

Local Candidates Mull Political Future

By HELEN HOWARD
Two statewide issues and municipal elections will be decided at the polls on November 8.

In order to file, a candidate in Warrenton must go to the Board of Elections office on Front Street and pay the filing fee. In Macon and Norlina, a candidate should go to the respective chairman of the Board of Elections for that town and pay the filing fee. The fees vary from town to town, according to Mrs. Mariam Coleman of the Warren County Board of Elections.

The municipal government officials will be seeking election in November. This includes the mayor and town commissioners. In polling the incumbents as to their decision on whether or not they would seek reelection, both Mayor Miles of Warrenton and Mayor Perry of Norlina said that they would definitely run again. While the mayors have decided, commissioners in

the respective towns are mulling their decisions. Commissioner Billy Lanier was the only Warrenton incumbent polled to give a definite answer saying, "I sure am. I have enjoyed it." Other Warrenton commissioners are having a difficult time in making their decision on the heels of recent turmoils within the group on buying practices of the town from board members. Similar conflicts

have caused friction among the members, the commissioners explained as each was polled and reported almost the same story. B. G. White, who has been on and off the board for many years, along with Dr. Sam Massey, William Leary and Anna Butler said they were undecided at this time. Gordon Haitcock was not available. Norfleet Cliborne, who is (Continued on page 3)

New Direction Taken

Hopes Revived For Water Line

Warren County officials Tuesday agreed to appeal to a new agency of the federal government in an effort to win approval of a twice denied application for a \$900,000 water line linking Warrenton with the regional Kerr Lake water system. Warren County commissioners, at the urging of a representative of the Soul City Company, tentatively voted to make their plea for federal funding for the water line to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Commissioners authorized Chairman W. P. Jones to sign the necessary application papers, provided the move meets with the approval of the county attorney.

The proposed line which would link Warrenton with the regional system now serving Soul City has been turned down twice during the past year by EDA officials charged with allocating public works money. Lewis Myers, a Soul City official, said that the new application for funding will be submitted to HUD's New Communities Administration, the agency which has provided the bulk of federal assistance to Soul City.

Board Adopts New Subdivision Rules

The Warren County Subdivision Regulations, recently approved by the County Planning Board with minor changes, were adopted by the County Commissioners at their meeting here Tuesday morning. Adoption of the Zoning and Building Codes were delayed.

Lack of a building code for the county provides the necessity for the appointment of an Insulation Inspector in order that Warren citizens may share in the costs of home insulation through federal assistance. This amounts to 25 percent for homeowners and larger amounts for commercial building, Chet Forrester, Warren Electrical Inspector, told the commissioners. He said such insulation must be installed by a licensed builder.

Forrester was before the board to bring this information to its attention and to explain that if the job was combined with that of Electrical Inspector that it would entail an increase in costs, largely due to increased travel. He said he is not seeking the job. The commissioners postponed any action on the appointment until their next meeting in order that further study of the law could be made and an

inspector found. Mrs. Joan Hight of Henderson appeared before the commissioners to again request that the George Allen Home on Cousin Lucy's Lane, now owned by a Senic. Citizens Center. She was accompanied by Bob Keese of the Office for the Aging. Mrs. Hight said that the building would more than meet the state's requirement for matching funds. Commissioner Clyde Edwards, a Senior Citizen, said that the home would make an excellent Center for the Aging, but the commissioners took no action.

Mrs. Hight said that she felt it is too late for Warren to get its application in this year, and suggested that they prepare to get this application this year, but suggested that plans be made for an early application in 1978. The commissioners made no commitment.

A group of citizens living off Rural Road 1306 appeared before the commissioners to ask that they recommend to the State Highway Commission that a privately owned road, 0.3 miles long, be taken over by the state. Six families live on the private road. The commissioners approved the request.

