

Valentine Cruises To Easy Victory

Hawkins Loses Bid For Seat

John J. Hawkins, black Republican leader from Warrenton and the only Warren candidate to have a contested race in Tuesday's general election, failed to untrack Roanoke Rapids attorney Julian R. Allsbrook's effort to win re-election.

Hawkins, making a bid to become Warren's representative in the State Senate, failed to overtake Allsbrook in Warren's traditionally Democratic precincts. Hawkins was named on 1,818 ballots, while Allsbrook was the choice of 2,816 Warren voters.

Hawkins laid claim to victory in five Warren precincts, defeating Allsbrook by 96-63 in Fork, by 77-44 in Roanoke, by 190-152 in Sandy Creek, by 107-44 in Judkins and by 265-218 in Nutbush.

Allsbrook was victorious in nine Warren precincts, taking the nod over Hawkins by 366-363 in West Warrenton, by 458-83 in Norlina, by 194-45 in River, by 152-55 in Sixpound, by 112-28 in Smith Creek, by 153-78 in Shocco, by 346-253 in East Warrenton, by 214-68 in Fishing Creek, and by 277-93 in Hawtree. Additionally, he was chosen on 23 absentee ballots, while Hawkins was the choice of 17 absentee voters.

Warren voters fell in line with state voters Tuesday in giving a convincing nod to numerous state judges seeking election, including the Democratic winner in the only contested judicial race.

That race, for a seat on the Court of Appeals, saw Democrat Sidney S. Eagles, Jr. defeat Republican Betty J. Pearce by a margin of 3,929 to 347 in Warren County.

Henderson Practice Ends Here

The law firm of Perry, Kittrell, Blackburn & Blackburn, of Henderson, which has heretofore maintained a branch office in Warrenton with the Warrenton office being staffed by Charles M. White, III, and George A. Burwell, has announced that it will no longer operate a branch office in Warrenton effective Oct. 31.

Charles M. White, III and George A. Burwell will continue the practice of law at the same location, which is the office formerly occupied by John Kerr, Jr. The law firm will operate under the name of Burwell & White and will use the same telephone number.



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the future site of the newly-formed Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Arcola on Sunday afternoon. Those shown participating in the digging of the first

shovels of dirt are (left to right) George Feudale, trustee of the church; Mrs. Mary Richardson, the oldest member; and the Rev. Tecumseh B. Brayboy, pastor. (Staff Photo)

Vacancy Is Filled Here

A vacancy in the Warren County Agricultural Extension staff since last May was

filled by the county commissioners here Monday when they endorsed the nominee

of the North Carolina Extension Service and appointed Chester Maxey of Buckingham County, Va., to fill the position created when Russell King was appointed Extension Chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Extension Chairman L. C. Cooper.

At the May meeting of the board a group of farmers asked the commissioners that no replacement be made until an agent whose specialty is livestock could be found.

Monday morning Russell King appeared before the commission-

ers, accompanied by Chet Maxey and announced, as "good news," the nomination of Maxey, a livestock specialist, as an agricultural agent for Warren County.

He told the commissioners that Maxey was a June 1982 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI) and State University in Blacksburg, Va., where he had received a B.S. degree in Animal Science. He said that Maxey was born and reared on a livestock farm in Buckingham County, Va., and that while a student at VPI he had been a

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Maps Win Approval

Maps for two subdivisions and one lot were approved by the Warren County Planning Board at its meeting Thursday.

West Lake Development, Inc. presented a map for Eaton's Ferry Estates, Section 1A, located in River Township. Forty-six lots were included in the proposal, and were given final approval.

Final approval was

given the map for four lots owned by Bobby E. Green located in Warrenton Township on County Road 1118.

Final approval was also given on a lot belonging to E. B. Matthews in Roanoke Township.

No final decision was reached on a preliminary map on 1.24 acres belonging to Bob Butler on U. S. 1 south of Norlina.



A bit of the old West came to Wise Thursday night when a wagon train traveling from Franklin, Pa. to Key West, Fla. camped at the Old Wise School ballfield. The trip is being sponsored by

VisionQuest, a Pennsylvania counseling and rehabilitation program for youthful offenders. (Staff Photo)

Unemployment Put At 14.8 Percent

Warren County was one of 42 North Carolina counties recording double-digit unemployment during the month of September, the Employment Security Commission (ESC) has announced.

Only four counties in the state had a higher unemployment rate in September than did Warren, ESC figures revealed.

The unemployment rate in September decreased in 56 counties and remained unchanged in two, ESC officials reported.

The county rates reflect the decrease in statewide unemployment which dropped from 9.0 percent in August to 8.7 percent in September.

Donald A. Brande, director of the Labor Market Information Division of the ESC, said the decreases could be attributed "to the fact that in September a large number of workers were recalled to jobs after temporary layoffs."

During the month, 830 of Warren County's labor force of 5,620 were without work, the ESC figures revealed.

Counties with the highest unemployment rates were Swain at 18 percent, Richmond at 15.5 percent, Cherokee at 15.2 percent and Cleveland at 14.9 percent. Bladen, Warren and Yancey counties each registered 14.8 percent.

