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Bowers Is Elected To Commissioners Board

Claude T. Bowers, Warren business man and former Adjutant General of North Carolina, was elected a member of the Warren County Board of Commissioners in Tuesday's General Election.

Bowers, running as the Democratic nominee, defeated John Hawkins of Warrenton, Republican candidate, by a vote of approximately three to one—2558 to 857, according to an unofficial tally.

Hawkins, a black candidate, carried only one of the 14 precincts in the county. Roanoke gave him a vote of 40 to 10 for Bowers.

Although early trends indicated that Bowers would be elected, returns were slow in being reported and it was around 11 o'clock Tuesday night before all precincts had reported in a contest in which only two candidates were involved. This was due in large part to the time consumer in tallying the seven constitutional amendments and the length of the judicial ballot, which contained the names of 29 democratic candidates.

While the final tally in the Board of Commissioners race had been ascertained by 11 p. m., at that time only half of the precincts had reported the results of voting on the constitutional amendments. Seven out of 14 precincts reporting indicated that all of the amendments were badly defeated in Warren County, although indications are that all but one of the amendments were carried in the statewide vote. The only amendment falling of passage in the state, according to un-

Unofficial Ballot

	Bowers	Hawkins
E. Warrenton	337	122
W. Warrenton	413	182
Fork	82	41
River	246	60
Shocco	95	58
Hawtree	253	50
Nutbush	114	52
Fishing Creek	131	29
Judkins	156	41
Sandy Creek	130	111
Smith Creek	70	9
Sixpound	164	17
Norlina	357	45
Roanoke	10	40
	2558	857

official returns was the amendment for abolishing literacy requirement for voting.

The vote on the amendments in Warren County, with only half the precincts reporting was: For Revision of the Constitution, 452; against 719.

For Reducing Number Administrative Departments, 492; against 625.

For General Assembly Call by three-fifths of members, 376; against 701.

For Revision Concerning State and Local Finance, 355; against 685.

For Income Tax Revisions, 414; against 645.

For Change In Allocating of Escheats, 498; against 630.

For Abolition of Literacy Requirements for Voting, 430; against 807.

All county officials nominated in the Democratic Primary, with the exception of Claude Bowers, were without opposition in the General Election.

Hunter Funeral Held At Episcopal Church

Funeral services for Dr. Frank Patterson Hunter, 70, were conducted at Emmanuel Episcopal Church here on Sunday at 2:30 p. m. by the Rev. Robert W. Orvis. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Dr. Hunter, a general practitioner, died Friday at Warren General Hospital after being taken ill while visiting his patients a short time prior to his death. He had practiced medicine here since 1927.

The son of the late Clement Clay Hunter and Elizabeth Patterson Hunter, Dr. Hunter was born in Warrenton on Jan. 11, 1900. He was educated at Warrenton public schools and the old John Graham Academy. He did his undergraduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and completed his medical education at the Medical Center of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Va. He interned in Philadelphia, Pa. For a number of years he had operated the Hunter Clinic here.

Dr. Hunter was a life-long member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and served as vestryman many times.

On Nov. 24, 1967, Dr. Hunter was honored at a testimonial dinner by the Warrenton Lions Club in honor of his 40 years of practice at Warrenton, and a portrait of him and his grandson was carried in the Lions



DR. HUNTER

Birthday Calendar of 1968.

Pallbearers were Peter G. Seaman, Jr., Gordon Poindexter, Jr., Eugene Odom, Jr., Frank Daniel, Alpheus Jones, Jr., and John Bruce Bell.

Dr. Hunter is survived by his wife, the former Ola Smathers; a son, Frank Patterson Hunter, Jr., of Charlottesville, Va.; two grandchildren of Charlottesville, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter Weston of Warrenton; a nephew, Clement Hunter Weston of Franklin; and two nieces, Mrs. Elizabeth W. English of Panama, Fla., and Mrs. Mary W. Shields of Warrenton.

Warren Citizens Are Handling Debts Well

NEW YORK—How well are Warren County residents handling their debt load these days? How much is the average local family carrying in the form of installment debt?

The latest figures show that there has been an increase in the amount of such debt during the past year but that the increase has been smaller than in other years.

Analysts attribute the below-normal rise to the current cautiousness of consumers. With continued inflation, more unemployment than usual and other uncertainties, most families seem anxious to keep their financial houses in good shape.

As a result, the consensus among credit managers is that the public has the situation well in hand. They point out that rising incomes and bigger savings justify the limited increase in the debt load.

According to reports from the Federal Reserve Board, the National Consumer Finance Association and others, installment debt in the United States, as of the middle of the year, totaled \$98.7 billion, or about \$5.6 billion more than a year ago. In Warren County, on the

basis of local income and spending figures and the national reports, the amount of installment debt is estimated at \$910 per family.

