

## Meet In Called Session

# Town Fathers Gather To Discuss Limits Extension

The Warrenton Board of Town Commissioners met in a called session on Monday night for the purpose of discussing the feasibility and desirability of extending the limits of the town.

For several weeks the commissioners have been studying "An Annexation Study," prepared in 1973 by John A. Berndt of the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Division of Community Services, and sponsored by the National Department of Housing and Public Development of Washington, D. C. At the February meeting of the board, there was some reference to the need of enlarging the town limits, and again at the regular March meeting when Mayor B. G. White proposed that a special meeting be held on March 17 when no business would be considered other than that concerned with a discussion of annexation. The commissioners agreed and the meeting was held as scheduled, and lasted for slightly more than an hour with all commissioners present.

The commissioners agreed that some annexation of the town should be made, but that annexation should be gradually as the town under the annexation

law would have only a year to provide facilities needed by the annexed facilities, and that any plan that would put the town into debt should be avoided.

In the 1973 plan Berndt had provided a map that showed shaded areas that should be considered. These four areas included property from the edge of town on Ridgeway Street along the Norlina Road for a distance to be determined and all of which is now served by highway and water and sewer. This is also largely true of the Bute Street Extension and Franklin Street. The fourth extension suggested is the "New Town" Section of the town, and was vetoed for the time on account of the cost of installing a lift pump in this section.

Not on Berndt's map but discussed briefly was the feasibility of following the Cemetery Road from Ridgeway Street, splitting the cemetery and joining up with Bragg Street.

Mayor White said that he had called John A. Berndt in Raleigh that morning and had received his assurance of help. He said that Berndt would be busy all the following week, but after

that he would be glad to give his full assistance without cost to Warrenton. The commissioners asked Mayor White to request Berndt to come to Warrenton as soon as possible, where he would ride over areas being sought for annexation by the town, and advise with the mayor and commissioners in regard to the plan to be adopted.

Not discussed at much length by the board, but under consideration is a larger plan by which the entire section feasible for annexation would be mapped to be taken in during a long period, and priorities be given to each section as funds become available. Under this plan priority would be given to those sections in which sewer and water lines would not have to be laid. Public hearings would be held in all cases.

The commissioners and the Mayor agreed that much consultation, studying, plus some mapping will have to be done, making it impossible for any of the annexed areas to be counted in the 1980 census, but that they feel that a good start has been made on a sound annexation plan for the Town of Warrenton.

## Chamber Members

### Will Gather Here

Members of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce will hold their quarterly dinner on Wednesday, March 26, at The Carriage House in Warrenton.

Chamber President Bradley Carroll urged all chamber members to attend the dinner, which will be served at 7:30 p. m. following a half-hour fellowship period. Cost of the meal is \$3.25 each.

Executive Director James T. Fleming said County Manager Glenwood Newsum will show the Warren County industrial slide presentation as it would be shown to industrial prospects.

Fleming said the chamber is planning a county promotion booklet and planning to run electrical service to the Christmas lights purchased by the chamber last year.

# Youths Ordered To Jail For Contempt

Two Enfield youths facing larceny charges were ordered to spend two days in jail each for appearing disorderly before a Norlina magistrate Tuesday.

Norlina police reported that Magistrate Carson Pridgen found the two in contempt for their boisterous conduct after they had been brought before him on larceny charges.

The two, Kenneth Spruill, 16, and Terry Charles Hughes, 18, were arrested early Tuesday afternoon and charged with taking a quantity of antennae wire from the offices of Dr. D. R. Coffman.

Chief of Police Romey Williams said the pair had brought an elderly man into the doctor's office for treatment at about 1:45 and ignored a receptionist's instructions not to roam through the offices.

While going through the offices they were noted taking a roll of wire and

later placing it in their car. The wire was in the trunk when the men were apprehended some minutes later, police said.

## Five Wood Loads Cut For Needy

Five loads of wood were cut and stacked Saturday for needy people of Warren County. The Warren County Ministers Association, in cooperation with the Warren County Jaycees, sponsored the "Cut Wood Day."

Land for the cutting was donated by Amos L. Capps, Inc. and the Soul City Co. Cold drinks were donated by the Country Store and Currin's Minute Mart. Biscuits were offered by The Carriage House.

Persons needing the firewood should apply to Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc., 109 W. Franklin St., Warrenton.

## Warrenton Resident Is Chosen

Governor Jim Hunt on Monday named a Warrenton woman as one of four members appointed to the newly-created Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television.

She is Mrs. Valeria L. Lee, general manager of WVSP radio station at Warrenton, and a member of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting Team in Washington, D. C. Her term will end May 27, 1981.

The board was created by the 1979 General Assembly to carry out the duties, delegated to it by the UNC Board of Governors, necessary for the operation of the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television. That center is to provide research, development and production on non-commercial educational television programming and program materials and to provide distribution of that programming through the broadcast facilities of the University of North Carolina. In general, it is to promote public television.

