

# Board Abandons Plans To Use 'School Days' For Library

Plans to use "School Days," the former home of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Allen on Cousin Lucy's Lane for a library and to use the present Warren County Memorial Library for office space for the county were abandoned by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday morning on account of the cost of renovating the building for library use.

Dan Knight, architect, told the commissioners that the cost of additional floor supports to support the weight of stacks of books would be very expensive. He said the cost would be increased because much of it would be performed in crawl space. To place the library in one part of the building would not give room for the more than 35,000 volumes now in Warren County Memorial Library.

However, the building will be used as headquarters for the Warren County Historical Association and the Warren County Historical Society, as requested by the donors of the building to the county, plus additional office space.

Knight said that while the house is in sound condition to renovate it for office space would be costly as it would require additional heating and cooling equipment, additional duct work, the removal of some partitions, new hardware for all floor doors, carpeting for all rooms, and painting the building inside and out. One of the most expensive items would be the rewiring of the house to give it the light required by offices.

Knight estimated that the renovation cost, without the library, in what he labeled as plan two, would be in the neighborhood of \$55,000. Plan 1 with the library, was around \$112,000.

County Manager Charles Hayes and Commissioner Jack Harris, who had previously gone over the plans with the architect, made two changes. They asked that a ramp for wheel chairs be built at the library and at School Days.

The architect's plan also called for paving a space on the west side of the building with a brick walk to the front stairs, and a walk and entrance on the east side of the building, as well as maintaining the present servant's quarters for storage.

The board instructed Knight to go ahead with plan 2 as quickly as possible. He said that he could have plans and specifications drawn within the next 30 days when they will be submitted to the commissioners.

The renovation of the Allen home will mean that the basement of the Warren Memorial Library, which has been made waterproof, will be turned back to the library which needs more space. What else it means, other than that it will house the Historical Society and the Historical Association is not certain at this time. Suggesting it for use of all county-owned office space has been objected to by several department heads with legitimate reasons. For example the Tax Supervisor's office and the Tax Collector's office should be in close proximity. For this reason a proposal that the Tax Supervisor's office be placed in School Days will probably be abandoned.

Plans for allocating office space for the various departments were suggested in space proposal No. 1 as follows:

**SPACE PROPOSALS—#1**

The following is a proposal for the relocation of county offices. Space needs for individual offices, the interrelationships of county offices, as well as accessibility to the public have all been carefully considered in drawing up these suggestions.

The proposal provides for maximum use of available office space, as well as providing more public parking and relieving the congestion currently found around the courthouse.

The following changes are proposed for the offices:

**SCHOOL DAYS**—The following offices will be relocated to School Days:

**Basement**—Art Commission.  
**Ground Floor**—(Numbers refer to office number)

1. Veterans Service
2. Board of Elections
3. CETA Administrator
4. FHA Office
5. County Manager/Industrial Development
6. Secretary, County Man-

ager/Industrial Development  
7. Tax Supervisor's Office  
8. Conference Room  
**Second Floor**

9. District Attorney  
10. Historical Commission & Society

11. Conference Room  
12. Zoning Administrator

**COUNTY JAIL**—The following offices are recommended to be placed at the jail:

1. Sheriff's Office—Recommend closing the kitchen area off from the living quarters. Kitchen will then be renovated into two offices for sheriff and secretary. Interrogation room should be renovated also.
2. Driver's License Office and Social Security Office—Share room in downstairs of living quarters on alternate days.
3. Employment Security Commission—Downstairs of living quarters.
4. Indian Commission—Upstairs room in living quarters.
5. Storage—remaining upstairs room of living quarters.

**COURTHOUSE**—The following changes are recommended for the courthouse:

1. Clerk's Office—to have use of Judge's Chambers.
2. Tax Collector—to move to current Sheriff's office.
3. Auditor—to acquire Indian Commission office for filing and storage area.
4. Sheriff's Office—to have present Veteran's Service Office for Holding Room.

**LIBRARY**—The Library will be given the present Tax Supervisor's Office, thereby having use of the entire building.

**PETER DAVIS STORE**—Recommend that it be renovated for its historical value. Also recommend that the Warrenton Police Department be given use of the building, with the stipulation that they provide for its upkeep, also to include Magistrate's Office.

**HENDRICKS BUILDING**—Recommend that it be moved or torn down to provide more public parking.

In an effort to provide easier access to the public, we also recommend that ramps be built for wheelchairs at the courthouse and the library.

This plan has been presented to the Department Heads. The following comments were noted:

1. If the Tax Supervisor's Office is moved to "School Days," it will create a hardship on citizens that have business with both the tax collector and tax supervisor. Also, the

Register of Deeds normally has daily business with the Tax Supervisor's Office and the physical distance would create problems.

2. If the Sheriff's Office is moved to the jail, it will create a hardship on the Sheriff's Office to be located away from the Clerk of Court's Office. The Sheriff's Office needs to be in close proximity to the Clerk's Office because of records regarding the disposition of court cases.

