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## Town Board Told

# Water Woes Remain Worsening Expected

The cure may be more costly than the malady for Warren's frozen water mains.

Water Department Chairman B. G. White, augmented by Department Superintendent Bill Neal, suggested as much Monday night when he told fellow members of the Warren County Board of Commissioners that water mains, now beginning to thaw, have created havoc for the department.

Neal said that "thawing is just as much a problem as freezing," and told the board that pipe repair is going on

## Missing Convict Is Back In Unit

Richard Dean, 24, of Grifton, scaled the fence at the Warren unit of the Department of Corrections last Thursday at 1:30 p. m.

The local unit assisted by units from Franklin, Vance and Nash counties and the Warren Police Department, staked out woods surrounding the unit and recaptured Dean Friday afternoon around 3 p. m. near Greenwood Village. Greenwood Village is approximately three miles from the prison unit.

Dean was serving a two-year sentence for larceny.

## Elderly Service Begun By Police

Mayor Bill Perry of Norlina announced on Tuesday that the Town of Norlina will provide a calling service to elderly citizens who live alone.

To be included in this service, elderly residents must call the Norlina Police Department and give name, address and phone number, Mr. Perry said.

The police will then call to check on the residents each day. If no one answers, they will go to the residence.

This is a good safety procedure and will be conducted by the police department, Perry said.

## BSA Fund Drive Begins Locally

Fund-raising activities for this district of Boy Scouts began on Tuesday, according to David Dodd, chairman of the activities for the district. The district comprises Warren, Vance and Franklin counties.

Dodd pointed out that five new units of Boy Scouts were organized in the past year and that 120 boys are now members of the scouting program in Warren County.

He said goals set forth for the coming year are to form an explorer post in Warren County and to enroll 250 boys in the program by the end of the year.

In order for these goals to be reached, contributions to the Boy Scouts will be solicited by Dodd, Tom Peele and Frank Ballance, Jr.

The fund-raising project will end on Feb. 28 and allows two weeks for contributions.

The county has nine troops or packs at present including Packs 617 sponsored by the Warren Baptist Church; 656 by Stoney Lawn Baptist Church; 622 by All Saints Episcopal Church; 618 Cochran Eastern; 628 Jack's 66 Service Station; and 606 Manson. Troops are 656, Stoney Lawn Baptist Church; 406, Mt. Bethel Baptist Church and 671, Peck Manufacturing.

## District Meet Set

The Warren County Chapter of the North Carolina Democratic Women will host the Second Congressional District workshop planned for May 3.

Mrs. James Hunt, wife of the Governor, is a member of this district and the local chapter anticipates her attendance.

## Warren Man Wins Honor In Contest

### Bender Takes 4th Place For Yield

Albert Seaman won fourth place in the statewide soybean contest with a yield of 58.85 bushels of soybeans per acre.

Seaman's 1976 soybean crop was grown in rotation with fescue. The land was worked up with a chisel plow and disked about three times for each operation. Fertilizer 0-10-20 was applied, broadcast and worked in prior to planting, at the rate of approximately 300 pounds per acre, reports L. C. Cooper, agricultural extension agent.

The Essex variety of soybeans was planted in approximately 32 inch rows at the rate of one-half or 30 pounds per acre around May 20. Cultural practices consisted of two cultivations. Seed was inoculated. No herbicides were used. Weed problems were minor and controlled by hand weeding. There was some lack of rainfall during the growing season and also minor disease and insect problems.

H. H. Reid of Pasquotank County walked off with first place with a yield of 65.39 bushels per acre. The Pendleton brothers of Pasquotank were second with 62.44 bushels per acre and Murry Berry of Pasquotank won third place with 59.40 bushels per acre.

While Albert Seaman was the top in the Northern Piedmont Area with 58.85 bushels, other area winners were D. W. Johnson, Sampson County of South Eastern region with 57.82 bushels; Ted and Bob Ivey, Wayne County, the Central Area 54.37 bushels, Ferrell Berry, Hide Company, Tidewater Area, 49.39 bushels per acre and Murray Carrihder, Rowan County, Southern Piedmont 47.60 bushels per acre.

The first winner received a trip to the National Soybean Meeting, a plaque and \$50.00 cash award. Seaman and all other winners received a plaque and \$50.00 cash award from the State Soybean Association. These awards were made at the 10th Annual Meeting of the N. C. Soybean Producers Association on Friday in Raleigh at the Royal Villa Motor Inn.

Mrs. Catherine Seaman, Leonard Kilian, Chairman County Soybean Contest Committee and L. C. Cooper, agricultural extension agent, accompanied Albert Seaman to the State meeting.

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## Three Return From NCSU Farm Course

Robert E. Williams, Michael Wayne Roope and Walter Wayne Paynter attended a short course in modern farming held at N. C. State University Jan. 31 through Feb. 11. The course is sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association in cooperation with N. C. State University and the North Carolina Extension Service.

