

NORTH CAROLINA MULTI-COUNTY PLANNING REGIONS



Established By Executive Order
Robert W. Scott
Governor Of North Carolina
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Warren County Placed In Five-County Regional District

Warren County will be grouped with four other counties to form one of the 17 multi-county planning regions for North Carolina created by executive order of Gov. Bob Scott last week.

Composing District K will be Warren, Vance, Franklin, Granville, and Person Counties. This was the grouping approved by the Board of County Commissioners several

months ago during the planning stage. In announcing the planning regions, Gov. Scott said that he had become more and more aware of the need for some type of uniform system of multi-county regions for planning and development activities of all levels of government in North Carolina. Pointing out that there are 29 counties in the Appalachian

Program, divided into seven local development districts; three economic development districts in eastern Carolina, with from six to 10 counties; 11 area-wide comprehensive health planning agencies and 19 comprehensive area manpower planning system areas, and 21 local law enforcement planning units, Gov. Scott pointed out that in addition to these the State has

been divided over 70 different ways by state agencies for special purposes. All of these organizations and divisions were created in response to real problems facing our counties, towns, and cities, Gov. Scott said. "However," he added, "it should be obvious that the time has come for a more orderly approach to the organization of multi-county planning and development activities of local, state and federal agencies. "The provision of quality public services such as schools, health and medical facilities, libraries, highways,

and police protection for all of our citizens must be coordinated at all levels of government. "The distinction between rural and urban America is becoming less and less meaningful. For years, our people have fled to rural areas in search of employment in the urban centers of the nation. Serious problems have resulted from this mass migration. "Now, with improved transportation and communication, large numbers of our people continue to live in rural areas and commute to the urban cen-

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Requested By Farm Bureau

Board Orders No Change In Tobacco Allotment Tax

Property Of Taxpayers Who Fail To Pay School Levy To Be Advertised

Warrenton citizens who fail to pay the special school levy tax will have their property advertised for sale next month, in spite of having paid all but this portion of the town levy. This was revealed at the regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners on Tuesday night when Town Manager J. Ed Rooker revealed that some taxpayers were only paying that part of the levy not concerned with the special school. Rooker said that in such cases he issued only partial payment receipts. When liens on property are advertised, the balance due on tax bill will be advertised. In spite of the fact that no city school has been operated here on account of a Federal Court ruling, and no present indication that such a school will operate here in the future, taxpayers must still pay the tax, pending a ruling on the constitutionality of the special act creating the school by the Legislature.

The town has no choice in the matter, Town Attorney Charles Johnson ruled. The people voted a special 50¢ school tax and it is mandatory that they pay it until such time as the act creating the city school district is repealed or declared unconstitutional by the Federal Court. The matter of the constitutionality of the act has been in Federal Court for months. The commissioners requested Attorney Johnson to take what steps he can to see that a decision of the federal court be speeded up. Meanwhile, taxpayers must pay the levy, with the tax being held in escrow until such time as the issue is decided. The commissioners were in session until 11:30 Tuesday night with a large variety of matters receiving their attention, often at much length. A. A. Wood, chief of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, appeared before the board to thank the commissioners for their donation for the present fiscal year and to express the hope that the donation would remain the same during the next fiscal year. He was assured that the commissioners contemplate no reduction in the allotment. Cliff Ellis appeared before the board to ascertain the right of Warrenton Supply Company to erect a canopy on the front of his store, with posts erected between the sidewalk and the curb. The matter was referred to the street committee for investigation and recommendation. A break-in a sewer line under the highway on Macon Street at the Tasty-Freeze has been blamed on the State Highway Department's manner of road building by the town, but the highway engineering department has failed to accept any responsibility for the break. Town Manager Ed Rooker was requested to take the matter up with District Highway Commissioner Williams. Elmer Wells, superintendent of the Water Company, told the commissioners that a 1450-foot 4-inch line on Halifax Street extension has been completed. This larger line replaced a one-inch line that had been serving 18 homes. Wells said that homeowners had expressed delight with the increased pressure. He also

