



New officers of the Warren County Jaycees are shown during an installation banquet held last Friday night at the Lions Den. From left to right are Dean Andrews, external vice president; Jimmy Ross, treasurer; Bobby

Chopin, outgoing president and new state director; William Cox, secretary; Walter Gardner, president; Kenny Clayton, director; and Jim Huey, internal vice president. (Staff Photo)

Cable TV Plans Near Fruition

Installation of Cable Television at Warrenton is expected to be completed by Friday of this week, Ben Terry, manager of Warren CATV, said on Tuesday afternoon.

The first cable television set was installed at the home of Van Dawson Alston on Brehon Street on Saturday, May 2 and with announcement of the arrival of the system in Warrenton on May 7, a large number of applications have been received and sets installed.

Terry said that channel 13 might be in operation by Tuesday night and that all channel numbers are now being corrected.

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Two engraved awards were handed out Thursday night as Warren County Jaycees held a changing of the guard at the Warrenton Lions Den. Receiving top honors were William Cox, Jaycee of the Year, and Cory Conn, Rookie of the Year. Shown above, left to right, are Ray Shearin, who presented the awards; Cox; Conn; and Bud Andrews, candidate for state Jaycee vice president who installed new officers. (Staff Photo)

Earlier Action Stands

Board Of Education Hears Grievances From Boosters

In their regular meeting Monday night, the Warren County Board of Education heard grievances from two athletic boosters, who expressed displeasure with the coaching selections made by the Board three weeks ago.

Bill Davis, president of the booster club; and Lew Hege, secretary of the booster club; asked questions of the Board members for more than an hour. Some 50 interested boosters attended the meeting, but all questions were asked by Davis and Hege.

Speaking first, Davis told the Board he thought they acted in "a haphazard manner" in selecting the coaching staff. Davis spent some 25 minutes asking different Board members questions on how they arrived at their selections.

The Board had voted 3-2 to disregard the recommendations of its screening committee (consisting of the three high school principals and Supt. Mike Williams) and instead named Billy Frazier as football coach and James Howell as basketball coach.

These choices touched off a strong response from Norlina and Littleton area residents, since the screening committee had recommended Norlina coaches Carl Spragins and Bobby Lynch for those positions.

Voting for the slate presented by the committee were chairman Leigh Traylor and Henry Bobbitt. Voting against that slate and for the one that made Frazier football coach and Howell basketball coach were Harold Harris, Henry Pitchford, and Kathy Wilson.

Both Frazier, the brother-in-law of Harris, and

Howell received their first choices for coaching, while Spragins and Lynch received their third choices.

Harris and Pitchford said whether or not the coach was from Warrenton or Norlina was a consideration in their selections, while the other three members said it was not.

Following questions by Davis, the members responded to questions by Hege.

Hege asked Harris if he thought it was a conflict of interest to involve himself in the coaching selections, in view of the fact that Harris brother-in-law was involved in the selections.

Harris said he did "have communications" with Frazier, but did not discuss "coaching preference" with his brother-in-law.

Pitchford said he discussed the matter with Howell during this period, but had no discussions with other prospective coaches.

In deciding on her vote, new member Wilson admitted she did not personally know any of the coaches or of their records. She said she voted for Frazier for football coach, "after receiving some calls from people supporting him."

Hege concluded his remarks by asking the Board to reconsider their selections and revote on the coaching staff in executive session.

Following this discussion, most of the interested citizens present left the building, but several discussed the situation outside the meeting room. Fourteen of those present then signed a request that the Board reconsider their proposal for a revote.

Later in the meeting, Traylor read the proposal and asked for comments by Board members. After a pause, no member offered a motion on the revote; and no further action was announced by the Board.

In other matters Monday night, the Board of Education:

—Heard a report from Cato DeVane, regional representative of the Division of Transportation in the State Department of Public Instruction, regarding plans for transportation of students on school buses during the 1981-82 school year.

—Unanimously adopted a recommended policy on the use of school facilities. The plan was developed by a committee consisting of James Jordan, Mary Hunter, W. T. Ramey, Benjamin Terrell and Walter Sweeney.

—Approved the employment of Albertha Q. Valentine as a regular classroom teacher at North Warren School on an interim basis.

—Accepted the resignations of Rosa I. Paschall, a classroom teacher at Northside, and Ellen Steigerwald, a speech/language clinician.

—Approved ten amendments to the current school budget.

—Tabled until its next meeting the election of a vice-chairman to serve until December 1, 1982.

Two Areas To Be Taken In

Annexation Plans Clear Final Hurdle

Meeting in regular monthly session on Monday night, the Warrenton Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance, effective on July 1, extended the town limits by annexing two adjacent sections of the town.

Under state legislation a town has not less than seven days nor more than 90 days after a public hearing to adopt an Annexation Ordinance. The motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Commissioner A. A. Wood and seconded by Commissioner A. C. Fair, and unanimously passed by the five members of the board present for the meeting. Commissioners Gordon Haithecock and Commissioner Charles M. White, III, were not present.

Copies of the Annexation Ordinance must be filed with the Warren County Register of Deeds and the North Carolina Secretary of State.

