

The Warren Record

Election Results Reported

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Community Committee elections were held recently for the one-year term beginning January 1.

Following is a list of townships with the newly-elected committeemen listed in order of chairperson, vice-chairperson, regular member, and first and second alternate:

Fishing Creek — Edward Conn, Frank A. Gupton, Billy L. King, Ray Melvin Shearin, and George Harrison.

Fork — Leon S. Williams, Gillis Alston, Bennie P. Collier, Martin C. Fowler and V. A. Dillard.

Hawtree — William J. Hawks, Albert E. Perkins, Robert H. Frazier, Macon Myrick and James H. Taylor.

Judkins — Matt D. Nelson, Jr., Vance Robertson, J. M. Overby, Arthur Lee Evans and Hughey C. Spruill.

Nutbush — W. B. Ellington, A. P. Holtzman, Jr., Thomas E. Edwards, L. M. Bender and John Russell, III.

River — J. Robert King, Harvey H. Shearin, Edward Warren, Floyd A. Walker and D. S. Isles.

Sandy Creek — Sidney P. Fleming, Andy B. Garrett, Willis A. Fleming, Owen H. Williams and Otha L. Hayes, Jr.

Sixpound — Charlie W. Duncan, E. P. Daniel, O. C. Leonard, John Henry Palmer and George A. Perkinson.

Smith Creek — Sidney G. Burton, Richard J. Holtzman, Norvell H. Bolton, Rodgers Holtzman and A. O. Johnson.

Warrenton — Ernest C. Brauer, A. Kenneth Mustian, Robert Dunston, Leonard Wilker and Franklin Rivers.

Shocco — Melvin T. Abbott, Edward Somerville, William Fuller, Jr., Eugene Mustian, Jr. and W. L. Peoples.

Chairperson, vice chairperson and regular member of each community committee will be delegates to the county convention to fill vacancies on the county committee. The convention will be held on December 21 at 10 a. m. in the courthouse.

Chief Nabbed

For Drunk Driving

No disciplinary action is being planned against Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams, who was arrested Thursday night on a drunk driving charge.

A Raleigh newspaper today quoted Norlina Mayor Kenneth Davis as saying that a suspension or other disciplinary action could be imposed on Williams only by a vote of the full town council at its next meeting on January 4. Davis was quoted as saying he doubted any action would be taken until the case is heard in court.

Williams, 42-year-old resident of Rt. 1, Warrenton, was stopped by State Trooper Al Bennett of Norlina about 10:15 p. m. on State Road 1229 and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Another man in the car, Dallas Bullock, 24, of Warrenton, was charged with driving under the influence and resisting an officer. Court officials said both men had driven the vehicle at different times.

The two are scheduled to appear for trial in Warren County District Court on January 13.



FIRE SCENES — The photo at bottom shows the remains of a house fire near Embro which snuffed out the lives of two Warren County residents on Thursday. At bottom is the converted mobile home near Parktown which was destroyed by flames on Friday. (Staff Photo)

Two Warren Residents Die In House Fire At Embro

The bodies of two residents of the Embro community were found in the smoldering ruins of the home of Tealie Edwards on a dirt road between Embro and Vaughan Thursday afternoon.

Firemen identified the victims as Chlorie Edwards, 83, and her nephew, Charlie Edwards, 55, who apparently died of burns while his aunt died of smoke inhalation.

The fire is believed to have started when an oil stove in the kitchen malfunctioned and possibly exploded, according to Warrenton Rural Fire Chief A. A. Wood, who said the fire

apparently spread quickly, trapping the victims.

The fire was first reported at 2 p. m. to the Macon Fire Department, which responded with a pumper and a tanker. Flames were coming out of the roof and from the back of the house when the firemen arrived. They immediately radioed for assistance, and responding were the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department with one tanker, then the Norlina department with a tanker and a squad.

