

Complete Solution Still Lacking In Salary Adjustment Efforts

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Although some progress was made in the continuing deliberations on the matter of salary adjustments for teacher assistants in Warren County Schools, total closure was not reached Tuesday night in the special session of the Warren County Board of Education scheduled when last Monday's marathon session was adjourned—with a healthy agenda remaining.

Following sometimes heated debate among board members and teacher assistants, the superintendent was directed by the board to prepare, along with the assistant superintendent, a recommendation that would: (1)

correct injustices that exist in the current system with regard to financial recognition of academic training, (2) set in place a policy that would clarify how placement on the salary schedule would be determined, and (3) be retroactive to the beginning of the 1988-89 academic year. The existing task force—Chairman Pitchford, Mrs. Cora Watson, Superintendent Williams, Assistant Superintendent Jordan, Business Administrator Dwayne Patterson—that has studied the problem is to be expanded to include two teacher assistant representatives. A replacement for retired board member Mrs. Watson will also be appointed. The salary adjustment item is expected to be in-

cluded in the agenda that is brought before the board at its regular December meeting.

In the executive session that followed adjournment of the regular meeting shortly after 10 p.m., the board heard a report concerning the review of salaries of teacher assistants.

According to the report, for the 46 teacher assistants employed by the system, only three salary "mistakes" had been made over a 20-year period: two employees had been assigned to higher levels than they should (one at the time of employment; one during the course of tenure) and one employee had received two one-step increases during the course of employment, a situation that

has caused the individual to be two steps below the correct level today.

Action was taken by the board to correct that mistake: (1) the two employees who had been over-classified will have their salaries adjusted downward by two salary steps, effective Dec. 14; and (2) the employee who has been penalized will be increased by two salary steps, effective with the beginning of the 1988-89 school year.

Definitive action was also taken on the request made last Monday by Mrs. Christine Nagowski, WCHS special education teacher, that EMH/learning disabled students—who had completed all coursework, but had

failed after four attempts to pass the N.C. Competency Test—be allowed to participate in commencement exercises. State regulations stipulate already that: (1) students who have successfully completed coursework and have passed the competency test will receive diplomas; and (2) students who have successfully completed their coursework, but who have failed to pass the competency test will receive diplomas.

Participation in commencement exercises is determined on a board-by-board basis throughout the state.

Upon motion of Richard Roddy, seconded by Henry Pitchford, the board agreed that all students

who have satisfied the requirements for receiving a certificate of completion from the N.C. State Board of Education be allowed to march in commencement exercises.

Drug Policy Adopted

A policy on drug and alcohol abuse was adopted Tuesday night by the Warren County Board of Education.

The policy, whose primary focus is instructional—providing an "educational program which focuses on the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse—has been approved for inclusion in the curriculum of the county's policy manual. Disciplinary procedures for drug/alcohol offenses by

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Thanksgiving Holiday Set For Citizens

Thanksgiving holidays will be observed only one day for most Warren County businesses and two days for most government agencies.

Warren County offices will be closed for two days, Thursday and Friday, while Warrenton and Norlina Town Halls will be closed only Thursday. The Department of Motor Vehicles in Warrenton will be closed Thursday and Friday, however.

The local law enforcement offices will remain open during the Thanksgiving holidays.

For the U. S. Postal service in Warren County, there will only be a one-day holiday, but it will be a complete holiday with delivery of express mail and special delivery the only services available. No home delivery or window service will be provided and mail will not be dispatched Thursday.

Area banks will also be closed Thursday to observe Thanksgiving.

The Warren County Schools will be closed today (Wednesday) for a teacher's workday and will also be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holidays.

15-Year-Old To Be Charged With Felonies

Juvenile warrants will be issued this week on a 15-year-old Norlina youth for three felony charges of forging and uttering, Norlina Police Chief Charles Galantis said Monday.

According to Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton, juvenile warrants will also be drawn this week on misdemeanor charges of breaking and entering and larceny reported recently by persons whose residences are located in the county.

The youth, whose identity remains in confidence due to legal requirements imposed because of his age, allegedly issued a forged check in the amount of \$400 on Nov. 19 to Norlina Auto Sales. On Nov. 21, the youth attempted to pass a second check in the amount of \$1,241 to the establishment, Chief Galantis said.

