



The local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has recently moved into this newly built Kingdom Hall, located on South Main Street in Warrenton. Special activities have been planned there this weekend. An open house will be held Saturday from 1 p. m. until 4 p. m. Saturday from 7 p. m. until 8 p. m. a program consisting of the history of the congregation and the construction efforts of the present Kingdom Hall.

From 8 p. m. until 9 p. m. a dedication lecture will be delivered by W. B. Bentley, Jr., circuit minister. Sunday's activities will begin at 9:30 a. m. with a lecture entitled, "How Purposeful Is Your Life?" followed by the regular Sunday morning worship services. The public is invited to attend any or all of the sessions. (Staff Photo)

By County Board

Tentative Tax Rate Of 89 Cents Adopted

A tentative budget calling for a tax levy of \$4,466,679 and a tax rate of 89c was presented to the Warren County commissioners here Monday for their consideration by County Manager Glen Newsome.

The proposed tax rate represents an increase of 11c on the hundred dollar valuation. Newsome said total requests of items going to make up the budget were \$1.38, only 12c short of the maximum rate permitted under state law.

The commissioners, seemingly pleased with the tentative budget, were to meet last night (Wednesday) for what Chairman Jack Harris termed a line by line scrutiny of the proposed budget. A public hearing on the budget will be held on June 23.

As recommended by the Local Government Commission, the County Auditors, the County Finance Officer, the proposed budget represents a single tax levy as contrasted to the multi-tax levies. The net effect of the recommendation is to consolidate all revenues in a general fund with the exception of those budgeted in the Revenue Sharing Fund. This fund, Chairman Harris said Monday afternoon, is estimated at some \$275,000, plus a \$25,000 surplus for an estimated total of some \$400,000.

The General Fund proposed recommends an increase of \$103,816.

Some of the proposed expenditures in the budget proposed for the 1980-81 fiscal year leading to the proposed increase

are:
1. A recommended salary increase of 8 percent for all county employees.

2. A recommended increase for travel allowance from \$.17 to \$.21 per mile.

3. An increased debt service is carried as the result of the School Bond and Wastewater referendum.

4. Increased appropriation to Warren General Hospital to defray the costs of recommendation that the county no longer pay the hospital insurance premium for hospital employees.

5. Increased appropriation for the Warren County School System.

6. The recommended purchase of a recommended vehicle for the Ambulance Service.

7. A recommended 24 percent increase in funds for all fire departments operating within the county.

8. Participation in the Regional Water System.

The commissioners approved a renewal of a contract with Watts and Scobie for auditing the county books at a cost of \$3200.

A motion was made to request the State Department of Transportation to have the entrance to the Roanoke-Wildwood Rural Volunteer Firemen's fire house.

The commissioners approved the annual certification of the members of the Ridgeway Rural Volunteer Fire Department.

Floyd B. McKissick, Jr., presented the board with a copy of the annual budget of the Soul City Sanitary District budget, without comment.

The commissioners endorsed Indian Affairs - Section 8 Housing Assistance Application after Gloria Norris of the Department of Indian Affairs had explained that its purpose was to receive government assistance in repairing individual dwellings for rent.

The commissioners approved the renewal of a contract with Waste Industries, Inc., to collect solid waste from points over the county and convey such waste to the Warren County Landfill.

County Manager Glen Newsome announced that the one cent sales tax received for April totaled \$19,665.90.

In an executive session the commissioners discussed with the County Finance Officer and the County Attorney the matter of collecting delinquent taxes.

Earlier in the meeting Malvin Haithcock, Jr., of Macon appeared before the board and discussed at some length proposals concerned with fox hunting and fox trapping. He proposed that the commissioners consider pass-

age of fox hunting and trapping rules as follows:

1. That a fox trapping season be allowed from the second day of January to the last day of February for each year hereafter, or until the N. C. State Wildlife Resources commission sees fit to lengthen or shorten the

season.

2. That not any non-county resident trapping be allowed, or that the county should impose a trapping fee of \$75.00 for nonresident trappers, or whatever fee they should think proper to discourage nonresident trapping. (Continued on page 8)



HARRELL

Judge To Speak At Graduation

Judge Allen W. Harrell of Wilson will present the major address Friday night when graduates of John Graham High School receive diplomas during commencement exercises to be held on the athletic field beginning at 8 p. m.

Judge Harrell, who holds court in Wilson, Rocky Mount, Nashville and Tarboro, is a graduate of Powellville High School and received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina. He has been a judge in the Seventh Judicial District since 1968.

During World War II he served as a machine gunner with the Third Army Division and was seriously wounded. He and his wife, the former Irene Burk, are the parents of six children.

Judge Harrell is a member of the First Christian Church where he has served as deacon, elder, chairman of the board, superintendent of the Sunday School and Sunday School teacher.

He will be introduced here Friday night by W. E. Terry, John Graham principal.

Fewer Than 375

Vote Tuesday

With no local contest to encourage voting, Warren County voters cast one of the lowest votes of the century Tuesday in the county's second 1980 Democratic primary, casting less than a total of 375 votes in the process.

Candidates were Ed Renfrow and Bill Chestnut, with Renfrow winning the contest for State (Continued on page 3)

Board Takes Action

Bids Are Officially Made For New Treatment Plant

Tentative bids for the construction of a regional sewage treatment plant at Warrenton made at the May meeting of the Board of Warren County Commissioners, were officially made at the regular June meeting of the board held in the petit jury room at the court house Monday morning following the receipt of a \$571,050 grant from EDA, completing a short fall fund. The awards were as follows:

Division I - General Contract to Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, for the lump sum price of \$4,398,000.

