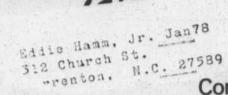
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Warren Outstrips Neighbors In Rate Of Growth

Five-Year Growth Is Estimated

Warren County's population has grown at a faster rate than any of its neighboring counties during the past five years, according to estimates just released by the North Carolina Department of Administration.

During the half-decade covered by the report, Warren's permanent population climbed from 15,340 to 16,600, an increase of 8.2 percent. Meanwhile, North Carolina was experiencing a 7.2 growth rate.

Only 29 of North Carolina's 100 counties experienced a faster growth rate than Warren, which would have stood even higher had not it lost a portion of Littleton to Halifax County when residents of that town voted in favor of singlecounty status.

The estimates were certified by the secretary of administration for the allocation of certain tax monies to counties and municipalities.

Figures showed that Vance County experienced a 2.2 growth rate for the five-year period; Franklin grew at a 5.9 percent rate; Halifax's population climbed by 1.4 percent; and Northampton County had no change in population, although one of its towns-Garysburg- was listed as the second fastest growing town in the state between 1970 and 1975.

Norlina was the fastest growing municipality in Warren County during the period, as its population increased from 969 to 1,110, a rise of 14.6 percent. Warrenton's population rose from 1,035 to 1,150 - an increase of 11.1 percent- during the period, while Macon grew from 179 to 200, a rise of 11.7 percent.



Mrs. John L. McCain, left, chairman of the N. C. Democratic Party, Mrs. James B. Hunt, Sr., and Mrs. Jessie Walton, chaplain of the Warren County Democratic Women, enjoy a chat after the meeting of the 2nd Congressional Democratic Women on Tuesday at the Warrenton Depot. See story and other pictures on Page 11.

[Staff Photo]

Inspection Contract Is Let For Sewerage

A contract to inspect a County Manager Charles new sewer line from Soul City to Warrenton was awarded Monday by the Board of County Commisfirm of Hazen and Sawers. Cost of the inspection will be included in the grant.

Work on the project, which started Monday and is to be completed in 150 days, is expected to cost around \$800,000. It will be financed by a grant from HUD

The line will connect Soul City into the Warrenton sewage treatment plant.

Hayes said the line from Soul City to Norlina and from Norlina to Warrenton will provide expanded capasioners to the engineering city sewer service and accomodate future growth of this section of Warren was higher for the new fiscal County.

From Soul City to Norlina engineers will install a 12-inch sewer line and from Norlina to Warrenton another engineering firm will install a 14-inch line.

The Warren County Rescue Squad appeared before the commissioners and with John Acai acting as spokes-

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man submitted its 1977-78 of the budget. Included in budget for commissioners approval in the amount of \$49,000. Of this amount the commissioners were asked to appropriate at least \$5,000. Acai said the budget year because of the necessity of purchasing an additional ambulance.

The Soil Conservation Service also submitted its 1977-78 budget, asking for \$19,000 as the county's share

this amount was \$9,000 for the salary of Larry Rivers. as full-time technician, \$5,000 for Leonard Kilian as part-time technician, and \$3,000 for a clerk.

Appearing with Mike McKinney, Soil Conservationist, to present the budget were Melvin Shearin, Chairman, and Cecil Pope and John Kilian, Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors.

Prisoner Saws Way Out Of Local Jail

A hacksaw was used to saw a chain on a cell door at the Warren County jail Tuesday, resulting in the escape of George William Hammer, 18, of Chesapeake, Va.

The escapee was recaptured Wednesday afternoon by Deputy Loyd Newsome. No details of the apprehen-sion were available at

presstime. Local law officials used bloodhounds from the Warrenton unit of the Department of Corrections to track Hammer with no avail. Hammer was in the jail

Warrenton Gets Firm For Study

Gaston. He had received a 96-hour hearing on Tuesday morning when probable cause for the hearing on Friday was found. Hammer was last seen wearing faded blue jeans and a red shirt. He is an 10-year-old white male. **County Valuation**

Now \$170 Million

Warren County's total 1977 valuation, following a revaluation, is approxi-mately \$170,000,000, Charles Hayes, County Manager, told the board of county commissioners here Monday morning. The valuation compares with \$108,000,000

County Salaries Reflect Size, Wealth

officials in Warren and Vance tends to reflect a sharp difference between the two counties in terms of wealth and population.

