



Dry weather has plagued farmers this year, but the small amount of rain that has fallen hit at the right time on Paul P. Pope's bottomland corn. Pope produced a yield of 159 bushels per acre on a measured section of corn grown on rich bottomland on his Afton farm. In order to obtain this yield, Pope fertilized his

crop according to soil analysis recommendations. He also applied 10 tons of hog manure per acre on his low land corn crop. Recommendations on liming were also followed.

(Photo by Russell C. King)

Fountain Announces Grants

More Than \$579,000 Approved For Warren

Federal funds amounting to more than \$579,000 to finance two Warren County projects were announced this week by Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain of Tarboro.

Fountain said funding had been approved in the amount of \$571,050 which will be used for wastewater treatment. The Economic Development Administration funds will be used to help underwrite construction of the multi-million-dollar sewage treatment plant now being built near Warrenton along Fishing Creek.

The lawmaker also announced that the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service had announced a matching grant for the Cheek-Twitty house project in the Warrenton vicinity. The amount of this award is \$8,750, which will be matched by a like amount from the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources.

Fountain said that this early 19th Century plantation home of Robert Tines Cheek is among the small but significant group of tripartite federal style houses in Warren and Halifax counties.

Distinguished by unusually elaborate and inventive adamsque interiors, the house is scheduled for major repair. The new funds will be used to stabilize a badly deteriorated stone foundation, the north and south chimneys and to replace a leaky barn tin roof.

Fountain also announced that the Small Business Administration has officially declared 80 North Carolina counties as agricultural disaster areas, and therefore eligible for low-interest SBA disaster loans.

"Because of the terri-

ble drought this past summer, the remaining 20 North Carolina counties are also eligible because they are adjacent to the 80 on the official list," Fountain pointed out.

He said interest rates to be charged are five percent for those who

cannot obtain credit elsewhere and eight and one-fourth percent for those who can.

North Carolina farmers who suffered physical damage to their crops can apply until April 6, 1981 for the emergency funding.

Health Director Contends

Sale Of Henderson Home Could Affect New Facility

The sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Henderson, with its 29 nursing beds, could influence the size of a proposed nursing home for Warren County, Joseph Lennon, director of Warren County Health Department, told the Warren County Board of Commissioners here on Monday morning.

Lennon said he wanted to thank Chairman Jack Harris, Commissioner George Shearin and County Manager Glen Newsome for their leadership in getting a nursing home in Warren County. Although not definitely assigned to Warren County, Lennon said prospects look bright. It has already been approved by the Department of Human Resources, and on Wednesday a hearing on the nursing home was to be held before the Statewide Health Corps Council. He said that he did not anticipate any trouble in having it passed. One thing that bothers him, he said, is that the nursing home has been limited to 60 beds. The larger the home, the more economical it is to operate, he added. However, the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home by Dr. Green, to a corporation that intends to operate it as a rest home, leaves 29 nursing beds available. He said that efforts should be made at Wednesday's hearing to have these beds assigned to Warren County, giving it an 89-bed nursing home. A prior commitment outside the state would make it impossible for him to appear at the hearing, but he hoped that Chairman Harris, Commissioner Shearin and County Manager Glen Newsome could be present. The trio agreed to be present.

Lennon, as a matter of interest to the commissioners, said that a policy of three employees of the Warren County Health Department being funded by HealthCo was terminated on Sept. 30, and hereafter will be funded through the local Health Department.

Lennon also announced that the Warren County Health Department has received a \$35,000 H.H.S.

grant for a hypertension program in Warren County. Due to the grant, he said, the Department will be able to maintain the same staff and will focus on early discovery and prevention. Since diet plays such a big part in hypertension, Lennon said he feels that the county is extremely fortunate that the department was able to hire Mrs. Dorr Jones of Nash County. Mrs. Jones, whose husband is dietician for Nash County, received her Master's degree from the University of Hawaii, and spent four years with the Peace Corps in Africa, where she received inspiration to get in this field of nutrition. Mrs. Jones, he said, is an exciting person and Warren County is fortunate to have been able to receive her services.

Following the appearance recently of Malvern Haithcock, Jr., before the Warren County Board of Health, where he pointed out the danger of the spread of rabies by foxes and other forms of wildlife, Director Lennon was asked to investigate the matter further.

