

## Warren Sportswear Firm To Expand; Perdue Seeks Acreage Increase Here

### Poultrymen Want 800 More Acres

### Over 200 Jobs To Be Created

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Perdue Industries, one of the nation's largest poultry firms, has signed a contract for the purchase of 800 acres at Soul City, according to Pelham Lawrence, Perdue's treasurer and chief financial officer.

However, the closing of the sale is not anticipated until later this year, Pelham said.

Perdue already owns 500 acres in the development. That parcel was purchased in 1979.

At that time, Perdue was considering the site for a poultry complex that was expected to employ more than 1,000 people with an initial investment of \$20

million.

In a telephone interview on Monday, Tom Shelton, Perdue's senior vice president and general manager of the broiler division, said that Perdue officials have been very impressed with the Warren County area.

"If we expand to the point of building a new plant, it will be at Soul City."

However, he stressed that there are no immediate plans to build.

Perdue also has facilities in Bertie, Northampton, Halifax and Hertford counties. In 1979, their total investments in the state were estimated to exceed \$35 million.

## Soul City Prices Not To Be Reduced

The federal government received only one bid last week in its attempt to sell five parcels of land at Soul City. However, Warren T. Lindquist, general manager of the New Community Development Corp., a Department of Housing and Urban Development agency, said in a telephone interview on Monday that there are no plans to lower the minimum selling prices established by HUD.

"If somebody makes an offer for not less than the amount advertised, I'd be happy to make a deal," Lindquist said. "But we have no plans to accept less than the amount advertised, because that's what we think it's worth."

The only bid received last week was from Attorney Joyce Wilkerson of Philadelphia, Pa., according to Charles Worth, a Soul City resident and assets manager of the property.

She submitted a bid of \$36,650 on an 89-acre parcel of farm land. The minimum selling price set by HUD on that parcel was \$34,000.

As of Monday, the bid had not officially been accepted. According to Lindquist, there was a question as to whether or not the property had been properly shown to another prospective purchaser. He said that questions of that sort are not unusual when property is offered at auction.

Lindquist did not identify Attorney Wilkerson by name, but said that the delay had nothing to do with the "prospective purchaser" who submitted the bid and that he could make no comment on

the merits of the objection being raised.

According to previously published reports, the other four parcels, on which no bids were received, included:

Parcel number one — 90 lots in Pleasant Hills subdivision and a 1.5 acre tract. Minimum bid, \$99,000.

Parcel number two — 28 lots in Green-Duke subdivision, plus 28 acres of developed land. Minimum bid, \$49,000.

Parcel number three — a 23-acre tract, a 69-acre tract in the town's industrial park, and a road right of way. Minimum bid, \$106,000.

Parcel number four — a 1,566-acre tract including about 275 acres of wood, 300 acres of partially cleared woodland, 850 acres of cleared crop land and 140 acres of wetland, together with an 11.74-acre tobacco allotment. Minimum bid, \$527,000.

According to reports, HUD has contracted to sell Floyd McKissick, a former civil rights leader who headed Soul City before the government scrapped the project, 70 acres adjacent to his home for \$48,500.

Soul City, a "new town" project, was begun in 1974, and received about \$29 million in grants, contracts and loan guarantees from HUD and other federal agencies before the project was declared a failure by HUD in 1979.

HUD came into possession of the land now up for sale because it had been used as collateral for a \$10 million HUD-backed loan, which The Soul City Co., developer, did not repay.



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## Opening Day Enrollment Said Up In Warren Schools

Orientation Day was held Tuesday at Warren County public schools and a total of 3,080 students were enrolled in grades K-12 at the end of the half-day session, according to Michael Williams, Warren County superintendent of schools.

This was an increase of 62 over enrollment on Orientation Day last year.

Nine hundred and sixty-one students were enrolled at Warren County High School on Tuesday in grades nine through 12, six more than registered on Orientation Day last year.

A further breakdown of the student population released by the superintendent's office showed that 2,292 of the students enrolled in the county's public schools were black, 608 were white, and 180 were

Indian.

Last year, those figures were, respectively, 2,268, 565, and 185.

Nine children were enrolled in the system's program for the trainable mentally handicapped, a decrease of two from last year.

More than 2,000 public schools in North Carolina's 143 local school systems are preparing to open by the end of the month.

According to information from the State Department of Public Instruction, student enrollment will decline 1.36 percent from last year. About 1,099,018 youngsters are expected to enroll in public schools in the state — 15,134 fewer than last year.

## Telephone Project Is Begun Here

Carolina Telephone Company announced this week that a construction project has begun in the Oine and Drewry communities along State Roads 1200, 1218, and 1224.

The undertaking will cost approximately \$50,000 and will involve placing underground cable facilities of varying sizes.

