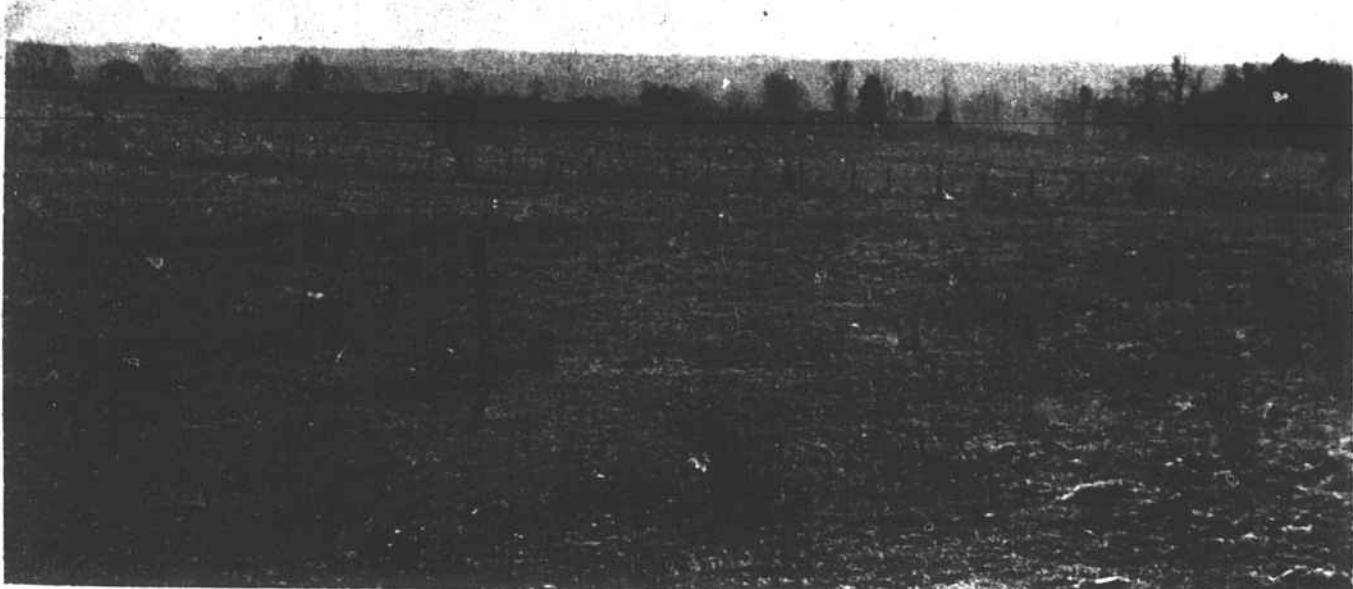


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At top is a partial view of the site upon which Soul City is to be constructed. Much of the site is on a hill overlooking Highway No. 1 near Manson. At left is the residence where Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Satterwhite made their home for many years.

Estimate Cost \$25,000,000 All-Negro City Planned For Warren County Site

Plans were unveiled in Washington Monday for a Negro-built, Negro-run "new town" to be located in Warren County and to be known as "Soul City."

Announcement of plans for the city came as a complete surprise to county officials and citizens generally who learned of the project through their newspapers on Tuesday morning.

Amos Capps of Arcola, chairman of the Warren County Commissioners, said he had not heard of the project "until I received a call from Congressman L. H. Fountain's office last Monday afternoon inquiring about it."

"While I don't want to make a comment until I know all the details," Capps said, "it did come as a shock to me to learn that a project of this magnitude was being considered without the knowledge of county officials."

T. T. Clayton, Negro attorney, who did the legal work in acquiring an option on property for Soul City and who was responsible for Warren County being selected as the site of the first such project in the South, said Tuesday that secrecy was absolutely necessary in order to acquire the property and to work out details before any announcement.

Mayor W. A. Miles said that he learned of the project with both surprise and mixed emotions. A project of such magnitude, he said, could have a tremendous impact on the county.

