

Mental Health Board Post Is Given Harris

By TALMADGE EDWARDS, JR.

A new chairman has been elected by the Board of the Mental Health Program of Vance, Warren, Granville and Franklin counties.

Walter J. "Jack" Harris of Warrenton was elected chairman of the Mental Health Board Monday at a meeting held at the Vance County Mental Health Clinic in Henderson. Harris succeeds Robert H. "Bob" Hobgood, who resigned from the board following his appointment as a superior court judge by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.

Harris will preside over the 15-member board which is responsible for planning and monitoring mental health, mental retardation, and alcohol and other drug abuse services in the four-county area. Mental health clinics currently operated by the Area Program are located on East River Road in Louisburg, across from Louisburg Elementary School; on Ruin Creek Road in Henderson, adjacent to Maria Parham Hospital; on Norlina Road in Warrenton, behind Warren General Hospital; and on College Street Extension in Oxford, behind Granville Hospital.

Harris is manager of Warrenton Savings and Loan Association. He also operates a private insurance agency, and currently serves as Chairman of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners.

Jean Averett, a registered nurse who recently retired after 30 years of service with the Granville County Health Department, is vice chairman of the Area Mental Health Board.

Other members of the board are J. L. Roberson, Linwood T. Peoples and Dr. J. P. Green of Vance County; Howard Oakley and George E. Fleming from Warren; Ruby Griffin, Rev. Michael Brooks and B. T. Rowe, Jr., of Franklin; and Henry Currin, Rodney S. Rose and Dr. Charles D. Rollins representing Granville.



Officials of the Gospel Baptist Church of Norlina Sunday are shown breaking ground for a new church addition. The addition, to be build at the rear of the

existing church building, will house a fellowship hall and Sunday school rooms. (Staff Photo)

Term Of Court Is Underway

The mixed term of Warren County Superior Court, which convened here on Monday morning with Judge Robert L. Farmer of Raleigh presiding, is expected to adjourn this afternoon (Thursday).

As The Warren Record went to press Wednesday morning a jury was hearing evidence in a case in which Grace Clayton, a former employee of A & P Store, is charged with embezzlement of \$5.00.

The court was busy Monday mostly with hearing pleas in a number of cases, the verdicts of which will be published in this newspaper as soon as they are processed by the court.

Tuesday morning the court began hearing its first jury case in which Leonard Reade Powell was charged with a second offense of

driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Around noon the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of more than 1.2 percent of intoxicating liquor. He was sentenced to six months in jail, which was suspended for one year upon payment of court cost, a \$200 fine and surrender of his driver's license.

As the result of a plea bargain, Alton Allen Burwell, charged with a third offense of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, pled guilty to driving 67 miles per hour in a 55-mile-per-hour zone. He was sentenced to six months in jail, which was suspended for a year provided the defendant pays a \$300 fine, court costs, and surrenders his driver's license.

In another case of plea

bargaining, Charles A. Writtenberry, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor and with transporting intoxicating liquor in a bottle with seal broken, pled guilty. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, which sentence was suspended for one year provided the defendant pay a \$75 fine, court costs, and surrenders his driver's license.

Following the disposition of these two cases, the case of Grace Clayton was called and a jury was impanelled. In this case evidence is being submitted to show that an undercover agent, employed by the store, had purchased a planter for which she paid with a marked \$5.00 bill, which allegedly was later found in the possession of Mrs. Clayton when she was questioned at length in the

stock room of the store. The prosecution also introduced in evidence a written confession signed by Mrs. Clayton in which she admitted that she had taken the money.

The defense claimed that the alleged confession was obtained under duress and parts of it were dictated by the undercover agent. It was also alleged that during the session that Mrs. Clayton had named a number of employees who were guilty of embezzling the store's money and that these employees had been dismissed by the court.

The jury was dismissed at 4:30 p. m. and told to report at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning. Court remained in session until 5 p. m. as questions of permissive evidence were presented to Judge Farmer.

Former State Trooper

Vaughan Is Named Town Administrator

Vernon R. (Pete) Vaughan, Jr., 51, retired Highway Patrolman, was employed by the Warrenton Town Commissioners at a called meeting on Monday as Town Administrator. His salary will be \$12,000 a year during the training period until the end of the fiscal year when it will be adjusted.

Vaughan will fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Bernard Thompson in September, 1979.

Commissioner Richard Hunter has served as chairman of a search committee for the past several months. Other members of this committee were Gordon Halthcock and Eddie Clayton.

When Mayor Beverly White called for a report from the committee, Chairman Hunter told him that while the committee had interviewed four applicants it was not ready to make a recommendation. Instead he asked for an executive session when the full board could take part in the decision. All the commissioners were present except A. C. Fair, who was out of town.

During the short executive session Vaughan was chosen Town Administrator. Others considered by the board were Barry Richardson, Charles Cooper and Dennis Johnson.

