

Community Elections Completed

A total of 55 Warren County residents have been chosen in the annual election of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) community committee members. Ballots were counted Monday.

Three active members and two alternates were elected for each of the communities in Warren County. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes were named chairman.

The chairman, vice chairman and regular member of each community committee will be delegates to the county convention which will be held in the Warren County Court House on Dec. 19 at 1 p. m. to fill vacancies on the county committee.

The following is a list of townships with the newly elected committeemen listed in order of chairman, vice chairman, regular member and first and second alternate:

FISHING CREEK — Edward Conn, Frank A. Gupton, Harvey B. King, Billy L. King and Danton Francis.

JUDKINS — Arthur Lee Evans, Matt D. Nelson, Jr., James H. Robertson, James M. Overby and Lonnie Harrison, Jr.

SANDY CREEK — Willis A. Fleming, Andy B. Garrett, Raeford Pernell, Otha L. Hayes, Jr. and Owens H. Williams.

WARRENTON — Ernest C. Brauer, A. Kenneth Mustian, Robert O. Rideout, Robert H. Dunston and Franklin Rivers.

FORK — Leon S. Williams, George Gillis Alston, Bennie P. Collier, Glenn Coleman. (Continued on page 4B)

Live Nativity Scene Planned

A live nativity scene complete with Mary and Joseph, the Wise Men and the shepherds will be displayed on the front lawn of Warrenton Baptist Church Monday through Friday nights of next week.

In addition to live characters, the scene will also feature live animals, homemade costumes and Christmas music will be presented by the Adult Choir and the Young Musicians of the church.

"With so much controversy surrounding nativity scenes in public places, we felt that the church should provide a living reminder of the birth of Jesus Christ," the Rev. Gary E. Parker, pastor of the church, said this week.

The public is invited to view the scene, which will be in place each night from 7 to 8 p. m.

The Rev. Mr. Parker encouraged parents to bring their children for a close look at the reenactment of the manger scene the night of Jesus' birth.



The Christmas shopping season officially arrived here Saturday as thousands of spectators lined Warrenton streets to welcome Santa Claus, shown here near the end of the parade route on South Main Street. The parade was sponsored by the Warren County Chamber of Commerce. Winners of the religious float competition were Warrenton Junior Woman's Club, \$50 and first place; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Sunday School, \$30 and second

place; and the Warren County High School jaycee cheerleaders, third place and \$20. Winners of the secular float competition were Roanoke-Wildwood Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, \$50 and first place; Warren County Jaycees, \$30 and second place; and Warren County High School Future Homemakers, \$20 and third place. For additional pictures of the parade, see Page 5B. (Staff Photo)

Warrenton Mayor, Board Members Are Given Oaths On Monday Night

The meeting of the Warrenton Board of Commissioners Monday night at 7:30 o'clock was largely an organizational session with only a few items of other business transacted.

The first order of business was the administering of the oath of office to Mayor B. G. White and the newly elected board of commissioners by Warren County Clerk of Court Richard Hunter. Taking the oath of office and also having their pictures taken were two newly elected members, R. D. Edmonds and Phil Daniel. Commissioners re-elected to the board were Gordon Haithcock, W. A. Miles, A. A. Wood, Eddie Clayton and Charles M. White, III. White was in the hospital at the time of

the meeting.

Commissioner W. A. Miles, who led the commissioners' ballot in number of votes obtained was appointed mayor pro-tem. Charles T. Johnson was re-appointed town attorney; Freddie Robinson, police chief; Bill Neal, superintendent of the water department; and Lee Cheek, chief of the town fire department. Carolyn Robertson was re-appointed book-keeper and Debbie Clary, clerk. Mesdames Robertson and Clary also serve as assistant tax collectors.

V. R. (Pete) Vaughan was re-elected town administrator. A. A. Wood was elected an alternate to sign checks, should one of the three regular check signers not be available.

Mayor B. G. White will represent the Town of Warrenton at regular meetings of the Kerr Council of Government. Mayor White said that he would be accompanied to each meeting by a commissioner, on an alternating basis.

Mayor White announced his committee assignments for the next two years as follows:

FINANCE — Eddie Clayton, chairman; Charles M. White, III, and A. A. Wood.

WATER — Gordon Haithcock, chairman; W. A. Miles, Eddie Clayton.

POLICE — A. A. Wood, chairman; Charles M. White, III, R. D. Edmonds.

SEWER AND SANITATION — W. A. Miles, chairman; Phil Daniel, A. A. Wood.

STREET — R. D. Edmonds, chairman; Gordon Haithcock, Eddie Clayton.

FIRE — Phil Daniel, chairman; W. A. Miles, R. D. Edmonds.