Other reactions were mixed from downright hostility, to skepticism that the city would ever be built, to a wait and see attitude.

Mrs. Eva Clayton, Negro leader who worked with her husband to bring the project to Warren County, said on Tuesday afternoon that she was happy that Warren County was to obtain a project that would mean so much to its economy.

She will meet with the Board of County Commissioners and members of the Warren County Industrial Commission sometime next Tuesday, for discussion of the project.

The community, which eventually would have a population of 15,000 persons, would be built on an 1,810-acre farm tract.

The property, known as the Satterwhite farm, is owned by Perry Lumber Company and is located a mile off U. S. Highway No. 1 some ten miles from Warrenton and flanks the edge of Vance County line.

The idea of the new town, which has been promised significant support from government agencies and from blue ribbon building firms, is to both reduce the migration and entice Negroes back from the slums.

Floyd McKissick, Negro lawyer from Durham and former head of the Congress of Racial Equality, outlined plans for the town at a press conference in Washington without going Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, who pledged departmental aid for planning the community.

McKissick, who now heads his own New York firm, McKissick Enterprises, Inc., said an option has already been taken on the tract near Warrenton at a sales price of \$500,000.

Records in the office of the Warren County register of deeds show an option on the property was taken Dec. 19, 1968. Option price on the records is listed at \$390,000.

The new town would theoretically be open to all, but McKissick asserted that the main idea would be to "create new jobs, new careers for black people, the development of talents heretofore never employed or afforded the opportunity."

The community, he said, would probably grow "by stages of 5,000 persons each" and reach full development in 10 years.

It would include a full range of community services and seek to attract both commercial and industrial development.

Clayton said that two or more industries have already evidenced some interest in coming into the proposed city.

The development of public facilities could be financed by government-guaranteed bond issues, McKissick said.

McKissick estimates that the project will involve a \$25 million outlay.

McKissick's firm is undertaking planning for the new town in association with the Rouse Company, developers of Columbia, Md., a completely new planned community just south of Baltimore and prototype of new town enterprises throughout the country.

The option for, which McKissick Enterprises paid \$4,000, according to county records, will expire on Feb. 19. Clayton said he did not know when actual construction of the city would start.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman has offered his Department's assistance and advice to McKissick Enterprises in planning the Warren County venture. Housing legislation passed in the last session of Congress authorizes federal guarantees of bonds issued by community organizations for construction of new cities.

McKissick said the enterprise will be aimed at revitalizing of a rural agricultural area to demonstrate that good jobs, quality education and cultural enhancement can be created in decaying rural areas. He said it is considered essential to the country's future that a new way of life be built in the non-urban areas of the country to end the mass migration of unskilled poor people to the slums of the cities.

The Rouse firm will train Negro planners who will in turn prepare blueprints for the Warren County community.

Community planning departments at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of North Carolina; business schools at Harvard and Columbia universities and planning units of the Arthur Little Co., and Corn Products Company have also offered planning and technical assistance, McKissick said.

McKissick proposes to seek federal planning and development money through new community-building programs under the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Housing and Urban Development.

The McKissick plan is said to have the interest of officials in the incoming administration of Richard Nixon, who has capitalism as a major approach to problems of Negroes.

McKissick himself has been one of the most indefatigable exponents of the idea that Negroes should "do their own thing" economically.

A few years ago, he proposed that CORE take the lead in setting up Negro-run cooperatives which would provide an economic base for Negro farm producers and small (See CITY, page 4)

D. Driving Cases Aired In Court

A number of drunk driving cases were among the cases disposed of in a short term of Warren County District Court on last Friday morning with Judge Claude Allen of Oxford presiding.

Robert Louis Seward pled guilty to a charge of drunk driving. He was ordered to surrender his driver's license and to pay a fine of \$100 and court costs.

Joseph Hampton Foster was charged with drunk driving but a motion for a non-suit was allowed.

James Hartwell Overby, charged with drunk driving and speeding 75 miles per hour in a 60 mph zone, entered a plea of reckless driving. He was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

William Lee Stevenson, charged with drunk driving, entered a plea of reckless driving after a motion for non-suit was denied.

