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Teacher Charged In Death

Roy A. Alston, black male masonry teacher at Vance County Senior High School in Henderson, is being held in Warren County jail without bond. He is charged with the murder of Clarence Champion, Jr., another black male who is said to have recently returned from New York to the Afton-Elberon section of Warren County where Roy A. Alston also lived.

Alston was scheduled to be given a hearing in Warren County Recorder's Court on Wednesday morning.

According to Deputy Sheriff Bobby Dean Bolton, who investigated the shooting, Roy A. Alston shot Champion at the home of Irene Fields of Norlina, Route 2 with a 32 calibre pistol about 5:50 p. m. Sunday. One bullet struck him in his right knee and another about the middle of the back. The wounds were fatal.

Tentative Budget Is

Presented

The Town of Warrenton was presented its tentative 1981-82 budget at a special meeting of the town commissioners on Monday night. All members of the board were present, including Commissioner Gordon Haithcock, who has been absent for several meetings due to serious ill-

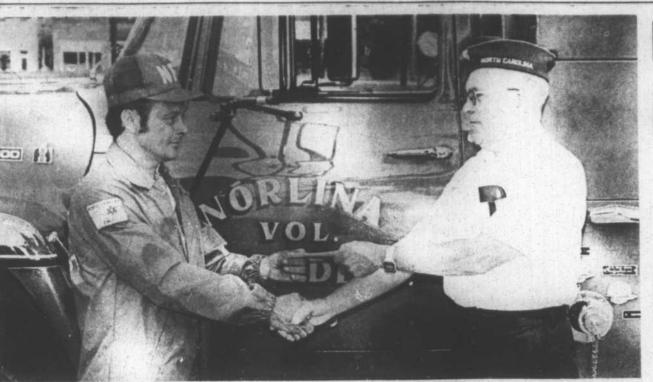
The Warren Record only learned of the budget meeting on Tuesday night near press time, due to a mix up that was really no one's fault.

If the tentative budget is

approved by the commissioners following a public hearing on June 24 at 8 p. m. the tax rate will be set at 96c, a 7c increase from the present 87c rate. A workshop will be held on Tuesday night.

The budget provides for a total school budget of \$808,069. Of this amount \$758,069 is for current expenses and \$50,000 for capital outlay. The budget also provides

for an across-the-board raise of 5c.



Asa Adkins, right, commander of Norlina Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4096 presents a \$100 check to Gene Medlin, chief of the Norlina Fire Department. Adkins said the check is the first to be delivered to each rural

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volunteer fire unit in Warren County. He said the VFW Post intends to use proceeds from its fund raising activities to make the monetary contributions. (Staff Photo)

Tax Increase Of Seven Cents Reflected In Proposed Budget

Warren County Commissioners on Monday received the tentative 1981-82 budget calling for total expenditures of \$4,542,564, of which \$1,831,730 is to come from ad valorem taxes

the board in an amount not specified. They said they would request a definite amount, as suggested by the board, and have it in the hands of County Manager Glen Newsome the next morning. Among other matters.

the Board of Education, **Health and Commissioners** met in joint session around 10 a. m. to appoint a member of the Warren County ABC Board, A. B.

In submitting the bud-

appeared before the com-Hair's three-year-term missioners, made a good having expired. Mr. Hair was nominated for re-apcase for the art and pointment as was W.K. cultural works among thousands of school chil-Delbridge, also of Norlina. dren of Warren, Halifax, In a written ballot, and Northampton Coun-Delbridge received six votes and Hair three. ties, and asked the help of Among new items going

to make up the budget was the purchase of voting equipment (voting machines). The Board of Election had requested \$12,000 for this purpose. The budget figure is \$6,000.

The Commissioners had also received notice of the resignation of Clifford Robertson as a member of this board with a request that a person be appointed to fill his unexpired term.

