

Board Agrees To Keep Lease

The Board of Education in a called meeting Monday night agreed to continue the lease of Person's Ordinary, Colonial inn at Littleton, to the Littleton Woman's Club.

Action of the board came after Mrs. Horace Robinson and Mrs. Robert Thorne, members of the Woman's Club, appeared before the board to ascertain what disposition was to be made of the landmark. Mrs. Robinson said that in 1957 the Littleton Woman's Club had taken the restoration of the dilapidated Ordinary as a project. The club has been able, she said, to restore the old Inn to the point that it is now a tourist attraction as well as a club house.

Now the Ordinary needs painting and other repairs and

the club has the money and wants to do this work, but first, she said, it must be determined what is to become of the building.

Richard Hunter, president of the Warren County Historical Association, was also present, and said that if the Board of Education would deed the building to the commission, that the commission would be glad to sign a lease with the Littleton Woman's Club. Roger Peeler, Supt. of Schools, said that there was no guarantee of the life of the Historical Association, and he felt that the building should be deeded to the Warren County Board of Commissioners, a permanent body. Mrs. Robinson said that the Board of Education was also a permanent body.

Following a rather lengthy and amicable discussion between Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Thorne and several members of the board, the members of the board agreed that they would not dispose of the building without due and ample notice to the Littleton Woman's Club; that they had no intention of selling the building at auction; and that they were willing for the Littleton club to continue to use the building. Supt. Peeler agreed that he would promptly write a letter to Mrs. Robinson to this effect. The clubwomen thanked the board and said that the repairs and painting of the Ordinary would be done at once.

The Ordinary for many years was located on the Littleton School grounds and used by the school until it fell into disrepair. When the Board of Education recently sold the Littleton school it reserved the land upon which the Ordinary is situated from the sale. Uncertainty over its disposition has been a cause of deep concern to the Littleton Woman's Club.

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Motor Bike Crash Kills Local Rider

A Warren County man was killed in a traffic accident on Interstate 85 just across the Virginia state line about 8:30 p. m. Friday.

James Edwin Perkinson, 33, of Route 3, Warrenton, died as a result of injuries sustained in the mishap.

According to L. C. Bowman, investigating officer for the Virginia State Police, Perkinson was operating a motorized bicycle on the Interstate near the rest area. He apparently pulled into the path of a tractor trailer driven by Tommie Ames Teague. The impact threw Perkinson about 92 feet down the highway and at least one car ran over him in the highway, Bowman reported. All vehicles were northbound on the Interstate, he noted.

A Virginia medical examiner declared that Perkinson was (Continued on page 14)

Deluge Gun Will Assist In Fight Against Fire

Warrenton's fire-fighting capability is expected to get a sizeable boost this month when a deluge gun which would enable firemen to quickly reach greater heights is put into operation.

Town Manager Bill Davis said yesterday that the new equipment is expected to arrive about April 15, and the town truck will be sent to Rocky Mount for installation of the gun.

The deluge gun operates from two 2 1/2-inch hoses which force a solid stream of water through the nozzle. A fog nozzle will also be available. With it,

firefighters can direct a blanket of fog over men fighting close to a fire, Davis said.

The gun is designed to ride atop the fire truck, but can be attached and operated from the ground. A feature of the new equipment, Davis said, is that it can be operated by a single man, while often four men are needed to man two 2 1/2-inch hoses.

The gun, purchased from Revenue Sharing funds, cost the town approximately \$850, with companion equipment pushing the total cost to about \$1100.



SIGNS OF CHANGE—Newly arrived street markers which will replace worn concrete markers in Norlina are displayed by Roy Futrell, acting water superintendent. The new white on green signs were shown town commissioners during their Monday night meeting. The street signs will be placed atop 106 aluminum posts throughout the corporate limits. (Staff Photo)

Town Planning Guide Wins Board Approval

Unanimous approval was given Monday night to a comprehensive planning guide for Norlina. The approved document is considered a forerunner to town-wide zoning.

Members of the Norlina Board of Commissioners quickly gave official endorsement to the document after a final briefing by Region K Planner Roy Williford.

Williford told the board that the document, a voluminous guide to projected town needs for the remainder of the 20th Century, would be helpful in applying for federal and state financial assistance in that it documented town needs.

Set forth in the comprehensive plan are priorities arrived at after a series of meetings with members of the Norlina Planning Board and interested citizens.

Topping the list of priorities, Williford said, was a new wastewater treatment facility. Next in order of importance is the installation of water lines of sufficient size to accommodate

fire hydrants, while a third priority would be installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

"Once you adopt it, we can move into preparation of a zoning code," Williford said. He said the code would specify areas of land use for Norlina, or for the town and an adjacent one-mile extraterritorial zoning district which towns of less than 25,000 population may administer.

In responding to questions from commissioners, Williford said that the zoning code would take into account existing land use patterns and would be a flexible code. "Nothing is absolute" about zoning, he said, adding that Norlina has already established a Board of Adjustment which could hear grievances and grant variances, and that no code would be approved without a series of public hearings.

