

Cost Of Migration Heard By Board

Industrial Engineer Need Cited

Warren County's annual tax loss is \$148,059.12 due to migration of its citizens, the board of county commissioners were told on Monday by Selby Benton, president of the Bute Development Company.

Benton was before the board, pinch hitting for General Claude T. Bowers, chairman of the Bute Development Board, in a request that the commissioners hire a full-time industrial

director for Warren County. He quoted figures from the tax books of Warren County, from Dr. Burns Jones, Health Director, and from the census, showing that Warren County had lost one-third of its population in the 1950-60 decade, and its effect on tax collections in the county.

Benton backed up his request by submitting resolutions from the Town of Warrenton,

the Town of Norlina, the Warrenton Merchants Association, the Norlina Merchants Association, the Warrenton Lions Club, Limer Post of the American Legion, the Warrenton Rotary Club, and the Bute Development Company, asking for the employment of a full time development director.

Present with Benton and supporting his request, were John G. Mitchell and P. B. Boyd,

president and vice-president, respectively, of The Citizens Bank, and members of the board of directors of Bute Development Company.

Benton based his conclusion on the annual tax loss to Warren County by taking the number of persons who had left the county during the past ten years and multiplying it by the average of \$44.80 paid by the average taxpayer of War-

ren County.

This conclusion was challenged by Commissioner Richard Davis on the grounds that people leaving the county did not take real estate with them and real estate figured largely in tax valuations. Benton countered by saying that if these persons had remained in the county they would have built houses, purchased goods and become average taxpayers. However, Davis said that while he did not oppose the employment of an industrial engineer,

Benton told the commissioners that when the natural increase of the county—births over deaths—was added to the census loss of 1950-60, that Warren County actually lost 8,248 persons during the ten-year period. A tragic part of this loss, he said, is the greatest part of the loss was of persons from 20-35 years of age, the age at which the greatest contribution is made to the economy of a section. There was little loss in the older group of the county, which adds to the burden of the Welfare Department and which contributes little to the wealth of the county.

Benton read extracts from recent newspaper clippings, showing how other counties in the state were obtaining industries, and pointed out that many of those had employed industrial engineers to assist in the building up of industries. Two cases in point were Granville and Franklin Counties, both of whom have obtained worthwhile industries.

Something should be done to improve the economic condition of Warren County, Benton said, and added that he believed that the employment of an industrial engineer would be a good investment. "You can't stand still," he said, "we must either go forward or stagnate."

Benton said that Franklin County pays its industrial en-

gineer \$7,200 a year, plus expenses, through a special levy voted by the people. He said that even if it took \$15,000 a year for Warren County that it would be the best investment the county could make.

The commissioners, while showing interest in the request, took no action. They said that they would have plenty of time for study of the suggestion before the budget is made up for the next fiscal year.

Commissioners Give Notice Of Bond Issue Intent

The calling of a \$400,000 bond issue to provide funds for the consolidation of small Negro schools through the building of a consolidated school in the southern part of the county and the building of an Indian school near Arcola came a step nearer on Monday when the Board of County Commissioners gave notice of intention to apply to the Local Government Commission for approval of the bonds.

Filing of notice of intent to call a bond issue is a necessary part of actually calling a bond issue, and has been held up for some time due to delay of New York bond attorneys in returning necessary forms to the county attorney.

County Attorney Jim Limer said Monday if there is no further delay on the part of the bond attorneys, the commission (See INTENT, page 10)



Committee chairmen of the newly organized Warren County Ministerial Association are shown following an organizational meeting here Monday. They are, left to right: The Rev. Larry Bryson, the Rev. A. T. Ayscue, the Rev. James M. Stoney, the Rev. Charles Wooten, and the Rev. John Link. (Staff Photo)

Warren Ministerial Ass'n Is Headed By John Link

The Rev. John Link, pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church, was elected president of the Warren County Ministerial Association at an organizational meeting held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Monday morning.

The Rev. Charles Wooten,

pastor of the Norlina Methodist Church, was elected vice-president; the Rev. James M. Stoney, rector of the Warrenton Episcopal Church, was elected secretary; and the Rev. Levi Humphrey, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was elected treasurer.

