

Succession Approved, Municipal Races Settled

Overwhelming Vote Given Bond Issues

Warren County voters passed by a slim margin the widely discussed gubernatorial succession amendment but gave a wide berth of approval to all other statewide issues.

office reported that 1,023 Warren County voters who cast ballots at the county's 14 precincts favored the amendment while 933 voted against.

The county's registered voters number 6,544.

Other state proposals, including a \$300 million highway bond issue, a \$230 clean water bond issue and four other proposed constitutional amendments, were approved with little opposition by Warren voters.

The local vote was typical of that reported throughout North Carolina after all returns were compiled Tuesday.

With voting that was largely low to moderate, the state will witness passage of the two bond issues as well as constitutional amendments relating to homestead exemption, extended insurance, gubernatorial succession, electrical ownership by municipalities and a balanced state budget.

In Warren County, the 14 precincts reported total voting totals of 1,450 for, 619 against the highway bonds; 1,330 for, 553 against water bonds; 1,728 for, 214 against homestead exemption; 1,709 for, 213 against insurance; 1,023 for, 933 against gubernatorial succession; 1,102 for, 640 against electricities; and 1,478 for, 355 against a balanced budget.

All precincts had reported to the Board of Elections before 11 a. m. Tuesday. West Warrenton, last of the 14 to file returns due to an adding error, was still trying to make its tallies balance at 11:45 p. m.

Miriam Coleman, executive secretary of the elections board, estimated a 32 per cent turnout of registered voters during the long day at the polls.

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Warren Vote Follows Trend

Warren County voters generally followed the rest of North Carolina in their assessment of proposed statewide bond issues and constitutional amendments.

Gubernatorial succession, one of the most debated of the statewide issues, passed by a narrow margin here as elsewhere in North Carolina.

The amendment, introduced and subsequently promoted by Gov. Jim Hunt shortly after taking office in January, will allow North Carolina governors and lieutenant governors to seek second consecutive four-year terms.

Getting overwhelming approval but less prior publicity were the remaining four proposed constitutional amendments for equal homestead exemption rights, life insurance rights, the right for municipalities to own and operate electrical systems and a balanced state budget.

Strong endorsements were given here and throughout the state for two proposed bond issues. Both the \$300 million highway bond and the \$230 clean water bond issues received hearty voter support.



Undercover work by SBI agents working jointly with the Warren County Sheriff's Department, last week disclosed an illegal drug-making operation in Hollister. Sheriff Clarence Davis, right, escorts Charlie Lewis Boone, left, and his brother, Curtis Alvin Boone, center (with jacket before face) to the county jail following an early trial Friday. (Staff Photos)

Angel Dust Charges Brought Against 3

Three men were arrested last Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 2, in Warren County and charged with the illegal manufacture of PCP (angel dust or phencyclidine).

The SBI, the Warren County Sheriff's Department, and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration made the arrests.

Charles Louis Boone, 42, and his brother, Curtis Alvin Boone, 31, were arrested at a trailer on Rt. 1, Hollister in the Bethlehem community where they were operating a clandestine laboratory for the manufacture of angel dust.

Lionel Boone, the 19-year-old son of Charles Boone,

was also arrested at the same time.

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten announced that the discovery was the first clandestine laboratory for the manufacture of angel dust to be found in North Carolina.

"The use of angel dust has been recognized as a national problem. This is the first laboratory that we have discovered that was manufacturing angel dust in North Carolina," he said in a news statement.

Curtis and Charles Boone were jailed under a \$10,000 bond each. Bond for Lionel (Continued on page 14)

Warrenton Mayor Handily Turns Back Challenge; Three Councilmen Fail In Bid

By HELEN HOLT
News Editor

Five new commissioners will take their places alongside two returning commissioners and a veteran mayor in Warrenton while the Norlina governing board will remain the same, voters decided Tuesday in Warren County's two largest municipal elections.

Macon Board Has New Face; Mayor In Halifax Wins

Only one newcomer will join the ranks of Macon's governing body following Tuesday's election in which 54 voters appeared at the polls.

Marie G. Wilson will enter her first term as commissioner on the five-member board while W. R. Drake, technically a new member, will step down from his post as mayor to be the town's fifth commissioner.

The mayoral position will be taken up by Bill Reid, who ran unopposed in the election. His 44 votes were challenged only by one write-in vote for W. Rowlette Shaw.

