

## Educators Seek Reduction In Cost Of Providing Power

In an effort to drastically cut energy costs at South Warren Elementary School, the Warren County Board of Education has called for a change in the electric utility serving the school.

The move to change electric providers came

### Groups Planning

### To Share Jobs

### Of Cutting Wood

The Warren County Ministers Association, in cooperation with the Warren County Jaycees, will sponsor a "Cut Wood Day" on Saturday, March 15. They are asking for volunteers throughout the community to come and help them.

Anyone wishing to aid the Warren County ministers and the Jaycees in this project should be at the Warren County Armory at 8:30 a. m. on Saturday.

Wood will be cut from land made available, by Amos L. Capps Pulpwood and Timber and will be stacked at the County Landfill.

It will be given to needy people through Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc., in Warrenton.

### Party Caucus Is

### Set For Tonight

Democrats in North Carolina's 2,344 precincts will caucus at their polling places at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday). This will be the first in a series of meetings — precinct, county, district, and state conventions — that will lead up to the Democratic National Convention in August.

"Political interest is high in this election year," noted state party chairman Betty Speir, "and we anticipate that large numbers of Democrats will turn out to meet with their neighbors and to make their voices heard on important local and national issues." The agenda for the precinct meetings will include the election of delegates to the April 19 county Democratic Conventions, a briefing on the national convention delegate selection process, and the adoption of resolutions to be forwarded to the county conventions.

after school board members were told that costs of electric service now provided South Warren by Halifax Electric Membership Corporation was twice that of service to other similar size schools in the county served by Carolina Power and Light Co.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Williams said that for the last 12 months South Warren had run up an electric bill of \$8,767.29 or a charge of .0852 cents per kilowatt hour. CP&L's charges for providing service at Northside and Vaughan elementary schools during the same time period was based on a rate of .0410 cents per kilowatt hour, Williams said.

Board members, meeting in regular session on Monday night, approved a petition to be sent to Halifax EMC requesting that it release South Warren School from its territory.

In other action taken Monday night, the board:

—Approved a request from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stecher that their son, Christopher, be released in order to attend school in Halifax County.

—Approved a request from Mrs. Jean A. Johnson that she be granted maternity leave from March 11 through April 11. The board agreed to hire Mrs. Cora Watson to teach during Mrs. Johnson's absence.

Approved the employment of Karen Daniel and Linda Scott as remediation teachers at John Graham High School, and the employment of Gladys Smith as cafeteria worker at Vaughan Elementary School.

—Authorized the preparation of an inventory containing surplus items in the maintenance and transportation departments in order that they may be offered for sale.

—Authorized the chairman of the board to make motions and cast votes in any matters. Heretofore the chairman only voted to break a tie, and was not empowered to make motions.

—Took no action in the matter of the school board becoming a member of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce.

—Approved three amendments to the 1979-80 budget.



Mrs. Chris Holtzman presents check for \$50 to Patsy Tucker (left), president of the Ridgeway Community 4-H Club. The award was given for the Ridgeway club's first place finish in state-wide competition.

## Ridgeway 4-H Club Is Named As State Winner

The Ridgeway Community 4-H Club has been named state winner for its program activities in Conservation of Natural Resources. The top award was given for work in 1979, and included a check for \$50.

Making the announcement of the award was George W. Koonce, county extension agent on Charge of 4-H activities. Koonce was notified of the award by Dr. Mary C. Nesbitt, state extension 4-H staff associate.

Koonce said the Ridgeway

Conservation Report was submitted in competition to the State 4-H Office last September and was judged by both the state office and the National 4-H Council Office in Washington, D. C.

Conservation program awards are sponsored in all 50 states by John Deere and Company of Moline, Ill.

In making the award to the Ridgeway Club, Koonce applauded the membership and leaders for their long standing achievement in club community programs and activities. He

reminded the club that they were one of three North Carolina clubs named runners-up in state competition in safety for 1979. The club received a framed certificate for this honor.

