

By Proposed Sale

Area Rose Stores May Be Affected

Roses Stores, Inc. of Henderson has announced the signing of an agreement to sell 54 of its 58 P. H. Rose variety stores to Variety Wholesalers, Inc. of Raleigh.

Degree Said 'Preferred'

Although an advertisement in this week's issue of The Warren Record indicates that a master's degree in public administration or a related area is a requirement for candidates for Warren's county manager position, Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the county commissioners, said yesterday that the graduate degree was "preferred" but not required.

"The rule of thumb is that a degree from a school of public administration is your better educational training," Mrs. Clayton commented.

She said that an expert in the field with the N. C. Institute of Government cited the ability to communicate, maturity, and expertise in budget preparation as the three essentials, but noted the difficulty rural areas sometimes have in recruiting the top talent in the field.

"What you look for are the best qualifications you have," Mrs. Clayton said. "A person with a master's could have less experience, and a person with a bachelor's degree could have more experience. You have to look at training and experience."

In their meeting last week, Warren County commissioners after deliberation in an executive session voted 3-2 that the position will be considered vacant as of January 1.

Mrs. Clayton at that time indicated that the board's decision was not intended to reflect negatively on the performance of the current county manager, Glenwood Newsome, and said that his application would be considered along with others should he choose to apply.

The annual salary range for the position is between \$26,000 and \$29,748.

There are P. H. Rose stores in both Warrenton and Littleton, but a company spokesperson Monday told The Warren Record that a list of the stores included in the agreement would not be released until the company's real estate agents had concluded negotiations with landlords of the stores affected.

The proposed sale is subject to approval by the board of directors of Roses Stores, Inc. which will consider the sale at its regular meeting on Nov. 28. If approved, the sale will be effected on or before Jan. 25, 1984.

Roses was incorporated in 1927 as a variety store company, and has since evolved into a discount store chain.

According to a company news release, the number of P. H. Rose stores has declined over the years as the company's emphasis has shifted more toward the discount stores.

In the most recent fiscal year, the P. H. Rose stores accounted for approximately five percent of the company's sales and profits.

"Although the sale is not expected to have a material impact on the company's financial results, we believe that the sale will permit Roses to concentrate all of management's time and efforts on Roses stores," according to L. H. Harvin, III, president and chief executive officer of Roses.

Harvin said that the decision to sell the 54 P. H. Rose stores was a very difficult one since the company has operated some of the stores for half a century or more.

"More importantly," he added, "so many P. H. Rose associates have made a lifelong career with Roses in the variety store division. Their contributions laid the foundation for the Roses stores as we know them today."

Roses Stores, Inc. is headquartered in Henderson and operates 189 Roses discount stores in 13 southeastern states.



State Rep. Frank Ballance, right, presents a check in the amount of \$2,058.59 to Warrenton Mayor B. G. White Tuesday. The check, issued by the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, is to reimburse the town for expenses incurred last year in policing anti-PCB demonstrations here.

(Staff Photo)

Warrenton Is Reimbursed For Anti-PCB Expenses

Warrenton's treasury is \$2,058.59 richer because of a check received this week from the State of North Carolina, Mayor B. G. White told the town commissioners at their regular November meeting held here on Tuesday night. The usual Monday night meeting was held on Tuesday in order that Mayor White and several of the commissioners might attend a meeting in Roanoke Rapids Monday night. The Roanoke Rapids meeting was concerned with efforts to prevent Virginia Beach, Va., from obtaining water from Lake Gaston.

Mayor White told the commissioners that the state check was to repay Warrenton for expenses incurred by its police department during organized resistance to placing PCBs in the Afton Landfill. The check, long delayed, was turned over to the mayor by Frank Ballance, member of the State House of Representatives from Warren County.

Mayor White also briefly sketched the Roanoke Rapids meeting which was attended by five Warrenton citizens. He said less people were present than at a previous meeting held

at Lawrenceville, Va., but it was much better organized. He stressed the help given the protester by Senator Jesse Helms and by Rufus Edmisten, attorney general, representing

Governor James B. Hunt, who was on an industry hunt in Europe. He also told of court action being filed by the Roanoke River Basin Association against the

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Mrs. Clayton Is Named Citizen Of The Year

Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, was named citizen of the year by Zeta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity during its annual Achievement Week Program at Greenwood Baptist Church last Sunday.

In a presentation during the church's morning worship service, State Rep. Frank W. Ballance, Jr. presented a plaque to Mrs. Clayton in honor of her community service.

Achievement week is an annual observance sponsored by the fraternity wherein it seeks to recognize excellence and achievement by citizens in the various communities served. Zeta Alpha Chapter serves the counties of Warren, Vance, Franklin, Granville, and Person.

The Basileus of the fraternity is Maurice M. Crump of Soul City, and Program Chairman for Achievement Week was James T. Wilkerson, principal of Warren County High School.

Fraternity members and their wives and families joined the regular morning worship service at the church, pastored by the Rev. Moore Bynum, whose sermon topic was, "If it ain't one thing, it's another."

Prior to the award presentation, Brother L. O. Dunn presented the purpose of Achievement Week, and following the award presentation, Basileus Crump made remarks on behalf of the fraternity.

Achievement Week concluded with a dinner for the fraternity members and their families at the Country Kitchen Restaurant in Manson.