Funds Are Received For Lockup Of Males

The Warren County Board of Commissioners has received a contract from the State Department of Correction for reimbursement for incarceration of male misdemeanants with sentences of 31 to 180 days. The size of the proposed reimbursement is \$8.00 per day. At their meeting Monday the commissioners said that the fee offered by the State does not cover the actual costs of boarding and feeding the prisoners, and voted to defer signing the contract in the hope that a better offer would be made. J. Thomas McBride, Era Administrator for the State Mental Health Program, and Tana Onicohenko, Director of Children's Program, appeared before the board in regard to a foster home program for non-criminal emotionally disturbed children in the four counties of Warren, Franklin, Vance and Granville. In (Continued on page 3)

The board also approved a resolution to have the Highway Department pave the driveway to the Ridge-way Fire Department, and to have the Newsom Road graded, drained and stabilized.

Dr. Kirit Trivedi was appointed a member of the Warren County Emergency Medical Council for one year. He succeeds Dr. K. B. Patel.

The appointment of two Hospital Board members was tabled until the next meeting.

The board voted to authorize Chairman Jones to sign a letter of intent for the county to participate in Statewide Community Based Alternate Programs, if there be no cost to the county.

Chairman Jones announced that the State Department of Human Resources had approved the County's Social Service budget.

Juror Excuses Will Be Heard

All jurors wishing to be excused from jury duty at the Sept. 12 Civil Session of District Court are asked to appear before the District Court Judge on Friday, Sept. 9, in the Warren County Courthouse.

Purchase Change Is Approved

By HOWARD JONES
Warrenton commissioners have agreed to halt controversial buying practices which during the past fiscal year saw four businesses operated by elected municipal officials receive 77 Town of Warrenton checks totalling more than \$3,700.

The action to end town trade with the mayor and members of the board came after Town Attorney Charles Johnson advised the board, meeting September 1 in special session, that the practice was illegal under state law. He said the practice was a misdemeanor and had been prohibited by state statute since the 1820s.

Johnson's opinion was given in response to a request from Commissioner Bill Leary, chairman of the Finance Committee, who said he would like to have a legal opinion before signing any more checks to businesses operated by board members.

In agreeing to halt the practice, again defended by Mayor W. A. Miles as a common occurrence in small towns, the board said it would seek a ruling from Attorney General Rufus Edmiston on the matter.

The fact that commissioners were doing business with themselves in violation of N. C. General Statute 14-234 was disclosed in a story in the August 4 edition of The Warren Record which pointed out that the action was jeopardizing continued receipt of federal revenue sharing funds. The article pointed out that at least three commissioners were guilty of the illicit trade.

During Thursday's special session, it was revealed that a fourth board member, Commissioner W. K. Lanier, Jr., had profited from town business during the past year. Lanier told the board that he owned "100 percent" of Lanier Hardware Company. During the fiscal year ended June 30, Lanier's firm received \$658.26 in town payments.

Limer Post To Have Dinner Meet

Limer Post 25 of the American Legion will have a regular dinner meeting tonight, September 8, at 7 o'clock at the Lions Den. "This will be the last meeting prior to the Lions' Warren County Fair so come out and help us plan our activities at the fair," Adjutant Russell Currin said. "Bring along a wartime veteran as a guest and a potential member. Please remember we are still collecting membership dues."



Students head for buses to return home following the first full day of classes on Tuesday. Superintendent J. R. Peeler's office said 3,436 pupils attended class and more are expected after tobacco harvesting is completed.

Contract Not Signed For Nursing Facility

The contract for a nursing home at Oxford has not yet been signed, Henry Pleasants of the Capital Health Systems Agency told the Warren County Board of Commissioners at their meeting here Tuesday morning.

Pleasants said that delay was due to dissatisfaction on the part of certain operators of these homes with the number of beds being authorized by the state. This, he said, caused Governor Hunt to order a delay in signing while a survey of needs and beds could be ascertained. The contracts must be signed by Nov. 1.

Pleasants appeared before the board in connection with procedure required in the election of a person to fill a vacancy on the Board of

the Capital Health Systems Agency, of which county commissioners have a part. The local commissioners are particularly involved because of the resignation of John Hawkins of Warrenton from the CHSA board.

