

To Replace Manager

Board Considering Hiring Administrator

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The hiring of a town administrator to carry out the administrative duties of the town of Warrenton will be promptly pursued following action by the Warrenton Board of Commissioners Monday.

The decision was one of the first made by the newly appointed board which was sworn in immediately before the meeting by Clerk of Court Mrs. Anne H. Davis.

Oaths of office were issued to B. G. White, Richard Hunter, A. A. Wood, Gordon Haithecock, A. C. Fair, Eddie Clayton and Thomas Gaskill, commissioners and W. A. Miles, mayor.

The meeting was adjourned for a short time while the commissioners attended their first function as a group, a public hearing on the final plans for the first stage of the 201 sewer facilities.

Commissioner B. G. White spoke out to be assured that Warrenton would receive proper capacity. White noted Warrenton was allowed 380,000 gallons and the present treatment facility has 350,000 gallons. He looked to the future considering the consolidated high

school or new businesses in wanting assurance the town would be allocated a large enough capacity.

After the hearing, the commissioners returned to the Town Hall for the business meeting.

The mayor appointed B. G. White, chairman of finance; Eddie Clayton, chairman of the street department; Gordon Haithecock, chairman of the water department; Richard Hunter, chairman of preservation and zoning; A. C. Fair, chairman of the railroad; Thomas Gaskill, chairman of the police department and A. A. Wood, chairman of the fire department.

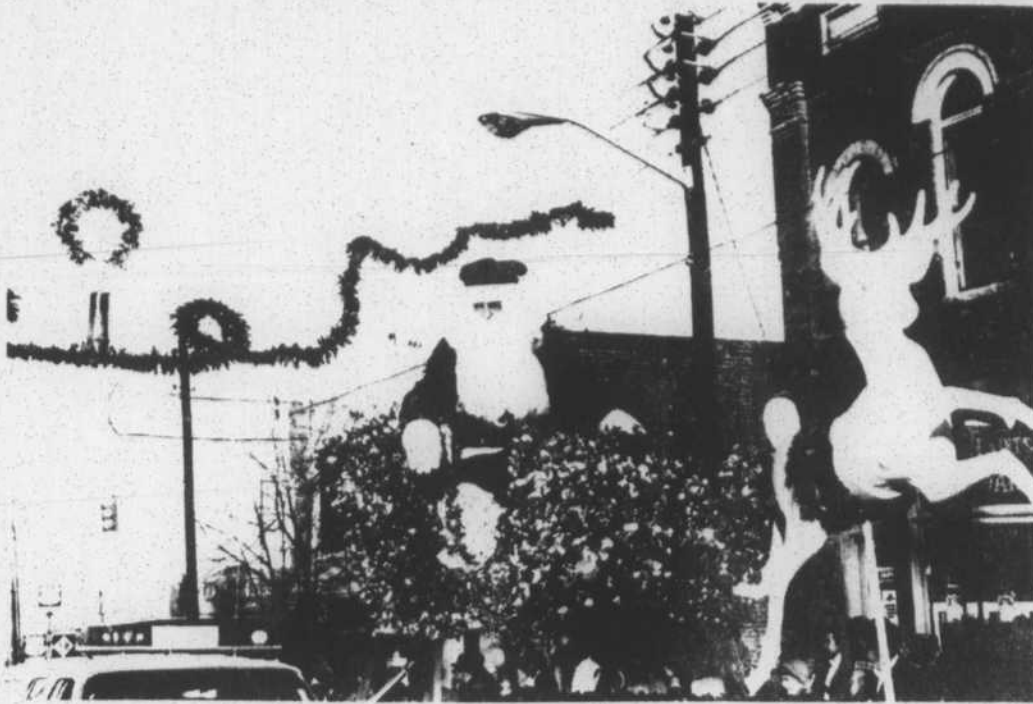
Others were named to serve with the chairman on the departments.

The men unanimously elected B. G. White as mayor pro-tem; Charlie Johnson town attorney; and Debbie Clary and Carolyn Robertson as secretaries in the Town Hall.

