



Warren's New Sheriff Looks Ahead

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The man who has made history in Warren County with his election as the first black sheriff says he decided long ago to "whip the hardheads with kindness, not a stick."

But Theodore R. Williams, a deputy with the Warren County Sheriff's Department for 12 years, doesn't want the citizens of the county to think that he's soft on criminals.

"I think for a long time the law has been on the side of the criminal rather than the law-abiding citizen."

He hopes the kindness he dispenses is a means of getting the job done, and the means to that end sometimes is laced with humor.

Williams relates a story about a prisoner in the county jail who was making his presence known with an abundance of cursing and screaming. Williams finally went back to the prisoner's cell and gave him a warning. "If you don't quiet down, you're going to be asked to leave," he said. The prisoner sat for a moment, looked around quizzically, and spent a good portion of the remainder of the evening trying to figure out what the deputy meant.

Williams, 47, began his career in law enforcement

13 years ago.

"I was a long-distance truck driver, and my wife wanted me off the road and at home more," Williams said. "Grady Haynes was assistant police chief in Warrenton at the time and he urged me to consider a job with the Warrenton Police Department."

After about six months on the town's police force, Williams joined the county Sheriff's Department.

A native of Elam in Roanoke Township and a 1952 graduate of John R. Hawkins High School, Williams first began thinking about the sheriff's race in the

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Thefts Total \$30,000

Two weekend robberies at Lake Gaston netted thieves loot with an estimated value of more than \$30,000, it was learned yesterday from the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

The smaller of the two robberies was reported on Monday morning when it was discovered that an 18-foot Renken motor boat and trailer were missing from a shed at Eaton Ferry Marina on Gaston Lake in Warren County. The black and white boat was parked on a trailer. Deputy Sheriff Theo Williams was assigned to investigate the robbery and the investigation is continuing. Value of motor boat and trailer was not reported.

In the larger robbery, which was reported to the Sheriff's Department on Friday morning, materials valued at \$27,000 were taken from Lake Gaston Sales and Service, Route 3, Littleton.

Deputy Lloyd Newsome was assigned to make the preliminary investigation. He reported that entry to the building was made through the west side of the building by lowering top sash of window by using a screwdriver to trip latch. The stolen property was loaded inside the garage of the building in a pickup truck. The thieves left the garage door open after leaving the building.

SBI Agent D. A. Bridgers is assisting the Sheriff's Department in the continuing investigation.

Among the more than half a hundred items reported by Deputy Newsome as missing were seven Mercury motors, ranging from 18 to 80 horsepower; a used

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Wildlife Protector J. M. Ward of Weldon looks over the wreckage of a boat involved in a tragedy at Lake Gaston early Sunday morning. Assisting in the investigation was Wildlife Protector Mike

Fulkerson of Scotland Neck, shown at left making out report. The photo was made moments before the body of a victim was recovered in the waters of Lake Gaston. (Staff Photo)

At Lake Gaston

Boat Crash Claims Life

One man was killed and five others were injured in a boating accident early Sunday on Lake Gaston.

James M. Ward, wildlife and enforcement officer with the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, termed the collision of the two boats around 2 a. m. "a major catastrophe."

"It is the worst boating accident I've seen at Lake Gaston in seven years," Ward said.

The accident occurred near American Heritage Campground in Halifax County about two miles west of the Warren County line.

According to Ward, the collision apparently occurred when an 18-

foot fiberglass boat operated by William E. Crawley of Littleton collided with a 16-foot boat operated by William B. Slade of Norfolk, Va.

The dead man was identified as Ronald Carlisle, 18, of Gaithersburg, Md. He was aboard Crawley's boat with another passenger, Nora Burrus. Ms. Burrus was treated for minor injuries and released from Halifax Memorial Hospital.

Crawley was listed in stable condition at the hospital after undergoing surgery, according to Dr. Marco A. Caceres.

Four passengers were reported aboard Slade's boat. They were Slade's sister, Norma Slade, and Robert Hartman, both of Virginia Beach, Va., Paul Goldsberry of Norfolk, Va., and Haskell T. Sands, address unknown.

Ward said the Slades and Goldsberry were treated at Halifax Memorial Hospital and released. Hartman suffered cuts and bruises, but was not hospitalized. Sands was rescued from the water, but was not taken to the hospital.

The Halifax County Sheriff's Department noticed Ward's office of the accident. The Sheriff's Department received the initial call from a camper who saw the accident.

Carlisle's body was recovered about 8 a. m. Sunday. Approximately 20 people from the Sheriff's Department, the Warren County Rescue Squad, and campers participated in the search for the body. Both boats have been recovered from the lake, and both were totalled, according to Ward.