A case against Milton Samuel Jones, charging him with drunk driving and carrying a concealed weapon, was continued to Jan. 17.

A case against Robert Durham, charging him with non-support, was continued until Jan. 17.

Eddie M. Johnson failed to appear in court to answer to a charge of giving a worthless check. Nisi Sci fa returned unserved. Case continued until Jan. 17.

A case against Lyman Hamilton Priddy, charging him with a passing violation and with driving with an obstructed windshield, was continued until Jan. 17.

George William Jordan failed to appear in court to answer to a charge of following another vehicle too closely. Capias was issued to Sheriff of Warren County and bond was set at \$25.00.

Charles Brantley Overby was charged with public drunkenness. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Wilbert Alston, Jr., was sentenced to jail for 30 days when he pled guilty to reckless driving. Sentence was suspended upon payment of a (See COURT, page 4)

T. T. Clayton Ordered To Vacate Trailer Home

T. T. Clayton, Warrenton attorney, will not be permitted to reside in a trailer on his lot on West Franklin Street, according to an order of the board of town commissioners in regular session on Monday night.

Clayton moved to the trailer, pending the building of a new home on Gaston Lake, when he moved his law office from Market Street to his residence on West Franklin Street.

The town commissioners on Monday night directed J. E. Rooker, Jr., Town Manager, to inform Clayton that the occupancy of his trailer within the corporate limits of the Town is in direct violation of Chapter 0, Section 12-b of the Code of the Town of Warrenton, N. C., 1963, and demand that this trailer be vacated immediately.

George A. Burwell appeared before the board with reference to glare from the traffic signal at the intersection of Front and Fairview Streets and parking in front of the residence of Miss Edith Burwell on Cousin Lucy's Lane. The board agreed with both of his suggestions and referred them to the street committee for action.

In other action in a session largely concerned with matters of routine, the board certified the following as members of the Warrenton Fire Department as of Jan. 1, 1969:

Toys For Tots Are Sought By Jaycees

The Warren County Junior Chamber of Commerce, which collected and repaired toys for distribution at Christmas under its Toys for Tots program, will be glad to collect any toys or other items during the summer, David Proctor, chairman of the Toys for Tots Committee, said yesterday. He said any member of the Jaycees would be glad to pick them up if notified.

In announcing plans for summer collections, Proctor said that he and the Jaycees would like to have this newspaper express their thanks to all who gave toys, clothes and other articles which enabled the Jaycees to help more than 70 children during Christmas time.

Cold Weather

Warren County with the rest of the state has been undergoing unusually cold weather. The temperature has been below freezing every morning since Dec. 30, Clarence Skillman reported Monday morning. Skillman has been assisting George Davis in recording weather data for the Weather Bureau.

Skillman said that the average maximum temperature during the period was 40.2 degrees and the mean temperature was 30.2 degrees.

The average minimum temperature was 20.1 degrees and on Jan. 8 a recording of 9 degrees was made.

Farmers Receive Payments

Warren County farmers earned \$58,449 cost-share payments on conservation practices completed under the 1968 Agricultural Conservation Program, T. E. Watson, ASCS office manager, said yesterday. These payments were earned on 570 farms.

Permanent vegetative cover was established on 70 farms with a total of 408 acres established. Two thousand seven hundred and ninety-two acres of established vegetative cover was improved on 159 farms, twenty-six farms planted 383 acres of pine trees. A farm pond was built on 2 farms.

Watson said that winter cover is still one of the most popular practices with 3164 acres on 395 farms. Land smoothing to permit safe and effective removal of surface water on sloping land was used by 17 farms. Sod waterways were put in on seven farms with a total of seven acres in waterways. There were 16 farms establishing 20 acres of summer cover and five farms did forestry improvement on 70 acres.

Jackets To Play At Norlina On Friday

Norlina and Warrenton will meet in their second basketball game of the season on Friday night at Norlina when Norlina will be seeking revenge for a double defeat at Warrenton earlier in the season.

