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Warren Seeks To Be One Of Five

The Warren County Commissioners, at their regular meeting here last Thursday, approved the entry of Warren as one of five counties in a regional group to handle a number of common problems.

Action of the board was taken after Frank Reams, Industrial Director, reported that he had appeared with representatives of five counties in the area before the State Planning Board in Raleigh the previous day and requested that they be grouped together in consideration of services by the board for industrial and other developments.

Counties involved are Vance, Franklin, Warren, Granville and Person. The State Planning Board was told that the area has common interests and logistically fall together in development efforts.

Representatives of city and county governments in the five counties made the appeal at the hearing before Chairman Ron Scott.

Emphasis was placed on highway, airport, government and legislative representation.

Scott reportedly promised some decision later this month as to the grouping. A preliminary arrangement of counties had the group aligned with some of the larger cities and counties, a status which it was said the group wished to avoid in the feeling that local interests could be better served under the plan proposed.

The Warren Commissioners in approving the alignment of the five counties, said that they felt that Warren would be at a disadvantage if aligned with larger counties such as Wake, Durham and Orange.

WINS AWARD

Major R. Wynn, N. C. State Motor Club representative in Warren County, won two of the company's top annual awards for outstanding performance during 1969, the Merit Award and a cash award for fourth place in his membership category.

Cooper Announces For House Of Representatives

HENDERSON—J. C. (Jimmy) Cooper, Jr., of Henderson has announced as a candidate for the State House of Representatives in the district composed of Vance, Franklin and Warren Counties, subject to the will of the voters in the Democratic Primary of May 1. He was the first person to officially enter for the nomination.

Cooper has announced for Seat No. 2, vacated by John T. Church who has announced that he would be a candidate from the district composed of Vance, Franklin and Granville Counties. The three counties are represented by two members of the House.

James D. Speed of Louisville, veteran of four terms in the House, is expected to be a candidate again this year. Whether there would be a candidate from Warren County has not been learned, though no announcement from that area has been made.

In stating his candidacy, Cooper said he "had no political axes to grind and represents no special interests, but will work for the benefit of all our citizens: to curb inflation and rising prices and to conserve and develop our natural resources for benefit of ourselves, our children and grandchildren."

Cooper, 50, a local attorney is a graduate of Davidson College in 1940, majoring in political science. He served four years in the infantry in World War II, and later graduated from the law school at the University of North Carolina, and has practiced law here since receiving his license in 1948. For a number of years he has volunteered Civil Defense Direc-



Eagle Scout Frank Wills Hunter is shown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Edward Hunter, during a Court of Honor held at Wesley Memorial Church on Sunday morning. At right is Sears Bugg, award bearer.

Hunter Receives Eagle Scout Award

Frank Wills Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Edward Hunter of Warrenton, received the Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor at the 11 o'clock worship service at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday morning.

William K. Delbridge, Advancement Chairman of the Moratoc District of the Occochee Council, Boy Scouts of America, was chairman of the Court of Honor. Dr. S. H. Massey, Jr., co-chairman of the Moratoc District, gave

the charge to Scout Hunter. The following Scouts of Troop 617 participated in the ceremony: Smitty Bugg and Walter Gardner, Jr., award bearers; Sears Bugg and Robert Thompson, ushers; Billy Watson and Jay Williams, flag bearers.

Scout Hunter became a member of Troop 617 on Oct. 1, 1965. In order to obtain the rank of Eagle he completed the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life. He completed the requirements for 21 merit badges.

Frank has served as Quartermaster and Patrol Leader of Troop 617.

W. Monroe Gardner is Scoutmaster and Tom Watson is Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 617.

Thurman Batten of Kenly, former Scoutmaster, returned to Warrenton and participated in the Court of Honor. Harvey Hendley of Henderson, District Scout Executive, Scouts from Troop 617 and Cubs from Pack 671 also attended the Court of honor.

Jaycee Delegation Tells Board It Favors Extension Of Town Limits

Members of Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce favor extension of the town limits and a delegation from the chamber appeared before the commissioners on Monday night to make views known.

Roy Pat Robertson, chairman of the civic improvement committee, acted as spokesman for the group. He said that while the club believes that it is imperative for the limits to be extended if the town is to grow and provide a future for their children here, the chamber wanted to discuss the matter with the commissioners before taking extension of the town limits as a project.

Robertson said the chamber wanted to know what sections

of the town could be extended without undue cost to the town, and whether it would be the best plan to extend the limits piecemeal or as an entirety. He said the chamber is anxious to be of any assistance possible to the commissioners in their plans for town growth.

Various members of the delegation of around a dozen added their views to those of Robertson.

