

Officials Deny Previously Announced \$930,000 Water Grant

Despite Rank, Warren Left Without Funds

Federal officials have turned down a request for \$930,000 to finance construction of a water line from Soul City to Warrenton. Earlier the grant had been reported approved by officials of the Economic Development Administration, along with a list of other applications from throughout North Carolina.

The denial followed a week of negotiations between Warren County officials and EDA representatives in both Washington and Atlanta.

County Manager Charles Hayes said Warren County would have no alternative action except through the courts, and that this action will not be pursued.

EDA funds are intended to be spent in areas of high unemployment as a means of stimulating the economy. Hayes and others in the Warren delegation contended that Warren's ranking of second in the state in unemployment (with over 11 percent of the work force idle) qualified it for financial consideration.

Hayes said EDA spokesmen at first denied approval based on the fact that the line would lead toward competition with Soul City for industry, and that the county and participating municipalities did not have enough regulations to control growth that might be spawned by placement of the new water line.

Hayes, W. P. Jones, chairman of the Warren Board of Commissioners, Warren Town Manager, Bill Davis, Gordon Carey of the Soul City Company and Don Everette, director of the Region K Council of Governments attended meetings in Atlanta and Washington during the past week.

Hayes said that word of the denial was relayed to Everette by Charles Oxley, EDA's southeast regional director.

The denial was a keen disappointment to Warren officials who foresaw the pipeline extension from the Kerr Lake regional water system as a major factor in increased industrial development.

Hayes said his delegation was at a loss to know what happened to the funds previously earmarked for Warren County. When the projects were approved originally, Warren County ranked 19th among the 38 North Carolina projects to receive funding.

County officials said public work funds for water line construction were particularly needed in Warrenton, where 40 percent of the houses are without indoor plumbing.

Hayes said that his delegation experienced difficulty in arranging meetings with EPA representatives in Atlanta, and said that the offices of Senator Robert Morgan and Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain were "extremely helpful" in having doors opened to the Warren group in both cities.

Jaycee Chapter Could Be Begun At Soul City

Prospects of forming a Jaycee organization at Soul City will be discussed tonight (Thursday) at 7 p. m. at SoulTech I.

Lewis H. Myers has announced that discussions will be heard on establishing a young men's club and/or becoming affiliated with the Jaycees.

The relevance of the club will be to develop programs and social activities necessary for the area, Myers explained. The club will be for young men in the area.



Bill Fleming, right, was installed as president of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce during the chamber's annual banquet Monday night. The meeting, postponed a week because of snow, featured an address by former SBI Director

Charles Dunn. Shown during the yearly session are, left to right, Randy Garrett, outgoing president, Dunn, First Vice President Gordon Greene and Fleming. (Staff Photo)

Fleming Named President Of Warren County Chamber

William P. (Bill) Fleming, Warrenton insurance man, was installed as president of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce at the organization's annual banquet held Monday night in the Mariani Boyd School cafeteria.

Fleming's election came by acclamation following a report of the chamber's nominating committee headed by David Dodd.

Other officers elected were Gordon Greene, first vice president; Willoughby Harris, second vice president; Scott Gardner, third vice president;

and McCarroll Alston, fourth vice president.

Elected as directors for three year terms were W. E. Exum, Lewis Myers and L. C. Cooper. Two-year directors were N. M. Hilliard, Butch Meek and Roy P. Robertson. E. L. Perry, Carroll Harris and Hy Diamond were elected one-year directors.

The election of officers followed an address by Charles Dunn, former director of the State Bureau of Investigation who is now a Raleigh television editorial director.

In his remarks, Dunn

challenged chamber members to become more involved with the young people of their communities, and to work to upgrade the state's criminal justice system.

"We are more concerned with who fixes our hair than we are about those who can put knots on our head," Dunn said in pointing out that state law requires beauticians to have 1500 hours of training, while police officers are required to have 160 hours.

Dunn got in a plug for merit selection of judges, saying that politics have no place in the judicial process, and he called for a general overhaul in the state's correction system.

