

Hiring Procedure Talked During Monday Meeting

Warren County Commission Chairperson Eva M. Clayton at the board's meeting Monday laid to rest questions raised two months ago concerning the procedure for interviewing and hiring a Littleton resident as Warren County electrical inspector, but not before telling County Manager Glenwood Newsome that she took "personal offense" to his disregard for her in the matter.

Questions about the qualifications of Alvin Salmon of Littleton for the position of electrical inspector were raised at the June 6 meeting of the commissioners by Dean Andrews of Afton, also an applicant for the job.

Mrs. Clayton's comments to Newsome were in response to a request she said she made to Newsome after the June

meeting that Salmon not be hired until the board had an opportunity to investigate the matter.

Mrs. Clayton contended Monday that Newsome hired Salmon with disregard for her request, but Newsome repeatedly told Mrs. Clayton that at the time of the June meeting Salmon had been offered the job and had given his two-week notice to the state.

Mrs. Clayton said she had understood that there would be a delay in the hiring.

Although the position referred to was advertised as electrical inspector, it also involves serving as zoning administrator, fire inspector and energy conservationist, among other functions.

Mrs. Clayton suggested that future advertisements need to be "more forthright" in describing the position involved.

Newsome said in the meeting that Salmon had been hired "by policies and practices and according to the statute of the county manager." He said Salmon was the most qualified for the position, taking "all things into consideration."

Mrs. Clayton told board members that she had looked into the matter and that, in her judgment, no law had been violated in the employment of Salmon.

She noted that the state's criteria for electrical inspector are "vague," with a high school diploma the only minimum requirement.

"As it turns out, we were supported and no law was violated," she said. "But if we must err, it should be on the side of being patient, cautious, and

deliberate."

According to Newsome, Salmon has an associate degree in applied science from Wake Community College and several electrical and inspection courses. He was employed by the N. C. Department of Transportation as an engineering technician II for 13 years prior to accepting the position with Warren County.

Andrews, Newsome said, has a one-year diploma from Wilson Technical Institute and for six years has been self-employed as an electrical contractor. He is also a licensed electrician.

Salmon, who went through a probationary training period, was hired at an annual salary of \$16,000 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Chet Forrester of Warrenton, who was making \$15,800, according to Newsome.

Mrs. Clayton said Monday that she had responded by letter to Andrews about the matter and that she considered it resolved.



Frank D. Bullock, Jr. (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Bullock, Sr. of the Manson community in Warren and Vance counties, was recently elected president of the North Carolina Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging at a meeting in Charleston, S. C. Bullock, who is shown above being congratulated by Don Penley, executive director of Coble Health Care Center in Durham, is administrator of the Coble center. He is married to Vera K. Bullock.

Motion To Reappoint Man Dies During Board Meet

By KAY HORNER
Staff Writer

A motion by County Commissioner Jack Harris to reappoint Matt Nelson of Vaughan to the Warren County Jury Commission died for lack of a second at the regular meeting of the board of commissioners Monday, and the appointment was tabled until the next session of the board.

The jury com-

mission is formed by three members, one appointed by the commissioners, one by the County Clerk of Court, and one by the Resident Superior Court Judge.

It was reported that Nelson has served three two-year terms and both commissioners George Shearin and Francis Alston said they felt it might be more fair to give someone else an opportunity to serve.

Chairperson Eva M. Clayton expressed concern that the composition of the board be in keeping with the racial distribution of the county.

At present, the members of the commission are Nelson, George Willis Shearin of Warren Plains, and Alfred Coleman of Norlina.

Coleman is the only black on the commission. He was appointed by Resident Superior Court Judge Robert Hobgood after Dr. L. B. Henderson of Warrenton requested that he not be reappointed.

Clerk of Court Richard Hunter must also make an appointment to the commission. Shearin was the clerk of court's last appointee.

The chief responsibility of the county's jury commission is the selection of jurors for the jury pool. Selection takes place every two years. Members to the commission are appointed after July 1, and must have their work completed by December.

