

County Position For Insulation Inspector Needed

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The Warren County Board of Commissioners will be asked to designate a licensed insulation inspector for Warren County at the board's regular monthly meeting Monday.

The appointment must be made to comply with state laws passed by the 1977 North Carolina General Assembly in which each county and municipality must fill the insulation inspector position by Jan. 1, 1978.

North Carolina legislators during their most recent session elected to draft a provision requiring contractors or persons performing construction work, other than on their own home, to secure a specified permit to install insulation.

The law further defines two types of permits appropriate for use: one, a general building permit to be obtained by a contractor doing general construction, alteration or other work in which the insulation aspect represents only a portion of the total job; and two, a special "insulation and energy utilization" permit required for anyone during insulation installation who has not previously obtained a general building permit.

In addition, to assure compliance of these requirements, the law directs each county or municipality to provide the position of insulation inspector.

The act is intended to protect consumers from substandard work.

Exempted from the permit requirements are persons working on their own buildings or working under the supervision of a registered architect or professional engineer.

County manager Charles Hayes said commissioners have been aware of the new state statute but have not yet appointed an inspector or passed an applicable county ordinance.

At present, the county maintains only the role of electrical inspector, filled by Chet Forrester. Forrester is responsible for approving electrical work performed in any non-exempt home, business or industry in Warren County and in the municipalities of Macon and Norlina.

Hayes said the state law is of a pilot nature, being effective for only one year.

Warren commissioners will be presented an ordinance draft proposed by the North Carolina Association of County Commission-

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Award Winning Warrenton Depot

Woman's Club Project Cited For State Award

The Warrenton Woman's Club will be one of 12 organizations to receive an Award of Merit from the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina during a recognition luncheon Thursday.

The luncheon will begin at 12 noon in the Roosevelt Room of the Hilton Inn in Raleigh.

At Thursday morning's program, beginning at 9:30 a. m. in the Washington-Jefferson Room of the Hilton Inn, Bill Davis, former Warrenton town manager, will demonstrate how he planned and executed the refurbishment of the Warrenton Town Hall for a fraction of the cost of building new quarters.

Davis will be featured on the program, "Have Your Past and Use It Too."

The program and awards luncheon is part of a week-long observance of "Celebration 1977: A Tribute to North Carolina Achievement in Arts and Letters," during the 64th annual observance of Culture Week.

The Warrenton Woman's Club will receive the newest award from the Historic Preservation Society in recognition of the Club's preservation of the old Warrenton depot. The award was initiated in 1974 to recognize organizations or individuals who furthered the cause of preservation or restoration in important or significant ways.

The Warrenton Woman's Club secured a 10-year lease on the 1907 structure and managed to save \$3,400 for the preservation rather than to build a new structure.

In June, 1975, work began on adapting the building to the needs of the club.

The club updated the building with paint and minor repairs, leaving the ticket window and counter intact along with the old pot-bellied stove and scales which are used as focal points.

Since the project began in 1975, the clubwomen have raised \$3,500 more toward this project. Serving as a meeting place for other civic clubs, the depot is now a showplace of the town.

The annual week-long observance will bring together members and guests of a dozen different organizations interested in the fields of history, literature, art and music.

Special programs with

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Hardees Reveals Plans To Locate In Warrenton

By MELEN HOWARD

A well-known fast food restaurant, eyeing a Warrenton site, has announced plans to purchase property and begin construction.

Hardees, based in Rocky Mount, has been considering the location of a restaurant in the area for several months.

A spokesman for the firm said last week they now have a "piece of property under contract." The representative would not reveal the location of the site until details on a deed are concrete.

Hardees' personnel said the real-estate division has ordered a survey and requested proper permits for a Warrenton chain.

The firm is viewing possible restaurant construction by the first of the year. Construction takes about 120 days, the spokesman said. Warrenton, then, could have an operable Hardees by next summer.

Legal matters and other approvals need to be completed to link the work to an opening date.

Hardees has 1,021 outlets across the nation. A second spokesman from the franchise division noted the Warrenton location would be a company-owned instead of a franchise business.

Bids Opened For Phase One Of School Project

Bids for site development work at the proposed consolidated high school site were opened during informal ceremonies at the Warren County school administration office Wednesday at 3 p. m.

Prior to press time Wednesday, school officials estimated \$146,000 as the total project cost or base bid for site development, grading, paving and other preparations included in phase one of construction.

Two deductible alternates could reduce the total bid by approximately \$88,000, according to school superintendent J. R. Peeler.

Deductible alternates include those for curb and guttering, basins and storm drainage in two separate areas of the proposed school site. Costs for alternates one and two are \$67,000 and \$21,000, respectively.

At press time, bid packets had been received by architect Dan Knight from four contractors, with a fifth possible bid pending.

As no problems in site development are anticipated, excessive costs should not be incurred, Peeler said. All soil tests and site borings have proved acceptable.

Members of the Warren County Board of Education were not expected to attend the bid opening ceremony Wednesday afternoon but had scheduled a meeting that evening to review the apparent low bid.

If all is found satisfactory, the board will award the

contract and work could begin immediately. Peeler said the contract stipulated work to be under way by the first of the year in order that the school system not forfeit nearly \$1 million granted through the Economic Development Administration.

Phase one of construction includes only the moving and leveling of dirt, the stabilization of driveways and preparation for later paving and guttering.

