



Mayors' proclamations designating this week as Vocational Education Week are signed by Norlina Mayor E. L. Perry (seated right) and Warrenton Mayor B. G. White (seated left). The proclamations were signed

during a brief ceremony here Friday. Witnessing the signings of the proclamations are (standing, left to right) A. M. Ward, Michael F. Williams, Dr. Thomas B. Carroll and Frank H. Madigan. (Staff Photo)

## Vocational Week Observance Is Urged By Leaders

To call attention to the importance of vocational education to the community and to focus on the vital role it plays in preparing persons for employment into productive, skilled trades, Warren County officials have joined with area educational leaders in proclaiming Feb. 18-22 as "Vocational Education Week" in Warren County.

On hand for the signing of the document declaring the observance and calling attention to the value of vocational education in the community were Warrenton Mayor B. G. White, Norlina Mayor E. L. Perry, Michael F. Williams, superintendent of the Warren County Board of Education, and Dr. Thomas B. Carroll, president of Vance-Granville Community College. Also present for the ceremony were Frank H. Madigan, dean of student affairs at VGCC, and A. M. Ward, director of occupational education for Warren County schools.

Madigan and Ward are working to coordinate community efforts for the local observance that will encompass a variety of activities to promote public awareness of the vocational education programs available to students and adults alike.

"Vocational education includes providing students with the realization of career choices, of knowledge dealing with career competition, and, above all, the proper attitude to survive in the world of work," advised Madigan. He added that vocational maturity is essential to every individual in the local region, as well as the state, if educators are to prepare to meet the challenge of the future. The VGCC Dean went on to say that the work force is a changing scene, and attitudes and skills must be upgraded to meet the expectations of the future. "Like obsolete equipment, inadequately trained employees pose the most serious threat to this nation's economic growth," he concluded.

Both Ward and Madigan agreed that Warren County citizens can be proud of their educational institutions and the vocational training that the youth are receiving.

## Regional Sewer Plant Bids Are Due Next Wednesday

The Warren County Board of County Commissioners will receive bids on the construction of a new sewage plant at Warrenton next week, Glen Newsome, County Manager, announced yesterday.

Newsome said the bids for the regional sewage plant would be opened at a special meeting at Warrenton held at the County Courthouse on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 2 p. m. He said the county had in hand about \$4.2 million for the project and he hoped that would be enough.

Newsome explained that it is very important that the new sewage plant be built as soon as possible because inflation is pushing up building costs every day.

The county has been trying to get the project moving since last July but was delayed for many months because of inability to get approval of part of the federal funds needed for it. The delays came after the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) cut off funds to Soul City, which was to have participated in the project.

However, HUD finally approved the grant of \$926,000 in November after the Warren County commissioners agreed to dissolve the Soul City Sanitary District, provide water and sewage treatment services to residents of Soul City area and subsidize the Soul City swimming pool, fire district and fire department.

HUD and Floyd McKis-

sick, the Soul City developer, are currently trying to complete an agreement for takeover of the Soul City property by the Government. A federal court judge has given McKissick and HUD until March 17 to complete their agreement.

Newsome said that the county commissioners will have 60 days to review the

bids on the planned sewage treatment plant, which will be capable of treating two million gallons of wastewater daily. However, he said they will award contracts as soon as possible, probably at their March 10 meeting, if the low bids are satisfactory and within the \$4.2 million projected cost of the project.

## Wounded Raleigh Policeman Is Native Of Warren County

A Raleigh police officer whose life was saved by a bulletproof vest early Sunday is a native of Warren County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Knight of Norlina. He has been with the Raleigh Police Department for seven years.

Officer Lester H. Knight, 28, was shot with his own revolver while wrestling with a burglary suspect near Moore Square in downtown Raleigh. Knight retrieved the gun and wounded the suspect.

Knight, of 901 Curtiss Drive in Garner, was listed in satisfactory condition at Wake Medical Center Sunday evening. He was moved out of the intensive care unit on Sunday afternoon.

Knight was shot in his chest just above his heart about 3:45 a. m. Sunday after the suspect pulled the revolver from the officer's holster during the struggle, according to Lt. E. O. Lassiter, head of the police

department's Selective Enforcement Unit.

Lassiter said the vest saved Knight's life. The impact of the bullet "knocked a hole in Knight's chest," Lassiter said.

Bobby Lee Byrd, 39, of 1332 Wrenn Tree Circle, was charged with assaulting a law enforcement officer with a firearm and two counts of breaking and entering and larceny. He was being held Sunday under a \$21,000 bond in the hospital at Central Prison.

After Byrd allegedly shot Knight, Lassiter said, Byrd fled into Moore Square. Knight, who had wrestled his gun back from Byrd, fired two shots that struck Byrd's right shoulder and right hip.

Knight is a graduate of Norlina High School. Following his graduation he attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson for two years before enrolling in police work.

## Revealed During Meeting

# Warren County Will Receive \$364,428 For Work On Roads

Warren County will receive a total allotment of \$364,428 for its secondary road improvement program, it was revealed at a public meeting of interested citizens with the N. C. Division of Transportation at the Warren County Court House at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night of last week.

The total allocation is derived from partial bond allocation of \$109,438 plus anticipated 1980-81 allocation of \$254,990.

Representing the Division of Transportation were:

C. C. Painter, Division Engineer, and James Joyner, Assistant Division Engineer of Durham; Joe Hamme of Oxford, District Commissioner; Bob Ross, District Engineer of Henderson; and Glenwood Rose, Resident Road Maintenance Supervisor.

Around 50 persons, with some 18 speakers, attended the public hearing, as well as all the County Commissioners, Glenwood Newsome, County Manager who kept minutes of the meeting, said yesterday.