Terms of service will be renewed for incumbent commissioners M. C. Clary with 43 votes, Harry S. King, 40; and Patricia Haithcock, 31.

Newcomer Mrs. Wilson received 32 votes and Drake, 28.

Low vote-getters in the field of candidates were Glen R. Riggan, 25 votes; J. W. Beddingfield, 21; and W. Rowlette Shaw, 20.

Littleton Election
In neighboring Littleton, incumbent mayor Mason Hawfield gained 172 votes to the 88 votes received by challenger Bobby Rollins, a current member of the town commissioners.

The present board remained the same, excluding (Continued on page 12)

In addition, Warren voters elected to approve by a wide margin two statewide bond issues and five proposed constitutional amendments.

With what was described as moderate turnout for the county, approximately 32 per cent of 6,544 registered voters went to the polls. For East and West Warrenton, the county's two largest precincts with 816 and 1130 registered voters, respectively, voting was low to moderate as city residents cast ballots in an active political contest.

Incumbent Warrenton mayor W. A. Miles soundly defeated challenger Anna G. Butler by a 290 to 127 vote. East Warrenton cast 114 votes in his favor and 39 for Mrs. Butler while 176 votes were cast for Miles and 88 for Butler in West Warrenton.



MILES

New commissioners who won the most votes of confidence from the people were Eddie Clayton with 278 votes total, A. C. Fair with 198 votes, Tom Gaskill with (Continued on page 12)

Norlina Board Is Unchanged

The Norlina Town Board and the mayor will remain the same following Tuesday's election.

With over half of the voters turning out, the five incumbents easily won another term.

William Dickerson, a newcomer, was the only challenger to offer a threat for a seat. Dickerson tallied up 138 votes coming within nine votes of the nearest incumbent.

The voters also cast votes for mayor though Bill Perry ran unopposed on the ticket. The mayor received 189 votes.

The votes cast included: Jimmy Overby, 184; Ben Lloyd, 166; Wallace Stallings, 163; John Dore, 155; and Will Hicks, 147.

Others running included: William Dickerson, 138; Dwight Pierce, 106; and Alfred Coleman, 65.

Of the 447 registered voters in the municipality, 246 turned out to vote.

Mayor Perry has been hospitalized at the Rocky Mount Sanatorium for two weeks preceding Tuesday's election. His wife, Dot, however, said Wednesday that steady improvement should enable him to return home this week, possibly today (Thursday).

The votes cast were for all the bond issues and amendments. The margin among these was slim in amendment three—the proposed gubernatorial succession amendment—only.

New Mayor Of Henderson Has Close Warren Ties

By BIGNALL JONES
Richard B. Davis, successful candidate for mayor of Henderson in Tuesday's election, has definite ties with Warrenton.

His father, Dr. Richard Boyd Davis, spent his boyhood in Warrenton, and his mother lived at Warrenton while Dr. Davis was serving in Europe during World War I.

Davis is well known at Warrenton where he often visited his grandmother, the late Mrs. Hannah Martin Davis, and where he has many kin.

Davis was born in Weeksville on June 1, 1920, where his father was practicing medicine. Later Dr. and Mrs. Davis moved to Greensboro where Richard, Jr., was reared. Several years ago he moved to Henderson where he opened and has successfully operated a funeral home. His community and civic interests and his ability to work with people on Tuesday resulted in his election to Mayor of Henderson.

By North Carolina Supreme Court

Hampton Case Review Set

By HELEN HOWARD

The N. C. Supreme Court will soon review the case of Joe Hampton, now serving a sentence in Central Prison in Raleigh.

Hampton was ordered to prison "for the remainder of his natural life" by Judge Harry E. Cannady of Benson last June. A jury of six men and six women deliberated less than an hour before returning the guilty verdict.

Hampton was found guilty in the January slaying of Cleveland Wilson, 28, and

dumping his body in Lake Gaston.

The star witness in the case, McLean Davis, was also sentenced to 20 years. This newspaper could not determine if Davis is still in Central Prison or in a felony correctional unit.

Lawyers for Hampton, Banzet and Banzet, appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

The firm is busy compiling manuscripts to present to the court. The Supreme Court requires an exact transcript of the trial

rewritten in narrative form. Other questions on law and how this case was handled must be included in a booklet.

