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Underpass Complaints Are Voiced

Complaints of various truck drivers over the low clearance of the railroad under pass in Norlina were brought before town fathers Monday night, but no action resulted.

Mayor Bill Perry, presiding over the regular session, told Norlina councilmen that he had been approached by several truck drivers concerned with the restrictive clearance and a Norlina policy of not allowing trucks on town streets.

A suggestion that Liberty Street be opened to truckers met with no enthusiasm, as commissioners were unable to arrive at a solution to the troublesome problem. The nearest they came was in a suggestion that the N. C. Department of Transportation be written, requesting that a portion of the highway beneath the overpass be dug out to make for greater clearance.

Board members said that truckers operating through Norlina would do well to consider an alternate route and insisted that allowing trucks to operate on town streets would considerably shorten the life of the streets. The underpass, which straddles U. S. Highways 401 and 158, has a clearance of only 13 feet, four inches. Commissioners said the clearance formerly was greater, but that the road had been elevated during periods of resurfacing.

In other business, the board accepted a gift of property from Mrs. Paul Brauer, who wanted to deed a triangular vacant tract near the Norlina VFW Hall to the town.

The board also agreed to place a dead end sign on Division Street Extension following a request by Ed Long.

During the routine session the board certified the names of firemen serving in the Norlina Volunteer Fire Department for purposes of pension payments.

Final Report

Given On CETA

James B. Whitley, CETA Coordinator, who this month will this month wind up his work with CETA, read the following letter, which he had addressed to County Manager Glen Newsome, under date of June 30, to the county commissioners at their meeting here Tuesday:

Dear Mr. Newsome:
I am writing to advise you as to the status of the Warren County CETA Program for the month ended June 30, 1981. As you are aware, this is the last day of employment for the 33 participants currently enrolled on the program. Of the seven terminations on record since May, five participants are currently employed. It is our hope that a proportionate number of participants currently enrolled will find employment after the last of this month.

Ms. Powell and myself have been involved in the phase-out of the program. A series of comprehensive workshops were held during June in an effort to prepare the participants for employment in the private sector. The response was impressive in that the participants worked closely with each other and the instructors in

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CHOW LINE, CHURCH-STYLE—Youngsters throughout Warren County have attended Vacation Bible School this summer, and the rewards have been many. None

more so than this hot dog treat given youngsters at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Warrenton. (Staff Photo)

Interest On County Funds Tops \$89,000, Board Hears

Interest earned on funds during the past fiscal year totalled \$89,589.80, according to the report of Mrs. Susan W. Whitley, Warren County Tax Collector and Finance Officer to the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting here on Tuesday morning, delayed a day because of taking the July 4th holiday on Monday. The total came from interest on certificates of deposit, \$66,084.90; purchase agreements, \$4,517.58 and demand deposits, \$18,987.32.

The amount earned in the fiscal year 1980-81 in general fund (\$89,589.82) is almost six times the amount originally budgeted, Mrs. Whitley said. She added that it would have required about 4 1/2% added to the tax rate to have raised an amount equal to this in taxes.

In two years, \$134,094.18 has been earned. Mrs. Whitley said this is almost five times the amount earned in the past five years. Over spending in various county departments totaling \$32,800, was absorbed totally by excess interest earnings. Even after increasing other interest revenues budget by this amount, interest income still exceeded the amended budget by over \$40,000.

Total interest earnings in 1980-81, Mrs. Whitley reported, general fund, \$89,589.80; revenue sharing, \$7,945.33; STP, \$52,692.86; school, \$159,375.28. Mrs. Whitley also reported cash disbursements and receipts for the new school capital projected fund from April 29, 1980 to June 30, 1981, as follows: school bond anticipation, \$2,250,000; note proceeds: payments to contractors, \$1,891,032.54; interest income, \$159,375.28; interest expense, \$187,875; advance from general fund, \$54,089.55; bond expenses, \$280.01; balance in fund, \$384,278.28.

A cumulative summary is as follows: revenues to date, \$3,327,916.69, interest income to date, \$52,692.86; draws to date, \$3,018,466.85; other miscellaneous disbursements, \$909.43; balance, \$361,233.27.

