

'School Days' Is Subject In New Proposals For Use

Two proposals for use of the county-owned "School Days" were presented to the Warren County Board of Commissioners for its consideration.

No action was taken, however, on either proposal. Commissioners appeared to be interested in a suggestion by Mrs. Joan Hight, director of the nutrition program for Region K, in which the former mansion belonging to the late George Allen be converted into a civic center, with primary use by senior citizens.

All renovations and improvements for such a facility could be accomplished through the federally derived Title V funding, at no expense to the county.

Similar funding sources could also provide maintenance and administration costs for retaining the building and grounds as a community center.

Mrs. Hight, in a letter to the board, described the concept as "surely something for the good and pleasure of all the citizens in Warren County."

Title V funding could be used to refurbish a facility for community use, with a specific group of citizenry as prime users, and carry a short 10-year lease, she said.

Mrs. Hight was represented by the Rev. Elton Cooke of Norlina at the meeting.

In another proposal, Warren County school superintendent J. R. Peeler related last week's school board motion to accept the building as a centralized administrative facility on the condition that renovations and building parking space costs be borne by the county.

Peeler said the county "could come out even" or "maybe even a little bit ahead" if it repaired the Allen home for school use and then took over the school system's current administrative building on US 158 business for hospital use.

Costs of repairing the Allen home and building a new hospital office are both estimated at \$100,000.

Peeler warned, however, that he estimated the cost of maintenance to be four or five times greater than what the schools currently pay.

Warren County school administrators operate from two offices, the primary office being in Warrenton and the other office for administering

ESEA in Afton. Peeler stated that "School Days," as a centralized office, "would do only one thing for us: get all our people together."

The superintendent said some outside criticism had been expressed about the lack of racial balance at the two offices, with the main office in Warrenton being the subject of most criticism.

There are no blacks working at the head office although black employees are numerous in the Afton office, Peeler said.

Commissioners received both proposals with few comments other than appreciation for interest expressed.

"School Days" was donated to Warren County by the heirs of George Allen and has been since the object of speculation by various organizations.

Ballet Company Plans Performance

LOUISBURG—The International Folk Ballet Company will perform in concert at Louisburg College on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 8 p. m., in the College Auditorium.

The concert is the second in a series of six for the 1977-78 season, and replaces the Milwaukee Ballet Company scheduled for Oct. 17 which was unavoidably cancelled.

Directing the company of professional dancers from around the world is Lori Shapiro. She developed this dynamic young company into the American spotlight last year by performing for the ethnic cultures in America during the Bicentennial.

They received additional attention when they were given front-page coverage in the July, 1976, issue of U. S. News and World Report.

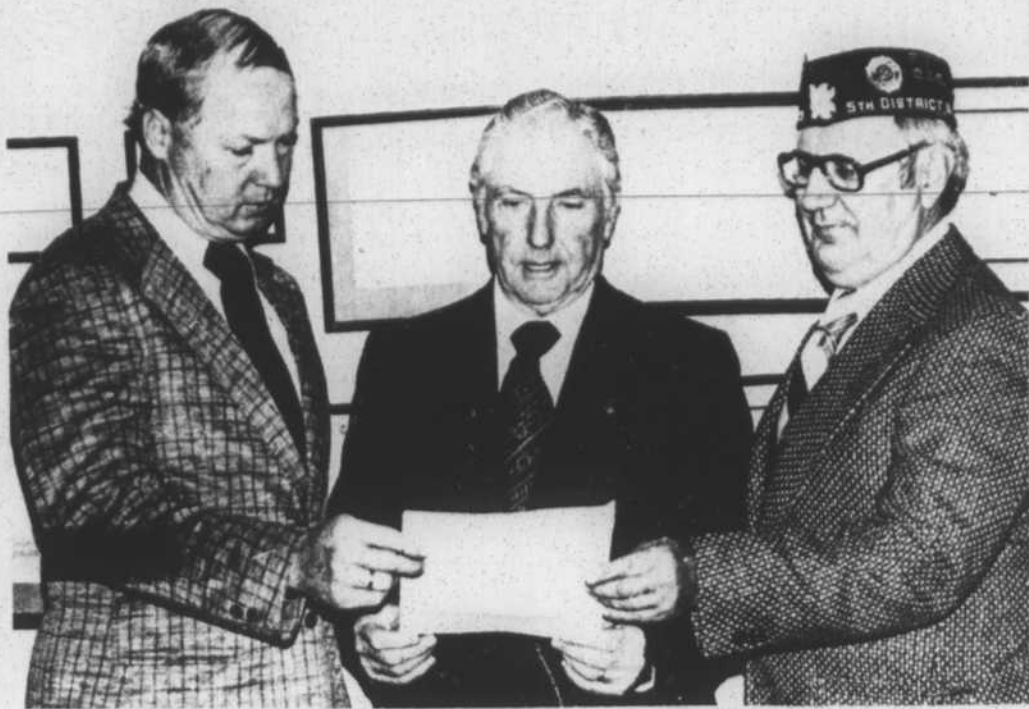
Their choreography is described as imaginative, their costumes colorful, their music lively and authentic, and their rich repertoire provides insight into the cultures of many nations.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Dress Potato Salad

