

## Kearney Assumes Command

A Warren County native, First Lt. Paul D. Kearney, Saturday took command of North Carolina National Guard companies at Warrenton and Henderson, succeeding Capt. Theodore L. Wade, company commander for the past four years.

While members of his family, friends and county officials looked on, Kearney was elevated to the Army National Guard post during a ceremony held on the grounds of the Warrenton Armory.

Personnel from Detachment One, Company C, and Detachment Two, Company A, of Henderson joined ranks with Guardsmen from Company C (-) of Warrenton to witness the transfer of command. The Guardsmen are members of the 506th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Gastonia, where Captain Wade has been assigned.

Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Paul W. Robertson, Jr. assisted in the transfer of command.

The 33-year-old Kearney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel A. Kearney of Manson, teaches occupational education at John Graham Middle School in Warrenton. He also owns and manages a land clearing and excavating business.

A 1967 graduate of North Warren High School, he received a degree in industrial arts education from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro and has completed further studies at East Carolina University.

In June, 1974 he was assigned to the Warrenton Guard unit, and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. An honor graduate, he completed advanced individual training at Fort Dix, N. C.

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## Sales Said Good On Local Market

Sales on the 1982 Warrenton Tobacco Market have topped the million dollar mark, Sales Supervisor Alice R. Robertson reported today.

Mrs. Robertson said total sales for the year stand at 871,611 pounds for a total of \$1,330,648.79 or an average of \$152.67 per hundred pounds. The figures include carry-over tobacco sold during a July 22 special sale, in addition to last Wednesday's opening day and sales on Monday.

On opening day, she said, growers sold 310,606 pounds for \$445,797.08. On Monday, she reported, growers sold 335,965 pounds for \$501,378.92.

Sales were scheduled today in all five Warrenton warehouses, and are planned next Tuesday, August 17 and Thursday, August 19.



**CHANGE OF COMMAND** — First Lt. Paul D. Kearney, left, assumes command of the North Carolina National Guard units of Warrenton and Henderson during a ceremony held Saturday morning at the Warrenton Armory. Kearney succeeds Capt. Theodore L. Wade of Henderson,

right, commanding officer for the past four years. Others having a role in the change of command ceremony were Lt. Col. Paul W. Robertson, Jr. of Gastonia, with back to camera, battalion commander, and First Sgt. Carlton W. Whitby of the Warrenton company. (Staff Photo)

## Amount Of Deposit For Users Of Service Hiked

The Warrenton Town Commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday night unanimously approved a motion by Commissioner Gordon Haithecock, chairman of the water committee, that deposits of new water and sewer customers, both in and out of town, be increased from \$20 to \$45, to be returned if customer moves.

Commissioner Eddie Clayton, finance chairman, reported that the auditor had completed his audit of the 1982-83 budget and had requested that \$21,000 be transferred from water department to general funds, and that items spent in July be approved by the commissioners. Both requests were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Charlie White, chairman of the historical committee, told the commissioner that groups from the State Historical Association would visit Warrenton in September, and that he would notify the commissioners of the exact date as soon as his wife was notified. The purpose of the notice, he said, was in order that the town would spruce up lawns and streets.

Commissioner Billie Lanier, chairman of the street committee, reported that several pot holes in the town's streets had been patched. He also said that he noticed that in an effort to speed traffic and to save gasoline, Henderson and several other cities had adopted a blinking light system instead of green and red lights. He wondered if Warrenton should follow suit. Mayor White said the matter would be taken up with the Department of Transportation.

The commissioners were told that one of the

town dispatchers had resigned, and agreed to advertise for a replacement, as had been recommended by Police Chief Freddie Robinson, who has been filling in during the vacancy.

A number of town trash cans, as recommended by the commissioners at their July meeting, have been cleaned and painted through the courtesy of Bowers and Burrows Oil Company, of which Mayor White is

manager. He said it took about two days and no charge to the town would be made.

The commissioners expressed their thanks to Mayor White for his assist for the looks of the town streets.

Five members of the Town Board of Adjustment, following praise for their service to the town, were reappointed at the Monday night meeting. Re-appointed were: Tom Watson, chairman, for three

## Aycock Is Given Regional Honor

M. Kenneth Aycock, Jr., a native of Warrenton, has received the 1982 Research Award conferred by the Northeastern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy for exceptional contribution to agronomic science, education, and service.

Aycock, who earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from N. C. State University and his Ph.D. from Iowa State University, is professor of agronomy at University of Maryland, College Park.

His primary responsibility at the university has been the development, testing and release of new tobacco varieties. He has also taught an advanced plant breeding course and advised graduate students in the tobacco breeding program.

When Aycock came to Maryland, only 18 percent of the tobacco grown there was varieties developed by the Maryland Agricultural Experimental Station. Today, essentially all of the tobacco grown in the state is of varieties developed by the experimental station.



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Between earning his B.S. and M.S. degrees, Aycock started a Vo-Ag department at Bear Grass High School in Williamston, including a winter adult program that attracted about 40 farmers.

He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy and Crop Science Society of America as well as the American Genetic Association. He also has been very active in Tobacco Workers' Conferences and Tobacco Chemists Research Conferences and has held several official positions and organized and chaired sessions with these organizations.

