

## Byers Re-elected Hawkins Principal

J. E. Byers, under attack from the Warren County Chapter of the NAACP, has been re-elected principal of John R. Hawkins High School for the 1964-65 school term.

Byers was re-elected principal of the Warrenton Negro school at a meeting of the Warrenton School District Committee on May 4, but news of his re-election was not released until the end of the school term.

The school man has been a controversial figure here for some time and one group of patrons asked for his removal and another asked for his retention in hearings held before the Warren County Board of Education.

Some 20 members of the executive committee of the NAACP appeared before the Board of Education on March 9 to voice their dissatisfaction with and to request the removal of Byers as principal of the Hawkins school, a position he has held for 20 years.



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Another group appeared before the board of education on April 6, presented a petition for the board asking for Byers' retention, praised his work as

a principal and asked that he be retained as head of the Hawkins School.

At both hearings, the delegations were informed that the hiring of school personnel was the responsibility of the school district committees.

Professor Byers has served as principal of the local school since 1944. His 30 years experience in the field of teaching and administration include positions as teacher of English and History, Nash County Training School, Nashville, 1933-35; elementary school principal, Potteryville Elementary School, Bladen County, Elktion, 1935-37; Union County principal, Farmers Union High School, Columbus County, 1938-1944.

A native of Rocky Mount Byers holds the A. B. degree in English-History from Shaw University; the M. A. degree in Supervision and Administration from Columbia University, New York City; the Elementary School Principal's Professional Diploma, the High School Principal's Professional Diploma, the Supervisor of Instruction's Professional Certificate, all from Columbia University, and he has done further study toward the Ed. D. degree at the same institution.

Following the announcement of the re-election of Byers as principal, additional information on Byers' activities here was released by the publicity department of Hawkins High School. Byers requested that this information be used in view of the strong attack made on him by the executive committee of the NAACP, which was given wide publicity in this newspaper. The information is as follows:

**Activities Noted**  
"Active in professional organizations and activities, Byers has a long and illustrious history of professional affiliations and holds membership in the following: National Education Association (Life Membership), East Piedmont District Teachers Association, Warren County Teachers Association, Warren County Farm Bureau, Warren County Credit Union, "Six County School Masters' Club", the Warren County School Masters' Club, Bladen County Teachers Association and Columbus County Teachers Association. On the local level (See BYERS, page 6)



W. K. DELBRIDGE . . . . . HOLDS TROPHY

## Norlina Postmaster Wins Coveted Trophy

A Warren County postmaster has received one of the most coveted awards offered by the North Carolina Postmasters Association.

W. K. "Bill" Delbridge, postmaster at Norlina, was presented the Greene-Howell Public Relations Trophy at a meeting of the postmasters held at Statesville last Thursday. The trophy is given each year to the North Carolina Postmaster who has done the most in the field of public relations and is open to all postmasters of the state.

The judging was based on two phases: What the Postmaster does in excess of his official duties, and the physical effect the Post Office has upon the public and community. Delbridge displayed the first phase by dividing booklets covering his Church, School, Community, and Department. These booklets contained over three hundred letters of commendation and sample copies of correspondence relative to sickness, deaths, accomplishments, retirements, congratulations, scholarships, etc. The second phase was carried out by a scrap-book with colored pictures, a movie of the building during each season which included the annual Christmas Party for the children, and the copper embossed pictures found in the building.

His theme was "Good Public Relations is Good Administration" with companion posters of "Good Public Relations is": Desire, Attitude, Tact, Semantics, Diplomacy, Postive, Neat-

ness, Initiative, Humility, Confidence, Pride in Your Work, and Love, Faith, and Honesty. The other poster read, "Bad Public Relations is": Complacence, Prejudice, Innuendo, Lackadaisical, Negative, Hypocrisy, and Controversy. For eye catchers he used a Barge, Sailboat, and a Tugboat with the following captions: "Are you a Barge, do you have to be pushed and pulled?" "Are you a Sailboat, do you move only when the wind blows?" "Are you a Tugboat, Are you always pushing and pulling."