He said he would like to see "a system of restitution developed in North Carolina that would provide that where possible a part of a sentence would include repayment of losses to the victim of crime."

Dunn was introduced by Gordon Greene, local CP&L manager, Randy Garrett, outgoing president, presided over most of Monday night's meeting. New officers and

In the only item of business, other than election of officers, chamber members voted to change the name of their organization from the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce to the Warren County Chamber of Commerce.

In his acceptance speech, Fleming said that among top goals he would like set for the chamber this year would be a doubling of membership over the 64 now enrolled.

Active pallbearers were Leigh Traylor, Graham Grissom, Mayor Bill Perry, Leon Pridgen, Leon Knight and James Knight.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the board of town commissioners and members of the Norlina Police Department.

Norlina Board Appoints Williams As New Chief

Romey Williams was appointed chief of police for Norlina at a special meeting of the Town Commissioners held on Monday night. He succeeds Buck White, chief of police since 1957, who died suddenly last week.

Williams, who has been with the Norlina Police Department for 5½ years, was promoted to police sergeant around the first of January.

He joined the police department in Norlina after working with the Pinkerton Agency as a

security guard in Newark, N. J. The 37-year old Warren County native is a 1957 graduate of Hawkins High School.

He is married to the former Mildred Fitts and has three children, Vanessa, 14, Vince, 11 and Regina, 9.

Charlie Barker was added to the full-time police force as a night policeman. He has been working as an auxiliary policeman for five years.

Commissioners Will Discuss

Shorter Week

Warren County commissioners are expected to discuss going to a four-day work week in all county offices as a means of conserving fuel during the remainder of the winter.

County Manager Charles Hayes said the matter was discussed by department heads in a meeting yesterday, and that the question will probably be resolved by commissioners at their February meeting.

While most department heads tended to favor closing offices on Monday, and working 10 hours on the four remaining week days, Hayes said he felt that the state's lead in which days would be working days will be followed.

The county manager said that despite efforts to reduce thermometer settings in county offices, January's fuel bill for the county was up \$400 over December's outlay of \$1200.

Plans Disclosed For Nursing Home

Plans for a new \$815,000 nursing home to be located on U. S. 401 between Warrenton and Norlina have been unveiled here pending approval of state and federal regulatory agencies.

E. C. Powell of Rocky Mount has filed notice with the N. C. Department of Human Resources that he wishes to construct the 90-bed nursing home, with a projected completion date of January, 1978.

The proposed facility will be located on a five-acre tract owned by A. Kenneth Mustian. The site is adjacent to the Golden Skillet, opposite Carolina Sportswear.

Mrs. Mustian said Monday that the L-shaped tract would contain considerable road frontage, and that the Mustian homestead would not be disturbed.

She said developers of Warren County Nursing and Convalescent Center would erect a modern building, and fully landscape the site. She said owners of the new facility opened a similar nursing home in Williamston about two years ago, and that it is an unusually attractive facility.

County Manager Charles Hayes said he understood the new nursing home will furnish employment to approximately 40 persons. It is located on land formerly optioned for a shopping center. The option expired December 31.

The project proposal has been submitted to the Department of Human Resources' State Health Planning and Development Agency for review by planning agencies under provisions of the Social Security Amendments of 1972.

CANCELLED

The puppet show scheduled to be held in the Warren County Memorial Library on Saturday, Feb. 5, has been cancelled.

Over 100 Attend Leaf Session

More than 100 persons attended a countywide Tobacco Educational meeting at the Warren County Agricultural Building here Monday night. S. N. Hawks, Tobacco Extension Specialist at N. C. State University, was the speaker.

L. B. Hardage, Extension Chairman, was in charge of the meeting which was postponed from last Monday night. He said yesterday that he was both surprised and highly gratified by the number of persons attending, especially in view of the cold night.

Hardage welcomed the

guests, explained the purpose of the meeting and presented the speaker.

For more than an hour, Prof. Hawks discussed various phases of the tobacco industry, ranging from land preparation to marketing. He said that domestic consumption of tobacco is expected to be up and export down.