"The county 4-H staff expresses much appreciation to the Ridgeway 4-H leadership team of 1979 which consisted of Thomas Tucker, Jr., junior leader; and Mrs. Faye Holtzman, Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Holtzman and Mrs. Chris F. Holtzman, all adult leaders," Koonce said.

## Welfare Of Stray Dogs Is Discussed By Board

Frank Twitty, Dog Warden was questioned by the Warren County Commissioners at their regular meeting here Monday morning concerning reports received by Chairman Walter J. Harris that he had killed two dogs on the same day that he had picked them up.

The complaints, Harris said, were from owners of the dogs, and from a lady from near Arcola who complained in a letter addressed to Harris and read to the board by County Manager Glen Newsome that more consideration should be given to the welfare of dogs.

Twitty had reported that he had received 94 complaints during the month of February, that he had

picked up 64 dogs, given away seven, killed 57 and travelled 1779.8 miles during the month, and had announced that the annual dog vaccination clinic would start in Warren County on March 29.

Chairman Harris read an ordinance passed by the County Commissioners on Oct. 7, 1967, instructing the dog warden to pick up stray dogs, impound them for five days before destroying them, and asked Twitty was he familiar with the ordinance.

Twitty said that he was although it was passed long before he became dog warden, but that he had been instructed to use his own judgment in the matter of destroying dogs, after the question of severity of injuries to some picked up dogs, and the requested destruction of puppies where an owner wanted to save the bitch.

Twitty said that in the case of many of the dogs picked up it was a kindness to put them out of their misery as soon as possible, as they were half starved, flea-infested, and bleeding from the scratches. He said that he never picked up any dogs unless he had been requested to do so. He said whenever there was a way to identify a dog, he called its owner and in some cases took such dog to its owner.

He said he recently was called to Warrenton to pick up a dog, was met by the man who was holding the dog and actually placed it in the truck after telling the dog warden that he did not know the owner of the dog.

but that the animal had been chasing his calves.

Twitty said that he had been called to Vicksboro where a number of dogs were gathered; that the man who called him told him to pick them all up, stating that all but one of them were strays, and that one belonged to his sister and she had told him to get rid of it because it had killed

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### Hearing Slated

### On Deer Season

A meeting will be held in Nashville later this month to discuss any possible changes concerning the either-sex season for the 1980-81 deer hunting season.

Warren Wildlife Protector Conley Mangum said the meeting will be held in the Agriculture Building beginning at 7:30 p. m.

The scheduled either-sex deer season for Warren county will be December 15 to December 19 in those areas east of U. S. 1 and U. S. 401. Anyone wishing to propose any changes for that season is urged to attend the Nashville meeting, Mangum said.

He said another hearing will be conducted at 7:30 p. m. on April 10 at the court house in Nashville to discuss any changes in the 1980-81 hunting and trapping season.

Mangum said attendance of concerned sportsmen at each of the meetings is important. Additional information can be obtained by calling Mangum at 257-2961.

## \$2.5 Million Bond Issue Is Targeted By Health Officials

The Warren County Board of Health unanimously agreed Monday night to ask county commissioners to call for a bond issue of at least \$2.5 million to underwrite costs of capital improvements at both the Health Department and the nearby Warren General Hospital.

Warren Health Director Joseph Lennon said he was instructed to write trustees of Warren General Hospital asking that a joint effort be undertaken to have a bond election called this fall. He said the Board of Health would like to see the bond issue placed on the ballot for a November vote.

Hospital trustees were expected to have Lennon's letter in hand when they met last night (Wednesday) in regular session. Both the hospital and the Health Department have previously endorsed the idea of a bond referendum, but this is the first time a joint effort has been proposed.

Should a multi-million-dollar bond issue be approved, Lennon said, a new Health Department would be built as a wing of Warren General Hospital. This would allow an interchange of medical records and would allow health department personnel better access to X-Ray and laboratory services.

