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S. S. Payments Are Nearing \$2 Million

Social security benefits paid to Warren County residents are approaching the two million mark annually, with some \$1,372,000 paid in 1969.

Benefits paid to residents totaled \$156,000 a month as 1969 ended, Robert A. Flynn, social security district manager, reported this week.

A benefit increase, signed into law by President Nixon on Dec. 30, 1969, has since raised the monthly rate of payment by 15 percent for the 2665 social security beneficiaries in Warren County Flynn noted.

Of the social security beneficiaries living in this area, 1561 are retired workers and their dependents. Another 753 are receiving benefits as the survivors of workers who have died, and 253 are getting benefits as disabled workers or the dependents of disabled workers. Flynn pointed out that although the majority of social security beneficiaries are older people, about one out of every four is under age 60.

In Warren County, 767 people under age 60 are collecting social security payments each month. The 457 people under age 60 are collecting social security payments each month. The 457 who are under 18 are receiving payments because working father or mother has died or is getting social security disability or retirement benefits.

Of the 58 who are 18 through 21 years of age, most are getting students' benefits under a provision which permits the continuation of a child's benefits past his or her 18th birthday, and up to age 22 if he or she is attending school full time. But in this 18 to 22 age group, Flynn said, are some

other types of beneficiaries, illustrating the broad family protection that is provided working people of all ages under the social security program.

A number of the children of retired, disabled, or deceased workers who became disabled before they reached 18 and who will probably never be able to go to work and become self supporting. The benefits of these young people, severely handicapped by physical or mental disabilities, will continue indefinitely and benefits are also payable to their mothers if the disabled son or daughter is in the mother's care.

Another small but significant group of youthful social security beneficiaries are those who are receiving social security benefits as disabled workers. Under a 1967 change in the law, disability benefits can be paid to a person who becomes disabled for work even if he has less than five years of work under social security. As little as a year and a half is required in the case of a worker becoming disabled before age 24.

In discussing ways that social security offices provide services to the nearly 2700 Warren County beneficiaries, Flynn emphasized use of the telephone. "Often times people take off from work or travel long distances to their social security office when their business could just as easily have been handled by telephone."

Flynn noted that the full range of social security services are often available by merely telephoning the nearest social security office, whether this be filing a claim, reporting a

change in address, getting a social security card, discussing a Medicare bill or whatever. "Even if it is necessary for us to see someone at our office," Flynn continued, "if they can telephone first we can tell them what records they should bring. In short, social security offices throughout North Carolina urge people to telephone their nearest office when they need assistance. This usually saves a lot of time and trouble."

College Costs Show Increase

NEW YORK—This fall, a greater proportion of Warren County's young people than ever before will be heading for college.

And, for the parents of most of them, it presents a bigger financial problem than before because college costs have been zooming skyward.

The result is that funds they had set aside for the purpose are no longer adequate. Added to this is the fact that bank loans are harder to get, interest rates are high and Federal aid to needy students has been reduced.

Hardest hit by the mounting costs and the tight money conditions are those families that have more than one child going to college at the same time. They have to dig even deeper.

Based upon the number of Warren County students heading for college and upon the new tuition rates, local families will be carrying a \$1,439,000 load for the coming academic year, it is estimated.

Data on college enrollments for the coming semester and on the costs involved were compiled by the U. S. Office of Education, the Census Bureau and others.

Their figures indicate that 1,840,000 youths will be starting college this year, bringing the total enrollment to a record 7,700,000.

Warren County's contingent will total 560, it is estimated. This compares with 250 in the local area who were going to college in 1960.

How much they will have to pay will depend upon where they are going. The range is broad.

At state colleges and other publicly-supported institutions the average outlay will be about \$1,250 for tuition, fees, room and board. That is the price for those living in the state. For non-residents it is higher.

Private colleges also vary widely in cost, the average being about \$2,720, the Office of Education states.

But that's not all. Then comes the cost of transportation, books, clothing, recreation and miscellaneous items.

Taking everything into consideration, the total cost of a year in a public college at this time is around \$1,750 and, in a private college, \$3,400.

The \$1,439,000 price tag for Warren County parents is on the presumption that the local students will divide equally between public and private colleges.

