



OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY — Old and new Rotary officers were on hand Saturday night as the Warrenton Rotary Club celebrated its 35th anniversary with a ladies night banquet at the Warrenton Country Club. Taking part were (left to right) the Rev. Al Chambliss, Mrs. Chambliss, Jim Davis and Mrs. Davis. Mr. Chambliss, former rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, was the first president of the Warrenton Rotary Club. Mr. Davis is current president. The event also marked the 75th anniversary of Rotary International. (Staff Photo)

Interest On County Funds Shows Gain, Board Is Told

Warren County Commissioners were informed here Monday morning that the county fiscal condition was \$31,797 better off as a result of interest on county funds invested by Susan Wilson, tax collector. The \$31,797 collected during the present fiscal year compares with \$11,636 collected during the past fiscal year.

Commenting on the receipt of these non-budgeted funds, Glen Newsome, county manager, said that Miss Wilson is doing an excellent job as tax collector and finance officer.

The commissioners adopted a capital project budget for School Bonds. Newsome said that this was technically concerned with the issuance of the bonds.

The commissioners agreed to consider as a budget item 25% of the costs of serving papers by the Sheriff's Department as a part of the cost of enforcement of non-support law under title 4-D.

The federal government will pick up the remaining 75% of the cost. The action of the commissioners was taken after Ms. Elizabeth Harris, local official, and Bob McGuire, regional consultant, had explained the reasons for the request. They said that they would like for the

Sheriff's Department to hire an extra deputy to work one or two days a week serving these papers. Ms. Harris's work is said to have been very effective.

The commissioners approved a budget request of \$3,000 from the Soul City Parks and Recreation Association. The commissioners expressed themselves as being pleased with the appropriation in light of HUD's additional grant of \$210,000 for the completion of the regional sewerage treatment plant.

The commissioners adopted a resolution for the certification of the Afton-Elberon Rural Volunteer Fire Department and sent a roster of its members to the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The district has been given a classification of 9A, and its members are now eligible for the benefits of the \$25,000 in line of duty death benefits and the Firemen's Pension Fund as provided by the state.

The roster shows 23 members of the department as follows: John Joyner, Eugene Munn, Travis Aycock, W. H. Abbott, Eugene Mustian, George Aycock, C. H. Choplin, Lemuel P. Aycock, Dean Andrews, Harry J. Carter, W. L. Fuller, Jr., Edgar G. Neal, Tommie Peoples,

Gordon Limer, Allen Campbell, Ben Howard, Holt Neal, Walter Carter, Joey Mustian, Gary Campbell, Allen Campbell, Jr., Lynn Capps and Jay Haynes, III.

Tentative Awards Made For Plant

Tentative awards of low bids for the construction of a regional wastewater treatment facility at Warrenton, received by the Warren County Commissioners on Feb. 27 and March 12, 1980, (and held up due to a shortfall in allotted funds), were awarded by the commissioners in regular meeting here on Monday morning.

The tentative awards, subject to approval of the State and Federal Agencies and an increase in federal grant funding of approximately \$1,075,000 to cover the cost of overrun on the project be made to the low bidders.

About half of the shortfall has been made up by federal grant, and the remainder is expected to be made up shortly by an EDA grant. The federal agency grants were made following a trip to Washington by Board Chairman Jack Harris, County Manager Glenn Newsome and Don

Education Board Member Loses

Incumbents Are Successful In Heavy Warren Voting

Election Day proved to be the day of the incumbent as Warren voters turned out in large numbers Tuesday to cast votes in national, state and local races.

By the time the final returns from Warren's 14 precincts were counted at mid-morning Wednesday Warren voters found they had put the county in the victory columns of President Carter, Ronald Reagan and Governor Jim Hunt.

On the local level, office holders managed to turn back a strong challenge by a full slate of non-white candidates. The only casualty among Warren incumbents was Mrs. Joyce Darnell Odom, a veteran member of the Warren County Board of Education. She was defeated, 2262 to 2211, by Mrs. Kathy Harris Wilson, an Indian.

In the non-partisan Board of Education elec-

tion Henry D. Bobbitt, III, turned aside the challenge of Loyd C. Hawkins, 2427 to 2014; Board Chairman Leigh Traylor beat Ms. Joycelyn McKissick-Myers, 2583 to 2027; and newcomer Harold L. Harris defeated Yarborough Williams, Jr., 2414 to 2114.

In one of two races for seats on the Warren County Board of Commissioners incumbent and chairman Jack Harris outpolled challenger Frank W. Ballance, Jr., 2506 to 2036. In the other race, incumbent commissioner William T. Skinner, with 2041 votes, led a three-man field. Samuel A. Russell got 1889 votes while newcomer Arthur R. Bobbitt polled 483 votes.

In the race for register of deeds, incumbent Jim Hundley handily turned back the challenge of James W. Byrd, 2655 to 1661.

Floyd B. McKissick, Jr., a former chairman of the Warren County Democratic Party, found himself among the top three vote-getters in the race for three seats in the N. C. House of Representatives. Incumbent John T. Church led the seven-man field with 2140 votes. McKissick polled 2078 votes and incumbent T. W. (Tom) Ellis, Jr. got 1829 votes. Incumbent W. T. (Billy) Watkins of Oxford wound up in fourth place with 1570 Warren votes.

Incumbent James D. Speed of Franklin County was a clear favorite of Warren voters to retain one of two 7th Senatorial District seats. Speed received 3060 votes to out-

distance incumbent Dallas L. Alford, Jr. of Nash County, who received 1674 votes. Former Henderson City Manager

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Melvin C. Holmes trailed the field with 897 votes.

