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Two From Warren Will Cast Votes At Vance Meet

Warren's delegates to the 22nd House District Democratic Executive Committee—Mrs. Johnnie Johnson and Marty Rooker—will join their counterparts on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. for a meeting in Henderson.

The order of business: choosing a successor to Rep. William T. (Billy) Watkins.

Mrs. Jeanne Lucas, 2nd Congressional District Democratic chairman, will preside over the meeting to be held in the E. M. Rollins School auditorium, located at 1600 S. Garnett Street in Henderson.

The committee will recommend a candidate who, by state law, must be appointed by Gov. Martin to complete Watkins' unexpired term. The appointee may seek reelection next year for a two-year term, which would begin in 1991.

Candidates expected to be considered include: Dr. James P. Green, a Henderson physician who ran fourth in 1988 in the House Democratic primary; R. Lee Farmer, a Caswell County attorney who ran fifth in the 1988 House primary; VGCC President Dr. Ben F. Currin; and Michael S. Wilkins, former chairman of the Person County board of commissioners. Faiger Blackwell, of Caswell County, has withdrawn from consideration.

The 507 votes to be cast are based on each 22nd House District member county's population as recorded in the 1980 census. Counties are allotted one vote for each 300 residents.

Warren's share—24—is the smallest number of votes to be cast. In ascending order, the votes allotted to other member counties are: Vance (123), Granville (113), Person (97), Halifax (81) and Caswell (69).

\$8 Million Sale Of Bonds Slated To Begin In Nov.

The sale of \$8 million in bonds to fund construction projects in Warren County is scheduled to begin Nov. 28, according to County Manager Charles Worth.

The county board of commissioners was told by Worth that the bonds will be the first sold from a \$14.5 million bond issued approved by county voters in May 1988.

Monies from the sale, which should be available Dec. 19, will fund construction of schools and a law enforcement center. In addition, some of the funds will go toward renovations to the courthouse and Warren Medical Facility.

Worth told the commissioners that construction of a classroom addition and athletic stadium at Warren County High School and construction of a middle school together are expected to cost \$9 million. Approximately \$7 million will be funded by bond monies, while \$2 million has been allotted from state Critical Needs funds.

The courthouse and medical facility projects will use the remaining \$1 million.

Jiggetts Facing Trial For Murder

The first-degree murder trial of Thomas Louis "Tink" Jiggetts will be among cases scheduled to be heard during the October criminal session of Warren County Superior Court which will be presided over by Judge Anthony M. Brannon of Durham.

Jiggetts was arrested June 22 for the murder of Frank Alexander at the Pines Apartments and was indicted July 3 by the Grand Jury.

Court is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Monday.



Area law enforcement officers display weapons and more than \$6,000 in cash taken during a drug raid last week on Lake Gaston. Two people were arrested in conjunction with the raid, and are being jailed here under high bond. Showing weapons allegedly found at the scene are Warren Narcotics

Detective H. B. Askew, holding a semi-automatic pistol; Warren Sheriff T. R. Williams, holding an assault rifle; and Det. Sgt. A. J. Moody of the Roanoke Rapids Police Department, holding a shotgun. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Two Defendants, Out On Bond, Busted Again On Drug Charges

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
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"Doin' It Again Until You Get It Right" could have been the title of the drama which unfolded about 8 a.m. on Friday of last week in Wildwood Point Subdivision as two area residents—out on bonds totaling \$100,000 for other drug-related crimes—were busted again.

The scene was the same, the stars were the same and many of the supporting characters were the same as in the performance which occurred in June.

But now, the script has been changed: Bond has been denied.

Daniel Lee "Snake" Rook, 34, and Kimberly Beth Aman, 32, on Sept. 29 had barricaded themselves in their Club Drive home in Wildwood Point Subdivision. Two-by-fours barred the front door and a chest of drawers added reinforcement from inside.

The search warrant brought by the officers was not sufficient to gain entry. Only knocking out a glass panel in a sliding door at the rear of the structure would do.

Once inside the mobile home, Warren County Drug Enforcement Det. H. B. Askew said a standoff occurred as Miss Aman pulled a handgun on Roanoke Rapids Det. R. S. Baird, the first officer to enter. Officers were successful in taking her weapon.

According to Drug Enforcement Det. Askew, four grams of cocaine, a quantity of "crack" cocaine, three weapons—an automatic handgun, an assault-type rifle and a 12-gauge shotgun—as well as over \$6,000 in cash were confiscated.

At the time of the Sept. 29 arrest, Rook was placed under bond of \$100,000 on a charge of possession with intent to manufacture cocaine. Later, Rook's bond was increased by \$50,000 as more charges were made: possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine; felonious possession of cocaine; simple possession of cocaine; possession of drug paraphernalia; maintaining a dwelling for keeping and using a controlled substance; possession of marijuana; and possession of lottery tickets.

Miss Aman was charged initially with possession with intent to manufacture cocaine and placed under bond of \$100,000. Her bond was increased by \$50,000 on the following charges: assault with a firearm on a law enforcement officer; possession

with intent to sell/deliver cocaine; felonious possession of cocaine; simple possession of cocaine; possession of drug paraphernalia; maintaining a dwelling for keeping and using a controlled substance; possession of marijuana; and possession of lottery tickets.

According to a spokesperson in the office of the clerk of court,

District Attorney David Waters Monday evening telephoned Judge Anthony Brannon to request that bonds for both suspects be increased. The judge decided otherwise, denying Rook and Miss Aman the privilege of bond.

Modified release orders were prepared Tuesday morning to notify the suspects in writing of (Continued on page 8B)



Warren County Narcotics Detective H. B. Askew leads Daniel Rook to a patrol car following his arrest Friday morning at his Wildwood Point subdivision home. In the background is Roanoke Rapids police officer T. A. Hux.



