

## No Action On School Ruling Until Consultation With Board

The Town of Warrenton will not make an official decision on whether to appeal a District Federal Court ruling declaring a Legislative Act creating Warrenton as a special school district unconstitutional before conferring with the City School Board.

This was decided at a four and a half hour meeting of the town commissioners on Monday night.

Commissioner Aaron Allen made a motion that legal fees expended for the district school at Warrenton be discontinued "tonight," that tax funds collected for the school be returned in full to the taxpayers; and that any legal expenses incurred in the matter of the city school be paid for by a levy in the 1970-71 budget.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas Gaskill. Each member of the board was polled and the results were Allen and Gaskill voting in favor and Clayton, White, Powell, Fair and Hathcock voting against.

Opposing board members

said that they were not necessarily opposing Allen's motion but that they felt that the city school board, which the town appointed, should be shown the courtesy of a hearing.

Following the defeat of Allen's motion, Commissioner Gordon Hathcock motioned that the board meet with the city school board before making any decision. The motion was seconded by A. C. Fair. On a polled vote, only Allen opposed the motion.

Following the passage of this motion, Mayor W. A. Miles told the commissioners that he would contact Dr. S. H. Massey, Jr., chairman of the city school board, and set up a meeting of the two boards next Monday night.

Stockholders of Colonial Lodge are in arrears in payments of the purchase price of the hotel, it was revealed. Town Attorney Charles Johnson was instructed to write to the stockholders asking for settlement of past due payments.

The commissioners voted to renew a lease on the Police

Station for five years. Hy Diamond, owner of the station, has agreed to enlarge the station. The board voted to pay \$30 a month until such time as the station is enlarged and \$50 a month after that time.

Grady Haynes was promoted to Police Chief, effective June 1. The resignation of Harold R. Skillman as building inspector was accepted with regret. His successor is not expected to be appointed until the beginning of the new fiscal year in July.

Ed Rooker, Town manager and Town Clerk, was instructed to pay the town engineers for work they have done in connection with the location of Cochrane Furniture Plant here.

The commissioners granted C. W. Curran, Jr., the right to have a trailer display lot within the town limits so long as the trailers were only displayed for sale and not used for an office or connected to the town's water and sewage system. They ruled that the ordinance forbidding the use of trailers for home or business purposes does not apply to trailers on display for sale.

## Summer Program To Begin June 18

By JAMES JORDAN  
ESEA Director

A summer program in various subjects to supplement the regular nine month school term will begin in Warren County public Schools on Thursday, June 18, for about 1,400 pupils.

The Title I, ESEA Program is designed to offer remedial subjects for educationally deprived children needing stronger basic skills in reading, arithmetic, and the language arts in elementary schools. High schools will offer courses to improve skills in the basic subjects such as English, Math, Social Studies or Science for those pupils who failed courses.

School buses will be operated over a majority of existing routes to transport pupils for the six-week program which ends July 30. Summer schools will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. The daily three hour morning program begins for pupils at 8:30. Pupils will be dismissed daily at 11:30. School lunchrooms will serve pupils a nutritious mid-morning snack each day.

Programs to be offered are:

Beginners: Macon, South Warren, Northside, Mariam Boyd and Vaughan. Beginners would be children enrolling in first grade in September.

Reading and Arithmetic: North Warren, Hawkins, Macon, South Warren, Northside, Mariam Boyd, Vaughan and Littleton.

Instrumental Music: Hawkins and North Warren. This program is restricted to pupils already enrolled in instrumental music.

High School Courses: John Graham, Norlina and Littleton.

Daily library facilities and services will be available at each school for those pupils in (See PROGRAM, page 10)

## Warrenton Boy Wins School's Top Honor

CHRISTCHURCH, VA.—John Boyd David, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis of Warrenton, North Carolina, received the "Bishop's Award", Christchurch School's top honor for a graduate, for 1970.

In presenting the award to John Boyd David at the final exercises, June 6, Headmaster Yarbrough outlined these considerations in the faculty voting:

"To the member of the graduating class who in the opinion of the faculty has made the most valuable contribution to the life of the school. In selecting the recipient, judgment is based on the student's overall citizenship, his general example and influence for higher standards, trustworthiness, scholastic effort and responsibility, with special emphasis upon Christian leadership."

This year John Boyd David has served with distinction as a student monitor and he was a loyal choir member and participant in the school's athletic program. For his higher education, John Boyd plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "The Seahorse" salutes this latest Bishop's Award winner whose picture will be placed among the group of forty-one distinguished alumni receiving the award in prior years.

Disposition of other cases were as follows:

Donald Lee West, plead guilty to the charge of speeding 65 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone. The defendant was sentenced to sixty days in common jail. The sentence was suspended upon the conditions that the defendant pay a fine of \$25, court costs and not operate a motor vehicle for six months except from 5:30 a. m. until 7:30 p. m.

