



Firemen and a law official are shown at the scene of a car fire late Monday afternoon. The car, being driven by Ms. Carrie Williams of Warrenton,

ran into a tree which caused the car to explode into flames. (Photo by Brenda Clarke)

## Public Hearing Is Set On Large Bond Issue

A date for the long-awaited public hearing to receive citizen comment on the proposed \$14.5 million bond issue was set Monday night in a special meeting of the Warren County Board of Commissioners held at the Warrenton County Courthouse.

### Rape, Incest Case Spurs \$35,000 Bond

A Warren County man has been placed under a secured bond of \$35,000 in the Warren County Jail to await trial on charges of rape, incest and taking indecent liberties with a minor.

Tom Austin Woodard, Sr., 35, of the Afton community, has been indicted by a grand jury on the charges and is scheduled to appear in Warren County Criminal Superior Court on March 21.

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison and Deputy J. A. McCowan were the investigating officers, Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton said.

Interested area residents will gather at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, to make known their feelings about the proposed bond referendum. Barring objections from Warren County citizens or from the Local Government Commission, registered voters on May 3 will be given an opportunity to cast their votes.

The public hearing was set by unanimous vote of the four commissioners present: Chairman Eva Clayton, George Shearin, William Skinner and Francis Alston. Commissioner J. T. Fleming was not present for the special meeting.

The vote to set the March 10 public hearing was cast following the official introduction by the board of bond orders authorizing a total of \$14.5 million in general obligation bonds.

The components of the package were introduced as three separate entities:

—General obligation bonds not exceeding \$1,600,000 for the pur-

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### Gas Tank Explodes As Car Hits Tree; Charges Are Brought

The Warrenton Town Fire Department responded late Monday afternoon to a call concerning a car fire on Hall Street in Warrenton.

The call came at 4:30 p.m. to the Warrenton Town Fire Department. A 1976 Chevrolet Malibu, being driven by Ms. Carrie Williams of Unity Drive in Warrenton, had run into a tree. After Ms. Williams got out of the vehicle, the gas tank exploded.

When firefighters arrived on the scene, Ms. Williams' car was totally engulfed in flames. Warrenton Police Officer Romey Williams was the investigating officer in the accident. He transported Ms. Williams to The Warren Health Plan in Warrenton for treatment of facial injuries she had sustained.

After Ms. Williams refused treatment, Officer Williams charged her with driving while impaired and careless and reckless driving.

The car was considered a total loss by Warrenton Town Fire Department Chief Lee Cheek.

## Photographers Using X's, V's

Have you questioned what the white plastic "X" or "V" markers are that are located throughout Warren County?

They are control markers for new aerial photography that is being flown for the county. Floyd Browne and Associates of Sanford are supplying new aerial photos of the entire county at a scale of one inch equals 2000 feet, and selected areas at one inch equals 1000 feet or one inch equals 500 feet.

It will take approximately two weeks for the company to complete the photography. It is important that the plastic markers not be disturbed until the photography is completed.

The markers that you see by the roadsides are placed over survey monuments that are part of

the state's official survey base. The markers, which will show on the photos, are essential to any future uses of the photography.

The photographs, known as orthophotos, are accurate maps of property located within the county. The photographic image can be measured and scaled to size for planning purposes. This is essential in many projects that require the measurements of certain land areas.

Warren County is one of 71 counties which have acquired photography under the state's Land Records Management Program. Warren County received a grant from the North Carolina Lands Records Management Program that is paying for one-half of the cost of the aerial photography.

## 'Super Tuesday' Hopefuls Look To Warren For Help

### Presidential Vote Slated Tuesday

Many of Warren County's 10,216 registered voters will crowd the county's polling places next week on "Super Tuesday" to cast their votes in the Presidential Primary.

Although down slightly from the previously recorded level of 10,233 registered voters, activity at the polls is expected to be strong. Mrs. Ruby Jones, Warren County Board of Elections supervisor, predicted.

Mrs. Jones said that 39 applications for absentee ballots had been received. Of these, 15 had been completed in the "one-stop" process.

One-stop voters complete the absentee ballot application and are given a ballot to be used to cast their vote in advance in the board of elections office. "Those ballots remain sealed until the votes are counted," Mrs. Jones said.

An additional 12 absentee ballots have been returned by mail.

The remaining 12 persons who received absentee ballot applications will have until Monday, March 7, to return their forms—if they wish to have them count in the election.

Warren County polling places will be open Tuesday, March 8, from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Area residents are reminded of two precinct changes: Smith Creek Township voters will report to Chapel Hill Baptist Church instead of to the Candle (Continued on page 9)



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### Voter Turnout Aim Of Rally

Coley Springs Baptist Church of Afton will be the site of one of the final "Get Out the Vote" rallies to be held before "Super Tuesday."

The Rev. Donald J. Wess, campaign manager for the Jesse Jackson for President Committee of Warrenton and pastor of Coley Springs, announced this week that Warren and Vance County Jackson supporters will come together on Sunday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Coley Springs Baptist Church to hear the rally message from the Rev. Tyrone Crider, national youth and clergy director for the National Jackson Campaign.