The men voted to have Mayor Miles, B. G. White and A. C. Fair sign all town of Warrenton checks.

Discussion was quickly opened on whether to have a town "manager" or a town "administrator." Mayor Miles polled each commis-

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The Santa Claus float was the highlight in Saturday's parade sponsored by the Warren County Chamber of Commerce. Forty three of the 56 registered entries were on hand to display seasonal cheer during the joint Warrenton-Norlina parade.

(Staff Photo)

Sewer Study Nearing Second Planning Phase

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A final public hearing for the first stage of the 201 sewer facilities planning study was held Monday night at 7:30 p. m. at the Warren County Courthouse.

Buck Kennedy with an engineering firm in Raleigh gave the representatives on hand from Soul City, Warrenton, Warren County and Norlina, a breakdown of the supplement to the plan.

Kennedy noted the plans for the plant set Norlina's allocation at 260,000 gallons per day; Warrenton, 380,000; Soul City, 120,000; and Warren County, 1,240,000.

The Warren County share is an excess or reserve. County Manager Hayes said the county "does not need to be in the sewer business."

But he noted the county felt it would be more feasible to have a fourth party involved to allocate additional capacities to individual municipalities upon request.

Warrenton commissioner B. G. White asked assurance that Warrenton's 380,000 gallon capacity was enough to provide for present needs and the upcoming consolidated high schools or new business.

Hayes and Kennedy said the county then would allocate more to Warrenton or any other municipality under the circumstances.

The revised edition of the plan as set forth by Kennedy calls for Norlina to pay \$5,508 annually on 260,000 gallons; Soul City, \$9,396 on 120,000 gallons; Warrenton, \$8,100 on 380,000 gallons and Warren County, \$9,396.

Chairman of the Warren County Commissioners, Peete Jones, told the group the commissioners could not get any revenue back for the money they were spending. He noted the municipalities could charge sewer rates for help in defraying the costs.

The construction costs and maintenance and operation set in the supplement provide Norlina with an estimated cost of \$77,300 for construction; \$19,600 for operation - maintenance; Soul City, \$22,050, construction; \$48,900 operation-maintenance.

Warrenton, \$69,825 with \$20,000 in maintenance; with Warren County's share, \$227,800.

The study indicates Norlina would use an annual water consumption of 51,000,000 gallons with estimated 450 sewer customers. Warrenton's consumption would be 62,000,000 gallons annually with 625 sewer

customers and Soul City's consumption at 2,000,000 gallons.

Kennedy noted the user charge could be pro-rated at Norlina for \$4.90 per user per month and Warrenton, \$3.50 per user per month.

Kennedy said the user charge must be subsidized by the Soul City Company to reduce the monthly user charge to a reasonable level, until the area develops as planned.

Agencies being contacted for funding of the proposal include the Economic Development Administration; the Environmental Protection Agency; HUD; Coastal Plains Regional Commission; the State of North Carolina through the Clean Water Bond and probably a bond issue through the county.

Jim Whitley, CETA director for Warren County, who has been studying the sewer facility plans, listed the agencies.

When asked why Soul City's monetary share seemed so small, Hayes noted it was through Soul City that a large grant was obtained and this must be taken into consideration.

Previous public hearings have been held to draw input from the citizens of the county regarding the study. Public participation has been low, however, as it was

Driver Injured As Rig Overtakes Near Macon

The driver of a tractor-trailer truck was injured in an accident on US 158 about six miles east of Macon on Friday about 6:30 a. m., the highway patrol has announced.

Trooper C. E. Lockley said Joseph Lee Artice Turner of Chesapeake, Va., was driving east when he apparently ran off the road, lost control of the vehicle and went off the roadway down an embankment. The tractor separated from the trailer and the trailer overturned, the trooper advised.

The trooper indicated Turner was driving an Old Dominion rig and damages were estimated at \$12,000. The freight was not damaged, he reported.

