



Two young Warren County farmers — Gregg Reese of the Ellington Community and Randy Martin of the Oine Community — are attending a Short Course in Modern Farming at N. C. State University. Banks of Warren County gave \$325 to each participant from Warren attending the Feb. 1-15 short course. Shown, left to right,

during the check presentation are County Extension Chairman L. C. Cooper, Reese, Steve Medlin of Branch Banking and Trust Company, Nell Stegall of First Citizens Bank, Martin, and Roy Pat Robertson of Peoples Bank. (Staff Photo)

Public Hearing Set House, Senate Plans Would Divide Warren

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Redistricting plans scheduled to go before the General Assembly next week would divide Warren County into two districts in both the N. C. House and Senate.

The Senate plan proposes to cut the 7th District — of which Warren County is now a part — in half and to make a new, single-member 11th District. That district would be composed of Vance County, Franklin County, and four Warren County townships — Nutbush, Sandy Creek, Shocco and Warrenton. Also included would be Nash County with the exception of Coopers, Oak Level, Rocky Mount and Stony Creek townships, and Wake County's Wake Forest Township.

The 7th District is presently composed of Vance, Franklin, Nash and Wilson counties, in addition to Warren.

According to estimates, the population of the entire new district would be 116,326 and Warren County's portion would be 8,295.

District 6 would be comprised of the rest of Warren County along with Halifax and Edgecombe counties. A total estimated population of 119,211 would be included in this district and Warren County's portion would be 7,937.

The proposed House plan would divide Warren County in half. The northern part of Warren would remain in the three-member District 21 with Vance, Granville, Person, Caswell and part of Halifax. The Warren townships included in this district would be Nutbush, Smith Creek, Hawthree, Sixpound, Roanoke, River and Judkins.

The total population of the district would be 152,479 and Warren's portion would be 7,597.

The southern portion would join with the greater portion of Halifax County and Martin County to form a new, single-member district. Martin County's portion of the population would be 8,434 and Warren townships included would be Sandy Creek, Warrenton, Shocco, Fork, and Fishing Creek, with a population of 8,635.

Statewide, the redistricting proposals will split 22 counties in forming House districts and nine counties in forming Senate districts. Legislators are seeking a reapportionment plan that will be acceptable to the U. S. Justice Department and in line

with the 1965 Voting Rights Act. However, Warren County is not one of the North Carolina counties included under the Voting Rights Act.

Federal officials have rejected earlier proposals on the basis that they

diluted the voting strength of minorities.

More single-member districts are created than the Legislature had approved in earlier maps, but multiple-member districts are retained in many areas, including most of

the major cities.

Glenn Newsome, Warren county manager, said the proposed plans discriminate against small, rural counties in eastern North Carolina, and more particularly in northeastern North Carolina.

A public hearing on the proposed redistricting plans will be held at 1:30 p. m. on Thursday, February 4, in the auditorium of the State Legislative Building in Raleigh. Those from Warren County who will be attending include Newsome, Jack Harris, chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, and Steve Medlin. Several others tentatively are scheduled to attend.

Directors of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce Tuesday agreed to oppose the Senate-House redistricting plans in every possible way. Officers and directors of the county-wide group voted to send a strong resolution to the proper authorities and to send a chamber delegation to the public hearing in Raleigh. The decision was unanimously approved.

New Surgeon Coming Here

Dr. Julio E. Alarcon will open a surgical practice in Warrenton in about four weeks. He is at present practicing in Bethlehem, Pa.

Lynn C. Orfgen, administrator of the hospital, stated, "We are very excited about beginning to once again offer surgical services at Warren General. It will be a definite asset to both the hospital and the community."

Orfgen said that "hopefully many Warren County residents now seeking health care outside the county will begin to obtain them closer to home. Over the years, services at Warren General have dwindled causing the migration to the neighboring counties where services remained stable. We hope we have reversed that trend."

The present plans are for Dr. Alarcon to locate his offices in the old school Administration Building immediately adjacent to the hospital on West Ridgeway Street. He plans to arrive in the community in mid-February and will open his practice about two weeks later.

Evening Classes

Are Planned Here

As an extension of Vance-Granville Community College, evening college classes will be offered for residents of Warren County and surrounding communities at Warren County High School beginning in February.

The classes are being coordinated through a joint effort of VGCC's College Transfer Division and the Division of Continuing Education in cooperation with Warren County Public Schools.

Courses to be taught are English composition and general psychology. Eleven weeks in length, both are included in the college's Associate of Arts Degree curriculum and transfer with full credit toward the four-year bachelors degree at numerous other senior colleges and universities across the state, including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

The English composition classes are slated on Monday nights from six to nine o'clock beginning February 15 and continuing through April 26. Ken Ferruccio, a Warren County resident and member of the English faculty at VGCC, will be the instructor.

Psychology classes are planned on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p. m. starting February 17 and running through April 28. VGCC faculty member Bruce Hodges of Oxford will teach the course.

For each course completed, students will earn three quarter hours of credit or two semester hours credit. The only cost is \$9.75 per course plus book fees.

"These courses," explained Catherine Church, college transfer

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Commissioners Informed

County Finds Bleacher Money

The Warren County Board of Commissioners were informed at their regular meeting here Monday morning that 1981 tax collections were sufficient to justify a \$25,000 donation to the Warren County Consolidated High School for the purchase of bleachers for its new gymnasium.

