



**RECEIVES TOP AWARD**—Mrs. Annie Mae Alston, retired Warren County teacher, is presented the Ernest A. Turner Citizen of the Year Award during Saturday night's 11th annual homecoming of the John R. Hawkins classes of 1929 through 1969. Making the presentation during a banquet at Roseland at Norlina is Robert Jeffries, co-chairman of the Executive Scholarship Committee of the John R. Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc.

Watching the presentation from the front row are the Rev. Norman T. Davis, Mrs. Sadie A. Woolford and Mrs. Mary M. Jordan. Witnessing from the back row are Warrenton Mayor B. G. White, Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, Mrs. Patsy T. Hargrove and Henry T. Pitchford, Jr. Additional photos of award winners can be found on page 8. (Staff Photo)

## Hospital Task Force Is Requested During Commissioners' Meet

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Warren County commissioners were asked by their chairperson at their regular meeting Tuesday to give consideration to the formation of a task force to address some of the problems facing Warren General Hospital.

Chairperson Eva M. Clayton suggested that the committee be composed of representatives of the health care community, consumers, and county representatives, and that it study the policies and programs affecting the operation of the county facility.

Among the items mentioned for the proposed agenda is the effect of cutbacks anticipated with the new Medicare reimbursement system.

A consulting firm under contract to the hospital has estimated that the new payment system could reduce the reimbursements received by the average hospital for Medicare patients by as much as \$2 million in the next three years.

Mrs. Clayton indicated that she would also like to see the task force address the feasibility of a birthing center at the hospital and the fostering of greater cooperation between local physicians and the hospital.

The possibility of a joint relationship between HealthCo, the County Health Department, and the hospital

was also mentioned by Mrs. Clayton, along with the possibility of a working relationship with other hospitals, especially those with teaching arms.

Mrs. Clayton told the

commissioners that professional assistance for the task force would be sought from the N. C. Department of Human Resources and from various medical schools.

### Home Destroyed

## Fire Proves Fatal For Churchill Man

A 70-year old Warren County man lost his life Monday night when his double-wide mobile home and all its contents were destroyed by fire around 10:45 p. m.

The body of Willie Ree Taylor of Churchill was discovered among the ashes of the home after the blaze had died down. Allen Adcock of the Churchill-Five Forks Rural Fire Department said the firemen suspected that the elderly man was in the home, but the building was engulfed when firemen from three rural companies reached the scene.

Taylor's son was living with his father at the time and was at home when the fire was discovered. He escaped from the flames.

Adcock said yesterday that he did not know the name of the son, or the cause of the fire.

Firemen and equipment from both the Macon and Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire

Companies assisted the Churchill-Five Forks company.

Captain Walter Gardner of the Warrenton Rural Company said that seven firemen with a crashwagon and a pumper answered the call.

Funeral arrangements, being made by R. H. Greene Funeral Home, are incomplete.

### Local Line Work Gains Approval

Meeting in called session at 2 p. m. last Thursday, the Board of Warrenton Town Commissioners unanimously agreed to replace some 1,200 feet of crushed sewer line on South Main Street, starting near the home of Julius Banzet, III, and extending southward.

The line has been crushed for several years due to traveling over it by heavy trucks. Main Street is a part of State Highway 401.

Instead of letting the job of installing the pipe to a contractor, the town board decided to lease three of J. T. Harris earth moving machines and three of his men to assist the town crew in laying the pipe. The Town Water Department has previously purchased the pipe for the project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$10,000.

It was decided at the Thursday meeting that the work on laying the pipe would be started as soon as a few details could be worked out with J. T. Harris. These details had not been completed yesterday afternoon.

Present in addition to Mayor B. G. White, town commissioners, and Pete Vaughan, town administrator, was W. B. Neal, superintendent of the Warrenton Water Company.

During the discussion of the cost of the project, Superintendent Neal emphasized the cost of not doing the project. He said the weekly cost of chemicals to destroy roots and the cost of rodding out the line is \$64 a week every week in the year, plus extra labor.

## Road Matters Occupy Board

Warren County commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday agreed to forward to the N. C. Department of Transportation a request by members of Wildwood Point Property Owners Association that four miles of gravel road in the subdivision be turned over to the state for maintenance.