Involving Hospital

Priorities Set By Task Force

By KAY HORNER
Staff Writer

The Warren General Hospital Task Force adjourned on an optimistic note Thursday night having set an agenda that they hope will enable them in the next six months to do three things:

-To help the hospital face the dilemma posed by the reduction of Medicare reimbursement on which the hospital depends;

-To foster closer cooperation between local physicians and the hospital and between HealthCo, the county health department, and the hospital; and

-To explore the feasibility of birthing centers and other health program expansion, and improvement of the hospital and health department to attract and retain "a full complement of health professionals."

The task force, which includes representatives of local government, the hospital board, the health board, and HealthCo, as well as consumers and local physicians, was joined in its first meeting by representatives from the N. C. Department of Human Resources.

Gail T. Kelley, and George T. Packenham, health planners with the department's Facility Services Division, have been assigned to assist the task force in its planning. Jim Bernstein, director of rural health for the Facility Services Division, was also on hand Thursday and will be available as a resource person, along with Ira O. Wilkerson, Jr., director of health facilities for the

Department of Human Resources. Wilkerson has responsibility for facility certification.

Joe Lennon, Warren County health director, and Frank Hinson, hospital administrator, presented to the task force schematic

drawings of proposed renovations to the hospital and the addition of a new building to house the county health department.

Lennon stressed that the plans are still in the fluid stage, and that

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Special Gathering Slated By 4-H'ers

Dr. Dalton Proctor, associate state 4-H leader and specialist-in-charge for the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, will be the keynote speaker at the Warren County 4-H Achievement Program on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p. m. at Warren County High School.

Dr. Proctor is responsible for curriculum development which involves all 4-H programs and activities in the state. He also coordinates the state 4-H awards program and state 4-H Congress.

The 4-H Achievement Program is the highlight of each year's activities. 4-H members will be honored for their projects, demonstrations, offices and other work in 1983. Businesses, groups and individuals who have supported 4-H will be recognized and presented certificates of appreciation. The 1984 council officers and club officers will be installed in a candlelighting ceremony. All 4-H members, leaders, parents, county elected officials, business supporters, and other friends of 4-H are encouraged to attend.

Ivan Barnes, secretary-treasurer of the North Central District Council, will give remarks on the state health project and other district activities. Barnes is a member of the Best Better 4-H Club in Warrenton and is now a student at North Carolina State University. Other special features include an exhibit area and door prizes. The exhibits will consist of club members' projects and demonstrations. There will be a drawing for door prizes. You must be present to win. Refreshments will be served.



DR. PROCTOR

Nursing Center Workers Are Given Certificates

Certificates were presented to 27 Warren County students last Thursday following their completion of 11 weeks of nurses' assistant training at Vance-Granville Community College.

The students were honored during ceremonies in the auditorium by their instructors and other members of the college administrative staff.

The 297-hour course was unique in that it was especially designed to provide instruction for individuals interested in employment at the new Warren Nursing Center. To date, 21 of the 27 class members have been hired by the center, and administrator Dianne Smith said this week that as many as 23 may be hired as the center's patient census increases.

Those receiving certificates were: Alice

Alston, Lillie Alston, Joan Brown, Helena Carter, Sallie Hargrove, Lillie Marrow, Mary Powell, Queen B. Queen, Deloyce Reed, Deborah Taylor, Wanda Taylor, Vanessa

Williams, and Carolyn Wortham, all of Warrenton; Betty Allen and Faye Holtzman, both of Manson; Magnolia Alston, Anna Bullock, Vicki Bullock, Bertha

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Energy Aid Is Sought By 925 Warren Families

As of Thursday, 925 Warren County families had made application for the Federal Low Income Energy Assistance payment at the local Social Services office, according to Julian Farrar, Social Services director.

This is an increase over the number of applications taken to date last year, Farrar said.

Warren County began taking applications on October 3 and program regulations require termination of the application process on

November 30 at the end of the work day, Farrar said.

Priority in the program is given to the elderly and handicapped.

Last year, more than 1,300 families applied for the one-time payment, issued in February.

Information about income requirements and the application process are available at the Social Services office on Ridgeway Street in Warrenton or by calling Careline 1-800-662-7030.

Vaughan Students Elect School's First Council

Students at Vaughan Elementary School went to the polls last week and elected the first student council in the history of the school.

"The election process was designed to resemble the real thing," said Shirley White, principal. Students nominated candidates for the various positions, who, in turn, selected campaign managers. Candidates had the opportunity to present their platforms through

speeches and poster displays. Meanwhile, students were required to register if they intended to vote. At election time, those who registered cast their ballots at the polls set up in the cafeteria.

"It has been an excellent learning experience for all our students," said Virginia Faulkner, student council advisor. Mrs. Faulkner indicated that elections will be held yearly.



Those serving on the student council at Vaughan Elementary School are (front row, left to right) Chris Williams, president Beth Pierce, vice president; Avera Terry, secretary; and Poranda Taylor assistant secretary; (second row, left to right) George Powell, Mark Dunlevy, Ted Newman, Nikki Little and Lisa Reid; (third row, left to right) Roderick Twines, Sarah Pierce, Clara Powell, Demetria Goode, and Mrs. Virginia Faulkner, advisor.

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