The rather cumbersome method approved by the state, over HEW opposition, was explained in a letter from George M. Stockbridge, executive director of the Health Systems Agency, and elaborated upon by Pleasants. The Stockbridge letter, which explains the procedure reads as follows: "Mr. John Hawkins, a consumer representative from your county, has indicated he does not wish to be reappointed to the Board of the Capital Health Systems Agency at the

expiration of his current term which ends December 31st. "Our procedure for filling vacancies that occur on our Board is as follows: "We contact the appropriate Board of Commissioners and request that they publish a public notice that such a vacancy exists, and describe the type of representative needed to fill that vacancy

Price Is Selected Year's Top Teacher

Walter Price, teacher at Hawkins Junior High School was chosen as the 1976-77 Teacher of the Year by the Warren County Unit of the North Carolina Association of Classroom Teachers. He will represent the local unit in the district competition in September.

During the 1976-77 school session, Price was selected by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to serve as master teacher counselor for the North Carolina Internship Program for Secondary Occupational Education Teachers; representative to the National Commissioner's Conference on Career Education in Houston, Tex., and served as consultant for Occupational Exploration Workshops in several counties in North Carolina during the summer.

Price has served as classroom teacher for 25 years with 21 years in Warren County. In 1975, Price was awarded the Scoutmaster's Green Band Award for his



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assistance on a 21-day names of the names, the CHSA will promptly mail to the individuals a personal resume form which we will ask them to complete and return. The Nominating Committee then screens and compiles a list of those names which fulfill the requirements of the vacancy.

"At this point, the list of names is submitted to your Board of Commissioners to determine whether any name appearing on the list is unsatisfactory to the Commissioners. If so, that name is removed from the list and the Nominating Committee proceeds to make its selection and recommendation to the CHSA Board of Directors. "The process may be considered to be somewhat cumbersome, but is designed to meet the desired objectives of openness of procedure, public participation, and county commissioner concurrence. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated."

Record Prices Are Received On Local Mart

The Warrenton Tobacco Market recorded the highest prices in the history of the market on Tuesday, reaching an average of \$126.02. "This was the highest to my knowledge," reflected George Willis Shearin, sales supervisor for the market. Shearin noted that one warehouse on the market reached an average of \$142.08 for Tuesday's sale, the 10th day of the 1977 auction season. He said that all the warehouses had capacity sales and a better type of tobacco was displayed.

Tuesday's sale of 317,797 pounds made \$353,647.73 for the farmers for the high average. Farmers also are scheduled to sell here today.

Revival Services Are Scheduled By Warrenton Church

Revival services will be held at Warrenton Pentecostal Holiness Church Sept. 12 through Sept. 17 at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. B. C. Horrell of Roanoke Rapids will be the guest evangelist.

The Rev. Robert J. Forehand, pastor, said special music will be rendered each night. On Sunday, Sept. 11, homecoming will be observed at the church. A goal of 108 attendance has been set. The day will begin with Sunday School at 10 a. m. followed by the morning worship service by the pastor at 11 a. m. and dinner on the grounds at 12:30 p. m. At 2 p. m. "The Redeemed" of Winnabow will hold a special singfeast. No evening services are scheduled for Sunday night.

Only One Fire Reported Here

Only one fire was reported by the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department during the week. One truck and six men responded to a call for a brush fire on Haley Street at 3:15 Saturday. No damage was reported.

Questionnaire Offered

Readers of today's Record have an opportunity to tell State Government what they believe is the biggest problem facing North Carolina in a survey called "North Carolina Tomorrow." The survey questionnaire, which the Record is publishing as a public service, is being conducted by the State Goals and Policy Board. Governor Jim Hunt, chairman of the Goals and Policy Board, said he wants North Carolinians to be "partners with us in Raleigh in deciding what directions our state should take in the future." Completed survey forms should be clipped from the Record and mailed to the Governor in Raleigh. Results will be tabulated by county and will be made available this fall.