The purpose of the association, as adopted at the meeting Monday, is four-fold: (1) To organize and promote a chaplaincy service for the local hospital; (2) to discuss and work in a united way with all concerns of a county-wide nature; (3) to provide an opportunity for Christian fellowship among the ministers of the various denominations of the county; and (4) to sponsor from time to time seminars for the specific purpose of furthering the ministry.

A report was given to the association for a volunteer chaplaincy program presented by a committee established previously for the purpose.

The association was informed that there will be an extended meeting of the association on Monday, April 2, at 10 a. m., at which time there would be a luncheon and a special program by a guest. Doctors, pastors, and the administrative staff of the Warren General Hospital will be invited. It was announced that there will be a subsequent special meeting and special program on Friday evening, May 4, in preparation for the chaplaincy program, which will take effect on June 4.

The association decided to meet regularly at 10 a. m. on the first Monday of each week.



ANN KING

John Graham Girl Winner District Fashion Contest

Ann King, sophomore Home Economics student at John Graham High School, was first place winner in the District Fashion-Sewing Contest held in Littleton on Thursday night of last week.

The contest was sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Vogue Pattern Service, and Miss King was accompanied by Littleton by Miss Emily Burt Person, Home Economics Teacher, and Mrs. Leonard Daniel, contest chairman for the Warrenton Woman's Club.

Miss King appeared as a (See WINNER, page 10)

Highway Dept. May Not Take Over RH Streets

There is serious doubt that the State Highway Commission will accept streets in Rose Hill subdivision on Kerr Lake for maintenance as a part of the county system in spite of the fact that the subdivision contains eight permanent homes and 19 trailer homes.

If the state refuses to accept the streets as a part of the county road system it will be because the streets do not have a 60-foot right-of-way and a 2-inch stone base, according to Division Highway Engineer Merle Adkins.

Adkins told the county commissioners on Tuesday morning that it was the policy of the Highway Commission to accept only those subdivision streets where these requirements have been carried out. Adkins was here with District Engineer Roger Dowtin to discuss road plans for Warren County for the 1962-63 fiscal year.

It is possible that the State might take over the streets if a majority of the lots are now privately owned, Adkins said, and the right-of-ways are increased to more than 50 feet. He said that the Highway Department would be glad to give all the assistance possible under its policy, and that Engineer Dowtin would be glad to go to the scene of the subdivision for a personal inspection. He said that he hoped that members of the board of commissioners would accompany Dowtin.

Adkins told the commissioners that the reason for the (See STREETS, page 10)



VICTORY NET—Warrenton Coach Charles "Preacher" Parker is hauled aboard the shoulders of his basketball team to take down the victory net following John Graham's first Halifax-Warren tournament championship since 1954. The Yellow Jackets begin district playoff action tomorrow night in Rocky Mount. (See page 2)

No Change Made In Planning Board Size

No change was made in the number of personnel of the Warren County Planning Board by the Board of County Commissioners meeting here on Monday.

The number remains at five members, but the planning board was requested by the commissioners to name as an advisory board representatives from all civic organizations of the county in order to give wider representative of the planning board.

Although a group of citizens meeting at the agricultural

building on last Thursday night to hear a discussion of the Area Development Act had unanimously passed a resolution asking the commissioners to increase the planning board to 12 members, the board retained the membership at 5. This met with the approval of County Agent Frank Reams, delegated to bring the resolution to the commissioners, to Marvin Newsom, chairman of the planning board and other members, all of whom had voted in favor of the resolution. (See SIZE, page 10)

Board Votes Not To File Answer To Suit

"On motion of Commissioner (Richard) Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner (Robert) Thorne and unanimously carried it was ordered that no answer be filed in the lawsuit of Robert Alston, Administrator d.b.n.c.t.a. of John Thomas Williams vs. Board of Commissioners of Warren County and Carrie L. Alston."

The motion, passed at the regular commissioners meeting here on Monday, brought to light a very unusual case.

