

## Holiday Schedule Is Given

School children in Warren County will have a long holiday in which to celebrate Thanksgiving.

In Warren County public schools, students will have off Wednesday, Nov. 23, through Monday, Nov. 28.

However, teachers don't fare as well, and will report for workdays on Wednesday and Monday.

At Warren Academy, students will begin the holiday at noon on Wednesday and will also have Thursday and Friday off.

A random survey of local retail businesses indicates that most will observe only Thanksgiving Day as a holiday, and will be open on Friday.

Some convenience stores in the area will remain open Thanksgiving Day, but the U. S. Postal Service, federal offices, banks and savings institutions will be closed.

County offices, by action of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, will be closed Thursday and Friday for the holiday.

## Black Salute Is Slated For Hunt

A steering committee and an overall committee of 100 black citizens from North Carolina, including Warren County, will host a salute to Gov. Jim Hunt on Saturday, Dec. 3, at noon at the Radisson Plaza Hotel on the Fayetteville Street Mall in Raleigh.

T. T. Clayton, Warrenton attorney, said he is expecting at least 300 individuals to attend the \$100 per plate luncheon. The event is planned as an expression of appreciation to Gov. Hunt for his record of fairness and equal opportunity.

The co-chairs for the event are Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president, St. Augustine's College; Mrs. June McLaurin Jeffers, president, N. C. Morticians and Funeral Directors; Mrs. Lula Thorpe, wife of the former chancellor of Elizabeth City State University; and Mrs. Josephine D. Clement, chairperson, Durham City School Board.

## After 17 Years On Job

## Board's Clerk Is Stepping Down

After 17 years as clerk to the Warren County Board of Commissioners, J. H. Hundley has resigned.

Hundley is also register of deeds for the county. His resignation was accepted by the county commissioners at their mid-monthly meeting last Wednesday, and the county manager was instructed to send a letter of appreciation to Hundley for his services to the board.

In many counties, the register of deeds has traditionally served as clerk to the commissioners, but according to County Manager Glenwood Newsome, only a handful still function in that capacity.

Hundley said last Thursday, "I reckon I've just been there long enough. I've had this on my mind for some time."

He noted that the clerk's work had become more complicated in recent years, and in his letter of resignation said that his "time and energies" would

be used in the future to carry out his duties as register of deeds.

