

New Firm Setting Up Shop

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Vi-Jon Laboratories, a maker of private label health and beauty aids, is outfitting facilities in the Centre Warehouse on Norlina Road in Warrenton to produce, bottle and label its products.

The company compounds products such as petroleum jelly, nail polish remover, mouthwash and rubbing alcohol to be marketed by larger distributors under their own labels. Among its clients are Kerr Drug, Family Dollar Stores, Eckerd's and K-Mart.

Darrell Jenkins, plant manager and Vi-Jon's division manager for the East Coast, estimates that the operation will begin with four or five employees in March and increase to 15 after the first year. He projects that 30 people will be employed by the laboratories after three years.

According to Jenkins, Warrenton was chosen for a

plant site over several other sites on the East Coast. "We liked North Carolina, not because of its low wages, but because of its location. It's halfway up the Eastern seaboard." Warrenton filled the bill as a good location for a "low-key, low-profile" operation.

Vi-Jon Laboratories has its home offices in St. Louis, Mo. It also has a plant in Oakland, Cal., and a warehouse in Brooklyn, N. Y. The St. Louis and Oakland operations employ about 150 people.

The venture in Warrenton will cost approximately \$200,000 in raw materials, salaries, and facilities.

Jenkins estimated that the plant here will ship 3 million pounds a year by truck.

The company started in 1908 in the midwest making its health and beauty products, and Jenkins says 90 percent of their products are now distributed under the private label arrangement.



Hardee's of Warrenton has been awarded a certificate of appreciation from the North Carolina National Guard. The award was presented to Mrs. Pat Grant, local Hardee's manager, during a ceremony last week which saw National Guard officials arrive here from Raleigh by helicopter. Mrs. Grant was cited for her practice of providing free drinks to any Guardsman in uniform.

Shown above, left to right, are Col. Sam Arrington, secretary to the chief of staff; Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram, the Adjutant General; Col. William P. Keeton, Jr., chief of staff; SSG Luther H. Greenway, administrator of the Warrenton National Guard Unit; Mrs. Grant; and Mrs. Ann B. Anthony, Colonel Keeton's secretary. (Staff Photo)

Final Plan Affects Warren

By BIGNALL JONES

Pleas of Warren County citizens and their representative were largely in vain last Thursday and Friday as the Legislature approved the division of House and Senate by townships. However, under the plan as finally adopted there is no division that separates Norlina and Warrenton.

It is also felt that under a plan submitted by Senator

James Speed that the division in Senatorial districts may have shown some improvement over the plan originally proposed.

As approved by the Legislature, the 11th Senatorial District, with James Speed, incumbent, is composed of all Franklin County, population 30,055; and all of Vance County, population 36,748; eight townships from Warren County, with total population of 13,120. These townships are Fishing Creek, Fork, Judkins, Nutbush, Sandy Creek, Shocco, Smith Creek and Warrenton. Also included in the 11th Senatorial

District are Castalia, Griffin and Mannings townships in Nash County, and Barton Creek, Leesville, Little River, New Light and Wake Forest townships in Wake County.

The Sixth Senatorial District is composed of Edgecombe County, population 55,988; Halifax County, population 55,286; and four townships from Warren County as follows: Hawtree, River, Roanoke and Sixpound. Julian Allsbrook of Roanoke Rapids is the incumbent senator.

House District Seven, with George Hux as incumbent representative, is composed of 10 townships from Nash County

with population of 31,064; three townships in Martin County with population of 8,434; and five townships from Warren County with a population of 8,635. These townships are Fishing Creek, Fork, Sandy Creek, Shocco and Warrenton.

House District 21 is represented by three members, John Church and Tom W. Ellis of Vance County and Billy Watkins of Granville County. It is composed of Caswell County, population 20,705; Granville County, 34,043; Vance County, population 36,728; two townships from Halifax County, Littleton, population 3,882; and Roanoke Rapids, population 20,340; for a total population of 24,222; and seven townships from Warren County, with total population of 7,597. These townships are Hawtree, Judkins, Nutbush, River, Roanoke, Sixpound and Smith Creek.

Figures provided in this article were obtained through courtesy of Glenn Newsome, Warren County manager.

