

Commissioners Are Told

Brick Sidewalks May Have To Come Up

John Ellis, contractor for the town of Warren, told the Warren Board of Commissioners last night that the town may have to come up with a new sidewalk for the town of Warren. Ellis said that the town of Warren is in a bad state of affairs and that the town of Warren is in a bad state of affairs. Ellis said that the town of Warren is in a bad state of affairs and that the town of Warren is in a bad state of affairs. Ellis said that the town of Warren is in a bad state of affairs and that the town of Warren is in a bad state of affairs.

Ellis said that following the heavy rain he found that a shovel would sink to the bottom with no pressure. He also said that failure to properly tamp the soil where a pipe crossed Main Street at Macon Street caused the pipe to sink to the point that it would hold up completion of the sidewalk until it is correct. The State Highway Department is concerned with this, it was revealed.

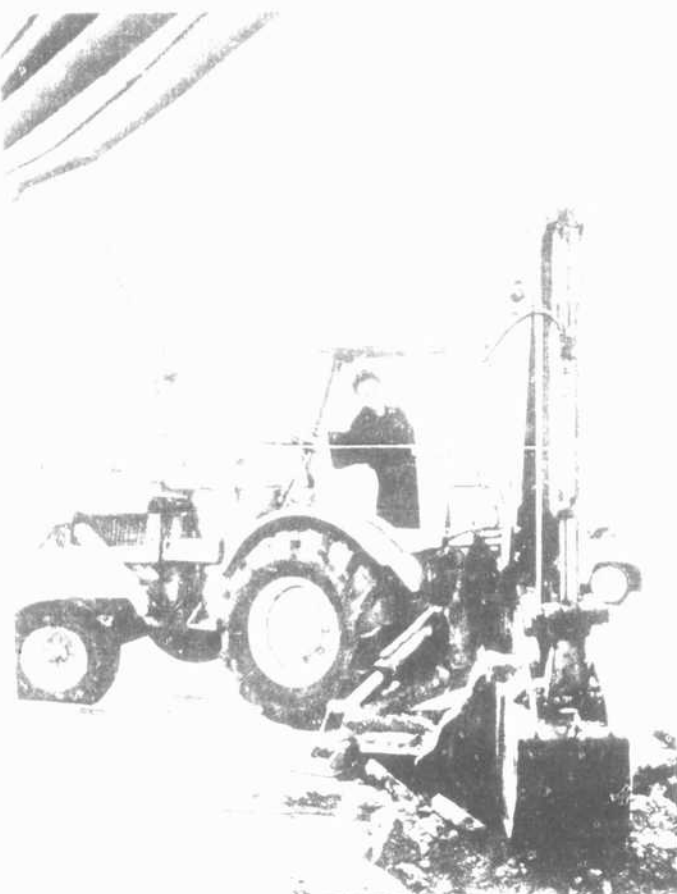
It was also revealed that the sidewalk along Macon Street on the south broke off when a truck ran over it and that its general condition was unsatisfactory. Bricks on this sidewalk were laid in concrete. This sidewalk was the responsibility of the telephone company and its contractor.

Also revealed was that the curbing between Odom's Motor Company and Macon Street on the east was built too high and would have to be torn out and rebuilt (This has been done) Contractor John Ellis was blamed for this error.

The cost of rebuilding the two blocks of sidewalk along west Main Street was estimated at \$20,000. But Contractor Ellis said that this was just a wild guess. But that said already placed in space for brick would have to be replaced by dry sand and that much of the work would have to be done with shovels so as not to injure the telephone cables.

At the suggestion of the telephone representatives, the board appointed Mayor Miles to meet with a telephone representative and its contractor, the town's contractor, John Ellis, and the town engineer, John A. Edwards early as possible the following week, to iron out differences and make a settlement. Both the telephone company and its contractor and the town contractor are bonded.

The commissioners assured John Ellis that the town would not take advantage of a completion cause where it was someone else's fault. The



A workman removes slabs of concrete from atop a Main Street sidewalk in preparation for laying bricks for the town's new walkways. Problems with the foundation of the sidewalks on the west side of the Main Street were the subject of a called meeting of the Warren Board of Commissioners last Thursday night.

Warren Gets First Road Death Of Year

A Henderson woman was killed in a crash on the east side of Warren on Wednesday. The crash occurred on the east side of Warren on Wednesday. The crash occurred on the east side of Warren on Wednesday.

Mrs. Eric R. Bates, 54, of Henderson, was killed in a crash on the east side of Warren on Wednesday. The crash occurred on the east side of Warren on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bates was taken to Warren General Hospital for emergency treatment and transferred to Park Medical Center for treatment of head and internal injuries. Her husband, James Bates, 56, was not seriously hurt in the crash.

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Police announced that the driver of the car involved in the crash was not seriously hurt in the crash. The crash occurred on the east side of Warren on Wednesday.

