

## Annexation Plans Are Discussed

Discussion of plans for the annexation of property adjacent to Warrenton on West Franklin and Ridgeway Streets highlighted a short meeting of the Town Commissioners here on Monday night. Mayor White presided over the meeting. All commissioners were present except Gordon Haithcock who is a patient in Warren General Hospital.

Following the fourth appearance of the publication of a notice of intent to annex, the commissioners will hold a public hearing prior to their meeting on the second Monday night in May.

The commissioners agreed that it would be well to distribute a leaflet before the hearing showing the benefits a person would receive from becoming a citizen of the town, including better police protection, better fire protection, lower water rates and twice a week garbage collection. It was agreed that Mayor White and or Administrator Pete Vaughan should discuss with larger garbage creators plans for a daily collection.

In addition, the benefits the Town would receive from a larger tax base in which the new citizens would participate, are those of increased funds from the Powell Fund, and

## Annual Haliwa Pow-Wow Slated This Weekend

The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe will host its annual Pow-Wow on April 17 and April 18 at the old Haliwa Indian School near Arcola.

Chief W. R. Richardson said the general public is invited to attend this event, held in honor of the tribe's state recognition on April 15, 1965.

Guest speaker for the event will be Huron Miller, chief of the Onondaga Nation, near Albany, N. Y.

Chief Miller is proficient in five Iroquois languages, holds a vast knowledge of traditional Iroquois culture, is translator of the constitution of the Iroquois Confederacy and the Six Nations Grand Council and is also secretary of this council.

Chief Miller is also president of the board of directors of the project, The Great Turtle Building, ten walks from Niagara Falls, N. Y. This project has been under construction for several years and will be opening sometime in May.

Chief Miller performs Indian marriage ceremonies, condolence ceremonies, Indian funerals, and is a counselor for Indian families. He is also a consultant of the Native American Studies Programs at various universities and colleges and the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D. C.

There will be representatives from over 50 tribes throughout the country displaying and selling traditional arts and crafts. Part of the festivities will include a traditional Indian dance contest and crowning of the new tribal princess for 1981.

Chief Richardson said, "This is a time for Indian people of all tribes to come together as brothers and sisters to celebrate their Indian heritage and traditional values."



Two men were killed when this car went out of control and crashed through the side of this vacant house in Macon on Saturday morning. A sheet covers the body of

one of the victims in foreground. High speed was blamed as the cause of the fatal crash, the first of 1981 in Warren County. (Staff Photo)

## Two Men Die As Car Rams Into House On Macon Street

Two young Warren County men were killed instantly early Saturday morning when their car went out of control and plowed into the side of a house at Macon. Both were

thrown from the car, the Highway Patrol reported. Victims of the 1:55 a. m. crash were Elroy Duke Bullock, 22, and Milton Levone Palmer, 20, both of Rt. 2, Macon. They were

the first highway fatalities of the year in Warren County. Bullock, stationed with the U. S. Navy in Norfolk, Va., was the driver of the ill-fated vehicle. Trooper

C. E. Lockley said the car was being driven east on U. S. 158 when Bullock lost control. The car swerved into a curb, became airborne, ripped through a utility pole and a small tree and slammed broadside into the side of an unoccupied house.

Damage to the house, owned by Watson Estates of Greensboro, was listed at \$10,000. The car was a total loss.

Funeral services for Bullock were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m. at Burchette Chapel United Church of Christ by the pastor, the Rev. R. D. Bullock, Jr. Burial was in the church cemetery with military rites.

Bullock was a 1977 graduate of John Graham High School and a 1979 graduate of Vance Granville Community College. He joined the Navy in 1980.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Josephine Bullock; his father, William Bullock, both of Macon; three brothers, his twin, Airman Leroy Bullock of Norfolk, Va., Sgt. William Bullock, Jr., of Oxford and MacDonald Bullock of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Odessa Davis of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Catherine Daniels of Paterson, N. J., Ms. Juanita Bullock of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Almeda Reed of Passaic, N. J.; and his paternal grandfather, James Bullock of Macon.

Funeral services for Palmer will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church of Macon by the Rev. Lawrence Harrison. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Palmer of Vaughan; four sisters, Mrs. Helena Kearney, Mrs. Jennette Kearney, Miss Diane Palmer, all of Warren County, and Mrs. Addie Green of Paterson, N. J.; three brothers, Alonzo and Meivin Palmer of Warren County and Oliver Palmer, Jr., of Paterson, N. J.; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Palmer of Macon.

## For Public Schools

# More Local Funds Sought By Board

Asserting that "kids in this system are getting shortchanged," Warren School Supt. Mike Williams called on the Board of County Commissioners Monday night to increase local funding for public education in Warren County.

Williams told members of the Warren Board of Education Monday night that the "school system is suffering" and will continue to suffer until funding is increased.

