

## Industrial Plan Is Submitted To Board

Plans for the industrial development of Warren County were submitted to the board of county commissioners Monday afternoon by Bill Minette, industrial director.

Minette told the commissioners that he was not requesting any funds from the county at this time, but that he wished to familiarize the board with certain goals of the Industrial Commission as recommended by the executive committee on Nov. 23 and approved by the full commission on last Friday night.

These plans, Minette said, call for the establishment of an executive type airport at Warrenton, and for the purchase of an industrial site near enough to Warrenton to be supplied with city water and sewage facilities, as the main projects.

He explained that air facilities had become a practical must for a county successfully seeking industries and that the development of an industrial site would provide sites for industries without exorbitant costs. He said reasons that the commission felt that the industrial site should be located at Warrenton was not only due to its central location, but to the fact that Warrenton was the only town in the county with a surface water supply. Deep wells have not proven adequate in many communities, he pointed out.

Minette said that in addition to the proposed site at Warrenton, Norlina has a good industrial site, with good highway and railroad connections, but this site was somewhat limited by a lack of adequate water and sewage facilities for many forms of development.

Pointing out that beyond Middleburg in Vance County a sign directed traffic from I-85 to Norlina, Minette said that the commission is of the opinion that emphasis should be placed on an exit at Oline, in view of



Congressman L. H. Fountain of the North Carolina Second District receives a copy of her book, "Legends of Famous Trees," from Mrs. Lemuel Harris while visiting the Macon Postoffice on a tour of Warren County Tuesday. Rep. Fountain spent Tuesday morning greeting constituents at the courthouse and visiting a number of postoffices. In the afternoon, at Warrenton he was guest at a lunch luncheon at Warren Plaza Inn attended by some 20 friends. He was accompanied to Warrenton County by his secretary, Walter Pittman of Tarboro.

the potential development of Kerr Lake. From this point the road leading to Norlina should be straightened, widened and otherwise improved. He said that Manson and possibly also Ridgeway offered good exit points.

In addition, the commission also recommended the widening and improvement of the Warrenton-Norlina Highway. Minette told the commission-

ers that as soon as further information can be obtained, as to costs, methods of acquiring needed property, and the financial costs of the projects could be ascertained that he would again appear before the commissioners.

He told the commissioners that what the commission wanted is the commissioner interest, suggestions and assistance.

## Census To Be Held In January

A complete census of Warren County people will be taken by the Bureau of the Census early in January, Frank Reams, extension chairman, told the board of county commissioners Monday.

The purpose of the census is to determine whether the county has registered the proper proportions of voters under the voters rights act of the Congress.

Reams said that the Census is to be conducted under the direction of George Reynolds, Census Bureau district representative, who was in Warrenton last week making plans for taking the census and seeking to acquire an office for this purpose.

An office has been acquired in the Warrenton Armory and the census will begin on Jan. 10, Reams said. He said that several positions, paying \$1.75 an hour, plus 9¢ mileage, would be available for a ten days to two weeks period. Interested persons are asked to apply at the county agent's office in the Agricultural office for forms and other details.

## Hobo Day

The Sophomore Class of Norlina High School will have a Hobo Day on Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 9 o'clock, James Hicks announced yesterday. He asks that anyone having odd jobs to be done to please call 456-3161.

## RIDGEWAY SERVICE

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Ridgeway on Sunday at 3 p. m.

## A. T. Ayscue Resigns As Pastor Wise Church

The Rev. A. T. Ayscue, pastor of Wise Baptist Church since August, 1958, resigned last Sunday to accept the pastorate of Pine Level Baptist Church, Pine Level. The effective date of the resignation is Jan. 2, 1966.

During Mr. Ayscue's ministry, resident membership of the Wise Church has grown from 188 to 249. The church's budget has increased from \$6,900 annually to \$13,400. Two years ago the church constructed its first parsonage.

While serving at Wise Mr. Ayscue has held numerous posts in the Cullom Baptist Association. He has served as Evangelism Chairman, Vice Moderator, Moderator, and is currently chairman of the association's Missions Committee. In addition, he has been active in the Warren County Ministerial Association serving as its first chairman of the Hospital Chaplaincy Program and is presently president of the organization.

