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Smoke billows from a storage shed and well house owned by Antonio D. Rose during a Monday afternoon blaze. Flames spread from a burning trash barrel to nearby leaves and caught the two buildings on fire. No one was home when the fire

erupted shortly after 4:30 p.m. on the Ridgeway Road east of the Snow Hill intersection. The pump house contained no machinery and nothing of value was stored in the shed, Warrenton rural firemen reported. (Photo by Brenda Clarke)

Quick Response Is Credited With Limiting Fire Damage

Blaze Burns Beans, Trees

Quick response by three Warren County fire units has been credited with preventing considerable destruction during a Tuesday fire which scorched cropland and timberland a short distance north of Warrenton.

Kenny Clayton, chief of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, said firemen from Warrenton, Norlina and Macon were quick to arrive at the fire scene off the Warren Plains Road east of Terry's Feed Mill when alarms sounded Tuesday morning.

The fire, which consumed 25 acres before being brought under control, began when wind whipped flames from a trash barrel into a nearby soybean field.

"When the fire reached the bean field, it was as if someone had thrown gasoline on the flames," Clayton observed. "Later fire balls leaped into the tops of nearby trees."

Firemen placed trucks in the path of the blaze to protect two houses and two mobile homes, while attempting to get to the head of the fire.

Members of the N. C. Forestry Service who had been helping the Arcola Fire Department fight a fire near the Bethlehem community which charred 45 acres, sent a fire plow to the



A fire truck from Norlina is placed in operation as firemen from three Warren County units battled a fire which consumed some 25 acres of woodland and bean fields Tuesday morning near Terry's Feed Mill between Warrenton and Warren Plains. The fire broke out as Arcola firemen and Forestry Service personnel were battling flames that charred 45 acres in southern Warren County. (Photo by Brenda Clarke)

scene. The fire occurred on land owned by Mrs. Anne Rodwell of Warrenton.

While Warrenton firemen were fighting this place, another woods fire was reported, this one at the home of Thomas Woodrow Wilson in the Embro community. Units from Warrenton and Macon were dispatched to protect structures adjacent to the fire which burned over three acres.

The Warren Plains fire caused problems for one Warrenton fireman—Pete Stevenson of Ridgeway Street—who suffered

dehydration and smoke inhalation. He was taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson Tuesday night by Chief Clayton for observation.

Veterans, Ladies Planning Session

The regular meeting of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4096 of Norlina and its ladies auxiliary will be held at the post hall on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Six Warren Men Arrested After Cocaine Bust Made

Deputies, SBI Join Forces

A late-night operation last Sunday by Warren County Sheriff's personnel and State Bureau of Investigation agents has resulted in the arrest of six Warren County residents, Sheriff Theodore Williams announced Monday.

According to Sheriff Williams, the arrests were made at the Lake Drive Motel, located north of Wise on US 1.

The six persons arrested were: Frank Jonathan Alexander, 36, of Norlina; Milton Taylor, 31, of Norlina; Jacob Wallace Jiggetts, 23, of Rt. 1, Warrenton; Shirley Hargrove, 19, of Rt. 1, Warrenton; Adleen Hargrove, 18, of Rt. 2, Warrenton; and Leonard Clayton Hargrove, 31, of Warrenton.

In addition to the capture of the six suspects, small amounts of crack, cocaine and marijuana were seized, along with \$1,400 in cash.

According to an SBI report, cocaine was offered for sale at the motel to one of the agents. After the purchase, the agent summoned other SBI agents, along with officers from the Enforcement Section of the Division of Motor Vehicles, for the arrests.

SBI officers said there was no indication that the management of the Lake Drive Motel was involved in the sale of drugs.

Frank Jonathan Alexander, alias Frankie Lane, has been charged with possession of crack, possession of marijuana, possession of a stolen gun, assault with a deadly weapon and maintaining a dwelling for the distribution of a controlled substance. He has been confined to the Warren County jail under a \$20,000 secured bond to await trial in Warren County District Court on Dec. 21.

Each of the other five suspects was placed under a \$5,000 bond (Continued on page 10)

Holidays Are Approved

The following holidays for the new year were approved Monday for county employees by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners:

New Year's Day	Monday, Jan. 2, 1989
Martin L. King, Jr. Day	Monday, Jan. 16, 1989
Good Friday	Friday, March 24, 1989
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 1989
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 1989
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 4, 1989
Veteran's Day	Friday, Nov. 10, 1989
Thanksgiving	Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24, 1989
Christmas	Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25-26, 1989

The schedule is identical to that adopted by the State Personnel Office for state workers.