Chamber Board Conducts Meet

Charles Hayes, president of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce, announced at a directors meeting on Tuesday afternoon that articles of incorporation for the chamber had been recorded and that the chamber needed to draw up the by-laws. Hayes said that he would serve on this committee and appointed to assist him were Melvin "Butch" Scott and Wayne Clower, who are to meet on next

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New Law May Help Payment Of Taxes

On January 1, a new law became effective requiring Warren County taxpayers who wish to register a motor vehicle or to renew registration to sign a statement certifying that they have listed the vehicle for property taxes and that they owe no delinquent property taxes on the vehicle.

"This law should be a real boost for county tax collections," said Susan W. Whitley, tax collector and finance officer for the county. "Many people who do not own real estate believe they have nothing to lose by not paying their taxes. However, those who wish to drive could stand to lose a lot if they do not adhere to the new law," she said.

The tax collector's office

will periodically compare the registration lists with the tax records. Individuals making false certification will be prosecuted by the tax collector. False certification is a misdemeanor and conviction could carry a penalty of a fine not to exceed \$100 or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.

Mrs. Whitley said that a person owing taxes for more than one year must pay each year in full including penalties. Partial payments made on the value of the vehicle as a means of compliance will not be accepted.

Taxes are considered delinquent once interest penalties begin. Persons who wish to determine their tax liability may call Mrs. Whitley at 257-3337.



FELLWOCK

Norlina Stop Is Planned By National Head

Commander-in-Chief Arthur J. Fellwock of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will visit Norlina Post 4096 at 3 p. m. on Tuesday, February 23.

He will be visiting posts throughout the state during the week.

Fellwock, a native and life-long resident of Evansville, Indiana, was elected to the position of commander-in-chief at the 82nd Annual National Convention in Philadelphia last August. As senior vice commander-in-chief, he had filled the unexpired term of Commander-in-Chief T. C. Selman who died in October, 1980.

Fellwock joined the VFW in 1946, after three years' service in the U. S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theater.

During the past year, Fellwock made a fact-finding visit to the Far East where he had an opportunity to visit several Department of Pacific VFW Posts.

At present, he is a vice president in sales with the Universal Corp., which installs production controls in large companies.

Fellow Workers Honor Retiree

Gilbert E. Crotts, plant manager at Cochrane Eastern, Inc. in Warrenton since December 1, 1971, was given a retirement party earlier this month at The Silo in Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Crotts were honored at the dinner given by employees of the local furniture company.

A resident of Thomasville, Crotts has resided at the Colonial Lodge here during the week, returning home each weekend. He and his wife, Helen, who will retire in May, will continue to live in Thomasville. Their daughter, Martha Yokeley, son-in-law, Steve and two grandsons, Scott and Eric, also live in Thomasville.

Crotts is expected to leave Warrenton at the end of this month.

"Although his family is very happy that he is retiring, we love him and will miss him very much," a Cochrane spokesman said.

Reminder Given For Heart Fund

Steve Medlin, Heart Fund chairman for Warren County, reminds readers that this week, February 14-21, is Heart Fund Week in Warren County.

He urges residents to help this cause by contributing to the fund on Heart Sunday, February 21.

Charles Hayes and Walter Gardner will be contacting businesses for their support.

Warren Road Money Coming

RALEIGH - The North Carolina Board of Transportation allocated the last \$10 million from funds authorized by the State Highway Bond Act of 1977 for improvements to the state's large secondary road system here at its February 12 meeting.

Warren County's share of the \$10 million allocation is \$103,074, based on a formula established by the state legislature. According to the formula, each county receives a percentage of the total funds available, determined by the unpaved miles of secondary roads in the county in relationship to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state.

Warren County has 196.11 miles of unpaved roads, while the total mileage of unpaved state maintained secondary roads in North Carolina is 19,000.

The \$300 million highway bond act, approved in November 1977, directed that \$75 million would be used to improve the state's secondary road system, while \$175 million was for improvements to the primary system and \$50 million was for the state's urban road system.

Secretary of Transportation W. R. "Bill" Roberson, Jr. commented, "Again, we are glad to be able to put the highway bond funds to work for the citizens of North Carolina. It was the citizens' overwhelming support of the 1977 bond issue that made these funds a reality."