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Harris Leaving As Councilman

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The Harris family has made their home in the former Barker Williams residence on South Main Street for several years. The home has been purchased by Dr. K. B. Patel, a local physician whose family is expected to move into it on March 1.

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Leaf Designation Period Will Begin On March 1

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Dr. Lipsett Will Stop Practice In Warrenton

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Old Warrenton Fire Equipment Sought By State

By RIGGALL JONES

Stated above the Mayor's Office in the Warrenton Municipal Building as the framework of what was once the pride of the Plummer Hook and Ladder Company as the one piece of equipment of the Warrenton Fire Department was known around the turn of the century.

The firefighting machine, made by the Ransom Wagon and Buggy Company, located near where the Warren Theatre now stands, was a type of wagon, pulled by two horses or mules. It was longer than the conventional wagon and suspended from axles and poles connecting the two axles were a number of buckets. In a frame above were carried the ladders and hooks of the fire department. (The coffin in which Annie Carter Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, was buried was made in this factory.)

This hook and ladder wagon was used by Warrenton's black volunteer firemen for several years, but was abandoned when cisterns replaced wells and the company obtained a pumper and fire hose. It was used by the firemen in parades off and on for years and there is in existence a slide showing the late Baker Plummer driving a

pair of mules hitched to this wagon in one of the company's parades.

There was no suitable space to store the wagon in recent years. It had been painted at his own expense by McCarroll Alston, now Warrenton's first black fire chief. The wheels disintegrated and the tongue fell off. Then the firemen stored the pieces of this equipment above the toilet in their fire house. In recent weeks these pieces have been stored in a room above the Mayor's Office.

In October when the Warrenton Fire Department appeared in a parade with other fire companies at Murfreesboro, participating was the Wilson Fire Department. This department had on display a hook and ladder wagon with its buckets, similar to the Warrenton wagon. In addition the Wilson Company displayed an old brass pumper similar to the one later used in Warrenton. Both these pieces of equipment were restored and displayed by the North Carolina Division of Archives and History where they are permanently kept.

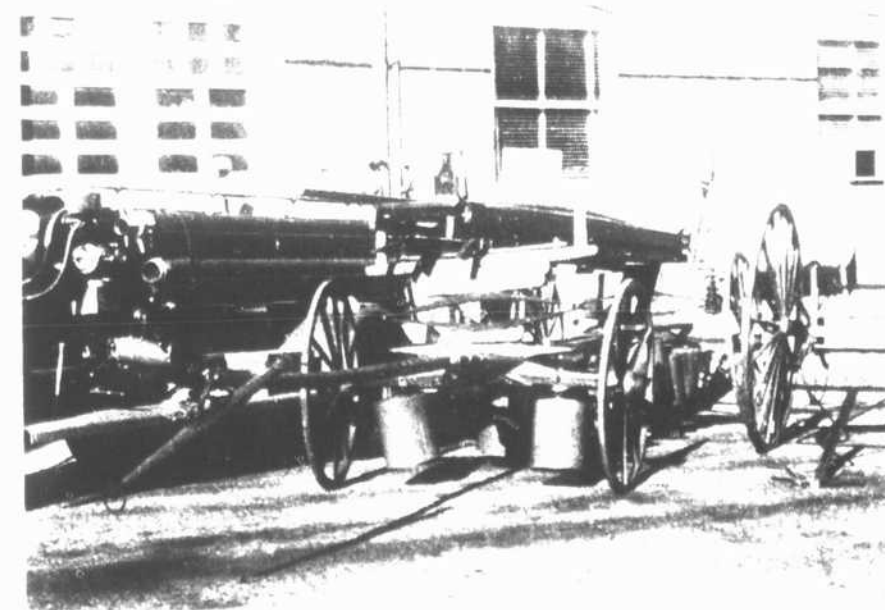
Recently a representative of the Division of Archives and History visited Warrenton and inspected the remains of its hook and

ladder wagon and told firemen he wanted to take it to Raleigh, have it rebuilt and placed on display. It would be said, be available to the Warrenton fire company for parades and other special events. It is reported that the cost of restoring this old wagon would be around \$3,000.

Firemen have expressed a desire to have this hook and ladder wagon restored and kept by the state. There is a division among the town commissioners in regard to approving the request of the State Division of Archives and History. Some want the town to restore it and display it here, possibly keep it in a museum when and if one is built here. Others feel that the town has neither money nor facilities to restore the relic, and the end result is that nothing will be done and a valuable memento will be lost to posterity.

The firemen say that they own the wagon, that they bought it with their own money, and that they want it sent to a place where it will be properly restored and cared for.

No official action has been taken by the board.



Pictured with other equipment of the Warrenton Fire Department in December 1966 is the old hook and ladder wagon of the Plummer Hook and Ladder Company. At this time it was intact. Other equipment shown is a fire engine purchased in 1937 in background, and hose reel cart in foreground.