

The Warren Record

Ballance Resigns As Board Attorney

Board of Education Attorney Frank Ballance has resigned his post in order to campaign for a seat on the Warren County Board of Commissioners.

Members of the Board of Education learned of Ballance's decision to step down Monday night when Board Chairman Leigh Traylor read the letter of resignation drafted by Ballance.

Ballance told board members that he was acting to avoid any possible conflict of interest which could arise between now and the May Primary. He is opposing incumbent Jack Harris for the post.

The board voted to accept Ballance's resignation and seek a successor by contacting all attorneys in the county to see if any had an interest in the job.

In other action Monday night, the Board of Education voted to delay for the time being any move to equalize the amount of funds maintained within the county's three banks. Superintendent Mike Williams noted that to make a change now would mean not being able to use checks imprinted with a bank's name and costing \$397.52.

Under consideration for a realignment of funds were Branch Banking and Trust Co., Peoples Bank and Trust

Co. and First Citizens Bank and Trust Co.

The board made application for an additional grant from the Public School Facilities Fund of 1973 in the amount of \$3,820.60. The request was forced because of a change order in the general contract in the amount of \$12,716.90, including architect's fees. The balance will be financed from local school funds, the board was told.

Approved by the board was the use of \$9,913 for adding a speech and language instructor needed to work with exceptional students not previously served.

The board approved an application to the Department of Transportation for a right-of-way encroachment agreement. The application requested permission to lay water and sewer lines on the north and south sides of U. S. Highway 158 bypass from the school site .8 miles west to the intersection with U. S. Highway 401. The original agreement for the sewer line right-of-way has expired.

The board also heard reports from Mrs. Rachel Ricks and James Jordan involving instructional programs throughout the county and the business operation of the school system.

New Postmasters Named In Warren

Two Warren County post offices have new postmasters this week.

Marie G. Wilson has been appointed postmaster at Wise and Andrew J. Hundley has been appointed postmaster at Macon. Both appointments became effective Saturday and were announced by John C. Cagle of Raleigh, sectional center manager and postmaster.

Mrs. Wilson began her postal career in 1955 as a clerk in the Macon Post Office. She has also served as officer-in-charge at the Macon Post Office.

Mrs. Wilson, 56, is a native of Chapel Hill. She is a member of the Macon Baptist Church, the Macon Woman's Club and is a Macon town commissioner. She and her husband, William J. Wilson, have three daughters, Mrs. Madge Reid of Macon, Mrs. Nancy Baldwin of Charlotte, and Mrs. Deborah Ward of Raleigh and five grandchild-

dren. She enjoys reading and needlework.

Hundley began his postal career as a part-time flexible clerk at the Norlina Post Office and has also served in the Henderson and Warrenton post offices. He has served as officer-in-charge in Macon, Townsville and Wise post offices.

Hundley, 33, is a graduate of Norlina High School. His wife is the former Connie Nunnally. He has one son, Jim Hundley, of Gulfport, Fla. He is a member of the Norlina Methodist Church and enjoys golf, tennis and reading.

Postmaster selections for offices of this size are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the sectional center manager at Raleigh, N. C. He selects and recommends to the Postmaster General the best qualified person for appointment to each vacancy.

Television Crews Descend On Town

Both television stations WRAL of Raleigh and WTVD of Durham sent crews to Warrenton on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of staging an interview with Ken Ferruccio, spokesman for the Committee Against PCB, concerning replies of N. C. gubernatorial candidates as to their views on the handling of toxic waste, and Ferruccio's purpose in contacting the candidates.

man. Also present were perhaps a half dozen interested persons at the meeting held in the former Boyd Davis home, where coffee was served.

Ferruccio read a long statement covering the responses of the three N. C. Citizens who have announced that they were seeking the office of Governor.

Governor Hunt and I. Beverly Lake, Jr., wrote brief letters in reply and former Governor Robert Scott wrote at some length. The gist of the three letters was as follows:

Governor Hunt expressed his thanks to Ferruccio for his letter which he said he



Henry D. "Hank" Bobbitt of Warrenton and Rufus R. Pace of Franklinton were elected as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the District VI N. C. School Board Association at the annual meeting on Feb. 7. District VI is composed of the public school boards of Durham, Franklin, Granville, Vance, Wake and Warren counties and the Durham and Franklinton City Boards.

'Four B's' Now As Crucial As 'Three R's' In Schools

By TALMADGE EDWARDS, JR.

The four B's are now as crucial to the future of public education in North Carolina as the three R's, according to Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Phillips, who addressed around ninety local school board members, superintendents and other interested persons attending the annual meeting of the District VI N. C. School Boards Association Thursday at North Vance Elementary School (formerly Middleburg High) in Vance County, stated that "budgets, ballots, bonds and beliefs" are also basic to public education.