That is the average. Many families have no debt at all. Others owe much more than that.

In general, according to the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan, families with incomes of \$3,000 to \$5,000 owe \$850, on average, those with \$5,000 to \$7,500 owe \$1,200, those in the \$7,500 to \$10,000 group owe \$1,590 and those at the \$10,000 to \$15,000 level, \$1,940.

For the Warren County Population as a whole, the amount of installment debt outstanding adds up to \$4,011,000 approximately. About 37 percent of it is for automobile purchases.

The rest is for other consumer goods, personal loans and loans for home modernization and repair. Excluded are charge accounts, mortgage debt and single payment loans.

Repaying this debt at a regular rate takes nearly 16 percent of the net disposable income of local residents. It averages \$76 per month per family.

Drunk Driving Cases Tried In Local Court

Four cases of drunk driving and one case of public drunkenness were tried in Warren County District Court last Friday in a session largely occupied with traffic cases.

Larry Ray Osborne, charged with drunk driving, was found not guilty.

Thomas Junior Hunt was assigned to work under the supervision of the State Department of Correction for three months when he was found guilty on a charge of drunk driving. The sentence was suspended for three years upon condition the defendant remains of good behavior, not violate any state or federal laws for three years, pays a \$100 fine and court costs and that he not operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the state for 12 months except as allowed by restricted driving privileges.

Britt Berry Caulder was sentenced to work under the supervision of the State Department of Correction for three months when he pled guilty to a drunk

driving charge. The sentence was suspended for three years upon condition the defendant remains of good behavior and not violate any state or federal laws for three years, that he surrenders his operator's license and not operate a motor vehicle on the public highways of the state for 12 months except as allowed in restricted driving privileges, and pays a \$100 fine and court costs.

Johnnie Blackwell, charged with a second offense of drunk driving and with having no operator's license, was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for four months. Blackwell gave notice of appeal to Superior Court and appearance bond was set at \$800.

The court took a nol pro in the case of Joe Bob Walker, charged with public drunkenness.

Allen Lester Mims pled guilty to speeding 70 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

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Unless Differences Resolved

Dr. Bunch Says No More Patients To Be Admitted To Warren Hospital

Market To Close

The Warrenton Tobacco Market will close on next Tuesday, Nov. 10, L. O. Robertson, Jr., sales supervisor, announced yesterday.

Robertson said that through Tuesday, Nov. 3, the Warrenton Tobacco Market sold 8,355,816 pounds of tobacco for \$5,747,136.79, for an average of 68.79¢. Robertson said that due to the dry season the quality of tobacco was not as good as had been expected. Lack of rain kept the top of the plant from properly developing, he said. In spite of this 1970 sales exceeded those of 1969, Robertson added.

Coleman Funeral Held On Sunday

Funeral services for Wiley Gorman Coleman, 59, of Warrenton were held at 4 p. m. Sunday at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church by the Rev. Gilbert Crutchfield and the Rev. L. T. Wilson. Burial was in Gardner's Baptist Church cemetery.

Mr. Coleman, a retired farmer and former chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, died on Saturday. The son of the late Wiley G. Coleman and Lucy Fleming Coleman, Mr. Coleman was born and reared in the Church Hill Community of Warren County and had been a resident of Warrenton for many years. He was a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church at Warrenton where he was a member of the administrative board.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Miriam D. Coleman; two sons by his first wife, the former Emmy Lou Simpson of Monroe, John A. and Wiley Coleman, Jr., of Warrenton; a sister, Mrs. Lucy F. Pope of Macon; and two stepsons, Carlton Duke of Fredericksburg, Va., and William Duke of Ithaca, N. Y.

Pallbearers were W. A. Benson, A. C. Blalock, Sr., E. T. Odom, Jr., Frank Daniel, A. A. Wood, Gordon Halthcock and Stephen Rodwell.

Church To Observe Drug, Alcohol Sunday

The Warren Plains United Methodist Church will observe Drug and Alcohol Sunday on Nov. 8 at 11 a. m. Guest speakers will be James Wortham and Connie Jones, both of Henderson.

The public is invited.

Library Hours

Hours of the Warren County Memorial Library were incorrectly stated in last week's issue of The Warren Record, Mrs. Leonard Daniel, librarian said yesterday. They are as follows:

Monday through Friday — 10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.; 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Saturday — 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

Ordination Service

Charles W. James and Gene Munn will be ordained as deacons at an ordination service at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 11 a. m. The charge will be given by James Short, chairman of Deacons. The Rev. Doland T. Humphries is pastor of the church.

The public is invited.

BAKE SALE

A Bake and Clothing Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6 and 7, in the Chamber of Commerce Building, sponsored by the Warrenton Women's Club. The sale will begin each day at 10 a. m. and close at 4 p. m.



