



A Warrenton Rural Fire Department firefighter is shown after extinguishing a car fire early last Friday morning. This mishap occurred after the driver lost control of the car, which rolled down an em-

bankment and overturned. The driver got away without a scratch, but the car was determined a total loss.

(Photo by Brenda Clarke)

Building Concern In Consultation With Educators

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Representatives of CMA Construction Management, a CMA Associates Company in South Carolina, with offices in Charlotte, met with the Warren County Board of Education Monday night to explain the financial and technical benefits to be gained, if the county were to involve the organization in its building program.

CMA N.C. Marketing Director Malcolm Brown, a former superintendent, enumerated the successes of the organization before introducing two associates, who made a presentation to the board.

"We've never missed an occupancy schedule and 75 percent of our business is repeat business," the representatives said. CMA has 130 educational projects under construction now, and we have a record of no litigation in any of our projects, the representatives said.

CMA does not perform actual construction, but serves as a means of ensuring "owner control" by multiple bidding, continuous estimation, and the elimination of many of the costs associated with using a general contractor.

The CMA representatives had been asked to appear before the board following a CMA presentation they had made at a recent school board association meeting that had been attended by members of the local board.

A second firm, Construction Control Corporation in Raleigh, will be invited to the January meeting of the board.

Both companies offer cost savings to school systems by manag-

ing building projects from the design phase through construction. The services of the organizations are being investigated as the county continues to plan for a new middle school and renovations to existing facilities.

The board was asked to approve for submission to the N.C. Division of School Planning by Jan. 1 a School Facilities Finance Act of 1987 Long-Range Plan questionnaire.

Superintendent Williams had submitted to the board for approval a plan which totaled \$10,809,245 for construction and renovation projects that had been endorsed earlier.

The projects included in the plan were: a new middle school—\$6,955,000, and additions for Northside—\$1,388,475, Warren County High School—\$1,415,520, Mariam Boyd—\$334,250, South Warren—\$336,750, and Vaughan Elementary—\$379,250.

Board Member Yarborough Williams related concerns expressed recently by members of a committee of members of the boards of education and county commissioners and concerned citizens. "They want to be sure we are asking for everything that we really need," he said. Board Attorney Al Thompson and Board Member Richard Roddy echoed those concerns.

The board directed the superintendent to modify the questionnaire to include four additional classrooms and two vocational labs for the high school, and to calculate the costs associated with the change. The questionnaire was approved for submission, as modified.

No Change In Adjournment Time Noted By Schoolmen

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A new policy on student transfers, which was adopted last month by the Warren County Board of Education, was believed to have been the solution to long, tiresome meetings endured in recent months by the group, but Monday night's session lasted until its usual 11 p.m. adjournment time.

The policy had been adopted following a series of several lengthy meetings in which board members had met, in closed executive session, with parents on

matters of student transfer. The parents had wished to transfer their students to schools in other counties, or to enroll them in schools inside the county, but outside of their attendance area. Meetings with parents in closed executive session often meant that the regularly scheduled agenda items were not begun until late in the evening.

Under the new policy, parents who wish to transfer their child will be asked to complete a form, available from the superintendent, to document their request. The parents will meet with a two-member committee of the board instead of the entire board of education.

The two-member committee will present its recommendation to the board at its next meeting.

Monday night, board members learned that 13 families had been contacted by the committee regarding alleged violations.

Six of the 13 families, whose children attend school in Vance County, have made no response to the request from the superintendent for information. The board agreed to request that the Vance County Board of Education cease to allow the students to attend school there.

One of the 13 families had not responded to the request that they enroll their children in South Warren Elementary School. Following clarification that the family in question did register to vote and list property in the South Warren attendance area, the board agreed to act to prohibit school attendance.

One of the 13 families had documented transfer of guard-

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Escapee From Warren Jail Faces Charges In District Court Today

A Henderson man will stand trial today (Wednesday) in Warren County District Court—one week after being sentenced in Warren County Superior Court

following conviction on felony charges—to face charges of felonious escape from a county jail.

Curtis Gray Brownson, 23, of Rt. 8, Henderson, was sentenced last week to an active sentence of five years after being found guilty of breaking and entering, and forging and uttering. He had been confined to the Warren County Jail to await transfer to a state correctional facility.

Last Friday, Brownson was released from his cell by the first-shift jailer to assist in a painting project that had been in progress at the facility. He was not confined to a secure location.

The first-shift jailer left for the day, after being relieved by the second-shift jailer, who had reported for work at 4 p.m.

According to Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton, the second-shift jailer, as is normal procedure, had exited through the front gate to receive meals that had been catered for the prisoners. The

second-shift jailer was unaware that Brownson had come up from the lower level of the building to follow the employee.