SOFTBALL GAMES

The Wise-Paschall Ruritan softball team will play a Jaycee team at the Wise School on Friday night, July 3, and Monday night, July 6. The games will start at 8 o'clock. Jack Whitby is manager of the Ruritan team.

CLINIC TO CLOSE

The Warren Animal Clinic will be closed Monday, July 6, in observance of the July 4th holiday.

A Proclamation

Whereas, The growing, marketing and handling of cucumbers adds to the wealth of our county and to the income of our farmers; and

Whereas, The merchants and business people of Warrenton, under the sponsorship of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, desire to publicly recognize the value of the cucumber industry to Warren County and to Warrenton; and

Whereas, A week is being set aside in recognition of the cucumber growers and buying agencies for their contribution to the county and town;

Therefore, I, W. A. MILES, Mayor of Warrenton, do proclaim the week of July 6-11 as Cucumber Week in Warren County and ask the citizens of Warrenton to join in a demonstration of appreciation during this week.

W. A. MILES, Mayor
The Town of Warrenton

Cucumber Week To Be Observed Here July 6-11

The Week of July 6-11 will be observed in Warren County as Cucumber Week in honor of cucumber producers and buyers for their contribution to the economy of the county.

During the week merchants of Warrenton, under the sponsorship of the marketing division of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, plan to pay tribute to the cucumber producers through expressions of appreciation in ads and circulars and by offering special values in Warrenton stores.

During the week a special truck, with placards promoting the industry, will visit each of the some 17 cucumber buying stations in the county and will serve them.

In addition, W. A. Miles has issued a proclamation proclaiming July 6-11 as Cucumber Week and asking that the citizens of the town show their appreciation to cucumber producers.

There are two cucumber buying agencies serving War-

ren County, Mount Olive Pickling Company of Mount Olive and Perfect Pack Company of Henderson.

Bob Butler, local manager of Mount Olive Pickling Company, the oldest cucumber buying company in the county, said yesterday that his company has nine buying sheds located over the county, and that he believes that Perfect Pack has eight sheds.

He said that his company spends more than \$200,000 a year for cucumbers, trucking and hauling in Warren County.

A local merchant said this week that the sale of cucumbers offers a definite stimulus to retail sales. Like cotton money, he said, cucumber money is largely spent for immediate needs in local stores, unlike tobacco money which is often reserved for larger purchases.

John Gaylor (Benny) Powell is chairman of the committee sponsoring Cucumber Week. Other members are George Kilgore, N. M. Hilliard, Milton Ayscue and Allen King.

Further Delay

Board May Sign Agreement Today

Warren County Commissioners are scheduled to meet this morning (Thursday) with representatives of the Town of Warrenton to discuss and possibly sign a revised agreement in regard to the county's participation in providing funds for a 300,000-gallon water tank in north Warrenton under a lease plan.

The presentation this morning will be for the signing of agreements between the Town of Warrenton, Bute Development Company and Warren County, and between Bute Development Company and Warren County. Bute Development Company and the Town of Warrenton signed their agreement on June 23.

The delay in signing agreements by the county has been caused by a ruling of the State Attorney General in an action initiated by County Attorney Jim Limer.

Limer, Frank Banzet, attorney for Bute Development Company and Charles Johnson, attorney for the Town of Warrenton, appeared before the At-

torney General on Thursday of last week. In a verbal opinion, it was stated here, the Attorney General ruled that the commissioners could not pledge the credit of the county beyond two-thirds of the amount paid on current bonded debt. The Attorney General is to furnish a written opinion on the matter.

Following the decision of the Attorney General, a revised agreement was worked out and was to be signed Tuesday by Board Chairman Amos Capps and Board Clerk Jim Hundley. Capps, according to Frank Reams, Industrial Director, said that he had been advised by his attorney not to sign the revised agreement until it could be approved by the full board, which was to meet Thursday. Capps said that the county attorney had expressed the view that the board should take no action until a written opinion has been received from the State Attorney General.

Cochrane Furniture Plan is expected to be ready to begin operation on July 15 if water and sewage disposal can be

provided. Bids for the construction of the utilities have been advertised and will be opened on July 22. Meanwhile Cochrane Furniture Company officials have been investigating the possibility of paying for a temporary water line and the construction of a septic tank at their own expense.