Mr. Ayscue attended Wake Forest College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Ayscue is the former Hazel Buchanan of Henderson. She and Mr. Ayscue have two daughters, Deborah and Lori.

## Fire District Plan Is Endorsed By Board

## Tax Assessments To Be 40% Of Valuation

Tax assessments for 1966 will be based upon 40 per cent of valuations, the Board of County Commissioners decided at their meeting here Monday. This is the same rate in effect since Warren County land was revalued several years ago.

A suggestion by the commissioners that the rate be increased to 50 per cent of the valuations was vetoed by a statement from Auditor Rodwell that tax records had already been prepared on a 40-percent basis, and that it would require several months to rework the books.

Following Rodwell's remark and a brief discussion, the commissioners agreed that it would probably be better to wait until after the 1968 revaluation before changing the ratio of listing to valuations.

The commissioners also ordered that all 1964 taxes in arrears be turned over to County Attorney Jim Limer for collection.

William H. Bender appeared before the board at the opening of its session at 9:30 a. m. to discuss a cotton improvement

plan for the county, with a suggestion of a joint purchase of cotton dusting equipment. He told the commissioners that while the loss of cotton acreage might appear to be a small thing to the individual farmer that the loss of \$500,000 cotton income was no small thing for the county. The commissioners discussed the plan briefly with Bender but took no action.

It was ordered that the State Highway Commission be requested to black top that road running from Road No. 1509 to Mosby Hall Gate, a distance of about two-tenths of a mile.

On motion of Com. Thorne, seconded by Com. Davis and duly carried, it was ordered that a microfilm reader be purchased by the Register of Deeds. The cost of the reader is expected to be around \$100.

It was ordered that the State Highway Commission be requested to blacktop Road No. 1234, which road runs from U. S. No. 1 to the Ridgeway-Drewry Road, a distance of about 1.6 miles. (See TAX, page 6)



REV. WILSON

## Wilson To Head Heart Campaign

The Rev. L. T. Wilson of Warrenton will head the Warren County Heart Association's local division of the North Carolina and American Heart Association.

Announcement of the Warrenton minister's appointment was made this week by Mrs. Tom W. Hawkins, publicity chairman for the Warren County Heart Association.

Mrs. Hawkins said that the purpose of the Warren County Heart Association is to inform the public of the facts about heart disease, to provide local physicians, nurses and other professional people who deal with heart patients with the latest research discoveries in treating heart diseases and to conduct community programs for the benefit of patients and their families.

The local group also sponsors the annual Heart Fund. (See WILSON, page 11)

## Short Service To Be Held Christmas

A thirty minute service of worship is planned for Christmas Day at the Warrenton Baptist Church, the Rev. John Link, pastor, said yesterday.

The Junior and Adult choirs will render Christmas music with readings and a Christmas sermonette will be given by the pastor.

All who desire to attend a Christmas Day service are invited, Mr. Link said.

## Burning Out

The State Forestry Service has cancelled all burning permits until further notice because of the hazardous fire conditions. Fred Claridge, state forester, announced Tuesday.

A bluff never holds out long unless it has good backing.

With a goal of establishing better fire protection for Warren County citizens and lower insurance rates for rural citizens of the county, the board of county commissioners on Monday approved the establishment of rural fire districts in Warren County.

The resolution authorizing the setting up of fire districts, also provided for the establishment of a three-man fire commissioners, a member of the rural fire department and one member at large.

Named from the board was Commissioner Robert P. Thorne, who will be known as fire commissioner; Charlie Bowen, chief of the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department; and Maurice Fleming of Drewry as member at large.

These members will serve until the first Monday in next December. Thereafter, on each first Monday in December, appointments will be made to the fire Commission for a term of one year.

The commission was set up and the members named at the request of W. Monroe Gardner, recording secretary of the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department, who was authorized to make the request by the firemen at a meeting on last Friday night.

Gardner said yesterday that plans of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department call for submission of a report to the sub-

## Rep. Drake Explains Insurance

A new automobile insurance law passed by the 1965 session of the General Assembly threatens drivers' licenses, Wilton R. Drake, Warren County Representative in the General Assembly, said in an article submitted to this newspaper Tuesday.