Evidence in the suit, of which Warren County had been made a part, as submitted to the commissioners by County Attorney Jim Limer, was substantially as follows:

John Thomas Williams, a citizen receiving aid from the Warren County Welfare Department, died in 1958 leaving the county holding a lien on his real estate in the amount of some \$2200. Williams left a will in which he devised to Lewis Alston, his executor, his real estate, upon which the county held a lien.

who later died. Following Lewis Alston's death, it was discovered that he was also on relief and owed the county a lien of more than \$3,000, under the Welfare Law. The property which he had inherited from John Thomas Lewis was subject to this lien.

Robert Alston, appointed as administrator of John Thomas Williams' estate, following the death of Lewis Alston, brought suit against the Board of Commissioners, holder of the liens, and Carrie L. Alston, who was deeded the land, in order to clear up the title to the land.

Three citizens of Forke Township, where the devised land is located, testified that in their opinion that the sum \$2200 paid by Carrie L. Alston to settle the lien held by the county against the estate of Williams, was a fair price for the land. An examination of the tax books showed the value of the land was slightly more than \$1800, being the full value recently set by the appraisers.

The commissioners held that Lewis Alston really never had an equity in the land he inherited as its value was fully covered by the lien retired by Carrie Alston, and the county could not hope to gain by defending the suit.

Less Than Five Miles Of Paved Road Will Be Built In Warren County During Year

Only 4.2 miles of hardsurface roads are expected to be built in Warren County by the State Highway Department during the fiscal year 1962-63. The remainder of the \$181,105.56 allocated to Warren County will be used to grade, drain and stabilize other county roads.

This suggested use of high-

way funds—brought before the county commissioners on Tuesday morning by Division Engineer Merle Adkins and District Engineer Roger Dowtin—was approved by the board.

The commissioners agreed with Adkins that it would be for the best interest of the county to stabilize more roads and hardsurface less, when it

was pointed out that the proposed 4.2 miles of hardsurface would exhaust nearly half of the entire fund appropriated to Warren County.

It was agreed that the Highway Commission should build 4.2 miles of hardsurface roads, grade, drain and stabilize 7.4 miles of roads and stabilize with stone 3.9 miles, for a total

of 15.5 miles of road construction during the fiscal year.

Adkins told the commissioners that there was a \$4,675.56 balance on hand, and that \$176,430.00 had been allocated in new funds for a total of \$181,105.56 for the fiscal year 1962-63. It is anticipated that \$173,605.56 would be used for approved roads, leaving a balance of \$7,500.00.

Roads approved and the costs of construction are as follows:

Hardsurface—4.2 miles Stanbury Mill Road, \$81,000.00. Grade, drain and stabilize—1.7 miles Peter Stallings road, from SR 1314 to SR 1309, \$16,300; 2.5 miles Woods road, from US 158 to SR 1325, \$27,750; 3.2 Hugh Davis road, from SR 1512 to NC 43, \$30,000.

Stabilize with stone—1.5 miles Scannan road, from US 1 to SR 1224, \$4,900; 2.4 C. C. road, end of pavement to SR 1509, \$7,500.

Two Non-Support Cases Heard

Two cases of non-support were before Judge Julius Eanzet in Recorder's Court here on last Friday, but the principal task of the jurist was hearing cases involving infractions of the motor vehicle laws. These ranged from drunk driving to speeding, and penalties ranged from costs to \$100 fines and costs.

James Roy Hedgepeth was given a 90-day road sentence when he was found guilty of non-support. The road sentence was suspended for two years

upon condition that the defendant violate no criminal laws of the state for two years, properly support his wife and children and pay the court costs.

Willie Rogers Dale was sentenced to 60 days on the roads when he was found guilty on a non-support charge.

Alton Eakes was fined \$100 and taxed with court charge when he was found guilty of operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey.

Robert Edward Christmas was found guilty of drunk driving, improper brakes and operating a car without a muffler. Judgment of the court was that he pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

Sunny Allen Peoples, charged with reckless driving, was fined \$25.00 and taxed with court costs.

Albert Alfred Briderman was fined \$25.00 and taxed with court costs when he was found guilty on a charge of reckless (See CASES, page 10)