Final approval was

The Planning Board,

Planning Board Gives

appointment was The tabled until the next

meeting of the board. Also tabled was the appointment of some person to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Jean Burwell, who has retired as a member of the Warren General Hospital Board of Directors. Mrs. Burwell has served as a member of this board for ten years. The contract for auditing the Warren County records was awarded to the firm of Wattts, Scobie and McLamb, CPA, for the sum of \$3950, plus \$30 an hour for additional work. Newsome said this represented an increase of about \$400.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs. Bertha B. Forte, Home Economics Agent in Warren County University, her master's since Nov. 1, 1962, who has

Final Commencement Is Planned Friday At John Graham High

John Graham Senior High School will hold its final commencement exercise on Friday, June 5, at 8 p. m. in the John Graham Athletic Stadium This commencement will bring to a close an era which began in 1923 when John Graham High School became a public school. The class of 1981, which is comprised of 153 members, will add to the total of over 4,000 students who have received diplomas from John Graham High School in the past 57 years. The valedictorian, Jan Yvette Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jordan, Jr., will deliver the class farewell. The salutatorian is Tammy

Louise Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Roberts. Class officers are president, Thomas Coleman Fleming, who will present the class gift; vice president, Michael Anthony Murray, who will give the benediction; secretary, Karen Bullock Hawkins, who will give the invocation; treasurer, Vernon Robert West, who will introduce the commencement speaker; and, parliamentarian, Dorothy Kay Williams, who will read the class poem "Images" which was written by a member of the class, Wallica Vernetta Howard. The commencement speaker will be Mrs. Thelma Cumbo Lennon, deputy assistant state superintendent of public instruction for student services. Mrs. Lennon, a native of Raleigh, received her undergraduate degree at North Carolina Central

Also, Debra Ann Camern Sylvia Carroll Doris Carter, Lorraine Cecilia Carter, Clarence Roscoe Cheek, Deborah Frances Cheek, William Edward Childers, Carol Denise Keith Cook, Anthony Creech, Brenda Fay Crump, Beatrice Davis, Celvid Sullivan Davis, Jr., and Loretta Lynn Davis. Also, Lyndel Evangeline Davis, Nancy Loretha Davis, Terry Van Davis, Anita Denise Dunston, Gail Paige Eaton, Sharon Deniese Eaton, Malcolm Sylvester Elam, Dwayne Keith Ellis, Cynthia Renee Evans, Dale Hunter



MRS. LENNON

Valerie Lane Gaither, James Julius Howard, Kathryn Rose Newsome, and William Robert Perkinson.

Members of the class of 1981 are:

David Anthony Alexander, Calvin Douglas Alston, Faye Alice Alston, Fredina McSha Alston. Geraldine Alston, Gloria Diane Alston, Laura Ann Mark Shannon Alston, Milton Sylvester Alston, Ronald Bernatt Alston, Alston, Sheilah Bonita Alston, and Elda Yvonne Ayscue.

Also, Beatrice Banks, Edward Joseph Bengle, Jr., Teresa Marie Bengle, Katherine Blanche Bowman, Rhonda Leigh Bowman, Vanessa Marline Broadnax, Keyto Lamont Brown, Tracey Alfreda Brown, McDonald Bullock, Sharmaine Doris Bullock, Linda Ann Bunch, Monica Ruth Burchette, Toney Vernesa Burnett and Michael Lynn Burton.

Evans, Janet Delois Fal-

con, Veronica Darlene

Fields and Renee Helen

Fincher.

Louise Fleming, Thomas Coleman Fleming, Beth Frazier, Wynee M. Green, Judy Laurie Hardy, Bobby Wayne Hargrove, Winnie Mae Hargrove and Cathy Lynn Harris. Also, Earnest Wilson Harris, Jr., Lemonte Dexter Harris, Alice Denise

Also, Alan Palmer Fitts,

David Earl Fitts, Thomas

Roosevelt Fitts, Amy

Hawkins, Glenda Gayle James Arthur Hawkins, Hawkins, Karen Bullock Hawkins, James Kevin Richard Carl Hayes, Haynes, Leonard Heighter, Anthony Demont Henderson, Carol Delphine Henderson, Sherry Denise Henderson, Lydia Nadine Hicks and Brenda Dianne Hopkins.