Vance, twice as populous and with a property base approximately 250 percent that of Warren, ranks first in every pay category included in the annual County Salary Study published this spring by the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill.

The study, which covers each of the 100 counties, reveals salary schedules as well as working conditions, vacation and sick leave provisions. Vance's estimated 1975 population was listed as 33,427, while Warren was believed to have 16,641 during the same year. Total valuations for fiscal 1975-76 showed Vance with \$261 million; Warren with \$102,400,000.

positions in which the counties pay

A disparity in salaries paid county Hayes, is paid \$9,406 yearly for fficials in Warren and Vance tends to overseeing the county's business, and an unlisted salary as chairman of the Industrial Development Commission. Vance has no county manager.

A major disparity exists in the pay received by sheriffs of the two counties. Sheriff Clarence Davis of Warren receives \$10,314 yearly while Sheriff Linwood Falkner of Vance receives \$16,248 yearly. Only a half-dozen counties pay their sheriffs, less than Warren, which does provide a \$2,820 yearly travel allowance.

Not all county sheriffs receive a fixed salary, the Institute of Government study shows. For example, the sheriff of Camden County is paid five percent of the taxes collected during a year.

The newly released study shows that 97 counties participate in the Local **Governmental Employees Retirement** System and that 80 of these counties Most nearly equal of salaried have death benefit coverage. It reveals that 98 counties close their courthouse

Warren, Vance Comparisons

Chairman, County Commissioners. \$ 1,200 \$ 2,400

County Manager..... 9,406 ----County Attorney..... 2.000 3,000 1,800 Sheriff. 10,314 16,248 10,680 8,916 Register of Deeds. 10,320 14,088 17.052 Tax Supervisor..... 10,320 15,060 Ambulance Director. 7,740 Animal Warden..... 5.160 6,480 Veterans Service Officer. 6,773 10,680 Board of Elections Executive Secretary..... 3,870 7,788 12,264 Agricultural Extension Chairman. 17,730 18,325

pending a preliminary hearing in district court on Friday on charges of breaking, entering and larceny in homes at Lake

William Alston, jailer, reported the escape about 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The annual growth rate for Warren during the past five years was 1.82 percent, which put it in the top third of North Carolina's population increase leaders. Most of the growth was due to newcomers moving into the county, since the natural increase was approximately a third that recorded during the decade between 1960-70

During that decade, residents were leaving Warren County at a rate greater than that of any county in the state.

Neighboring Vance County had a population increase from 32,691 to 33,400 during the period, but one of its three municipalities-Kittrell, had a whopping 26.5 growth rate, as its population climbed from 427 to 540. Middleburg grew at a rate of 14.1 percent, increasing from 149 to 170. Henderson's population climbed from 13,896 to 14,330 during the five-year period, a gain of 3.1 percent.

swimming facilities.

Work on the club's facilities are expected to begin immediately, with renovation of bath houses and swimming pool being

priority items. Work on repairing cracks in the main pool and improving the filter system for the infants' pool were both agreed to by club members last week. Additional dressing stalls week.

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school superintendent. Warren School Supt. J. R. Peeler receives \$27,240 annually of which the county contributes \$6,600. Vance Supt. Kenneth English receives \$27,480, of which Vance pays \$6,264.

project, a \$35,000 water money from the town, that

expansion project, a munici- he would need to be able to

pal building, a mini-park, purchase five to eight acres

assistant manager were

some of the projects

occupying the attention of

the Norlina Board of Town

Commissioners on Monday

night. All commissioners,

the town clerk and Mayor

Bill Perry were present and

participated in the discus-

sion during a meeting of

James Morton Jones was

present as a spectator and

Oliver Jones housing spec-

Economic Reserve, dis-

ing of multiple units in

Norlina. Whether or not the

Oliver pointed out the

advantages of low cost

subsidized.

desirability of low cost hous- community.

more than an hour and a

half.

either all or part is that of county on Saturday, with some offices remaining open on Saturday morning in two counties.

County employees in Vance work a 37½ hour week, while in Warren employees are on the job 35 hours weekly. Each county gives its Warren's county manager, Charles employees 10 paid holidays yearly.

Housing Project, Water Top Agenda

Carter is co-owner of

	10,020
School Superintendent 27,240	27,480
Librarian	10,860
Public Health Director	33,504
Social Services Director	19,278
* Serves Vance and Granville counties	

The Town of Warrenton Monday signed a contract for the previous year and with the engineering firm of does not double the 1976 Person and Whitman, Inc. of Raleigh, which immediately started on preliminary work on the town's water and sewage system.

