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Bush Captures White House

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Area Roads Review Set This Month

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Contracts to improve 17.85 miles of secondary roads in Warren County, along with other stretches of highway in Franklin and Vance counties, are among \$17.5 million in highway projects to be considered by the N. C. Board of Transportation at its meeting Nov. 18 in Raleigh.

Bill Jones, a Department of Transportation Public Affairs spokesman, indicated that the actual contract price for the work scheduled to be completed in Franklin, Vance and Warren counties will be \$1,087,586, offered by Outerbank Contractors, Inc. of Kitty Hawk. "We had four contractors who submitted sealed bids for the projects in Franklin, Vance and Warren counties," said Jones. "Outerbanks Contractors turned in the lowest bid. Although the board has not accepted their offer, the trend is to go with the lowest bidder."

Other contractors and their bids for the project were:

- S. T. Wooten Company of Wilson—\$1,093,589.20;
- Adams Construction of Roanoke, Va.—\$1,174,122.40;
- and Nello L. Teer Company of Durham—\$1,177,583.

Jones continued to say that the Department of Transportation has estimated the cost of resurfacing in Warren County at \$315,565.

Resurfacing projects in Warren County are:

- 10.5 miles of highway on N. C. 58 from U. S. 158 to SR 1640 (Richardson Road);
- 4.5 miles of highway on SR 1125 (Ray Frazier Road) from the Vance Co. line to SR 1123 (Tower Road);
- 3/10 mile of highway on SR 1123 from SR 1125 to SR 1116 (Perrytown Road);
- and 2.55 miles of highway on SR 1325 (Airport Road) from SR 1305 (Warren Plains Road) to U. S. 158.

Map Amendment Turned Down, Lakeside Campground Scuttled

Much to the relief of a number of Nutbush Township residents and the disappointment of the proponent of a new campground there, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners Monday morning unanimously denied the requested amendment to the official Warren County zoning map.

The subject of heated debate in two public hearings on the matter, the request for rezoning had been made by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, of Rt. 1, Manson, who wished to develop a recreational vehicle park on a 4.5-acre tract adjacent to Kerr Lake.

The Robinsons had requested that the county's zoning map be amended to show the 4.5-acre site as a "lakeside tent or trailer camping district" instead of the residential status that is now recorded.

In his introductory remarks, Dean Andrews, Warren County zoning administrator, noted that the county's zoning regulations required the Warren County planning board to submit its recommendation to the county manager within 45 days of the original request.

According to Andrews, the original request had been made by the Robinsons on Aug. 10, but



An unidentified youngster examines a M-60 machine gun at Sunday's First Annual Family Support Day held at the Armory for Company C 505th Engineer, Warrenton unit. Members of the 505th unit and their families enjoyed a hot dog and hamburger lunch and got a chance to view weapons and heavy equipment exhibits. Sgt. John Carter of the

Brigade Retention NCO and Ms. Nancy Rizzio, State Family Support Coordinator, spoke to the group about the military role of family support. Approximately 160 persons were present from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. to meet with other families of the unit.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

\$300,000 Bond Issue At Norlina Not Expected To Bring Tax Hike

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
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Norlina's citizens will soon be summoned back to the polls for a repeat performance—one not too different from the bond referendum voted on recently by all the citizens of Warren County—but this time, the bonds that may be floated will be their own.

But, unlike the outcome of the passage of Warren County's \$14.5 million bond package and its accompanying increase in taxes, Norlina's proposed \$300,000 bond issue will not dig into its citizens' pockets.

"I am confident that neither taxes nor water bills will be raised," Mayor Bill Delbridge said Monday night in the regular monthly meeting of the Norlina Board of Town Commissioners.

The board did not make its recommendation until Oct. 25.

The county guidelines stipulate that under such circumstances, a simple majority vote from the board of county commissioners is required to amend an ordinance if the planning board's recommendation has been a favorable one.

Mrs. Eva Clayton, chairman of the board of commissioners, noted that the zoning regulations, which had been amended previously on June 3, 1985, are like "having a law in place."