Lennon told the commissioners Monday morning that he had contacted Hal Sokenson of Raleigh, head of the Wild Life Game Division Resources Commission. Pointing out that the fox hunting lobby was one of the most powerful in the state, Sokenson suggested that the Board of Health and the Board of Commissioners have their representatives in the General Assembly have passed a local law asking the Wild Life Division Resources Commission to make a study of and regulate the fox population in Warren County.

The commissioners agreed to the proposal and went on record as supporting this plan. Lennon had appeared before the board to inform them of a request from his board that he be appointed by the County Commissioners as the person authorized to sign Health Department checks during the absence of Mrs. Irene Elam, administrative secretary.

The board authorized Lennon to be the authorized.

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Four Break-Ins Are Reported By Sheriff

Two break-ins on Saturday night, one on Sunday morning, and a fourth last week, have been investigated by the Warren County Sheriff's Department, with one man jailed, and other arrests being expected yesterday.

No one was at home when the break-ins occurred.

Deputy Dorsey Capps said yesterday that the home of Jackie Perkinson on Rt. 3, Warrenton, was broken into during Saturday night by breaking the back door.

Stolen, he said, were a gun, a class ring, princess ring, and a diamond ring, watches, and a small gas pistol.

During Saturday night the home of Phyllis Harmon, Rt. 1, Warrenton, on the Airport Road, was broken into by cutting screen on back side of the mobile home.

A piggy bank, containing from \$50 to \$75 was stolen.

Gene Raines, 25-year-old white man of Warrenton, has been arrested and charged with this offense, Deputy Capps said. He is being held under \$500 bond for his appearance in District Court for a hearing on Oct. 17.

While the Wade Pitchford family were attending church on Sunday morning their home on King Street was broken into and a shotgun and a sum of money was taken. Entry was made through a broken window.

A van on the lot of Junell Epanchin at Inez was broken into and several wires were cut on Thursday of last week, Deputy Capps said. An effort was made to enter the Epanchin home on Monday, he said.

Checks Totaling Almost \$35,000 Mailed To Warren

Checks totaling almost \$35,000 have been mailed to three Warren County municipalities for local street construction and maintenance.

The checks are part of the annual allocation of state street aid (Powell Bill) funds. State Transportation Secretary Tom Bradshaw announced that checks totaling more than \$32.6 million have been mailed to 458 municipalities in North Carolina.

The Town of Norlina will receive an allocation of \$16,867.13 in Powell Bill funds. This allocation is based on the community's population of 1,188 and its 9.14 miles of local streets.

The Town of Warrenton will receive an allocation of \$15,090.33 in funds, based on the town's population of 1,178 and its 6.62 miles of local streets.

The Town of Macon will receive \$2,698.70 based on the town's population of 208 and its 1.22 miles of local streets.

In all instances, population figures represented a 1979 estimate.

Stolen Vehicle Is Recovered By Norlina Police

A 1974 Plymouth, reported stolen in Richmond, Va., on September 29, was recovered in Norlina Tuesday night. The car was recovered by Officer C. H. Barker of the Norlina Police Department.

According to a police report, the driver, Charles S. Kane of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., was previously charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, no operator's license and carrying a concealed weapon. When it was determined that the car was stolen, a charge of possession of a stolen vehicle was also lodged against Kane.

A hearing for Kane is set for Friday in Warren County District Court.

Secretary Bradshaw said, "Sharing these resources is another example of our partnership with the communities we serve in our joint effort to meet transportation needs locally as well as statewide.

"This year's sum of \$32,640,779.40 is two million dollars less than the sum returned to North Carolina communities last year under the Powell Bill provisions due to the declining tax revenues," Bradshaw noted.

Deaf Mute Found By Search Party

The Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department joined Afton rural firemen in a successful search for a deaf mute on Monday night.

Three members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, Hehl, Huggins and Neal, discovered James Robinson, seemingly tangled in a honeysuckle patch a short distance back of his home, and apparently headed for his home at 9:15 o'clock.

Robinson, a black man in his late seventies, living on Route 2, in the Afton-Elberon neighborhood, left home in mid-afternoon in search of a mule and when he failed to return home by 8:25 p.m. the firemen were summoned.

Fifteen members of the Warrenton Company and a crash wagon were sent to the scene.

Prior to the call for assistance in the search for James Robinson, Warrenton rural firemen were called at 7:28 p.m. to the home of Celestine Kearney in Greenwood Village in answer to a false alarm.

Ten firemen, a pumper and a woods truck were sent to the scene.