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## Loss Of 3887 In Decade Warren County Population Is 15,292 In Preliminary Report

## Commissioners Fail To Reappoint Industrial Chairman To Board

W. Monroe Gardner, chairman of the Warren County Industrial Commission since its organization in 1964, failed to be re-elected to the commission Monday by the board of county commissioners when they named four members to the commission.

Gardner will be replaced as commissioner member by H. E. Dickerson, secretary of the Gaston Lake Chamber of Commerce when his term expires on the first Monday in July.

All members were nominated by Commissioner A. J. Ellington and approved by Commissioners John Wilson and Robert Thorne. Commissioner Richard R. Davis was absent from the meeting due to illness and Chairman Amos L. Capps asked that he be recorded as abstaining from voting in the case of Monroe Gardner.

Other persons named to the board were W. B. Ellington, replacing John R. Edwards, deceased. Ellington's term expires the first Monday in July, 1973.

C. W. Egerton, Jr., replacing Dennis A. Rose for a term expiring first Monday in July, 1973.



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## Crutchfield Replaces Wilson As Pastor Of Local Methodist Church

The Rev. Gilbert Wesley Crutchfield, pastor of the Fuquay Springs United Methodist Church for the past four years, has been named to succeed the Rev. L. T. Wilson as pastor of Warrenton's Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Crutchfield, who has served eight pastorates throughout eastern North Carolina since his 1943 graduation from Duke Divinity School, was assigned here during the concluding session of the N. C. United Methodist Conference meeting last week in Greenville.

He was one of the 161 ministers relocated by the conference which covers eastern North Carolina and a portion of the Piedmont. Announcement of the ministerial assignment was made by Bishop William R. Cannon of Raleigh.

Mr. Crutchfield conducted services at Wesley Memorial Sunday, while the former pastor, the Rev. Mr. Wilson preached at his new pastorate in Ayden.

A native of Moore County, Mr. Crutchfield graduated from Carthage High School and received his A. B. degree from Asbury College in Whitmore, Ky., before attending Duke. Upon graduation, he was named minister of the Kitty Hawk Methodist Church. Other communities in which he has served include Pine Bluff, Tabor City, Elizabeth City, Wilmington, Fayetteville, and Roanoke (See CRUTCHFIELD, page 12)

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W. D. Little for unexpired term of Jimmie D. Medlin expiring first Monday in July, 1971.

The matter of traffic in Soul City was before the commissioners in the form of a letter from W. D. McNeil, associate manager, from his New York office. McNeil said that persons now drive through the Soul City site in a reckless manner, and with the expected build up of traffic due to increased activity at Soul City in the near future, that he feels that the traffic should be regulated.

Persons wishing to get rid of dogs may take them to the home of Claude J. Fleming, Dog Warden, instead of dumping them out on the roadside. Fleming, who was before the commissioners to make his monthly report, said that he feels that it would be easier on him and on the dog owners to dispose of unwanted dogs in this manner. He said that he feels that the necessity for his traveling 206 miles during the month of May was due in large part to the dumping of unwanted dogs in the woods. He said he picked up 74 dogs in May and sold \$8.00 worth of dogs.

H. E. (Dick) Dickerson, secretary of the Gaston Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the board to discuss the operation of the multi-county chamber, and suggested that it would be a good investment for Warren County to donate funds toward the expense of promotional activities of the chamber. The commissioners suggested that part of the funds allocated to the Warren County Industrial Commission under a 5¢ levy, might be used for this purpose. They asked that Dickerson discuss this matter with Frank W. Reams, industrial director.

Reams appeared before the commissioners earlier in the day to report that a snag had been hit in an EDA loan application for utilities in the Warrenton Industrial Park. He said that a number of local persons would go to Huntington, W. Va., over the weekend in an effort

to straighten out the matter and expressed the hope that a commissioner might be among this group.

Marvin Newsom, Bill Reid and Horace Newsom appeared before the commissioners to present the budget for the Warrenton Rescue Squad.

The commissioners ordered that money allocated to County Road No. 1109, known as the "Read Road", be deleted from the 1969-70 road program and used for another location, after they had been assured that it was impossible to secure the right-of-way for the "Read Road."

Mrs. Louise Champion of Durham appeared before the board to request adjustment of tax value on the J. Roy Devine property in Norlina, which she described as non rentable and not insurable. Told that the time for review of tax values had expired for the year, she said she hoped it could be changed for next year.

It was ordered that Walter A. Watts and Company, CPA's, be employed to audit the books of the county offices for the sum of \$1500.

It was ordered that off-premises beer licenses be issued to Swap Carroll, trading as Carroll's Grocery and Service Station and to Arthur Pate, trading as Lake Gaston Estates Marina, upon receipt of State permits.

The State Highway Commission was requested to add to the county road system a new road connecting SR 1113 and SR 1100.

A. P. Rodwell, Jr., Tax Collector, reported 1969 taxes collected during May in the amount of \$25,993.08, making a total of 1969 taxes collected to date in the amount of \$533,294.02, 93.2% of the levy.