Many comments came from (See DELBRIDGE, page 4)

## Dan K. Moore To Visit Warren Today

Dan K. Moore, candidate for governor in the Democratic Primary of June 27, will be a visitor in Warren County this afternoon (Friday). James Y. Kerr, Warren manager, announced yesterday.

Kerr said that Moore will be in Littleton at 1:40 p. m.; at Warrenton at 2:15 p. m., and at Norlina at 2:45 p. m.

Moore will come to Littleton from Centerville and will leave Norlina for Henderson as part of a tour that will carry him into 42 Eastern North Carolina counties.

Kerr said that Moore would be accompanied by Warren County by several members of his family and of his headquarters staff.

## Warren Schools Lose 9 Teachers

### Horse Show To Be Held Sunday

### Gain Of 3 In White Schools

The First Annual Warren County Horse Show, sponsored by the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department, will be held at the Warrenton Fair Grounds on Sunday, June 14, beginning at 12:30 p. m., with a large number of horses being entered from many sections of Eastern North Carolina and Virginia.

Walter Bender, publicity chairman for the show, said yesterday that the show at Warrenton is another New Tidewater Tri-State Circuit Horse Show, which should guarantee its smooth operation and a large number of entries. Bender also announced that a homecooked lunch will be sold at the grounds and suggested that those planning to attend the show wait and eat at the Fair Grounds.

Officials for the show will be: Jimmy Morris of Raleigh, Saddle and Walking Horse Judge; Bayne Welker of Greensboro, Hunter Judge; Frank Smith of High Point, Announcer; Mrs. W. W. McNeil of Chesterfield, Va., Show Steward; Alfred Ellington of Warrenton, Ringmaster; Mrs. James P. Beckwith and Mrs. W. R. Baskerville of Warrenton, Mistresses of Ceremonies; William A. Connell, III, of Warrenton, Show Chairman; Charlie Bowen of Warrenton, Show Co-Chairman; Dr. Donald H. Gwynn of Warrenton and Henderson, Veterinarian; Mrs. Ethel Spears of Chesapeake, Va., Show Secretary; Mrs. A. S. Wyckoff of Norlina, Assistant Show Secretary; Sandy Davis of Warrenton, Farrier.

Thirty-six classes will be presented during the afternoon, and more than \$900 will be presented in prizes.

Classes to be entered include Junior Working Hunters Over Fence; Open Working Hunters; Open Pleasure Horse Class (English and Western); Amateur Pony Roadster Class; Model Colt Class (yearlings and two-year olds); Pleasure Pony Driving Class; Musical Chair (riders 14 years of age and over); Open Pleasure Horse Class (men and women judged separately); Ladies Walking Horse Class; Barrel Race;

Pleasure Pony Class; Juvenile Walking Horse Class; Working Hunters Under Saddle; Roadster Pony Class (46 inches and under); Junior Working Hunters Under Saddle; Go As You Please Pleasure Horse Class; Pick-Up Race; Three-Gaited Stake.

Also, Amateur Walking Horse Class; Junior Working Hunters, Working Hunters; Roadster Stake; Juvenile Pleasure Horse Class (riders 12 years and under to be judged separately from those 13-15 years); Two-Year Old Walking Horse Class; Pole Banding Class; Five-Gaited Stake; Children's Musical Chair (riders under 14 years of age); Pleasure Pony Championship, Walking Horse Stake; Pony Roadsters (over 46 inches and not exceeding 50 inches); Three-Year Old Walking Horses; Pleasure Horse Championship (English and Western); Junior Working Hunter Stake; Working Hunter Stake.

Bender said that a Rain Date would be July 19.

## Woman's Club Makes Donation To Warren Hospital

The Memorial Fund sponsored by the Warrenton Woman's Club has donated funds to purchase a television, bedside lamp and repaint the Woman's Club room in the Warren General Hospital, Dave Richards, hospital administrator, announced yesterday.

The funds originally used for this room were donated by the Woman's Club when the hospital was built. From this same group came funds for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner to be used in a room on a colored room.