"Requests such as these are tantamount to 'spot zoning,'" she observed, "and these put the entire zoning ordinance into question." Mrs. Clayton did say that if rezoning were necessitated by good reasons, the amendment option was in place.

Upon motion of Commissioner J. T. Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Francis Alston, the board unanimously denied the request to amend the zoning of the 4.5-acre tract. "This was really a hard decision," Fleming said, "but, it is important for us to make the best judgments that we can."

Zoning Administrator Andrews noted that petitioners may bring their requests back to the board after a 12-month period.

"We've got to be completely honest about this," Delbridge said, "and without the reduction by some 200 persons in Norlina's population—something that is highly unlikely—taxes will simply not be raised."

The board of commissioners will begin soon to acquaint their constituents with the rationale for the bond issue. Prior to the election, which is expected to be held within the next 90 days, at least two public hearings on the matter will be held to receive comments from citizens and to explain the need for the sale of bonds.

The sale of bonds has been necessitated by Norlina's failure to receive an allocation of Senate Bill 110 funds for fiscal year '89. When the \$8.9 million was disbursed in Raleigh, Norlina was not among the list of recipients. "But, we've got the \$300,000 in surplus and have been assured of sufficient funds from the 40 percent of local option sales tax collections that will be necessary to amortize the payment of the bonds," Delbridge said.

The Town of Norlina's bond rating is a "favorable" 70. A commitment has also been received from Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to purchase the town's bonds at a rate of 6.375 percent over a 40-year period.

The \$300,000 that will be submitted to Norlina's citizens for their approval in the upcoming bond referendum will be used for the replacement of asbestos-laced transite pipe that courses along Norlina's roadways.

According to Mayor Delbridge, breakages in the pipes have cost the town about \$6,000 annually. Those savings will also be available to pay back the bond indebtedness, Delbridge said.

According to Delbridge, the bond referendum will ask the citizens to endorse the town's use of the 40 percent of the local option sales tax—the portion that must be used for debt retirement anyway—for the purpose of replacement of the transite pipe.

The board also received a report Monday night on the town's receipt of \$100,000 from the N.C. Department of Transportation Divisionwide Small Urban Funds to be used to widen

and provide curbing/guttering on US 1 from US 158-401 to Hyco Street (SR 1320). By eliminating certain items included in the original specifications—reducing curb/gutter width from 38 feet to 36 feet, eliminating base course under curbs/gutters, reducing the length of guttering at intersections and eliminating concrete curb and right-of-way monuments—the estimated cost of the work has been reduced from \$300,000 to \$175,000.

Work on the project will not begin until the transite pipe has been replaced, Delbridge said. Disbursement of the \$300,000 award will not occur until the \$82,052 deficit has been funded. At press time, details were unavailable, but Mayor Delbridge said that funding was expected from the Governor's Discretionary Fund as well as from the Department of Transportation. "Everything looks good in the long run," the mayor said.

Bids on the project are expected to be let in mid-February.

In other business, the board:

- Received a report on the 98.1 percent collection rate for taxes;
- Received a report that the approaching U.S. Census will count households, not individuals, and that if a formula using a constant of 2.64-members-per-family is applied for the disbursement of funds, with the town's current 458 residential units, a census-recorded population of 1,209 (458 x 2.64) should net for the town \$21,000;

- Received a report from Norlina Police Chief Charles Galantis showing 56 calls, two arrests and 3,200 miles driven for the month of October;

- Commended Safety Commissioner Walter Newman for his help in securing the town's new "superior" rating awarded following a recent safety inspection; and

- Received a request from Fire Commissioner Fill Leonard for its input in the creation of new bylaws for the now unincorporated Norlina Volunteer Fire Department and heard a report that the election of new officers for the department would be held in December.

