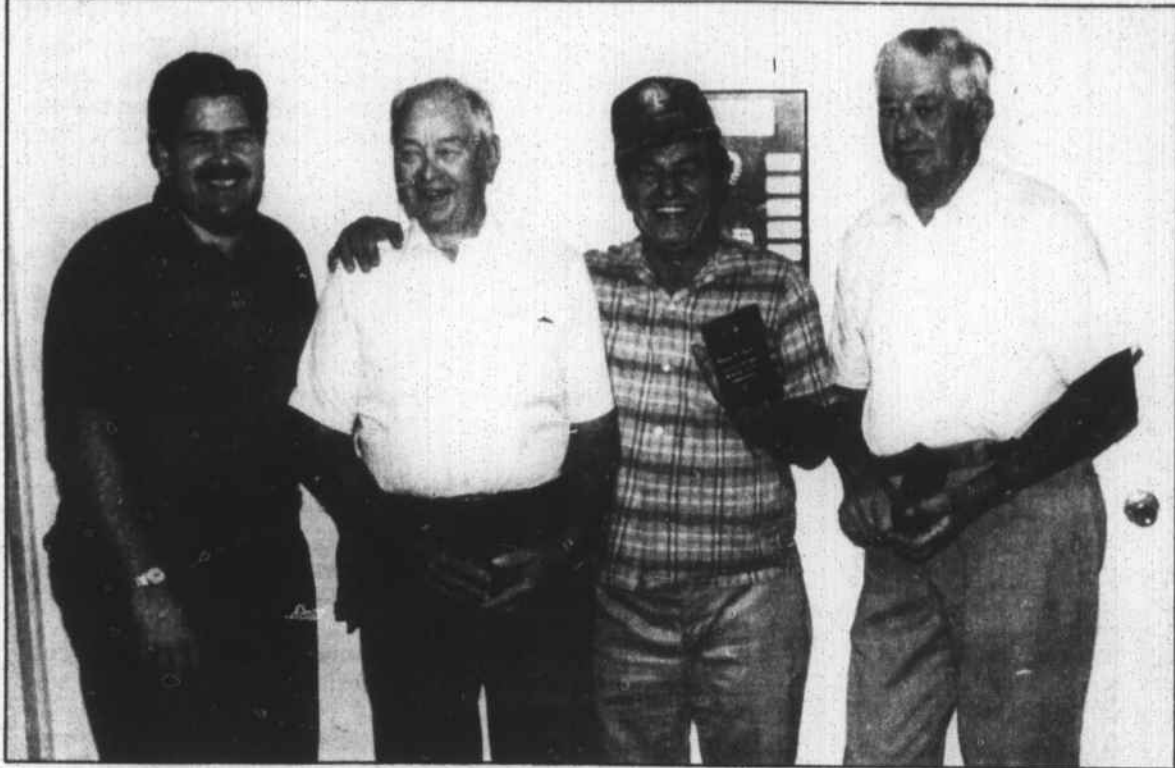


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Three members of the Macon Fire Department were honored for their years of service last Thursday night at the firehouse. Making the presentation of engraved plaques to the veteran firemen was Fire Chief Lynn Henry, left. Honorees were, left to right, Doc Thompson, George (Butch) Harris and Wilson Copley. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Concerns Are Voiced Over Report Cards

Board Meets On Monday

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Board of Education members heard in their meeting Monday night reactions to the report cards in use for the first time this academic year.

Voicing concerns as both parent and educator, Dr. Nannette Henderson questioned the lack of parental participation in the design and implementation of the new cards. Mike Williams, superintendent, recalled the work done previously. "Four or five years ago, we undertook a revision of report cards involving committees. At the same time, there was a push for parental conferences twice each year," he said. Between 60 and 70 percent of parents participate in conferences. "Teacher/parent conferences provide an overall evaluation of a child's performance, but a real understanding comes from face-to-face communication," he continued.

Williams indicated that the revisions had been a result of the move from the trimester to semester system and the implementation of the state-wide curriculum. "Revisions made were as few as possible while ensuring conformity with these two changes. We kept as much as possible because of that earlier input," he continued.

Dr. Henderson questioned the apparent lack of time for sufficient planning by teachers. "Teachers did not know of the changes and there are no methods incorporated for evaluating listening and speaking skills," she said.

Superintendent Williams responded that the state curriculum and handbook were received last spring. Reproduction of materials was done over the summer and within three days after the beginning of the school year all teachers had complete copies of the handbook. "There is nothing on the report cards that is not in the handbook," he said.

Expressing concern about the skills evaluated in standardized tests and parents' needs for clear descriptive information, Dr. Henderson questioned the grouping together of listening and speaking skills, the grouping together of writing, reading and grammar, and the omission of spelling on some of the report cards. "I would like precise not cumulative information," she said, "so that any weaknesses could be anticipated." Dr. Henderson indicated her support of guidelines, but stressed that they should be adapted to the needs of the children in the county.