The other three persons appointed by the Governor are:

Eli N. Evans of New York, president of the Charles H. Revson Foundation in New York and a former member of the Carnegie Commission on the Future of Public Broadcasting. He is a former senior program officer of Carnegie Corporation. His term on the board will end May 27, 1983.

U. S. Congressman Charles Rose, III, of Fayetteville, chairman of the United States delegation to the World Administrative Radio Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. He is chairman of the U. S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Information and Computers. He is also chairman of North Atlantic Assembly - NATO Subcommittee on Science and Technology. His term on the board will end May 27, 1983.

Tom Stewart of Washington, owner of Stewart's Jewelry Store. He is a former mayor, a past president of the N. C. League of Municipalities and a past director of the Washington Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the Beaufort County Hospital Board of Trustees and president of the Downtown Washington Association. His term will end May 27, 1981.

The Board of Trustees consists of 17 members and five ex-officio members. Eleven members are appointed by the UNC Board of Governors, four by the Governor, one by the

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## Abducted At Gunpoint

# Terror Night Ends For Norlina Couple

A night of terror ended for a Norlina couple early Sunday morning when Virginia police captured their three abductors and jailed the trio on charges ranging from kidnapping to armed robbery.

Mr. and Mrs. Loveless Hinton of Washington Street Extension told law enforcement officers the story of their ordeal which began around 9 p. m. Saturday at the retired couple's mobile home in the Sugar Hill section of Norlina.

According to Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hinton were watching television when a knock at their door was heard. When the door was opened, three of the couple's neighbors filed into the trailer carrying guns.

Howard Crossan, 19, Braxton Crossan, 18 and Allen Crossan, 16, reportedly told the couple that they intended to rob them. Mrs. Hinton, thinking this was a joke, told the three brothers to go home and put up their guns.

The trio said they were not joking and ordered Mrs. Hinton to lie on the floor. They then removed Mr. Hinton's billfold containing \$175 and forced him to the floor. When Mr. Hinton tried to raise himself from the floor, Howard Crossan fired a 12-gauge shotgun next to Mr. Hinton's head. The load missed Mr. Hinton and lodged in a nearby bed.

The three youths then began ransacking the trailer, looking for more money. They soon found it in Mrs. Hinton's pocketbook and taking \$40 from the pocketbook, got the couple to their feet. At this point they informed Mr. and Mrs. Hinton that they would be killed later in the night.

The couple was then herded outside into Mrs. Hinton's 1977 Plymouth. The Crossan brothers got into the car and, with Howard driving, attempted to leave. The car slipped from the roadway and mired in a ditch. At that point the Crossans took their captives from the disabled vehicle and got into a 1975 Mercury belonging to Mr. Hinton. From here they left, their captives riding in the back seat, and drove to Wise, where they filled the vehicle with gas and started in the

direction of Henderson where, the Crossan brothers said, they could find some drugs.

They travelled to Henderson on Interstate 85 and went to the Beacon Light Projects on Boddie Street but were unable to find drugs. They then went to a cafe on Horner Street where they were able to buy a \$10 bag of marihuana.

Driving at more than 80 miles an hour, the Crossans sped back to Wise and purchased beer and went to a spot near the Virginia border where they rolled joints of marihuana and smoked. They told the Hinton that they were going to Philadelphia.

Again driving at high speeds the Crossans started north. They said that they intended to stop in Richmond, Va., but as they neared the Virginia capital

they missed an exit and wound up in the town of Ashland, Va.

Here they stopped at a motel and Howard Crossan registered under a fictitious name. The Crossans then took Mr. and Mrs. Hinton into the motel room. Mrs. Hinton said that at this point, knowing they would be killed, she started running and screaming for help. Two of the Crossans gave chase, leaving Mr. Hinton alone with one of his captors in the motel room. Mr. Hinton grabbed a shotgun from one of the beds

and attempted to fire at his captor. The gun proved to be empty and Mr. Hinton shoved Braxton Crossan out of the room and locked the door. He then went to a rear window and climbed out and went to a nearby house where he was able to summon help and call police.

In the meantime the Crossans stopped chasing Mrs. Hinton and attempted to flee from the scene. They were stopped by police after a high speed chase of up to 115 miles an hour and jailed under five felony charges each.

## Allen Presides Over Session Of Court

Judge Claude W. Allen, Jr., of Oxford presided over Friday's session of Warren County District Court in which the following cases were disposed of:

Curley Junior Tuck, second offense of driving under the influence of intoxicants, six months in jail. Defendant gave notice of appeal to next criminal session of Warren County Superior Court, continuing bond to remain in effect.

John Freeman Harris, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone and second offense of driving while license revoked, ordered to jail for not less than 18 months nor more than 24 months. Defendant gave notice of appeal to next session of Warren Superior Court with continuing bond to remain in effect.

Elizabeth Fern Harris, driving left of center and no operator's license, called and failed, arrest order issued and bond set at \$750.

William Edward McCullough, speeding 66 in 55 mph zone, fined \$10 and costs.

Michael Ray Philpot, speeding 75 in 55 mph zone, called and failed, voluntary dismissal with leave.

