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Mrs. Gladys Short, coordinator for the Special Olympics, presents the Heath Beckwith Memorial Trophy to South Warren Principal Lucious Hawkins and Mrs. Minnie Brame, a resource teacher at the school.

This was the second year that the trophy has been presented. It will remain on display at South Warren until next year's Special Olympics.

(Community Schools Photo)

Special Olympics Held Here

By JUNELL BLAYLOCK

The sixth annual Warren County Special Olympic Games had an unusual start Friday when three parachutists floated onto the athletic field at John Graham just before the parade of athletes. The parachute jump was staged by the Vaughan team hoping to get an edge in the competition for the Heath Beckwith Memorial Trophy. Vaughan captured the trophy last year, the first year of the award.

The parade of athletes featured teams from all elementary and middle schools, and the Child Development Center, dressed in team colors and some even sporting clever mascots. Hawkins Elementary School brought a bulldog dressed in a Hawkins' Bulldog Tee Shirt, while South Warren brought an acrobatic lion to represent their school.

Mrs. Gladys Short, Special Olympics director, welcomed the students and introduced James Wilkerson, principal of the host school, John Graham Middle School, who wished the athletes good luck. Mrs. Junell Blaylock introduced the team of judges who had volunteered their time to decide which school would receive the Heath Beckwith Memorial Trophy that afternoon. The judging panel consisted of L. C. Orfgen, Warren County Hospital administrator; Mrs. Susan Whitley, Warren County tax collector; Dr. Eric Krohn, school psychologist; Dr. Ray Newnam, mental health psychologist; Mrs. Deborah Davis, HealthCo;

and Attorney T. T. Clayton. The judges were attended by pages from Warren County High School throughout the day.

Mrs. Short presented plaques of appreciation to former school nurses Mrs. Beulah Threewitts and Mrs. Helen Shearin for their unselfish donation of time and effort in completing all of the athletes medicals this year. She also thanked the Jaycees for their continuing efforts to support Special Olympics. The Jaycees provided the manpower to stage the events throughout the day.

Miss Princine Owens, co-director of the Special Olympics, presented Mrs. Short with a Special Olympics jogging outfit for her hard work and dedication. Mrs. Short, in turn, presented all special teachers with Special Olympics caps and charms.

Mrs. Blaylock introduced Coach Howell, coach of the Warren County Eagles basketball team. Coach Howell encouraged the students to do their best and introduced the basketball team who were the special guests of the day. Both David Henderson and Joe Green delivered speeches to the crowd before David Henderson officially opened the games by firing the starting gun.

Athletes participated in five events, the 100 meter dash, 50 meter dash, softball throw, frisbee throw and the standing broad jump.

Lunch was served at noon with Hardee's of

Warrenton donating hamburgers and iced tea to all the athletes. Mrs. Ann Kilian and her lunchroom staff prepared a delicious lunch of fried chicken for the judges, teachers, guests and basketball team.

Following lunch, all of the athletes gathered in the stands to receive their

first, second and third place ribbons for the events. Doorprizes donated by local merchants were given out by Mrs. Short and by her son, Todd, who drew the names from a jar. Doorprizes were donated by Odom Motor Service, Clower Furniture Company, Western Auto,

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Legislators May Challenge Ruling

RALEIGH — North Carolina House Speaker Liston B. Ramsay said Tuesday that he still thinks the Legislature should challenge the federal ruling over redistricting in court "because I don't feel that we're dealing with honest people."

The Justice Department announced Monday that its Civil Rights Division had rejected redistricting plans because they failed to comply with the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Federal officials listed two objections. They said the 2nd Senatorial District in northeastern North Carolina should have more blacks, and that Cumberland County should be drawn to consist of single-member districts instead of one black majority district and a four-seated district covering the rest of the county.

Legislative sources said the picture could become clearer today (Wednesday) after House and

Senate leaders confer. The North Carolina legislators' anger over the U. S. Justice Department's rejection of the redistricting plan continued unabated over Tuesday, but key lawmakers reached no consensus over what to do next.

Sen. Kenneth C. Royall, Jr., the Senate majority leader and a key legislator in the drafting of the rejected plans, said he favors having the state Attorney General's Office asking a three-judge federal court panel in Washington overrule the Justice Department.

But Royall said also that a special legislative session next week to revise the plans was possible.

"The thing I keep hearing from legislators," Royall said, "is that they want to get this behind us. I told them that it is not that easy." He said the government can take another 60 days to consider revised plans.

School Board Seeking More Than \$1 Million

The Warren County Board of Education agreed Tuesday night to ask county commissioners for more than \$1 million in local funds for operation of the Warren County schools during the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Additionally, board members said, \$144,589 in capital outlay funds will be sought for the upcoming fiscal year.

Superintendent Michael Williams said that an additional \$152,513 will be needed in current expenses "just to maintain what we're doing this year." Last year Warren schools received \$758,569 in current expense funds from the county government.

Board members, meeting for the second night in a row, also said they will seek \$104,747 for areas in which the schools are not operating this year. This expansion budget request was pared from a list of some \$500,000 in needs.

The capital outlay request was fashioned from a half-million-dollar list of school needs. Last year county commissioners budgeted \$50,000 in capital outlay funds for the schools, but during the course of the year have given the schools an additional \$56,000.

