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Walter Gardner (left) receives the Distinguished Service Award from O. L. (Butch) Meek, a former recipient of the award, during the Warren County Jaycees' installation and awards banquet last Thursday evening at the Warrenton Lions Den. Gardner was also elected incoming district director for District A at a recent regional meeting in Wilson. (Staff Photos by Howard Jones)



Distinguished Service Award presentations were made by the Warren County Jaycees to (left to right): Kenny Clayton, Young Firefighter; Bobby Rivers, Young Correctional Officer; Gladys Short, Young Educator; Monroe Gardner, Boss of the Year; and Ernest Evans, Young Farmer. William Cox (far right) holds a plaque of appreciation for his service as chairman of the Distinguished Service Awards for the local chapter of Jaycees.

Ambulance Crew Now At Hospital

The Warren County Ambulance service this week completed its relocation from quarters in the Warren County Jail complex in Warrenton to the former Warren General Hospital building at 542 W. Ridgeway Street.

The move, authorized by county commissioners, will increase the service's operational space and put it in closer proximity with Warren Health Plan, a clinic now operating out of the hospital facility.

There will be no change in phone numbers for the service, Director Dennis Paschall said. The service can be reached at 257-2616 for items relating to billing or at 257-3456, the county dispatcher, for emergency calls.

Bills should be paid at the new location, with entrance through the hospital lobby.

Over 10,000 May Vote

A total of 10,230 Warren County residents are eligible to vote in the May 6 primary, according to figures compiled by Elections Supervisor Ruby Jones at the close of the primary registration period on April 7.

That figure represents an increase of 492 over voters registered as of last October.

The latest figures indicate that 9,851 voters are registered as Democrats, 331 as Republicans and 48 as unaffiliated.

Democrats added to their number 483 and Republicans 12 over the October registration.

The number registered with no party affiliation decreased by three, from 51 to 48.

A breakdown of voters according to race shows that black voter registration increased by 405, from 5,314 to 5,719.

The number of white voters increased by 77 from 4,085 to 4,162 and Indian voters increased by 10 from 338 to 348.

There was no change in the number registered by race as "other," remaining at one.

Mrs. Jones issued a reminder to voters this week that the deadline for issuance of absentee ballots is Tuesday, April 29.

The deadline for receipt of absentee ballots is Monday, May 5, and the last day for one-stop voting is Friday, May 2 at 5 p.m.

For additional information on voting, contact Mrs. Jones at the Elections Office on Front Street in Warrenton or at 257-2114, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Warren County's Hendrick's Building, located on Front Street in Warrenton, has fallen into a state of disrepair that Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the county commissioners, recently termed "appalling" and "dangerous." The board last week toured the building, which has historical significance in that it is one of the older black-owned homes in the county, purchased in the early days of Warrenton

by Charles and Jenny Fane, who settled in Warrenton from Mecklenburg County, Va. The house was inherited by Mrs. Fane's son, Aaron Hendricks, whose name it still bears. The fate of the building is in the hands of the board, which will determine whether it is restored or demolished to make way for a newer facility. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

County Is Still Seeking College Branch Location

Board Hopeful On Funding

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

Warren County commissioners are eyeing sites for location of a satellite of Vance-Granville Community College here in anticipation that a misunderstanding over legislative funding for the facility will be ironed out.

Five sites—John Graham High School, The Rafter's Steak and Seafood House in Warrenton, Hecht's Hardware in Norlina and two tracts on U.S. 158 near Warren County High School—were recently visited by the board and an architect with Dove Knight & Associates of Rocky Mount, which is assisting the board in site evaluation.

But Chairperson Eva M. Clayton told the board last Wednesday at its mid-monthly meeting that more than the \$400,000 allocated to Warren County for construction of the satellite would be needed to build an adequate facility.

"The monies to build the kind of facility we're looking for far exceed the money we have," Mrs. Clayton said.

In addition, a requirement for a local dollar-for-dollar match for the grant must be waived, she noted.

The General Assembly last September allocated \$400,000 to the county for construction of the satellite, but local officials as well as Warren's legislators were surprised to learn of the match requirement.

