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Tax Bill For Phone Firm Totals \$8,264

Carolina Telephone's 1981 city tax payment in Warrenton amounted to \$8,264.20.

Richard R. Barnes, Jr., Carolina Telephone's district commercial and metering manager in Henderson, said that the company's total tax bill within Warren County, including all city taxes, is \$65,487.44.

"The taxes reflect Carolina Telephone's continuing investment in buildings and equipment to help meet the high demand for telecommunication service," said Barnes.

Carolina Telephone's total operating tax bill for 1981, including all state and federal taxes, is expected to come to nearly \$56.9 million.

This figure does not include almost \$5 million in two percent federal excise tax payments which were billed to telephone users by the company. The excise taxes are remitted to the federal government upon collection.

The company has applied for a general rate increase which would increase its intrastate operating revenues by \$47.2 million annually. Should the North Carolina Utilities Commission approve the request, federal and state taxes would take a little more than half of the requested revenues. The remaining dollars will be used to continue meeting increased operating expenses, interest payments, depreciation and employee wages and fringe benefits, and to provide a fair return to investors.



Youngsters at Norlina take a break from school as snow forced a four-day classroom holiday last week and this week. Sledding and other snow-related activities

were much in evidence throughout Warren County as the season's first real snowfall—a six-inch blanket—covered the landscape. (Staff Photo)

Peanut Referendum Will Be Conducted By ASCS In County

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will conduct a referendum January 25-29 to determine whether peanut poundage quotas will be in effect for 1982-1985 crops.

If two-thirds of the farmers voting in the referendum approve poundage quotas, peanut growers will be eligible for price support loans and subject to penalties on peanuts marketed for domestic edible use in excess of their poundage quota. If they do not approve poundage quotas, there will be no price support and no penalties.

The peanut price support program, through poundage quotas, limits the number of pounds of peanuts that can be marketed by producers for domestic edible uses. The national poundage quota for 1982 is 1.2 million tons, according to T. E. Watson, executive director of the Warren County ASCS Office.

The Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 eliminates the traditional peanut acreage allotment system.

"This means that any person can grow peanuts anywhere in the country and market the peanuts for other than domestic edible use," Watson said. Under previous programs, production was limited to farms with an allotment.

The program will continue to have two price support levels, one for quota peanuts and another lower level for additional peanuts. The price support level for quota peanuts grown within farm poundage quotas will be a minimum of 27.5 cents per pound (\$550 per ton) for 1982-1985 crops.

Watson said the 1982 level to be established by the Secretary of Agriculture will be based on cost of production, including land cost, with annual increases beginning in 1983 to reflect the national average production cost increases excluding increases in cost of land. The maximum annual increase allowed for the quota peanut support level is 6

percent. The support level for additional peanuts, those produced in excess of the poundage quota, will be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Legislation requires that the support level for peanuts produced on non-quota farms, or those produced on quota farms but in excess of the poundage quota, will be based upon the projected world price for peanut oil and meal and that the secretary maintain a low price support level to insure no cost to the government.

"This production must either be contracted for export by April 15 or be placed under loan and

marketed through an area marketing association," the ASCS official said.

As in previous programs, all peanut producers must certify to their planted acres and have peanut marketing cards before they can sell peanuts. The cards will state how many pounds of peanuts can be marketed for domestic edible uses, and will be used to account for disposition of additional peanuts.

All producers of quota peanuts in 1981 are eligible to vote in the upcoming mail referendum. Further details on the new peanut program may be obtained by contacting the county ASCS office.

Race Is Assured For County Post

A race was assured for a seat on the Warren County Board of Commissioners this week when incumbent Clyde R. Edwards paid his filing fee. He will be opposed by Ellis Fleming for the District Three seat. Fleming filed last week.

Edwards, a resident of Norlina, has been serving on the Warren County Board of Commissioners since 1970. He now serves as vice chairman of the board.

Edwards, who attended Middleburg High School, is a retired fireman and a charter member of the Norlina Ruritan Club, where he has served as president and is now a director.