William Martin Miller, II, following too closely, hit and run and failure to stop,

called and failed, judgment absolute on bond, voluntary dismissal with leave.

Jose A. Taboada, speed-

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## GOP Convention To Be Held Here

The Warren County Republican County Convention will be held in the court room of the Warren County Court House on Wednesday, March 26, at 8 p. m. John J. Hawkins, county chairman, made the announcement this week.

He said the business of the Presidential election year county convention will be to elect five delegates and five alternates to attend the Second Congressional District Republican Convention to be held in Louisburg on April 26 and the State Republican Convention to be held in Greensboro on May 16-17.

Hawkins said some Republicans have been invited to attend and address the convention. The floor will be open to registered Republicans for any comments pertaining to the Warren County Republican Party, he said.

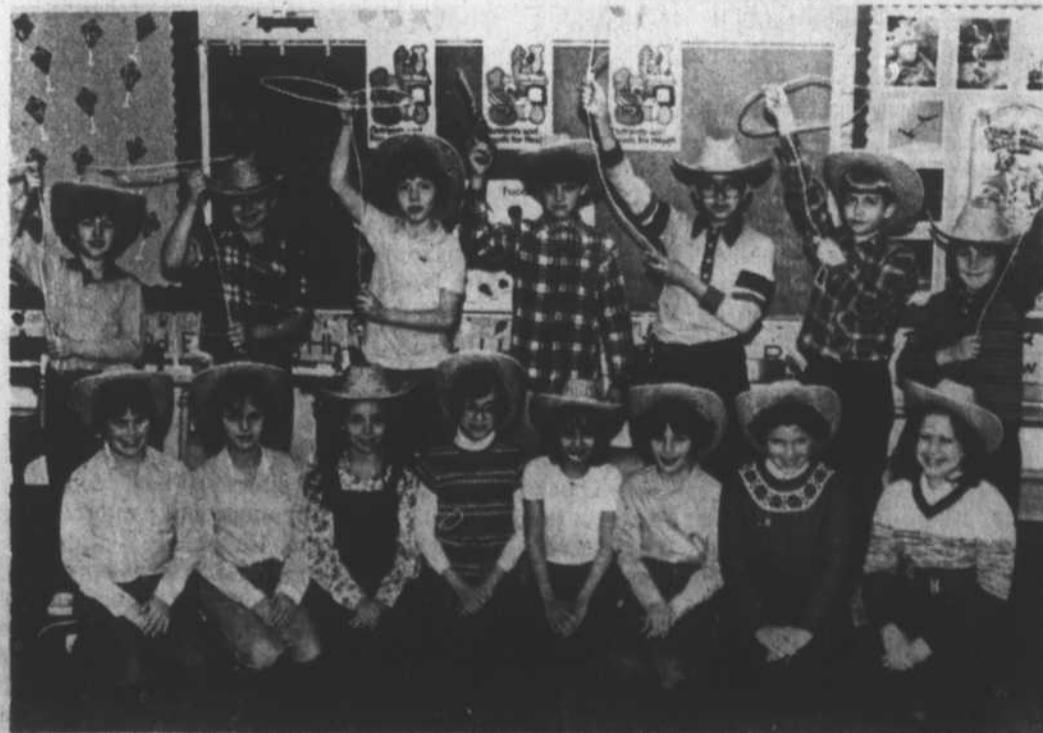
## Gala Musical Planned At Warren Academy

An entertaining musical revue, "That's Entertainment," will be presented by Warren Academy grades K-7 on Thursday, March 27 and Friday, March 28 at 8 p. m. in the Warren Academy gym.

Warren Academy will present these talented students, directed by Harriet D. Banzet, in their own musical production of "That's Entertainment." The show is a musical salute to some of the great movies and Broadway musicals of the last sixty years or more.

Set and lighting director is Eddie Conn.

Tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 7 p. m. There will be instrumental music before the show begins. Admission is \$2.50. Pre-school children will be admitted free of charge. Warren Academy's activity bus will be parked in the parking lot behind the Warrenton Post Office to provide free transportation to and from the show each evening, leaving first at 6:45 p. m. and making as many trips as may be needed.



Fourth graders pose for the camera wearing the cowboy hats they'll wear in "That's Entertainment." Shown on front row (left to right) are Kathy Coleman, Karen Harris, Katherine Harris, Luci Weldon, Tina Shearin, Jennifer Greene, Ann Howard Bamet and Heather Hurst. On back row (left to right) are Chris Stallings, Steven Harris, Patrick Qualls, Lamar King, Ketan Trivedi, Rann Paynter and David Shearin. Not present when picture was made was Kim O'Neal.

(Staff Photo)



Posing for a break during "That's Entertainment" practice are six graders in their "Hello Dolly" hats. They are (front row, left to right) Lisa Wilson, Lynn Whitmore, Charlotte Halthcock and Ray Hayes. On back row (left to right) are Bobby West, Rebecca Harris, Jay Carter, Caroline Greene and Lisa Edmonds.

(Staff Photo)