



Railroad men present at the Warrenton Lions Club last Friday night and seated at the head table for a program on "Railroad Crossing Safety," are shown, left to right, as follows: Raymond Thrift, General Purchasing Agent, Winston-Salem Southbound Railway Co.; Ralph Goodson, District Sales Manager, the Family Lines System; R. W. Elrod, Trainmaster, Winston-Salem Southbound Railway System; Howard Oakley, Secretary-Treasurer, Warrenton Railroad Company; J. H.

Eaton, Vice President and General Manager, Winston-Salem Southbound Railway System; Willard Formyduval, President of Warrenton Railroad Company; Russell Swindell, Executive Director, N. C. Railroad Association; Col. Charles A. Speed, Executive Director, "Operation Lifesaver"; and Jack Riggan, Marketing Manager for the Family Lines System (SCL-LNO).

## Stronger Tracks Coming To Town

Plans of the Warrenton Railroad Company to rebuild its tracks and install 90-lb. rails to replace lighter rails now in use were revealed Monday night to the Board of Town Commissioners by Willard Formyduval, president of the railroad.

Formyduval appeared before the board, with Howard Oakley, secretary-treasurer, to request that a section of the sales agreement the Town of Warrenton made with Walter Martin when he purchased the railroad three years ago be deleted, and that work on improving a crossing be postponed until work of rebuilding the roadbed is started.

The section which the commissioners agreed to delete prevented Martin from mortgaging any part of the railroad property and was placed in the Martin agreement as a precautionary measure. Sometime ago Martin sold the railroad to Formyduval, who has been very successful in its operation, and now wants to use part of the property as collateral for short-term state loan expected to be granted to the local railroad with the understanding that the funds may be used only for maintenance and construction. The commissioners agreed.

While the railroad is in line for a federal grant, Formyduval said that he preferred to make a short term loan from the state, and put his own money into the railroad. He told the commissioners that he has been approached by industrialists seeking to locate industries along the line, but finding, and telling him, that at present the railroad, with its light rails, could not furnish needed service.

Since Formyduval purchased the railroad from Martin some 18 months ago earnings have been steadily increasing, and he said that he plans to move to Warrenton as soon as his son finishes high school in Moore County. He said that next year he expects the Warrenton Railroad Company to enjoy the best year in its entire history.

The commissioners, dur-

ing their short session, also agreed that the Water Department should place a water hydrant midway the length of Haley Street.

The some 750 feet length street is now being served by a 2-inch pipe. This pipe will continue to serve the water needs of citizens living along this street, due to the cost of making meter changes. A new six-inch pipe will be extended half-way down the street to furnish water for the proposed fire hydrant.

The commissioners named Mayor Beverly White to represent the Town of Warrenton on the district Council of Government, and chose Charles White to represent the town as a member of the Criminal Justice Commission.

Eddie Clayton, chairman of the Street Committee, told the commissioners that potholes in the street would be repaired as soon as weather permits. Street affairs, he said, appear to be going along very well.

The old complaint of merchants and their clerks taking up parking space needed by their customers was again before the commissioners. Commissioner A. A. Wood volunteered to join Police Chief Freddie Robinson in visiting all business houses in the town, to ask the proprietors to

cooperate with the police in their efforts to provide parking space, and warning them that otherwise the two-hour parking law would again be put into effect.

The commissioners briefly discussed the value to Warrenton of having Perdue Poultry locate in the county, and upon motion of Commissioner Eddie Clayton, ordered that a letter from the town be written to Frank Perdue, president of the company, pledging any cooperation the town is able to give to his company.

For the past three years the town has been paying \$525 for the operation of PIN in the police station and this payment is expected to be continued. However it is necessary. Mrs. Carolyn Robertson, told the commissioners, for the commissioners to adopt a resolution of their intent. This the commissioners agreed to do.

Mrs. Robertson, acting clerk, also told the commissioners that Mrs. Howard Daniel said the Warrenton Woman's Club plans to reprint 5,000 copies of a Walking Tour brochure of the town at a cost of \$240. She asked that \$50 be donated to this fund. The commissioners agreed.

The commissioners meeting adjourned after a session lasting slightly more than an hour.

## Railroad Men Gather For Program On Safety

Railroad men dominated the regular dinner meeting of the Warrenton Lions Club on Friday night when a program on Railroad Crossing Safety was presented under the direction of "Operation Lifesaver," with Col. Charles A. Speed, executive director, in charge of the program. He was assisted by Jack Riggan, marketing manager for the Family Lines System (SCL-LN).

In addition to Riggan six other guests actively connected with the railroads were present. During the dinner a tape on railroad sounds was played, and following a talk by Col. Speed, a railroad motion picture was shown by Jack Riggan.

John Coleman, vice president, was in charge of the program, in the absence of President Walter Smiley, and a humorous skit was presented by Lion Frank Daniel, with five cracker-eating lions participating.

"Operation Lifesaver" is a volunteer program of the North Carolina Rural Safety Council in conjunction with State Government and the Railroads of North Carolina, which provides programs for civic groups,

high schools, and other groups.