Robert H. Hobgood, judge of the 9th Judicial District and son of Louisville Judge Hamilton Hobgood, easily won victory over challenger Charles E. Hubbard of Roxboro. The margin in that race was 3059 to 1452.

Governor Jim Hunt was the choice of 2690 Warren voters as he outdistanced challenger Robert W. (Bob) Scott,

who had 1780 votes.

Lt. Gov. James C. (Jimmy) Green, seeking re-election, was the favorite of 2143 Warren voters. Challenger Carl J. Stewart, Jr. had 1998 votes while newcomer Clyde Pully got 152 votes.

Incumbent Secretary of State Thad Eure narrowly turned aside the challenge of George W. Breece, 2178 to 2065.

In the race for state auditor, state-wide front runner Edward Renfrow of Smithfield led handily in Warren. Renfrow polled 2369 votes, while W. S. (Bill) Chestnut, who will meet Renfrow in a Second Primary, had 705 votes. J. E. B. Davis was the favorite of 794 Warren voters.

In the race for commissioner of insurance, in-

cumbent John Ingram turned back the challenge of three former aides. Ingram had 2806 Warren votes.

Incumbent Superintendent of Public Instruction Craig Phillips won over challenger Trooper N. Combs in Warren, 3556 votes to 541.

In the race for associate justice of the State Supreme Court incumbent J. P. (Phil) Carlton won over challenger Ottway Burton of Asheboro, 2265 to 1581.

In the Democratic race for President, Jimmy Carter outpolled Sen. Edward Kennedy, 2519 to 1704. Some 312 Warren voters indicated that they had no preference in the race. California Governor Jerry Brown, who (Continued on page 11)

Warren Trappers Dispute Claims Of Fox Hunters

A group of Warren County trappers appeared before the county commissioners here Monday to explain why a request that the county be divided into a fox hunting district, north of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and a trapping district south of the railroad could not be to the advantage of the county.

A delegation of hunters presented petitions with signatures of 336 hunters to the commissioners at their regular April meeting. The foxhunters asked that the northwest area of the county be designated as a no-trapping area, saying that animals, particularly their hunting dogs, have been getting caught in traps in that area.

Among those speaking against any restriction of trappers were Malvern Haithcock, Jr., of Macon, a local trapper, J. Atkinson of the N. C. Trappers Association, Scott Osborne, biologist of District III.

Haithcock said that claims of dogs being caught in traps are greatly exaggerated, and that foxhunters destroy many foxes and when they do the animal's furs are destroyed, while the pelts of foxes caught by trappers are not harmed and offer a source of income to many citizens.

North Carolina hunting laws forbid any hunting on land without the written permission of the landowner. This means little or nothing, he said, in the case of foxhunters hunting from pickup trucks and losing all control of their dogs movement as they may run for miles.

Many landowners, Haithcock said, welcome trappers who rid their lands of pests, including foxes raiding their hen houses, raccoons destroying their corn, and muskrats destroying

earthen dams, and beavers destroying their trees, and damaging their crops.

Some landowners opposed the limitations because they see such action as unwarranted dictation by the county on how they could use their own land. J. Atkinson of the N. C. Trappers Association left with the commissioners considerable material stating why trapping should be banned in the state.

In South Carolina and Virginia foxes are a source of rabies, the speakers pointed out, saying that unless they are controlled it would spread into North Carolina in epidemic form. Both Virginia and South Carolina, they said, had to call on trappers to help reduce the number of foxes in both states.

The last and previously unannounced speaker was L. B. Hardage, former Warren County Agent, who now owns a large farm in neighboring Mecklenburg County, Va. In a very brief speech he said that one might wonder why he should appear at a Warren County hearing. If a dog is turned loose in North Carolina in the vicinity of Palmer Springs, Va., the chances are good that it would find its way to his farm, he said. His advice, he said, would be to let the state make all hunting laws.

Chairman Harris closed the meeting by promising that the county would make no changes in hunting laws without a public hearing.

In other business before the commissioners, Dennis Retzlaff appeared before the commissioners to request CBA funding for the county. He asked that \$4,000 be allotted foster care as a part of the mental health program, that \$6,136 be appropriated for foster

care under the Department of Social Services, and \$3,264 be appropriated for the school recreation program. He asked that a \$1,000 matching fund as the county's part of the program be continued in the 1980-81 budget.

Budget amendments submitted by Susan Wilson, tax collector and finance officer, were approved by the commissioners.

Chairman Jack Harris asked that as many commissioners as possible attend the Spring Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in Raleigh on May 30-31, at which he would be a voting delegate. Commissioner George Shearin said he would be present on both Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

County Manager Glen Newsome said the CETA program, which now has a total of 31 employees, would be continued in the county until Sept. 30. He also announced that the county's 1c sales and use tax for March totalled \$20,337.03.

A public hearing on reclassification of that part of Sandy Creek in Warren County will be held at the Archdale building in Raleigh at 11 o'clock on May 8. Newsome said it is his understanding that Henderson plans to pack the building and that it is necessary that Warren citizens attend the meeting in large numbers and to be present early.

Newsome also announced that a meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review would be held at the Warren County Court House on May 7, at 8:30.

Advertising of property for taxes began in The Warren Record this week. It was announced at the Monday meeting that sale of tax liens would be held on June 2.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — W. W. Taylor, Jr. (left) of Raleigh and Clyde Rodwell of Warrenton enjoy a laugh during the 35th anniversary celebration of the Warrenton Rotary Club held Saturday night at the Warrenton Country Club. Taylor and the Rev. Al Chambliss are the two surviving members of the group of Warrenton men who formed the club. (Staff Photo)