The Board of Warren County Commissioners, meeting in regular session here last Thursday, unanimously voted not to make any changes in the valuation on tobacco allotments. Action of the board was taken after Dennis Harris, president, and Boyd Mayfield, a member of the Warren County Farm Bureau, appeared before the board to request that the tax be either removed or reduced. Tax valuation on tobacco allotments is 50¢ a pound. Harry Kerr and Mike Mangum appeared before the board with Mrs. Lanie Hayes, Clerk of Court, to discuss an emergency room at the Warren General Hospital to keep mental patients while they are awaiting transfer to Butner. In addition to providing a room, personnel would have to be trained to care for these patients. The cost was estimated at \$3,000, with \$1,000 to be paid by the county and \$2,000 to be paid by the state and federal governments. No action was taken by the board, which appeared sympathetic to the idea. Frank Banzet, attorney, and Whitmel Peoples, president, appeared before the board to discuss Warren Memorial Library with the commissioners, with Peoples acting as spokesman. He said that as a result of conferences he and Chairman Capps had with the State Library Commission officials, it appears that it may be possible to have the state and federal funds restored to the library. One big hitch, Peoples said, was the requirement that the library employ a certified librarian, but when it was pointed out that her salary would more than exhaust state and federal aid, this requirement was waived. Still to be worked out, he said, is the transfer of property of Warren Memorial Library to the county. Peoples said there were still a few minor details to be worked out to combine all the libraries of the county, with present branches being retained. He said he is encouraged by the progress being made and hopes that the library funds will soon be restored. The commissioners agreed that the part time salary of Leonard Kilian, who is assisting the Soil Conservation Service in the county, would be handled by the Warren County Auditor. This was agreed upon after Ed Holland, Soil Conservationist and Wilton E. Smith, who is serving as replacement for Soil Conservationist Donald J. Manley in Warren County while Manley is taking his basic training, appeared before the board with Walter S. Smiley to make the request. Holland explained that the funds would be supplied that the amount was rather small to set up bookkeeping in the Soil Conservation Service (See TOBACCO, page 3)

Chafin Is Speaker

Chamber Of Commerce Is Organized; Fowler President

Will Fowler, president of Fowler-Barham Ford, Inc., was elected president of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce at an organizational dinner meeting held at the Lion's Den on last Thursday night. In addition to a president, four vice presidents, to head four divisions, and a treasurer were elected, and a nominating committee was named to nominate 21 directors to be approved by the members. Named as vice presidents were H. V. Massengill, George Kilgore, G. W. Currin and L. C. Cooper. Roy Pat Robertson was elected treasurer. Appointed to the nominating committee by President Fowler were Dr. L. B. Henderson, Jr., Milton Ayscue, John Andrews, John G. (Benny) Powell, W. A. Miles, Frank Ballance, Mrs. Earl Hathcock, Mrs. A. J. House and Graham Grissom. Sponsoring the barbecue and chicken dinner, served by Shearin's of Hollister-Essex, were The Citizens Bank, Leggett's Department Store, Fowl-

er-Barham Ford, B. W. Currin, Jr., and Radio Station WARR. Some 95 persons were present for the dinner and from this number 69 joined the Chamber following an address by Neal Chafin, executive vice president of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce. The invocation was pronounced by Jack Harris and Will Fowler presided over the meeting and welcomed the guests. Numbered identity cards were presented each guest upon arrival and these numbers were drawn from a bowl following the dinner to determine the winners of door prizes. One of these prizes was reserved for the first person to join the new Chamber of Commerce, and was presented to the Rev. Robert W. Orvis. Fowler commented that the gathering was the best cross section and the best representation of any meeting that he had attended since coming to Warrenton and said that he believed that it promises great things for Warrenton. Presented by H. V. Massen-