Eight firemen and a pumper were sent to the home of Gene Richardson on Route 3, Warrenton, at

He explained, "During fiscal year 1980, collections decreased 5.83 percent or \$18,811,103. The law requires that a sum equal to the amount produced by one cent tax of the state motor fuel tax during the preceding fiscal year be allocated to the active and qualifying municipalities.

Powell Bill Funds are distributed on a legislative formula based 75 percent on population and 25 percent on non-state system local street mileage.

From this year's Powell Bill funds, the largest single check went to the City of Charlotte. Charlotte's allocation of \$4,013,228.26 was based on a population figure of 355,359 and a local street mileage figure of 1,191.59.

The smallest check disbursed under the act went to the municipality of Caswell Beach in Brunswick County, which will receive a check for \$846.40. Caswell Beach will receive its share of the Powell Bill funds based on a population figure of 78 and local street mileage of .21 miles.

11:55 a.m. on Tuesday of last week in response to an automobile fire. The fire under the hood of a 1973 Ford automobile had been extinguished when the firemen arrived.

The Warrenton rural firemen responded to a call to the home of Janie Burton, Route 1, Norlina, at 8:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30, where a fire in a trailer home had been extinguished when the firemen arrived. An oil stove had ignited a carpet, causing damage estimated at \$40.00.

Fourteen men, a pumper, a tanker and a crash wagon were sent to the scene.

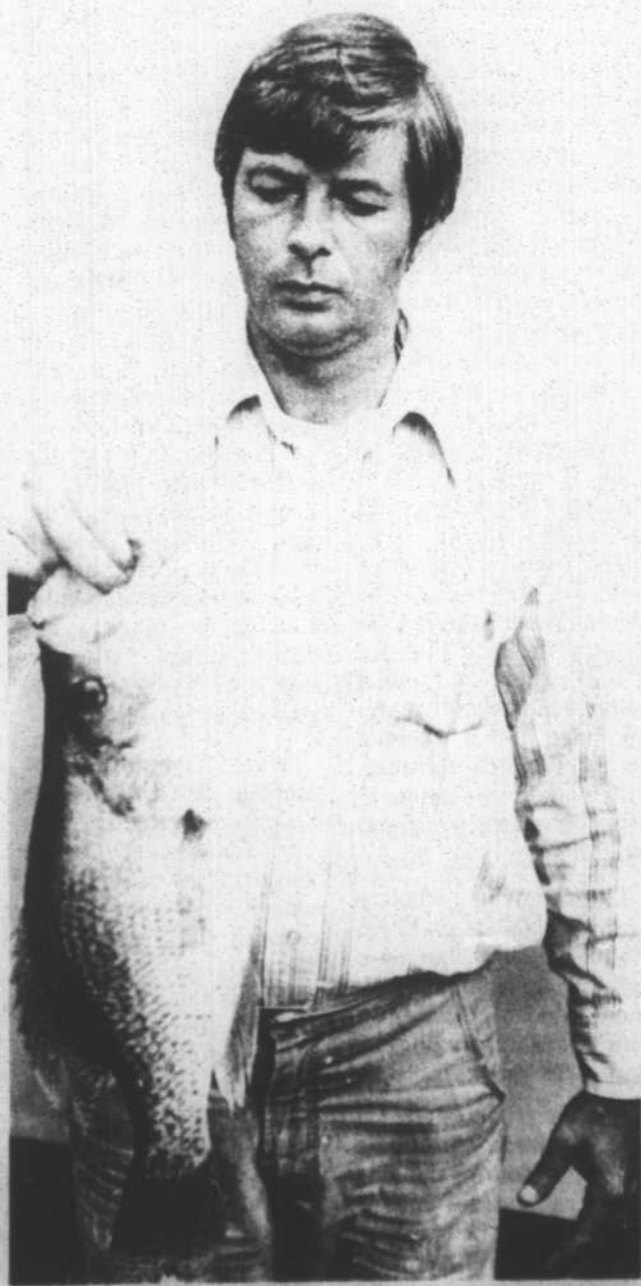
Board Passes

Drinking Law

Norlina commissioners Monday night unanimously passed a new ordinance aimed at blocking the drinking of beer and wine in public areas of the town.

All of the town's commissioners were present to give their endorsement to the brief ordinance which says in part that it will be unlawful to consume or serve beer and unfortified wine in the public streets, boulevards, alleys, parks, side-

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Walter S. Smiley, Jr., displays a large crappie which he caught Monday in a private pond in Warren County. The huge fish, weighing three pounds and ten ounces, was caught on artificial bait. (Staff Photo)