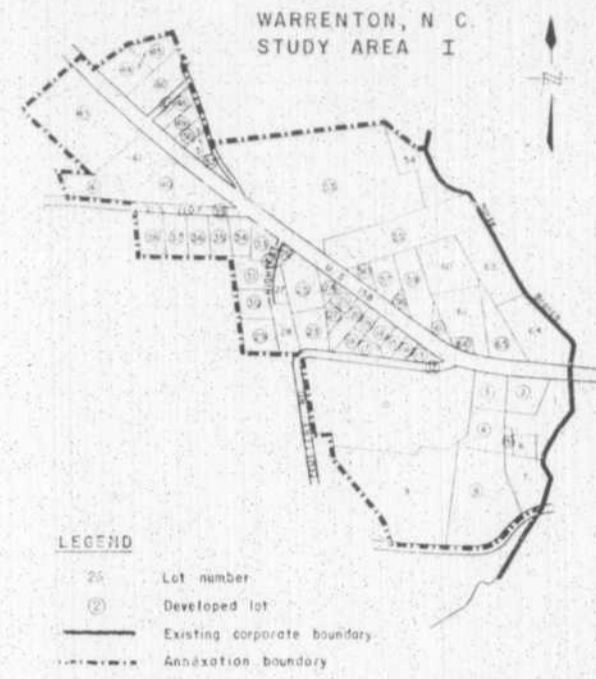
Annexation of the two adjacent properties, section 1, Ridgeway Street Extension, and Section 2, West Franklin Street Extension, would bring into the town limits a total of 144 persons, Mayor White had previously stated. From 1970 until 1980, he pointed out, that the town population had declined from 1035 to 908, a loss of 127. On July 1, when the Annexation Ordinance goes into effect the town will have a population of 1052, a net gain of 17 over the 1980 census figures.

The Annexation Ordinance was adopted following reports from committee chairmen and from Bill Neal Superintendent of the Warrenton Water Company.

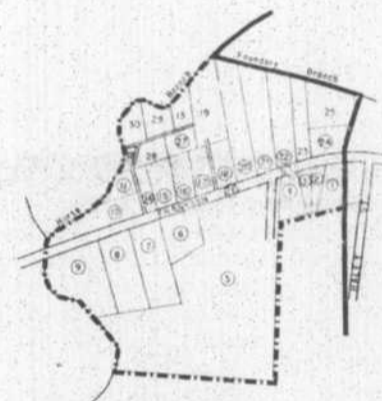
Neal reported that construction of the Warren County Regional Sewer Plant is ahead of schedule and the plant should be started up some time in November. He said that Macon Robertson, who has qualified as Sanitary Engineer, has been spending much of his time at the new plant, but from now on would spend more time at the request of the engineers. Because Robertson is a regular employee of the town, and not a new employee, Neal said, the town must pay Robertson's salary. This remark brought forth considerable discussion and a determination to have Mayor White and Supt. Neal discuss the matter with the town engineers.

Since Warrenton now buys its water from the tri-county regional system, it no longer uses its settling basin at the old water plant. Neal said he had been asked by P. P. Pope if he could not work out a deal with the Town of Warrenton to have the Water Department keep this basin filled with raw water from Hudgins Creek and permit him to buy this water for irrigating a corn crop he plans to grow on Connell land back of the water plant. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up by the water committee of the town.

Eddie Clayton, chairman of the Street Committee, said the streets are "in a mess," but said he feels that his department can make out until the new fiscal year, when needed work can be done. He said



Areas To Be Annexed



WARRENTON, N. C. STUDY AREA II

LEGEND
6 Lot number
25 Developed lot
Existing corporate boundary
Annexation boundary

Scale 1"=400'



Charlie Spivak and his orchestra will provide the music for the second annual Panacea Gala to be held on May 23 at Lakeland Arts Center in Littleton. Dancing will begin at 9 p. m. and patrons attending will be treated to a show and midnight breakfast. The Gala is one of two major events coming up at Lakeland. This Saturday, May 16, at 8 p. m. Elmer Gibson, one of the finest jazz pianists in the country will be performing at Lakeland and accompanied by the Gibson Trio. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for senior citizens and \$2.00 for students.

that some citizens had suggested that the Warrenton administration should write to the county commissioners complaining of the unsightly and unsanitary condition of the dumpster operated at the corner of Route 158 and 158 By-Pass. All agreed that it is unsightly and partly blamed slow pick-up of garbage by the county employed contractor or two small dumpsters. Mayor White said that the dumpster near Bowers and Burrows in North Warren also creates a bad condition. Mayor White said that two senior citizens had complained about the condition of Main Street business and it was suggested that merchants should resume their former custom of sweeping the sidewalks in front of their stores. Clayton also said that he was worried because of the loss of CETA workers.

Richard Hunter, chairman of the Finance Committee, told the commissioners that the Town has a Workman's Compensation Insurance Policy, just renewed with a private insurance agent, and that he could get the same coverage through the League of Municipalities agent at a saving of some \$1400. The commissioners recommended that Hunter talk with Monroe Gardner and see if his policy could not be cancelled.

It was also brought to the attention of the Board by Commissioner Clayton that equally as good Hospital Insurance could be secured from other companies at a much lower figure than is now being charged by Blue Cross. It was suggested that this matter be further investigated.

Mayor White told the commissioners that he had received considerable complaints from speeders on North Warren and Halifax Streets and a suggestion that the 20-mile-per-hour street signs be removed if the law is not to be enforced. It was suggested that the Police Committee take the matter up with the Police Department.

Commissioner A. C. (Continued on page 11)

New High School Scene Of Theft

Section C of the new consolidated high school now under construction near the Norlina By-Pass 158, was broken into during the weekend and two sets of scaffolds and two sets of scaffold wheels, stolen, it was reported Tuesday afternoon at the office of Sheriff Clarence Davis.

Office Deputy Betsy Frazier said that the theft was reported to the Sheriff's office on Monday morning.

The stolen property was owned by one of the contractors now working on the school, and the estimated worth of wheels and scaffolds is \$350.

Entry to the school was made by breaking a window and unlocking a door. Damage suffered by the school in the breakage of the window is estimated at \$100, Mrs. Frazier said.

Deputy Harold Seaman investigated the break-in.