gill, Chafin discussed the roll of a Chamber of Commerce in a community, its organization and dues, and following his talk answered a number of questions from the floor. Chafin said that a Chamber of Commerce is just what is needed to carry Warrenton forward. A Chamber of Commerce, he said is an organization to work for the good of a community, with business and professional leaders working through committees. He said the roll of a Chamber is to solve and prevent community problems and must fit the needs of a community, with the realization that what is good for a community is good for business. Chafin suggested that one of the first steps of the new Chamber of Commerce should be the selection of an attractive office with competent personnel. The Chamber of Commerce is the most important organization in a town, he said and is the front door of Warrenton. Chafin said that money is needed if a Chamber of Commerce is to work effectively, and warned against making (See CHAMBER, page 3)

Eastern Motor Lines To Hold Open House Sunday

Eastern Motor Lines, whose trucks serve all states east of the Mississippi, will hold open house Sunday, May 17, from 12 to 3 p. m., following a rebuilding program. The company, owned by C.

M. Bullock and W. S. Bugg, began operation in Dec. 1932, with three trucks, and operated in six states. Now the company operates 36 trucks with 40 drivers and trucks to points in 19 states. The Warrenton located company has revenues in excess of a million dollars annually and a payroll of some \$350,000.

Thief Is Foiled By Burglar Alarm System

A thief was foiled on Wednesday night of last week when he broke in Burton's Texaco Station at One by a burglar alarm system installed following a break-in of the station some four weeks. Deputy Sheriff Dorsey Capps said yesterday that a thief had prized open a side door at the station but fled when the burglar alarm sounded, taking nothing with him. A thief or thieves took some \$400 in cigarettes in a break-in of the station a few weeks ago, causing the owner to install the alarm system.

Open House

The Hollister-Essex Development Company announced yesterday that open house for the Hollister-Essex Garment Company would be held on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. The garment company, which has been conducting a training program in the old Hallwa school buildings for several months, recently began operation in its new building at Hollister.

Hawkins Is Temporary Republican Chairman

John J. Hawkins, who will oppose General Claude T. Bowser in the General Election for a seat on the Board of County Commissioners, has been appointed temporary chairman of the Warren County Republican Party. The appointment was made from the office of Jim Hollister, chairman of the State Republican Party. Hawkins said yesterday that this is the first time that a man of the black race has been appointed to head a major political party committee in the State of North Carolina. Hawkins also announced that the Republican County Convention will be held in the Warren County Court House at Warrenton on Thursday, May 28, at 8 p. m.

Baby's Death Blamed On Monoxide Poisoning

The death of a two-year-old boy, found dead in the rear seat of his parents automobile last Thursday morning, has been attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning, Coroner Bobby Blaylock said Monday. The body of Michael McKlosey was sent to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill for an autopsy. Blaylock said that a report from the hospital stated that tests showed the blood of the child was saturated with carbon monoxide. The parents of the child, Mr. and Mrs. Tim M. McKlosey, were enroute to Rockville, Md. Mr. McKlosey had been discharged from the U. S. Air Force last Wednesday and was moving to Rockville. The parents were in the front seat and the little boy and his two-month old sister were lying in the back seat of the car, which was pulling a U-Haul-R trailer. When the parents stopped at Stuckey's at One in Warren County around 11 a. m. last Thursday they found the little boy, at first thought to be asleep, was dead. The body was taken by ambulance to Warren General Hospital where his death was confirmed.

Mr. and Mrs. McKlosey and their baby left the following morning for Rockville. Coroner Blaylock said that the child's father said that he would never forget the kindness of Warren County people. When the parents accompanied their dead child to the hospital they left the baby in the care of personnel at Stuckey's. When they returned they found the baby had been changed, Blaylock said. At the hospital a room for the mother and child and an examination was furnished without charge. Room and meal charges at Plaza Inn were paid for by the American Legion Auxiliary and representatives of other civic clubs called to offer help and condolence. Mrs. Wood, a member of the Auxiliary, said that Mr. McKlosey told her that any notions of lack of hospitality and kindness of Southern people that he may have entertained, no longer existed. He said that he and his family would always remain a friend of the South on account of the kindness and thoughtfulness of Warren County people.

