

New Group Is Formed By Firemen

By KAY HORNER

The 11 fire departments in Warren County have joined to form the Warren County Firemen's Association.

According to the association's recently-adopted constitution, its purposes are "to provide better fire protection services for the county through the cooperation of the various departments and the coordination of their efforts and resources, and the mutual exchange of ideas, methods, training, and to provide for wholesome fellowship among the firemen throughout the county."

Formed in November, the association membership is composed of the approximately 320 firemen in Warren County.

According to Alan Adcock, president, the organization has its sight set on changes that would improve fire protection in the county. For example, it is hoping to get new fire district signs for all departments and to get all fire trucks in the county numbered for clarity in responding to calls. A long-range goal involves making the equipment used by the 11 departments more uniform so that maximum efficiency could be achieved in fighting fires that require the services of more than one department.

The organization hopes to provide training sessions for firemen in the county, and to take advantage of fire service training offered by Vance-Granville Community College. One such course planned in the near future deals with the procedures for fighting fires involving compressed gas, such as tanker accidents.

Officers, in addition to Adcock, and the fire departments they represent are Glenn Coleman, III, vice president; Inez; Wayne Aycock, secretary; Norlina; and Bruce Perkinson, treasurer, Hawtree.

Radios Stolen At New School

Three cars parked in a parking lot in front of the new Warren County High School on Friday afternoon were robbed of their radios, according to Deputy Bobby Dean Bolton, investigating officer for the Warren County Sheriff's Department. Owners of the cars were David Van Buren, Allen Keith Bolton and Tommy Fleming.

One of the cars, Bolton said, was robbed of a power booster.

On Tuesday morning, the deputy said, Van-Buren's car, parked in the same place, was robbed of gasoline.

Bolton said that no arrests have been made and the investigation is continuing.

Murder Suspect Sent To Hospital

Matthew W. Milam, 25-year-old Macon man charged with the murder of Franklin Jiggetts, on Jan. 4, was on Jan. 6 transferred to Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh for examination. He may remain at Dorothea Dix for as much as 60 days, it was learned yesterday at the office of Sheriff Clarence Davis.



MEETING PRINCIPALS — Having key roles during a meeting of health educators and civic and professional leaders here Tuesday night were, left to right, Joseph Lennon, director of the Warren County Health Department; Mrs. Dorothy E. Smith of the local Health Department and a speaker at last night's gathering; Mrs. Elizabeth Burkett of Duke University Medical Center; and Dr. Frederick Jelovsek, a professor at Duke and director of a project aimed at reducing infant mortality rates in a five-county area which includes Warren. (Staff Photo)

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Little Action Is Taken At Board Meet At Warrenton Monday

Little action was taken in a short meeting of the Warrenton town board at its regular monthly meeting on Monday night. Melvin "Butch" Scott, newly elected commissioner, was absent due to town attending a bankers school.

Also absent from the meeting were Chief of Police Freddie Robinson and Water Supt. Bill Neal. Robinson was absent as he was trying to get smoke out of his home caused by a malfunctioning furnace. Neal was absent because of numerous calls to the water department for water cut-offs and other

help due to freezing and burst pipes caused by the frigid weather.

Mayor White called the meeting to order and after the reading of the minutes called upon chairman of the various committees for their reports. Except for a brief report from the water committee, of which Gordon Haithcock is chairman, there were no reports. Haithcock said a small sewer problem at the home of the late Mrs. E. E. Gilliam had been solved by his committee. A second problem concerned the building of a home by J. T. Fleming on a lot in North Warrenton purchased from Mrs. Jose-

phine Gilliland. Haithcock said the building was too low for the proper drainage of sewage. It was agreed that this matter should be discussed with Fleming by Haithcock and Water Superintendent Bill Neal.

Mayor White told the commissioners that he had been notified by Branch Bank and Trust Company that it needed authorization from two new persons to be proper persons to open the town's safety box. Mayor White said that he didn't even know that the town had a safety box with BB&T. The commissioners approved Mayor White and Mayor Pro Tem A. A. Wood as the two persons authorized to open the safety deposit box.