The motion to adopt the comprehensive development plan was made by Commissioner Jimmy Overby, seconded by Commissioner Will Hicks.

Contract Awarded For New Sewer Line

Seven Miles Of Line Are In Project

Contracts for the construction of a pumping station and seven miles of sewer line between Soul City and Warrenton were awarded Monday by the Board of County Commissioners.

The awards were made only a few hours before the county was granted permission to substitute a 14-inch line for the proposed 12-inch line between Norlina and Warrenton. County Manager Charles Hayes was notified by Page Benton Environmental Protection on Tuesday morning that the larger pipe might be used.

The commissioners had decided at their March meeting that the best interest of the county would be served by using a 14-inch pipe instead of the proposed 12-inch pipe, and held up the awarding of the bids in order to ascertain if the larger pipe could be used. Uncertainty over the result of their requests, caused the commissioners to ask for dual bids, one with 12-inch and the other with 14-inch pipe between Norlina and Warrenton.

The construction of the pump station and sewer line is to provide sewage treatment service for Soul City. The lines and station will link Soul City into the Warrenton sewage treatment plant. Other residents and businesses along the seven-mile stretch also will be able to receive sewer service because of the project.

Billings and Garrett, Inc., submitted the low bid on section 2, between Norlina and Warrenton, for both a 12-inch and a 14-inch pipe. The firm's bid for the 14-inch pipe was \$270,746.70. Its bid for the 12-inch pipe was \$166,629.50.

The contract for a forced main from Soul City to Norlina, section one, was granted to J. F. Wilkerson for \$213,115.00.

The sewage pumping station at Soul City was awarded to George W. Kane, Inc., of Henderson for \$133,429.00.

The electrical contract for the pumping station at Soul City was awarded to Electrical Associates of Raleigh for \$14,685.

George Kane's bid for the construction of the pumping station at Soul City offered a deductible alternate of \$16,865. This provided for the substitution of smaller pumps. The engineers advised the purchase of larger pumps and the commissioners so ordered.

County Manager Hayes told the commissioners that the Seaboard Coast Line Railway Company had granted easements for laying pipes under their lines at Norlina, but that a number of resolutions of agreement would have to be passed by the commissioners. These were all adopted.

The commissioners also signed a contract with the architectural firm of Edwards, Dove, Knight Associates of Rocky Mount for architectural services for the renovation of the former George Allen home, "School Days." The contract called for a fee of 11% of costs.

County Preparing For Easter Holiday

Many of the Warren County businesses, banks, county, state and municipal offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 11, in observance of the Easter holiday.

The Warren County Schools and Warren Academy will be closed from April 9 through the 17 for Easter and the spring break.

Efforts Launched To Renew Interest In Highway Project

Norlina officials are attempting to revive interest in a long dormant plan to widen U. S. 1 and line it with curb and gutter from one edge of Norlina to the other.

Norlina Mayor Bill Perry told town commissioners Monday night that he has been in contact with area lawmakers to try to stimulate renewed interest in the project.

Perry said he had received a letter from Governor Jim Hunt informing him that the work application has been forwarded to Thomas Bradshaw, new secretary of the Department of Transportation.

Perry and Commissioner Ben Loyd attended a meeting of municipal officials in Raleigh last week at which time the subject of Highway 1 improvements was raised. Commissioners Monday night agreed with the two that their efforts could bear fruit, and authorized reimbursement of \$43.75 for money spent on the trip.

Perry said that the plan to improve the major north-south highway which cuts through Norlina's midsection was formulated about five years ago, receiving endorsement of the State Highway Commission. When a Republican administration took control of state government, the plan was scuttled, Perry added.

Actually, some work to widen the highway was done in an initial phase when U. S. 1 was widened to three lanes in the vicinity of Harriet-Henderson's Norlina plant. Since then, no work has been accomplished, and that portion of the highway lying within the Norlina corporate limits remains without curb and gutter.

Perry said the original plan called for widening the highway by about eight feet along its Norlina route. He said the town is the first incorporated community visited by southbound traffic entering North Carolina "and it should be made as attractive as possible."

After This Year, No More Coroner

The County Commissioners decided here Monday morning to take advantage of a special act of the Legislature, enacted in March, which would exempt Warren County from the counties which are required to have a coroner.

With the end of the term of Coroner Bobby Blaylock at the end of November, the office will be abolished and the county will be without a coroner for the first time since the county was formed in 1889. The office pays \$1200 a year.

Duties of the Coroner will be performed by the Medical Examiner.

Some time ago, Coroner Blaylock informed Chairman Pete Jones that his duties could be served by the Medical Examiner, and asked that they look into the desirability of abolishing the office. The commissioners, following an investigation, asked the Legislature to pass a local law exempting Warren County from those counties which are required to have a coroner.

Unless Blaylock resigns prior to that date, the office will be maintained until the end of November.