Division II - Plumbing Contract to Triangle Mechanical Contractors, Inc., of Raleigh, for the lump sum price of \$37,744.

Division III - HVAC Contract to Jones Cooling and Heating, Inc., of Wilson, for the lump sum price of \$34,400.

Division IV - Electrical Contract to Richards and Associates of Carrolltown, Ga., for the lump sum price of \$340,000.

The commissioners also approved legal services agreement for the work done on FHA sewage bond application, and approved the final plans for the sewage treatment plant.

The board meeting was called to order at 9:30 a. m. in the petit jury room because the June mixed term of Warren County Superior Court was in session. A prayer was read by Michael Ellis of Richmond, Va., who is currently this summer serving Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church under an internship program for young seminarians sponsored by Duke University. Ellis is studying at Duke Divinity School for the Episcopal priesthood. His reading from the Prayer Book replaced the usual opening prayer by Commissioner George Shearin.

Susan C. Wilson, Tax Collector, reported 1979 taxes collected in May in the amount of \$27,605.65, making a total collected for the fiscal year of

\$1,438,213.80, which is 95.15 percent of the 1979-80 levy.

Other May collections reported by Miss Wilson were: Delinquent taxes and penalties, \$2,794.95; partial payments, \$2,789.13; total May collections, \$33,569.89.

Frank Twitty, Dog Warden, reported that he picked up 134 dogs during May; killed 122; and gave way 12. He said he answered 128 complaints, vaccinated 207 dogs, and traveled 2555.9 miles. Twitty said that between 500 and 600 dogs were vaccinated during the vaccinating period. He said that when it is remembered that a three-year vaccine was used last year he thought this was very good. Twitty also had words of praise for the assistance he received from Dr. and Mrs. Davis, veterinarians.

The commissioners re-

appointed five members for three year terms and two alternates to the Warren County Board of Adjustments. They were S. W. Walker, Macon Wemyss, Monroe Gardner, Leonard J. Bender and Richard Roddy, regular members; and Jesse Pegram and Nick Williams, alternates.

The re-appointment of Monroe Gardner and Luther Paynter for three-year terms on the Warren County Industrial Board was tabled until the next meeting of the board when it was discovered that Gardner and Paynter had not been notified that they would be re-appointed.

L. C. Cooper, Extension Chairman, appeared before the board when the Extension Service and the County Commissioners approved the annual Memorandum of Agreement.



DICKERSON



ROBERTS



DELBRIDGE

Three Students Named To Attend Girls' State

Three Warren County high school rising seniors have been selected by Limer Unit 25 of the American Legion Auxiliary to attend the annual American Legion Tar Heel Girls State at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro June 8-14.

Selected by the Legion Auxiliary were Miss Lisa

Kay Delbridge of Warren Academy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Delbridge; Miss Teresa Dickerson of Norlina High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dickerson; and Miss Tammy Roberts of John Graham High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Roberts.

Mrs. Palmer King,

Girls State chairman for the Legion Auxiliary, said the program was originated and established in 1940 by the American Legion Auxiliary as an Americanism project to provide for high school girls of the state an opportunity to study and practice citizenship in a democracy.



CHESTON



NORWOOD

Rose To Address Norlina Graduates

Graduating seniors at Norlina High School will be addressed by a former Warren County principal, W. L. Rose, on Friday, June 6, at 8 p. m. He received his degrees from Livingston College and North Carolina Central University. He received a certificate in "Law and Special Education" from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Rose has been an English teacher, assistant principal and public relations coordinator for the Fairmont City Schools. At present he is employed with the State Department of Public Instruction, Division of Exceptional Children as assistant director in charge of Administrative Services.

The traditional custom of having a valedictorian and salutatorian is still practiced at Norlina High School. Michael Dean Norwood, salutatorian, will greet and welcome the parents and friends. Derrick Jerome Cheston, valedictorian, will give the parting address.

Cheston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling M. Cheston of Norlina has served as president of the Beta Club, Math Club, French Club and Future Farmers of America. He is a member of the basketball team and vice president of the senior class. He plans to enroll in North Carolina State University and major in civil engineering.

Norwood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley C. Norwood of Manson. He served as vice president of the Math Club and French Club. He holds membership in the Beta Club and Annual Staff. He is a National Merit

Finalist and will be awarded the Certificate of Merit for demonstrating high potential for future academic attainment. He will attend North Carolina State University and major in civil engineering.

The other Norlina seniors have formulated their plans for the future. The statistics indicate that a majority of them will continue their education next fall. Some 33 percent have been accepted to enroll in four year colleges, 27 percent will attend two-year colleges and technical institutes. Twelve percent have enlisted in the military services, and 28 percent will enter the labor market.

These graduates will attend the following colleges and technical institutes.

Four-Year Colleges: Kenneth Alexander, Rosalind D. Butler, Bernadette Davenport, Temper D. Douglas and Timothy Sledge, St. Augustine's College; Barbara Allen and Jacqueline Hargrove, University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Bruce Brantley, Appalachian State University; Debra Brantley, North Carolina Wesleyan College; John E. Bullock, Warnetta Harrison, Curtis Kersey, Brenda Seward and Michael Vaughan, North Carolina Central University; Derrick Cheston, Shari Hendricks and Michael Norwood, North Carolina State University; Gwendolyn Coltrane, Lenoir Rhyne College; Pamela Currie, Atlantic Christian College; Johanna Harrison, Queensborough College; Julius Henderson. (Continued on page 5)