Drake said that in the public interest, he would like to call the attention of his constituents to the new automobile insurance law, which is causing suspension of thousands of drivers' licenses throughout the state.

"The law," he said, "can cause considerable trouble and inconvenience to automobile owners who are not aware of its provisions and who also are not attentive to their mail."

The new law provides that if insurance coverage on a motor vehicle lapses—even for one day—the registration (license) plate shall be revoked and that the owner's driving privilege shall also be revoked for a period of 30 days if certain requirements are not complied with.

Rep. Drake said that many motorists are finding that set-

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## Lack Of Decorations Fails To Mar Christmas Festivities

Lack of Christmas decorations failed to mar what has been described as one of Warrenton's best Christmas parades here last Friday afternoon, witnesses by several thousand persons lining both sides of Main Street from the Postoffice to Dameron corner.

Decorations ordered and paid for on Oct. 6, arrived at Warrenton just a few hours before the parade started under balmy skies at 4 p. m.

Twelve beautifully decorated floats, bearing more than two dozen pretty young ladies, and old Santa, featured the nearly mile-long parade and two bands, a combo band of four young boys, and a calliope kept the crowd in a gay mood.

The floats were interspersed with cars, tractors, a large group of horsemen and a number of fire engines.

Entertaining the crowd was a colored band from Henderson Institute, which played lively music, and its stunting majoret-

tes, who did the split and other acrobatic stunts at prominent spots in the parade, and an excellent E. M. Rollins Junior High School Band whose performance was somewhat more sedate but no less attractive. And then there was the combo band, The Rainmakers, made up of four teenagers who both entertained and amazed the crowd with its rock and roll.

The whole affair was sponsored by the Warrenton Merchants Association under the direction of its president, A. C. Fair. The floats were rented from S. & W. Sign Co., of Henderson, and the lovely ladies which they bore were under the charge of J. Allen Tucker. Monroe Gardner, George Willis Shearin, Roy Neal, and Association secretary Howard Oakley, assisted Fair in assembling the program. Bill Minette was in charge of the horses and Bill Connell rounded up the tractors.

The floats were paid for by individual merchants, and the costs of the parade was borne

by the Merchants Association and a number of individual merchants.

## Choirs To Present Christmas Program

The Children's Choirs of the Warrenton Baptist Church will present a program of Christmas music at the Sunday morning worship service, the Rev. John Link, pastor, announced.

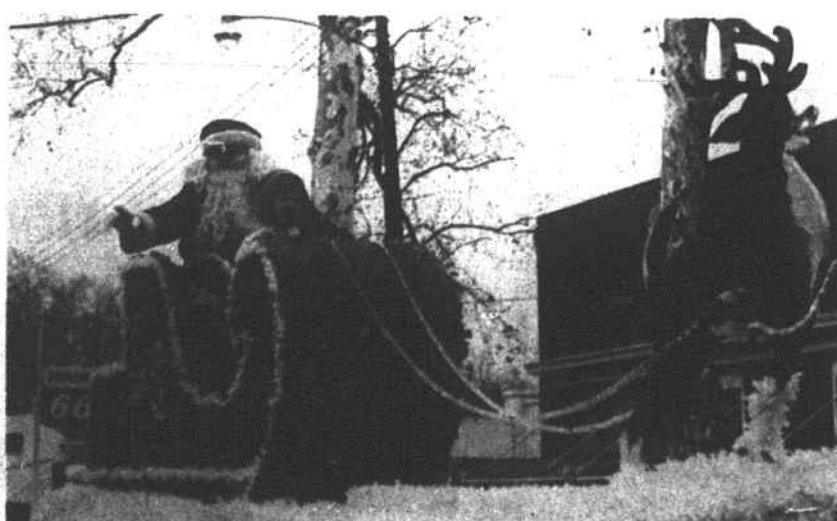
The choirs are under the direction of Mrs. John Link, with Mrs. W. A. Miles as accompanist. Mrs. Monroe Gardner will be the organist.

## TO SELL WREATHS

The ladies of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church will make Christmas wreaths for sale on Dec. 16.

## IN HOSPITAL

John E. Jones is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Durham for treatment.



Children, floats and music bring joy as Warrenton holds its annual Christmas Parade here last Friday afternoon.