Richards said that contributions have been received from Charles A. Tucker, Miss Mary L. Williams and Dr. Ralph A. Kilby to be used toward the needed proposed expansion. He said the total is now \$1620, but that more is needed quickly in order to assist the hospital.

Warren County white schools will gain three additional teachers and the Negro schools of the county will lose 12 teachers under the teacher allotment program for the 1964-65 school year.

This was revealed to the Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting Monday night by J. R. Peeler, Superintendent of Schools.

The recent boycott of Negro schools was a contributory factor in the loss of teachers in Negro schools, Peeler said, as allotment of teachers is based in great part on average daily attendance. However, he said, the loss was not entirely due to the boycott as there had been some decrease in enrollment and some decrease in average daily attendance prior to the boycott.

The greatest loss in the Negro schools occurred in the elementary schools where the teachers were reduced from 99 to 92. The loss in the high schools was from 39 to 35. In addition decrease in enrollment and attendance caused the loss of one special teacher.

The gain of teachers in the white schools was in the elementary schools where the number of teachers remains at 20. An extra teacher—four in all—will be allotted Warren County white schools under the "1 for 15" provision.

The board decided to use three of these teachers in the primary grades, with one at John Graham, one at Norlina, and one at Littleton, with the fourth teacher to work with libraries in all schools. The Macon school has been allotted one teacher to teach the "Exceptionally Talented."

Peeler said the gain in teacher allotments occurred at Afton-Elberon, with one extra teacher, and at Norlina, where two extra teachers will be added.

Peeler said that the county will be allotted eight teachers for the colored schools under the "1 for 15" provision. These teachers will be used as follows, board decided:  
One to relieve the principal at John R. Hawkins of teaching duties and to serve as librarian in this school; one to relieve the principal of teaching duties at North Warren and one to be used as a guidance counselor; one to relieve the principal at Northside of teaching duties; one to relieve the principal of South Warren of teaching duties; and one to work with the libraries at Vau- (See SCHOOLS, page 4)

## All Principals Are Re-elected

The re-election of all high school principals of Warren County was approved by the Board of Education meeting here on Monday night.

Re-elected were Kenneth H. Brinson at John Graham High School at Warrenton; W. O. Reed, Norlina; James M. Smith, Littleton; B. L. King, Macon; Mrs. Katherine Mustian, Afton-Elberon; J. E. Byers, John R. Hawkins at Warrenton; George H. Washington, North Warren; L. B. Henderson, Northside; James Bridgers, Vaughan; Otis H. Hawkins, South Warren; and Bernard Lowry, Halliway.

Otis H. Hawkins, who will head the new South Warren School, was principal of Snow Leno last year. This school has been consolidated in the South Warren school.

## Fire Truck Ready For Delivery On June 25

Warrenton's new fire truck, costing around \$18,000, including chassis and extras, is expected to be ready for delivery on June 25, the Board of Town Commissioners was informed at their regular meeting on Monday night.

However, the town is not expected to take delivery until some time in July after funds for a down payment can be placed in the 1964-65 budget. This was decided in a brief discussion when Town Clerk J. Ed Rooker was instructed to write to the Beam Company to enquire as to a new date for a firemen's school, and to inform the company that it would not accept delivery until after July 1.

Dixon Ward, chairman of the Water Committee, discussed the handling of minor emergency charges in the construction of the sewage disposal plant now under construction here. The board agreed to leave the payment of such charges to Ward and Harold R. Skillman, superintendent of the Water De-

partment.  
The commissioners agreed to have the town's books audited by Phillip & Harris, CPA, at a cost of \$275.00, and ordered that a taxcab driver's permit be issued to Lyn (Buster) Simms, Jr.

Commissioner W. L. Wood, Mayor Pro-Tem, presided over the hour session of the board in the absence of Mayor W. A. Miles.

## Wm. T. Skinner, Sr., Dies On Tuesday

Littleton—William Thomas Skinner, Sr., 73, a retired railroad employee, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be conducted from the Littleton Presbyterian Church Thursday at 11 a. m. by Rev. James Grant Sr. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery here.