Also, Wallica Vernetta Howard, Gaynall McCoin Garson Mac Hudgins, Jackson, Leonard J. Jefferson, Eric Nathaniel James Stanley Jones. Jones, Phyllis Deborah Jones, Jan Yvette Jordan. Elizabeth Jean Kearney, Julius Hernandez Kearney, Wilton Loyd King and Donna Lynn Lane.

Also, Mark Angelo Lynch, Dale Sterling Majors, Louise Isabell Marks, Claude Douglas Maynard, Amos Gene Milam, Loretta Ann Meadows, Mary M. Meadows, Delores A. Moore, Debra J. Moss, Michael Anthony Murray, Janice Gardner Neal, Deborah Yvonne Neely, and Scott Keith O'Neal.

Also, Richard L. Ramey, Shirley Reed, Buck Richardson, John Artis Richardson, Kirkland McQueen Richardson, Nathaniel Richardson, Shirley Faye Richardson, Connie Frazier Rivers, Taminy Louise Roberts, Thurston Jackie Robinson, Dallas Hunter Rodwell and Jami **Proctor Rodwell.** Also, William Henry Rodwell, Pennie Meshelle Ross, David Early Shearin, Rose Marie Shearin, Anthony Tyrone Short, Antoinette Michelle Short, Dwight Eugene Short, Sylvia Lavonnie Silver, Gary Lee Simes, Milett Mechell Simms, Craig Arnold Solomon, Angela Virginia Somerville and Rita Faye Stallings. Also, Amy Lynn Stegall, Brenda Joyce Stiff, Jackie Dennis Tally, Shirley Ann Terrell, James Palmer

According to Administrator Pete Vaughan, little changes were made in the budget; no salaries were raised and no changes were made in the tax rate.

Further information will be given in the coverage of the regular June meeting of the town board on next Monday night.



BROWN

Norlina Graduates

Will Hear Brown

The final commencement exercise of Norlina High School will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the gymtorium.

William Malcolm Brown, executive assistant of the North Carolina Leadership Institute for Principals will be the speaker. He is employed by The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

He will be introduced by cipal Clint L. He and the diplomas will be awarded by Mrs. Rachel Ricks, assistant superincks, as of Warren County Schools, to 83 seniors.

Newsome said that it is a tight budget that is really not liable to suit many persons, but he tried to be as fair as he could.

Newsome said the budget calls for no new programs or services in the coming year. He said the budget is a "hold-the-line" one that will be necessary for commitments already made in past years.

Among factors that Newsome cited that contributed to the need for a tax hike are the county's bonded indebtedness, anticipated cutbacks in federal funding levels and increased operating costs.

The indebtedness basically derives from a \$2.25 million bond issue Warren County voters approved to help pay for the new consolidated Warren County High School, which will be occupied this fall, according to Newsome.

Newsome said that if all requests had been granted the budget would call for a tax rate of \$1.50. This statement was made before representatives from

Lakeland Cultural Arts Center at Littleton, Mark Taylor and Claude Arnold.

Loan Approved

For New Truck

The Farmers Home Administration has approved a 20-year loan in the amount of \$58,000 for the purchase of a new pumper tanker fire truck for the Hawtree Fire District. Announcement of the ending loan, which car-

ries a five per cent interest rate, was made this week by Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain.

Newsome said that it is a Approval To Developments

board approved, subject to Warren County The Planning Board Thursday approval by the Warren County Health Departnight gave tentative apment, the creation of a proval to the creation of a 13-lot subdivision in Roasingle lot in Section III of Elam's Place, which is noke Township on Lake owned by Clary. This is Gaston. also in Roanoke Township.