Martin Wins Re-Election, Gardner Gets No. 2 Post

By HOWARD F. JONES
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Warren County Democrats gave it their best shot Tuesday, but it was to little avail as Republicans handily retained control of the White House and Governor's Mansion, and it was only because of outcomes in a handful of Council of State races and judgeships that Democrats had any reason to cheer.

Despite the fact that more than 6400 Warren County voters turned out for Tuesday's General Election, local voters had no impact on the national race which pitted Vice President George Bush and running mate Sen. Dan Quayle against Massachusetts Governor Mike Dukakis and vice presidential hopeful Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. President-Elect Bush received 54 percent of the popular vote and piled up a 4-1 advantage in the Electoral College.

Governor Jim Martin, a college professor turned congressman turned governor, became the first Republican in North Carolina history to win re-election, beating back the challenge of Lt. Governor Bob Jordan, who won the state's second highest job in 1984. Martin garnered 56 percent of the vote.

In a race that wasn't determined until long after Warren's 14th and final precinct—River—phoned in its returns shortly after midnight, former Congressman Jim Gardner of Rocky Mount, president of Gardner's Barbecue and an unsuccessful candidate for governor in 1968 and 1972, fashioned a close win over State Senator Tony Rand, a Fayetteville attorney and the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor. Rand got 4557 votes in Warren, while Gardner polled 1808.

Dukakis held a 2-1 advantage among Warren's voters, outpolling Bush by a count of 4249 to 2163. Jordan outdistanced Martin by an even larger margin in Warren County, recording 4439 votes to 2069 for the eventual winner.

Jordan, who hoped to turn aside the re-election bid of only the second Republican to serve as the state's top executive this century, carried every precinct in Warren County. Dukakis failed to register a clean sweep of Warren's 14 precincts, losing to Bush in Norlina and Roanoke precincts.

Returns from across Warren poured in steadily after Fishing Creek—where 500 persons voted—turned in its results at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday. Although Board of Elections personnel began counting the approximately 400 absentee ballots cast, it was nearly midnight before counting in this category ended. Some 63 percent of Warren's 10,816 eligible voters cast ballots Tuesday, which was a near perfect day, weather wise.

In the race to determine who would succeed Democrat Thad Eure, who is serving out his 52nd year as secretary of state, Raleigh attorney Rufus Edmisten, his party's candidate for governor four years ago, received 4804 votes in Warren while his opponent, John Carrington, a Raleigh business executive, received

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Warren Jail Site Study Authorized

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Warren County's new law enforcement center may be without a definite home, following action taken Monday by the board of county commissioners.

A three-person committee, commissioners J. T. Fleming, Francis Alston and William Skinner, was appointed Monday by Chairman Eva Clayton to work with the county manager to review sites other than the proposed location in the Warrenton National Register Historic District and to make their report to the full board.

The appointments were made following the board's review of a draft memorandum of agreement that had been received by the board from the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. That memorandum was sent by Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer David Brook, following notification to his department by Farmers Home Administration that construction of a new law enforcement center on the lot behind the courthouse would have an effect on the town's historic district.

According to the memorandum, the following actions would be required if construction is to proceed on the Hendricks lot:

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Market Turns \$12.4 Million

The final sale day of the Warrenton Tobacco Market went well, with the final average of the year reported at \$161.89 per hundredweight, just about \$2 more than 1987's season-end average of \$159.06.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, 68,660 pounds of tobacco were sold for \$107,613, bringing an average of \$156.73.

The season totals for the local market are 7,687,505 pounds sold for \$12,445,032.49. A total of 41,301 pounds of this year's leaf went to the Flue Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation, representing less than one percent of the 1988 crop in Warren County.

Flu Vaccine Is Available

The flu vaccine is available at both sites of the Vance-Warren Comprehensive Health Plan. The HealthCo site is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. The Warren Health Plan site is open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Individuals age 60 and over, those with chronic health problems, lung disease or heart problems are encouraged to obtain the flu vaccine. An appointment is not needed for this medical service. Persons with questions should call the Warren Health Plan at 257-3141 or HealthCo at 456-2181 or 1-492-7768.