

## Error-Free Performance Recognized

Warren County Department of Social Services, AFDC and Food Stamp Programs were each awarded a certificate of appreciation by the State Department of Human Resources, Social Services Division on Nov. 13. The recognition was for commitment and dedication to excellence in these programs demonstrated by performance during a Quality Control Sample Review in which no errors were found in either program.

Julian Farrar, director, stated that Matt Johnston, AFDC program supervisor and Clarence Cooper, Food Stamp Program supervisor, and their individual staffs are to be commended.

Farrar stated that he is most grateful for the daily dedication to service demonstrated by these staff members and their supervisors. He stated that Warren County was one of only five counties in the region to receive recognition in the two programs.

## Durham Man Is Arrested

A Durham man was arrested early Tuesday morning by the Warren County Sheriff's Department in connection with three break-ins in the Oine and Manson areas.

Richard Dana Smith, 19, of 812 Yancey Street was charged with misdemeanor breaking and entering, damage to personal property, and breaking, entering and larceny and is being held (Continued on page 7)



Staff members of the Warren County Department of Social Services are shown with a certificate of appreciation recently awarded by the State Department of Human Resources, Social Services Division. From left to right are Matt Johnston, AF-

DC program supervisor; Clarence Cooper, Food Stamp program supervisor; and Julian Farrar, director of the local Department of Social Services. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## More Than \$10,000 Is Raised At Meeting Of Committee Of 100

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Cash and pledges totalling \$10,425 from individuals and businesses were earmarked to promote economic growth in Warren County at the kick-off dinner and meeting of the Warren Committee of 100, Inc. last Thursday night, according to Mrs. Cathy Wilson, director of economic and industrial development.

Approximately 140 persons attended the event and heard an overview of the committee's purpose and encouraging remarks from four speakers: Lewis H. Meyers, former resident of Warren County and assistant secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce;

James R. Trotter, senior assistant and special counsel to Gov. James Martin; W. A. (Al) Poe, director of economic development for the state with Carolina Power and Light Company; and Ronald D. Baker, executive director of the Lenoir Development Commission. Charles A. Hayes, vice president of Warrenton Insurance and Real Estate and former county manager, presided over the meeting.

Hayes explained, as did promotional literature for the event, that the Warren Committee of 100, Inc. is a "non-profit corporation established to enhance economic growth and job opportunities in Warren County (which) relies on

tax-deductible membership dues and contributions to provide financial assistance for economic development activities" in the county and region.

Lewis Meyers, who owns property in Warren County, listed five assets of the county which he said were attractive to industry. He noted the location on an interstate corridor, nearness to the Research Triangle Park, adequate water and sewer treatment capacity, diligent and hard-working labor force and responsible local government as favorable factors in future development.

Trotter, a Rocky Mount attorney, pledged the assistance of the Martin administration in local efforts. "You are your own good news," he said. "You have recognized that your community has needs and you are pooling your resources to meet the needs. Interested persons are your number one asset," he continued.

Further assistance was pledged on behalf of Carolina Power and Light Company by Al Poe, who stated that his company wished to be a part of the county's efforts. Poe stressed the need for innovative ideas in view of the keen com-

petition among communities seeking industrial development.

Proof that organizations such as the Warren Committee of 100 could be effective was given by Ron Baker, who has spearheaded similar projects in other counties. He pointed with pride to the membership of close to 400 people in his own Lenoir County and a bank balance of \$250,000 for development promotion.

Jim Stay, newcomer to the county, stated to those attending that he had moved from the city to enjoy a rural environment and that while he had been impressed with the beauty of the town and county, he had recognized a need for more business to employ the people.

Mrs. Johnnie Johnson voiced regret at the fact that she had been forced to leave the county years ago to seek employment and that she wished to support projects which may enable her own children to remain here.

In emphasizing the importance of local involvement, Hayes pointed to the departure of a number of businesses from the county since the 1950's. He reminded those present that (Continued on page 2B)

## School Business Matters Take Time Of Education Board

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Matters relating to school business operations occupied a major portion of the Monday night meeting of the Warren County Board of Education at the schools' central office.

With the upcoming Dec. 31 expiration of the policy providing fire insurance on buildings within the school system, board members heard Assistant Superintendent James Jordan report on the advisability of converting the coverage from a private agency to a state program. The system is currently insured for fire and extended coverage on an actual cash value of \$10,074,050, with provision for vandalism coverage, by Warrenton Insurance and Real Estate.

Jordan reported that the Division of Insurance, State Department of Public Education, insures public school administrative units and community colleges in a program established in 1949. This insurance, he said, is self-supporting, has guaranteed insurability, no co-insurance or deductible clauses and is a good investment for schools. Jordan pointed out that during low loss cycles, premium credits or refunds are issued to the participants. The state insurance program, he said, could insure the buildings at a cost considerably below that of a private agency.

The school board moved to purchase insurance from the Division of Insurance of the State Department of Public Instruction and asked that further study be made into the need for vandalism insurance.

