

## Budget Exceeding \$3.4 Is Proposed For Warren

### Employee Pay Hike Included

A record \$3.4 million budget—reflecting a five percent across-the-board pay hike for county employees—has been proposed by Warren County Manager Charles Hayes. The budget recommendations were given county commissioners at their June meeting here Monday.

A tax rate of 68 cents would be required to allow the county to operate at the proposed level of funding during the 1977-78 fiscal year. Although the proposed rate represents a decrease of 20 cents per \$100 valuation of real and personal property, the average county tax bill will increase by roughly one-third, based on current budget estimates. The increase will result from property revaluation completed this year.

The proposed budget, will be the subject of a public hearing at the Warren County Court House on June 16 at 9 a. m. Commissioners are required to adopt a budget by July 1.

The proposed 1977-78 budget totals \$3,442,357, compared to \$3,041,417 adopted for the current fiscal year. Hayes noted that \$143,384 of the new budget total consists of revenue sharing funds, making the actual increase about \$179,000.

Revenue sharing funds will be used to operate the county's landfill and will provide all but \$5,000 for operation of the sheriff's department. That \$5,000 is provided by the county ABC board from its earnings and is used as a salary supplement.

Hayes told commissioners that no new programs have been added and that services have not been expanded significantly in preparing the budget. Capital improvements requested in the budget will be financed through revenue sharing.

The recommended budget provides \$66,446 in capital outlay funds for the Warren County school system. In its request, the county Board of Education asked \$95,000 to purchase a site for a new consolidated high school, \$25,000 for the gymnasium dressing rooms at North Warren, more than \$3,000 for a reserve fuel oil tank, \$2,000 in matching funds for lunchroom equipment, \$5,000 in matching vocational education funds and \$6,000

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**FALLEN GIANT**—Young Oakley Green stands beside a huge oak bowled over by wind gusts near Wise on Monday afternoon. Squalls and heavy rain ripped through Warren County, counting numerous trees among its victims, and causing disruption of electrical service in many parts of the county. [Staff Photo]

## Storm Socks Warren

### Norlina Agrees To Join System

The Norlina Town Board unanimously voted Monday night to withdraw its letter of intent to apply for federal funds to upgrade its own sewage treatment plant and to join with Warrenton and Soul City in applying for funds to establish a region system at Warrenton.

The motion to have Norlina join Warrenton and Soul City in planning for a regional sewage treatment plant was made by Commissioner Jimmy Overby, seconded by Commissioner Ben Lloyd and unanimously passed. Later the motion was amended to provide that entry into the regional system would not cost Norlina more than upgrading its own system and that Warrenton would make no charge for its present facilities. This change had been agreed to by Norlina Engineers and Charles Hayes, County Manager, who had asked that Norlina be included in a regional system.

Appearing with Hayes before the Norlina Board were Buck Kennedy and Bill Barlow, of the engineering firm of L. E. Wooten and Co., representing Norlina, and Roy Williford of Region K Council of Government.

Hayes stressed the fact that one regional plant could be operated more efficiently

and at less cost than two plants, and that the increased capacity of the proposed regional system would permit growth of the county. Hayes told the commissioners that representatives from Warrenton and Soul City had offered to appear with him but he had felt this was unnecessary.

The Warren County Manager said that he felt that a regional sewage treatment plant would not only help the three towns immediately concerned but would benefit the whole county in permitting industries to locate here which had been heretofore blocked by inadequate sewage facilities.

Jim Overby, prior to making his motion to join in a regional system said that Norlina would have been willing to join with Warrenton in a regional system had not Warrenton insisted that it pay part of the costs of a balance on its present system. He was assured that no such charge was contemplated as the proposed regional system would be a new system. Engineers for L. E. Wooten and Co., representing Norlina, told the Norlina Commissioners that a lagoon system would not take care of certain types of sewage and that to

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Carolina Power and Light Company suffered heavy damage over Warren County in Monday afternoon's thunder storm, Gordon Greene, local manager, said yesterday.

Damage was caused by falling limbs and by lighting striking poles. Damage was heavy, he said, in various sections of Warrenton and Norlina, and in the Warren Plains direction, the Afton-Elberon section and in the Littleton area.

Greene said that first damage was reported around 4 p. m. and a crew, with some assistance from the Henderson area, worked until 2 a. m. before all the trouble was cleared up.

Greene asked this newspaper to thank Carolina customers on behalf of himself and the company, for their patience and understanding while their power was off.

While many trees were uprooted and/or limbs blown off due to the high winds and some scattered hail, Monday afternoon, crop damage was minor, according to reports from the County Agricultural office. Extension County Chairman L. B. Hardage said that while the wind was very high in the Drewry section, he had observed no major damage, nor had any been reported to him. L. C. Cooper, Extension Agricultural Agent, said that he was in the Afton-Elberon section Tuesday afternoon and the storm was not even mentioned. He said that what damage he observed was minor.

## Nursing Home Plans To Be Aired June 21

Regional health experts will sift through four applications to build nursing homes in this area when they hold a public hearing in Henderson on June 21.

Three of the four proposals scheduled to come under review during the hearing call for placing facilities in Warren County. The projects bear cost estimates ranging from \$850,000 to \$1.5 million.

A spokesman for Capital Health System Agency, Inc. of Durham, which must give its stamp of approval to one or more of the projects, said yesterday the hearing is slated in order to prevent unnecessary duplication. During the hearing, sche-

duled to begin at 7:30 p. m. in the Vance County Court House, each proposal will be reviewed on a competitive basis, and health experts will attempt to keep proposals in line with a state plan to allocate the number of nursing home beds in this area in accordance with a state plan.

