

Committee Before Board On Lake Planning

Warren County Commissioners on Monday requested the county's representatives in the General Assembly, which met on Wednesday, to have Warren County included among North Carolina counties which may legally work under a county-wide planning board.

When county planning legislation was adopted during the last session of the Legislature Warren County was omitted from its provisions. The commissioners on Monday afternoon asked that Rep. John Kerr and Senator Frank Banzet have repealed those sections of the law removing Warren County from the operations of the state-wide law.

Purpose of the repeal is that Warren County may operate under the county planning law in the promoting the orderly development of the Gaston reservoir, much of which will be in Warren County.

Action of the board came after the recently organized Warren County committee for the development of the Gaston reservoir appeared before that body. The Warren County committee is part of a tri-county committee composed of Warren, Halifax and Northampton Counties. Marvin Newsom of Littleton headed the delegation and acted as spokesman for the Warren County committee. Other members present were Howard Jones, secretary, Freddie Hicks and Frank Reams.

Present plans of the tri-county committee is to have the reservoir zoned under the direction of the State Department of Conservation and Development. The cost of Warren's share would be \$8,700, but the Federal government would pay 45% of this cost.

Newsom said that Warren County's share would be larger than that of Halifax and Northampton Counties as the cost is based on miles of short line of the lake. Of the North Carolina part of the Lake, Newsome said, 23% of the shore line would be in Northampton, 19% in Halifax, and 58% percent in Warren County.

This Gaston reservoir could be "the biggest thing that ever happened to Warren County" (See LAKE, page 2)

Board Donates Funds For Planting On Court Square

The Board of Commissioners on Monday donated \$200.00 to the Warrenton Woman's Club to be used toward the beautification of the court house grounds.

Action of the commissioners was taken after a delegation from the Warrenton Woman's Club had appeared with Carl Lorenz, wise nurseryman, before the board to discuss plans for planting foundation plants around the court house and for re-seeding part of the lawn.

Mrs. Graham Horne, acting as spokesman for the group, explained the plans of the club for beautifying the grounds adjacent to the court house, and Lorenz told the commissioners that the estimated cost of the project, would run to some \$250.00.

Appearing with Mrs. Horne and Lorenz before the commissioners were Mrs. Julius Banzet, Mrs. Shipp McCarroll, and Mrs. Clyde Rodwell.

Frank Reams, County Agricultural Agent, who is in charge of the care of the court square, appeared with the Garden Club committee before the commissioners and endorsed the project.

Bryson To Preach At Macon Church

The Rev. Larry Bryson, Secretary of Missions for the Culpeper Baptist Association, will preach at the Macon Baptist Church on Sunday morning, February 12, at the eleven o'clock worship service. The public is invited to attend.

The Rev. Mr. Bryson will also speak to the Men's Brotherhood on Sunday night at 7:30.

Construction Of Post Office At Norlina Will Begin In Next Few Days

Construction is expected to begin immediately on a post office at Norlina, Postmaster William K. Delbridge announced yesterday.

Delbridge said he has been advised by the Post Office Department that a contract has been signed for the construction and lease of the new building. Completion of the new facility is due June 1, 1961.

Successful bidders are O. M. Brown, T. W. Greene, and J. C. White, Partners, of Ahoskie.

Greene is the husband of the former Dorothy Delbridge of Norlina.

The new post office will replace existing facilities on Hyco Street and will be located on the south side of Liberty Street between Division and Elm Streets. It will provide 2,476 square feet of interior space, an outside loading platform, and ample space for parking and truck maneuvering.

Under the Post Office Department's unique Commercial

Leasing Program, the Department now is awarding contracts for new postal facilities at the accelerated rate of over five buildings every working day. To achieve complete modernization of the postal plant, a total of 12,000 post offices must be modernized or replaced due to lack of space and obsolescence.

More than 35,000 post offices are handling a total of 63 billion pieces of letter mail and parcel post annually, which is an increase of more than 24 per cent above the approximately 50 billion pieces handled annually over 10 years ago.

