



Warren School Supt. Michael F. Williams makes dedicatory remarks in the school theater while members of the Warren County High School

Chorus prepare to render musical selections. The dedication and tours of the new building covered a three-hour period Sunday afternoon.

School Dedication Is Held On Sunday

Warren County residents turned out in force Sunday afternoon to witness the formal dedication of the Warren County High School, and later many of them toured the four-million-dollar facility which now houses 1,050 students. Sunday's activities began at 2 p. m. when school officials and others who

had a part in the project clipped a ribbon at the school's front entrance. Henry D. Bobbitt, III, chairman of the Warren County Board of Education, actually cut the ribbon. Moments later the dedication ceremony was held in the school theater. The invocation was given by

Roosevelt Alston, assistant principal, and a welcome was delivered by Benjamin T. Terrell, principal. Guests were introduced by James Jordan, Jr., assistant superintendent, and remarks were made by Chairman Bobbitt and by Walter J. Harris, chairman of the Warren County (Continued on page 13)

Double Amputee Gets Hole-In-One

In the world of golf, the chances of a hole-in-one are somewhere around one in 700,000. And that's if you're a professional.

But the chance became reality on Sunday, April 18, for Ron Riggan of Macon. He shot a hole-in-one from 126 yards on the 11th hole at the Warrenton Golf Club.

Riggan, who is a paraplegic with two artificial limbs, took up the sport over a year ago with the encouragement of friends. He's worked hard at the game, but hesitates to attribute his latest feat to his skill.

"Actually, I was just lucky," he said.

Primary Date Set

Warren Placed In 6th District

The North Carolina General Assembly Tuesday placed all of Warren County in a newly fashioned 6th Senate District with portions of Halifax and Edgecombe counties, and called for state primary elections on June 10.

The redistricting move met with opposition from State Sen. James Speed of Franklin County, who had represented Warren County in past sessions of the Legislature.

"I think it is a disadvantage to put Warren in with two large counties," Speed told The Warren Record on Tuesday. He said "it all comes about in trying to raise the racial ratio."

Lawmakers expressed confidence that the revised district boundaries would win approval of federal officials under the federal Voting Rights Act.

A separate bill approved Tuesday during the special legislative session - the third to be held since October to determine redistricting - set the filing period for congressional and legislative races from noon Friday through noon May 7.

Voter registration would end May 17, with the primary held on Thursday, June 10. If needed, a second primary would be held on Thursday, July 8. The primary had been scheduled for May 4, but delay in winning approval for redistricting plans by the Justice Department's

civil rights division forced a postponement.

The 6th Senate District, which will elect one senator, will consist of Warren, 14 townships of Edgecombe, including Tarboro, and seven precincts of Halifax, including Littleton and Roanoke Rapids.

Trustees Report

CHHS Contract Is Terminated

By KAY HORNER
Staff Writer
Effective June 30, Warren General Hospital will terminate its management contract with Carolinas Hospital and Health Services, Inc. (CHHS), a Charlotte-based health care management and consulting firm that has provided the hospital with an administrator and consulting services since May 1981.

Lynn C. Orfgen, hospital administrator, came to Warren General in June 1981 from CHHS. Under the contract agreement, he is an employee of CHHS, but his salary is paid by the hospital.

Al Fleming, chairman of the hospital's board of trustees, said the decision to terminate the contract was unanimous at the March meeting.

"There were no surprises, and no one has any bones to pick," Fleming said. "Due to the low patient census at the hospital and the high cost of operation, we felt we should hold back expenses wherever and however we could."

Fleming said that there were no concrete figures on how much the hospital hoped to save in hiring its own administrator, but that the board now felt it to

be the most economical route for the hospital.