The Warren County Regional Sewage Treatment Facility Cash Disbursements and Receipts for the month ending June 30, 1981, were reported by Mrs. Whitley as follows: Beginning balance, May 31, \$123,603.49; June 8, received North Carolina Clean Water Bonds reimbursements, \$27,468; June 9, received Step 1 State grant payment, \$70.00;

June 10, received HUD reimbursement, \$114,941.76; June 19, received interest on repurchase agreement, \$21.13. June 19, 11th draw: Dickerson, Inc., \$109,190; Triangle Mechanical, Contractors, Inc., \$4,969; Jones Cooling and Heating, Inc., \$18,973.80; Richards & Associates, Inc., \$12,

\$61.90; L. E. Wooten, \$153,632.42. June 25, received interest on CDs, \$2,870.70; received interest on repurchase agreement, \$58.33; June 29, received EPA reimbursement, \$245,825; June 30, received June interest on demand deposits, \$7.28. June 30, balance invested, \$361,233.

Halifax County Native Is New Sulphur Springs Pastor

The Rev. Julian R. Mills, a native of Roanoke Rapids, has assumed his new duties as pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church at Elberon.

The Rev. Mr. Mills comes to Sulphur Springs after serving 20 years in the U. S. Air Force. During that time he held a number of important positions in the public affairs field.

For the past 17 years, Mills and his wife, Mary, formerly of Rt. 2, Halifax, have been involved with starting Baptist churches across the country. While he served in the Air Force, they started or worked with several Baptist mis-



PASTOR MILLS

sions in Ohio, Illinois, Washington, D. C. and Maryland.

A graduate of Chowan College in Murfreesboro, and Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa, the new pastor served as an Air Force combat news correspondent in Vietnam in 1967-68. He spent six years with the public affairs office of the Presidential airlift unit at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C. and four years in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. He concluded his Air Force career as Chief, Internal Programs Branch in the Tactical Air

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Members Of Local Guard Unit End Training

Five members of the 504th Engineer Battalion of the North Carolina National Guard in Warrenton have graduated from the North Carolina National Guard Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course conducted at the N. C. Military Academy at Fort Bragg.

The five are Sp4 Glenno Williams of Warrenton, Sp4 James L. Burton of

Macon, Sp4 Michael Alston of Macon, SSG Joe K. Williams of Norlina and SSG John W. Beddingfield of Macon.

The course was conducted over a 15-day period by instructors of the North Carolina National Guard and the 3286th United States Army Reserve School using the general theme, "Sergeant's Busi-

ness."

The program of instruction included such subjects as land navigation, military leadership, history of the National Guard, training management, nuclear, biological and chemical training, and communication procedures.

Specialist Glenno Williams is employed as a

correctional officer. He and his wife, Joyce, have two children, Justin and Mitzi.

Specialist Burton is employed by General Box Company of Warrenton. He has two children, Dwayne and Latonya.

Specialist Alston is employed by the North Carolina Department of

Correction.

Sergeant Joe Williams is employed as a correctional sergeant. He and his wife, Rubie, have two children, Malcom and Linda.

Sergeant Beddingfield is employed by the N. C. Department of Corrections. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children, April and Kari.



G. WILLIAMS



BURTON



ALSTON



J. WILLIAMS



BEDDINGFIELD

Rate Remains Same, Budget Is Unchanged

By BIGNALL JONES

Neither tax rate nor budget totals have been changed since being presented to the county commissioners by the county manager on June 4. The official budget as finally adopted by the Warren County Commissioners on Tuesday morning remains at \$4,542,564 and the tax rate remains at \$0.96 on the \$100 valuation.

Neither pleas of dozens of citizens at a public hearing at the court hearing on Wednesday night, June 24, for increases or deletions of funds appropriated for the various departments and activities of county government changed either rate or total.

Action of the commissioners on Wednesday night of last week before the commissioners split the positions of county manager and industrial director, and refused to employ Jim Whitley, assistant manager and assistant industrial director in an action that was declared to be improperly drawn, may have been altered by the appearance of a number of community leaders praising the work of Whitley and asking that he be retained.