The new post office building will remain under private ownership while leased to the Federal Government, and will pay local real estate taxes to bear its share of the cost of local government. The lease will run for ten years with two five-year renewal options, Delbridge said.

Schools May Close If More Rain Falls

Schools throughout Warren County may be forced to close if additional rain or snow falls on the county within the next few days.

Heavy precipitation has already hampered pupil transportation, and Warren School Superintendent J. R. Peeler issued a warning yesterday that a continuation of the same type weather could force Warren schools to discontinue operations.

School buses, which carry a large majority of county children to and from school, have experienced difficulty in traveling a number of unpaved roads in the county.

Three buses were trapped by ice and mud on Tuesday afternoon, and five became stuck on Wednesday morning. School officials Wednesday afternoon told students living on some rural roads that bus transportation would not be available beginning Thursday.

Peeler said that parents would have to arrange for their children to meet the bus on a hard-surfaced road and that drivers had been instructed not to take their vehicles on certain roads in the county.

At present driving conditions are worse on county roads near Embro, Arcola and the John H. Kerr Reservoir. As the ice, which has accumulated during a two-week period, begins to thaw, driving conditions will worsen on these roads, Peeler said.

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Welfare Dept. To Ask Churches For Help

The Warren County Welfare Department will appeal to churches for money with which to buy medicine for destitute people of Warren County, Julian Farrar, Welfare Superintendent, told the Board of County Commissioners here on Monday.

"Maybe the churches will help us," Farrar said after he had been told by the commissioners that they had no legal authority to transfer money from the general fund for this purpose.

Due in part to the snow and ice that has kept many from working, money for destitute families has been exhausted, Farrar said. He added that this expense has been running about \$70 a month.

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Jurors Drawn For March Term Superior Court

Jurors for the March term of Superior Court, which will begin on March 13, were drawn by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday as follows:

C. C. King, Orange Epps, Grace Pattillo, William A. Fleming, Sue D. Skinner, John J. Clark, William Gibson, E. E. Carroll, Mrs. I. A. Bolton, Frank A. Bobbitt, Nat B. White, George Lee Edwards, O. C. Leonard, Richard A. Coleman, Jim D. Robertson, Eugene W. Ayscue, Mrs. Alberta Harris, C. C. Bolton, Henry Dorch, Milton R. Hight, C. T. Perkinson, Mrs. William J. Leach, Mrs. E. B. Rideout, Frank H. Daniel, Mrs. J. M. Stokes, Owen James, Mrs. W. Boyd Mayfield, James C. Harris, J. N. Bobbitt, Jr., A. H. Bryson, Graham D. Horne, Jesse Gardner, C. W. Comer, W. T. Pitchford, W. M. Duke, C. K. Davis, William Riggan, Willie L. Norwood, W. A. Mustian, E. P. Daniel.

February 15 Last Day To File For Premeasurement

T. E. Watson, ASC office manager, again this week called attention to the fact that February 15 is the last day the Warren County ASC office can accept requests for premeasurement of allotted crops. Any farmer who desires to have this work done must make a deposit by this date.

Applications have been coming in slower than anticipated, Watson said, and for this reason he was again reminding farmers of the deadline.

Watson said the farmer is required to pay only the actual cost of the visit to his farm and the determination of acreage on his farm. The cost of \$3.00 plus \$1.00 per acre, or a minimum cost of \$8.00 per farm.

Returns Home Mr. David Hall has returned to his home after being a patient in Warren General Hospital for a week. He is greatly improved.

At Duke Hospital Mrs. Dan Limer is a patient in Duke Hospital, Durham, for treatment.

Suffers Fall Miss Kate White Williams is a patient in Warren General Hospital as the result of a fall in her home on Friday night.

Dr. and Mrs. H. D. DeVories and Dr. and Mrs. James Cook of Holland, Michigan, are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. George Davis in Ina.

Deadline

Town license plates are required to be installed on all cars of citizens of the town by February 15. These tags may be obtained from the Town Water Office for a charge of \$1.00 each. Chief R. D. Chewning yesterday asked that all citizens obtain their car license plates before February 15 in order to avoid embarrassment of a citation.