These materials must be sent to the Supreme Court and the State Attorney General's office.

Early in December, Frank Banzet of the Warrenton law firm will go to Raleigh to present the case before the judges of the Supreme Court.

They will then decide the fate of Joe Edward Hampton.

County Employees To Get Pay Raise

By HELEN HOLT
An across-the-board pay raise of two-and-one-half per cent was approved for Warren County employees by the Board of Commissioners Monday.

The action came following an executive session called after the board's regular meeting.

Funds for the employee raises, which come a few months behind a five-per cent raise in July, will be taken from anti-recession funds recently received by the county.

In July, after adopting the 1977-78 budget, the board agreed to give a five per cent raise, to be followed by a two-and-one-half per cent raise at some later point, if funds were available.

The county recently received \$51,000 in anti-recession funds designated for counties with high unemployment rates and poverty levels.

These funds, according to county manager Charles Hayes, are to be used to "maintain basic services or to hire new people."

Of the total \$51,000 lump sum, \$11,000 will be directed

to the payroll hike. Disbursement of the remaining anti-recession monies has not yet been determined by the board.

In other action, the board agreed to provide \$790 as its portion of a specialized foster care program for

Warren County. The support will be more than matched by a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Act (LEAA).

Susan Whitten, consultant with the community based alternative program under the Department of Human

Resources, said Warren County has \$5,300 to \$5,400 available to develop a specialized foster care program.

Commissioners, in September, signed a letter of intent expressing their wish to participate in the LEAA

funding and program.

A special task force working through the human resources department cited specialized foster care in Warren County as an area needing attention.

Representatives from the Region K Council of Government, family planning division, were also on hand to provide the board with information relating to family planning practices in the county.

Susan McIntyre, Region K family planning coordinator, told the board that 1,200 women between the ages of 15 and 45 need government subsidized family planning services in Warren County.

Only 683 are enrolled in the program, however, she said.

Warren County has at its disposal a large share of public health services, medical and social services funds for use in such programs, McIntyre said.

Its allocation is based on the county's proportionately large share of low income families.

Funding is contributed on a basis of 90 per cent (Continued on page 12)

County Agrees To Short-Term Food Stamp Program Subsidy

The Warren County Board of Commissioners agreed Monday to foot the bill for an extended food stamp program until reimbursements are provided by the state.

Julian Farrar, director of the Warren County Department of Social Services, asked the board to consider paying for the first month of the two-year program for which Warren County has been declared eligible.

Warren County will be entitled to \$75,000 of a state and federal welfare package for counties who have a high percentage of low-income residents.

The two-year program, passed this year by the North Carolina General Assembly, represents an effort by the state to reach additional numbers of eligible recipients.

Barbara Kenton, food stamp supervisor with Warren County social services, said the funds would be used to provide outreach workers, to "take" the program to the elderly or other persons unable to participate.

"There are 8,235 persons in the county who are eligible for food stamps but only 28 per cent partici-

pate," she told the board. Social service workers anticipate a doubling of the food stamp program when purchase prices are removed in January and all eligible recipients receive stamps at no cost.

Increased use will also dictate additional space for the program. Farrar said state social service officials excluded construction from the list of fund use, "so we are proposing to hire one outreach worker and to acquire a double wide mobile housing unit."

The unit would be placed (Continued on page 3)

Tobacco Auction Mart To Close

The Warrenton Tobacco Market will come to a close on Nov. 14, according to George Willis Shearin, sales supervisor.

Sales had been scheduled through Nov. 9 but one additional day was added. To date, the market has sold 7,678,499 pounds, averaging over \$1 per pound.

Shearin noted exceptional tobacco was bringing \$2.15 per pound but stabilization was purchasing heavy at present.

A sale was scheduled for Wednesday with the last sale date being Monday.

An Inside Look

Town Boards Meet

Norlina, Middleburg and Littleton town boards met Monday night. A delegate to COG, Region K was proposed by Norlina, while Middleburg wanted repairs to US 1. Littleton considered a community development grant. See page 7.

Grave Doubts Dispelled

A conclusion of the whereabouts of Governor Turner's grave may be the answer to many questions in recent weeks. See page 2.

Providing Circus Fodder

T. R. Paynter, a Warren County farmer, provides feed for the large animals at Ringling Bros. Circus. See page 12.