Proposals, all of which were made public this year, include a 90-bed facility in Warren County planned by E. C. Powell, a 90-bed Warren facility proposed by Jesse Martin, a 90-bed Warren nursing home to be built by Louise Parham, and a 120-bed facility which the Granville Care Corporation hopes to place in Granville County.



**ALL IN LOST CAUSE**—Students at North Warren Middle School tug a rope in a game with other seventh grade pupils Friday during a field day at the school. Teacher Gordon Knight offers encouragement to Anita Gustkey, Denise Bullock, Jeanne Walker and Cynthia Jordan. Pictures of winners of the competition may be found in the June 16 issue of The Warren Record. [Staff Photo]

## Testimony Ends In Wilson Murder Case

### Davis Accuses Hampton Of Delivering Fatal Blows

By HELEN HOWARD And HOWARD JONES

A Warren County jury began hearing opposing arguments by prosecuting and defense attorneys shortly after noon Wednesday as the trial of Joe Hampton, Jr., charged with the January murder of Cleveland Wilson, 28, reached the mid-point in its third day.

Hampton, 21-year-old resident of Afton, was called for trial Monday on a charge that he killed Wilson and dumped his body into Lake Gaston, where a flotilla of rescue squad boats found it on February 27.

The star witness in the case, McLean Davis, told a jury of six women and six men that he was with Hampton in a wooded area three miles west of Warrenton when Hampton killed Wilson with repeated blows from an automobile jack.

Davis, 19, also of Afton, is expected to be tried before presiding Judge Harry Canady of Benson later this week on a lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter.

A total of 33 jurors were called Monday before the final juror—an alternate—was selected. The State, not asking for the death penalty, is being represented by assistant District Attorney David Waters.

Members of the jury, comprised of eight whites, three blacks and an Indian, include John T. Allen, Grace T. Alston, Philip J. Bender, Jr., Susie Green Boyd, Lucy Perry Bullock, Mrs. R. E. Eller, Arthur Lee Evans, Jr., Julian Gooch Gallion, Virginia Mae Hawkins, Jimmy Moseley, Johnnie B. Newell and Conrey Silver.

It was not until 3 p. m. Monday that the State called its first witness — Bobby Wilson, father of the victim. Wilson told the jury that he had last seen his son on the night of January 21 when his son left home around 7 or 8 p. m. in his 1966 blue Chevrolet. He did not see Cleveland Wilson again until February 27 when he identified the body, badly beaten about the face, pulled from Lake Gaston as that of his son.

Wilson related that he also identified the blood-stained car owned by his son while it was at B&D Body Shop.

McLean Davis next took the witness stand, testifying that he left his girl friend's house on the night in



**RETURN TO JAIL**—McLean Davis (left) and Joe Hampton, Jr., walk through the jailyard after the first day of trial in the Cleveland Wilson murder. Davis, the state's key witness, accused Hampton of delivering the fatal blows to Wilson with an automobile jack. The two have been held without bond since their arrest in connection with Wilson's death in late January. [Staff Photo]

## Reduction Is Sought In Doe Hunting Time

The Warren County Commissioners would reduce the either-sex deer hunting season in Warren County from the 30 days proposed in the present law to ten days, embracing two Saturdays. They would also restrict the either-sex season to that section of Warren County south of Highway 158, because of the limited amount of deer north of that point.

A delegation of deer hunters, headed by Malvern Haithcock, Jr., of Macon, appeared before the commissioners Monday morning to seek the commissioners help in lessening the severity of the law. In the group, in addition to Haithcock, who hunts deer with bow and arrow, were John H. Linwood, Clarence Adcock, Matt Nelson and Joe Riggan. All spoke but Riggan.

Haithcock said he had taken the matter up with the District Forester and he thought that the matter of hunting north of Highway 158 could be changed, but he was anxious to have the season shortened. Clarence Adcock said he did not understand why the deer law could not be left alone. Others seemed to be in agreement that there was no deer problem north of Highway 158, but admitted that it existed in the southern and southwestern part of the county. They were also in agreement that a 30-day season was too long, stating that they would prefer a 10-day season with

two Saturdays in order that the working hunter might have a couple of days in which to hunt.

Matt Nelson favored a shorter either-sex deer season. He said he based his views on the danger imposed by careless hunters. These are restrained to some extent now, he said, while they look for horns. He said that deer hunters had shot his son, (not fatally), killed a dog and shot a cow in his vicinity; with either-sex hunting permitted he said, these hunters will shoot at anything they see moving in the woods.

Chairman Pete Jones said that he was approached by two hunters from Inez Community on Thursday morning after The Warren Record had hit the street on Wednesday afternoon carry-

ing the story of the either-sex deer hunting season. Subsequently, he said, he had seen Rep. Tom Ellis and Senator James Speed who had agreed to use their influence with the Wildlife Commissioners in modifying the law. Jones said that Ellis and Speed seemed to doubt that any change could be made by the Legislature due to the lateness of the legislative session, but that they would do what they could and try to induce other representatives of the district to use their influence.

Following the passage of a motion by the commissioners to ask that the changes requested be made, the delegation left the commissioners' room in a pleasant

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## Small Number Report

Less than 20 percent of Warren County's tobacco growers have reported their acreage to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) as required in order to be eligible for price supports.

T. E. Watson, county ASCS executive director, said farmers have only until June 14 to report. Growers must report by fields, net acres of tobacco planted, he said.

"Farmers who plant in excess of 110 percent of their effective allotment or who fail to report by June 14 will not be eligible for price support," Watson said Tuesday. "We certainly do not want any farmer to be denied price support on his tobacco because he did not file a timely certification."