



Taking part in last Thursday night's program on Perdue Farms were, left to right, Bobby Choplin, president of the Warren County Jaycees; Glen Newsome, Warren County manager; Tom Shelton,

Perdue senior vice president; and Bill Bollinger, manager of Perdue's North Carolina complex. The meeting took place in the Warrenton Lions Den. (Staff Photo)

Building Of Perdue Plant Hinges On Chicken Houses

The Perdue Poultry Complex at Soul City should be built within 15 months of the completion of 150 broiler houses within this area of North Carolina and Virginia, Tom Shelton, Perdue senior vice president, told a group of more than 100 persons gathered at the Lions Den here on last Thursday night as guests of the Warrenton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Shelton said that his company would prefer more than 150 broiler houses but that is the minimum number that would provide enough chickens for an assembly line; meanwhile the broiler houses being built in this area would be served by the complex located in the Ahoskie-Lewiston-Murfreesboro area.

He said that Perdue is very pleased with its site in Warren County for an integrated poultry complex, and plans are being drawn up and completed in order to start construction as soon as the minimum number of houses are completed.

Officials of Perdue were special guests of the Jaycees in a meeting planned in conjunction with the Warren County Industrial Commission in order to boost broiler production in this area. A number of local farmers were special guests.

Bobby Choplin, Jaycee president, called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Macon Robertson. Jack Harris, chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, in welcoming the guests, said he hoped that they would pay close attention to the messages brought by the speakers.

Following the serving of a dinner of barbecued Perdue chickens, potato salad, stringbeans, rolls, iced tea and pineapple upside-down cake, special guests were presented.

wife, Helen, John Hazenfield, Harold Holloman, Dwight Hunter and Charlie Fox, all officials of Perdue.

Also, Dr. W. C. Mills, Jr., Extension Poultry Specialist with North Carolina State University; Tom Peele, representing Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Norlina; Brad Carroll, representing First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Warrenton; and Roy Pat Robertson and Nat Weldon, representing Branch Bank and Trust Company, also of Warrenton; Herbert Moseley, Production Credit Association; Tucker Nobles, Farmers Home Administration; Bill Little, chairman of Warren County Industrial Commission; Jack Harris, chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners; Glen Newsome, County Manager and Industrial Director; and Betty Jean Capps, secretary of the Warren County Industrial Commission.

Present and recognized were Billy and Anne Fisher of Bertie County and Joe and Rosanne Rhea of Ahoskie. Later in the program Billy and Joe were to relate their experiences as Perdue growers. Also recognized were Ernest and Margie Brauer, who have graded land for a breeder house on their farm near Warrenton.

Dr. Mills was the first speaker. He said that poultry processing was the fastest growing in the state and today North Carolina ranks fourth in the nation in poultry production, due in part to the fact that the production and selling of poultry is 20 years ahead of all other processors in the state in organization and research. He said that he was familiar with the Perdue company and its reputation, and feels that it is among the five top producers of the world. While contract growing of poultry may not always bring the highest possible income to the growers, it also does not bring him the lowest. He said he considers an invest-

ment in a Perdue broiler house an excellent investment, but that it may be wise to wait for a further drop in interest rates. This is an election year and President Carter must see that they drop before the November election if he has any hope for re-election.

A film was shown that consisted of the advertisements Perdue runs in northern parts of the country where its chickens are sold.

During the talks by Perdue representatives, mostly by Shelton and Bollinger, overhead projections showing production growth, profitability rates, and the benefits of locating a Perdue in the South were displayed.

Vice President Shelton said that Perdue, which started in business in Maryland in 1920, had never had an unsuccessful year. He credited research and organization for this. While there has been a slump in the market the first months of the year, he said Perdue operations had picked up during May and were expected to show further gains in June. He said that Perdue is planning to enter the Washington, D. C. market and might also enter the chicken packing

process.

Bollinger, in answer to questions, said that on an average each broiler house could be expected to produce \$15,000, and that if all the proceeds collected from such a house were applied to its debt for construction that it would be possible to repay it in a six-year period. He said the tendency is to build a second house, and sometimes more, rather than to go out of business; and that Perdue needed production, and in rare cases where circumstances dictate that one go out of the broiler business that Perdue has little trouble in getting some one to take over such house. He also said that a prospective grower could build his own house if he prefers, and that Perdue would furnish blue prints (Continued on page 16)

Early Next Week

Due to the July 4 holiday, The Warren Record will publish a day early next week. Persons submitting articles for publication are urged to bear this in mind. Normal closing times for advertisements will be observed.