Nashville Lawyer Whips Contender By 2-1 Margin

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Warren County voters gave Democrat I. T. "Tim" Valentine a two-to-one victory margin Tuesday over Republican John W. "Jack" Marin in their race to succeed 30-year incumbent Democrat L. H. Fountain as a member of Congress from the Second District.

Valentine, a Nashville attorney and former state legislator, defeated Marin by a vote of 2,173 to 1,027 in Warren County as he easily won election in the 10-county district. Libertarian Sue Lamm of Wilson was far behind, collecting 94 votes in Warren's 14 precincts.

Durham's H. M. "Mickey" Michaux, a black Democrat whom Valentine defeated in a second primary in July, was the beneficiary of a write-in effort in Warren County which appeared to follow racial lines. Despite his efforts to discourage the write-in campaign, Michaux was named on 1,572 Warren ballots.

Michaux's strongest support came in West Warrenton Precinct where he gathered 325 votes. Valentine had 269 votes in West Warrenton and Marin had 125.

Valentine, who ran second in the June primary, behind Michaux but ahead of former N. C. House Speaker James E. Ramsey of Roxboro, finished ahead of Marin, a Durham lawyer and former Duke basketball All-American, in all but two Warren precincts. Marin outpolled Valentine in Roanoke by a single vote, 43-42 and in

Norlina by a surprising 288-192 margin. Michaux received only 23 votes in Norlina, a precinct in which Mrs. Lamm gathered 50 votes.

More than half of Warren's 9,146 eligible voters went to the polls in Tuesday's off-year general election. Returns came in swiftly from the county's three largest precincts, equipped for the first time with voting ma-

chines. Returns from West Warrenton with 725 votes, East Warrenton with 643 and Norlina with 573 were among the first to be called to the Warren County Board of Elections.

Election workers in Nutbush Precinct, where 452 votes made it the fourth most active Warren precinct Tuesday, had to count ballots by hand and did not finish the job until 3:10 a. m. Wednesday.

Black Sheriff Elected

Williams Leads Field In County

Warren Deputy Sheriff Theo R. Williams, seeking to become the first black sheriff in the county's history, led the field of candidates - most of whom were running without opposition - in Tuesday's general election.

Williams proved to be the high vote-getter as he had his name included on 4,295 Warren ballots.

The next high man in Warren voting Tuesday was veteran county commissioner George E. Shearin, Sr., seeking re-election from District Four. Shearin, one of three black commissioners winning election, was the choice of 4,189 voters.

Francis L. Alston, candidate for commissioner from District Three, received 4,120 and Eva M. Clayton, candidate for commissioner from District Two, received 4,113 votes in her bid to

become the only woman on Warren's five-member Board of Commissioners.

Richard E. Hunter, Jr., running without opposition for clerk of Superior Court, received 4,133 votes.

Frank Ballance, Warren's first resident N. C. House member in many years, was named on 2,257 ballots. He was a candidate in seven Warren precincts.

Elected to represent the other seven Warren precincts were John T. Church of Henderson with 1,492 votes, William T. "Billy" Watkins of Oxford with 1,427 votes, and newcomer James W. Crawford, Jr. of Granville County with 1,470 votes.

Democrat David R. Waters, running for re-election as district attorney from the 9th Prosecutorial District, received 3,848 votes in (Continued on page 18)

Amendment Is Rejected

Warren County voters followed the pattern set by their counterparts throughout North Carolina Tuesday in approving one Constitutional amendment and defeating another.

Warren voters reacted favorably to an amendment which would provide that the term of office of members of the General Assembly begin on the first day of January following their election. That amendment carried in Warren by a vote of 2,965 to 1,109.

However, local voters strongly objected to the other amendment on Tuesday's ballot, one that would permit the general assembly to enact general laws permitting insurance of tax increment bonds, without voter approval. That amendment was defeated in Warren by a vote of 2,971 to 890.

Contract Given For Revaluation

Meeting here on Monday morning, the Board of County Commissioners awarded the contract for revaluation of property in Warren County to Carroll-Phelps Company for a base bid of \$124,000.

A base bid of \$110,000 offered by Pearson's Appraisal Service, Inc., was rejected.

Before a vote was taken by the commissioners, County Manager Glen Newsome pointed out that the commissioners were not required to award the contract to the low bidder, as the contract was for a service and not a commodity.

Carroll-Phelps, who conducted the last revaluation for Warren County was favored by Mrs. Janice Haynes, tax supervisor, the county manager, and chairman Jack Harris, and Commissioners

Herbert Harris, George Shearin, and Clyde Edwards. Commissioner Bill Skinner, voted no and asked that his vote be so recorded.

Carroll-Phelps Company also offered an alternate vote of \$124,000, which included mapping towns of the county and lake areas. The commissioners acted only on the base bid of \$112,000.

Revaluation of Warren County property is expected to begin around the first of the year and be completed within two years.

In other business two requests for promotion of two employees of the Department of Social Services were tabled because the requests had not gone before the Social Service board before being submitted to the commissioners, as required by law.