3. It was felt that the Magistrate's Office should also be located in the jail.

**ALTERNATE SPACE PROPOSAL #2**

The following is an alternate proposal for the placement of county offices:

- SCHOOL DAYS**
1. Library to have use of entire ground floor of building.
  2. Historical Society—2nd floor office and conference room.
  3. Arts Commission—Basement

**COURTHOUSE**—All offices would remain the same with one exception:

1. Magistrate would have present Sheriff's Office.
2. Judge's Office used as Commissioner's and Conference room.

**LIBRARY**—The following would be located in the present library building:

1. Tax Supervisor—Basement
2. Board of Election—Upstairs
3. District Attorney—Upstairs
5. Farmers Home Administration—Upstairs.

**JAIL**

1. Sheriff's Office
2. Driver's License
3. Social Security Administration
4. Employment Security Commission
5. Indian Commission
6. Electrical Inspector

An additional out building would be needed for storage.

**PETER DAVIS STORE**—To be renovated for use by the following:

1. County Manager
2. Industrial Development
3. CETA Administrator

**HENDRICKS BUILDING**—Torn down for parking area.

This alternate proposal provides an attractive centralization of county offices. The proposal, however, does not provide for any future growth of county government. The only alternative for expansion would be construction of new buildings.

## Farmers Now Designating Warehouses For '77 Crop

The sign-up period for flue-cured tobacco growers to designate warehouses for 1977 began on March 7 and will run through April 8. All producers are urged to make arrangements necessary to designate as soon as possible. In the past some producers have had to wait in line in the last few days of the sign-up.

The designation program for this year continues the new system initiated in 1974. This program has brought about a drastic change in the process of marketing as it has been known in the past. Most farmers feel this new system has relieved much of the congestion of past years.

Under the system, growers must designate warehouses at which they wish to sell before the sales season opens to be eligible for price support. Growers are limited to warehouses within a 100-mile radius of their county seats. Any amount of the 1977 crop can be designated up to 110 percent of this year's farm

**Official Visit Set**

**At All Saints Church**

The Ven. Robert N. Davis, Canon of the Ordinary, will make an official Diocese of North Carolina visitation to All Saints Episcopal Church at eight o'clock this Sunday morning.

He will preach, and also celebrate the Holy Communion, assisted by the vicar, the Rev. Robert W. Orvis.

Archdeacon Davis will have a breakfast meeting with the Mission Committee following the service.

quotas. If additional poundage of flue-cured tobacco is leased to the farm, the grower may designate at the time the lease is filed. Producers may redesignate after the markets are open. These redesignation periods will be announced at a later date.

Flue-cured producers were furnished a letter prior to March 7 explaining the designation procedure. A list of the eligible warehouses at which they will be eligible to designate is available at county ASCS offices.

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham has urged tobacco farmers to go to their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office and designate the warehouse or warehouses where they intend to market their crop.

"Each farmer should designate all of his tobacco somewhere," Graham said. "Undesignated leaf will not be eligible for price support. Also it will not easily work into a marketing schedule.

"I advise farmers to be cautious of attractive offers made in exchange of designation," he added. "I doubt they will ever materialize."



Whales are the best of all animal high jumpers, often leaping more than 20 feet in the air.



Having roles in Thursday's Jaycee meeting were [left to right] Tom Peale, Jaycee president; Walter Bender, Ridgeway fire chief; Dennis Harris Red Ball Project chairman; Gary Harris of the Arcola Fire Department; A. A. Wood, Warrenton

Rural Fire Department chief; Harold Moseley, assistant Wise fire chief; J. W. Beddingfield of the Macon Fire Department; McCarroll Alston, Warrenton fire chief; and Hector Aycock, assistant Norlina fire chief. [Staff Photo]

## Jaycees Helping In Fire Prevention

Warren County Jaycees are distributing "Red Balls" as part of a fire safety program. Dennis Harris, project chairman, said that the decals will be given to all Warren County school children in grades K through 4 by Jaycee members.

Approximately 1,100 decals will go to the children, with the remaining 900 being given to fire chiefs to be distributed in their respective communities.

The "Red Ball" program is

**Second Congressional District Caucus Set**

The Second Congressional District Caucus of the Young Democrats of North Carolina is scheduled for 11 a. m., Saturday, March 12, at Don Murray's Barbeque Restaurant, just north of the beltline on U. S. 1, Raleigh.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss nominations for District Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer for the next Young Democrats' year and to discuss the activities of Second District clubs.

All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Retarded Citizens Group Will Gather**

The Warren County Association for Retarded Citizens will have a monthly meeting Thursday night, March 10, at 8 p. m. at All Saints Episcopal Church. All ARC members and interested citizens are urged to attend.

sponsored by a national level of Jaycees. It is designed to aid firemen in the rescue of small children and invalids. Harris commented that these decals should be placed in the windows of children's bedrooms

and at the window of an invalid's bedroom.

Fire chiefs from the Norlina, Warrenton (town), Warrenton Rural, Ridgeway, Wise, Macon

and Arcola companies were guests of the Warren County Jaycees on Thursday night and were given their "Red Ball" decals.

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