Mayor White also told the commissioners that a school for new mayors and commissioners would be sponsored by the League of Municipalities at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill during February. He said that there would be three identical sessions, on Feb. 8-10, Feb.

14-16 and Feb. 24-26. He said that he planned to commute to one of the sessions and would be glad to take any commissioners wanting to attend the school with him.

Mayor White said that there were several pot holes in the towns streets, but that gravel, tar and other materials had been secured and that the holes would be filled as soon as weather permits.

Town Administrator Pete Vaughan told the commissioners that he had taken the engine from an old garbage truck, had new

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Schools Closed

Snow which began falling in Warren County on Tuesday night and continued into Wednesday forced the cancellation of Warren County public schools.

A spokesman at the Board of Education office said no decision will be made as to whether schools will operate Thursday until early Thursday morning.

Names Of Jurors Drawn For Service

The names of 48 Warren County residents have been selected for jury duty at a civil session of Warren County District Court scheduled to begin at 10 a. m. on Monday, January 25.

Selected to serve were John Green Evans, Betty Carroll Coleman, Oscar Waverly Williams, Amy Spain Norwood, Kenneth Jackson Whitmore, Jesse Dempsey Odom, Jr., David Lee Williams, Hendrix Rone Geddie, Ada Abbott Carter, Mildred Lezene Simes, Bobby Carter and Gloria Ann Sledge.

Also, A. H. Bryson, Elizabeth Reid Clark, James H. Edmonds, John Elam, George Washington Bullock, Joseph Lloyd Cobb, Willie L. Adkins, Bessie Winona White, Ingrid Carolyn Mayfield, Alfred Floyd Davis, Brenda Cecilia Wright and

James E. Branch. Also, Beulah Rosetta Powell, Brenda Faye Branch, Elizabeth Peoples Hight, Elizabeth Taylor Manning, Willie R. Somerville, H. B. Blackwell, Jr., Hercules Overby, Nathaniel Macon Robertson, Gregory Allen Williams, Jack Hunter Whitby, Raymond Britt Paynter, Jr. and Henrietta H. Carter.

Also, Gertrude Rivers Caulder, Marie Robinson, John Russell Hawkins, III, Larry Donell Perry, Clarence Sledge, Dorothy Hawks Knight, Lucille Carroll, James Edward Hargrove and Howard Dennis Draper.

Jurors deferred from previous sessions were listed as follows: Robert J. Bender, Robert Osborne Rideout and George Washington Davis, Jr.

Community Leaders Meet

Infant Mortality Reduction Sought

An effort aimed at reducing Warren County's "historically high" infant mortality rate was launched here Tuesday night when 15 area civic and professional leaders met to learn of steps being taken to combat infant deaths.

The meeting was held in the Warren General Hospital annex and brought together local health officials, doctors, business leaders, clergymen and others concerned with infant deaths.

Dr. Frederick R. Jelovsek, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Duke University Medical Center, was one of the key speakers at Tuesday night's gathering. Dr. Jelovsek heads a program sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation which seeks to learn causes and acts to find solutions in the area of infant mortality.

The program, developed by Duke Medical Center, the State Division of Health Services and the Warren County Health Department, is in its second year of operation. The project is funded for only four years.

Dr. Jelovsek's project is being conducted in Warren, Franklin, Granville, Person and Vance counties. Tuesday night he said that over the last five years Warren had the highest infant death rate of any of the five counties. North Carolina's infant mortality rate is among the highest in the nation.

Dr. Jelovsek and other speakers stressed the importance of earlier prenatal care to lessen the chances of infant mortality, and sought to determine the most effective ways to get their message across to citizens at large.

A second meeting, planned for February 23, was called as those in attendance Tuesday night indicated their willingness to tackle the problem.

Joseph S. Lennon, director of the county Health Department, introduced those present and Mrs. Dorothy E. Smith of the Health Department told of local resources available which could reduce the infant mortality rate.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burkett, assistant director of the Johnson Foundation project, gave statistical data

and a taped television program showing the cooperative effort of Duke Medical Center and the Warren County Health Department in working with pregnant women was shown.

Mrs. Burkett said that in 1980—the last year for which figures are available—that 303 residents of

Warren County gave birth. Of these, she reported, 78 were white, 210 were black and 15 were Indian.