He is a member of the Norlina Methodist Church, has served as chairman of the Administrative Board, chairman of the trustees and is a former choir member.

He is a past member of the Roanoke River Basin Association and is a former trustee of Warren



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General Hospital. He now serves as a director of the Region K Senior Services Nutrition Program, a director of the Region K Aging Advisory Council, a member of the Region K Senior Citizens Coordinating Council and a member of the Selection Committee of the Capital Health Systems Agency.

Edwards has one son, Charles Elvin Edwards of Muscatine, Iowa.

Community College Meeting Scheduled

On January 26, representatives from Vance-Granville Community College and Halifax Community College will join other community college representatives in a meeting at Edgecombe Technical Institute in Tarboro to discuss the community college system's preparation of its expansion budget request for the 1983-85 biennium.

This is one of five meetings to be held across the state for community college presidents, trustees, staff, students, legislators, and interested citizens.

The two-hour meetings will begin at 7:30 p. m. with an introduction to the budget by Dr. Larry J. Blake, state president of the Department of Community Colleges, and an overview of the system's history by Robert E. Strother, assistant for federal affairs in the DCC.

At 8:30 p. m. participants will meet in small groups to develop their own expansion budgets and assign priorities. Expansion budgets are

prepared by all departments and agencies of state government to meet needs that are not anticipated or provided for in their continuation, or regular, budgets. In the case of the community college system, these needs could include additional funding for enrollment growth or new programs or improvements in such areas as training equipment.

Expansion budget requests will be considered by the General Assembly when it convenes in January 1983.

There are 58 campuses in the community college system.

Breaks Arm

Mrs. Pat Pinnell, an employee of Warren County Memorial Library and wife of Carl Pinnell, broke her right arm Tuesday morning in a fall on West Market Street near Pargas Company.

Mrs. Pinnell was taken to Warren General Hospital where her arm was set and placed in a cast before returning to her home.

Schools Will Operate On Saturday Here

Warren County schools will operate on Saturday, January 23, on their regular schedule to make up one of the days missed because of the recent bad weather.

They will also operate on the regular schedule Monday, January 25, through Thursday, January 28. However, a teacher workday originally scheduled for Monday has been changed to Friday, January 29, and students will have a holiday on that day. Unless more inclement weather necessitates a change, schools will operate on regular schedule the remainder of this week.

Things Going Well At School

Just about all seems to be going well at Warren County's new consolidated high school, Principal Benjamin Terrell told members of the Warren County Board of Education on Monday night.

Terrell, the first principal to appear before the board in a new program designed to acquaint board members with school activities throughout Warren County, said thus far the new school has experienced "an interesting half year."

He said that while there have been minor discipline problems, the student population has played together as a team. He said there seem to be few

problems arising from combining two high schools—Warrenton and Norlina—which were academic and athletic rivals.

He was also highly complimentary of the staff, which he said is one of the finest groups he has ever seen.

In other action taken on Monday night, the board:

—Approved a request from Mrs. John Palmer that her granddaughter, Shana Peel of grade six be permitted to continue attending North Warren

School rather than transfer to Vaughan School.

—Approved a request from Mrs. Callie Terry that her children, Dawn of grade four and Phillip of grade seven, be permitted to continue attending Hawkins and John Graham Schools, respectively, although Mrs. Terry has moved into the North Warren-Norlina attendance area.

—Approved a request of Mrs. Sally Thomas, a resident of Halifax County, that her daughters, Jane and Shirley of grade ten, be

permitted to continue attending Warren County (Continued on page 5)

Hospital Patients

Patients in Warren General Hospital on Tuesday afternoon were listed as follows:

Thomas E. Peoples, Juanita A. Jones, Mary H. Shearin, Ruth H. McCurry, Hattie A. Alston, Ann P. Falkner, James Davis, Georgianna Robinson, Blanch T. Johnson, Christine Richardson, Emily Hargrove.



Young Chad Burrows of Warrenton, a three-year-old, tries out a sled on Friday as snow covered all of Warren

County. The youngster was one of many getting a helping hand on the streets and sidewalks of town. (Staff Photo)