Turner was charged with exceeding a safe speed. He was carried to Warren General Hospital but his injuries were listed "non-incapacitating."

again Monday night.

An initial study performed by an engineering team disclosed a future sewerage need for 760,000 gallons per day treatment plant. Warren County previously disagreed with the proposal, citing a two-million gallons per day treatment facility as more applicable.

No change in the proposal was indicated Monday night as a result of the hearing; therefore, it will probably be submitted as it is. Whitley said Tuesday.

Ever with proper approvals through all agencies and funding availability, the project is not expected to be finalized for about "three more years, maybe two," Kennedy advised.

Ho, Ho, Ho

Santa Claus will be in his shop in front of the Warren County courthouse on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 2-5 p.m. from now until Christmas.

With a twinkle in his blue eyes, Santa will be on hand to greet toddlers, tots, teens and old-timers. One house guest has reported that behind his bag of switches are bags of lollipops which he generously distributes.

Some folks around here may like to know that this is Santa's 66th year as Warren County's official carrier of good cheer.

Unfair School Charges Denied

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Protesting what they termed "considerable anguish and frustration," brought about by unfair parental accusations, all eight of Warren County's school principals presented a signed statement to the Warren County Board of Education Monday night.

Backed by the actual presence of six principals, the statement proposed that the board air, on both sides, matters of a controversial nature in order that the schools be able "to defend themselves."

The prepared statement and its underlying thrust was largely prompted by last month's appearance of Mrs. Claude Shearin before the board.

At that meeting, Mrs. Shearin charged that a lack of challenge was evident in the schools, based upon her daughter's experiences at Hawkins Junior High School.

The same meeting was attended by Walter Price, occupational instructor at Hawkins, who responded to Mrs. Shearin's statements. Price had the parents daughter enrolled in a class. An account of the meeting was given in the Nov. 17 edition of The Warren Record and subsequent letters to the editor regarding the same subject were printed.

At Monday's meeting, Hawkins principal James Wilkerson said the story was misrepresented by not having both sides aired at the same time. He complained that after the account appeared in the newspaper, it was too late to try to voice an alternate opinion.

Wilkerson was backed by other principals who expressed a similar opposition to the apparent lack of defense in controversial matters.

James Bridgers, principal at Vaughan Elementary School, compared the role of principal to that of head of the household.

"We feel...that we have been placed in command and as head of the school, Bridgers said, "When something goes wrong, you call the school. Likewise, when somebody comes in and talks about my school, you should call me."

"I would ask you...Wherever that irate parent comes in on the agenda, put her down two more notches until you call me...Hear both sides of that thing."

Clint Hege, principal at Norlina High School, agreed, saying "unless you have an opportunity collect the information you need to present, you end up not being treated fairly."

In their statement, signed by all principals as members of the Warren County Division of Principals, the following proposal was suggested:

"In as much as we have experienced considerable anguish and frustration by persons appearing before the board making accusations without members of the educational family being present to defend themselves, we hereby propose to the Warren County Board of Education that: on any item of a controversial nature by any person dealing with teachers or principals, that those accused be present to face the accuser. We feel that this procedure is fair in a democratic system."

Board members sympathized with the principals but warned that in some cases, neither the school superintendent nor members of the board have previous knowledge of every appearance during a board session.

Superintendent J. R. Peeler noted that, under formal procedures for conducting a meeting, an agenda is presented prior to the meeting.

However, the Warren County board has always maintained an "open policy."

"As long as the board has an open policy...it would be almost impossible for the board to comply with this resolution...We want to do what you fellows want, we want to defend you. But at the same time, we have to let that parent speak."

Board attorney Frank Ballance said school principals are at a disadvantage if both sides of an issue are not presented simultaneously. However, he suggested that a more stringent chain of command be followed, hoping to resolve a grievance at the individual school before it come to the board.

Despite difficulties posed in trying to contact indi-

dual teachers or principals to attend a meeting without prior notice from a dissenting parent, the board agreed to do so wherever possible.