The Rev. Mr. Crider, a native of Chicago, Ill., is a 1982 graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., serving there for two years (Continued on page 12)

### 110 Employees Added By Peck

The \$5.5 million expansion at Peck Manufacturing—in the making for one and one-half years and completed last year—is "in full production now," Bill Leary, plant manager, said this week.

The expansion, which included creation of an additional 37,000 square feet of manufacturing space, has also netted an additional 110 employees. Ninety percent of the new employees are from Warrenton County, Leary said.

The additional positions were made possible by the addition of a new shift and by expanded production. The Warren County plant has increased from three shifts, in operation six days per week, to four shifts, in operation seven days each week.

According to Leary, production of cotton carded knitting yarn has increased from 155,000 pounds per week to in excess of 300,000 pounds per week.

"The market for our particular yarn is in an extremely good position now," Leary said. "We were really too small, but now we are large enough to compete with virtually anyone!"

### Answer Alarm

Warrenton Rural firemen were summoned to a chimney fire at the Watson home on Highway 1001 (Warrenton-Henderson Road) shortly before 9 a.m. today.

## Solution Is Reached In Dispute Over Quiz Bowl Team Selection

By HOWARD JONES  
Editor

The Warren County Board of Education, seeking to iron out differences between blacks and whites over the racial composition of the Quiz Bowl program at Warrenton County High School, Monday night agreed to a compromise solution which would allow a white-dominated team to participate in this year's competition, but which would change the method of participant selection in future years.

Meeting in a special session requested by the Warren County Political Action Council (PAC), the board heard from Quiz Bowl participants and school patrons for 90 minutes before adopting the compromise offered by the parent of two of the Quiz Bowl participants, Warrenton Attorney Frank Ballance.

The solution was arrived at minutes after Ballance's wife, Mrs. Bernadine Ballance, spokesman for the PAC's Education Committee, urged the board not to allow the teams to participate if no blacks were included.

In agreeing to allow the students to participate in regional and state competition this year, the board rejected a PAC proposal that at least one black be placed on each of the school's first two teams. But concerns raised by Mrs. Ballance and other black school patrons were taken into consideration, shaping the final decision to alter

### Objective Test Ordered Used In Future Years

the method of participant selection in future Quiz Bowl programs.

This year the Quiz Bowl program attracted 20 students from the high school, four of whom are black. Composition of the first two four-member teams which will compete in out-of-county competition was determined by a vote of participating students.

That method of selection, defended by the program's director, Mrs. Junelle Blaylock, and Mrs. Mary Louise Limer, librarian of the Warren County Memorial Library, official sponsor of the program, was attacked by school board member Yarborough Williams, who said it failed to take into consideration the cultural differences between white and black students.

Williams charged that the situation had been brought about "because adults did not use good judgment" in selecting the two teams who will participate in outside competition.

"The problem should never have happened," Williams observed. "It is a shame we have folk with such narrow foresight."

Board member Richard Roddy countered that the selection process "was made known early on." He said it appeared to him that everyone

"had some type of fair shot" at making the top two teams.

"To do something now after the fact would be regrettable," Roddy said. He later asked if Board of Education funds were used by the Warren County Memorial Library. Told that no such funds were used, Roddy insisted that the Board of Education "is meddling in something it doesn't belong in."

Early on in the meeting, Mrs. Ballance turned aside what she labeled as suggestions that the Quiz Bowl program was not a school function. She said the PAC wanted to bring the issue of participant selection before the board, and said the selection process served to polarize students along racial lines.

"We are not asking that anything be given to our black kids," Mrs. Ballance, herself a lawyer, argued. She called for final team selection to be determined by "an objective test with the top scorers chosen as team members."

Mrs. Ballance said she hoped "that adults in charge would realize that fine students respond to peer pressure" in determining who would take part in formal competition. Adults helping with the program included the two media coordi-

nators at Warren County High School, Mrs. Elaine Coleman and Miss Edwina Rooker.

During her explanation of the program at the meeting's outset, Mrs. Blaylock explained that adults in charge of the program wanted to make the participating team a "students' team," one which would "best represent" the students taking part in the Quiz Bowl program.

Mrs. Blaylock said that "in order to feel ownership of their team, and to build the feeling of spirit, sportsmanship and support of others," students were allowed to select the four persons whom students felt "would best represent themselves."

She said students also voted for an alternate team which would be on standby to fill in at the competition. In order to keep as many students involved for as long as possible, coaches decided to use the alternate team as much as possible, thus allowing eight students—rather than four—an opportunity to compete.

"All team members—all 20—would be allowed to attend the district competition to cheer on our eight fellow team members and would all be treated to a celebration lunch following the event," Mrs. Blaylock reported. "All students were invited to travel as a group to the state competition in April to view the competition for further use in preparing for next year."

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