



A portrait of G. E. (Buck) White, late Norlina police chief, was formally accepted Monday night by the Norlina Town Council. The portrait, by a Texas artist, will be displayed in the Town Hall. In the photo above, Mrs. White presents the portrait to Norlina Mayor Bill

Perry. Taking part in the presentation were, left to right, Mrs. Mae Gums, town clerk; and commissioners Will Hicks, Jimmy Overby, Ben Lloyd, Wallace Stallings and John Dore. See related resolution on page 7. (Staff Photo)

## Towns Take Beating

# Warren Shows Slight Growth

According to the preliminary census count for Warren County released within the past two weeks, incorporated towns took a plunge in its population figures, while

the county as a whole had a slight increase.

Warrenton, which had a population of 1035 in the 1970 census, had a population of only 907 in the 1980 preliminary census.

Norlina 1980 preliminary census of 887 was 8.5 percent less than the 1970 figures, and Macon's 1980 preliminary population of 151 showed a drop of 15.6 percent.

According to the 1970 census, Warren County had a population of 15,810; and the 1980 preliminary figures show a total population of 15,857.

Both Glenn Newsome, County Manager and Beverly White, Mayor of Warrenton, have protested the figures with the Census Bureau in Raleigh.

White checked with house numbers said to be vacant and found that many errors were found in the postoffice list and that 58 vacant houses, as previously stated, are not to be found in the Town of Warrenton.

Preliminary figures show the 1980 population by townships and the rate of increase or decrease as follows:

Warrenton Township - 4,434, an increase of 3.7 percent.

Fishing Creek Township - 1,284, an increase of 4.4 percent.

Fork Township - 526, a decrease of .9 percent.

Hawtree Township - 1,300, a decrease of 16 percent.

Judkins Township - 869, a decrease of 9.4 percent.

Nutbush Township - 1,516, an increase of 10.5 percent.

River Township - 788, a decrease of 30.7 percent.

Roanoke Township - 238, an increase of 30.7 percent.

Sandy Creek Township - 1,315, an increase of 26.1 percent.

Shocco Township - 770, an increase of 4.5 percent.

Sixpound Township - 705, a decrease of .01 percent.

Smith Creek Township - 2,068, an increase of 2.4 percent.

## Leaf Market

### Opens Season

The Warrenton Tobacco Market opened its 1980 season at the Centre Warehouse on Norlina Road around 8:45 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The opening sale was scheduled to be held at 9 o'clock, but on Tuesday it was re-scheduled for 8:30 a. m. The quality of tobacco at Centre was poor with many lower leaves being offered.

Due to early printing of this newspaper on Wednesday as usual, only sales at Centre were covered. Here the first 100 piles of tobacco sold for \$9924. Prices of 100 piles will usually indicate warehouse average.

In spite of average prices of below \$1.00, very few tickets were (Continued on page 2)

## Near Northside School

# Apartment Plans

## Move Step Closer

Plans for a 50-unit apartment complex on the outskirts of Norlina moved a step closer to reality Monday night with a decision of the Board of Town Commissioners to seek special permission to extend town sewer mains to the proposed project.

Norlina board members were unanimous in their decision to seek a special order of consent to overcome restrictions on additional connections to single family dwellings on existing sewer lines.

Roxboro Developer Ruffin Woody, who has proposed the apartment complex near the Northside School on the fringe of town, wrote town officials that his application has been approved by the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments and the Farmers Home Administration has "targeted" loan funds for Warren County for the fiscal year beginning October 1.

Woody pointed out that the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development had reviewed the application and noted that the discharge permit for the Town of Norlina contains the restriction on additional connections.

He said that an engineer of L. E. Wooten & Co. and the State Division

of Environmental Assessment had indicated that the request should win approval since the Norlina pumping station and the Warrenton sewage treatment plant are scheduled for early completion.

Half of the apartments in the proposed complex would be two-bedrooms, with the remainder divided equally between one-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments. Woody said a maximum of two occupants per (Continued on page 2)

## Dove Season

### Dates Listed

RALEIGH - The N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission set the dove seasons, among other items of business at its regular meeting last week.

The split mourning dove season will run from September 1 through October 11 and from December 15 through January 12. During the first portion of the dove season, shooting hours will start at 12 noon. During the second half of the dove season, shooting hours will start at one-half hour before sunrise and continue until sunset. The bag limits for doves will be 12 birds daily with 24 in possession.

## Subdivision Plans

# Are Rejected Here

Two proposals for planned subdivisions in Warren County were rejected Thursday night by the Warren County Planning Board, meeting here in monthly session.

In both instances maps presented by developers failed to meet specifications of the Planning Board.

One developer, R. G. Moseley, who proposes to create an eight-lot subdivision in Roanoke Township abutting the Virginia-North Carolina border, was told to redraw his map in order to allow a minimum width of 125 feet at the building line. Several of the lots proposed by Moseley failed to meet planners' specifications in this respect, but Moseley indicated that he

had plenty of property at the site to allow the creation of larger lots.

Moseley also had an additional lot which he wanted approved for non-residential use. He was told that the board would rule on both requests when the new map is resubmitted.

The other property owner, J. Allen Kimball, sought to have a one-lot subdivision of his Nutbush Township property approved. Planners agreed that his map was inadequate to meet specifications contained in the county's subdivision regulations.

All members of the Planning Board except Ulysses Ross were present for the session. Chairman of the Board Selby Benton presided.

# Residents Protest Location Of Pool Room

Some 200 residents of Norlina have petitioned town councilmen to take action against a local pool room which opponents contend is the center of disorderly conduct and

which violates a town ordinance because of its proximity to a church.