Before any money could be spent the approval of regional and state officials would be needed, Lennon said. The first approval must come from the Capital Health Systems Agency, a

regional planning agency. Following their approval, a certificate of need would have to be obtained from the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Lennon said the "unified effort to provide critically needed health facilities" would provide as broad a basis of public support as possible.

In other business Monday night the Health Board voted to greatly increase insurance coverage of its

building and contents. Lennon said the vote to increase came after members learned that \$46,000 worth of equipment had only \$5,000 in coverage. The building, valued at \$132,000 carried only \$62,200 in coverage.

Board of Health members also agreed during their quarterly meeting to rotate the deposits of the Health Department among the three banking institutions in Warren County on an annual basis.

### Lower Rates Expected

## Arcola Approved For Fire District

The Warren County Board of Commissioners meeting here on Monday approved the Arcola Fire Department District. Such approval is supposed to result in lower insurance rates for residents of the district and make firemen of the district eligible to share in the Firemen's Relief and Benefits and Retirement Funds, according to County Manager Glen Newsome.

Chairman W. J. (Jack) Harris told the commissioners that the Fire Commission met last week and approved the Arcola Fire District, and the County Manager has a map of the area and a roster of the firemen of the district. The state, he said, has inspected the department and given its tentative approval subject to formal adoption by the board. The vote for approval of the Arcola Fire District was unanimous with all commissioners present and voting.

The meeting here Monday was a postponed meeting in order that the commissioners might attend a meeting of the National Association in Washington, D. C., on the first Monday in March. The weekend snow storm prevented the commissioners from attending the Washington meeting.

The regular April meeting of the board will be held on Tuesday, April 8, since the first Monday in April (March 7) is also Easter Monday.

Susan C. Wilson, Tax Collector for Warren County, reported tax collections during February in the amount of \$40,264, bringing total collections for the fiscal year to \$1,338,985.12 which is 88.59 percent of the levy. She also listed other taxes collected in February as follows: Delinquent taxes \$7,939.49, partial payments \$1,938.91, advance payments, \$432.85, for a grand total of \$53,576.17.

The commissioners amended Personnel Policy concerning mandatory retirement age from 65 to 70 years in order to conform to federal regulations, and also amended the budget for the completion of the hospital roof, taking \$1262.38 from the contingency fund.

The commissioners also voted to approve plans for the construction of the consolidated high school. Chairman Harris was

authorized to execute FmHA Form No. 442-46 (Letter of Intent to meet conditions) and FmHA Form No. 440-1 (Request for obligations).

In a separate motion the commissioners voted to adopt and authorize Chairman Harris to execute Form No. 442-7 (Operation budget for consolidated high school.) The commissioners adopted the budget with the provision if funds are available and with the understanding that it is a tentative budget.

Fire Commissioner Chairman Harris said that it was suggested that a fire inspector be appointed. The commissioner named Chester A. Forrester, now serving as Electrical Inspector for the county, as the Fire Inspector.

The commissioners adopted a proposed secondary road plan, amended by a request for a split rating on SR 1114, No. 3 priority, by which funds appropriated for this road, known as the

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### Thompson Named Board Attorney

Al Thompson, an attorney with the Warrenton law firm of Banzet, Banzet and Thompson, Monday night was named to fill a vacancy as attorney for the Warren County Board of Education.

Thompson was a unanimous selection to take the place of Warrenton Attorney Frank Ballance, who resigned at the board's February meeting to enter the race for a county commissioner's post.

The Board of Education, named Thompson to board attorney's slot until June, 1981, the date which Ballance's contract was to have expired.

In other action, the board: Approved a deed of correction for one acre of land which was sold to McKinley Wilkins, Jr., on December 20, 1957. The original deed erroneously stated that the property was in Sixpound Township. The property actually is located in River Township.

Accepted the Title I-ESEA program proposal for 1980-81, as well as the Indian Education program proposal for 1980-81.



Frank Aycock, president of the National Honor Society at John Graham High School, presents an American flag to Principal W.E. Terry. The presentation was made by the honor society during an assembly on Friday morning. (Staff Photo)