According to Galantis, the juvenile also attempted to pass a third check in the amount of \$44.70 to Norlina Auto Parts on Nov. 22.

All three counts will be treated as felony charges, the police chief said.

The charges filed by Warren County officers will be treated as misdemeanors, Chief Deputy Bolton said. One count of breaking and entering and larceny stems from a break-in reported recently a Warrenton residence. The second charge relates to the larceny of a checkbook.



This log building on the northern edge of Warrenton, known locally as the Scout Cabin, is being disassembled by a Warren County couple who hope to restore it to its former glory when an adequate parcel of land can be found, preferably in the Wise-Paschall area. In the meantime, the couple—Mack and Debby McCoy—are tagging each log and

loading it aboard an Eastern Motor Lines flatbed trailer, where it will be stored until a permanent site is found. The cabin, built in the mid-1930s, was situated on land being considered for plant expansion by Cochrane Furniture Company.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Rash Of Car Window Smashings Reported By Warrenton Police

Windows in four vehicles—as well as those in a probable fifth car—were smashed in last weekend by unknown persons during a reign of mischief that has resulted in a call from the Warrenton Chief of Police for a change in parking habits.

The first vehicle, a 1980 Toyota Corolla belonging to Fred Powell of Franklin Auto Sales, was discovered about 12:50 a.m. Monday morning by Warrenton Police Officer Robbie Ayscue. Officer Ayscue, who was involved in routine patrol, found that the window in the front driver's door had been broken. Shattered glass was found inside the vehicle.

Officer Ayscue found the second vehicle, a 1979 Buick belonging to Miss Rosalind Gilliam, on W. Franklin Street Monday at about 5 a.m. As was true in the case of the Toyota, the window in the driver's door of the Buick had been shattered.

Warrenton Police Chief Freddie Robinson, assisted by Ayscue, shortly after 8 a.m. Monday found the third vehicle, a 1988 Chevrolet belonging to Diamond Hill Plywood Co. of Raleigh. The Chevrolet, in which the left rear window had been broken, had been parked in front of the Battle Street residence of Thurman Rooker, an employee of Diamond Hill.

The fourth vehicle, a 1980 Chevrolet belonging to Mrs. Doris Hamm, was found about five minutes later by both officers. The window in the driver's door of the Chevrolet, which had also been parked on Battle Avenue, was found broken.

According to Chief Robinson, the fifth vehicle, a car without

license plates that had been parked in front of a vacant King Street residence, was also found Monday with its windows broken. At press time, it was not known if the fifth vehicle had been involved in Sunday night's string of crimes.

Repair costs for each of the vehicles has been estimated at \$125 per window.

There are no suspects in the crimes, but investigations are continuing, Chief Robinson said.

Because all of the damaged vehicles had been parked along the curbs in front of Warrenton residences instead of in more secure driveways, Chief Robinson asked that area citizens refrain from on-street parking until the crimes could be solved.

Tours And Luncheon Are Held As Farm-City Week Is Observed

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The annual Farm-City Week was recognized in Warren County by a number of persons who took part in tours of an area industry and the Warren County campus of Vance-Granville Community College.

According to Mrs. Neil Stegall, chairman of this year's Farm-City Week, Monday's activities proved to be a big success. "I think the day was very successful. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tours, especially the tour of Peck Manufacturing. We are grateful that we were able to provide this opportunity for them."

Twenty-three persons signed up to take a tour of Peck Manufacturing and the Warren County campus of Vance-Granville Community College. The tours were followed by a luncheon held at The Rafter's Steak and Seafood House. A presentation was given after the meal by Dr. Thomas Hoban, an assistant professor at North

Carolina State University, who spoke to the group about the major changes in the U.S. farms over the past 100 years.

Dr. Hoban reported that approximately two percent of the people in the U. S. are farmers. He also stated that more than 100 years ago, 75 percent of the people in the U. S. were living in rural areas, while now only 25 percent of the people are.

He continued to report about the changes in farm productivity, farm management, farm economics, farm technology and the political and social factors which have changed farming over the past 100 years.