"It is my opinion that the Board of Education would be justified in requesting from the Board of Commissioners a significant increase in the appropriation for public education in this county," Williams said. "I also feel that the Board of Education should strongly encourage the Board of Commissioners to grant such a request."

In his budget message, Williams told board members that he was presenting this year's budget proposal in a different manner, primarily because of the uncertainty of funding from federal and state levels. He said he was choosing to focus on the use of local funds.

Williams said that in order to provide the save level of service that is being provided this year an additional \$136,682 will be needed in local funding. This, he said, reflects a 19 per cent increase over the 1980-81 allocation.

In order to provide new or expanded services, Williams said, the schools will need an additional \$119,014 from the county commissioners.

"This would bring the request for new money for current expense to a total of \$255,696," he said. "This would reflect a 36 per cent increase over the 1980-81 appropriation."

Williams said that total capital outlay needs for next year amounts to \$336,160.

"This would require an appropriation from the county commissioners in the amount of \$311,160 to meet these needs," Williams said. "In 1980-81, we were appropriated only \$35,000 for capital outlay."

The superintendent furnished Board of Education members with data showing that "even though the dollar amount appropriated to schools in this county has increased since 1973-74, the percent of resources available for appropriation has steadily declined."

Williams said such had not been the case on the state level.

"This trend in Warren County must be stopped

## Services Listed

### For Holy Week

Holy Week services were announced this week for parishioners of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Ridgeway.

Good Friday services will be held at 8 p. m. and will consist of a Tenebrae Service on "The Seven Last Words."

Easter Sunday services will begin with a sunrise service at 6:30 a. m. followed by a congregational breakfast. The Easter festival of the resurrection with Holy Communion will begin at 10 a. m. Sunday.

and reversed," he contended. "Our public schools are suffering as a result and will continue to suffer in subsequent years until and unless something is done."

He pointed out that the gap between Warren County and the statewide average had widened from 8.4 per cent to 11.25 per cent during the period from 1973 until 1978.

"In 1979-80, if Warren County had only met the statewide average of approximately 4.9 per cent,

our public schools would have received \$345,706 more for current expense and capital outlay than was actually received," Williams charged.

Board members agreed with Williams that a face-to-face meeting with county commissioners to explain budget provisions should be sought. All members of the Board of Education were present for Monday night's meeting except Mrs. Kathy H. Wilson.

## Brandish Shotgun

# Youths Arrested In Bus Incident

Two Henderson teenagers have been jailed here after they allegedly threatened a busload of Warren County school children with a shotgun.

Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams said the arrest of the pair came Monday afternoon shortly after the two were said to have waved a bolt-action shotgun at passengers on Bus 47 out of North Warren Middle School.

Williams cited the alertness of one of the students in jotting down the license number of the suspects' vehicle. This led to the arrests minutes later, the chief said.

Charged with assault by pointing a gun were Joel Buttram, 17, and Billy Worley, 16. They were jailed pending a hearing in district court yesterday (Wednesday).

Chief Williams said bus driver Richard Alexander first noticed a 1970 white Maverick following close behind his bus as he slowed to let children disembark at Francis Alston's Barbershop on the northern edge of Norlina. Moments

later, as he slowed to a stop at the residence of Willie Alexander, he heard children screaming and looked back to see the occupants of the white Maverick pointing the gun in their direction.

Police put out an all-points bulletin to try to nab the suspects. Williams, patrolling U. S. Highway 1 in Norlina, saw the Maverick and stopped the car near Warren Ice and Fuel Company. Here the men were arrested. The driver of the car, Donna Pearce, 16, of Henderson, was not charged but was held to be turned over to the custody of her parents.

Chief Williams said that the teenagers were unarmed when they were stopped, but he learned that they had sold the gun minutes earlier to Glenn Carroll of Lake Gaston. The gun was a 20-gauge weapen.

Williams said the bus contained about 20 children when the assault allegedly occurred at about 3:15 p. m.

## One Jury Case Tried So Far During Court

The April criminal term of Warren County Superior Court convened here on Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge F. Gordon Battle of Chapel Hill presiding.

The first jury case, in which Arthur Cooper Boone was charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, driving while license revoked, driving left of center and speeding 85 mph in a 55 mph zone, was called Tuesday at 11 a. m. All evidence had been submitted and the arguments of lawyers concluded when the hour for court adjournment for the day arrived.

Judge Battle said he would charge the jury on Wednesday morning.