"In addition to the bond funds, the state legislature appropriates an annual amount for secondary road improvements from the state highway fund collections. We are expecting an allocation of \$40 million from the legislature by July 1, 1982."

"This allocation would not be possible had it not been for Governor Jim Hunt's 'Good Roads' program passed by the 1981 General Assembly," added Roberson.

"The \$10 million in bond funds for the secondary road system - our 'home-to-work' transportation network - will allow us to make vitally needed im-

provements to the more than 59,000 miles which comprise the nation's largest state-maintained secondary highway system," explained Roberson.

The highway bond funds allocated for secondary roads will be used for improvements to the system such as new paving, widening existing paved roads, improving unpaved roadways to an "all weather standard," repairing and replacing substandard bridges and strengthening paved roads to relieve present weight restrictions.

"In order to utilize the \$10 million allocation most effectively," Secretary

Roberson explained, "Our board members and division engineers are in the process of reviewing secondary road needs in each county. As county-by-county improvement programs are compiled, they will be presented to each respective county board of commissioners."

"Public meetings will be held in each county to give citizens an opportunity to express their views on secondary road needs. The commissioners then will review and forward recommendations to the Board of Transportation for implementation by state forces," he said.

By Property Owners

Soul City Sign Removal Is Hit

Homeowners and property owners at Soul City have expressed their concern over the removal of Soul City highway signs along I-85, U. S. 1 and other highways. Letters of complaint have been sent to Governor Hunt, N. C. Transportation Secretary William R. Roberson, Jr. and the Warren County commissioners.

The signs were erected in the early 1970s when Soul City was being backed financially by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. After a study indicating that Soul City was not a financially sound operation and had not met its goals, HUD withdrew support.

Associated Press quotes W. A. Ward, assistant manager of traffic engineering for DOT, as saying, "At the time the signs were put up, we thought Soul City was to become a municipality and a major generator of traffic."

According to AP, a complaint about the signs was sent to the Transportation Department by a Greensboro resident last

November.

"He pointed out that Soul City was not a municipality," Ward said. "We looked into it and found it wasn't, and it didn't meet our policy for directional signs on the interstate and primary highways. We ordered them removed."

Residents of Soul City plan to go before the Warren County commissioners at the regularly scheduled meeting in March to protest the removal of the signs.

Charles Worth is quoted as saying, "People here are very upset. Even though we have a small population, people are interested in Soul City. People would drive by. Now no one knows where it is."

Police Chief Found Guilty

A Warren County District Court judge February 10 found Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol last December.

Williams' lawyer, Julius Banzet, III, filed notice of appeal.

Williams, who has been Norlina's police chief for five years, had pleaded not guilty to the charges.

After listening to testimony by Highway Patrolman A. M. Bennett, who arrested Williams December 10, Judge J. Larry Senter issued Williams a suspended sentence of not less than 60 nor more than 90 days in jail, and ordered him to pay a fine of \$100 and \$31 in court costs. Also, Williams' driver's license could be suspended for a time to be specified by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Williams, 42, was a passenger in a car driven by Dallas Bullock of Rt. 1, Warrenton, on the evening of December 10. Patrolman Bennett told the court he was driving on a rural unpaved road, responding to an accident report, when he spotted Bullock's car parked on the left side of the road, about three miles north of Norlina.

Bennett said he ap-

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Civil Session

Ends On Monday

A civil session of Warren County Superior Court which began here Monday ended the same day after all 14 cases on the calendar were called.

Four of the cases were continued and only one case - James Byrd, et als vs. Mrs. Clyde Wactor and other heirs of Major C. Carter - was tried. The court found in favor of the plaintiff.

Settled out of court were the cases of Luther A. Carroll, Sr. and Mary F. Carroll vs. Mrs. J. F. King, Verbetine Brame vs. Clarence Edward Watson, Gay S. Roberts vs. William K. Lanier, Jr., and C. W. Fugitt vs. Thomas J. McKenny.

The case of Tony Dean Anstead vs. Charlie Boone and Nell Boone was ordered transferred to District Court. A voluntary dismissal was taken in the case of Queen I. Park vs. Marvin Kermit Boyd.

The case of Anthony Walter Cox vs. Horace Edward Howard and Diane Maria Williams was called, but the plaintiff failed to appear and the case was dismissed.