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BANQUET PRINCIPALS — Having major roles in Monday night's meeting of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce were, from left, Wayne Clower, incoming president; Mrs. Eva Clayton,

chairperson of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, who introduced the speaker; Secretary of Commerce D. M. (Lauch) Faircloth; and Charles Hayes, outgoing chamber president. (Staff Photo)

Warren Said Ripe For Industrial Expansion

Clower Is Installed

State Secretary of Commerce D. M. (Lauch) Faircloth told more than 100 members and guests attending the annual meeting of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce here Monday night that Warren County stands in an enviable position to attract new industry.

The state's chief industry hunter said that "four of the major requirements new industry have are being near an interstate highway, being close to, but not in a major urban area, plenty of water and sewer and good labor."

Warren County, he said, "qualifies on all four counts." He said that only a little over one-third of the 100 counties in the state meet all four requirements.

"In recent years," the speaker said, "60 to 70 percent of industrial investment in the state has occurred in the 35 counties touched by an interstate highway." Approximately 80 percent of that investment came in non-urban areas.

Faircloth said that nearby Granville County, which doesn't have sewer problems, was able to attract Max Factor.

"With completion of your sewage plant last year, you now have the final piece of this economic development puzzle," the speaker said.

He commended the county for hiring a full-time industrial developer in Jim Whitley, and he said that with competition for new industry, recruiting has gotten to be a fulltime job. He said there are communities of 50 residents in this state which have formed committees of 100 to assist in industrial development.

Faircloth pointed to Carolina Sportswear officials who have said that the workers at their Warrenton plant are the most productive in the company's system as an indication of the caliber of labor to be found

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Secretary of Agriculture Jim Graham holds aloft a package of beef presented him Monday night by the Warren County Cattlemen's Association. At right is Frank Gupton, outgoing president. Graham was one of two council of State members making appearances here Monday night. (Photo by Russell King)

Harris Named President

Jim Graham Addresses Cattlemen's Association

Approximately 50 local cattle producers and their wives attended the Warren County Cattlemen's Association annual Ladies Night on Monday evening at The Carriage House in War-

renton. Special guest and speaker for the meeting was North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture James Graham. He was accompanied by his wife,

Helen. Introduced by James C. Harris, Jr., 1982-83 vice president of the Association, Commissioner Graham addressed the group with an encouraging outlook in regard to cattle prices, interest rates, fuel prices, and the PIK program. These positive remarks were welcomed by the cattlemen and their wives

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New State Trooper Is Locating Here

A new N. C. highway patrolman will begin his assignment in Warrenton today.

Thomas S. Wright, 25, is formerly of Graham in Alamance County. He is one of 11 recent graduates of the 71st State Highway Patrol Basic School.

Trooper Wright's 24-week training included 1,060 hours of instruction in more than 91 different courses, including firearms, constitutional law, precision driving, high speed pursuit driving, and human relations.

Trooper Wright is married and has one child.

Former Principal Here Finalist For Position

A former Warren County high school principal is one of two finalists for the presidency of the state's community college system.

Dr. J. F. Hockaday, president of Central Carolina Technical College in Sanford will compete with former Gov. Robert W. Scott for the presidency.

Hockaday was principal of John Graham High School here in the early 1960s. Scott unsuccessfully sought the post in 1979.

The two nominees were chosen by a seven-member search committee of the State Board of Community Colleges. They will be interviewed at a meeting of the full board in Raleigh on March 1. The board is expected to name a new president at the meeting.

He is serving his 14th year as president of Central Carolina Technical College, one of 58 community and technical colleges in North Carolina.

Emergency Room Coverage Is Explored By Trustees

Warren General Hospital's Board of Trustees decided Wednesday night to try to contract the services of physicians to cover the hospital's emergency room during all but routine office hours.

The three physicians on staff at the hospital have refused to provide emergency room services on weekends, at nights, and on holidays.

Hospital officials had hoped that a compromise might be worked out with the physicians in which they (the physicians) would continue to supply emergency services on week-

nights if the hospital contracted for physicians to answer emergency calls on weekends and holidays.

However, the board was notified Wednesday evening by Drs. Donald Coffman, Kirit Trivedi, and Mark Pomerans that they "demand" full coverage for weeknights, as well as weekends and holidays, effective March 1.

