



Bill Neal, right, and Jimmy Ross of the Warrenton Water Department apply a heater to a frozen fire hydrant. Freezing pipes have plagued both commercial and residential users in Warrenton during the month of January. Only isolated inconvenience has been caused water customers in Norlina, town officials reported this week. [Staff Photo]

Strong Winds Blow Warren Little Good

Strong winds blew across Warren county on Friday night bringing more cold weather and more problems for county residents.

The heavy winds caused a pole to break and fall in the Afton Elbert section around 9:30 p. m. Friday night. The transformer and pole were replaced by Carolina Power and Light crews. Electrical service to homes in the area was restored in about three hours.

At approximately the same time limbs blew across lines in the Norlina area causing loss of electrical service for about an hour.

Meanwhile the cold temperatures following the cold wave which hit on Friday night has prevented water lines to thaw.

Many businesses in the downtown Warrenton area have been without water for several weeks. Bill Neal, Superintendent of the Warrenton Water Department reported that Red & White, Wood's Cash Grocery, Munn's Exxon, The Dollar Store, Odom's Flower Shop and Odom's Motor Service were without water.

Neal said that water lines on Eaton Avenue Extension, East Franklin Street, High Drive and Williams Court were still frozen and his crew could not dig up streets to repair the lines until the ground thawed some.

He reported that Fishing Creek was not as frozen this week and there had been no trouble at the Water Plant.

Neal said that many residents had frozen pipes in their homes.

Citizens in Norlina are having more luck with water according to Bill Perry, mayor of Norlina. He said Tuesday afternoon that no major problems had been reported but water lines were frozen at the north end of town. He estimated that a dozen families in that section of town were without water.

Schools Receive Notice Of Fuel Supply For Month

Warren County schools have been assured of receiving between 15,000 and 18,000 gallons of fuel oil during February, which school officials say will be sufficient barring extremely cold weather.

Supt. J. R. Peeler said Monday that oil supplies were being rapidly depleted, and that Northside and North Warren schools had only enough fuel to operate through this week. He said oil could have been shifted from other schools and said notification of February's allotment was welcome news.

Continued conservation efforts were urged during a meeting of teachers from throughout the county on Saturday, when principals were told to determine temperature levels on an individual basis following consultation with faculty members.

Peeler said that blanket guidelines used in other systems, by which school thermometers would be set at a uniform level throughout the system, would not work in Warren where there are wide-spread differences in school construction.

Peeler said that students returned to school Friday, which had previously been scheduled as a teacher workday, in order to make up one of two days lost because of bad weather. Students will make up the second lost day on April 1, which was also a scheduled teacher work day. Teachers made up their lost work day on Saturday.

Snowflake Is Pop

Snowflake, the only albino gorilla known to science, has become a father for the fourth time. Like the first three offspring, the new baby has the normal dark fur of gorillas. Biologists were not surprised; they had predicted there was only one chance in 50 that any progeny would be white. The fourth baby, a female, is living in the Barcelona zoo with her parents.

Court Adjournment Is Expected Today

The January criminal term of Warren County Superior Court which opened here Monday morning with Judge Harry E. Cannaday presiding, is expected to adjourn around noon today (Thursday) according to a court official.

Wednesday around noon as this paper went to press a jury had been selected and evidence was being introduced in the case of Phillip Thomas Jones, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Prior to a recess Wednesday morning following the selection of a jury, a number of cases had been disposed of. They include:

On the appearance docket for Monday Levo Cheek was granted until June 6, 1977, to pay monies on judgment entered on Dec. 14.

In grand jury action Thomas Davis was ordered to prison for 16 months after being found guilty of forgery and uttering. He was sentenced to serve four months actively with the remaining months suspended and placed on probation for two years with conditions that he pay \$30 restitution to the Drive 'N Shop and court costs.

Nickie Leon Puckett and Aldine Booker were each given six months sentence to serve at expiration of sentences now serving after pleading guilty to felonious attempted escape.

Haszal Mills was found guilty of nonsupport and ordered to pay \$25 on Monday and \$50 on or before February 15 with like sum to be paid by 15th day of each month for support of minor children as ordered by Judge Braswell on December 13.

James Edward Burchette plead guilty to careless and reckless driving after consumption of alcohol after he was charged with driving under the influence. He was given a suspended sentence and placed on probation for 12 months on the condition that he not operate a motor vehicle on highways during suspension, surrender operator's license, pay fine of \$200 and court costs.

Larry Darnell Reid also plead guilty to the lesser charge of driving under the influence by pleading careless and reckless driving after consumption of alcohol. He was suspended and placed on probation for two years on the condition that he not operate a motor vehicle on highways for period of suspension, surrender operator's license, pay fine of \$200 and court costs.

Joseph Edward Plummer plead guilty to assault with a deadly weapon after being charged with assault and injury. He was ordered to the custody of Director of Prisons for two years, suspended and placed on probation for two years and made to pay restitution for all medical expenses incurred and court costs.