Engineer Painter presented the plan and gave the priorities for Warren County on behalf of the State Department of Transportation.

Under this plan first priority would be given to project 3, which calls for the basing and paving of SR 1114 from Soul City to Vance County Line, \$75,000.

Second priority would be given to project 4, which calls for basing and paving SR 1212, Carrie Dunn Road, from US 1 West to Dead End, 1.1 miles, \$50,000.

Third priority was given to project 5, grade, drain and pave SR 1210, Oine Road, from US 1 to SR 1231, 1.7 miles, \$130,000.

In addition to the three above projects, the plan calls for the grading, draining and paving of O'Neal Addition, from SR 1604 North 0.7 mile, \$30,000.

Spot improvements, including stabilization on various secondary roads, county-wide, \$50,000; and road additions, participation paving and contingency funds, \$19,428.

In addition to the proposed Secondary Road Plan submitted by Painter, the state spent \$12,201,720 for main-

tenance in 1979, broken down as follows:

Primary, \$165,766; secondary unpaved, \$218,363; urban, \$6,149; spot stabilization, county-wide, \$48,744;

Interstate, \$53,912; landscape, \$106,019; traffic service, \$67,317; road oil retreatment, \$140,087; bridge maintenance, \$70,857; contract resurfacing,

\$42,500 - total, \$1,201,720.

No action on the plan submitted by the Division Engineers is expected prior to the March meeting of the commissioners.



A New Jersey couple was injured in the crash of this car on Interstate 85 near Manson on Sunday afternoon. At about the same time 11 persons were hurt when two cars collided in the opposite lanes of the highway. A wrecker (above right) hauls one of those vehicles from the crash scene. (Staff Photo)

## Thirteen Are Injured In Pair Of Interstate Accidents

Separate automobile wrecks in opposite lanes of Interstate 85 near Manson on Sunday afternoon injured a total of 13 persons, the State Highway Patrol has reported.

State Trooper B. R. Pope said a two-car accident took place on the northbound lanes just as a single-vehicle mishap occurred on the southbound lanes. Both accidents occurred at 4:20 p. m., a few yards from the Vance County border.

The two-car crash happened, Pope said, when a car driven by Ronald Brown, 32, of Baltimore, Md. rammed from behind an auto operated by David Lloyd Saunders, 29, also of Baltimore.

Trooper Pope explained the Brown car was following the other auto and Saunders unexpectedly began slowing

down. Brown reportedly wasn't watching the auto ahead of his and when he realized Saunders was slowing down, Brown was unable to stop in time to avoid the collision, Pope noted.

Charges of having no operator's license and following too closely were lodged against Brown.

Saunders was injured in the crash as were eight passengers in the auto, all from Baltimore, Md. Brown was also hurt and the lone passenger in his vehicle, also from Baltimore, was injured, for a total of 11 persons hurt in the accident.

None of the injured was believed in critical condition, and all were taken from the scene to area hospitals by the Warren Rescue Squad.

Trooper Pope said the accident on the southbound

lanes involved an auto operated by John V. Bailey, III, 19, of New Brunswick, N. J. Bailey is thought to have gone to sleep at the wheel, the trooper said, with his car running off the highway to the right side, striking an embankment and overturning.

A charge of careless and reckless driving was filed against Bailey. He was

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## SBI Helps Probe After Man Found Dead Of Wound

Members of the Sheriff's Department and the SBI are still investigating the death of a man who was found lying dead on a rural paved road in the Drewry community of Warren County around 7:30 p. m. on Thursday of last week with a bullet wound in the back of his neck.

MacKenley Champ, 26, of Rt. 1, Manson was discovered lying face down about a foot from the edge of rural paved road No. 1219 by four men riding with Jim Durham and returning from work in Durham.

Believing the dead man the victim of a hit and run driver, the workmen notified the Highway Patrol. When the officer made his examination, he discovered MacKenley had been shot in the back of his neck, and notified the Warren County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Davis dispatched Deputy Dorsey Capps to the scene, where he arrived about 8:30 p. m. and commenced his investigation.

Capps later called the SBI into the case and they worked with Deputy Capps (Continued on page 5)



Sponsors and participants of a two-week short course in modern farming are shown after the return home of the participants. Shown left to right are L. C. Cooper, extension chairman; Tom Peele, vice president of Peoples Bank and Trust Co.; William Edward Bender,

participant; Steve Medlin, vice president, Branch Banking and Trust Co.; Hal Paschall, Jr., participant; and Brad Carroll, vice president; First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. Not pictured is participant Robert W. Rivers, Jr. (Staff Photo)

## Three Young Farmers Attend Short Course

Three young farmers from Warren County attended a two-week short course in modern farming at N. C. State University which was sponsored by the local banks in Warren County.

Those attending were Hal Paschall, Jr., sponsored by Peoples Bank & Trust Co. of Norlina; Robert W. Rivers, Jr., sponsored by the First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Warrenton; and William Edward Bender, sponsored by the Branch Banking & Trust Co. of Warrenton.

L. C. Cooper, county extension chairman, said this is a general course in agriculture which is held each year for young farmers throughout the state.

Hal Paschall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Paschall

of the Oine Community, is involved in dairy farming. Robert W. Rivers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rivers, Sr., of the Afton Community, is involved in tobacco and soybeans. William Edward Bender, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bender of the Elberon Community, is involved in soybean certified seed production. All three young men are career farmers.

"The Warren County Agricultural Extension Service is quite proud of these three young farmers and we are very grateful to the banking industry of Warren County for their generous support of \$250.00 for the individual scholarships to the short course," Cooper said.