Plants are the weakest link in the tobacco chain of production, Prof. Hawks said as he discussed plantbed preparation and care.

In a discussion of a fertilizer program for tobacco, Prof.

The planning agencies, in examining the proposal, will seek to determine whether the project is needed, if it can be adequately staffed and operated, whether it is economically feasible within prevailing rate structures and if it proposes specific cost-containment features.

Copies of the proposal have

also been referred to the Capital Health Systems Agency in Durham for review as required by federal law.

Following review, the Department of Human Resources will decide on the recommendation to be made to the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare concerning the project.

In Wilson Murder

Search To Resume For Missing Body

Extremely cold weather has badly hampered the search for the body of Cleveland Wilson, 28, believed to have been thrown into Gaston Lake following his murder on the night of Jan. 22, Warren County Sheriff Clarence Davis said yesterday. He said the search is continuing and is expected to be intensified as soon as his department is free from duties connected with Superior Court, which is in session here this week.

Sheriff Davis said that the Wildlife Department is making a search of the lake each morning and night and that the Southside Virginia Rescue Squad had given his department invaluable assistance and would continue to aid officials in the search for the body.

SUPPER SCHEDULED

Members of the Drewry Fire Department will sponsor a fried chicken supper Saturday from 4 p. m. until 8 p. m. The meal will be served at the Drewry Fire House and Community Center.

Plates consisting of chicken, vegetables, homemade pie and beverage are on sale at \$2 each and will be available at the door.

Sheriff's deputies and SBI agents arrested McLean Davis, 19, of Route 2, Warrenton, on Monday afternoon of last week. At 2 a. m. the following day officers arrested Joe Hampton, Jr., 22, at his home on Route 2, Warrenton. Officers have been working on the assumption that Davis and Hampton murdered Wilson for his money and threw his body in Gaston Lake where it is crossed by a bridge on I-85.

The two men were given a hearing in District Court last Friday. Probable cause was found and the accused were bound over to Superior Court. Monday a Warren County Grand Jury found a true bill. Davis and Hampton have been docketed for trial at the June criminal term of Warren County Superior Court.

Seven Arrested

In Connection With Burglary

Deputies from the Warren and Halifax Sheriff's Departments worked late into the night Tuesday continuing an investigation into a break-in at Amos Capps' store in Arcola on Jan. 10.

According to Dorsey Capps, Warren County deputy, two chain saws, two spools of cable and two cases of motor oil were reported missing from the store. The merchandise was valued at \$1047.80.

Arrested Tuesday night on charges of breaking, entering, larceny and receiving stolen goods were James Burnette Alston of Rt. 3, Warrenton; Conrad Solomon of Arcola; Eddie Williams of Rt. 3, Warrenton; Willie Lee Richardson of Arcola; and William Richardson of Rt. 1, Hollister. All of the men were placed in the Warren County jail under \$3000 bond.

Also arrested were Jim Watson Lynch of Rt. 1, Hollister and Wayne Richardson of Hollister on charges of receiving stolen goods. They were jailed with bond set at \$1000 each.

Deputy Capps also noted that one juvenile was arrested in the break-in but his name was withheld due to age.

Jury Finds Jail Repairs Undone

The front porch at the Warren County jail still hasn't been repaired as recommended by the previous Grand Jury and the commode in the upstairs cell still hasn't been repaired, the Grand Jury reported to Judge Harry E. Cannady, judge presiding, Monday. The report also said that bed linens at the jail were in bad shape.

A committee visited the jail and another committee visited (Continued on page 12)



One 4-H member and two of five adult tobacco farmers who received tobacco tests certificates were pictured during a county-wide tobacco educational meeting here Monday night as they stood with Prof. S. N. Hawks, tobacco specialist. They are, left to right: Lawrence Williams, Emory Keeter, Hal White, Jr., and Prof. Hawks. Not present when picture was taken were L. M. Bullock, Jr., Julian Felts, and Flavious Vaughan.