CHARLES DUNN

SBI Head To Speak On Drugs Here Tonight

Charles Dunn, Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, will speak to interested adults on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p. m. in the court room of the Warren County Courthouse, under the sponsorship of Warren County Homemakers Club.

Dunn will talk on the abuse and misuse of drugs, and the role adults may play in the solution or prevention of such problems.

"In keeping with our program in Family Relations and the direct concern for 'Youth and Their Future,' is hoped that every interested adult will be present to hear Mr. Dunn and to

participate by asking questions," Mrs. Bertha Forte, Extension Home Economics Agent, said in making the announcement.

Mrs. Forte said that although the abuse of drugs may not be practiced in our county, society or family, there is no need to stand idly by, thinking we may never have victims of such misfortune.

"As parents, leaders and other adults," she said, "let us take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the problems, and become aware of what can be done to help solve or prevent such problems in our county."

Chairmen Express Thanks To Merchants

Mrs. Fred Bartholomew and Mrs. W. H. King, co-chairmen of the Little Garden Club anti-litter committee, this week expressed their thanks to Warrenton merchants and others for the help given the club in its anti-litter campaign.

"The Garden Club," the chairmen said, "is saying thank you, merchants, for your generous contributions towards our anti-litter campaign. Your contributions have made it possible to award prizes in the local schools for the best essays and posters with the anti-litter theme."

The chairmen said that due to the big response to the club's anti-litter essay and poster contests the winners could not be announced in this week's edition of The Warren Record. They said the judges will announce the winners next week.

The chairmen listed contributing merchants as follows: The Citizens Bank, Esso Oil Co., Leggett Department Store, M. P. Carroll Centre Warehouse, Warrenton Furniture Exchange, R. C. Comer, Jr., Odom Motor Service, Colonial Store, The Style Shop, Tar Heel Tire Sales, Warrenton Supply Co., Bryson Chevrolet, Fowler-Barham Ford, Loughlin & Goodwin, Jet Vending and Music Co., Boyd's Warehouse, Carolina Sportswear Co., Spotless Cleaners, Boyce Drug Co., Miles Hardware Co., Hunter Drug Company, Polk-A-Dot Gift Shop, Benton Furniture, Lanier's Hardware, Miller's Grocery Store, Mr. N. M. Hilliard, and Mr. Roger Limer.

The public is invited.

"We would like to express our thanks," the chairmen said,

"to Mr. W. A. Miles, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Powell and the street department, the town commissioners, Mr. Hundley, Mr. Rooker, the principals of the local schools and faculties.

"Our thanks especially to the staff of The Warren Record, Mr. Bignall Jones and Mr. Duke Jones for the excellent publicity and to WARR Radio for the time on the air."

The chairmen said the response of the people of Warren County has been tremendous. "Please let us continue to keep Warrenton beautiful and clean. Let every month be anti-litter month."

Ushers Board To Observe Anniversary

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church's ushers board will observe its first anniversary at the church near Drewry on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Margaret Jordan, president, announced yesterday.

Mrs. Jordan said that Arthur Williams, president of the State Ushers Board Convention, will be the speaker and that several visiting ushers will share the program.

The public is invited.

Among those recently listed as qualifying for membership in the Greensboro College swimming club, The Aquabellies was Miss Scoggins Jones. Miss Jones is the daughter of Mrs. Rufus S. Jones of Warrenton. She attended St. Margaret's School, Tappahannock, Va., and is now a freshman at Greensboro College.

Discord smoldering for months at Warren General Hospital came to a head Tuesday morning with the board of trustees withdrawing from Dr. Charles Bunch, surgeon and director of administration, the right to hire or fire personnel without the consent of the chairman of the board of trustees.

With the refusal of Dr. Bunch to admit any patients to the hospital or to perform any surgery at the hospital until the situation has been remedied to his satisfaction, and with the resignation of Mrs. Ida D. Martin, executive secretary to the board of trustees for more than 20 years.

Smoldering discord became apparent several months ago when Dr. Bunch rehired Mrs. Candies Miller, a nurse, after she had been fired by Bernard Thompson, acting administrator. Fuel was added to the flame last week when Judge Coy Brewer issued a temporary restraining order forbidding the hospital to refrain from interfering with Mrs. Miller's duties at the hospital and finding that authority to hire and fire was lodged in Dr. Bunch as Director of Administration.

Following the publication last week of Judge Brewer's restraining order, the board of trustees met in called session Tuesday morning and passed a resolution declaring that the power to hire and fire any personnel should reside with the chairman of the board of trustees, and declaring W. B. Thompson and Marie Abernathy to be employees of Warren General Hospital.

This resulted in a letter of resignation to the board of trustees from the board's executive secretary and a letter to the chairman of the board from Dr. Bunch stating that he would no longer admit any patient to Warren General Hospital and will perform no surgery in Warren General Hospital until this matter has been remedied to his satisfaction.