Board Meets Tuesday Night

Educators Want Four-Year School

The Warren County Board of Education in a special meeting here Tuesday night adopted a proposal for the reorganization of Warren County public schools, effective for the 1981-82 school year which would provide for the establishment of the new consolidated high school as a four-year high school.

The proposal was made at a meeting of the board on Tuesday night of last week and adopted the past Tuesday night after more than an hour's discussion.

The proposal also calls for reorganization of all grades in the system from kindergarten through 12, and for the division of the county into two sections for the purpose of operation of the school buses, which Supt. Mike Williams said would reduce the number of miles traveled by school children if it did not actually reduce the number of buses in operation.

Only the proposal to make of the new high school a four-year school brought forth much debate, but that brought forth a strong fight on the part of Chairman Leigh Traylor who asked that the plan be postponed until after the school had been in operation a year or more, in order that adjustments be made and the number of students be obtained. He also said that he feels that putting ninth grade students in high school would adversely affect the school's athletic program.

Mrs. Joyce Odom said that she feels that a four-year high school offers a better opportunity for school children than does a three-year school, pointing out that mathematics is required for graduation from the ninth grade, and failure often causes a student to drop out of school rather than repeat the grade. In a four-year high school such pupil has a chance to make up the subject, she said.

Dr. L. B. Henderson, Jr. said that he considered

the plan a step forward, Henry Bobbitt had some reservations, concerned with the Vaughan School and Harold Harris had minor objections to another phase of the proposal.

Supt. Williams said that while he approves a four-year high school, he has some worry about having enough room for all the programs should enrollment in the high school exceed 991.

When Mrs. Odom made a motion that the plan be adopted, Supt. Williams asked her would she amend her motion to state that in case of extreme emergency the (Continued on page 16)



NEW ROTARY OFFICERS — Lawrence Boyd, center, was installed as president of the Warrenton Rotary Club on Tuesday night during a ladies night banquet held at the Warrenton Country Club. Brad Carroll, right, was installed as vice president and Jim Davis, outgoing president, took office as secretary. (Staff Photo)

Man Is Jailed On Charges Of Robbing Drewry Store

A Warren County man is being held in Vance County jail under \$10,000 bond, charged with armed robbery of White's Store in the Vance section of Drewry around 10:30 p. m. last Friday night.

James Odell "Bo" Johnson, 25, of Rte. 4, Norlina, was arrested

late Sunday afternoon by Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams and Warren County Deputy Harold Seaman as the result of a composite drawing made by Henderson Police Detective D. W. Reavis from a description given him by a witness of the robbery.

Chief Williams said Detective D. K. Harris brought Detective Reavis' drawing to Norlina on Saturday and Williams said he recognized Johnson by the hair and clothing as pictured.

Williams explained he had seen Johnson in Norlina Thursday. Williams and Seaman then went to Johnson's home and picked him up for questioning.

Police Probe Theft Of Televisions Here

Warrenton Police are still investigating a break in at Benton Furniture Company on last Friday night.

Chief Freddie Robin-

son and Officer T. R. Vaughan were called to the furniture store Saturday morning and found that entry to the building had been gained by forcing a side door to the warehouse, and a considerable amount of merchandise had been removed by a thief or thieves.

Selby Benton, owner, listed this merchandise as four TV sets, two of which were the best in his store; a table model stereo and six speakers, and a table radio. He said he discovered the break-in when he came to work on Saturday morning.

Benton also mentioned that a light on adjacent Odom's Service Station lot had been extinguished.

A young man was in the store Friday afternoon, Benton said, and in an effort to sell his TV sets he lauded the qualities of the set and showed him his best. Actually, he said, "I may have chosen his articles for him."

Following interrogation by officers at Norlina and further investigation, the armed robbery count was filed against Johnson and he was turned over to Vance County officials.

White's Store, operated by Lewis and David Paschall, was held up by two black males, one of whom was armed with a shotgun and the other with a handgun.

No one was hurt at the robbery, but a substantial amount of money was taken from the cash register of the store and the wallets of the two Paschall men.

Vance authorities are continuing the investigation of the case in the hope of making a second arrest.

Warren County authorities believe that the two men who held up White's Store on last Friday night were the same men who held up nearby Fleming's Store in Warren County on the night of June 9, and are continuing their investigation in the hope of establishing a connection between the two robberies.



WIN TROPHY — These six members of the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Association attended the first annual Fireman's Field Day and Competition prior to the North Carolina Fire College in Rocky Mount last week. Sixteen teams from full time and volunteer fire departments competed in four events. The Warrenton

team came home with a first-place trophy in the four-man water polo event. Attending, from left to right, were Kenny Clayton, Chet Forrester, Walter Gardner, Jr., Aaron Hall, James Vaughan and Jean Andrews. (Staff Photo)