In Hospital

Patients in Warren General Hospital on Tuesday afternoon were listed as follows:

George Davis, John Bullock, William Wilson, Frank Twitty, Haywood Evans, Ruth McCurry, Rebecca Jones, Jennie Hundley, Mary Long.

Machines For Voting Aired

When Janice Crump, chairman of the Warren County Election Board, appeared before the commissioners at 10:45 a. m. to discuss prospects for obtaining voting machines in time for the General Election in November, she learned that funds for voting machines in the 1981-82 budget were not carried over in the 1982-83 budget. Thus there are no funds in the budget with which to lease or buy voting machines.

Mrs. Crump said that she knew that a mix-up in proposals submitted by the manufacturer of the machines had caused the failure of the machines being in the county in time for the 1982 primary, but expressed the hope that they could be obtained in time for the November General Election, when she anticipates that another heavy vote will be cast. She said that the machines ordered by the commissioners, and

now used in Franklin County, were the most suitable for Warren County, and suggested that it would be good business to buy these machines at the higher prices, because even at these prices their purchase would save the county money. She said that with voting machines all ballots could be counted and the results announced within 30 minutes after the polls closed.

She suggested that the county manager re-advertise bids for voting machines as soon as possible. County Manager Newsome agreed to get new bids as early as possible and meanwhile search for a new source of funds for their payment. This met with the approval of the board.

An ordinance, submitted by the Institute of Government, for the handling of solid waste was submitted to the commissioners, following its reading by the

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Jobless Rate Is Lower

Warren County was one of 45 North Carolina counties registering double-digit unemployment in June, according to an announcement from the N. C. Employment Security Commission (ESC).

The unemployment rate for June increased in 56 of North Carolina's 100 counties, said Glenn R. Jernigan, chairman of the ESC.

The figures just released reflect the rise in the statewide total unemployment rate of 9.2 percent, up from 8.7 percent in May. The national unadjusted rate for June was 9.8 percent and in May it was 9.1 percent.

The figures showed that Warren's June unemployment rate was 12.2 percent, indicating that 720 persons were unemployed during the month. Graham County was highest with a rate of 32.1 percent.

Although the figures remained high for

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Top Education Ranked Highest By Citizens

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Citizens in Warren County ranked a good quality education for their children as their top priority in response to the North Carolina 2000 citizen questionnaire distributed in the county and across the state in March.

According to the information released recently by Gov. Jim Hunt, who initiated the project, and University of North Carolina President William Friday, chairman of the Commission on the Future, enough good jobs and a fair system of taxes were ranked second and third, respectively, by local citizens.

The questionnaire was part of the NC 2000 long-range planning project designed to encourage citizens to think about their own agendas for North Carolina's future, to give state officials a sense of local priorities, and to stimulate citizen participation in discussion of the state's future.

Statewide, North Carolinians listed their chief priorities for the future as follows: good quality education for our children, enough good jobs, adequate protection from crime, fair system of taxes, and adequate, affordable housing.

The questionnaire presented 22 areas of future concern and asked citizens to list the 10 they thought were most important. They were then asked

to indicate the areas in which improvement is most needed and the areas which should be preserved as they are.

Citizens said the most important area to improve was job availability. At the same time, they did not want to see the state backslide in maintaining farmland or agriculture and did not want the quality of the environment to deteriorate.

Over 112,000 replies were received from across the state.

In Warren County, 40 percent of the respondents were between the ages of 30 and 49, only one percent were under age 17, and only nine percent were over age 65.

Sixty-seven percent were female and 33

percent were male.

In a further breakdown of respondents, 52.8 percent were white, 43.8 percent were black, and 50 percent were college graduates.

The Commission on the Future will be focusing its attention over the next several months on the development of recommendations in response to the questionnaires.

On December 6 and 7, the commission will host a state conference at the Civic Center in Raleigh to give citizens the opportunity to review preliminary recommendations from the commission. A final report is expected in early 1983.

Bradley Carroll is Warren County's NC 2000 chairman.

Group Practices Are Not Reported

Warren and Johnston are the only counties in the 11-county region served by the Capital Health Systems Agency that do not have physicians doing business in "group practices."

The survey, made by the region's health-planning agent, found only two counties in which doctors do not share offices.

Chatham County has three group practices, Franklin and Granville counties have one each, Lee County has seven group practices, Orange has 10, Person has three and Vance has five. (No figures were available on the number of group practices in Wake and Durham counties.)

The planning agency's survey found 82 physicians in nine counties sharing offices.



Construction continues on the 50-unit Pines Apartment complex on U. S. 1 north of Norlina adjacent to Northside School. Ruffin Woody Associates, Inc. of Roxboro, developers of the project, anticipate that it will be ready for occupancy next spring at a total

cost of \$1,384,000. The apartments will be primarily for moderate-income families, but the developers have received approval for rental assistance for low-income families. (Staff Photo)