Williams, a Route 3, Warrenton, farmer, concentrated his interest on the course to beef cattle; Michael Roope of Rt. 1, Warrenton and Walter W. Paynter of Wise, on tobacco. The men were Warren County's representatives for the 25th annual course. Warren County has been represented at the course almost every year, according to J. Howard Daniel, key banker for Warren County. He was assisted by L. B. Hardage, chairman of the Warren County Extension Service and his staff. The North Carolina Bankers Association has received national recognition for this service to North Carolina. All costs for the tuition are paid by banks of Warren County.

During the recent course, Williams was sponsored by Branch Bank & Trust Company, Roope by First Citizens Bank and Paynter by Peoples Bank of Norlina.

# Land Cost Is School Site Key

The price of land may be the deciding factor in the choosing of a site for a proposed consolidated school in the Norlina-Warrenton area.

The Warren County Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night discussed two sites, one of them on the Norlina-Macon By-Pass, and the other on the Norlina-Warrenton Highway.

Leigh Traylor, former member of a site committee and now member of the Board of Education, told the board members that he had contacted Mrs. Hal Connell, Allen Hawks, and Bud Endicott, owners of land across the road from the site originally recommended by the site committee, and that they had agreed to sell this land to the board of education for a school site. Traylor said that he did not ask the property owners what price they wanted as he had not been authorized to do so by the board. He said that he favored this site and wanted to learn whether or not it was available before discussing it with the other members of the board.

The original site on the by-pass, although favored by the site committee, was rejected by the state for topographical reasons and because the school would have to be located too close to the highway. Those who favored this site then began to consider acquiring a site across the by-pass and a short distance up the highway as a substitute. Contacts with property owners

were made but no agreement as to price was reached.

Traylor told the other board members that he favored this site because it was practically equi-distant from Norlina and Warrenton. He agreed to contact Mrs. Connell, Mr. Hawks and Mr. Endicott as to the price each wanted for his property, but said he would not contact Kenneth Mustian, who had previously offered, to sell

the board of education land on Highway 491 between Warrenton and Norlina. He said he would not contact Mr. Mustian as his heart was not in that site.

The board then appointed Dr. L. B. Henderson, Jr., as the member to contact Mr. Mustian as to price. Supt. Peeler pointed out that the board of education's architect, Dan Knight of Rocky Mount, should be contacted as he had said that

there would be an extra cost to the by-pass site of as much as \$25,000 because of lack of water and sewage facilities on this site.

With the exception of Mr. Traylor, board members did not seem to have a real preference between the two sites. Chairman Turner said he had thought it might be well to build the school on the Mustian (Continued on page 7)

## Deer Airing Slated Tuesday

The future of deer hunting in Warren County is expected to be shaped by a public hearing scheduled here next week by the Warren County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioners at their February meeting gave notice that they will hear both sides of the deer hunting question during a hearing to be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p. m. The session will be held in the courtroom of the Warren County Court House.

Interest in the meeting is reported running high, and several petitions, calling for the banning of deer hunting from all highway rights-of-way in Warren County have been placed in circulation here.

Commissioners say they want additional input from the public before seeking legislation which would establish deer hunting regulations.

## Prospect Of More Restoration Funds Raised At Town Meeting

The prospect that additional federal funding may be obtained for restoration of the Jacob Holt house in Warrenton was raised by a state grants administrator appearing before Warren County commissioners Monday night.

Law Hafermahl of the N. C. Department of Archives and History, suggested that several avenues for federal funding might be explored, as well as private donors. He also hinted that state funds, seldom awarded a municipality for historic renovation might be secured to complete remodeling of the home at the corner of Franklin and Bragg Streets which once served as home and workshop of master builder Jacob Holt.

Hafermahl was on hand at the regular monthly session of the board of commissioners to help with initial discussion of transferring the property, now owned by Councilwoman Anna Butler, to the Town of Warrenton.

He said that a professional appraisal of the property would have to be made and that the town would have to sign an agreement that the property would be retained as an historic landmark for at least 30 years

in order to take advantage of grant money.

Earlier, Warrenton was notified by the National Parks Service that it had been awarded a \$10,000 matching grant to restore the property. Hafermahl said he believed the money would be adequate only to keep the house from deteriorating further.

Another provision of the grant is that the house be open to the public 12 days a year, and by appointment, but since the house was being accepted by the town for public purposes, this provision would naturally be met, he said.

Hafermahl suggested that officials of Region K be contacted to see if Commerce Department funds, made available through the Coastal Plains Regional Commission, might be obtained. He said that he understood funds which would underwrite 80 per cent of the total renovation costs were available.