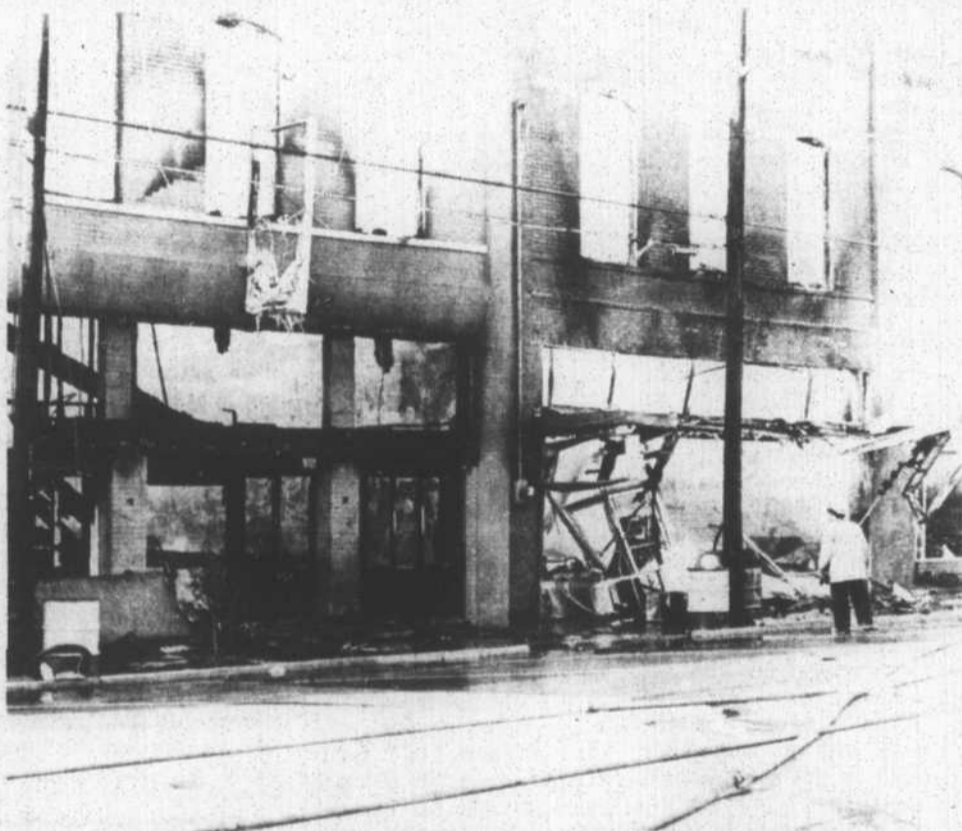
When Judge Battle reached Warrenton he found a criminal docket containing 165 cases, of which 30 cases were concerned with defendants charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, plus a number of other cases connected with other law violations.

Following the convening of court, the calling of both Grand Jury members and petit jurors, and other organizational procedures, Judge Battle began to dispose of a considerable number of cases through plea bargaining and consolidations resulting in few active sentences and a large number of persons being heavily fined, given suspended sentences and placed on probation. Practically all these cases were concerned with liquor law violations.

Due to the size of the docket and the pace of the court, records of cases tried were not available to this newspaper when it went to press early Wednesday morning. Solicitor David Waters said on Tuesday afternoon that a second jury trial would be scheduled for Wednesday morning.

## Communion Set

Holy Communion services will be held on Sunday at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 11 a. m. The Rev. John Davis will be the celebrant.



Three gutted building shells were all that remained Friday after a disastrous fire raged through a portion of a block in Littleton's downtown business district. Minutes after this photo was taken a timber crane from J&J Logging Company pushed in the walls to avert the danger of their falling. (Staff Photo)

## Flames Devastate Littleton Businesses Friday Afternoon

Seldom has a good neighbor policy been more evident than on last Friday when scores of area firemen went to the assistance of the Littleton Fire Department in fighting a fire that for a while threatened the main business block of the town.

When it was over, three buildings had been gutted and damage estimates ranged into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

About 100 firemen from three counties fought the blaze for some two hours before bringing it under control. Halifax County Deputy Sheriff Jack Bobbitt reported the fire about 3 p. m. after he saw smoke billowing from a second

story window of Leach Service Cleaners in the heart of the downtown business district.

The laundry was destroyed, as were businesses on each side — Lawrence Plumbing and Heating Company and Owen Electric Company. The cause of the fire remains a mystery.

A firewall and quick work by firemen were credited with saving Littleton Sales Company, located beside Owen Electric Company.

Units from Warrenton, Macon, Norlina and Arcola in Warren County were reported helping in the battle against the fire. Just how many firemen were

ultimately involved is not known.

For example, Norlina sent 21 volunteers and four trucks to the scene. While they were away Drewry sent a pumper and several men to stand by at the Norlina Fire Department to respond to any other alarms that might have been received. Men in the Hawtree Fire Department at Wise stood by to go where they might be needed most.

After flames were brought under control Friday, a logging crane was called into service and used to push in the three front walls of the gutted buildings to prevent possible injury to passerby.