



Fire Captain Walter Gardner, right, and Retiring Chief A. A. Wood display the newly inaugurated Chief A. A. Wood Outstanding Service Award, dedicated Saturday night to Wood for his 20 years of service as chief of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, from 1966 to 1986. The award recognizes retired members of the department who have logged 20 or more years of service. In addition to Wood, other firemen

named on the plaque and pictured above are, left to right: Charlie Bowen, William Brauer, Carl Pinnell, Gene Hudgins, Horace Shearin, Johnny Ross, Sr., R. C. Comer, Jr., Edward Hunter and W. Monroe Gardner. Not available for the photo were James D. Roberts and Roy Lee Harmon. See other photos on Page 5.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Report Submitted On Jail Condition At Board Meeting

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Warren County commissioners in their Monday morning meeting received from Sheriff Theodore R. Williams the results of the Jan. 6 inspection of the Warren County jail.

The facility was built in 1900. Its two confinement levels have a capacity of 29 inmates.

Aspects inspected and deemed wholly in compliance were supervision, medical care, grouping of prisoners, personal hygiene and comfort, sanitation and food service. Aspects not in compliance or considered candidates for review were fire safety, construction materials, safety and security features, structural arrangements and accommodations, heat, light and ventilation.

Sheriff Williams commented that many of the perceived deficiencies were the result of destruction by inmates and inconsistency among inspectors.

Chairman Eva Clayton requested that a meeting be set mid-February to permit discussion and clarification of the inspection report.

The board also accepted from Nelson Utilities the bid of \$115,157 for the Perdue Water/Sewer Extension Project. The bid from Nelson was the lowest of the three received by the specified deadline. A fourth bid was discounted because of late receipt.

Commissioners received from Susan W. Brown, county finance officer, the tax collector's report showing a slightly over two percent increase in collections as compared to last year. To date, \$2,676,943.73 in 1986 taxes have been collected. Of this amount,

\$745,688.61 was collected last month.

The increase in collections was met with favor. Policies regarding distribution of notices and garnishment were discussed and commissioners agreed that all should be treated fairly.

In other business, the board:

—Approved payment of \$3,500 to Garrett, Sullivan and Co. for the audit of the general purpose financial statements and the compliance audit for the last fiscal year. Approval of a contract for similar services in the current fiscal year was deferred until further review.

—Approved a transfer of \$2,057 from the Fire Commission's contingency fund to the Norlina Volunteer Fire Department to be used for engine repair.

—Amended the capital improvements plan for Buck Spring 4-H Camp to permit construction of a multipurpose court and a picnic shelter with bathroom facilities for the recreation area in lieu of extensive renovations of the use.

—Deferred until its March mid-monthly meeting review of a proposed uniform vacation/sick leave policy for county employees in order to take advantage of the on-going review of personnel policies.

—Deferred appointment of a new member of the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council until the mid-monthly meeting in March.

—Received from the Agricultural Extension Service an invitation to the "Report to the People," a discussion of the year's accomplishments, to be held Monday, Feb. 9.

—Directed the county manager to forward to the Town of Warrenton Water Department a copy of the inquiry from Floyd McKissick concerning the water bill and planned termination of service to the Mobile Home Park in Soul City.

—Welcomed officially to the county Charles Haywood, director of social services.

New Business To Locate In Downtown Area

Norman Haithcock of Henderson this week announced plans for the February opening of an electronics shop on South Main Street.

Haithcock Electronics, to be owned and operated by the Warren County native and his brothers, Johnnie and Tommie, also of Henderson, will open at 138 S. Main in a building owned by W. Monroe Gardner and formerly occupied by Groves Mobile Home Repair.

Haithcock said the owners are now negotiating with a local man as prospective manager and the opening could be as early as mid-February. One employee in addition to the manager is anticipated, he said.

Services to be offered include movie and video cassette recorder rentals, audio equipment for home and auto and television and satellite sales and service.

One of the Haithcock brothers, Johnnie, is affiliated with Northside Electronics of Henderson. Norman and Tommie Haithcock are employed at Simmons Ford. Additionally, Norman and his wife operate the Country Inn restaurant in Dabney Shopping Center in Henderson.

Plaintiff Seeking More Than \$350,000

Large Suit May Be Heard Here During Court Term Next Week

A \$350,000 suit arising from the death of a six-year-old Warren County child who died after being struck by an automobile in front of the Warren Plains Baptist Church in June, 1984 is scheduled to be heard next week during a civil term of Warren County Superior Court.

The action, filed in August, 1985 by the father of Gary Dean Carroll, Jr., seeks to recover the sum of \$350,000, and an additional sum of \$7,996 in medical and burial expenses.

Named as defendant in the action is Robert William Clayton of Rt. 1, Norlina, driver of the vehicle which struck young Carroll, who died the following day in Duke Medical Center. The Warren Plains Baptist Church, which the victim attended and which was conducting vacation Bible school about the time of the 7 p. m. accident, is named as a third-party defendant.

Attorney for the plaintiff, Gary D. Carroll, Sr. of Rt. 1, Warrenton, is Lewis A. Thomp-

son of Warrenton. Representing Robert W. Clayton is Raleigh Attorney Richard Boyette. Attorney John H. Zollicoffer, Jr. of Henderson is representing the church.