Among those requesting the retention of Whitley and speaking in his behalf were Brad Carroll, president of the Warren County

Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Gardner who helped organize the Warren County Industrial Commission eight years ago, J. T. Harris, Warren County contractor, and B. G. White, Mayor of Warrenton.

After an hour and a quarter in executive session, the commissioners reassembled in open session, and Chairman Harris requested that vice chairman assume the chair, while he presented proposals that would strike from the county manager's office the position of secretary, that the title of assistant manager be abolished, and few minor changes be made in funds for the county manager's office, and that the county manager employ his own help with funds provided for his office. Instead of assistant, Whitley would be classified as extra help.

The proposals, adopted by the commissioners, may not have been too clear to the uninitiated, but the net result was that the County Manager's Office and the Industrial Director's Office remain un-

changed. Glen Newsome is still serving as County Manager and Industrial Director, Mrs. Betty Jean Capps is still his office secretary; Jim Whitley is still serving as assistant county manager and industrial director, and Nancy Powell is still assistant secretary for both offices.

Following the adoption of the proposals of Chairman Harris and the resumption of the chair by him, the commissioners again went into a second executive session — a short time. This was concerned with some legal decisions about the regional water system.

There was one alteration in the budget, taken care of by the contingency fund and causing no rise in the budget. Sheriff Clarence Davis told the commissioners that his office wanted \$5,000 to replace two worn out and unsafe cars. He was granted his request.

The commissioners were then told by the sheriff that he had 75 pints of confiscated whiskey on hand. He was told to deliver it to the Warren County ABC System.

Board Will Meet At Night Next Month

In order that representatives of the Department of Transportation may meet with the Warren County Commissioners, the regular August 3 meeting of the board will be held at 7 p. m. Monday instead of at 9:30 a. m., it was decided at the regular meeting of the county commissioners here on Tuesday.

Because of observing July Fourth on Monday, the meeting was held on Tuesday, and because Superior Court convened here on Tuesday morning, the commissioners held their meeting in the petit jury room. Nearly an hour and a half of the three-hour session was held in executive sessions.

During the open meeting, Chairman Jack Harris told the commissioners that he had been notified that DOT wanted to meet with the commissioners but could only meet at night. In order to avoid holding two meetings, the commissioners decided to hold a night meeting, for which the change in time must be advertised.

In order that a replacement on the Warren County ABC Board may be filled at a joint meeting of representatives of the boards of health, education and county commissioners, the commissioners voted to hold the joint meeting at that time.

At the Tuesday meeting of the commissioners, the resignation of E. C. Robertson from the ABC Board, and the resignation of Mrs. Jeanie Burwell from the Hospital Board were accepted. Their successors are expected to be named at the August 3 night meeting.

M. D. Nelson was reappointed a member of the Jury Commission.

Mrs. Janice Haynes was re-appointed for a two-year term as Warren County Tax Supervisor.

The report of Frank Twitty, Dog Warden, was received by the commissioners. He reported that

during the month of June he had travelled 1881.3 miles in answering 120 calls. He said that he had picked up 158 dogs, killed 148, and given away 10. He reported no dogs vaccinated during the month.

Fifty-three electrical inspections were made by the Warren County Inspection Department during the month of June, according to Chester A. Forrester, III, electrical inspector, zoning administrator and energy conservation officer. He said he also made 19 insulation inspections and five fire inspections during the month. He also issued 15 zoning permits and travelled 1354 miles. Forrester also announced that he would be on vacation through July 10. He said that during that period the Inspection Department would be operated by Ms. Powell with Clyde Hicks serving as electrical inspector.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, special deputy for the Warren County System, reported that June was the month of the highest collection. She said her collections reached \$18,848.73.

Fate Of Man

In Jury Hands

A Warren County jury was expected to determine the fate Wednesday of a defendant charged with felonious possession of stolen goods.

The case, the State vs. Andrew Lewis West, was the first case to go to a jury in the July criminal term of Warren County Superior Court which got under way here on Tuesday morning.

The jury was selected on Tuesday afternoon after two earlier cases had been settled when guilty pleas were entered. Judge Robert H. Hobgood of Lenoir is presiding over the term of court.