The written opinion of the Attorney General will have interest beyond Warren County as the plan submitted by Bute Development Company to the County Commissioners is similar to plans used by a large number of other counties of the state, none of whom challenged the legality of the action.

On Oct. 30, 1969, it was announced that a 300,000-gallon tank would be erected in north Warrenton to furnish pressure for Cochrane and other industries and that funds for erecting the tank would be furnished by Bute Development Company under a lease agreement with the County of Warren. However, the question of the legality of the county's board action was not submitted to the State Attorney General until June 25, 1970, less than a month before the Cochrane Plant was ready to begin operations.

Drivers Urged To 'Play It Cool' During Holiday

RALEIGH—Motor Vehicles Commissioner Joe Garrett made a special plea today to North Carolina motorists to "play it cool" on the streets and highways of the State during the upcoming July 4 weekend.

Garrett reminded motorists that "for the second year in a row we are running behind the highway fatality county of the previous year. This sets North Carolina apart from most other states. Let's keep it that way."

The commissioner said the July 4 weekend is traditionally one of the most dangerous of the year on the State's highways. "But we aren't trying to compete with other states in the area of highway safety. We are trying to prevent accidents and save lives in North Carolina," Garrett said. "We have seen evidence that the average driver is joining us in this effort. This will be a good weekend for

the motoring public to prove that our evidence is correct."

According to Garrett, the State Highway Patrol will be giving particular attention during the weekend to the speeder and the drinking driver. "Hope every motorist will accept the fact that the patrol will be on the highways this weekend, as it is throughout the year, to save lives—to protect the responsible driver from those who break our laws and endanger the lives of others."

The commissioners pointed out that there were 1,054 highway crashes in the State during last year's July 4 weekend. There were 668 injuries and 23 fatalities. "Most of them," he said "were the result of speeding and drinking while driving. Let's play it cool this year. Don't speed - and if you are going to drink, don't drive."

REA Receives \$300,000 Loan For Construction Of New Power Lines

The Rural Electrification Administration has approved a \$300,000 loan to Halifax Electric Membership Corporation of Enfield to finance 21 miles of distribution lines to serve 300 new consumers.

Announcement of the loan was made this week in a wire to this newspaper from Congressman L. H. Fountain.

Halifax Electric Membership Corporation serves citizens of Halifax, Nash, Warren and Martin Counties.

Warrenton Stores To Remain Open July 4

The majority of stores in Warrenton will remain open Saturday, July 4, but will be closed on Monday, July 6.

Colonial and A&P Stores will remain open on both Saturday and Monday.

Warrenton and most of the county is expected to have a quiet Fourth, with no set program of entertainment announced to this newspaper.

As is usually the case, many local people will take advantage of the long weekend for trips to beach and mountains, and others will spend their holidays at golf course, recreation centers, the lakes or catching up on home work.

Bobbitt Funeral Held At Norlina

Funeral services for Albert Justis Bobbitt, 44, were held Wednesday at 4 p. m. at the Norlina Baptist Church by the Rev. Jerry Lyons. Burial was in the Warren-Dale Cemetery at Norlina.

Mr. Bobbitt, superintendent of J. Lawson Jones Construction Co., died Monday.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Denton Bobbitt; two daughters, Jeanna D. of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Linda F. Bobbitt of Norlina; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bobbitt, Sr., of Vaughan; a sister, Mrs. J. E. Wilder of Raleigh; two brothers, Joseph N. Bobbitt, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids and Thomas F. Bobbitt of Raleigh.

Mrs. J. E. English and children, Betty and John, of Norlina, arrived Tuesday night and will be guests of Mrs. Mary Bobbitt and Harry at the funeral.

Harris Is Installed As President Of Lions Club

Lion Jack Harris was installed as president of the Warrenton Lions Club at installation ceremonies held at the Lions Den on last Friday night. District Governor Frank Coleman of the Sir Walter Lions Club of Raleigh was the installation officer.

Other officers installed were: J. B. Thompson, first vice president; Fred Hurst, second vice president; Eddie Clayton, third vice president; A. C. Fair, Lion Tamer; Will Fowler, Tall Twister; Clyde Whitford, secretary; and Dick Miles, treasurer.