She reported that 51 percent of the mothers 18 and younger did not begin receiving care until during or after their fourth month of pregnancy. Some 101 of the births recorded were by unwed mothers.



FLEMING

Ellis Fleming Is First To File For Body

Ellis E. Fleming, 57, former postmaster at Manson, on Monday became the first Warren County resident to file for county commissioner. He will be a candidate for Third District commissioner, a seat now held by Clyde Edwards of Norlina.

Fleming, making his first bid for public office, became the first to pay his \$10 filing fee at the Board of Elections Office in the Hendricks Building.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Maurice

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Search Fails To Find Sign Of Missing Man

No results have been reported in the search for an aged man of the Vicksboro Community who was last seen on Dec. 31, Sheriff Clarence Davis said last night.

John M. Cheek, 84, a black male of Rt. 2, Henderson, was last seen by a taxi driver, who remembered taking Cheek and his groceries home on Dec. 31, according to Dorsey Capps, chief deputy of the Warren County Sheriff's Department, who has been in charge of the search. Cheek is described as weighing 165 pounds, five feet seven inches in height with a medium complexion and when last seen he was wearing a black overcoat.

Cheek's disappearance was reported to the Warren County Sheriff's office at 1:30 p. m. Friday. Capps was sent to the scene where he organized the search which has been conducted each day since.

Capps reported finding several bags of groceries in the Cheek kitchen with the groceries in their

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Steering Committee Named For Warren

H. Bradley Carroll, chairman of the NC 2000 planning project in Warren County, announced this week the appointment of a steering committee to help direct the activities of the year-long effort.

Named to the Warren County NC 2000 Steering Committee were Glenwood Newsome, Warren County Manager; Walter J. Harris, chairman, Warren County Commissioners; Charles A. Hayes of Warrenton Insurance & Realty; L. B. Henderson, Sr., retired, Warren County School System; and Bertha Forte, retired, Warren County Agricultural Extension Service.

"I am very pleased that this group of leading citizens from our county will be working with me on this important planning effort," said Carroll. "This group will be very important in identifying issues of particular interest to citizens of Warren County between now and the year 2000. I will also be looking to the steering committee to encourage participation in the effort by other leaders and citizens."

The Warren County steering committee is one of 100 groups named in each county of the state, as

a part of the state-wide NC 2000 project. The purpose of NC 2000, according to state chairman Dr. William Friday, is to focus the attention of top thinkers, leaders and citizens on the next two decades in North Carolina.

"We will be examining where we are now as a state; where we are likely to be in the year 2000, if present trends continue; where citizens want to be; and how we can bring about a better life for ourselves and our children in the years to come. We will be submitting a report of recommendations to Governor Hunt at the end of 1982," explained Chairman Friday.

"A vital part of this effort involves citizens in each county actively participating through meetings, discussion of the issues in formal and informal ways with other citizens, and in involving as many citizens as possible in the public ballot which will take place next spring," Dr. Friday added.

Warren County citizens interested in learning more about NC 2000 should contact H. Bradley Carroll at 257-2421 or by writing NC 2000, 116 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27611.

Michaux To Speak At Memorial Service

Attorney Henry McKinley (Micky) Michaux, Jr. of Durham will be the guest speaker at a program honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King on January 16 at 7:30 p. m. at John Graham Middle School Auditorium. The public is invited.

Michaux was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1977 as the United States attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina. This marked the first such appointment in the South.

He was elected in 1972, 1974 and 1976 to the House of Representatives of the North Carolina General Assembly and resigned at the end of the 1977 Session to accept the presidential appointment.

Michaux is a 1964 honors graduate of North Carolina Central University Law School and has done graduate work at Rutgers University and North Carolina Central University. He is a member and senior partner in the law firm of Michaux, Michaux and Willis of Durham and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1966 and admitted to practice before all local and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court. Michaux served as chief



MICHAUX



FILES — Theo R. Williams is one of five Warren County men who have filed for the position of sheriff of Warren County, a post now held by Sheriff Clarence A. Davis. Davis is not seeking re-election. Williams and four others filed last week, but a picture of Williams was not available until this week.