Bill Davis, Town Manager, said the engineers were employed to provide a detailed analysis of the town's water and sewer system, make recommendations as to remedies in problem areas and to assist in applying for federal grants.

One area of work will be from the end of the pressure sewer line near the Sportswear Plant to the town's Mayor Perry pointed out sewer plant on Fishing Creek.

increase the figures, possibly to double those of last year.

She said that it might be several weeks before she could give the actual valuations by townships.

A low cost housing that he was not asking any and sewer made available to take plenty of time to think ment seemed to be to have the superintendent husband the site of the proposed over the idea and the his time in order that he commissioners wanted that housing project. time. Action on the project might install new street Oliver Jones was willing signs as early as possible. and the employment of an of land, and to have water for the commissioners to was tabled until a later meeting. G.W. Shearin Is Named

Mrs. Mae Gums, Town that the board should Clerk, said that a repairman for the town's water pump had informed her that an objectional scum on the

water in certain parts of the town was due to air in the water pipes. This, he told her was due to the need for a new washer in the pump which he said he would obtain and install in a few

Roy Futrell, Water and Superintendent,

suggested that the town atsuitable ordinance and have it ready at the June meeting of the backhoe, the board agreed that the water and street superintendent could be trusted to use it wisely. Principal concern of the commissioner at the mo-

days.

Street wanted the board to adopt some policy concerning the town picking up debris left from the tearing down of old housing, as well as some policy about the use of the town's new backhoe.

Heavy debris and large stumps should be moved by private contractors was the consensus of the board, who torney could draw up a of the board. As for the use

Ambitious Project Launched By Club

Members of the Warrenton Golf Club have voted to undertake a \$30,000 improvement program designed primarily to upgrade

Oliver said that he wanted as secretary-treasurer. to be of assistance in providing subsidized hous- the board for the confidence ing to low income families shown him and pledged his and to help the development efforts to serve to the best of of Norlina and a number of his ability. He also praised other small North Carolina the leadership of Dan Currin towns without the resource and noted that the market of the larger cities. He said would miss him greatly.

Warrenton has been ap-Farmers Warehouse and pointed sales supervisor for lives in the Afton community. Grissom is associated the Warrenton Tobacco Board of Trade. He sucwith Thompsons Warehouses and makes his home in ceeds Frank Reams who had resigned earlier. Epsom. Shearin is owner of ialist with the National Shearin's Insurance Agency

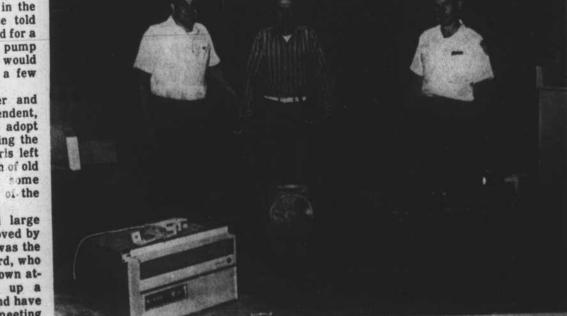
Tobacco Sales Supervisor

George Willis Shearin of

in Warrenton. He also farms cussed the feasibility and in the Warren Plains All new leaders have been elected to head the Warrentwo Jones brothers were kin ton Tobacco Board of Trade was not revealed. James at the meeting. Harry Morton had little to say as Jackson Carter was elected president to succeed Dan Currin, who died in March: housing built by private while V. T. Grissom took the enterprise with the rent seat of vice president. Mr. Shearin was elected to serve President Carter thanked

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figure, as had been anticipated by the commissioners. However, Mrs. Grady J. Haynes, tax supervisor, who prepared the figures for Hayes, said that the figures she prepared for the comcommissioners were only an approximation in order that they might begin to work on the budget. She said she feels that further checks will



The Macon Rural Fire Department will hold an auction sale Saturday in Thom Warehouse. Proceeds from all sales will go toward purchasing equipment for the volunteer fire department. M. C. Clary [left], Robert Stallings, assistant chief; and Franklin Rivers display an air conditioner, planter and trunk which are just a few of the items that will be up for sale, which begins at 10:30 a. m. Stew will also be sold at the [Staff Photo] auction and in Macon by the plate or quart.