Elected to serve on the board of directors were George Kilgore, Tom Watson and W. A. Miles.

In accepting the gavel from retiring president Scott Gardner, President Harris congratulated Lion Gardner on his successful year as president of the club and pledged his best efforts to keep the good work going.

In his remarks to the club Governor Coleman praised the work being done by the Warrenton Lions Club. He said that he had the pleasure of working under District Governor Monroe Gardner, when Gardner made an outstanding record.



HARRIS

Retiring President Scott Gardner presided over the meeting. Gardner had been absent from the club recently on account of illness and the Lions gave him a big welcome on his return. The members also expressed their pleasure that Lion E. T. Odom was present at the meeting and looking so well.

Singing was led by Lion Monroe Gardner with Lioness Nellie Gardner at the piano. Lion Ed Rooker gave the invocation.

Board Relieves Acting Water Supt. Of Duties

Elmer Wells was relieved of his duties as acting superintendent of the Warrenton Water Company, effective June 30, and given two weeks severance pay at a called meeting of the board of town commissioners on Monday night.

Niles Seris was named acting superintendent.

The purpose of the meeting was to study the 1970-71 town budget, and during the meeting Wells was relieved of his duties, and the town ordered that a stop sign be erected on Hall Street where it intersects with Church Street.

The commissioners in a four-hour session failed to complete

the work on the budget. A second meeting has been called for this afternoon at 5 o'clock when the budget will be further studied and probably adopted, according to town officials.

BANKS TO CLOSE

The Citizens Bank of Warrenton and The Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Norlina will be closed on Monday, July 6, in observance of the July 4th holiday.

VISITING RELATIVES

Mrs. Irene Falls of the Cochrane Nursing Home in Norlina is spending some time with relatives in Wise and Oakville.

Drive For Macon Home Restoration Under Way

The newly reactivated Warren County Historical Society is now conducting a campaign to raise \$2500 to qualify for a \$7,500 grant from the Richardson Foundation for the restoration of the home and buildings of Nathaniel Macon near Gaston Lake.

The Society has been incorporated in order that donors to the fund may receive tax credit for their donations.

The campaign for funds will be under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Robinson of Littleton who was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners several months ago to conduct a campaign for the restoration of the Macon home place following announcement that the Richardson Foundation had offered a \$7,500 grant on a three to one matching basis. Mrs. Robinson is former chairman of the State Society of Antiquarians and was largely responsible for the restoration of Person's Or-

inary at Littleton.

At a recent meeting of the Society's executive committee held at the home of Mrs. Heath Beckwith at Warrenton it was announced that the Society had been incorporated and plans were made to contact civic clubs and business houses over the county for their assistance in raising funds. Also as many descendants of Nathaniel Macon as can be reached will also be contacted for funds.

Individuals or groups wishing to make donations may send their checks to Mrs. Lillian Robinson, Chairman of Nathaniel Macon Home Restoration Committee, Littleton, N. C. 27850.

Officers of the Warren County Historical Society are: Mrs. Heath Long Beckwith, president; Matt Johnston, vice president; John Mitchell, treasurer; and Mrs. Leonard Daniel, secretary.

Louisburg Man Drowns In Gaston Lake Sunday

A Franklin County man was drowned in Gaston Lake on Sunday afternoon around 4:30 o'clock.

Bobby Lavene Ellis, 20, of Route 3, Louisburg, died while swimming in 12-foot water from the Alfred Williams lot.

His brother, Milton Hunter Ellis, told Sheriff Clarence Davis that Bobby Ellis swam into the deep water and called for help, and he responded to the call grabbing his brother three times but being unable to pull him from the water.

The Warren County Rescue Squad responded to a call for help and recovered the body within 15 minutes. The man was given artificial respiration by

Rescue Squad members, but it was administered too late.

Sheriff Davis, who went to the scene of the drowning, said Monday that the efficiency and dedication of the Rescue Squad is something of which Warren County can take just pride.

Bobby Ellis is a former resident of the Norlina area.

Funeral services for Mr. Ellis were held at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday at Blaylock Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Richard Parsons. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Macon.

Surviving are three brothers, Amos of Rocky Mount, and William and Milton Ellis of Louisburg; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Rosale Ellis of Littleton.