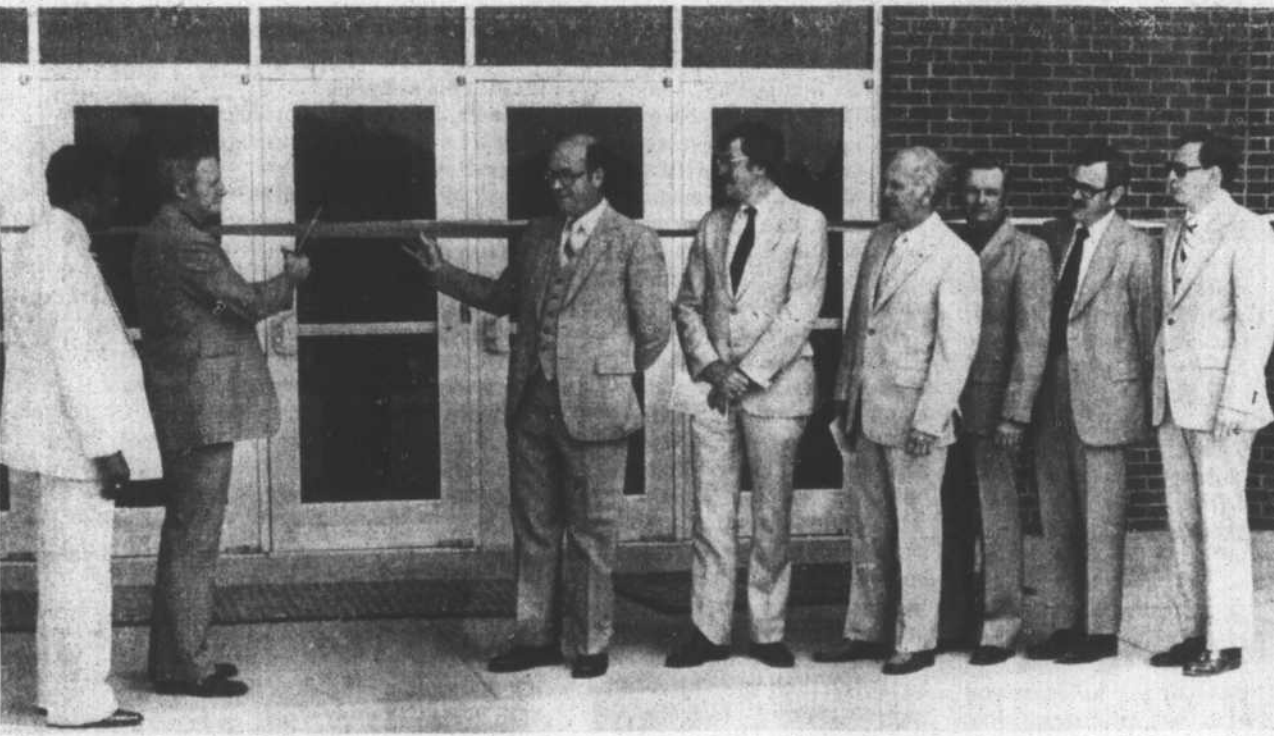
According to Fleming, the trustees decided to try the services of a management and consulting firm over a year ago, and settled on CHHS. He emphasized that the board was trying to be "pragmatic" at that time in exploring ways to provide the best health care possible while keeping costs down.

In a prepared statement, Orfgen said "CHHS has appreciated the chance to work with Warren General Hospital in providing good health care for the people of Warren County. The hospital has our best wishes for its future service to the community."

CHHS, which provides services to 21 other health care facilities in the Southeast, also provided the services of a controller to the hospital until earlier this year when cost considerations led to the termination of that agreement.

Fleming stressed that the hospital has a good rapport with CHHS, and anticipates a smooth transition when the new administrator arrives.

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Having a hand in Sunday's ribbon cutting at the Warren County High School were, left to right, Dr. Dudley Flood, Henry Bobbitt, III, Walter J. Harris, Architect Dan

Knight, Leigh Traylor, Harold Harris, Benjamin Terrell and Michael Williams. (Staff Photos)

Warren's Jobless Rate Shows Rise

Unemployment rose in Warren County and 51 other North Carolina counties from February to March, the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC) reported this week.

Warren County recorded an unemployment rate of 13.8 percent in March, an increase of two-tenths of a percentage point over February. Only 21 of the state's 100 counties had a higher unemployment rate, ESC figures showed.