Receives Gift

The Warren General Hospital here has received \$1,057 for charitable work during the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1960.

The appropriation to the local hospital was one of 137 made to hospitals in North and South Carolina by the Duke Endowment. Announcement of the trustee's action in appropriating the money to the Warren Hospital was made on Wednesday by Thomas L. Perkins, Endowment Chairman.

The 137 hospitals received a total of \$718,207. Funds were also appropriated for 43 child care institutions in the two states.

Bids Are Asked For Roanoke River Bridge

Bids for a bridge across the Roanoke River near Eaton's Ferry were called for by the Norlina Carolina Highway Department on Tuesday.

The bids will be opened on February 28.

The bids for the Roanoke River bridge was one of 19 projects in 18 counties and includes more than 80 miles of road work.

The Warren County project is for the Eaton Ferry bridge over the Roanoke River, and approaches, from road 344 near its junction with road 1357, 6 miles northeast of Vaughan, northeasterly to road 1343 near its junction with road 1362.

The proposed road will run from a point near Johnston's Store to a point on the Roanoke River a few hundred yards west of Bugg's dairy, about three-quarters of mile up the river from the present Eaton Ferry crossing.

Warren Man Is Nabbed At Vance Whiskey Still

HENDERSON — A Warren County Negro man was taken into custody by Vance and Federal law enforcement officers after a slippery chase during a liquor still raid northeast of Henderson Monday afternoon.

Despite the hazardous footing over sleet and snow in the woods and through an icy stream, James Robert Hargrove, 40, of Route 1, Manson, was captured and charged with manufacturing illicit whiskey, possession of non-tax-paid whiskey and possession for sale, said Chief Vance ABC Officer W. G. Watkins.

Hargrove lives in Nutbush township in Warren County. Another Negro man made good his escape when authorities moved in on the still, which was in full operation at the time, Watkins explained.

Site of the 55-gallon wooden barrel still was in Middleburg township of Vance County, north of the road which runs near Kerr Lake between Middleburg and Drewry.

Vance ABC Officers Watkins and Mims and Federal ATTU agents R. H. Hart, R. M. Full and H. B. Bracey staged the raid at 4:45 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Two Million Dollars Needed For Warren Schools, Peeler Says

Approximately \$2,000,000 is needed to complete the consolidation and modernization of Warren County Schools, Roger Peeler, superintendent of schools, told the Board of County Commissioners on Monday.

This figure includes the cost of further consolidation and modernization of Negro schools and the building of a consolidated white school for War-

renton, Norlina and Littleton, Peeler said.

Peeler said that some \$500,000 is needed for the consolidation and modernization of Negro schools of the county.

Warren County's share of a \$50,000,000 state bond issue several years ago enabled the county to build several new consolidated Negro schools and to consolidate a number of the small Negro schools. A half

million dollars should complete the job, Peeler said.

A pay as you go plan is too slow to meet the pressing needs, Peeler told the commissioners, and the cost of the entire project would be difficult for the county to meet. For this reason, he said, the Board of Education has endorsed a state bond issue for school construction. He said that under a \$50,000,000 bond issue, it is anticipated that Warren County would receive approximately a half million dollars.

Peeler told the commissioners that the reason for his appearance before the board was to request the commissioners to ask Rep. John Kerr and Senator Frank Banzet to support such a measure in the Legislature. He said that Warren County is represented by very influential men in the State Legislature and that their support for the measure would be very valuable.

Martin Is Awarded Contract For Repair

J. B. Martin was awarded a contract for repairing the heating system of the Warren County Health Department by the county commissioners on Monday. His bid was \$239.33.

Martin, who had been asked by the commissioners at their January meeting to make a study of the heating problem at the Health Center and report his recommendations at the February meeting.

Monday, Martin told the commissioners that he had called in his company's consultant engineer who made a thorough survey of the building and its heating problem, principal one of which is to get enough heat in the back rooms of the building. He dismissed as impractical plans to run ducts under the floor. Among the changes recommended was a change in grills, the installation of a larger blower fan, and to speed up the present fan to force more air through the ducts to balance the system, and to provide more ventilation in the furnace room.