Looting Of \$100,000 Transfer Rig Is Reported By Warren Sheriff

An abandoned, customized 1977 Kenwood Transfer Truck, valued at \$100,000, was discovered early Monday morning on RPK 1344 between Vaughan and Eaton Ferry by Sheriff Theo Williams.

He dispatched Deputy Lawrence Harrison to the scene, where the deputy discovered that the truck had been looted of tires, transmission, and most of the parts. Among items

removed with a cutting torch was a walk-in sleeper completely furnished with TV, microwave, refrigerator, etc., valued at \$15,000. There were no license tags on the truck, and no serial number.

The owner of the truck was discovered to be Van Dyke Hatch, Jr. of Grimesland. He was traced from a letter found in the truck, and came to Warren County Monday afternoon and

identified the truck as his own.

Hatch told officials that he had left the truck on Friday afternoon in a parking lot at Gregory Poole's in Washington to be tuned up, and had gone to the beach. An employee of Poole Company saw the truck there on Saturday at 8 p. m.

Upon Hatch's return, he was advised that his truck was missing.

Assisting in the search for the owner and possibly leads to the thieves was W. I. Robertson, inspector with the Department of Motor Vehicles. He said while talking to officials here Tuesday morning, that the truck was

probably towed to the place where it was found. He discounted a suggestion that the truck was stripped along the roadside, and said it was probably stripped in a garage, but it could have been almost anywhere. He also surmised that after being stripped, the truck was taken to the road where it was found in order to get rid of its evidence.

Plant Worker Is Hired Here

David Terrell Lynch, 34, of Hollister, began work with the Warren County Wastewater Treatment Plant at Warrenton Monday morning. His starting salary is \$10,000 a year.

Lynch was employed from August 1968 to July 5, 1975 with American Inka Textile Company as process mechanic in research and from March 1976 to 1983 for Boilers and Compres-

sors, a waste treatment plant similar to the local plant.

He was educated at Aurelian Springs and at Roanoke Rapids High School. He attended Nash Technical School for one year, taking a course in electrical installation and maintenance.

At present, Lynch holds a grade 2 license for waste water treatment. He will train under Macon Robertson in preparation to being licensed by the state as licensed No. 1 waste water treatment operator, when his work is expected to be largely chemical analyses at the plant.

Pete Vaughan, town administrator, said yesterday that Lynch was employed by the town because it is evident that the state is going to require both operator and an assistant operator in the near future.

Retail Sales Reported

Retail sales in Warren County subject to sales and use taxes amounted to \$4,024,122 during June, according to a report made this week by the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

month amounted to \$76,731.65, the report showed.

Retail sales in neighboring counties included \$18,570,087 in Vance, \$10,092,288 in Franklin, \$25,902,884 in Halifax and \$8,238,977 in Northampton.

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Depot Demolition Said

Just Around The Corner

Demolition of the abandoned Norlina Depot by the Seaboard Coastline Railroad is imminent, Mayor Kenneth Davis told members of the Norlina Board of Commissioners Monday night.

The mayor's announcement appears to be the final word in a discussion of many months' concerning removal of the depot.

Some time ago Norlina officials had hoped to be given the depot and find someone who would remove it. That avenue appeared closed prior to the mayor's Monday night disclosure.

Brief talk of the depot, and suggestions that changes be made in the parking habits of motorists at the corner of Hyco Street and U. S. Highway 1 were the only matters of business brought before the board during a routine 30-minute session.

Commissioner William Leonard reported

I UNDERSTAND WE'RE ANIMALS.

Flow-Life

Sponges have no eyes, ears, mouths, brains, hearts, stomachs, or legs—but they are animals, says National Geographic World magazine. They take food and oxygen from water that flows continuously through their bodies.

Stay Active

Dieters take note—the people who live longest appear to be those who eat the most, but don't get fat because they are physically active.

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