ZONING AND HISTORICAL — Charles M. White, III, chairman; Gordon Haithcock, Phil Daniel.

Mayor White announced that because of changes made at Soul City, and because of failure to obtain an industry as expected, that the demand for electric current for the Waste Water Treatment Plant has been considerably less than anticipated. He said that Carolina Power and Light Company had agreed to reduce this estimate from \$43,516.92 to \$34,995.93 upon receipt (Continued on page 4)

To Work With Industry

Newsome Taking Job In Roxboro

Warren County Manager Glenwood Newsome will become executive director of the Person County Economic Development Commission on January 1, it was announced last week.

Newsome was offered the position after the Person County Board of Commissioners in Roxboro unanimously approved his employment at the recommendation of the county's Economic Development Commission.

It was reported that Newsome was among 22 applicants for the position, which pays \$29,916 a year.

Warren County commissioners in a 3-2 vote split along racial lines in November declared that the county manager position would be considered vacant as of January 1.

Former chairman of the Warren County Commissioners Jack Harris was one of those who recommended Newsome for the Person County position.

Harris, one of the two white members of the board, had questioned the board's decision regarding Newsome. The board's three black members voted to vacate the position, and the two white voted against.

In his letter of recommendation, Harris wrote, "Frankly, I have nothing but good things to say about Glenwood."

He continued, "I regret so much the actions taken by the majority of the present county board and feel they have made a terrible mistake."

Newsome was under contract to the county until June 30, 1984, but an opinion from the N. C. Attorney General's office requested by Chairperson Eva M. Clayton stated that the commissioners could not be bound by an employment contract entered into by a previous board.

Newsome's acceptance of the Person County position ended speculation as to whether he would accept the invitation of the Warren County board to apply for his current position.

Mrs. Clayton, in inviting him to be among the applicants, said that the board's decision did not reflect negatively on him.

She gave no reason for the decision, except that the commissioners were looking for "the best person to lead Warren County forward."

Newsome became the county manager and industrial developer in 1978 after the resignation of Charles Hayes. He continued in the dual positions until 1982 when the two functions were separated and Jim Whitley became industrial developer.

A native of Roanoke Rapids, Newsome came to Warrenton from a position with the city of Rocky Mount and before that had served as town administrator of Warrenton.

Newsome said this week that he was looking forward to beginning his work for Person County.

"But I've got mixed emotions about (Continued on page 4B)



Dr. Anne Kopecky, a research biologist with Sybron Biochemical of Virginia, presents a proposal to the Intergovernmental Task Force on detoxification of the PCB landfill in Afton Monday afternoon. The task force met in Warrenton to tour the landfill site and hear the company's presentation. (Staff Photo)

PCB Landfill Toured

Detoxification Discussed Here

The Intergovernmental Working Group for detoxification of the PCB landfill in Afton met in Warrenton Monday and heard the last of five presentations by companies with expertise in detoxification of the chemical.

Dr. Anne L. Kopecky, a research microbiologist with Sybron Biochemical, a Virginia-based chemical firm, told the group that her company had developed a select mixture of mutant bacteria that had been successful in degrading PCBs in sludge material on land farms.

Dr. Kopecky indicated that the company had experienced about 60 percent breakdown of the toxic PCB in laboratory experiments.

Representatives of Sybron suggested several methods for detoxifying the soil in the landfill, including the removal of the soil to a cement-mixer apparatus with the bacteria, and injecting the bacteria into the landfill.

On land farm operations, the soil has been detoxified by treatment one layer at a time.

Lois Davis, the company's technical

manager, told the group that the decision to contain the contaminated soil in the landfill "has made it difficult for any kind of treatment."

In the capped landfill, the soil does not get the water and air necessary for degradation of the PCBs, she explained.

The cost of a preliminary field testing by engineers could cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000, she said.

The task force has heard five proposals for detoxification. Two involve chemical methods, two involve bacterial methods, and one involves a combination of both.

At its next meeting in February, the group hopes to hear from several engineering firms on the logistics of the various proposals.

Members of the group, composed of state officials, county officials, engineers and chemists seemed to agree that one of nagging problems of detoxification is whether to treat the soil in place in the landfill or to treat it outside the landfill in small increments.

Dr. Daniel Okin, chairman of the group and professor in the (Continued on page 4)



Members of Francis S. Packard Masonic Lodge of Norlina watched last Wednesday as the cornerstone was lowered in place at the lodge site on One Road. Cecil J. Liverman, (left), grand master of the

Masons of North Carolina, spoke at the ceremony. Construction of the lodge was begun in 1981 and completion is anticipated by 1985. The lodge has approximately 58 members. (Staff Photo)