In his letter to Elmer W. Harris, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Warren General Hospital, under date of Nov. 3, Dr. Bunch wrote:

"Dear Sir: "Due to the total lack of efficient care and the absence of competent nursing supervision, I feel that to admit further surgical patients to Warren General Hospital will only jeopardize their condition and lives. Therefore, since all my efforts to remedy this situation have been frustrated by the action of the Board of Trustees, I will no longer admit any patient to Warren General Hospital and will perform no surgery in Warren General Hospital until this matter has been remedied to my satisfaction.

"In addition, since my contract of employment with Warren General Hospital stated that I would be Director of Administration and since the Board of Trustees have seen fit to remove all such authority thereby making it impossible for me to fulfill my part of the contract, I have no alternative but to take the present action.

"Very truly yours,
(s) CHARLES BUNCH, M. D."

CALLED MEETING
A copy of the called meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday morning, reads as follows:

"At a called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Warren General Hospital, the following resolutions were adopted:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, pursuant to its reserved authority and pursuant to the Resolutions of the Warren County Board of Commissioners establishing the Board of Trustees of the Warren General Hospital, hereby directs and authorizes the said Board of Trustees to meet, (See COURT, page 12)

Christmas Kick-Off To Be Held Here On Nov. 27

The kick-off for the Christmas season in Warrenton will begin on Friday night, Nov. 27 with the lighting of the Christmas tree at the court house, with choral groups singing popular music, and with the appearance of Santa.

John Andrews, coordinator for the Christmas festivities here reported at the meeting of the directors of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce that much progress has been made in conjunction with the Warrenton Junior Woman's Club in planning for the season. He said that in addition to the lighting of the Christmas tree on Nov. 27, that a religious program will be held on Dec. 17.

Publication of a mini garden here under the sponsorship of the Little Garden Club has resulted in the Henderson Garden Club asking to do one in Henderson. Mrs. Harriet Banzet reported to the directors. She said the mini-garden

would be started in the near future. Mrs. Banzet also thanked the merchants for their cooperation in promoting the anti-litter campaign.

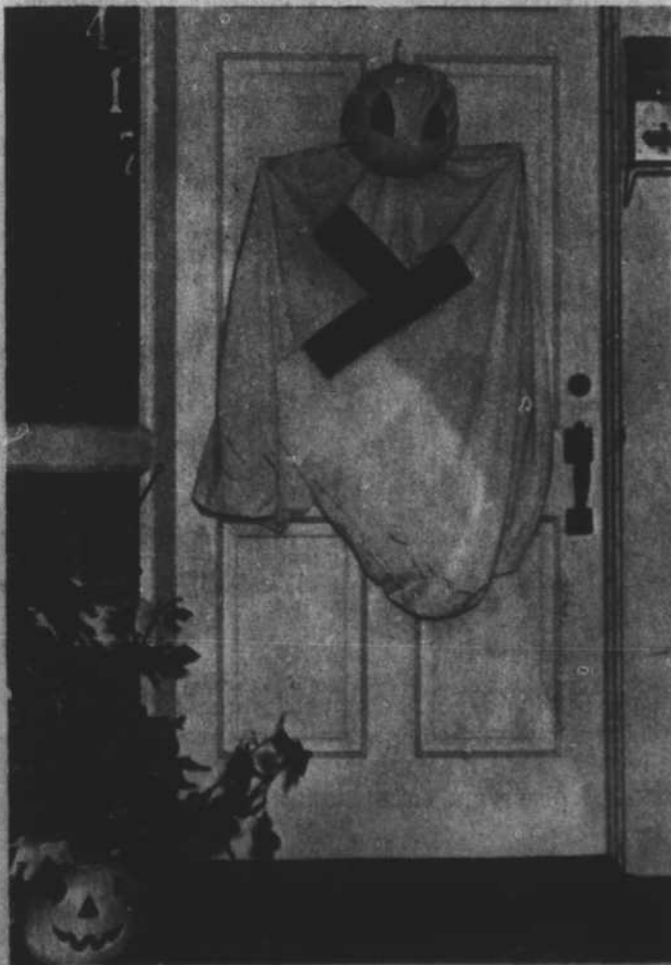
It was announced that several other committees were working on plans for improvement in the near future.

The directors said they wish to urge everyone to take advantage of a program to be given at the courthouse on Nov. 5 with Charles Dunn, SBI director, as the speaker. Dunn will speak on abuse and misuse of drugs, under the sponsorship of the Home Economics Extension Department.

IN HOSPITAL

Miss Vera Kimball has been transferred from Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson where she is recuperating.

Necessity knows no law—and it's the same with extravagance.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howard of 17 Eaton Avenue, which won the first prize in the Halloween Decorations contest sponsored by the Warrenton Junior Woman's Club.