

PCB Body Has Four From Here

Four Warren County residents have been appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt to a committee to pursue the question of detoxification of the state's hazardous waste landfill in the Afton area of the county.

Mrs. Joyce Lubbers, a member of the Warren County Citizens Concerned About PCB; George Shearin, a county commissioner; the Rev. Luther Brown, pastor of Coley Springs Baptist Church; and Henry Rooker, a resident of the Afton area, were named to the committee, which will be chaired by Dr. Daniel A. Okun of Chapel Hill.

The committee is composed of members nominated by local, state and federal governments.

In a May 31 letter to the appointees; Hunt said the committee, named the Intergovernmental Detoxification Working Group, would "pursue the question of detoxification of the state's landfill when and if appropriate and feasible technology is developed."

He said that he had asked the Board of Science and Technology to monitor scientific research in the field, and "to press appropriate governmental agencies to work on this question."



The finishing touches were put on the Warren County fire-radio system last week when these two Motorola representatives installed the repeater portion of the system on a communications tower adjacent to the Warrenton water tank. The system puts the 13 county volunteer fire departments and the Town of Littleton department on a countywide monitoring and alerting system. The installation of the repeater completed about three months of work at a total cost of about \$98,000. (Staff Photo)

Preliminary Figures Studied

No Increase Is Projected In Warrenton's Tax Rate

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The Town of Warrenton may get a 1983-84 budget of less than \$1,000 over the current budget, if the Town Board of Commissioners votes affirmatively on the allocations recommended by Town

Manager and Finance Officer Pete Vaughan.

The tentative budget originally presented to the commissioners totaled \$513,332 and called for no increase in the present tax rate of 83 cents per \$100 valuation. However, commissioners in subsequent work

sessions have made additions bringing that figure to \$516,332.

The budget for the current year is \$515,391.

An across-the-board pay increase of five percent was recommended by Vaughan for all town employees.

A breakdown of the budget shows that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is allotted \$111,591, an increase of \$29,047 from the current year.

Two other major breakdowns show that the water and sewer fund budget and the general fund budget were decreased.

The water and sewer fund budget is \$205,850, down \$20,700 from the current year; and the general fund budget is down \$40,048 to \$276,029 for the 1983-84 year.

The Revenue Sharing Trust Fund remained at \$21,466 for the coming year.

The budget must be voted on by July 1, but no date has been set as yet for that action.

Name Left Out

The Warren Record regrets that in last week's issue the name of Sylvester Alston was inadvertently omitted from the list of seniors graduating from Warren County High School.

Hospital Improvement Aired

3 Boards In Meet

It is not enough to save the Warren General Hospital, but "we must improve it," Mrs. Eva Clayton, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, said at a joint meeting of the commissioners and members of the Hospital Board and Board of Health at First Citizens Bank and Trust Company at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night. Mrs. Clayton presided over the meeting.

She agreed that the first step is the repair of the hospital roof, and said that \$30,000 has been placed in the county budget for this purpose. But much more is needed. There are many sources of help to restoring and improving the hospital, Mrs. Clayton said. She named Duke University and state and national foundations, but "we must be diligent in seeking this aid, as well as limited federal grants," she said.

In granting permission to build a nursing home within a mile of Warren General Hospital, the state stated that adequate hospital facilities must be available, Mrs. Clayton said. With the nursing home planned to be completed in October, adequate facilities are not available.

This was of particular concern to Joe Lennon, health director, and to N. L. Williams, promoters of the privately owned and privately financed nursing home, whose successful operation may be the element that saves the hospital. But Lennon has much more than a personal interest in the hospital. He said that if Warren County is to have a successful health program the health department and the hospital must work closely together. He suggested if the two agencies were physically connected, it might be feasible to use some of the facilities by both the hospital and health department, at a considerable saving of expenses. He stressed the fact his remarks did not mean that the health department had any desire to participate in the management of the hospital, as his department's principal goal is preventive medicine.

Frank Hinson, hospital administrator, said that while it is necessary to improve Warren General Hospital, he did not think it either desirable or necessary to increase the number of beds beyond the 37 now available, or to be available after the damage to the leading roof has been repaired. He said that Warren General Hospital could never become a Duke Medical Center.

Commissioner George Shearin, who is also (Continued on page 10)



These veteran Warren County educators were saluted for service to the public school system on Wednesday night of last week during a retirement ceremony conducted by the Warren County unit of the N. C. Association of Educators. The six were among eight educators cited for long service by local NCAE officials and Warren school principals during a banquet held at The Rafter's. Shown with the engraved plaques which each was presented

are, from left, Melvin C. Swicegood, 20-year teacher; Willie J. Cuthbertson, 27 years of service; Mrs. Louise M. Twitty, 30 years; Mrs. Fannie M. Plummer, 41 years; Mrs. Kate N. Moore, 28 years; and Arthur J. Williams, 16 years. Also honored, but not present, were Mrs. Viola C. Alston, 35 years; and Mrs. Louise C. Threewitts, 27 years.