Those in attendance were reminded by Superintendent Williams that Warren County students taking the competency tests have done best on spelling and have done worst in thinking skills. "The guidelines were developed with input from 5,000 teachers," he said. Commenting on the new groupings, "It is debatable as to what is the best way," he said.

The use of grades that do not adapt to numerical equivalents was questioned. "We need some form of standardization about the meaning of grades of E, VG, S and U," Dr. Henderson said.

"When this was debated four or five years ago, it was felt that teachers at the elementary level did not need to define the grading process to such an extent as they get with numerical grades,"

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Jim Hill, left, of Owens-Illinois and chairman of Farm-City Week in Warren County for 1986, looks with County Extension Chairman Russell King at plans for the observance which is planned for Nov. 21-27. The annual event spotlights a concentrated exchange of ideas and information between farm and town people. More than 18,000 communities throughout the United States are expected to participate in the week-long series of events to support the theme, "Farm and City: Partners in Progress." (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

State Grant Given For Perdue's Work

Governor Jim Martin and Tommy Rhodes, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, announced last Wednesday a \$110,480 economic development grant to Warren County.

The funds are a portion of North Carolina's \$36 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation for fiscal year 1986.

The Warren County grant will be used to provide water and sewer lines in Manson to a parent breeder hatchery planned by Perdue Farms, Inc. The project will create 25 jobs and will result in additional investments totaling nearly \$2 million.

All CDBG economic development projects must create or retain jobs, primarily for low and

moderate income persons. At least 80 percent of the new positions will be filled by Warren County residents meeting this requirement.

Grant awards are based on an analysis of the project's employment and administrative plans, its financial design, the potential impact on the local economy, and the percentage of benefit to low and moderate income persons. Also considered are the ratio of private dollars to public funds and the CDBG cost per job created or retained.

Funds for the economic development of North Carolina cities and towns have become extremely limited. "Everyone involved with Warren County's proposal is to be commended for the success of this application," Rhodes said.

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Powell Bill Monies Sent To Warren County Towns

Money totaling \$47,226.86 will be sent to three Warren County towns this month. The money, earmarked for improvements to streets and roads not included on the state highway system, is the product of the Powell Bill.

The Bill was established by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1951. In that year, \$4.5 million was disbursed to 386 municipalities. For 1986, \$54.8 million will be distributed to 468 municipalities. This year's allocation is \$7.7 million greater than last year's amount.

Each city or town established its eligibility by submitting a certified statement of its municipal election, ad valorem tax and other sources of income. Some towns are incorporated legally, but do not perform those functions necessary to qualify for an allocation under the law.

Disbursements are calculated using a formula developed by the General Assembly. The most recent annual estimate of the population, as reported by the State Budget Officer, is the factor used in determining 75 percent of the fund. The number furnished by each municipality of non-state system street miles is the basis for the remaining 25 percent.

Warrenton's allocation of \$21,388.46 assumed a population base of 1,012 and a non-state mileage calculation of 6.62. For Norlina's allocation of \$22,339.60, factors of 902 residents and 9.14

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Commissioners OK

New Fee Schedule

A new commercial fee schedule for building inspections was approved by county commissioners at their meeting on Oct. 6. The new schedule, retroactive to Oct. 1, brings Warren County costs more in line with those of surrounding counties.

Under the old schedule, a standard rate of 10 cents per square foot was charged for all commercial inspections. The new schedule uses a sliding scale of differential costs depending on the square footage of the project. For large industrial expansions the new rates are: seven cents per square foot for up to 5,000 square feet; five cents per square foot for 5,000 to 50,000 square feet and three cents per square foot for 50,000 and over.

Pole-type buildings will be charged one-half of the regular fee.

Haywood Is Choice For Warren Position

Charles P. Haywood, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Haywood of Warrenton, has been offered the position of social services director. "Haywood's qualifications and status as a Warrenton native made him the most attractive candidate," Francis Alston, social services board chairman, reported.

Following graduation from Hampton University in Hampton, Va., Mr. Haywood completed requirements for the master of social work at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and post-master's education for social work practice in public health at the University of California School of Social Welfare in Berkeley, Calif.

Among Haywood's employment experiences are positions of case management specialist/director of volunteers for the Delta Sigma Theta Life Development Center, Inc. in Los Angeles, Calif.; psychiatric social worker II and senior medical social worker for the Los Angeles County Health Services; deputy director, planning department for the United Planning Organization in Washington, D.C. and chief of social service for the University of Southern California South Central Multipurpose Health Service Center, Los Angeles, Calif.

Professional affiliations include membership in the National Association of Social Workers and the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

It was noted that Haywood has not yet accepted the offer.

Break-In Listed At Drug Store

A Main Street break-in last Thursday netted close to \$50 in cash and many times that value in watches and jewelry for an early-morning thief.