The commissioners also addressed the issue

of a right-of-way for the paving of Minnie Yancey Road in the Soul City area.

The only hold-up in getting the road, on which seven families live, into the state's priority system for improvements has been approval of Perdue, Inc. which owns property on the road.

County Manager Glenwood Newsome told Willie Davis, who again

appeared before the board on behalf of the residents, that he had talked with a Perdue representative and that he expected Perdue's approval to be forthcoming.

He indicated that Perdue's only concern had been whether the road would infringe on an area planned as a building site by Perdue.

The commissioners also heard a written

request by Oxford attorney Floyd B. McKissick that he be given an explanation as to why SR 1114 between Soul City and Vance County, which was scheduled to be paved in July, had not been paved.

The commissioners asked the county manager to look into reason for the delay.

The road is on the state's priority list for paving.

Commissioners also heard a second request from McKissick that three two-inch water meters to serve Sunset Heights Mobile Home Park in the Soul City area be installed by the county.

There was some discussion by com-

missioners regarding a statement by McKissick that the cost of the meter and connection should be paid by the county, and County Manager Glenwood Newsome was asked to investigate the payment procedure further.

In other business, Henry Holtzman, solid waste landfill supervisor for the county, reported to the commissioners on a meeting between him, Commissioner George Shearin, and VEPCO Reservoir Supervisor George Gurley.

VEPCO had requested that the county's dumpsters on VEPCO's property on SR 1362 at Lizard Creek near the entrance to Wildwood (Continued on page 8)

## Board Wants To Rescind Action Affecting Profits

County Manager Glenwood Newsome was requested Tuesday by the Warren County Board of Commissioners to look into the best way for the board to rescind its recent action authorizing the Warren County ABC Board to withhold for investment \$15,000 a year from profits turned over to the county.

The request was made after Commissioner Jack Harris stated that the funds would receive a higher return if invested with the county funds, because of the larger amounts avail-

able for investment by the county.

Chairperson Eva M. Clayton concurred with Harris' suggestion, but raised a question as to how the ABC funds are invested and whether the ABC Board has the option to withdraw their investment at this time.

Newsome was asked to check into how the commissioners might most effectively rescind their action.

In another item related to the ABC Board, Harris referred to a Warren Record article in which Mrs. Ber-

nadine Ballance, chairperson of the Warren County ABC Board, was quoted as saying that the ABC Board had offered a consultant position to Bill Delbridge of Norlina because neither she nor other board members had the time to devote to implementation of needed changes within the ABC system.

"They should be replaced if they don't have the time," Harris said.

Mrs. Clayton told Harris that she felt his reading of the statement was "very restrictive" and noted that the county commissioners have a county manager who implements their action and that other boards may have need of the same service.

Harris responded by saying that the ABC Board has a supervisor who fills the position equivalent in function to the county manager.

The commissioners took no action on the matter, and Mrs. Clayton told Harris, who has been an outspoken critic of the board's decision to offer the consultant post to Delbridge, a former ABC Board member, that the commissioners will "expect this refresher course ever so often."

## Surplus Food Items Arriving In Warren

The Warren County Department of Social Services this week will receive a shipment of six surplus commodity items to be distributed to low income families, Julian Farrar, Social Services Director, has announced.