"In accepting the National Park Service grant, and any other grant you might receive, you are binding yourselves to maintaining the structure in conformance with historic integrity," he told the board.

The lot and house will be

used to match the \$10,000 grant, with any additional value reflected by the new appraisal going to match additional grants.

While Hafermahl was unable to give a date by which work on the house could begin, he speculated that work to stabilize the structure could begin "in three or four months."

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## Sheriff 'Positive' Victim Is In Lake

Sheriff Clarence Davis said yesterday that he is positive that the body of Cleveland Wilson, 28, is in Gaston Lake and that it will float to the surface when the waters of the lake warm up if not sooner found by grappling hooks.

McLean Davis and Joe Hampton, Jr., have been arrested and charged with beating Wilson to death and dumping his body in Gaston Lake near the I-85 bridge on the night of Jan. 21.

Efforts to find the body have been hampered by ice and unusually cold weather, but Sheriff Davis said he and one of his deputies were searching the lake each day for four hours and that he would continue this procedure until the body is located. He said that he is aware of the suffering that the delay is causing Wilson's family and that he and his deputies are doing everything in their power to recover the body.

Sheriff Davis said that he and a deputy have patrolled the lake from the point where the

body was thrown in near the I-85 bridge for four miles down stream using grappling hooks. Twice the boat has been damaged, the first time the clutch was badly injured when the boat struck a submerged stump and a second time when the propeller was damaged by ice. He said yesterday he believes that he now knows the location of every stump in the area he and his deputies have searched.

The Virginia Wildlife Service has also been patrolling the lake frequently and plans for a four-boat search by the Warren County Rescue Squad last Saturday were foiled by ice, Sheriff Davis said. He explained that the squad members first tried to put in their boats at the Oliver Davis Marina but found the cove covered with ice. They then attempted to launch their boats at the Steel Bridge, higher up the lake, but that floating pieces of ice made the attempt too hazardous for the squadmen.

## Selection Of Board Attorney Is Postponed By Educators

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this capacity for \$25 a month, plus pay for legal services rendered.

The board voted to have Ballance appear before the board at its March meeting so that they might ascertain what other services they might obtain for this retainer's fee. The board also voted to ask Attorney Julius Banzet, III, and possibly other attorneys to attend the board meeting to determine whether they would be interested in receiving the appointment.

Jay Freeman, with the Vocational Rehabilitation Program was scheduled to appear before the board to provide information concerning the program but failed to show up.

The second item on the agenda was listed as the appearance of a Mr. Brown and Leland Gottschalk to discuss the possibility of lighting the playground at the Afton-Elberon school for community use. They failed to appear.

Supt. Peeler pointed out that the Vaughan school was closed on Wednesday, Jan. 12, because of a defective boiler. The teachers worked. The State Board of Education, Supt. Peeler said, has a policy which permits this day to be counted as a regular school day, provided a formal request is made by the board of education. The board made this request.

Appointment of a bank as a depository for school funds for fiscal 1978-79 was postponed until the next meeting. Supt. Peeler explained to the board members that the appointment of a depository had to be made several months in advance in order that checks might be printed. And, therefore, the appointment for 1978-79 should be made at this time.

All public school systems in the state are members of the State School Boards Association, which perform a number of valuable services for the

various units which are members. Supt. Peeler told the board members. He said the association has increased its membership fee from \$392 for the present year to \$639 for the 1977-78 year in order to add personnel and increase its services. The board members voted to postpone decision on retaining membership in the Association in order that the board members might further evaluate the services provided.

The board voted to renew leases on the old Oine school building and on the Mayflower school building under the same terms and for the same length as the present leases to community clubs of these communities.

The request for the renewal of the Oine school building was signed by Mr. and Mrs. Percell Harrison, Mrs. Mary Downey, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Kersey, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Patillo, and Miss Mary Patillo.

Signing the request for the lease of the Mayflower school building were Mrs. Irene T. Alston, Roger Alston, Mrs. Julia B. Alston, Guy Alston, Mrs. Hattie Perry, Mrs. Christine Williams, Faye A. Alston and Henry B. Williams.

## Ellis Wants Law Made Permanent

An act to make permanent a law regarding the elimination of road and written tests for safe drivers applying for renewal of operator's license has been ratified in the General Assembly.

Rep. T. W. Ellis, Jr., of Henderson, an introducer of the bill in the State House of Representatives and supporter of the measure on the floor, said following its introduction into the House that the four-year test period has proven that this approach to driver safety has had no detrimental effects.



Sponsors and participants of a short course in agriculture at N. C. State University included (left to right) J. Howard Daniel of Branch Banking and Trust of Warrenton, Robert Williams,

Tom Peele of Peoples Bank of Norlina, Wayne Paynter, David Dodd of First-Citizens Bank of Warrenton, and Mike Roope. [Staff Photo]