A would-be shopper at Hunter Drug Company discovered the front door of the store building broken and ajar around 8:30 a.m. Thursday and notified Warrenton Police Chief Freddie Robinson, who investigated the incident.

Robinson said entry was made by prizing the lock between the two front doors. Taken were more than 30 watches, 36 pairs of earrings, four sterling bracelets and cash totaling approximately \$47, the officer said.

The police chief said the officer on patrol had checked the business district during the night and had seen no evidence of entry into the building.

Robinson said the investigation is continuing and that a number of leads are being checked.

Statistics Given

Warren Educators

Board of Education members received at their Monday meeting statistics describing the make-up of county school personnel.

There are 208 positions requiring certification and 222 positions that do not. By facility, their distribution is: Warren County High School, 69 certified, 61 non-certified; Hawkins, 15 and one-half certified, 17 non-certified; John Graham, 20 certified, 7 non-certified; 23 non-certified; Norlina, 19 certified, 7 non-certified; North Warren, 14 and one-half certified, 18 non-certified; Northside, 17 certified, 24 non-certified; South Warren, 11 and one-half certified, 18 non-certified; and Vaughan, 12 and one-half certified, 19 non-certified.

Also included are 11 certified and 28 non-certified unit-wide positions.

Two positions requiring certification are vacant.

Fifty-eight and one-half percent of the certified positions have been filled by minority group members, a two and one-half percent increase over 1985-86. Forty-one and one-half percent are filled by non-minority group members, a two and one-half percent decrease from 1985-86.

Seventy-six percent of the non-certified positions are filled by minority group members, a one percent increase over last year. Twenty-four percent of the non-certified positions are filled by non-minority group members, a decrease of one percent from 1985-86.

Since 1980-81 minority group representation has increased five and one-half percent in certified positions and two percent in non-certified positions. Non-minority group representation has decreased by identical percentages.

Jury List Is Selected For Civil Term Of Court

All individuals listed below drawn for jury duty for the civil term of Warren County Superior Court are asked to report at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27:

Richard Peters Blankenship, Suzanne Mullen Bumgarner, An-

Merchants Seek

More Protection

Three Warrenton merchants requested Monday night that the town commissioners evaluate and seek to improve police protection for Warrenton's business district.

The merchants' appearance came in the wake of the latest of several break-ins which have occurred in downtown Warrenton in recent months. They cited last Thursday's break-in and larceny at Hunter Drug Company as well as similar incidents recently at Warrenton Furniture Exchange, W.A. Miles Hardware, Lanier Hardware and Tant's Shoe Shop.

The merchants, who asked not to be identified, sympathized with efforts to provide adequate protection with less than full manpower on the police force but asked that increased attention be given to patrol schedules and that the maximum protection possible be provided during the dark hours which invite break-ins.

Commissioners assured the merchants of their efforts to increase police manpower and to provide as much protection as possible for both the business and residential districts of Warrenton.

The remainder of the commissioners' meeting was taken by routine reports, ending with an executive session to discuss matters relating to personnel.

thony Leonard Smith, Elizabeth Farrah Ward, William Lee Bender, Rosemary Harrison, Joseph Nathaniel Alexander, Willie Albert Hargrove, Daniel McRey Richardson, Bruce Everett Murphy, Walter Gray Rick, Thomas Edward Talley, Elone Henderson, Elizabeth Kearney White and David Eugene Hendrick.

Also, Nina Banks Goode, Shirley Elizabeth Carter, Marion Lee Loyd, Ethel Madison Rohrer, Joan Cleistine Hendricks, Fannie Catherine Allen, Alma Baumgarner Short, Thomas Patterson Pinnell, Carol Yvonne Faulkner, Connie Rae Montague, Mary Lillie Bullock, Ella Thomas Alston, Marticha Terrell, Tracy Paige Leonard, Alvin Curtis Thomas and Martha Watson Jackson.

Also, Leonard Hartwell Keeton, Joseph Macklin, Jr., Margerite Perry Lennon, Linda Lou Phillips, James Antoine Privett, James Williams, Dawn Garrison Stroop, Endia Dortch Jiggetts, George Leonard Rudd, Cora Williams Williams, Julia Gibson Young, Floyd Edston Pendergrass, Johnnie Junious Wortham, Mary H. Pridgen and Naomi Jones.

Also, Warren Robert Johnson, Margaret Wiley Willis, Joseph Albert Mehl, Charlie Ray Vaughan, Gerald Randolph Odom, Joyce Pulley Schuster, James Henry Ross, Larry Danell Vaughan, Pamela Denise Smith, Susan Loren Myrick, Luther Boyd Hunt, Lucille Daniels, Tecumseh Bryan Brayboy, III, Robin Lynne Richardson, Lynn O'Neal Rooker, Donnie Alexander, Gwendolyn Williams, Carolyn Laverne Alston and William Edward Wrenn.