Revival

A weekend revival will be held at the Church of God on South Main Street, beginning May 15 at 7 p. m. and continuing through May 17. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Robert Hart of Kenly. (See CHAMBER, page 3)

Horse Show Sunday

A horse show at the Warrenton Recreational Club arena, postponed May 3 on account of rain, will be held this Sunday afternoon, May 17.

Beautification Committee Plans Clean-Up

The week of May 17 has been designated as County Beautification Week as part of Gov. Scott's State Beautification program and Warren County will participate in the program, Mrs. Robert Ransom, coordinator by appointment of the governor, said yesterday. Mrs. Ransom said that a county-wide clean up, fix up, and paint up program would be carried out over the county under the direction of the recently appointed county committee. The mayors of the four incorporated towns of the county, Warrenton, Norlina, Macon and Littleton, have signed a joint proclamation asking the people to participate in the beautification program, and it is expected that the towns will aid in the hauling off of debris. Mrs. Ransom said that it is the hope of the committee that our people will not only clean up, fix up and paint up during the week, but that they will tear down obsolete and unsightly buildings. We have a naturally beautiful county and we should enhance this natural beauty by keeping it clean and neat, Mrs. Ransom said. Beautification has been designated to the Governor's Beau-

A Proclamation

Whereas, it has been said that cleanliness is next to Godliness, and
Whereas, The natural beauty of the county is being marred by man's disregard for his environment, and
Whereas, a clean and attractive county would add to the enjoyment of our people and make it more attractive for the building of industries and its economic and social development, and
Whereas, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has proclaimed the week of May 17 as County Beautification Week, and
Whereas, the County Beautification Committee has organized to clean up, fix up and paint up the entire county during County Beautification Week;
Therefore, we the mayors of Norlina, Warrenton, Macon, and Littleton jointly proclaim the week of May 17 as County Beautification Week, and ask the cooperation of all our people in making it a success in Warren County.
This May 14, 1970.

Dogs Must Be Listed

Citations will be issued to all dog owners who fail to have their dogs vaccinated against rabies and listed for taxes after May 30, Claude J. Fleming, Dog Warden, announced this week. Those failing to have their dogs vaccinated and listed will be given 14 days to have it done, Fleming said. After that time they will be prosecuted.

Last Day

Tommy Blanks announced yesterday that Saturday is the last day that boys, age 9-12, may obtain blanks from Phillips 66 Stations for the pitch and hit baseball contest to be held in the county. He said that application blanks may be obtained from the nearest Phillips 66 station or from any Little League coach.

Road Bid

Among the 20 roads projects for which the State Highway Commission plans to open bids on May 28 is 17.07 miles of highway in Warren and Franklin Counties. The bid will be for bituminous concrete surface and resurfacing one section of primary and two sections of secondary roads on US 401 (part).

Warrenton In Race For Conference Top

Winning the western division of the Roanoke Conference here last week by defeating Norlina in a play-off match here last week, with Copley being the winning pitcher and Brantley being the loser, John Graham Yellow Jackets opened a three-game play-off with Weldon for the conference championship here on Monday night. Due to bunched hitting and a number of errors on Weldon's part, the Jackets sent four men across the plate in the bottom of the first inning. Weldon scored its lone run in the top of the third. There was no more scoring, although several times men were left on base, as the contest developed into a scoring duel between Kermit Copley for Warrenton and Freddie Prater for Weldon. The Jackets were scheduled to play their second game of Weldon on Wednesday afternoon. If a third game proves necessary, it would be played here on Friday.

LEON KNIGHT,
Mayor of Norlina
W. A. MILES,
Mayor of Warrenton
W. R. DRAKE,
Mayor of Macon
J. M. STOKES,
Mayor of Littleton