Martin submitted several plans, including a heat pump, and a new furnace. Due to the cost of the heat pump, he recommended the installation of a new furnace, with changes in the grills. The cost of such installation would be \$987.00, he said. The advantage of the heat pump would be that it also would air condition the building, but the operation cost would be greater, Martin said. He added that an air condition system could be added to the proposed furnace but that it would cost approximately \$2400.

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Board Told Highway 58 Curves Hazardous

Mrs. M. W. Alston of Inez told Warren County Commissioners on Monday that curves on Highway 58 as it approaches Shoeco Creek are unnecessary and a decided traffic hazard.

She asked the commissioners to use their influence to have this hazardous and unnecessary condition remedied.

The commissioners agreed with Mrs. Alston that the condition is bad, but had no tangible remedy in sight. They suggested that she contact the Inez Community Club with an idea of having the club adopt a plan to have the Highway Commission correct this condition as a community project.

Mrs. Alston said she had already contacted Roger Dowlin, district engineer, but had received little encouragement from him. She said that so far that her efforts had been on an individual basis, and that she was going to keep at it until something was accomplished.

The Rev. John Andrews, pastor of Zion and Jerusalem Methodist Church, appeared before the commissioners with P. J. Harton, relative to having the road leading to Zion Church from the Norlina-Olne road improved. Mr. Andrews said that the church was used not only on Sunday but for church group meetings during the week, and the road often was in bad condition.

Mr. Andrews at first requested that this road be hard surfaced, but when told that it was extremely doubtful that the commission would hard surface the road, but that the county might stabilize it by putting gravel on it, agreed that this would be a big help.

Also appearing before the board was a delegation requesting that a road leading from Arcola to Reedy Creek Church be black-topped. The commissioners forwarded the delegation's request to the State Highway Commission.

Would Make Street Chmn Member Planning Board

The chairman of the town's street committee will be made a member of the Warrenton Planning Board if wishes of that organization are carried out. He would serve during the term of his office.

This was decided at a meeting of the Planning Board held in the directors room of the Citizens Bank on Tuesday morning. Present at the meeting were G. W. Poindexter, chairman; Mrs. John Kerr, Mrs. Clyde Rodwell, and Mrs. John Mitchell, members, and Mayor W. A. Miller and C. E. Gaston, local CP&L Company manager.

Discussed as a long-range plan was the planting of trees along the Norlina-Warrenton highway in a cooperative effort of the two towns. Mrs. Mitchell, who brought up the matter for discussion, said that she felt that such a project would not only beautify this stretch of highway but would do much to further the good relations and cooperation between the two towns.

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Boyce Is Chairman In Campaign For Episcopal Home

J. B. Boyce of Warrenton is one of 71 Episcopal laymen who have been named campaign chairmen to aid in raising a \$350,000 fund to establish a home for the aged in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.

Boyce, a member of Warrenton's Emmanuel Episcopal Church, said that the solicitation phase of the campaign began on January 31 and will continue through March 3.

The campaign is being conducted separately in each Episcopal church under the general chairmanship of Norman A. Cooke of Charlotte.

The home, designed to accommodate a minimum of 40 residents, will be built in Southern Pines, on a wooded 13-acre mid-town tract given to the Diocese by Mrs. James T. Boyd of Southern Pines.

Seventy-one Episcopal parishes and missions in the 39-county Diocese are supporting the effort, culminating five years of study and research, Boyce said.

Henderson Mayor Speaker At Meet Of Rotary Club

A number of requirements were listed as essential if a community is to acquire new industry, Henderson Mayor Carroll Singleton told members of the Warrenton Rotary Club here on Tuesday night.

Mayor Singleton, who has been instrumental in Henderson's drive to obtain new industry in the past few years, told Rotarians that a number of factors were influential in inducing manufacturers to place industrial plants in a community.

Among the requirements cited by Singleton were satisfactory religious, educational and utility features, an enthusiastic and cooperative attitude on the part of the community, and an availability of workers along with adequate housing possibilities.