The broad-based rise in unemployment reflected a slight increase in the statewide jobless rate from 9.3 percent in February to 9.7 percent in March. The

current statewide total unemployment rate in North Carolina exceeded the national unadjusted rate for the first time since 1975.

Orange County, for the fifth consecutive month, was the only county with a jobless rate of 4.0 percent or less. In March, Orange County's rate remained unchanged at 3.8 percent.

The largest increase in unemployment occurred in Mitchell County which registered an increase of 6.0 percentage points. The largest decrease in unemployment was registered to Chowan County, down 3.7 percentage points.

Chamber Conducts Fraud Clinic Monday

Approximately 50 Warren business people turned out Monday night for a fraud clinic held by the Warren County Chamber of Commerce at the Warrenton Lions Den.

Chamber President Charles Hayes presided over the session, which began with a social hour and a dinner. Hayes recognized special guests who included A. D. Johnson and Wallace Brown, candidates for sheriff, and Richard Hunter, Jr., seeking re-election as Warren clerk of court.

Sheriff Clarence Davis and District Attorney David Waters appeared on the program to answer questions stimulated by talks by the night's special speakers - SBI Resident Agent Jim Walker and John Chipps of the U. S. Secret Service.

Walker spoke on his duties which involve primarily giving assistance to local law enforcement officers, and paid special attention to shoplifting and

larceny, crimes that affect many retail merchants.

"North Carolina is fortunate in having one of the best shoplifting laws I have seen," Walker said. He

noted that state law calls for a \$100 fine and or six months jail term upon conviction.

Walker said one effective anti-shoplifting tech-

nique is to wait until a shoplifting customer leaves the store, when he then can be charged with larceny.

"As long as your actions

are reasonable you should use your power to detain shoplifters," he told the audience.

Chipps, a Secret Service agent for 19 1/2 years, gave a brief history of the duties

of the Secret Service, and he touched on the agency's protective responsibilities, efforts to thwart counterfeiters, and work to apprehend persons responsible for forging federal checks.



These five men had places on the program Monday night when the Warren County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a fraud clinic at the Warrenton Lions Den. Shown left to right are SBI Agent Jim Walker,

Sheriff Clarence Davis, District Attorney David Waters, Chamber President Charles Hayes and Secret Service Agent John Chipps. (Staff Photo)

Stabbing Suspect Nabbed In Virginia

Joseph "Chug" Mayfield, escaped convict, allegedly involved in a stabbing on March 28 at the Starlight Palace on Highway 1001 near Warrenton, is being held in Warren County jail under \$5,000 bond.

Arrested in Richmond at the home of his sister, Maxiene Henderson, by Richmond officers, Mayfield was returned to Warren County by Deputy Bobby Dean Bolton, investigation officer who had learned of Mayfield's whereabouts.

Deputy Bolton said that shortly after Mayfield's escape from the Department of Correction in April 1976, he had been arrested on a burglary charge in Richmond and while being sought by North Carolina prison officials, was serving time in Virginia. At the time of his arrest he was served under parole, which was to expire in July. His parole officer assisted in his arrest.

Stabbed in his rib cage early on Sunday morning, March 28, Jonathan Phil-

lips of 125 Lyles Lane, South Hill, Va. was taken to the South Hill, Va., Community Memorial Hospital from which he was transferred to the University of Virginia Medical Center in Richmond, Va., from which he has been discharged.

Deputy Bolton was accompanied to Richmond by Mecklenburg, Va., ABC Officer Emmitt Williams and Parole Officer Mike Moody of Mecklenburg County. The arrest in Richmond was made by Detective Norman Hudson of the Richmond Police Department.

Mayfield waived extradition. He was given a 96-hour hearing on Monday morning and was expected to be given a preliminary hearing in Warren County District Court on Wednesday morning.

It was explained at the office of Sheriff Clarence Davis that Warren and Mecklenburg County officers work closely together and it was felt that the Mecklenburg officers could be helpful in Richmond.