Vaughan retired from the State Highway Patrol on January 31 for medical reasons and will begin his new duties with the town on Monday, Feb. 4. He had served with the Highway Patrol for 25 years and had been stationed at Warrenton for all that time.

When interviewed by a representative of The Warren Record on Tuesday morning, Vaughan said that blood clots had formed in his legs and one of these clots had broken loose and settled in his lungs. He said that he was advised by his doctor to



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change his occupation as being constantly cramped into an automobile was dangerous for him. "I hated to leave the Highway Patrol as I enjoyed my work," Pete said. "If I had been shorter, it may have been different, but cars are getting smaller and I am 6 feet 2 inches tall."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Russell Vaughan, Pete was born in Jackson 51 years ago and graduated from Jackson High School in 1948. At high school he was captain of both the baseball and basketball teams for four years. At that time the school had no football team. In baseball he was proficient enough to obtain an offer to play professional ball with the St. Louis Cardinals, and in basketball to obtain a scholarship from

William and Mary. He turned both down, and Tuesday he bemoaned the fact as lost opportunities.

Shortly after graduating from high school Pete worked in insurance before entering the Army in 1952. He served two years with the 82nd Airborne Division and in 1954 he was accepted as a member of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. Upon completing his training he was assigned to Warrenton. He said he had several opportunities to be transferred to other towns, but he and his wife by that time loved Warrenton so much that he had never wanted to leave.

As a highway patrolman, Pete said that he had started out with a desire to treat every arrested person as he would want to be treated. It seems to have worked out pretty well, for during his 25 years with the Patrol he said he only had to use his handcuffs twice and never used his blackjack.

He is a member of the Warrenton Baptist Church where he is a deacon, and a member of Johnston-Caswell Masonic Lodge.

He is married to the former Marie Vann of Jackson. They are the parents of three children, Mrs. Annette Vaughan Burrows, who is employed at the office of the Warren County Clerk of Superior Court; Gary, a sophomore at Louisburg College; and Richard Terry, a sophomore at John Graham High School. They also have one grandchild, Chad Burrows.

Projects In Warren Slated For \$13,000

More than \$838,000 has been awarded for historic preservation activities in 98 grants in 47 North Carolina counties, including Warren, according to an announcement made yesterday by Secretary Sara W. Hodgkins of the Department of Cultural Resources.

The grants range from \$1,600 in Haywood County to a high total of \$82,500 in Rowan, but most range between \$5,000 and \$15,000, Secretary Hodgkins said.

North Carolina, receiving more than \$1.6 million in total federal funds for historic preservation, ranks second only to California in amount.

Two Warren County projects received funding. They are Shady Oaks, \$10,000 and Oak Hill AME Chapel, \$3,000.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance and encouragement," the secretary said. "Since the matching monies demonstrate that more and more preservation programs are being undertaken by both public and private groups."

"It is especially gratifying," she added, "to note that many are incorporating techniques for conserving energy and archaeological resources, and many are preserving our national historic landmarks and endangered properties."

Each year, the state division of Archives and History solicits project applications for these grants

which must meet national and state objectives and which demonstrate a commitment to quality preservation standards. Decisions are based on staff recommendations and review by a citizens advisory grants committee. Final selection is made by the N. C. Historical Commission.

Pistol Firing

Leads To Jail

For Local Man

A man living in Warren County near Hollister fired three times with a pistol into a dwelling house and is being held in Warren County jail under \$1200 bond charged with firing into a dwelling house and with carrying a pistol without a permit.

According to Deputy Sheriff Dorsey Capps, who with Deputy Harold Seaman investigated the incident, Frederick "Buck" Alston, 39, accompanied by Alvin Lynch, about 26, went to the home of Jesse James Rudd, 39, on Rt. 1, Hollister, about 9 o'clock Monday night, and when Rudd answered a knock on the door, Alston fired his pistol three times into the house. Rudd was not hurt.

Deputy Capps said he understood that Rudd and Alston were going with the same woman and that Alston was "checking up."