(Staff Photo)

Pool Room Closing Sought

At the end of an hour-and-a-half session Monday night Warrenton Town Commissioners instructed Town Attorney Charles T. Johnson to proceed with an action seeking to close Champion's Pool Room on Main Street in Warrenton as a public nuisance.

In an executive session requested by the town attorney, Johnson cautioned the commissioners to be sure that the town has enough evidence before bringing a suit against the operators of the pool room. Johnson was told to proceed with what evidence the town has.

Complaints against action of former customers of the Pool Room on the street between the Warrenton Barbershop and the Episcopal Church has allegedly made it unsafe

for a woman to walk there and complaints have frequently sent the police force to the scene, without ending the complaints.

Monday night following public complaints about merchants parking in front of their stores, several of those present remained. Among these were Bill Benson, one of the partners of the Warrenton Barbershop, and Vonette Neal Robertson, who operates the Beauty Box Beauty Shop, who told of almost unbelievable behavior of those who had visited the Pool Room.

Benson did not speak, as complaints from the barbershop had already been filed with the Police Department. These charges included throwing trash, including burning cigarette butts and contracep-

tives on the barbershop roof beneath the windows of the building in which the pool room is located. The trash was thrown from upstairs where the proprietor's family lives. In addition, W. E. Turner, a partner, said yesterday that residents jumped on the barbershop roof, as well as playing on it.

Mrs. Robertson testified that men gathered on the outside of the Pool Room, which

she declared is a public nuisance and stated that it should be closed, that they not only used foul language, profane and lewd language, but also made suggestive language to old and young clients of the beauty shop. The culprits were not only guilty to indecent exposure, but also of urinating on the door of the beauty shop. Often they would look into the

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Temporary Permit Given Mobile Home

The Warrenton Planning Board, meeting in the Town Municipal Building at 7:30 Monday night, granted Leona C. Henderson the temporary privilege of erecting a trailer on her property on SR 1332 (Loop Road) in Northeast Warrenton. The Planning Board defined temporary as three years.

Mrs. Henderson, who was represented at the public hearing by her attorney, Ronald Reaves, had requested that her property be changed from R-20 (low density residential) to R-8 (high density residential). She said that she intended to build a single dwelling on the property, where electricity and water are available, but asked permission to erect a

trailer on the site on a temporary basis while she was building her house.

No person appeared in opposition to Mrs. Henderson's request, but Chairman Roy Pat Robertson read a letter from John Kerr, III, of Goldsboro, who owns property adjacent to that of Mrs. Henderson. He said that he had no objection to Mrs. Henderson placing a trailer on her property on a temporary basis, not to exceed nine months. Otherwise, he was opposed to the placing of a trailer on her property. Kerr suggested that in lieu of a temporary permission, that Mrs. Henderson be given a building permit to erect a single dwelling on her property, which would permit a temporary trailer.

Chairman Robertson said he feels that if any change was to be made in Mrs. Henderson's property classification, that it should be for the entire area, as he was opposed to "spot" reclassification. Stating that nine months is not enough time to erect a building, the board upon motion of McCarroll Alston, seconded by Lee Cheek, unanimously voted to give Mrs. Henderson a three-year temporary permit to erect a trailer on her property.

Board members present were Roy Pat Robertson, chairman, and members McCarroll Alston, Lee Cheek, and Lawrence Boyd.

House Snake Shot

Some folks think of black snakes as harmless little creatures whose presence keeps other snakes away.

But don't try to convince Marie Robinson of Warren Plains of that fact.

Last Saturday she shot and killed a black snake that had apparently been living in her attic since Tuesday. At least, Tuesday is when the family first heard a "shuffling and blowing noise" from that direction.

The snake came out of the attic and made his way outdoors Saturday and was underneath the house when he met his doom.

"I was unpleased with him in the house, and that's all I can say!" Ms. Robinson commented.



Randy Garrett, left, is presented the Lion of the Year Award by M. C. Clary, president of the Warrenton Lions Club. Garrett received the organization's most prestigious award Friday night during a ceremony at the Warrenton Lions Den. Garrett served as Lion Tamer this year, and was chairman of the Bulletin Committee and the Jungle Prowl Committee. (Staff Photo)

Rain Forces Delay

Due to excessive rains, farmers in Warren County are two weeks later than normal in planting their tobacco, corn, grain sorghum and soybean crops, according to Thomas E. Watson, executive director of the Warren County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office. The state ASC Committee has therefore extended the time for reporting crops planted in Warren County to July 1, 1983.