County Extension Chairman L. B. Hardage appeared before the board with Miss Emily Ballinger, Extension Economics Agent, when Miss Ballinger reported on the Extension Nutritional Program, which is federally funded. During the eight years the program has been operated in Warren County the program has rendered assistance to 689 families and presently is helping 189 families. The work is carried on by aides who assist families in planting gardens, instruct them in meal preparation, and the need for balanced meals and other ways.

Four of these aides who have worked under Miss Ballinger since the program was inaugurated in the county also appeared before the commissioners and briefly reported on their work in four sections of the county. They were Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Afton-Elberon; Mrs. Hazel R. Richardson, Inez, Bethlehem, Grove Hill, Arcola section; Mrs. Sallie Patillo, Oine, Ridgeway and Norlina section; and Mrs. James Clark, who works the Churchill, Vaughan, Littleton area.

Following the remarks of the four aides, Chairman Hardage praised the work of Miss Ballinger and the nutritional aides. He said he wanted to testify as to their dedication and hard work.

Statistics Caused Loss Of Town Grant

Norlina failed to win federal support for a \$269,000 improvements grant because it lacked the percentage of poverty and low standard housing existing in other North Carolina communities invited to share in \$115 million of federal funds.

Roy Williford, a staff planner with Region K, told Norlina commissioners Monday night that their preapplication for rehabilitation funds, turned down by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, was denied because Norlina "didn't have as much poverty and substandard housing as towns which received approval."

Williford said that only 45 of the 113 Tar Heel projects received HUD encouragement. The 45 applicants, all of whom scored at least 72 of a possible

100 points on their preapplications, were invited to submit full applications, a routine step which normally leads to full funding. Only Bunn and Louisburg in Region K had their preapplication bids accepted. Norlina scored 66 points.

The planner told Norlina commissioners that their best hope for federal assistance in bringing about improvements in an area lying in the eastern portion of town would be to join Warren County in a broader proposal.

He said that by taking this route, Norlina's chances could be improved because its statistics on housing and poverty would be included in county statistics which might

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Dog Warden To Handle Vaccinations Locally

The Warren County Commissioners at their regular meeting here Monday morning voted to have the dog vaccination campaign covered this year by Frank Twitty, dog warden, and to have clinics set up at strategic points of the county this spring.

Twitty told the commissioners that he had made a limited survey among dog owners and that most dog owners seem to prefer the single-year vaccinations. He said that the objection to the three-year vaccination was the trouble of keeping up with records, and because owners felt they would suffer loss should the dog die. Twitty said that if a dog owner did not have his proof of vaccination that he would have to have it re-vaccinated.

The Dog Law required that the three-year vaccine must be given by a veterinarian, which would keep Twitty from giving it. The commissioners decided that only the one-year vaccine would be used in the county and suggested that half a dozen clinics be held. Twitty said he would set up and advertise these clinics in the newspaper and radio.

Prior to telling the commissioners of the result of his survey of dog owners, Twitty gave his monthly report. He said that during March he picked up 80 dogs; gave away 7, killed 72 and had one on hand.

He vaccinated 57 dogs and travelled 1875.2 miles.

The commissioners also received the monthly report of A. P. Rodwell, Jr., tax collector. He collected \$15,872.43 during the month of March, making a collection of \$869,246.57 during the fiscal year. This was 89.4% of the tax levy.

Speed Crackdown Produces Arrests

The Warrenton Police Department has written between 30 and 40 tickets for speeding in the city limits during a campaign to reduce speed and control litter. The campaign began three weeks ago.

Police Chief Freddie Robinson said that radar was used to detect speeding.

He said that no arrests for littering have been made. He added that when small children dropped papers on the street, the police made them place the trash in proper containers. Most of the littering was done by juveniles, he noted.

Robinson again cautioned drivers that speed limits throughout the town are 35 mph unless posted. He noted that the speed limit along Main Street from Marshall to Church was 20 mph with streets parallel to Main being 20 mph.

Training Pays Off: Child's Life Saved



Charlie Barker And Martha

By HELEN HOWARD

Training received in an emergency medical training course (EMT) has saved at least one Warren County life. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Barker of Norlina, still elated over the successful life-saving try, can both attest to the value of the emergency training.

The Barkers' infant daughter, Martha, became limp last week following a very high fever. Barker, a policeman for the Town of Norlina, had noticed how hot the baby was upon returning from work. He moved the baby into their room to observe her. Suddenly they noticed the baby was not breathing, her eyes had dilated and had rolled into the back of her head.

Quickly, Barker rushed the 20-month-old Martha outside for fresh air. His wife called an ambulance. Finding no response from the infant, Barker used training he received two years ago through the police department to administer mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the child. He repeated this action until the ambulance arrived.

The fever was recorded at 104.8 in the emergency room at Maria Parham Hospital. Following tests, doctors could only find an ear infection which they believe triggered the whole ordeal. Little Martha had had a febrile seizure. Doctors commended Barker for his actions.

Martha is home recuperating after spending only two nights in the hospital. Mrs. Barker, the former Melba Newsome of Wise, said she is very thankful her husband knew what to do.

Barker had decided not to take a refresher course in EMT which began Monday night. When the doors did open, Barker was there.