He said, "Budgets are really the plans and specifications for what education can be. When we talk about budgets, it should be more than dollars, cents and figures. Every dollar that we talk about needs to be related to something that happens to kids."

Education is not something apart from or detached from politics, Phillips stressed. "The quality of education and its ability to do its job is directly related to the political environment. Its success depends upon those people who vote and make decisions at the local and state level."

He told those present that in spite of an awareness on the part of the children, parents, educators, school boards and others that improvements in school facilities across the State are critically needed, many government leaders, including Gov. Jim Hunt, seem to feel that "a political year" is not the time for a bond issue or that the needs are not great enough to justify a State bond issue.

Phillips noted that a legislative study commission had voted on Feb. 5 to recommend that the Legislature approves the study panel's recommendation, a bond issue referendum would have to be placed before the people at the time of the November general elections or at a special election for this purpose.

"Board of education and professional educators need to speak out or get out,"

Phillips opined. "We need to decide where we are, where we need to go, and how to get there."

Phillips and State Senator James Speed, who was present for the meeting, agreed that salaries, energy and construction would probably be the main education related consideration of this year's short session of the State Legislature. Speed is Chairman of the Senate Committee.

These issues, in addition to others such as school dropouts, class size, pupil-teacher ratio, alternative schools, extended day programs, vocational education and exceptional child needs, will be involved in the recommendations and budgets proposed to the 1981 session of the Legislature, Phillips commented.

Representatives from the Durham, Franklin, Granville, Vance, Wake and

Chamber Head Calls For New Cooperation

Members of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce were called on Monday night to work together in support of their mutual interests.

Making the plea for greater cooperation was Bradley Carroll, local banker and incoming president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Addressing some 40 members of the chamber who were on hand for the annual installation banquet, Carroll urged the group to look forward and prepare for industrial growth.

Carroll was one of three guest speakers who addressed chamber members before and after the dinner. Warren Schools Supt. Mike Williams appeared to thank the chamber for its support in helping secure passage of a \$2.25 million school bond issue last August.

County Manager Glenwood Newsome appeared before the chamber to thank the membership for supporting the wastewater bond issue last year.

Warren county boards of education, along with the Durham and Franklinton City boards, participated in the district meeting. Mr. Elmus W. Pegram of Vance County presided at the meeting, and Dr. Raleigh E. Dingman, Executive Director of the North Carolina School Boards Association, presented a report on activities of the State Association.

Members present paid tribute to Mr. Ernest Turner of Warren County, Turner, who died on January 3, had served on the Warren Board of Education for over eight years and as Chairman for the past three years.

Mr. Henry D. "Hank" Bobbitt from Warren County and Mr. Rufus Pace of Franklinton were elected President and Vice-President respectively of the District VI School Boards Association for the new program year.

Executive Director J. T. Fleming presented on behalf of the chamber an engraved plaque to Mrs. Dorothy Turner in memory of her late husband, chamber director Ernest A. Turner. Also present for the presentation was Turner's son, Lafayette. A plaque was also presented outgoing president Lew Myers for his work in heading the chamber. Accepting the plaque in Myers' absence was Floyd McKissick, Jr.

A new slate of officers was unanimously elected by chamber members. Taking office were Bradley Carroll, president; Carroll Harris, first vice president; Butch Meek, second vice president; Charles Hayes, third vice president; Maybell Hueber, secretary; and James T. Fleming, treasurer and executive director. Directors installed were McCarroll Alston, Helen Reid, Lillian Ellington, Richard Greene, Randy Currin, Leigh Traylor, Scott Gardner, Lew Myers and Butch Scott.

At Monday Night Meeting Mayor Asks Board To Extend Limits

Mayor B. G. White on Monday night recommended to the Board of Commissioners that the city limits of Warrenton be extended, beginning with those sections in which streets and utilities have already been provided.

Mayor White said that increasing costs of providing town services dictated the need for a broader tax base, and an immediate advantage would be an increase in Powell funds for streets which are based on area as well as population. He said that a larger population would also be beneficial to the industrial development of the town.

The commissioners agreed with Mayor White as to the need for and benefits of extending the city limits, and decided that each commissioner should obtain a copy of the Annexation Study and after careful reading of it, should make a selection of which sections of the town should be extended and to report at the next meeting of the board, when a special committee may be appointed to expedite plans for the annexation.

No definite action was taken, but mentioned as extended with little cost to the town and substantial population gain were Ridgeway Street beyond Carolina Sportswear Factory, Franklin Street and Country Meadows.

Ms. Fannie Evans of Bute Street appeared before the commissioners and expressed the hope that the town would make some refund in the \$55 she had paid the town over a two-months period for a water bill that, according to Bill Neal, Water Superintendent, usually ran around the minimum.