Aycock is the son of Mrs. Marvin Aycock, Sr. of Elberon.

years; Kenneth Mustian, three years; Mary Hunter, two years; L. B. Henderson, Sr., and Charlie Fitts, one year each.

In addition to regular business of the commissioners, considerable time was spent in discussing with Supt. of the Water Department, Bill Neal, the upcoming Tuesday night joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners, when matters concerning the Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant would be discussed. Mayor White stressed the importance of this meeting and urged all members of the board to be present.

All members of the board were present except Commissioner W. A. Miles, who is on vacation.

## Here's Good News For Hard-Pressed

There's a bit of good news this week for inflation-weary Warren County residents.

The prices of school lunches for Warren County school children will not increase this fall. For that matter, neither will the cost of breakfast for school pupils.

The Warren County Board of Education learned Monday night that the costs of the two lunchroom meals could be held at the same level as last year.

That means that children who pay the full amount for breakfast will be charged 45 cents. Reduced price breakfast will be 20 cents and the breakfast price charged to adults will be 60 cents.

Children who pay the full amount for lunch will be charged 60 cents

## Judge Refuses To Give Order To Stop Dump

A federal district judge Tuesday denied a Warren County citizens group's request for a court order that could have halted construction of the state's PCB landfill at Afton.

U. S. District Judge W. Earl Britt's decision opened the way for dumping of PCB-laced soil in the landfill after it is removed from 210 miles of state roadsides where it has remained since being unlawfully dumped four years ago.

The ruling, which may be appealed to the 4th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., will allow state highway employees to begin dumping the contaminated soil in the landfill sometime after August 23.

Those filing the suit — the Warren Chapter of the NAACP, Coley Springs Baptist Church and 26 individuals — had contended that racial discrimination had been a factor in the selection of the landfill by state officials.

Judge Britt rules that "there is not one shred of evidence that race has at any time been a motivating factor for any decision taken by any official — state, federal or local — in this long saga."

Claims by the plaintiffs that the landfill would hurt property values in the area were ambiguous, Britt said, adding that persons living nearby might be compensated for any loss.

The judge said that the interests of "thousands of other citizens of North Carolina" who live alongside contami-

nated roadsides were also at stake.

The chemical was dumped in 1978 by three New York men who took the PCBs from a transformer company in Raleigh. They were later convicted of several environment-related crimes. The state, after a lengthy

series of appeals and lawsuits, developed plans for the landfill at Afton. It decided back to the County of Warren a large area surrounding the landfill to be used as a buffer zone, and it promised to discard nothing but the PCBs along the 210 miles of roadside in the dump.

## County Pledges Funds

## Plant Problem Accord Reached

By BIGNALL JONES

Problems arising from the Town of Warrenton's operation of Warren County's regional wastewater treatment plant were amicably resolved at a two-hour joint meeting of town and county boards on Tuesday night.

Present at the meeting in addition to the members of the two boards were Bill Buck and Bill Barlow, engineers with L. E. Wooten and Company of Raleigh, county engineers; Pete Vaughan, town administrator; Bill Neal, superintendent of the Warrenton Water Company, Glenwood Newsome, county manager; and Charles T. Johnson, town and county attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Harris of the county commissioners who asked that the two engineers might be heard prior to other matters before the two boards in order that they might return to Raleigh.

Mayor B. G. White then called the town board to order, distributed cost sheets of operating the sewage plant for May, June and July, and called upon Bill Neal for comments about the sewage plant.

Neal said that following the flooding of the grit chamber several weeks ago that the engineers responded promptly and in order to eliminate surface water entering the plant covered holes in the manhole covers, and set up the thermometer on the motor relays. Believing the problems solved, they returned to Raleigh. However, flooding occurred at the plant on the past Friday and Saturday.

Flooding of the grit chamber into which raw sewage pours results in several motors and electrical automatic relays being covered with water, which has brought forth the suggestion that the automatic relays be raised above the water

level, and expression of fears that the motors would be damaged.

As long as the motors operating pumps in the grit chambers are operating there is no flooding of the chamber, but for technical reasons the motors stop during momentary fluctuations in current due to electrical storms. Barlow said that this is exaggerated, due to the sewage plant being "at the end of the line" but he knew of nothing that could be done about that at the time.

Barlow said that the commissioners could rest assured that malfunction of relays and motors in the grit chambers would be corrected and assured the commissioners that all the motors carried a year's warranty.

Following comments at some lengths and questions by town commissioners, the engineers departed, and Newsome assured the commissioners that neither the engineers nor the county commissioners would take title to the plant until all defects are corrected.

Then Mayor White called the attention to the cost sheet, showing that revenue received by the town did not cover the cost of operating the plant, due to the delay of Norlina in hooking on to the county system, and expressing the hope that the county would pay the town a sum equal to the loss of

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## Warren Native Dies In Maryland

Ralph Williams, former Warrenton resident and son of Mrs. John Williams of Warrenton, of Germantown, Md., died at a hospital there early Monday morning following a heart attack.

Funeral arrangements are not complete, but the funeral will be held at Saint Francis Episcopal Church in Potomac, Md., at 11 a. m. on Thursday morning.