Woody Jackson, representing the auditing firm of Lynch, Howard and Walker, reviewed with the board the 1984-85 audit report, which he said reflected a sound financial opera-

tion. Superintendent Mike Williams and Assistant Superintendent Jordan were requested to consider suggestions made by the auditing firm and to report their recommendations to the board.

At the superintendent's request, the board voted to request from the county commissioners an appropriation of \$60,606 from the schools' portion of the county's one-half-cent sales tax (to be used for current expense.) Williams explained that of the school system's 60-percent share, law requires that 40 percent be used for capital outlay. The other 20 percent, he said, was originally appropriated for capital outlay, but can be used for current expense with the commissioners' consent. The transfer of funds, he said, was needed in order to balance the current expense budget, and the commissioners were advised of the probability when the current budget was approved months ago.

In a final item of business procedures, the board voted to replace the telephone system at the central office with new equipment through a lease-purchase agreement with United Carolina Bank. Superintendent Williams reported that Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company had notified him of the obsolescence of the present system. Investigation, he said, had indicated that the new system could be operated more economically than the equipment now in use.

The board approved Williams' recommendation to activate the advisory committee authorized last spring, to work in conjunction with the 24 committees already at work in the state accreditation process to study every aspect of the school system's instructional

and support programs and auxiliary services. Williams suggested that the advisory committee act as an instrument to consider the needs reflected in the 24 committee reports and to rate the priorities for shaping the future direction of the system.

Approval was granted also to the superintendent's suggested plan for handling initially certified persons employed by the school system. Williams explained that when initially certified persons are hired, they are assigned to a support team for the first two years. The role of the team is to advise and evaluate the individual and to report to the superintendent at the end of the two-year period. The superintendent, Williams said, then reports to the State Board of Education his recommendation regarding permanent certification. Williams stated that the county system was a pilot program for the plan last year.

In other action, the board accepted the following resignations: —Roberta S. Scott, Chapter 1 reading teacher, currently on a one-year leave of absence, who has changed her plans and does not intend to return to employment with the school system.

—Mattie Alston, food service employee at Vaughan School, who is resigning for health reasons, effective Oct. 17.

—Nancy Blalock, central office bookkeeper, who is retiring after working with the school system for the past 17 and one-half years, effective Jan. 1, 1986.

—Betty M. Russell, regular classroom teacher at Northside School who is resigning to accept employment with a Child Development Center in Granville County, effective Nov. 26.

The board also approved the employment of Connie Simes to the position of primary reading program aide at South Warren School.

Board approval was granted for an overnight trip by the secondary academically gifted students by charter bus to Orlando, Fla., March 4-9, 1986. Williams pointed out that the school calendar calls for students to be out of school on March 5-7 for teacher workdays and winter break.

## Party Given

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Hicks visited Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hicks, Jr. and family in Zebulon Sunday. Their grandson, Scott, was honored with a party in celebration of his tenth birthday.

## Volunteers Entertained

Walter Gardner of Warrenton was one of 200 of the Governor's Outstanding Volunteers for 1985 who recently at-

tended a reception at the Executive Mansion in Raleigh hosted by Governor and Mrs. James G. Martin.

Mrs. Patsy Hargrove was scheduled to represent the county's other Volunteer of the Year, John Hawkins Alumni and Friends, at the affair, but was unable to attend due to illness.

The volunteers participated in a recognition ceremony with the Governor, Mrs. Martin, and Arlene Pulley, executive director of the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs.

"Your efforts and dedicated service to the people of North Carolina shine as an example of the achievements made possible through concern for our fellow citizens," Governor Martin said as he commended the volunteers. "Our strength lies in the spirit of volunteerism, and it is my privilege to celebrate that spirit with you today."

"This is the Governor's special way of thanking North Carolina's volunteers for their selfless service and caring hearts," Ms. Pulley explained.

Outstanding volunteers from 84 counties visited the Executive Mansion and were presented with the Certificates of Appreciation and North Carolina's official Volunteer Pin.

## Norlina Baptists Name Interim Pastor

Norlina Baptist Church has announced the selection of the Rev. Gary K. Swafford of Raleigh to serve as interim pastor. His ministry will begin on Sunday, Nov. 17, with the morning worship service.

The Rev. Mr. Swafford is on furlough from a missionary assignment in Malawi. Since 1982, he has served as media consultant there, assisting in producing programs for radio and cassette and working as administrator of the Baptist Media Center in Malawi.

Swafford is a native of New Market, Ala. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn. and attended Vanderbilt University. He was awarded the Master of

Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. and is currently engaged in studies in the Doctor of Ministry program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

The public is invited to hear the Rev. Mr. Swafford at services scheduled at the church.



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Participants in the kick-off events for the Warren Committee of 100, Inc., held Thursday night at the Warrenton Lions Den, are pictured above, left to right: Ronald D. Baker, executive director of the Lenoir Development Commission; W. A. (A) Poe, director of economic development for Carolina Power and Light Company; Lewis H. Meyers,

assistant secretary of the N. C. Department of Commerce; James R. Trotter, senior assistant and special counsel to Gov. Martin; and Charles Hayes, vice president of Warrenton Insurance and Real Estate and presiding committee member.

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