The jury could not reach a verdict in the trial of Hubert Delaney Pulley charged with driving under the influence and the court declared a mistrial.

Curley Chavis was given a six-month sentence to run at expiration of sentences now serving after being found guilty of felonious escape.

Driving under the influence and failure to dim lights netted John Delano Johnson a six months sentence in the custody of the Director of Prisons, suspended for two years on condition that he not operate a motor vehicle during period of suspension without a valid driver's license, pay fine of \$200 and court costs.

Alvis Worley was ordered to the custody of the Director of Prisons to serve a five-year sentence after a plea of no contest to charges of breaking, entering and larceny. He was given credit for seven days spent in jail pending trial. Charges of breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny, two counts of breaking and entering and larceny and receiving were dismissed.

Tuesday's court included cases against Frank Crews, nonsupport. After calling defendant and failure to appear, he was ordered arrested with bond set at \$500 secured.

Joseph Hicks was found guilty of assault with intent to kill and ordered to prison from three to five years, suspended and placed on probation for five years and ordered to pay \$3961.45 restitution for expenses incurred by Edison Allen and court costs.

Sandy Yancey plead no contest to charges of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and was found guilty of misdemeanor assault with deadly weapon. He was ordered to prison for six months, suspended and placed on probation for two years and ordered to pay medical expenses incurred by prosecuting witness and court costs.

John Louis Hargrove was found guilty of misdemeanor assault on female following charges of rape and was ordered to prison for two years, suspended and placed on probation for three years and court costs.

A suspension and probation of two years was given Larry Ball for receiving and he was ordered to pay \$100 restitution to W. K. Richards, a \$200 fine and court costs.

Voluntary dismissal was granted Wayne Nathaniel Russell on charges of allowing no operator's license and allowing driving under influence.

James K. Reavis, charged with no operator's license and driving under influence, plead guilty of driving under the influence. He was ordered to the Director of Prisons for six months, suspended for two years and placed on probation for two years on the condition that he not operate a motor vehicle during period of suspension and surrender operator's license, fined \$200 and court costs.

Dennis Garner, driving while license revoked, called and failed. He was ordered arrested with bond doubled.

James William Helms, charged with driving under the influence and transporting a broken-sealed alcoholic beverage, plead guilty to careless and reckless driving after the consumption of alcohol; he was ordered to jail for six months, suspended for 12 months on condition he not operate motor vehicle during suspension unless he has a valid license, fined \$150 and court costs. On charges of carrying concealed weapon, voluntary dismissal was granted.

Cases continued for the term included: Arthur Davis Bolton, driving under influence and public drunkenness; Elbert Spencer Smith, larceny and receiving; Spencer Elbert Smith, larceny and receiving; Thomas Hampton, breaking and entering, larceny and receiving; Joe Edward Hampton, breaking and entering, larceny and receiving; McLean Davis, receiving; and Doris Davis, receiving.

Also, Lucille Meadows, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill; William Jones, Jr., robbery with firearms (two charges); Marvin Chariv, robbery with firearms; and Edward Darryl Walker, two charges of breaking and entering and larceny.

Avoid Plants With Dry Roots, Unhealthy Look

Starting with a good, healthy plant is the first step in assuring yourself of a successful landscaping job. Selecting such a plant is not always easy.

One of the most effective safeguards is to buy your plant in a container. Unfortunately, they aren't always available in this form. The other choices are the balled and burlapped plant, and the bare-rooted plant.

What makes the plant in the container superior is that its root system is more likely to be intact, and the roots aren't likely to have been allowed to dry at any time.

Success can still be yours with balled and burlapped plants, provided they are handled carefully and the root ball kept moist until transplanting.


Even bare-rooted plants can be used with good livability, but you must be extra careful in handling. If the plant is bare-rooted, chances are it was pulled from the ground and roots stripped away in the process.

Legion To Gather

Moses Davis Post 260, American Legion will hold its monthly meeting Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Commander Marcus McGrier is asking that all members be present and extends an invitation to all Warren County war veterans to come also.

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Warrenton Native Gets College Post

Henry M. Read, 45, of Bristol, Va., has recently been named director of development at St. Mary's College in Raleigh by President John T. Rice.

Read was formerly director of public relations and development at Sullins College for three years.

A native of Warrenton, Read received a bachelor of arts degree from Hampden-Sydney College in 1953. He began his career in education there as graduate manager of athletics. He then joined the staff of the University of North Carolina in 1956 where he served as assistant athletic trainer.

In 1958 Read became assistant athletic director and business manager at The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., a position he held for eight years before rejoining the staff of Hampden-Sydney as director of college relations.

He is married to the former Frances Ader of Walkertown, and they have two sons.

Read's appointment to the staff of St. Mary's, an Episcopal-related institution for young women, becomes effective Feb. 15.