Mayor Miles told the delegation that a committee is now studying the matter of town extensions as the board realized that some extension is needed. He thanked the delegation for their interest and promised to keep the Jaycees informed of the town's plans for extension.

Bobby Allen, Jaycee president, thanked the commissioners for the reception given the delegation and for the information supplied to them.

Prior to the appearance of Frank Reams to discuss water matters and the Jaycee delegation, Fred Hurst appeared before the board to ask an investigation of his water bill at the newly established car wash on Macon Street. He said that

the amount of water charged to the car wash was greatly in excess of the amount of water that could pass through the nozzles, according to equipment suppliers. He said that he was not complaining, but would like to have the town check on this matter. The board agreed.

The commissioners adopted an ordinance changing the speed limit on West Franklin Street from 25 miles per hour to 35 mph. A copy of the ordinance made be posted and a copy sent to the State Highway Commission for approval before any change in the speed limits can be made.

Dallas Bolton, an employee of the Warrenton Water Company for a number of years, resigned the latter part of January to accept a position with the State Highway Commission. The commissioners voted Monday night that Miles Serls be offered a position with the Water Company.

The board agreed to place a sign at the entrance of Mrs. Barker Williams's housing development off Bragg Street showing that the street leading to the property is a dead-end street.

Six Charged With Thefts From Autos In Warren

Five adults and one juvenile have been charged with breaking and entering and larceny and five adults have been charged with receiving stolen goods following months of investigation of a ring of thieves by Warren Deputy Sheriff Dorsey Capps and Warrenton Police Officer Freddie Robertson.

Stolen from automobiles since last fall by thieves operating in Warren and Vance Counties have been tape players, tapes, wheels, tires and batteries.

Charged with breaking and entering and larceny are one juvenile, whose name is withheld, and George Basket, James Basket and Melton Harris. Clifton Southernland is charged only with larceny.

Charged with receiving are Darrel Jones, Thomas Curran, Clyde Fields, Herman Nicholson and G. M. Brown.

Deputy Capps said the War-

ren men charged with breaking and entering and larceny in Warren have also been charged with the same offenses in Vance County.

Paint Already Bought For Warren County Jail

Paint for Warren County jail has already been bought and a painter engaged with a promise of beginning work as soon as the weather moderates, Sheriff Clarence A. Davis told the commissioners here Thursday as they reviewed the Grand Jury report submitted at the criminal term of Warren County Superior Court.

The Grand Jury found lack of paint at the jail the major complaint in its report. It also stated that tile on the floor in front room needs replacing, a new front gate is needed, and 88 mattress covers and some blankets are also needed.

While admitting that the exterior of the jail needs painting, Sheriff Davis differed about other recommendations of the grand jury. The tile on the floor is not in bad shape, although a few pieces need to be fastened down, Davis said. Replacing the

Warren County May Place Surcharge On Tank Water

Town Board Expresses Hope That Original Plan May Be Carried Out

The Warrenton Board of Commissioners Monday night expressed the hope that original plans for establishing a water tank in the industrial part north of Warrenton could be carried out and in that event the county would permit the tank and the ownership of the water lines to revert to the Town of Warrenton after having been paid for through tax money provided by Cochrane Furniture Company.

The discussion began when Frank Reams, Industrial Director, appeared before the board to discuss the appropriation of an additional \$5,000 by the town in order that the tank might be erected on property now owned by Cochrane Furniture Company in view of the fact that sufficient funds are not available to go to the original site.

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raised as to how the town could legally justify the expenditure of an additional \$5,000 as a necessary expenditure.

This objection was met by a suggestion of Commissioner Aaron Allen that the town limits be extended to take in all the manufacturing property in the industrial park, including Cochrane Furniture Company, enabling the town to finance the entire operation. He was supported in this view by Commissioner Eddie Clayton, with no commissioner openly opposing this view. Allen said that he feels that the town can at least ascertain whether or not Cochrane would have any objection to being taken into town.

All the commissioners expressed the view that Cochrane would help the town and that the plan would be a fine addition to the town, and in view of this, little objection was raised to the proposal for an additional \$5,000 appropriation.

The objection came to the proposed surcharge and failure of the plan to help the town with its water plant program.

Mayor Miles suggested that a return to the original plan might well be the best solution to the problem. The commissioners were in full agreement.

Board Says Dumping Of Metal At Town Dump Must Be Ended

Citizens of the town and county must stop dumping non-combustible materials such as old refrigerators, air-conditioners, washing machines, and other metal materials in Warrenton's trash dump or the town will place a gate at the entrance to the dump barring the public from using the dump.