Brownson escaped. The inmate turned himself in on Saturday morning at about 6:45 a.m. to officials at the Vance County Jail. Deputy L. W. Newsome was dispatched there later to transport Brownson back to the Warren County facility.

Later Saturday night during a "shake down" of Brownson's cell, three hacksaw blades were found hidden under his bunk.

According to Chief Deputy Bolton, the inmate had attempted to saw through bolts in the back side of the cell.

Brownson will be tried on charges associated with both the escape from the Warren County Jail and the retrieval of weapons from his cell.

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Number Of Wrecks Are Reported On Warren Highways

Several wrecks occurred on S. R. 1001 during the past week, keeping the Warrenton Police Department and the State Highway Patrol busy.

On Thursday, Dec. 10 at approximately 4:10 p.m., John D. Richardson, Jr. of Rt. 3, Warrenton was traveling into Warrenton on S. R. 1001 and was towing a van occupied by James L. Lewis, also of Rt. 3, Warrenton. Just as Richardson approached the city limits sign, Lewis hit the brakes in the van, causing the vehicle to jackknife, collide with the city limits sign and roll down an embankment approximately 10 to 12 feet before coming to a halt. Lewis was thrown from the van and appeared to be unconscious when rescue workers arrived.

According to Romie Williams of the Warrenton Police Department, after Lewis regained consciousness, he explained his reason for braking was because he believed Richardson was driving off the right side of the road.

Lewis was transferred to Maria Parham Hospital by the Warren County Ambulance Service. After a short time there, he was taken to Duke Medical Center for treatment. He sustained a broken spine in two places and was placed in the intensive care unit. At last report,

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Handel's 'Messiah' Will Be Presented

Members of church choirs from Warren, Franklin and Vance counties will combine their voices on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. as they present the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" in the sanctuary of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Warrenton.

The 45-voice choir, which has held rehearsals since September, will be directed by Daniel A. Steinert, organist and choir director at Wesley Memorial and instructor of music at Louisburg College.

The choir will be accompanied by a chamber ensemble of brass, strings, oboe, organ and harpsichord.

There will be no admission charge for the concert, though a free-will offering will be taken and applied toward the expenses of the performance.

The public is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided during the performance.

Garden Club Plans Decorations Contest

Area residents are urged to "deck their halls with boughs of holly," if they wish to compete in the Christmas Decorations contest sponsored annually by the Town 'N Country Garden Club.

According to the announcement, prizes will be awarded in two categories: Best Outside Decorations and Best Inside Decorations (as viewed from the outside).

Judging will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 23, between 7 and 9 p.m. Areas to be judged will include Warrenton and the areas immediately surrounding the town.

Henderson Attorney Announces Bid For 22nd House District Seat

Nicholas Long, Jr. has announced that he will be a candidate for the N. C. House of Representatives from the 22nd District in the May 3rd Democratic primary. Long, 31, a native of Roanoke Rapids, is a resident of Henderson, where he has lived since 1981.

Long stated that he would emphasize education and economic development if elected to the Legislature. "I want to see continued support for public education," Long stated. "Our area must work to fulfill the needs of our young people. They are our greatest resource."

"As a past president of the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce, I feel we must be concerned with improving the quality of life of our area. The best way to accomplish this is through continued economic growth," Long explained.

"I will therefore be a candidate for one of the three seats in the Democratic primary next year. I look forward to meeting with the people of this district in the next few months and discussing their concerns."

The 22nd House District consists of Caswell, Person, Granville and Vance counties as well

as Roanoke Rapids and Littleton precincts in Halifax County and seven northern precincts in Warren County.

In addition to being president of the Chamber of Commerce, Long was elected as president of the Henderson Jaycees, for which he was named and Outstanding Local President in 1983. Long was also elected a District Director for the N. C. Jaycees. He served as a division chairman for the

United Fund in Vance County and on the Board of Directors for the Vance County Heart Fund. A former Eagle Scout, he presently serves as District Advancement Chairman for the local Boy Scouts.

Long is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a John Motley Morehead Scholar. He completed his legal education at Chapel Hill in 1981 and has practiced law in Henderson since then with the firm of Zollicoffer and Zollicoffer, where he is a partner.

A member of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Henderson, he has served as a member of the Vestry, as youth group leader, acolyte master, a delegate to the past four Diocesan conventions and served as a member of the Social Concerns Committee of the Diocese.

Long is a member of the Vance County, Ninth Judicial District and N. C. State Bars, as well as the N. C. Academy of Trial Lawyers.

He is married to the former Sharon Southerland of Henderson. They have one son, Nicholas. Long is the son of Judge and Mrs. Nicholas Long of Roanoke Rapids.



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