Nonetheless, Peeler reminded board members and principals "I doubt that

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Trooper Injured In Accident

A Warren County highway patrolman accidentally shot himself in the leg late Monday afternoon while cleaning his service revolver.

A. M. Bennett was at his home in Warrenton at the time of the shooting.

The bullet made a "clean cut" through the thigh bone, hit the floor and ricocheted, lodging in the ceiling, friends related.

The mishap occurred around 4:45 p. m. Bennett's young daughters, at home at the time, called police who dispatched an ambulance.

He was taken to Warren General Hospital and transferred to Duke Hospital.

Other troopers in the area said Tuesday Bennett would be in traction for sometime but was "doing all right."

He has been a trooper in Warren County for about seven months.

Bake Sale To Help Trooper Set Saturday

A fund-raising bake sale will be sponsored by the Warrenton Rural Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Saturday, with proceeds to go to the Al Bennett family.

Trooper Bennett, a State Highway Patrolman, accidentally wounded himself while cleaning his pistol Monday. A new member of the patrol, Bennett has not yet acquired sick leave time.

The bake sale is slated to begin at 10 a. m. and continue until goods are sold. Cash donations will also be accepted.

WARR Radio May Be Sold In January

WARR Radio has filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to assign WARR Radio to WARR, Inc., it was announced yesterday by Bill Byers, station manager.

The petition, filed Nov. 30, if approved would relinquish the present partners in Radio Voice of Warrenton, Inc., from ownership of the station. Present partners doing business as WARR Radio are Mrs. Frances Steed of Warrenton, Vernon Steed of Wilson and James H. Mayes, Jr., of Durham.

Byers said the new company, WARR, Inc., would be a stock corporation. Owning the larger stock would be Clesie Everette, a native of Richmond City and owner of Everette Motors in Warwick, N. Y., and stockholder and director of WTBQ in Warwick.

Other stock holders will be Ralph L. Coleman, Sr., native of Punta Gorda, Fla., who owns a laundromat and grocery store in New York, and Bobby E. Rogers, native of Raleigh. Rogers is

currently a disc jockey at WLE in Raleigh and will move to Warrenton to assume duties of station manager.

Byers noted the petition must be approved by the FCC before any action in a change-over takes place. He believed, however, permission for the change in ownership could take place in January.

Byers said the present owners "feel that the community could be better served if the station is owned by a company with enough capital to make much needed improvements."

He said the new company would probably have the same type programs as the present station.

WARR went on the air on August 1, 1970, after the station was envisioned by Mayes and Steed.

Mayes is affiliated with Carolina Radio and WSRC in Durham.

The owners of WARR, Radio, are asking \$90,000 for the station rights.

Armed Robbery At Lake Store Ends In Arrests

Three Virginia men have been arrested and are in a Lawrenceville, Va., jail under \$25,000 bond following an armed robbery at Lakeview Grocery at Gaston Lake Thursday.

Deputies Dorsey Capps and Theo Williams arrested Neal Leslie Jones, 27, James Shearin, 19, and George Percell Harrison, 26, all of Virginia, late Thursday afternoon about three and one-half hours after the robbery.

The men allegedly took \$133 from Herman Jones, operating the store, and \$110 from the cash register at

about 1:45 p. m. The deputies were given descriptions of the suspects and the get-away vehicle enabling them to make the arrests. Some of the money has been recovered.

The Warren County Sheriff's department said a .38 calibre pistol was used during the hold-up. They reported Jones was robbed and ordered to lie on the floor before the men cut the telephone wires and fled.

The trio is fighting extradition to North Carolina this week, the deputies noted.



Members of the Warrenton Town Board of Commissioners were sworn in during brief ceremonies Monday. Taking oaths of office from Anne Davis, clerk of court,

are, from left, Richard Hunter, A. A. Wood, Gordon Haithecock, Tom Gaskill, Eddie Clayton, A. C. Fair and B. G. White. (Staff Photo)