That provision was not specifically spelled out in the legislation allocating the monies, but was included in additional legislation on satellite funding and requirements statewide.

County commissioners in a letter this week to Warren's legislators requested a waiver by the General Assembly of the match requirement and an additional \$150,000 in funding.

Although no plans have been finalized, VGCC officials and the commissioners are thinking in terms of an 11,000-square-foot facility with four classrooms, two shop areas, and one multi-purpose area.

County officials hope the funding matter will be resolved in the June Short Session of the General Assembly.

Cash And Guns Among Items In House Burglary

Cash, guns and jewelry were taken last week from the Oakville residence of Warrenton realtor and insurance agent George A. (Al) Fleming, according to a report at the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

The theft was reported about 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, when Fleming's father-in-law, Gid W. King, discovered the door leading into the house from the carport had been kicked open.

Reported missing were \$150 in cash, six guns valued at \$3,575 and a jewelry box containing an assortment of items of undetermined value. Among the jewelry collection were rings, assorted 14 karat gold jewelry, an antique brooch, sterling silver charm bracelet and earrings, the report stated.

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison conducted the initial investigation, assisted by Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton. The State Bureau of Investigation was later called to participate in the investigation, which is continuing.



Haliwa-Saponi Chief W. R. Richardson is shown above at the tribe's annual Pow-Wow with the 1985-86 tribal princess, Trina Ranette Richardson. Alfreda Evans was named 1986-87 tribal princess at the Pow-Wow, an annual event held at the Haliwa Indian School near Hollister. (See other photo on page 3).

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Committee Has Meeting

The Warren County Committee of 100 met on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at First Citizens Bank.

The group reiterated its commitment to work hand in hand with the Warren County Economic Development Commission to bring jobs to the county.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce publication, "What 100 New Manufacturing Jobs Mean to a Community" was distributed, along with graphs depicting the peak periods in Warren County's population growth (22,500 in 1880 and 23,500 in 1950) and per capita incomes from 1950-1983 (indicating a low of less than \$1,000 in 1950 and high of \$8,000 in 1985 with the greatest growth between 1965 and 1970).

It was noted that Bonnie Stay and Omelia Spruill, co-chairpersons of the Fundraising/Public Relations Committee, are putting together a fundraising program in an effort to gain new members and additional contributions.

The meeting was presided over by President Bob Jenkins. In attendance were Maybelle Hueber, Mrs. Stay, Monroe Gardner, Eddie Clayton, Mrs. Spruill, Ann Peel, Cathy Wilson, Jimmy Crenshaw, Bradley Carroll, Mary B.

Henderson, Karl Hehl and Archie Williams.

The next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday, May 6, at Warren County Courthouse. University of North Carolina graduate students who have been working with the Economic Development Commission will give a presentation at this meeting, which will be open to all members.

Chemical Spill

Said Not Harmful

Warren County Emergency Management Coordinator Gary Robenolt learned Friday that the chemical spilled last Monday night on U.S. 1 in front of Wise Truck Stop was a non-toxic, non-flammable lubricant posing no danger to the environment.

On Monday, sand was spread on the road to absorb the chemical and the area was then covered with crush and run gravel.

The work was done by the N.C. Department of Transportation at no cost to the county, Robenolt said.

The spill, estimated at between 20 and 30 gallons, occurred sometime between 7 p.m. and midnight, but there apparently were no witnesses to the incident.

Henderson Day Is Set

Plans are under way for Warren County to honor one of its own, Duke University Senior David Henderson, whose performance, both on the basketball court and in the classroom, has made him the pride of his home county during the past four years.

Saturday, May 10, has been designated "David Henderson Day" by Warren County commissioners.

Among the activities planned to honor the Drewry native are a parade through downtown Warrenton at 3 p.m. and a banquet at Warren County High School at 6 p.m.

County Manager Charles J. Worth said this week that invitations to the festivities will be extended to Henderson's fellow Blue Devil teammates as well as to legislators representing Warren.

Any groups interested in participating in the parade should call the county manager's office at 257-3115 by Friday, May 2.

Tickets for the banquet will go on sale Monday at the county manager's office at 130 N. Main Street in Warrenton and at the high school. Cost is \$5 per person.