Calls to close the pool room - known as the Norlina Amusement Center - came Monday night

as a small delegation appeared at the August meeting of the Norlina Board of Commissioners. Spokesman for the group was Glenwood Newsome, who said he was appearing in behalf of 202 Norlina citizens who had signed a petition objecting to the pool room's operation.

Newsome said that the pool room violated town law by being within 250 feet of a church. Commissioners were told that the Norlina Amusement Center was located 187 feet from the Norlina United Methodist Church. The pool room and the church are on opposite sides of U. S. Highway One which splits through the town's midsection.

Newsome said that on

occasion loud and boisterous noise from the pool room had disturbed church members attending funerals and other church functions. He called on town councilmen to put an end to the objectionable practice.

The arguments of Newsome were backed by Policeman Charlie Barker, who recited a list of past arrests made on or about the premises of the pool room. He said he had no ill feeling toward Billy and Ann Hawks, owners of the pool room who were present at Monday night's meeting, but he contended "the town council ought to know the mood of the people."

Barker said arrests had been made for assault near the amusement center and that on

occasion the manager of the center was seen intoxicated.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawks, who told town officials that they had owned the pool room for the past year, said they shared the public concern, but that they had an investment of \$8,000 in the property. The couple said they were willing to close the pool room "whenever there is anything going on at the church."

Hawks said he "would close the place tomorrow, but it wouldn't do any good." He said most of the problem is caused by persons coming near the pool room property from two nearby beer outlets. He said no beer is sold at the Norlina Amusement Center.

The owners said they were unaware of a 1967 town ordinance prohibiting pool rooms within 250 feet of churches when they applied for a privilege license last year. The license, which expired June 30, has not been renewed.

Mayor Bill Perry said the question before the council was whether or not to renew the permit, and suggested that because of its sensitive nature that the matter be discussed in closed session. A motion by Councilman John Dore that an executive session be declared died for want of a second.

Councilman Jimmy Overby said he was disturbed that the police report of misconduct in the area of the pool room had not come to the attention of commissioners earlier.

Board Attorney Al Thompson advised the board not to take action until the attorney for the pool room owners, Frank Ballance of Warrenton, could present their side of the argument. Ballance was unable to appear at Monday night's session.

Commissioners agreed to continue their discussion of the pool room matter at a special meeting to be held on Monday night, August 18.

## For Collections Use

# Special Part-Time Deputy Is Sought

Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, director of Incentive Payment Collection, appeared before the commissioners on Monday morning to request that the county provide a special part-time deputy sheriff to serve papers connected with the collection of nonsupport cases. Since assuming her duties with the courts several months ago Mrs. Harris has collected more than \$140,000. She told the commissioners that if she had a part time deputy on regular call that she could do a more effective job, as he would not be called on to serve other papers and sometimes perform other duties.

The cost of the deputy's salary, meals and mileage would be paid on a 25 percent-75 percent basis with the federal government paying the major share. It was agreed that the cost of the county's share would be around \$2,000 a month and it was agreed that this is a small amount in comparison with the money being collected by Mrs. Harris.

At this point it was recalled that Mrs. Harris had appeared before the commissioners with a similar request at the June meeting, when the matter had been tabled while other budgetary items were being studied, and due to an oversight funds for the project had not been placed in the budget.

Chairman Harris suggested that Sheriff Clarence Davis appear before the commissioners at the

end of consideration of other matters to discuss the matter of finding a part-time deputy; and that Miss Susan Wilson, Finance Officer, appear before the board to see if the needed funds could be used. Mrs. Harris was to be notified of results.

Meanwhile the County Attorney had informed the commissioners that all deputy sheriffs had to serve under the command of the sheriff. Sheriff Davis said that he believed he knew where a part-time deputy could be found and that he was satisfied that he and Mrs. Harris could work out a legal and satisfactory agreement for her to have her deputy, and Miss Wilson said that she feels funds from the emergency fund could be provided to hire a part-time deputy. Sheriff Davis took the occasion to praise Mrs. Harris for the "wonderful job" she is doing for Warren County.

Representatives of the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Health and the Board of Education met in joint session, as provided by law, to elect a member of the Warren County ABC Board. W. K. Lanier, who has been serving as chairman for a number of years, was re-appointed as a member for a three year term. The chairman is elected by the members.

Phillip Williams, director of HealthCo, appeared before the commissioners Monday morning in regard to the (Continued on page 2)

# Public Beer Ban Sought By Chief

A proposed ordinance outlawing the consumption of beer in public areas of Norlina is scheduled to come under study by town commissioners at their September meeting.

Board Attorney Al Thompson said he could have a proposed ordinance drafted by that time. His opinion came after Police Chief Romey Williams complained over the lack of laws to deter public consumption.

Williams told board members that beer is being displayed in the heart of town and that on occasion the practice has brought criticism. He said he would like to see an ordinance passed similar to the one now in effect in neighboring Warrenton.

In other matters to come before the Town Board, Councilman Jimmy Overby relayed the wishes of several town residents that large green signs bearing the name Norlina be placed at the main entrances to

town. He was told that the matter should be taken up with state highway officials, and board members agreed to contact the appropriate state authorities to have the signs erected.

Henderson Attorney Bobby Rogers appeared before the board in the interest of his proposal to provide cable television (Continued on page 2)

## Training Sessions

### Slated For Drivers

Two day-long training sessions for adult school bus drivers who wish to drive during the next school term will be held at John Graham High School on August 11 and 12.

The sessions will begin at 8:30 and continue until 3:30 p. m.

Only persons with no traffic violations within the past two years will be accepted, school personnel said. For additional information contact Marvin Tharrington at the School Bus Garage, telephone number 257-3860.