The Warrenton Rural Fire Department soon joined with a pumper, a tanker and a crash wagon. Shortly thereafter the

firemen discovered a woman was trapped inside the building but were unable to reach her in time.

The flames reportedly hit mainly in the kitchen area of the house. They spread upstairs and into the attic, working their way to the front of the two-story, woodframe building. The downstairs front and central sections of the house were not burned but were filled with thick smoke.

Chief Wood said firemen did not realize that Charlie Edwards possibly had been in the house until the blaze was almost extinguished.

Just before 4 p. m. Chief Wood located the second body, which was badly burned, while searching the smoldering rubble in the kitchen area near an oil stove.

The house and contents (Continued on page 6)

Nursing Home

Celebration Held

A new 100-bed nursing home could be completed in Warren County in 1982, a Gastonia attorney told some 50 people at a victory celebration held at the Norlina Woman's Clubhouse on Thursday night.

Carl J. Stewart, Jr., a North Carolina lawmaker and attorney for N. L. Williams, Jr., was the principal speaker during the dinner meeting in Norlina. Just about all the members of the Warren Nursing Center Advisory Council were on hand for the celebration, along with special guests.

Stewart said that "within 90 days we hope to tell you that we have arranged long-term financing" for the new facility. He said there is now "fierce competition" among building contractors, and that this may be an ideal time to begin construction. He said there is a nine-month construction timetable.

Stewart pointed to the need for a facility in Warren County, saying that virtually every nursing home in North Carolina now has a waiting (Continued on page 6)

Committee Assignments Made

Mayor, New Board Members Take Oaths

Mayor Beverly G. White and six members of the Warrenton Board of Town Commissioners elected in the November 3 election, the first Tuesday in November, were sworn in at a re-organizational meeting on Monday night. The oaths of office were administered by Richard Hunter, former town commissioner, re-elected in the November election, and now Clerk of Warren County Superior Court. Hunter refused to take the oath of office as a commissioner.

Taking the oath of office, in addition to Mayor White, were Butch Scott, a new commissioner, and five commissioners who were re-elected, as follows: A. A. Wood, Gordon Haithcock, Eddie Clayton, Charles M. White, III and Billy Lanier, Jr.

A. A. Wood, who received the largest number of votes in the recent election, was elected mayor pro-tem. Other officials re-appointed were Charles T. Johnson, town attorney; V. R. "Pete" Vaughan, town administrator; Carolyn Robertson, bookkeeper and Debbie Clary, clerk. Also re-appointed were Water Department Superintendent, Bill Neal, Police Chief, Freddie Robinson, and Fire Company Chief, Lee Cheek.

Mayor White announced his committee assignments for the fiscal years 1981-82 and 1982-83 as follows:

Finance — Eddie Clayton, chairman; Charles M. White, III and Butch Scott, Water and Sewer — Gordon Haithcock, chairman; A. A. Wood and Eddie Clayton.

Police — A. A. Wood, chairman; Charles M. White, III and Butch Scott, Street — W. K. Lanier, Jr., chairman; Gordon Haithcock and Eddie Clayton.

Fire — Butch Scott, chairman; A. A. Wood and W. K. Lanier, Jr.

Zoning and Historical — Charles M. White, III, chairman; Gordon Haithcock and W. K. Lanier, Jr.

Town checks are signed by the mayor, town administrator and chairman of the finance committee. Should any of these not be available, a commissioner may sign as the third signer. Butch Scott was designated to sign checks should any of the regular signers not be available. In the discussion preceding the election, it was pointed out that Scott works for Branch Bank and Trust Co., near the town municipal building, and could be easily reached.

Bill Neal, water company superintendent and Chief Freddie Robinson of the Police Department were present at the meeting. When Mayor White called on the water committee for its report, Neal reported that he had been assured that the engineers would replace a section of pipe removed in building the regional waste water plant at Warrenton, now 90 percent completed.