## ATTENDS MEETING

Amos L. Capps of Arcola spent last Tuesday and Wednesday in Morganton where he attended a meeting of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Forestry, to which he was recently appointed by Governor Bob Scott.

## Rev. Johnson Resigns As Sulphur Springs Pastor

The Rev. Henry Johnson, pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church for the past three years, has resigned, effective June 28, to become pastor of West Springs Baptist Church at Union, S. C.

The letter of resignation was read to the congregation by George Aycock, chairman of deacons, and was accepted by the church on Sunday, May 24.

A pulpit committee will be selected by the church to seek a replacement for the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

In a statement to The Warren Record, Mr. Johnson said this week: "It is very difficult to leave our many wonderful friends at Sulphur Springs and throughout Warren County, since we have come to love the people here. We have enjoyed the three years that we have made our home here and we will always feel like a part of this area. The people of Afton-Elberon and Warrenton have been especially nice and kind toward us since our arrival here in 1967. We can never forget these memorable years as we move to our new field of service."

A native of Inman, S. C., Mr. Johnson is a graduate of North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, S. C., Fur-



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man University, Greenville, S. C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. Prior to coming to Warren County, he was pastor of Moore Baptist Church, Moore, S. C., and later served as pastor of the Sandy Springs Baptist Church at Forest City.

He is married to the former Georgia Leigh Ford, also of Inman, S. C. They are parents of two children, Timothy, age 11, who completed the fifth grade this year, and Robyn, 5, who was promoted to fourth grade following completion of the third grade this week. Both children attended Mariam Boyd Elementary School.

## Criminal Term Of Superior Court Ends Following Two Murder Trials

The June Criminal term of Warren County Superior Court, which convened on Monday morning of last week with Judge Hamilton Hobgood of Louisville presiding, adjourned around 11:30 on Friday morning.

Trial of cases ended late Thursday afternoon with the end of two murder trials, but Judge Hobgood and court officials returned on Friday morning to wind up the affairs of court.

Five murder cases were on the docket, but the cases against Rose Bud Whitfield, Mary Chavis Jones and George Washington Bullock were continued.

In the other murder cases Arthur Ricks Alston and David Lee West were each charged with first degree murder, but Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr., stated that he would not ask for a first degree verdict. He said he would try the defendants on a charge of second degree murder or manslaughter.

At the conclusion of the evidence each defendant pled guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

The judgment of the court was that each defendant be sentenced to the N. C. Department of Corrections for not less than three nor more than five years. The sentences were suspended for five years and the defendants placed on probation for five years provided that each pays into the office of the Clerk of Superior Court the sum of \$1,000 to be put into a trust fund for the use and benefit of Mansfield Cheyne Green, payments to be made in the amount of \$25 per month, each month.

Seven youthful offenders, Lawrence Jiggettis, Joseph Alston, Milton Harrison, James Allen Baskett, George Baskett, George Rawlings and John Rawlings, were each charged with breaking, entering and larceny. The court accepted a plea of

non felonious breaking and entering and the misdemeanor of larceny, and ordered each defendant placed in the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections for treatment and supervision for a maximum period of two years, or until conditional release or unconditional discharge by the Board of Paroles as provided by law.

The execution of the sentence in each case was suspended for five years upon compliance with the following conditions; that the defendant be placed on probation for a period of five years; during that period the defendants will remain either in school or gainfully employed, make his reports as required to the probation officer, abide by the regulations of the probation judgment therein as set forth in writing and delivered to the defendant; that he shall not violate any law of the federal government or state during the period of five years, and that he pays the costs of court under the supervision of the probation officer.

Gaynell McCoin Brown, Jr., was assigned to the N. C. Department of Correction for 30 days when he pled guilty to a charge of failing to see that movement could be made in safety under existing conditions. The sentence was suspended provided the defendant pays a \$25 fine and court costs, surrenders his operator's license for four months and does not operate a motor vehicle on the public highways and streets of the state during said four months.

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## Haynes Promoted To Warrenton Chief Of Police

Grady J. Haynes, 35, Warrenton Police Officer for the past three years, was promoted to Chief of Police by the board of town commissioners on Monday night.

He succeeds Howard Salmon, who recently resigned to accept a position as street superintendent. Haynes has served as assistant chief for the past two years.

Haynes and his family moved to Warrenton from Macon this week and are making their home at the Daniel house, 205 Main Street.

A native of Lexington, Haynes is a graduate of Scotland Neck High School, and attended Wake

Forest College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He attended Police School at the University of Maryland, and has taken FBI courses in firearms, fingerprinting and investigation.

He served on the police force of Rocky Mount and on the Hampton, Va., police force for five years before coming to Warrenton. He served two years in the U. S. Army, 14 months of which was served with the special services in Europe.

The son of the Rev. and Mrs. Grady J. Haynes of Macon, Haynes is married to the former Janice Whitehead of Scotland Neck. They have five children.