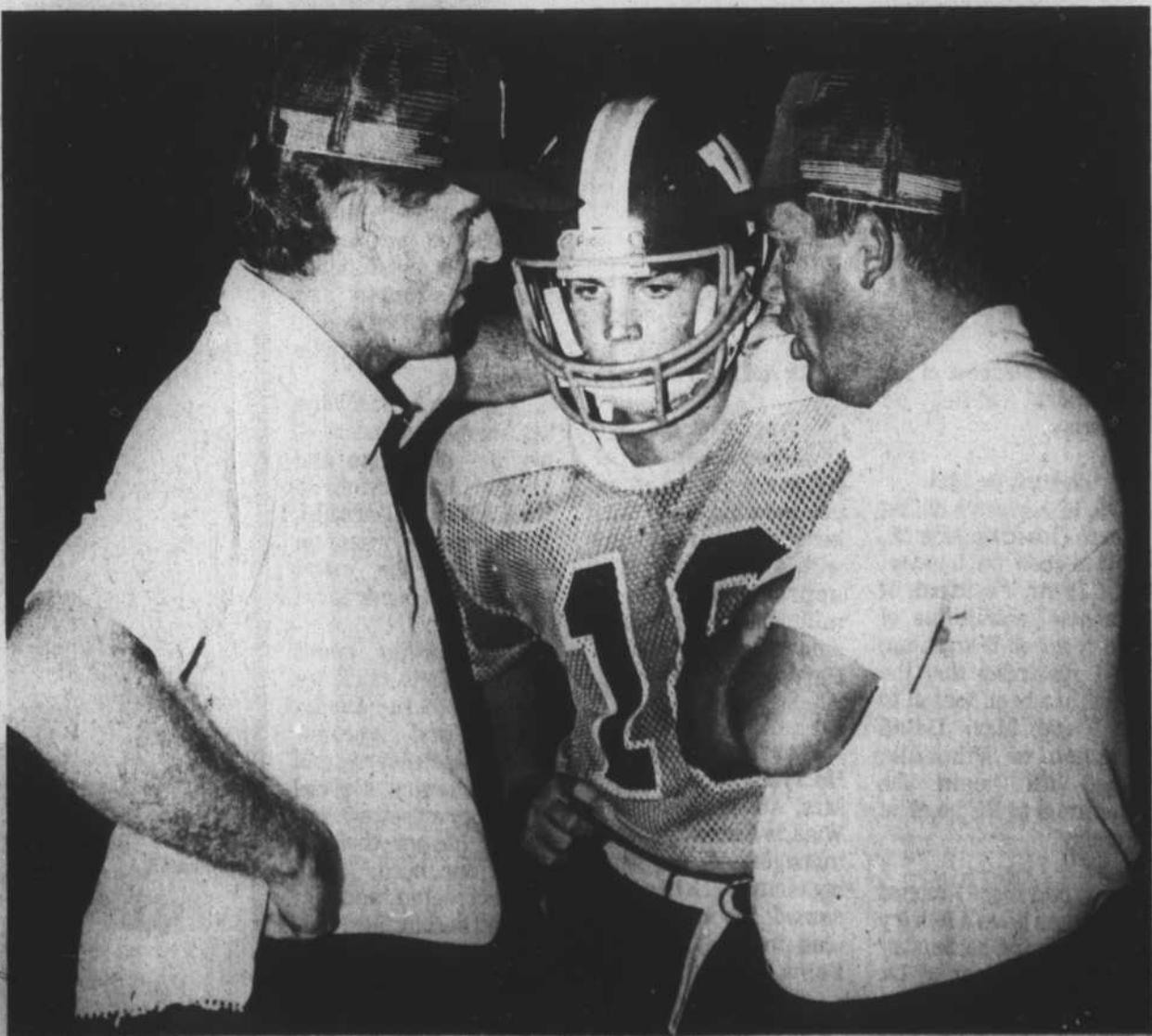
The six items include cheese, flour, corn meal, rice, honey and dry milk.

These households interested in applying for these commodities may begin making application the week of Sept. 12 at the mobile

unit behind the Social Services Building between 8:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

Certification will be made on the basis of family income not in excess of 130 per cent of the poverty level, Farrar said. AFDC recipients and food stamp recipients are eligible with no further certification needed.

Volunteers are again requested to help in taking applications and distributing the commodities, Farrar said.



**AUTUMN CONVERSATION**—Fall is marked in most places by the opening of football season, and Warren County is no exception. This scene from Friday night's opening contest between Warren County and Northern Nash is typical of the sideline chats which will take place every Friday night for at least the next nine weeks. Here Coach Bill

Frazier, right, has a word for quarterback Davis Capps while assistant Bill Fuller, left, gets ready for his turn. The talk has its effect as Capps passed for one touchdown and two crucial conversions to lead Warren County to a 16-14 win over Northern Nash. Details of the game can be found on page 10. (Staff Photo)