This was the decision of the town board on Monday night after Street Commissioners Major Pope Powell told the commissioners of conditions existing at the dump and the problem caused by dumping of material there that can not be burned.

Big Press Run

The press run of The Warren Record this week is 3600. This is the greatest number of newspapers printed by this newspaper in a single edition in the more than 70 years of its existence.



HARRIS

Harris Takes Job With FHA

James C. Harris, Jr., 22, of Warrenton has accepted position as assistant supervisor with the Warrenton office of the Farmers Home Administration and began his duties with the federal agency on Monday.

Jim Elam, Supervisor, said that the increase of work with the local FHA was responsible for the employment of Harris. Elam said that loans for 26 homes by the FHA in Warren County have been made during the fiscal year and that the 1970-71 goal is 40 homes. In addition to making long-time loans for housing, the FHA also makes loans for farms, farm machinery, and other farming expenses.

Harris, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harris of Norlina, attended John Graham High School, where he was a star football player, and was graduated from North Carolina State University in May, 1969. Since his graduation he has managed Scott Gardner's Farm in the Southern part of the county, which was recently sold.

Harris is a member of the Farm Bureau and the Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is married to the former Miss Mary Catherine Joyner of Rocky Mount, who is a teacher at Marian Boyd School. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are members of the Baptist Church.

Board Says It Has No Funds For Office Space

A request that the County of Warren provide additional space in the Taylor Building for the Farmers Home Administration was denied by the commissioners here Thursday on the grounds that no funds are available for this purpose.

Making the request was James C. Elam, local supervisor of FHA, who told the commissioners that the FHA had allotted him an assistant and that James C. Harris, Jr., a native of Warren County, had been employed. Elam said that office space is needed for Harris and that it could be obtained in the Taylor Building, where his office is located, for \$60 a month.

Chairman Amos L. Capps said that he feels that FHA could not have secured a better man than Harris and that the local FHA office is fortunate to have obtained a man of his calibre, but the county does not have the \$360 needed to provide office space for the re-

mainder of this fiscal year. Capps explained that in trying to hold the tax rate to \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation that the board may have figured too closely in some instances and that no funds are available for unexpected demands.

Elam said that Harris would begin work on Monday morning and that for a couple of weeks he could provide space for him in his present office.

The addition of Harris to his staff should permit the FHA to increase its loans for housing by a considerable amount, Elam said. During the present fiscal year FHA loans has increased the taxable wealth of the county by more than \$300,000, and next year this figure should exceed \$400,000.

Elam also told the commissioners that the Farmers Home Administration has been authorized to make loans and grants to towns, counties and nonprofit organizations for the disposal of solid waste.

Privilege Only Being Requested

Warren County reserves the right to make a maximum surcharge of 40% on water obtained from a water tank to be erected on an industrial site north of Warrenton, \$85,000 of the cost of which is to be furnished by the county under a lease-purchase agreement.

This was decided on Thursday afternoon by the county commissioners following a consultation between County Attorney Jim Limer and Frank Banzet, attorney for Bute Development Company and Selby Benton, president of Bute Development company. Banzet and Benton had requested that the maximum surcharge be 25% when Limer had insisted that the county be given the privilege of making a surcharge should it so desire.

Following the consultation, Limer told the commissioners that a 25% maximum surcharge had been suggested, but that they could make the charge anything they wished. He said that he insisted that the county, which would own the tank, should protect its interest by placing in the lease the privilege of making a surcharge. He pointed out that since the lease would probably run for 10 or 12 years the county might find itself in need of this privilege.

Limer said, "I am not telling the commissioners how much this surcharge should be, but if I did not insist upon the board's reserving the privilege of making a surcharge I would be derelict in my duty as your attorney."

Following a discussion when it was suggested "to be on the safe side," a 40% surcharge should be permitted as the maximum, and that this did not mean that the maximum would be used, or that any surcharge would be made in the near future, the board ordered the 40% maximum. The motion to make the maximum surcharge 40% of the town's rate was made by Commissioner Alfred Ellington, seconded by Commissioner Robert Thorne and unanimously passed.

Earlier in the day Frank Reams, Industrial Director, and Selby Benton, Bute president, had appeared before the board

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SPEED

Speed Announces House Candidacy

James D. Speed of Louisville announced Monday that he would be a candidate for Seat No. 1 in the North Carolina House of Representatives, subject to the Democratic Primary on May 2.

Speed, a lifelong resident of Franklin County, has represented the 14th House District, composed of Franklin, Warren and Vance Counties, has been a member of the House in 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1949 regular sessions, and 1950, 1952 and 1954 special sessions.