He is survived by one niece, Mrs. Raswell Hart of Newsome, Va.; and one nephew, William T. Skinner Jr., of Littleton.



J. B. Thomason, district manager of the Home Security Life Insurance Company for the Roanoke Rapids District, right, congratulates local manager Bobby Allen, shaking hands, and salesman Alvin Weaver and Bobby Shearin on winning trip to Bermuda.

## Insurance Men Win Bermuda Trip

J. B. Thomason, District Manager for Home Security Life Insurance Co., in the Roanoke Rapids District, announced this week that two local salesmen and the staff manager have won an all-expense paid five-day cruise to Bermuda for themselves and their wives. The group will sail from Morehead City Tuesday, June 16, aboard the M/S Riviera and will return on Sunday, June 21.

Bobby Shearin, salesman, won the trip for himself and his wife, Leah, by his outstanding sales record for the Leaders Conference period just ended. A. G. Weaver, salesman and his wife, Julia, will also be guests for his outstanding sales record for the period. These two salesmen were among the top one-hundred salesmen with Home Security for the amount of insurance sold during this period.

Staff Manager, R. V. Allen won the trip for himself and his wife, Peggy, by virtue of the June sales record made by his Warrenton staff. Bobby led his sales staff to a position of ninth place company-wide for sales during the Leader's Conference period.  
In making the announcement Thomason expressed his appreciation to all policy holders and friends in this area for making this growth possible.

## Drake Announces That He Will Be Candidate In Second Primary

Wilton R. Drake, Mayor of Macon, who ran a strong second in the three-man race for House of Representatives from Warren County, has called for a run-off with attorney Frank Banzet in the June 27 second Primary.

In calling the run-off, Drake, who picked up almost 1,600 votes in a three-way race which included Negro attorney T. T. Clayton, said: "I did not enter this campaign lightly and I am calling for a second primary only after careful consideration of all angles and because of the enthusiastic urging of many of my fine supporters from all sections of Warren County who, with me, believe we will win this fight!"

Drake stated further that "I realize this will be an uphill battle but I cannot let 1,600 people down in the middle of the stream. We feel that we have the organization necessary to bring victory, an organization of dedicated citizens who see the futility of letting a politi-

cal machine continue in power which hand-picks its candidates and imposes its will upon the people of Warren County. We are anxious to get on with the job of providing sane, Democratic leadership by people who place the well-being of Warren County citizens first in their thinking and who respect the good judgement of all our reliable citizens rather than the self-centered wishes of a few."

In a prepared statement Drake also said, "I desire it to be known to friend and foe of certain untruths and unfounded charges made against me in this campaign by those who are not willing to let the truth prevail. Some who have spread falsehoods probably have done so unwittingly and all I ask is that they consult me personally concerning any quotations which tend to mar my character and my political motivations. I state flatly that I have made no deals and no commitments and that I will be free



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of any ties which would hamper my effectiveness in the State Legislature."

"Based upon these facts and upon my deep and abiding faith in the citizens of Warren County and what they stand for, I shall rest my case with the voters on June 27," Drake concluded.

## Draft Board Seeks To Find Registrants

The Warren County Draft Board is seeking aid in locating registrants who have not complied with recent requirements of the board, Selby Benton, chairman, said yesterday.

Members of their families, he said, are asked to render help in locating registrants listed below, and if any are deceased to notify the draft board.

The list follows:  
Byron Calvin Brown, Jr., Eddie Hicks, Donald Ezra Leonard, June Louis Marrow, Henry Thomas Pitchford, Jr., Robert Samuel Sutton, Ronald Clontion Talley, Eugene Reynolds Watson, Earnest Williams.

## LEAVE FOR CAMP

Officers and men of Company B, Warren County National Guard unit, left Sunday for Fort Bragg where they will be in camp for two weeks.

## BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will begin at the Deas Baptist Church next Monday morning and will continue through Friday from 9-11:30 a. m. Registration Day will be Saturday at 10:00 a. m.