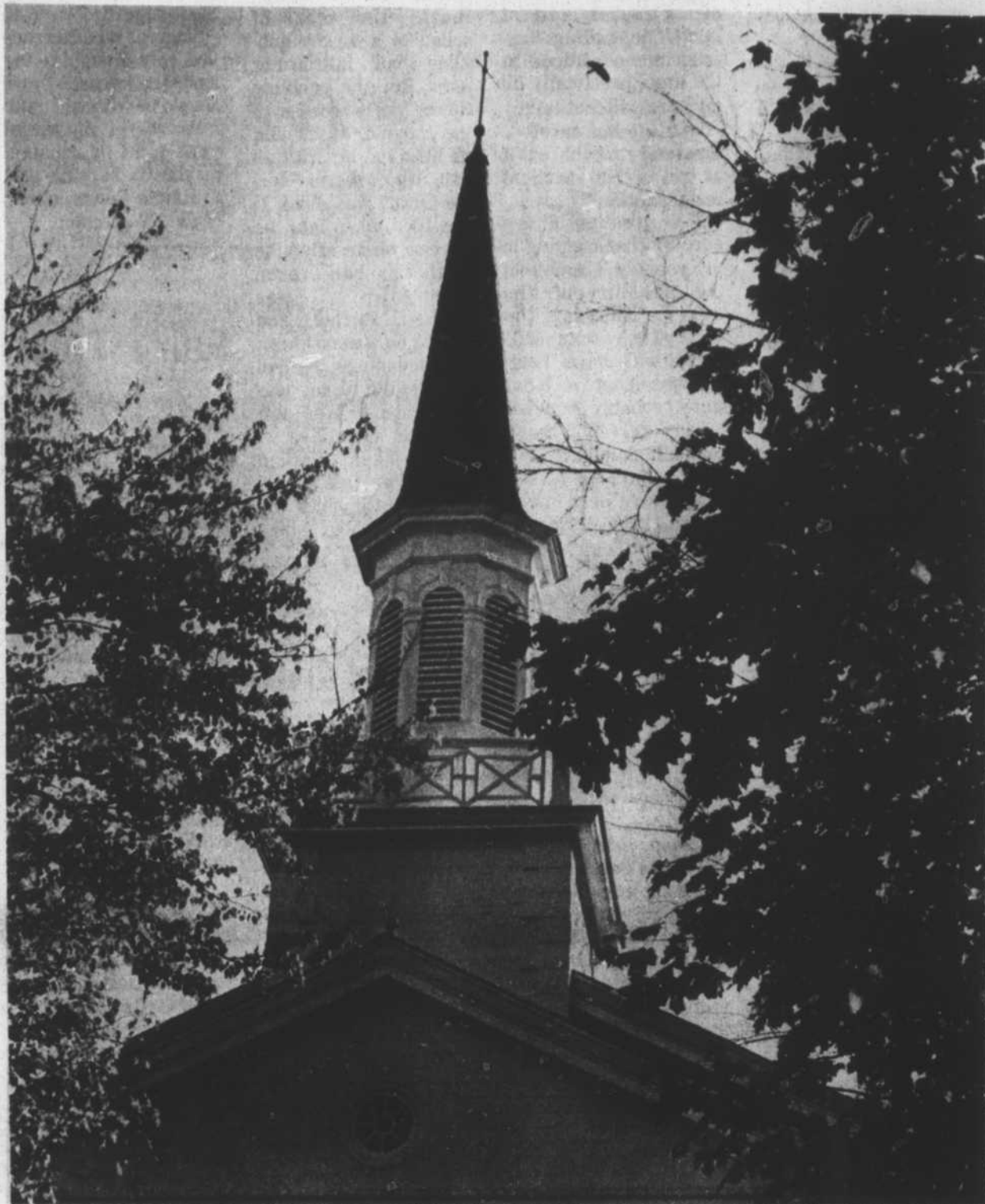
"I have enjoyed working with the county commissioners during the past 17 years and will continue to do so in my capacity as register of deeds," the letter concluded.

Newsome said it is now up to the commissioners to appoint a replacement for Hundley, whose resignation is effective on Dec. 5. It is up to the board to determine whether the position will be part-time or full-time, and whether a salary will be offered.

Hundley offered his services free of charge.

The responsibilities of the clerk, Newsome said, are not only to take the minutes of the board's meetings, but to act in a capacity similar to a notary in certifying copies and signatures for the board.

The position is especially important, he added, when the county has a bond issue.



From the first Thanksgiving, freedom has remained, that precious gift of our heritage that enables us to worship, work and live as we choose. During this Thanksgiving season, people will gather at churches throughout the community to express

prayerful gratitude for the blessings of life. This photograph of the steeple of Warrenton Baptist Church was taken this week by a staff photographer.

## According To Chairman

## Trustees Wanted 'No Clean Sweep'

By KAY HORNER  
Staff Writer

More than two years ago, the Warren General Hospital Board of Trustees voted to amend its by-laws to provide for more staggered terms for trustees, but it appears that the action may never have been brought to the county board of commissioners for final approval.

According to Roy Pat Robertson, current hospital board chairman, the trustees took the action in September 1981 to ensure that no more than two of the nine board members would rotate off in any given year.

"The amendment was designed so you wouldn't have a clean sweep of the board or

half the board in a given year," Robertson said last week.

Under the hospital board's recommendation, no terms would expire until 1986, when the staggered terms would begin. Two trustees' terms would expire in 1986, two in 1987 and so on.

Robertson said it was his understanding that Lynn Orfgen, Warren General Hospital administrator at the time, was to take the recommendation to the commissioners.

County Manager Glenwood Newsome said Friday that he had no recollection of the matter being brought before the commissioners, but would research the board's minutes to determine if action had

been taken.

The commissioners earlier this month appointed four members to the hospital board for four-year terms beginning in December. In making the appointments, the commissioners rejected all

five nominations offered by the hospital board and appointed four members nominated by their own body.