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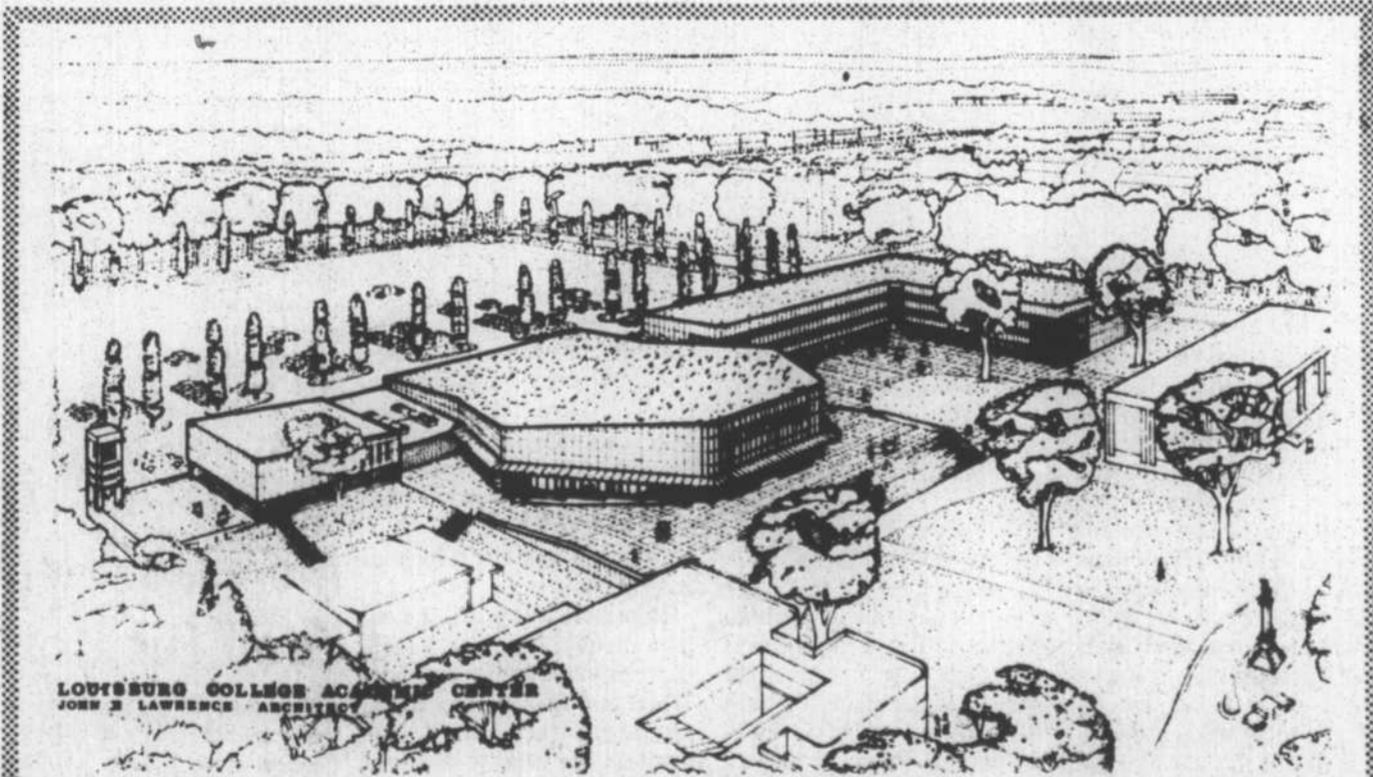
Banker To Speak

At Chamber Meet

Bradley Carroll, president-elect of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce, will be the featured speaker tonight (Thursday) when the chamber holds its annual banquet at The Carriage House in Warrenton.

Carroll, an officer of First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, is slated to address the membership at the conclusion of the 7:30 p. m. dinner.

The yearly gathering of chamber members will begin at 7 p. m. with a fellowship period. Cost of the dinner will be \$3.25 each.



Louisburg College Fund Drive Is Launched

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Louisburg College will enter into its third century of educational service to the community in the year 1987, and the administration, faculty, students, trustees and alumni recognize that innovative programs and modern facilities will be vital to survival, relevance and growth.

Around 400 alumni, faculty and friends of the college were present at the annual Patrons' Banquet held at the Jordan Student Center on Friday to hear E. Hoover Taft, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, officially announce the Third Century Campaign, a capital fund drive to raise \$4.2 million over the next three years.

Of this \$4.2 million \$1.8 million is earmarked for a new classroom building; \$1.1 million for endowments;

\$550,000 for a sustaining fund, and \$750,000 to finance approximately one-half the cost for an auditorium-theatre-chapel complex. Funds to complete the new auditorium and other facilities will be sought following the current campaign.

A new classroom building has been a pressing need at Louisburg College, and is the first priority of the Third Century Campaign. Current plans call for the envisioned L-shaped structure to be constructed directly behind the Cecil W. Robbins Library.

The proposed new auditorium would be constructed on the site of the existing classroom-auditorium building (formerly Mills High School) which was purchased from the Franklin County School System in

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3 New Classes

To Begin Here

Three new classes sponsored by the Warren County Community Schools Program and Vance-Granville Community College will begin in Warren County early next month.

Announcement of the class schedule was made yesterday by Nancy Harper, community schools coordinator. She said persons may register and pay fees at the first class. Senior citizens 65 years and older do not pay the fee, she said.

Among the classes to be offered are the following: Exercise Classes at Hawkins Junior High School Gymnasium, Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p. m., beginning February 4. (no fee)

Macrame Class at John Graham High School, Tuesdays, 7-10 p. m., beginning February 5-March 18, \$5 registration fee required.

GED-ABE Class at North Warren School, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9 p. m., beginning February 5, for adults who want to complete requirements for high school graduation or who need help with reading and writing. \$5 registration fee for GED.