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Warrenton Mayor B. G. White, standing, addresses representatives of an inspection team from the state which met here on Thursday morning. Seated, from left, are Corman Drumm of the state inspection team, and Charles Hayes, W. Monroe Gardner, Donald Wimbrow

and Brad Carroll. Members of the inspection team said they were well pleased with the accomplishments of both Norlina and Warrenton as the towns sought to gain Community of Excellence status. (Staff Photo)

## Towns To Be Recommended For Award By Governor

Warrenton and Norlina will both be recommended to Governor Jim Hunt for designation as Communities of Excellence following an interview held in the Warrenton municipal building on Thursday morning of last week by a state team of four persons followed by a physical inspection of both towns and a dinner.

Making up the team of state judges were Corman Drumm field representative, Department of Commerce; Bob Clark, State Industrial Development; Priscilla Hertle, coordinator, Governor's Community of Excellence Program; and Mike Rakuskas, Research Specialist, Department of Commerce.

The event was sponsored by the Warren County Chamber of Commerce, with its president Brad Carroll, opening the meeting and welcoming guests. Glen Newsome, Warren County Manager and Industrial Director, introduced those attending and presided over the meeting.

More than a score of persons, in addition to the judges, were present for the event. Among those present from Warrenton were: Glen Newsome Coordinator and Chairman of the Industrial Site Committee; Mayor B. G. White, Chairman Community Profile; David Gardner, Chairman Exist-

ing Industry Committee; Mary Hunter, Chairman Promotional Materials Committee; Monroe Gardner, Chairman Development Team Committee; V. R. (Pete) Vaughan, Town Administrator and member of Planning Committee; Charles Hayes, Chairman of Livability Committee; Bradley Carroll, Chairman of Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring organization.

Representing Norlina, in addition to Glen Newsome and Bradley Carroll, were Commissioner Ben Lloyd, Chairman Community Profile Community; Commissioner Wallace Stallings, Promotional Materials Committee; Donald Wimbrow, Chairman Existing Industry Committee; Monroe Gardner, Chairman Development Team Committee; A. B. Hair, Community Planning Committee; Butch Meeks, Chairman Livability Committee and Countywide Planning; Danny Guin, Vance-Granville Community, Co-ordinator of Industrial Training; Steve Wheeler, Industrial Power Engineer of Carolina Power and Light Company; Gilbert Crotts, Plant Manager Cochrane Eastern; and Paul Keck, Employment Security Committee-Labor.

Following the presentation of a slide program

showing industrial sites and special attractions of the two towns by Glen Newsome, who also served as narrator, Corman Drumm took charge of the judge's committee which simulated an industrial prospect seeking a site for a good processing plant, with all four of the judges asking pertinent questions pertaining to the operation of such a plant. Answers to all questions were furnished by one or more of the persons present.

Among the questions asked were the local tax rates, the quality and amount of water and sewage, housing availability, the quality of education, the amount of tax

base, recreation facilities, electric power available, quantity and quality of labor, available industrial sites, banking facilities, transportation, and a number of other pertinent questions.

Glen Newsome, industrial director and county manager, answered questions concerning water and sewage facilities, as well as local tax rates, county tax base, industrial sites, etc. Monroe Gardner told of ways in which financial assistance could be obtained. Steve Wheeler, Industrial Power Engineer, furnished electric power information. Donald Wimbrow, manager of Norlina (Continued on page 6)

## Tobacco Prices Soar

Prices continued to climb on the Warrenton Tobacco Market last week and this week as the season neared the halfway mark.

George W. Shearin, sales supervisor, said sales on September 1 totalled 361,961 pounds for \$624,647, an average of \$172.57 per hundred pounds. He said September 3 sales amounted to 347,467 pounds for \$587,609, an average of \$169.69 per hundred pounds.

He said that more than 4.2 million pounds of tobacco had been sold through September 3, with the market compiling an average of \$156.27 per hundred pounds.

Mr. Shearin said a total of 366,553 pounds of tobacco sold for \$652,661 on Tuesday, producing an average of \$178.05 per hundred pounds.

## Request Is Tabled

# Change In Listing Tax Is Urged At Meeting

A request from Mrs. Janice Haynes, Warren County tax supervisor, that Warren County adopt a system of listing household and kitchen furniture at a percentage of real estate listed was tabled by the county commissioners at their meeting here on Tuesday night in order that taxpayers may have a greater input into the decision. The meeting was held on Tuesday night due to the Labor Day Holiday. All commissioners were present for the meeting.

Mrs. Haynes explained that many counties over the state have adopted this system as better adapted to computer, smaller and time saving for both officials and taxpayers. If adopted, the percentage would range from 6 percent to 10 percent.

She also explained that where a taxpayer rents his home, that the percentage listed for household and kitchen furniture would be based on a percentage of his or her rent.

The commissioners approved two bonds of \$30,000 each, the first for Mrs. Bobby J. Kenton and the second for Mrs. Brenda Vaughan, when it was determined that they had been approved by the county attorney and signed by proper authorities.