It was revealed that when Neal read her water meter, he noticed that the meter was turning, and concluded that she was perhaps using her washing machine, but when he later inspected the meter and found it running, he left a note on her door telling her that she probably had a leaking toilet.

Ms. Evans said that she employed a plumber who found and repaired the leak and paid a \$35 water bill without protest. The next month, Mrs. Evans said that she received a \$20 water bill which she paid. She said she could not understand why she was charged \$20 after she had fixed her toilet and paid a \$35 bill, and hoped that she would be given some refund.

Neal explained that there is a lapse of time between the reading of a meter and the mailing of a bill, and that as a result part of the charge as the result of the leak was on both bills. The matter was referred to the Water Company Superintendent and the Water Committee for adjustment.

Supt. Neal told the commissioners that the present charges for connecting water and sewer were below actual cost. The commissioners approved a raise in a water connection of from \$120 to \$160, and for

sewer connections from \$70 to \$110.

Mayor White informed the board that he had been requested by Ruffin & Woody and Associates, Inc., of Roxboro to have a plat of land upon which the Warrenton Box and Lumber Company had formerly been located changed from industrial to residential in order that it might become the site of a public housing project. Pointing out that an application first had to be made in writing, and several legal steps had to be taken, and a public hearing be held, before a change in classification could be made, Mayor White asked the

Town Administrator to mail the Roxboro firm an application blank. Sentiment of the board was that the classification of the property should remain industrial.

The matter of whether the town is in compliance with the Equal Employment Law was briefly discussed with the conclusion that federal rules were covered by the Town's Personnel Ordinance. Mayor White requested the Town Administrator to check the personnel ordinance with Fair Employment requirements, with the understanding that if there is a difference it would be rectified by the board.

County Has First Traffic Fatality

Warren County recorded its first traffic death of the year early last Thursday when a car containing two New Jersey men overturned on Interstate 85 about a half mile north of the Welcome Center.

Trooper C. E. Lockley, who investigated the 4 a. m. accident, identified the dead man as Samuel E. Lawrence, Jr., 53, of Rt. 2, Jamesburg, N. J. He died of head injuries suffered as his car flipped across the highway.

The victim's brother, 59-year-old Thomas Lawrence of Jamesburg, suffer-

ed hand injuries and was treated and released at Warrenton General Hospital.

Trooper Lockley reported that the accident occurred after the driver apparently fell asleep and lost control of the vehicle, a 1979 Ford sedan. The trooper said the car ran off the road to the left and onto median before striking a ditch and coming back on the highway where it overturned three times before coming to rest on its top in the southbound lane.

He said neither the driver nor passenger was wearing seat belts at the time of the crash.

Glenwood Newsome Given Honor By Local Jaycees

The Warren County Jaycees Thursday night presented Glenwood Newsome with the Distinguished Service Award, the highest given by the local club. Newsome is Warren County's manager and industrial director.

The presentation to Newsome came during the club's annual awards and ladies night. The dinner meeting was held at the Warrenton Lions Den.

Mike Williams, superintendent of Warren County Schools, was also recognized for service to the county.

Keynote speakers for the session were Bryan Smith and Alvah Ward of the N. C. Department of Commerce.

Others receiving Jaycee awards were Dennis M.

Paschall, outstanding young rescuer; Hinton Lee Alston and Harry E. Newsome were also recognized.

The outstanding young correction officer's award went to Daniel Meador.

The outstanding young law officer award went to Charlie Barker of the Norlina Police Department. Also recognized was Jay Haynes of the Warrenton Police Department.

The outstanding young firefighter award was presented to Wayne Aycok of the Norlina Fire Department. Also recognized were Bob Neal of Warrenton, Rufus B. Alston of Inez and Lynn C. Henry of Macon.

President Bobby Edmonds presided over the session.

CP&L Move Is Slated

The Warrenton business office for Carolina Power & Light Co. will open in a new location on Monday, Feb. 18.

Gordon A. Greene, CP&L area manager in Warrenton, said the new office on U. S. 401 North (Norlina Road) will feature free parking, a drive-in window for paying bills and a night depository.

"We are extremely happy about opening our new office and we feel it will help us to better serve our customers," Greene said. CP&L's old office in downtown Warrenton will close permanently at 5 p. m.

Friday, Feb. 15, after 50 years at the same location.

The new office, a half mile from the Warrenton city limits, will continue business hours of 8:30 a. m. until 5 p. m., Monday through Friday, Greene said.

The telephone number remains the same - 257-2411. Greene added that CP&L customers on the "586" exchange will have no charge, direct access to the new office by dialing 586-5110.

These two numbers may be dialed for emergency service on weekends, nights and holidays, Greene said.