The action was originally set for trial during the October term of Superior Court but continuance was granted by Judge Robert H. Hobgood of Louisville.

The case is one of a number expected to be called during the week's session to be presided over by Judge Wiley F. Bowen of Four Oaks. Court will open at 10 a. m. Monday.

Jobless Rate Drops Locally, Report Shows

The jobless rate in Warren County dropped during December, a report from the N.C. Employment Security Commission received this week reveals.

The unemployment rate in Warren for December was 5.6 percent, as 390 members of Warren's potential work force of 6950 were idle. The jobless figure for Warren in November was an even 6 percent.

In all, unemployment rates decreased in 76 of the state's 100 counties in December.

Figures for Warren's neighboring counties showed the following jobless rate for December: Vance, 7.5 percent; Halifax, 7 percent; Northampton, 7.2 percent; and Franklin, 4.7 percent.

Warren Citizens Named For Service As Jurors

The names of 79 Warren County residents have been selected for duty during a criminal term of Warren County Superior Court scheduled to open on Feb. 23.

They are: Barbara Taylor Boyd, Kenneth Gray Lawson, Exum Vickdannual Anstead, Danette Alisa Mangum, Richard H. Greene, Carmen Veronica Mouzon, Clarence Shearin, Audrey Hargrove Robinson, Stewart Edward Rooker, Margie Ingram Davis, Gary Darnell Hargrove, Allen Recarter Williams, Lottie King Turner, Evelyn Virginia Burchett and Richard Arthur English.

Also, Shawn Pratloe Cheston, Samuel Arvell Hedgepeth, Linda Capps Rodwell, John Park Williams, Jr., Clementine Fogg,

William Starr Fuller, Lyionia Carolett Harris, Tammy R. Paschall Richardson, Charles Glenwood Jefferson, Ernest Jefferson Daniel, Carrie Ellis Holler, John Edward Salmon, John Bill Hall, III, Junice Manning Reid and Nellie Bolton Hillard.

Also, Theresa Hicks Wimbro, Loyd Carter Hawkins, Sarah Hargrove Jordan, Edward Revis, Jr., Callie Lucille Bullock, Marvin Plummer Townes, Ira Castello Reid Campbell, James Andrew Jefferson, Jr., Roy Eugene Pierce, Jr., Eric Antonia Davis, James Spruill, Jessie Lewis Reid, Linda Tally Jones, Ralph Floyd Dillard and Willie Lee Algood.

Also, Barbara Joyce Butler, Daniel Hudgins Cheek, Malcolm Sylvester Elam, Angela Irene Fogg, George Roosevelt Williams, Lucy Henderson Bullock, Eunice Marion Tucker, Iva Glenn Wilson, Herman Junior Hargrove, Stephen Andrew Daniel, Betty Dale Richardson, Cora Cornelia Coleman, Metricia Robinson and Nika Gerald Green.

Also, Betty Parks Johnson, Hazel Pinnell Perry, Leonard Alston, Linwood Earl Powell, Willie Edward Mitchell, Avril Maxine Robertson, Thomas Shelton Rainey, Elsie Freeman Kearney, Margaret Louise Russell, Mary Lee Champ, Tim Harold McCoy, Ronnie Lee Harris, Sandy Maurice Alston and John Pollard Smith.

Those jurors deferred from previous sessions are: James Edward Boyd, Theodore Champ, Bradley Steven Levitt, Gracie Munn Tuck and Vivian Avon Webb.



Roadways in Warrenton blended with property on either side during last week's snowfall and in the days which followed until the sun's melting

rays and/or snow removal equipment revealed pavement underneath the cover of ice and snow. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Snowfall Kept DOT Personnel Busy

The recent snowfall kept Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) personnel busy as they worked day and night to clear the county's roads. According to Glenwood Rose, highway maintenance supervisor, all 37 D.O.T. employees were involved in the effort. "Everything was tied up one way or another," he said.

Put into service were six trucks assigned to salt roads, three trucks assigned to apply sand, nine trucks assigned to snow removal routes, two 16-ton tandem trucks assigned to snow removal routes, one front-end loader for sand and salt and three pick-up trucks.

According to Mike Stegall, county D.O.T. procedures prioritize work to be done. Cleared first

are I-85, U.S. 1, U.S. 158 Bypass and Business and Warrenton's Main Street. "First we apply salt and then allow cars to work that in before plowing," he said. Next in order of priority are intersections and bridges.

Because of frigid temperatures, the recent accumulation caused problems due to the formation of ice beneath the snow. "It was harder to move this time and some would not turn loose," Rose said.

S. R. Ross, D.O.T. district engineer, echoed Rose's observations. "Except for some unpaved roads and a few shady areas, we're in pretty good shape."

Warren Ranks 87th In Retail Activity

Warren County ranked 87th among the state's 100 counties in the amount of retail sales reported in November.

Figures provided by the N. C. Department of Revenue showed that Warren was 13th from the bottom of the list with sales totaling \$3,697,012.

Counties falling below Warren in gross retail sales were Alleghany, Camden, Caswell, Clay, Gates, Graham, Hyde, Jones, Madison, Pamlico, Perquimans and Polk.

Warren's neighbors had these November sales: Vance, \$19.7 million; Halifax, \$26.3 million; Northampton, \$4.7 million; and Franklin, \$11.8 million.