In making the announcement, County Manager Glen Newsome said that the Board of Education is expected to ask bids for the bleachers soon, but pointed out that they will not be installed in time for basketball play this season.

Expressing their pleasure over the announcement were Commissioner Herbert Harris who led a movement to have the bleacher purchase a top priority, and Commissioner George Shearin who said that the installation of the bleachers would mean a great deal to student morale and public appreciation of the gym.

Upon recommendation of the County Manager, the board, by unanimous vote, appointed an ad hoc committee to work with a similar committee, to be appointed by the Board of Education at its meeting next Monday night, in matters concerning the preparation of the school budget for 1982-83.

Commissioner Shearin pointed out that he had made a suggestion last year that such a committee be made, and said that as a teacher he could see the

value of such committees. He said that there are funds needed for a number of small jobs at the new school, and for roof repair at the Mariam Boyd School. Other commissioners agreed that such committees could be very helpful to both boards.

Chairman Jack Harris

said that he had received a letter from Governor James Hunt, Jr. asking that the board be represented for one day at the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn. from May to October. Harris said, and the commissioners agreed with him, that one day's attendance hard-

ly seemed worthwhile.

The commissioners designated Wednesday, April 7, as the date for the board sitting as a Board of Equalization and Review. The time of the meeting was set at 10 a.m.

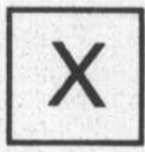
County Manager Glen Newsome reported Sales and Use Tax collections for December in the amount of \$14,588.

R. B. Nelson appeared before the commissioners relative to extension of Highway 92, which would run from a portion of highway between Norlina and Wise to Beaufort and connect I-85 with I-95 near Enfield. The board endorsed the plan.

Willie Davis appeared before the board to repeat his request that a certain section of road, on which five families live, near Perdue's place in Soul City, be made a part of the county system. The commissioners endorsed the proposal and County Manager Glen Newsome said he would make an effort to have Regional Engineer Hamme and District Engineer Bob Ross inspect the property with him and Willie Davis.

Venetta Grant again appeared before the commissioners relative to the appointment of an advisory committee on state and federal grants. Chairman Jack Harris said that no definite way of handling such grants has been worked out and that appointment of an advisory committee now would be premature.

Competition



Contests Assured In Local Races

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Goals Defined By Chamber Members

Goals were defined and committee assignments were made here Tuesday morning during a meeting of officers and directors of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce. President Charles Hayes presided during the two-hour session.

A key goal of the 40-member chamber was a membership increase of 50 per cent. Directors agreed that a membership drive during 1982 could result in the recruitment of 20 or more new members. They were told that there are approximately 150 eligible

individual and corporate potential members in Warren County.

The chamber officials, voting to meet at 2 p. m. on the third Tuesday of each month, were told by Hayes that another goal of this year is to see that Warrenton and Norlina are redesignated as communities of excellence.

Officers and directors voted to contribute to a monthly newsletter which will be published by Secretary Grace Miles. All were asked to submit articles on activities of various (Continued on page 10)

At South Warren Grocery Store

No One Wounded In Running Battle

A running gun battle between two couples holed up at a Warren County grocery store and an assailant riding past the store in a pickup truck ended Thursday night with no casualties.

However, law enforcement officers this week expressed amazement that no one was wounded in the shootout and they announced that one of the men involved had been jailed here in lieu of \$2,000 bond.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Dorsey Capps said that Wiley Vance Moseley, 42, of Rt. 2, Henderson was charged with firing into an occupied store building and placed in jail. He was scheduled to be given a hearing today in Warren County District Court.

Capps said the episode began between 8 and 8:30 p. m. at the Country Store at Vicksboro in southwestern Warren County. He said the store owner and his wife were cooking steaks on a charcoal grill with another couple following the closing of the store.

The officer said Moseley came on the scene and later tossed a firecracker into the grill over which the steaks were being cooked. This led to an argument and the store owner, Calvin Harris, and friends Johnny Matthews of Henderson and Frank Parrish of Rt. 2, Henderson,

reportedly jumped on Moseley.

Moseley left, according to the deputy, and went home and got his guns, which the lawman said consisted of an automatic shotgun, a .22-calibre rifle and a pistol of undetermined calibre.

With his unidentified girlfriend at the wheel, Moseley returned to the scene in his pickup truck and began firing at the store. Chunks of brick were torn loose by buckshot which struck the building, Capps said.

The occupants of the store returned fire, and Moseley reportedly rode past the store several times and "a bunch of shots were fired," Capps said. Not only were impact spots found on the building, but bullet holes found in Moseley's vehicle and in a truck owned by Harris.

Following the shooting, Capps reported, Harris and Matthews were charged with shooting into an occupied vehicle. The two men, along with Parrish, were also charged with assault stemming from the firecracker affair.

Capps said the wives of the two men were not involved in the shooting.

The three men in the store were released after each signed his own bond.

Fire Is Fought In Sunday Best

A number of Warrenton Rural Volunteer Firemen were enjoying a Fire Department's Ladies Night celebration at the Lion's Den at 9:45 p. m. on Friday night when they were interrupted by the fire siren, and responded dressed in their Sunday best.

A total of ten firemen, with a pumper and tanker rushed to the two story frame residence of Robert Terry on Highway 58 near Warrenton. The chimney fire was soon extinguished. No damage was reported.