Robinson made no report, but A. A. Wood of the police committee reported that his committee and the town administrator had a rebuilt motor placed in the town's Nova Chevrolet car and that it is now running well. He said that the "blue" standby car would

not start and that it would be checked out and repaired.

The finance report was briefly given by Mayor White and Administrator

Vaughan. They said that while tax collections had (Continued on page 6)



AT DEDICATION — General Claude T. Bowers and Mrs. Bowers, residents of Warrenton, are shown during the dedication of the North Carolina Military Center at Raleigh on Saturday. The complex was named in honor of General Bowers, who has had a long National Guard career and was credited as being the founding force behind the military facility.

Bowers Is Honored Saturday At Dedication In Raleigh

RALEIGH — Amid the sound of drum rolls, trumpets, and cameras clicking, Maj. Gen. Claude T. Bowers of Warrenton walked slowly through the crowd assembled to honor him Saturday by giving his name to the North Carolina Military Center.

The 82-year-old general bears a personal history rich with tradition and honor. Referred to as the "father of the modern National Guard," Bowers began his career in February 1921 when he enlisted in Company B, 120th Infantry, "Old Hickory" division. Later, after receiving his commission, he was called to active duty and served several European assignments before returning to the states at the end of World War II.

Among his many distinguished service awards are the bronze star medal, the combat infantry badge, and six campaign stars. He has also been awarded the North Carolina Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal of the National Guard Association of the United States.

Bowers was promoted to major general after assuming command of the 30th Infantry divisions in 1954. He retired from the guard four years later, but the story didn't end there. Two years after his retirement, he was appointed adjutant general of North Carolina by Governor Terry Sanford. Bowers held that position until January 31, 1970.

Bowers has been cited as one of the key proponents of building a new military center during his time as adjutant general. His desire to upgrade old armories, build new ones, and see the military center plans become a reality

have been an example of his pride in seeing North Carolina become one of the top National Guard states.

"We often forget the struggle that it took to get this building," said Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram in reference to Bower's concerted efforts to get the military center.

Brig. Gen. Collin McKinne, former commander of Command and Control headquarters, said, "No guardsman in the state is more deserving of this recognition and honor. Bowers almost single-handedly masterminded the acquisition of the property and the construction of the building. He's just a wonderful old gentleman."

Col. Albert G. Taylor agreed. "I can't think of any more appropriate

name for the center. I think it's just wonderful. I enjoyed every minute of my service because of men like General Bowers. He's a great friend of mine. It makes me feel great that he was so honored."

Guest speaker for the event, Burley B. Mitchell, secretary of the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, summed it up in his tribute to Bowers. "General Bowers is truly a man for all seasons. As he enters the autumn of his life, it is only fitting that we gather here today to give thanks for all this man has done for his state and the people he loves so well...General, I thank you for your life of service. You have set a mark in life towards which I, and all other men, would do well to strive."

Warren County Woman Is Killed In Wreck

HENDERSON — One Warren County resident was fatally hurt and another was injured Saturday afternoon when their automobiles collided almost head-on on U. S. Highway 1 bypass, just north of the Henderson city limits, according to the state Highway Patrol.

Fatally injured was Mrs. Lucy Mae Riggan, 68, of South Division Street Extension in Norlina, who was reported dead on arrival at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson.

Trooper C. G. Todd said also hurt and carried to Maria Parham was the other driver, David Bullock, 28, of Rt. 2, Norlina. Bullock, however, apparently was not critically injured and was reported

released after receiving treatment at the hospital.

The crash occurred at 1:20 p. m. Saturday on a relatively straight stretch of U. S. Highway 1 bypass, three-tenths of a mile north of the Chicken Farm Road, in sunny weather.

According to the report by Trooper Todd, Bullock was driving north on the highway when his 1978 model auto apparently veered left across the highway centerline and collided with the 1970 model car operated by Mrs. Riggan. Her vehicle was headed south at the time.

Both vehicles were virtually demolished by the nearly head-on crash. Damages were figured by (Continued on page 6)