The three doctors have not provided weekend emergency room service since Feb. 15.

Hospital administrator Frank Hinson has been in contact with

Coastal Emergency Services of Durham. The firm's services for 76 hours weekly was estimated at \$1,900 or \$25 an hour, for a doctor's services.

Under the current proposal, the firm would provide a physician for the emergency room from 6 p. m. until 2 a. m. Monday through Thursday, from 5 p. m. Friday until 8 a. m. Monday, and on holidays.

Concern was expressed by board members that under the terms of the contract, no physician would be on duty on weekdays from 2 a. m. until 9 a. m. Hinson was requested to contact the physicians to ascertain if they were willing to answer calls during this time.

Hinson said Monday afternoon that he had taken the request to the three physicians involved, but had received no response as yet.

Dr. Coffman said the physicians had met briefly Monday, but had reached no decision. Dr. Trivedi was unavailable for comment.

Dr. Pomerans, in an interview Tuesday afternoon, said that the debate over the emergency room was a smokescreen to hide the real issue.

"The real problem is what kind of facility the county wants and what it can afford," Dr. Pomerans said. "The board has tunnel vision. They are trying to patch up the emergency room, but they don't understand the larger problem of managing health care for the community."

Dr. Pomerans said the hospital administration and board is trying to deny the physicians the privilege to practice at Warren General unless they cover the emergency room.

"We cannot be made

to cover the emergency room for free," Pomerans said. "I know of no hospital in the area where physicians cover the emergency room without pay."

Physicians currently bill patients for services they render in the emergency room. The hospital bills patients separately for its services.

Dr. Pomerans said county funds backed the hospital if a patient didn't pay, but that physicians had no such funds to fall back on.

He commented that often patients who had been refused treatment in the office because they were delinquent in paying their accounts simply went to the emergency room, where the physicians ended up having to treat them for free. He stressed that no patient is refused treatment in his office if the need is acute, but that some patients come on a routine basis for minor complaints.

Dr. Pomerans said he would not be overly concerned about loss of privileges at the hospital, although he doubted the legality of such a move.

He suggested that a health care task force be appointed composed of doctors, the county commissioners, the hospital board, and representatives of the community, to determine how the health care needs of the community can be best met.

"There are few people using the emergency room, and the hospital is providing minimal services," Dr. Pomerans said. "Frankly, and you can quote me on this, I do not believe Mr. Hinson is prepared for the kind of function he has in the hospital." He also said he felt the board of trustees didn't under-

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Ms. Franklin Given Post With Schools

The Warren County Board of Education Tuesday night named a veteran Warren County school teacher to become supervisor of Warren County's Chapter I Reading and Media programs.

Ms. Jennie J. Franklin, a native of Warren County, was selected from a field of 30 applicants to fill the

Warren Student Is Named Editor

A Warren County student has been elected editor of the student newspaper at North Carolina State University.

He is Jeffrey Paul Bender, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bender of Rt. 2, Norlina. He was elected by majority vote of the Publications Board at N. C. State to fill the top position.

Bender, a sophomore in animal science, graduated from Vance Senior High School in 1981.

post to be vacated next month by Mrs. Kate Harvey Moore. Ms. Franklin was one of three finalists for the position who were interviewed by the Board of Education last night.

A 1959 graduate of John R. Hawkins High School, Ms. Franklin attended Talladega College in Alabama and Bennett College in Greensboro. She has completed graduate level course requirements from the University of Virginia, the University of District of Columbia, UNC at Chapel Hill, Trinity college and N. C. State University.

From 1972 through 1975 she was director and coordinator of the Title I summer programs in Washington, D. C. She is active in professional, community and civic affairs.

Ms. Franklin, who began her teaching career in 1964, is currently a teacher at North Warren Elementary School.



WILL DIRECT CHAMBER — These new officers and directors have been named to govern the Warren County Chamber of Commerce this year. The new slate took office during Monday night's installation banquet held at the Warrenton Lions Den. Shown, left to right, are Grace Miles, second vice president; Directors John Andrews, David Gard-

ner, Jim Whitley, J. T. Fleming, Walter Gardner, Eddie Clayton, W. A. Miles; Charles Worth, secretary-treasurer; Butch Meek, first vice president; and Directors Brad Carroll and Butch Scott. Not shown are Directors Carroll Harris and Maybell Heuber. (Staff Photo)