Approval for the development, to be known as Turkey Run, came after given plans for lake front property owned by Bobby Mecklenburg County, Va. **Rhodes and others in River** engineer Marvin Crutch-Township. Rhodes had field showed preliminary asked permission to create plans for the subdivision. two lots from one existing These were quickly given waterfront lot on Lake tentative approval, pend-Gaston. ing the addition of easements and street names. meeting with all members The development is owned by Robert Clary. present, met only briefly

In a related matter, the

ed for the town's library.

The board, meeting in

routine session, heard a

request from Mrs. Carolyn

Dickerson and Leigh Tray-

lor, representing the Li-

brary Board, that the

funding be increased dur-

ing the 1981-82 fiscal year.

Library Board would like

to have an increase of \$140

per year. The library now

gets \$360 annually from the

town board. Proponents of

the increase cited the

rising cost of electricity

and fuel oil and a desire to

increase the salary of the

librarian as factors lead-

Although the board took

no action on the matter,

pending a study of next.

vear's budget requests,

ing to the request.

Mrs. Dickerson said the

Library Funds Are Sought

Norlina Commissioners commissioners expressed willingness to meet the listened with apparent favor Monday night to a request. request that additional In other action the board municipal funds be provid-

on Thursday night.

made an official applicafederal tion to authorities for funding for a \$230,000 project to revamp the town's sewer system prior to abandoning the wastewater treatment lagoon used by the town for many years. The federal government is expected to provide 75 percent of the necessary funds.

Town Clerk, Mrs. Mae Gums told the board that she was in receipt of a letter from HUD giving approval to a U.S. 1 housing development proposed by Roxboro developer Ruffin Woody.

The 45-minute session saw all board members present. Mayor Bill Perry presided.

appeared before the board and was thanked for her fine work in the county, and presented a plaque bearing words of appreciation for her excellent work in Warren County.

resigned effective June 30,

Tuck Is Freed

By Warren Jury

Much of the time of the Warren County Criminal Term of Superior Court, which convened here Monday morning with Judge F. Gordon Battle of Chapel Hill presiding was taken up with the trial of a murder case; in a number of other cases were pleas of a comparative minor nature.

Unlike other sessionsof Superior Court, a jury was drawn during Monday morning and the trial of State vs. Curly Tuck was called on Monday afternoon. Tuck was charged with second degree murder and with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill

causing seriously injury. The cases went to the jury on Tuesday morning about 11:45 a. m. and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in both cases around 4:30 on Tuesday afternoon.

While the jury was out in the Curly Tuck case, a second jury was empaneled but did not try was any other jury cases. The ssion rece sed around 5 m. It convened on Wednesday morning at 9:30 a. m. when The Warren Record had gone to press.

degree at Boston University, and has pursued further study in the area of guidance and counseling at Harvard University.

During her career as an educator, Mrs. Lennon has been an instructor at St. Augustine's College and North Carolina Central University, dean of students at Allen University of Columbia, S. C., and head counselor at the **Governor's School of North** Carolina. Since 1967, she has been employed by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction as supervisor of guidance, counseling and testing; director of the Division of Pupil Personnel: and, in 1980 was promoted to her present position as deputy assistant state superintendent

for student services. Mrs. Lennon holds membership in a large number of professional organizations and is affiliated with professional associations on the state and national level.

Honor graduates are Rhonda Leigh Bowman, Keyto Lamont Brown, Wallica Vernetta Howard, Renee Helen Fincher, Thomas Coleman Fleming, Tammy Louise Roberts, Milvett Simms Alston, Jan Yvette Jordan, and David Anthony Alexander. These seniors have maintained an academic average of 90 or above for their entire senior high school career.

Junior class members of the National Honor Society will serve as marshals. They are Rosita Ann Patterson, chief marshal; Lucy Rebecca Baskett, Margaret Delores Foster,

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wn above are Jan Jordan, left, Joim Gra letorian, and Tammy Roberts, solutatorian.