; one brother, William Boyd; one sister, Mrs. Laurine Davis; grandmothers, Mrs. Bessie Davis and Mrs. Geneva Boyd; and grandfathers, John Boyd and Oscar Davis.

MISS LILLIE EDWARDS

Miss Lillie H. Edwards died September 1 in Guardian Care Nursing Home in Henderson. A Warren County native, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Mrs. Laller Edwards.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Greater Lovely Hill Baptist Church by the Rev. J. H. Spruill. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Miss Edwards is survived by one sister, Miss Chlorine Edwards of the home in Macon; two nieces, Mrs. Lillian G. Davis of Liberia,

and Mrs. Lucy A. Branch of Warrenton; two nephews, Charlie I. Edwards of the home and Tealie L. Edwards of Norwich, Conn.

JOHN H. SHORT

Funeral services for John Henry Short, 63, of Route 1, Macon, were conducted on Saturday at 2 p. m. from Blaylock Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Doland Humphreys and Rev. Thomas Crosswhite. Burial was in Sulphur Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Short, a farmer and merchant, died on Thursday of last week.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Irene S. Short; a brother, William Short of Route 2, Macon; and eight sisters, Miss Laura Short, Mrs. Annie James, Mrs. Janie Carroll and Mrs. Margie Miller, all of Warrenton, Mrs. Florence Dryden and Mrs. Virgie Moore of Henderson, and Mrs. Lillie Freeman and Miss Lula Short of Richmond, Va.

Pallbearers were Tommie Wagner, C. G. Snipe, Robert Wagner, George Aycock, Sam Stallings, and Junius Aycock.

NATHANIEL W. TUCKER

Funeral services for Nathaniel W. Tucker, 83, who died on Wednesday of last week, were held on Friday at 2 p. m. from North Henderson Baptist Church. Burial was in Sunset Garden.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lorena W. Tucker of Henderson; a brother, B. G. Tucker of Emporia, Va.; and two sisters, Mrs. Lucy T. King and Mrs. Louise Hale of Warrenton.

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