The Warrenton girls suffered their first loss of the season last Friday night at Aurelian Springs when they were defeated 41 to 39. The Yellow Jackets took the nightcap by the score of 78 to 51. John Graham was idle on Tuesday night.

Norlina split games with Enfield on last Friday night at Norlina and at Aurelian Springs on Tuesday night. The Norlina girls downed the Enfield girls 38 to 16 and the Enfield boys won 49 to 47. The Aurelian Springs girls downed Norlina 52 to 41 and the Norlina boys won 70 to 51.

Although program emphasis has changed over the years, the basic purpose of the program continues to be the conservation of the Nation's agricultural resources, Watson continued. Funds made available under this program aid the consumer as well as the farmer. In addition to assuring an abundance of food and fiber, the program also provides substantial fringe benefits such as beautification of our countryside, wildlife preservation and many others.

The ASCS Office is accepting requests for practices to be carried out this year. Farmers should study their needs and file their requests for practices they intend to complete this year, Watson said.

Boyd's Warehouse Is Sold To B. W. Currin

Boyd's Warehouse has been sold by heirs of W. P. Burwell to B. W. (Tot) Currin, Warrenton business man and operator of warehouses in South Carolina for several years.

Currin has operated two warehouses in Kingstree, S. C., for several years and has part interest in warehouses in Lake City, S. C. He also has an interest in Planters Warehouse No. 1 and No. 2 in Fair Bluff, S. C.

Currin was formerly interested in Norlina Livestock Market and a Livestock Market in Raleigh. He lives on a farm just east of Warrenton where he raises horses and beef cattle.

Boyd's Warehouse has been operated here for more than 75 years and is the oldest warehouse to be operated on the same site in Warrenton.

For many years it was operated by W. B. Boyd at a time when the market ran practically all the winter months. While operating the warehouse on this site Mr. Boyd also for a few years operated the Ford Automobile Agency in the same building. At that time the warehouse had an addition across the street where tobacco was stored and prized.

Following the death of Mr. Boyd, the operation of the warehouse was taken over by W. N. Boyd, a nephew of W. B. Boyd. Upon his death, the warehouse was purchased by Walker Burwell a nephew of Mr. W. N. Boyd, who operated it until his death on Oct. 24, 1968.

A number of years ago the addition across Macon Street was torn down and the present building enlarged.

Pulley Heads Warren Forestry Club

Travis Pulley of Warrenton was recently elected president of the Warren County Forestry Club for 1969, L. B. Hardage, Warren County Extension Chairman, announced this week.

Other officers elected were Willie T. Robinson, Route 1, Macon, vice president; William Brauer, Route 1, Norlina, treasurer; and Clinton Capps, Arcola Station, secretary.

Hardage said that the Warren County Forestry Club has approximately 50 members from Warren, Vance and Halifax Counties. The purpose of the club is to promote forestry and improve forests and marketing practices. He said that this is an educational organization made up of all segments and interests in forestry—farmers, foresters, educators, etc.

Hardage said that the club has been an important factor over the years in making forestry a valuable part of the economy of this section of the state.



Recently elected officers of the Warren County Forestry Club are pictured above, left to right: Travis Pulley, president; Willie T. Robinson, vice president; Clinton Capps, secretary; and William Brauer, treasurer.

Public Meeting

Project JOBS will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Community Center at 7:30 p. m., when detailed information about "Soul City" will be given. Mrs. Eva Clayton announced yesterday. The public is invited.

District Meeting

The Second Congressional District will hold its first meeting of the new year Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Snow Hill Baptist Church, at 11:00 a. m. All citizens are urged to attend.

To Solicit Funds

The Macon Junior Woman's Club and the Macon Rural Fire Department will begin to solicit funds for the Macon Rural Fire Department.

If anyone is not contacted and would like to give a donation, please send check to M. C. Clary, Macon, N. C.

BAKE SALE

A bake sale will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, starting at 9:30 a. m. at the AAA Gas Company, sponsored by the Patrol of Troop No. 624 of the Girl Scout Council.