Kimberly Aman is escorted to a patrol car Friday morning by Roanoke Rapids police officer W. A. Hoehlein, left, and Warren County Sheriff's Department Deputy W. T. Winston following her arrest on drug and weapon charges.

(Photos courtesy of the Daily Herald)

Plumbing Bid Studied

Stadium, Addition Bids Accepted

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Although acceptance of a plumbing bid has been put on the back burner until next Monday's regular meeting, three bids were accepted Tuesday night by the Warren County Board of Education which may result in WCHS addition and stadium construction work as early as the middle of next month and occupancy by late next summer.

In a called meeting Tuesday night, the board accepted the low bids for general contracting, electrical work, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC).

The \$1,356,146 bid submitted by R. L. Casey, Inc. of Greensboro was accepted for general contracting. "They're anxious to start and if they adhere to their 304-calendar-day work schedule, the addition will be completed before schedule," Arthur Cogswell, Cogswell Hausler president, told the board.

The original schedule calls for construction on the high school addition in mid-November, with completion slated for mid-October of next year. Cogswell predicted the addition could be completed as early as mid-August of next year.

While accepting the Casey bid, the board reserved the right to execute at a later date a parking/paving alternative which would add \$54,487 to the base general contracting price. The board will also request prior approval on the choice of project superintendent. "The results will depend greatly on the person in the field," Cogswell said.

Casey's projects have included schools in Raleigh, Rocky Mount and Windsor, nine state employees' credit unions, and the South Square Association's Village Bank in Durham. The firm also worked on VGCC's Small Business and Civic Center, as well as a classroom addition.

Submitters of rejected general contracting bids were: George W. Kane, Inc. of Henderson (\$1,395,430), Jackson Builders, Inc. of Goldsboro (\$1,409,489), C. T. Wilson Construction Co. Inc. of Durham (\$1,432,449), Roanoke Construction Co. of Roanoke Rapids (\$1,546,000) and Bordeaux Construction Co. Inc. of Durham (\$1,459,190).

On motion of Mrs. Barbara Brayboy, the \$298,792 electrical work bid submitted by H&L Electrical of Raleigh was accepted.

Cogswell called H&L Electrical a "younger" firm, but said Ray Morgan—Cogswell's mechanical engineer who has worked with the company—anticipated no problems.

Submitters of rejected electrical bids were: Watson Electric of Rocky Mount (339,900) and D. L. Johnson Electric Co. Inc. of Wilson (\$361,900).

The \$287,191 HVAC bid submitted by Southern Piping Co., Inc. of Wilson was accepted. The firm was characterized by Cogswell as "very good to work with." Submitters of rejected bids were: Henry Baker Heating Co. of Wilson (\$309,625) and D. L. Johnson Electrical Co. Inc. of Wilson (\$312,700).

Three bids were received for plumbing: Braxton Britt Plumbing Co., Inc. of Wilson (\$69,600), Cecil Davis Plumbing Co., Inc. of Raleigh (\$86,250) and W. M. Wiggins Co. Inc. of Elm City (\$69,488), submitter of the lowest bid.

Cogswell said Wiggins had been the original contractor for the first phase of Warren County High School. "He has knowledge of conditions there which will expedite the work and may suggest ways to save money without re-

ducing quality," he said. On motion of Richard Roddy, seconded by Dr. Doris Terry-Williams, acceptance of Wiggins' low bid was deferred until next Monday's meeting to permit time to explore the possible savings.

According to Cogswell, construction of the WCHS addition (Continued on page 1B)

Orders Changed At Quick City

Two change order requests for the Quick City area from Warren County's Economic Development director were approved Monday by the county board of commissioners.

The change orders were for rehabilitation work at 806 and 807 North Main Street.

At 806 N. Main, during rehabilitation work, deteriorated flooring in a room was discovered and requires repairs. These repairs include the replacement of a damaged floor joist, installation of a double-plywood floor and installation of FHA-approved vinyl floor covering, for an additional cost of \$350 to the original \$2,395 contract price with Ray Thomas Construction Company. The contract amount after approval is \$2,745.

Work has already been completed at the home located at 807 N. Main St., Mrs. Wilson said. This was because of severe termite infestation in a front wall of the home, which had to be replaced immediately.

A change order in the amount of \$1,914 was approved for replacement of deteriorated studs, installation of new sheetrock, repair of deteriorated flooring in a bedroom adjacent to the front wall and replacement of the deteriorated casing around the inside of the front door.

The new contract amount with Ray Thomas Construction Company was raised to \$8,589.

Break-In Suspect Waives Extradition

A Littleton man—having completed a term of confinement in a Virginia correctional institution—found last week that immediate release was not to be his.

James Junious Fields, 22, of Rt. 2, Littleton, waived extradition from Virginia and was confined on Sept. 29 in the Warren County Jail under bond of \$10,000 on charges of breaking and/or entering and larceny.

Fields is a suspect in an Oct. 28, 1988 break-in and larceny which occurred at Ben's Store at Wildwood Point on Lake Gaston. Said missing last October were a .38-calibre pistol and food stamps, all valued at \$500. Fields awaits his November 15 appearance in Warren County District Court. Deputy Stanley Rodwell was the arresting officer.

Mrs. Hardy Named Tax Assessor Here

Following a closed executive session Monday morning, county commissioners took action on two personnel matters. They were:

- the appointment of Mildred Hardy as tax assessor. Mrs. Hardy has served as acting assessor since Jarice Haynes resigned the post earlier this year.

- approval of a request from Dennis Paschall to hire one non-certified ambulance attendant. The attendant is currently working on acquiring her Emergency Medical Technician certification and upon completion, her status will be upgraded to EMT.