The project will take about five months to complete, but will provide for growth in demand for future telephone service for the next nine to ten years. At present, 712 lines are working in this area but will increase to about 1481 lines by December, 1992.

The cable extension is necessary to provide continued service to these communities although other service projects in the company are being delayed due to poor economic conditions, including the effects of competition, deregulation, inflation and the company's inability to attain sufficient revenues to support its capital needs, a spokesman said.

Carolina Telephone recently cut its construction program by more than \$21 million but plans to provide adequate service while working to improve its economical environment.

## Vandalism Delays Start Of PCB Dumping Project

The plastic lining of the hazardous waste landfill in Warren County where the state plans to store PCB-laden soil was sliced by vandals in 23 places some time Saturday night.

The vandalism was reported to authorities at about 11:15 Saturday night by a Lineberger Construction Co. employee making a routine check of the area. Lineberger Construction Co. is building the landfill.

According to published reports, a spokesman for the state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety said the incisions in the lining could be repaired. But no estimates were available yet as to cost or time needed for repair. The liner was delivered to the site in several pieces and then put together, and it is believed that the liner can be mended in the same way that it was initially put together.

The total cost of the liner was reported around \$40,000.

As of Tuesday afternoon, there were no leads on who was responsible for the vandalism, according to Warren County Deputy Bobby Dean Bolton.

Joyce Lubbers, spokesperson for Warren County Citizens Concerned About PCBs, said she was "saddened" by the vandalism. The group has been

involved in litigation to halt the state's plans to remove dirt from 210 miles of North Carolina roadsides where PCB was illegally dumped in 1978 and move it to the site in Warren County.

"The group has done everything possible within the law to call a halt to the dumping of PCBs in Warren County," she said. However,

she said that if and when the state begins to transport the PCB-laden soil into the dumpsite, the group would then do whatever necessary to stop the action.

The landfill was scheduled for opening this past Monday, but frequent rains prevented the completion of the liner, according to state officials.

## Tobacco Prices Are Reported Good

Farmers were pleased with prices paid on the Warrenton Tobacco Market Monday when a third of a million pounds were auctioned for \$178.78 per hundred pounds.

Mrs. Alice R. Robertson, sales supervisor, said a total of 318,233 pounds sold Monday for \$568,924.56. Sales were also being held in all five Warrenton warehouses today.

Thus far for the year, Mrs. Robertson reported, sales have totalled 2,169,940 pounds for \$3,519,993.42, an average of \$162.22.

Sales on August 17 amounted to 330,354 pounds for \$562,532.79 — an average of \$170.28, and on August 19 amounted to 326,792 pounds for \$553,672.27 — an average of \$169.43.

Next week growers will sell on the Warrenton Tobacco Market on August 31 and September 2.

## Campaign Spending Given For Warren Candidates

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According to campaign financing reports filed with the State Board of Elections, winners in the race for seats in the N. C. House of Representatives from District 22 and District 7 spent a total of \$46,133.84 on their recent campaigns.

The breakdown for representatives from District 22 is as follows:

John T. Church, incumbent — contributions: \$3,220.00, expenditures, \$2,940.13.

William T. (Billy) Watkins, incumbent — contributions: \$6,660.02, expenditures, \$6,467.25.

James T. Crawford, Jr. — contributions, \$41,037.45; expenditures, \$34,619.82.

In District 7, Warrenton Attorney Frank Balance received \$2,725.59 in contributions and had

employment will be "forthcoming soon," Costa said.

The Soul City operation will be known as Central Sportswear Company.

The Soul City building was purchased from New York Life Insurance Co., which obtained title through a foreclosure. The sale was handled by Charles A. Hayes, former county manager and now vice president for real estate of Warrenton Insurance and Real Estate.

The Soul City building was built by the Soul City Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized by Soul City developer Floyd B. McKissick and his partners.

Soul City officials said in 1975 that the building was financed, in part, with a \$750,000 loan from New York Life Insurance, \$100,000 from The Soul City Co. and \$100,000 from a Cleveland, Ohio bank. The remainder of the money came from the federal Office of Economic Opportunity.

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development gave up the "new town" project in 1979. It did not take title to SoulTech I because HUD officials said it already was mortgaged for as much as it was worth.

## Donations Sought

The Warrenton Rural Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is seeking donations for a yard sale which will be held on Saturday, September 4, beginning at 8 a. m. on the courthouse square.

Anyone with a donation for the sale should call 257-2070 or 257-1753. Items may also be taken to Warren Tire Service.

## Completes Basic

Pfc. Benjamin T. Smith, son of John T. and Mary A. Smith of Rt. 3, Littleton, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

expenditures totalling \$2,106.64.

In the state Senate race, incumbent Julian Allsbrook reported contributions of \$5,807.02 and expenditures of \$5,460.20.

Candidates for local office in counties of fewer than 50,000 in population, such as Warren County, do not have to file financing reports with the State Board of Election.