A delegation consisting of Willie Davis, Mrs. Ora Davis and Robert Davis, appeared before the commissioners in regard to an outlet road from their premises. Located on Peete property on the far side of Perdue property on a muddy, narrow and rough road, they told the commissioners that they had appealed to the Department of Transportation who had recommended that they appeal to Perdue for a short right-of-way across its property. Willie Davis said that he had appealed to Rex Thompson of Perdue who had appealed to a higher official from Maryland. Both, he said, had promised an answer in a week but that had been six months ago. He said that they were without funds to hire a lawyer to search the Perdue title to determine their rights under the law, and were at their wits end. County Manager Glen Newsome promised to contact Perdue authorities about the matter on Wednesday.

Chairman Jack Harris told the commissioners that the Department of Transportation, as the

result of taking the curves out of a section of roads and additions to the system it no longer needed several sections of roads in Warren County and asked the commissioners permission to remove these sections from the county system. The request was granted by the commissioners.

The commissioners held a joint meeting with the Warren County Industrial

Commission at 8:30 o'clock to discuss possible hiring of industrial director and separating offices of industrial director and county manager.

Members of the industrial commission said that they would prefer to have the two jobs handled by separate persons, but the proposal had come as a complete surprise to them and they would like time to

give it the consideration they feel it deserves before making a definite decision.

Chairman Harris requested that they meet and make their decision and report their wishes to the county board. They agreed. The decision was then tabled until the October meeting of the board.

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A sketch of the original Providence Methodist Church Building at Afton, drawn by Mrs. Irma Ridout, is held by three principals who took part in a centennial on Sunday morning. They are, from left, the Rev. Dennis Levin, former pastor; Dr. Reginald Ponder, district superintendent; and the Rev. Edwin Childress, present pastor. (Staff Photo)

## Hawkins Alumni, Friends Gather For Homecoming

John R. Hawkins alumni and friends met Saturday night for their ninth annual homecoming banquet held at Roseland in Norlina. The event is held yearly to reunite graduates of the Hawkins High School classes from 1929 through 1969.

Mrs. Patsy T. Hargrove, executive secretary, welcomed alumni and friends and greetings were extended by B. G. White, Warrenton mayor; George E. Shearin, a member of the Warren County Board of Commissioners; and Henry Pitchford, Jr., a member of the Warren County Board of Education.

Before sharing a buffet dinner of fried chicken, vegetables and cake, members and guests heard

the invocation by the Rev. Norman T. Davis.

Following dinner, Warrenton Attorney T. T.

Clayton gave the oath of office to board members of John R. Hawkins Alumni (Continued on page 3)

## ACP Signup In Progress

The 1981 ACP sign-up is now in progress at the Warren County ASCS Office.

The County Committee has been using a continuous sign-up method for accepting requests for ACP cost-sharing assistance. However, a definite sign-up period began the first of the month and will continue through September 18.

Requests are being accepted for conservation practices such as pastures, sod waterways, and other approved practices under

ACP. Applications for winter cover crop are also being accepted. The cost-share rate is \$4.00 per acre.

Requests should be filed as soon as possible. Any request received after September 18 will be acted on if and when additional ACP funds become available.

County Committee approval must be obtained prior to starting a practice in order to qualify for cost-sharing assistance under the ACP, an ASCS spokesman said.



Prior to opening his office in Norlina on Tuesday morning, Dr. Mark Pomerans and Mrs. Pomerans had breakfast with members of his staff and Warren Hospital and county officials at The Carriage House. Shown, from left, are Lynn Origen, hospital administrator; Glenwood Newsome, county manager; Mrs. Faye Lynch, pediatric nurse practitioner; Mrs. Betty Bolton, licensed practical nurse; Dr. Pomerans; Mrs. Catherine Pomerans; Roy

Pat Robertson, chairman of the Warren General Hospital Board of Trustees; and Mrs. Sophie Bolton, secretary-receptionist. Dr. Pomerans said Mrs. Lynch will be in his office on Thursdays and Fridays and will see children then. He asked that persons wishing an appointment call 456-2034 between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. (Staff Photo)

## Filing Period Opens Friday

Candidates for town office in Warren County's three municipalities may begin tossing their hats into the ring Friday at noon.

That's when the filing period for mayors and commissioners will open. The filing deadline will be at noon on October 2.

Thus far, only Warrenton Mayor B. G. White has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election. Mayors of Norlina and Macon have issued no public announcement as yet.

Registration for the town elections will be carried on until October 5, when they will be closed for the November 3 elections.



Recipients of plaques are shown Saturday night with Mrs. Patsy T. Hargrove, executive secretary of the John R. Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc. Receiving the engraved plaques are, from left, Mrs. Vilma Gatling, Robert Jeffries and James T. Wilkerson. Hawkins friends and alumni held their annual banquet at Roseland. (Staff Photo)