Robertson said he wasn't sure how the dilemma would be resolved should the

## Wreck On Interstate Hurts Three Persons

An accident on I-85 in Warren County last Thursday morning left three Pennsylvania residents with injuries, according to Highway Patrol reports.

The driver of the car, Arthur Edward Harris, 30, of Philadelphia, Pa. was treated at Warren

General Hospital for serious injuries and later transferred to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham, according to a spokesperson for Warren General.

The passengers, Bernestine Harris, 29, and Colins Johnson, Jr. 34, were treated for minor injuries at Warren General Hospital.

According to Trooper B. R. Pope, the driver of the car has been charged with driving while impaired and with failing to have an operator's license.

Harris' vehicle was southbound on the interstate when it ran off the road to the left, Trooper Pope said. Harris lost control of the steering and the vehicle overturned.

The accident occurred at 10:30 a. m. about four miles west of Norlina.

Damages to Harris' car were estimated at \$1,000 and about \$100 damage was done to the interstate median.

## Halifax Company Wins

## Red Hill Work Bid Accepted

By KAY HORNER  
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A low bid of \$165,253 by Roanoke Construction Company of Roanoke Rapids for the installation of water and sewer lines to the Red Hill area was accepted Wednesday night by Warren County commissioners in their mid-monthly meeting.

The installation of the lines is one of several improvements to 40 homes in the Red Hill community located on the eastern outskirts of Warrenton.

The commissioners also gave a green light to Community Developer Willie Griffin to negotiate with four homeowners in the area for the acquisition of substandard dwellings on their property.

The structures have been appraised by Carroll-Phelps Company of Winston-Salem, with one structure having no value and the other three having a combined value of \$2,750.

The county is prepared to offer the appraised value for the structures, but will be acquiring only the dwellings, not the property.

Because of the unsafe and unsanitary conditions of the structures, the county has scheduled them for demolition. Griffin

stressed that none will be destroyed until arrangements have been made for relocation of the residents.

Once the structures are demolished, the areas will be landscaped.

The work is being done with funds from a federal Community Development Block Grant totalling \$340,707.

The project also includes the rehabilitation of five homes in the area to include bathrooms (Continued on page 7)

## To Assist Economy

## Board Considers Special Fund Use

How to spend the \$100,000 Warren County received in a special allocation in October from the N. C. General Assembly for industrial development, and County Manager Glenwood Newsome offered several suggestions as to disbursement of the funds.

Among his suggestions were funding of advertising by the Industrial Development Commission, and extension of water and sewer lines and site develop-

ment, which would put the county in a better position to attract new industry.

He also suggested the use of funds for equity to involve other parties in speculation building, and for small business revolving loans.

In commenting on the last proposal, Chairperson Eva M. Clayton said that there often were no funds available for existing businesses who provide employment for county citizens.

"Big business doesn't come into a vacuum," she noted. "We must strengthen existing business to increase prospects for big business."

In response to a question by Com-

## Heritage Importance Is Talked

N. C. Cultural Resources Secretary Sara Hodgkins met in Warrenton last week with county citizens concerned about historic preservation to explore how the county's historical properties could be used to enhance the area's economic and cultural prospects.

The meeting, on Nov. 15, was attended by Brad Carroll, chairman of the county's Citizens United for Progress, Mrs. Eva Clayton, chairperson of the county commissioners, Richard Hunter, county clerk of court, and Edgar Thorne, director of

the Cherry Hill Foundation.

Mrs. Hodgkins brought with her two additional state resource people, Warrenton native Bill Price, who is director of the state Department of Archives and History, and Myrick Howard with the N. C. Historic Preservation Fund.

Hunter said this week that the initial meeting was basically for an exchange of information and to orient the state representatives with Warren County, and that the group plans to meet again in January.



Workers from the Tommy Lawrence Electrical Contracting Company in Roxboro install outdoor lighting at Warren County High School. The system will include security lighting on the perimeter of the building, and zoned lighting for the main parking lot, the visitors parking area outside the gym, and the area which will accommodate overflow parking at special events. The zone system will allow school officials to adjust the amount of light provided according to the size of the crowd and the number of parking spaces occupied.

(Community Schools Photo)