Howard Oakley, secretary-treasurer of the Warrenton Railroad Company, was responsible for bringing the program to Warrenton. Seated at the head table with him, in addition to Col. Speed and Jack Riggan, were Russell Swindell, executive director, N. C. Railroad Association; J. H. Eaton, vice president and general manager, Winston-Salem Southbound RR Co.; Raymond Thrift, general purchasing agent, W-S Southbound Railroad Company; R. W. Elrod, trainmaster, W-S Southbound Railroad Company; Ralph Goodson, district sales manager, the Family Lines System; Warren Mayes, technical sales and service representative, True Temper Co., manufacturers of prefabricated grade crossing materials; Willard Formyduval, president of Warrenton Railroad Company.

Also present as guests of the club were Charles Owens, pastor Wesley Memorial Methodist Church and Bignall Jones, editor of The Warren Record.

At the plates of all those present were two bro-

chures. "Operation Lifesaver," containing much information about the causes of accidents at railroad crossings and "Trains Can't Stop - You Can, No Contest" - a message on Railroad Crossing Safety.

Principal support for "Operation Lifesaver" are Amtrack, Southern, Seaboard-Coastline, and Norfolk and Western, with minor support being given by smaller railroads of the state.

Col. Speed told the Lions that three things are

responsible for accident at railroad crossings - fatigue, inattention, and daydreaming. This is borne out by the fact that in one-third of railroad crossing accidents motor vehicles run into the sides of trains.

Daydreaming and inattention were illustrated in the motion picture which followed Col. Speed's talk. Shown was a long stretch of railroad tracks on which was a locomotive with engineer making their daily run, watching the tracks, blowing whistles for cross-

ings, and carrying on a conversation from time to time. Paralleling this track was a road upon which was shown a girl watching a television romance as she drives her car. Suspense builds up as watchers realize what is going to happen, and as time goes on. Finally there is an accident, although not actually shown in all its horror.

Col. Speed pointed out that there is no way for a train to take evasive action, as at just 30 miles per hour the average train requires over half a mile to stop, even in an emergency. The number of railroad crossing accidents, in recent years, Col. Speed added, has put a terrific strain on engineers and firemen, in some cases causing them to give up their jobs.

Col. Speed said that there are 13,500 school buses in the State of North Carolina and that it is estimated that these buses cross a railroad crossing more than 20,000 times a day. He said that at one of these crossings a man working nearby the previous day said that of some eight or ten buses which crossed the tracks none either stopped or slowed down.

Following Col. Speed's talk, Lion Oakley presented him a ham on behalf of the Lions Club and thanked all railroad men present for their attendance.

## Loan Approved

The Farmer's Home Administration has approved a \$2,250,000 loan to be used to complete the final phase of construction of the new Warren County consolidated high school.

Announcement of the loan was made in mid-morning Wednesday by Second District Rep. L. H. Fountain.

The congressman reported that the loan calls for repayment over a 40-year period at five percent interest.

## Warren Schools Draft Needs List

The Warren County school system has reported a total of \$3,410,000 which it needs in order to provide safe and adequate school facilities in the county. That is the figure cited in a recent report to the State Department of Public Instruction.

The needs of the 144 local education agencies will be discussed January 18 at a public hearing in Raleigh called by the Legislative Research Commission ap-

pointed to study the facility needs of the public schools in North Carolina.

During a recent survey, local superintendents were asked to estimate their needs in several categories. The Warren system reported that it needed \$225,000 for replacement of temporary facilities, \$2,250,000 for replacement of obsolete facilities, \$150,000 for new or renovated facilities for exceptional children, \$30,000 for replacement of temporary facilities. (Continued on page 3)

## Congressman Announces New Grant For Region K

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U. S. Commerce Department has approved a grant of \$52,800 to the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, Congressman L. H. Fountain announced this week.

Headquartered in Henderson, the Kerr-Tar Regional COG serves a five-county area including Warren, Person, Vance,

Granville and Franklin counties and conducts research, planning and promotional activities in support of economic growth and creation of jobs.

Congressman Fountain said the EDA grant will be used to help pay administrative costs in connection with long-range economic growth and new jobs in the area.

## Three Escape Raid On Still

Three men escaped the capture of a Nutbush Township liquor still Tuesday, but law enforcement officers said they will make arrests in the case.

The trio made good their getaway shortly after noon when two officers pulled off the raid a half mile off Rural Paved Road 1200 about a half mile from Mt. Auburn Church.

Making the raid were Chief Deputy Dorsey Capps of Warren County and Chief Vance ABC Officer H. D.

Greenway.

The officers found a loaded single shotgun at the site, as well as grocery items. Fourteen gallons of whiskey had been run off by still operators before the raid.

Taken in the raid were 800 gallons of mash, a 55-gallon still, 55-gallon boiler, 55-gallon doubler, copper worm, gas burner, six barrels and one 400-gallon mash box. Most was destroyed by dynamite charges which the officers set off about 3:30 p. m. Tuesday.



Patrolman Benjamin D. Powell receives congratulations from Public Safety Director Michael S. Delahanty as Walking Patrolman of the Year. More than 400 patrolmen from 30 New Jersey towns were on hand Friday night for the awards banquet. Patrolman Powell joined the Montclair, N. J. Police Department in 1977 after graduation from the Essex County Police Academy. He is the son of the late Ben E. and Channie Powell of Rt. 2, Macon and the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fitz of Ideal Florist in Warrenton.



Warren Deputy Sheriff Dorsey Capps examines a 400-gallon mash box taken during a Tuesday raid of a liquor still in Nutbush township. The box featured straw

insulation and was being used at the time of the raid. Three men made good their escape from the still, but arrests are expected.