In other action taken Tuesday night, the board:

—Approved, with changes, policies regarding reduction in staff. The changes came after employee concerns were brought to the board Monday night by Mrs. Irene Robinson and W. T. Ramey.

—Recommended for re-employment certified probationary personnel for 1982-83.

—Accepted the resignations of Flora M. Baskett, ESEA aide at South Warren School; and Lucy E. Branch, ESEA reading teacher at South Warren.

—Reviewed plans for the dedication of Warren County High School on April 25.

—Heard a report concerning construction of a sign at the entrance to Warren County High

Chamber To Hold

Clinic On Fraud

The Warren County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a fraud clinic Monday night, April 26, at the Lions Den in Warrenton.

Special agent J. Michael Casper with the Raleigh office of the U. S. Secret Service and State Bureau of Investigation Agent Jim Walker will be featured speakers.

The social hour will begin at 6:30, with dinner at 7:15. The cost is \$6 per person, to be paid at the door.

For further information, contact Grace Miles, secretary for the chamber, at 257-3318.

The Chamber of Commerce invites all area merchants to participate in the clinic.

Plans Announced For Blood Drive

The Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Warrenton Lionsess Club, will be at the Lions Den in Warrenton on Thursday, April 29, from noon until

School. No action was taken by the board.

—Confirmed the sale of three mobile units to the Franklin County schools.

—Approved six amendments to the 1981-82 budget.

—Approved a request to permit the North Warren Elementary School safety patrol to take an overnight trip to Washington, D. C. on April 30-May 1. On Monday night the board had agreed that the school

could use an activity bus to haul the 40 participating students to Washington.

—Extended the contracts of Steven Taylor and McCain Brown through June 11.



Chief W. R. Richardson congratulates Gwendolyn Marie Richardson (left), newly crowned princess of the Halliwa-Saponi Tribe. Miss Richardson was crowned Saturday morning during ceremonies held at the old Halliwa School as part of the tribe's 17th annual Pow Wow. Runners-up in the princess selection were Liss Maria Hedgepeth, Rita Hedgepeth and Iris Evans. See Page 6 for additional photos.

(Photo by Mary Hunter)

Candidates Pledge Harmony In Wake Of Upcoming Vote

Four out of the five men appearing as candidates for Warren County Sheriff on a "Meet the Candidates" panel at John Graham Middle School Tuesday night have worked together over the years and ended their appearance on the stage by pledging to retain their friendship regardless of the outcome of the sheriff's race, as did the fifth candidate A. D. Johnson who has learned to know and appreciate all the candidates during the many years he has lived in Warren County. In fact Johnson said that he had actually voted to hire two of the candidates while he was serving as Warrenton town commissioner.

Other candidates were Chief Deputy Dorsey Capps, former Highway patrolman Wallace Brown, Deputy Theo Williams, A. Durwood Johnson, and Deputy Lloyd Newsome.

The panel was sponsored by the Warrenton Jaycees, with Walter Gardner serving as moderator. The Jaycees also took a silver offering in the school hall for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis campaign.

Brown and the three deputies based their claims for the office largely upon their experience as law enforcement officers, and Johnson based his upon business experience and an appreciation for the need for longer hours and full cooperation among the

sheriff and all his deputies. He said that one of his priorities would be to increase the fight on drugs which he held to be a major problem in the county.

Deputy Newsome said that liquor was the major problem, but agreed with the other deputies that the most effective way to fight drugs is to hire undercover agents. All the candidates agreed that more and better paid deputies are needed, but Johnson said he feels that this shortage might be abated by staggering the hours of the deputies.

Deputy Newsome said that he feels that Warren County citizens have had a chance to learn of his dedication, his abilities and his service during the 21 years he has served as law enforcement officer in Warren County. Deputy Theo Williams spoke of the 12 years he has served as a deputy sheriff. Chief Deputy Dorsey Capps said that he has served for 17 years in the Sheriff's Department, and Wallace Brown told of the 21 years he served with the Highway Patrol; three in Halifax County and 18 years in Warren County. Both Brown and Capps recited a long list of special studies they had studied during their terms of office.

Following their statement of claims, all the candidates were subjected to written questions from the audience, seeking to clarify some statements

given by the candidates, and the kind of deputies they would select if they were elected sheriff. During this period all the candidates stressed the need for selecting high

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Williams Charged With Setting Fire

Robert Milton (Kingfish) Williams, 28, charged with setting fire to the vacant home of Georgia J. Harris on West Franklin Street on Tuesday night of last week, was arrested the following morning by Warrenton Police Chief Freddie Robinson.

Williams was given a 96-hour-hearing Friday. He is being held in jail under \$500 bond and was scheduled to be given a hearing in District Court this morning. Marty Rooker is his court-appointed lawyer.

Dies Suddenly

Mr. Eddie Blumburg died suddenly on Tuesday morning while he and Mrs. Blumburg were visiting. Mrs. Blumburg's mother, Mrs. Tom Curtis in Palmer Springs, Va. The Michigan resident had retired and had spent about a month with Mrs. Curtis at the time of his death. The remains were shipped to Michigan Tuesday afternoon where funeral arrangements are being made.



Volunteer firemen from throughout Warren County take part in a Compressed Gas School held for firemen by Vance-Granville Community College in cooperation with the Warren County Fire Association. Here firemen react

to a simulated gas fire on the parking lot of Carolina Sportswear, where training exercises were held Sunday.

(Photo by Mary Hunter)