Dr. Hoban is State Sociology specialist with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service. His major responsibilities involve working with other departments at the university to improve the transfer of new technologies. He received his PhD in rural sociology in 1986 from Iowa State University, where he worked with the extension service on a

number of projects related to agriculture and conservation.

He has two master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin in agricultural journalism and water resource management. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois in biology.

After his presentation, door prize winners were announced by Mrs. Stegall. The winners and the prizes were Everlyna Norwood—tool kit from Standard Motor Parts Co., Inc.; Diane Davis—Eveready lantern from Warrenton Supply Company; Cordellia Sledge—Ray-O-Vac flashlight gift certificate from Car Quest; Frances Hook—package of 25 tulip bulbs from Traylor Hardware; Mary Copley—box of shells from W. A. Miles Hardware Co.; Mrs. Richard Holzmann and Nick Williams—50 pounds of fertilizer each from Lebanon Chemical Corp.; and Lanie Hayes—50-pound bag of dog food from Lebanon Chemical Corp.

Architects Given OK To Continue Planning

The green light was given Tuesday night to the architectural firm of Cogswell-Hausler Associates with the acceptance by the Warren County Board of Education of the general schematic design phase that had been proposed by the firm at last Monday's marathon meeting.

At last week's meeting, the architects had presented information on the Warren County High School addition and middle school projects—with primary emphasis on the addition to the high school.

Tuesday night's decision—made unanimously by the board in the absence of retired member Mrs. Cora Watson—gave to the architects approval to proceed with the general schematic concept that would place the addition to Warren County High School on the north and south sides of the existing structure, rather than on the south and east sides.

Arthur Cogswell, president of Cogswell-Hausler, and Victor Vines, architect, had attended Tuesday night's meeting to request the board's endorsement so that the preliminary plans could be submitted to the state's division of school planning for review and comment. Cogswell also assured the board that his firm realized only a finite number of dollars were available and, that throughout the remaining phases of the design/construction process, every effort would be made to ensure Warren County's receipt of "the most school for the money."

Chairman Henry Pitchford observed that the initial estimates had been high. "The high school

addition appears to have been overbudgeted, while the new middle school construction appears to have been underbudgeted," Pitchford said. "We want to have a good feeling about the new middle schools to ensure that the project does not suffer (due to lack of funds)."

Vines assured the board that the proposed design/construction schedule for both projects would provide adequate data to allow informed decisions sufficiently early in the WCHS addition-phase to permit adjustments should they be necessary.

Guns Are Stolen; Shots Strike Door

Firearms continue to be attractive targets of persons bent on theft and the tool of choice of persons engaged in mischief, a spokesperson from the Warren County Sheriff's Department said Tuesday.

John J. Shearin, of Rt. 1, Warrenton, on Nov. 16 reported the disappearance of a rifle from his residence in the Paschall community. According to the report taken by Deputy W. T. Winston, the value of the rifle is \$100. There are no suspects.

Also on Nov. 16, Mark Holt Coleman, also of the Paschall community, reported the disappearance of a 12-gauge Savage pump shotgun, a VCR and videotape, all valued at \$1,000. According to the report filed by Sgt. Harold Seaman, entry into the Coleman trailer was gained by prying a lock from the back of the unit.

Shotgun pellets were the basis of damage reported on Nov. 21 at a Rt. 3, Warrenton residence.

According to the report filed by Mrs. Annie Ruth Fields, about \$100 in damage was done by shotgun pellets fired into a storm door at the back of her residence. Det. R. A. Coleman was the responding officer.

Tennessee Men Are Jailed Here

Two Warrenton men—new to the town from Tennessee—have been arrested and placed under bonds of \$50,000 each following receipt by the Warren County Sheriff's Department of fugitive warrants on charges of breaking and entering, larceny and possession of stolen goods.

Frank Allen Webb, 32, and Joseph Matthew Webb, 33, will appear today (Wednesday) for a hearing on charges stemming from crimes committed in Sullivan County, Tenn. Both suspects have been housed since their arrest in the Warren County Jail.

Warren County officers who assisted in the capture of the Webbs were: Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton, Det. Sgt. Lawrence Harrison, Sgt. Harold Seaman and Det. R. A. Coleman.