Phase two, according to Peeler, will involve general construction of the proposed school, expected to house approximately 900 students

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Former Banker Boyd Dies Monday At Duke

Pettway Burwell Boyd, former president of the Citizens Bank of Warrenton, died at 12:05 a. m. Monday at Duke Hospital in Durham following a critical illness of several days. He was 67 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from Wesley Memorial Church by the Rev. Wayne Young, pastor. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

The son of the late Richard Blair and Tempe Pettway Burwell Boyd, Mr. Boyd was born in Warrenton on Oct. 19, 1910. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, a member of the Warrenton Rotary Club and a long-time employee of the Citizens Bank of Warrenton.

In his young manhood he worked for a short time with Export Tobacco Company before becoming affiliated with the Citizens Bank of Warrenton in 1933. He remained connected with the bank for nearly 50 years. During this time he served as assistant cashier, cashier, vice president, and on Jan. 22, 1963, he was elected president of the Citizens Bank.

Mr. Boyd was elected a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Bank on May 16, 1940. He entered service in World War II on Oct. 29, 1942 and was discharged at Fort Bragg on Oct. 29, 1945.

Following World War II, he rejoined the bank on Jan. 1,



PETTWAY B. BOYD

1946, and on Jan. 9, 1946, was re-elected as a member of the board of directors.

Since the Citizens Bank merged with the Branch Bank and Trust Company of Wilson on Dec. 20, 1976, Mr. Boyd had served as senior consultant and as a member of the directors of the Warrenton branch of Branch Bank and Trust Company.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Florence (Peggy) White Boyd, and a son, Pettway Burwell Boyd, Jr., of Warrenton; and one brother, William Henry Boyd of Henderson.

Active pallbearers were John Boyd Davis, III, John Burgess, Howard Daniel, Dr. Sam Massey, Robert Baskerville and Van D. Alston.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Warrenton Rotary Club.

Centennial Locomotive

On The Right Track

It was one of those days when things just got off on the wrong track.

The cheery red, white and blue Warrenton Centennial Locomotive was cranked up last Wednesday to make a routine chug down the track when station master Howard Oakley realized something was amiss.

The locomotive had jumped the track. What happened, explained Oakley later, is that the tandem bar that moves up and down between the two wheels on each side somehow got crossed.

When the tandem bar crossed, according to Oakley, the locomotive's front wheels went down one track while the back ones jumped the switch point and went down another track.

In the end, the little locomotive was caught in the very awkward position of straddling two tracks.

"It was one of the most unusual derailments we have had," Oakley commented. "They usually don't straddle the rail like that."

Although the locomotive derailed on Wednesday, it wasn't put back into its proper place until Friday as Thursday was the Thanksgiving holiday, rails or no rails.

Oakley and four other men then worked with available rail equipment and jacked the locomotive back onto its track. The process took about three hours, beginning at 8 a. m.

Quite a crowd of curious spectators gathered to watch the tedious operation. Those that stayed until the end received an extra bonus: Oakley took them all for a ride, and down the right track at that.

Town Board To Be Sworn In Monday

New members of the Warrenton Board of Commissioners will be sworn in during a called session Monday at Town Hall.

Taking oaths of office will be newcomers Tom Gaskill, A. C. Fair, Richard Hunter, Eddie Clayton and A. A. Wood. Commissioners Gordon Halthcock and B. G. White will resume their current seats on the board with new two-year terms.

Mayor W. A. Miles will also renew his oath of office for the position of mayor.

Following the oath-taking ceremony, Warrenton's new governing board is expected to discuss what course of action to take in filling the now vacant post of town manager.

Former town manager Bill Davis resigned sudden-

ly from his two-year office days after the Nov. 8 municipal election. His position has been unfilled since Nov. 14, the date of Warrenton's last regular board meeting.

Mayor Miles said last week that several inquiries had been made regarding the position. However, any deciding action will be delayed until the new commissioners assume office.

For the time being, the mayor has retained the names of interested persons for future reference, he said.

The called session will serve primarily to "get the new board organized," Miles continued. In addition to discussing the position of town manager, members of

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Nearly \$6,000 Pledged For Radio Station During Drive

Area businesses and individuals have pledged nearly \$6,000 to radio station WVSP in Warrenton in a series of challenge grants, matching grants and other donations during a five-day fund-raising period ending Nov. 22.

Valeria Lee, general manager, said \$965 had been pledged by area businesses while some 250 individuals, families and other persons had pledged \$5,000 during the drive.

The money will be used to cover the station's general operating expenses.

The challenge grant series was begun by WUNC-FM public radio station in Chapel Hill which pledged

\$200 towards underwriting WVSP's children's program, "Tickle Me Think."

That challenge, according to Ms. Lee, was met by a matching \$200 donation from the Soul City Company, allowing the program to resume during December.

WVSP is looking for other area businesses to underwrite the program in 1978, Ms. Lee said.

"WVSP wishes to thank all the listeners and contributors who helped make the fund drive a success," Ms. Lee said. "Persons called from places as far flung as Raleigh, Greenville, Roa-

noke Rapids, and South Hill, Virginia.

"We hope that their support will encourage businesses throughout the broadcast area to underwrite programming on WVSP," she concluded.

WVSP's broadcast area extends in a 75-mile radius from the tower near Essex.

Upon the successful completion of the drive for immediate basic operating expense money, WVSP has launched a follow-up drive to raise another \$5,000 to match federal funds sought to increase the station's power from 50,000 to 100,000 watts.

WVSP is one of more than

200 non-commercial stations belonging to the National Public radio network. It is licensed to the tax-exempt organization Sound and Print United, Inc.

Persons contributing \$25.00 annually or 12 hours of work are eligible for membership in sound and Print United. At present, some 300 persons are members, according to WVSP's latest report.

All contributions to Sound and Print United are tax-exempt.

Sound and Print United must raise nearly \$100,000 to meet WVSP's total operating budget for 1978.