County Nominee Named In UNC Scholarship Chase

Angela Ballance, a senior at Warren County High School, has been selected to represent Warren County in regional competition this month for the John Motley Morehead Foundation Award.

The Morehead provides a full academic scholarship for four years of attendance at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Morehead nominee must show qualities of outstanding academic, leadership, moral character and physical vigor during their years of high school.

Miss Ballance, who is an A student, is a candidate for the North Carolina Scholars Diploma, a member of the National Honor Society and has received academic awards in English, math, science, history and typing.

In addition, she was selected to attend Governor's School, the North Carolina School of Science and Math and Summer Ventures.

She has served on the newspaper staff and is currently a member of the Student Council,



MISS BALLANCE

Debate Club, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, president of the French Club, vice president of the senior class, captain of the basketball team and semifinalist for the National Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ballance, Jr. of Warrenton.

Schools Thieves Make Big Haul

North Warren Elementary School in Wise was the site last week of theft of property estimated in value at \$3,000 to \$5,000, Sheriff Theodore Williams said Monday.

According to the report, entry appeared to have been gained by stretching a chain on a rear door of the building.

When the report was filed on Nov. 30, reported missing were one TRS-80 computer, a Radio Shack printer, two typewriters and one 25-inch color console-style Magnavox television. True values of the missing items were not available at press time.

In addition to the missing items, the report also indicated

that doors had been kicked in and their frames broken in the teachers' lounge and secretary's office. The secretary's desk and office cabinets had also been entered.

There are no suspects in the case under investigation by Deputy W. S. Bissette.

Lack Of Bond Stirs Activity As Work Begins For Newcomers

The wheels of Warren County's deed registration operation were back in motion Tuesday afternoon—after being shut down for a full day—due to an administrative mix-up that on Monday had left the county without a bonded register of deeds.

The administrative oversight was corrected on Tuesday at noon in an open, public, emergency meeting called by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners in which newly-elected Register of Deeds Mrs. Dollie B. Burwell was bonded.

"There is nothing irregular about bonding, but this board is required to approve the bond—and that is why we are here today," Mrs. Eva Clayton, commissioners' chairperson, said in the emergency meeting. "Now, we, as a board, must vote our approval," she said.

The amount of the bond, for which United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company in Maryland is the surety, is \$10,000. Walter M. Gardner, Jr. acted as attorney-in-fact for the transaction, which spans Dec. 5 of this year and expires on Dec. 5, 1992.

Upon motion of Commissioner Patsy T. Hargrove, seconded by Commissioner Francis Alston, the board gave its unanimous approval to the \$10,000 bond.

Tuesday's action gave final sanction to the ceremony that had been held in the county courthouse Monday morning and began officially the retirement status of Jim Hundley, former register of deeds.

Monday's ceremony had drawn an almost-capacity crowd to the Warren County Courthouse. Among those present was Representative Thomas Hardaway.

The officials who took their oaths—in addition to Mrs. Burwell—were Commissioner William Skinner, who has been re-elected each year since his initial term in 1970; Commissioner Patsy T. Hargrove; Board of Education members Mrs. Barbara L. Brayboy (the first American Indian to be elected to the post in Warren County's history) and Dr. Doris Terry-Williams; and Travis Pulley, Soil and Water Conservation supervisor. Not present for Monday's ceremonies was Richard Roddy, who had been re-elected to the board of education.

N. C. Court of Appeals Judge Clifton E. Johnson said he was pleased and delighted to be present for the historic event. "It is always a delight to see both new and old faces," he said.

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Warren County's duly-elected officials wait to take their oaths and be sworn into service as they are challenged to give their best to their constituents by N. C. Court of Appeals Judge Clifton E. Johnson. Shown seated, left to right, are William Skinner, re-elected county commissioner; Travis Pulley, Soil and Water Conservation supervisor; Mrs. Patsy T. Hargrove,

newly-elected county commissioner; Mrs. Barbara L. Brayboy and Dr. Doris Terry-Williams, both newly-elected board of education members; and Mrs. Dollie B. Burwell. Absent from the ceremonies, which were held in the county courthouse Monday morning, was re-elected board of education member Richard Roddy.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)