Five good ways to dress a slim potato salad are tomato juice with a hint of herbs, vinaigrette dressing with vinegar and a dash of oil, mustard and a dab of sour cream, herb-dressed yogurt or a splash of dry white wine.

The British Crown Jewels include the two largest cut diamonds in the world. Both came from a single large diamond that weighed one and a half pounds, according to National Geographic World magazine.



American Education Week was proclaimed as an official observance for Nov. 13-19 by Leland Gottschalk, district commander for District V American Legion, Warrenton Mayor W. A. Miles and Principal William Terry of John Graham High School. (Staff Photo)

Education Week To Be Observed

John Graham High School and the American Legion will be "Working Together for Education" in observance of American Education Week Nov. 13-19.

The Legion is focusing on school problems with a positive attitude in combating forces threatening our

entire education system today. Through the Americanism department, the Legion is interacting with John Graham in proclaiming the observance.

William E. Terry, principal at JG, invited all patrons to visit the school and

classes and to have lunch. The school should be notified before attending so adequate lunches are available.

The American Legion sponsors various school-oriented events during the year.

Registration Ends Tuesday For Tour

Registration deposits for persons planning to go on the Phillip Morris cigarette plant tour in Richmond, Va., Nov. 22 are now being taken at selected sites in the county. The deadline for registration is Nov. 15.

Sponsored by the Warren County Agricultural Extension Service, the tour will be part of the county's observance of Farm-City Week, scheduled for Nov. 21-26.

Deposits may be made now at the agriculture extension office, at Branch Bank and Trust Co., and at First-Citizen's Bank and Trust Co., all in Warrenton and at Peoples Bank and Trust in Norlina.

Tour will be limited to 80 and men and women are both encouraged to participate. If 80 persons are signed up for the tour before the deadline date, registration will be stopped.

County Will Foot Month's Bill

(Continued from page 1) possibly at the back entrance of the building, Farrar said.

Warren commissioners agreed to support the program for what apparently will be a one-month period until the state makes its rebate to participating counties.

Farrar's request was followed by a recommendation from Al Thompson, regional director of social services, who urged that an eligibility specialist supervisor be provided for the department.

Thompson's remarks came after recent criticism by U. S. District Court Judge James McMillan who labeled 15 North Carolina DSS offices as being "sluggish" with processing welfare applications.

Warren County was one of the 15 offices cited and threatened with heavy monetary penalties if the slow processing methods are not remedied by February.

Thompson said McMillan based his ruling on a recent review of all county social service offices in which the 15 reprimanded were found to be over the 10 per cent tolerance level for unprocessed cases without good

cause. Warren County, according to Thompson, "hovered between the 12 and 15 per cent mark" in its Medicaid and aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) cases.

The department's food stamp activity rated as "excellent," he added.

However, as the other areas must "show marked improvement" by February, Thompson recommended that the department be restructured and slightly expanded.

He and Farrar both suggested that a permanent worker on the eligibility specialist staff be promoted to the role of supervisor and bring another worker in, possibly from the food stamp division where there is adequate work force.

With additional workers, Thompson said he believes "we can bring all the counties to this level" where applications are processed within the 45-day limit.

In Warren County, he added, the number of cases exceeding the 10 per cent tolerance level can be brought down to "zero," he said, if the changes in staff assignments are enacted.

The state recommends a case load of 150 per

eligibility specialist worker. Warren county workers have averaged 275 to 350 cases, Farrar said.

In addition, the state recommends one supervisor to every seven workers. There are nine full-time workers in the county social services office. Ten workers—with the addition of another supervisor—are needed.

The office also has seven temporary CETA workers who perform reviews and support the permanent staff.

Farrar said that without the help of CETA employees, the permanent staff might handle as many as 500 cases each.

Commissioners listened to the directors' remarks but made no commitment for channeling additional funds to the social services department.



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