

## Completion Rate 71 Percent Here

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During the past two years, almost 54,000 people convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol have graduated from the Alcohol and Drug Education Traffic Schools (ADETS) operated across the state by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources.

In Warren County, between July 1980 and July 1981, 169 people, or 71 percent of those assigned to the school, completed the 10-hour course, according to Bill Armstrong, director of Substance Abuse Services for the Area Mental Health Program that oversees the school for Warren County.

The course was established by the 1979 N. C. General Assembly to help reduce the large number of drinking drivers on North Carolina roads.

Under state law, judges can assign limited driving privileges (usually to and from work) to drivers convicted of a first offense of driving under the influence if the offender completes the course at one of the 88 ADETS in the state. The offender, upon completion of the course, is also eligible to have his or her license restored by the Division of Motor Vehicles within six months of the issuance of the limited driving privileges.

Seventy people assigned to the Warren County ADETS between July 1980 and July 1981 failed to complete the course.

The names of those who fail to complete the school are turned back to the court, and the Division of Motor Vehicles is notified of the failure to complete the course.

According to information from the Department of Human Resources, 90 percent of those enrolled in the course statewide in 1981 completed the requirements.

ADETS state coordinator, Pete Martin, said that part of the high completion rate is attributed to an incentive in the law that requires each student to pay \$100 in tuition to attend the class. Martin also said another reason for the high completion rate is that the course of instruction avoids preaching the evils of drinking.

"We emphasize solid facts and information about the laws in the state, the effects of alcohol on the body, and the costs of a DUI conviction," Martin said. "The students who enter their first class with hostile attitudes usually change that attitude when they realize how little they really know about drinking and driving. In fact, the most common reaction we see after the course ends is 'Why wasn't I told all this before I was arrested?'"

The student's knowledge about drinking and driving is tested before and after the course. Martin said average individual test scores improve over 50 percent by the time the student leaves the classroom.

During 1981, the number of traffic fatalities in North Carolina dropped below 1,500 for the first time since 1963. Martin feels the DUI program is clearly a factor contributing to this decline.

According to figures from the Area Mental Health Program, 89 percent of the participants in the program from Warren County from October 1981 to December 1981 were male, 55.5 percent were married, and 78 percent were employed full-time.

Fifty-five percent were black, 33 percent were white, and 11 percent were Indian. The majority of participants were high school graduates, and a high percentage were 36 years old or older.

Armstrong said he has been pleased with the program's success in the area.

"Our goal for the course is to assist people not to drive drunk and to stay off the highway when drinking any amount," he said. "We have school teachers specially trained to teach the course, we have a counselor in court to accept referrals, and we have been able to help people from all different socio-economic groups."

## State Officials To Discuss Dump

Representatives of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and the Environmental Protection Agency will be at the Warren County Courthouse tomorrow (Thursday) from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. to answer any questions citizens might have about the removal of PCB from state roadsides and its storage in a Warren County landfill.

Russ Edmondson, public information officer with the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, said that an information booth will be set up at the courthouse.

"Nothing new will be presented, but it will be an opportunity for us to answer any questions citizens might have and to clear up any misunderstandings about the landfill."

### In Hospital

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

Annie Massenburg, Bessie Paschall, Alton Paschall, Haywood Evans, Mollie Dye, Henry Taylor, Effie Ellington, Effie Ayscue, Sallie Drumgold, Matthew Bullock, Ruth McCurry, Jack Aycock, Emma Dunn.



CRICKET TIME IN WARRENTON — Dr. G. R. Selby, an Englishman who is rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church here, helps young Steven Harris prepare to hit during a game of cricket held on the church yard. Youngsters have been gathering on Thursday evening to learn the English game. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hehl of Warrenton. (Staff Photo)

## Bids Are Submitted For '85 Revaluation

Three appraisal companies submitted bids for revaluing Warren County real estate during 1985 at the Tuesday meeting of the Warren County Board of Commissioners. Bids were opened and submitted to the commissioners by Chairman Jack Harris, as follows:

Wingate Appraisal Service of Roanoke, Va., \$133,000.

Pearson Appraisal Service, Inc., of Wilson, \$119,000.

Carroll-Phelps Appraisal Service of Winston-Salem, \$125,000.

Wingate asked that it be notified of acceptance or rejection of bid by Oct. 15 in order that it could make necessary preparation.

### Supplies Needed For Workshop

The Family Violence Intervention Program of Region K is in need of food and staples for its shelter for battered women, according to Hansell Burke, director for the program.

The shelter, which serves women in the five-county Region K, of which Warren County is a part, can accommodate nine people.

Ms. Burke said the facility has been filled to capacity in recent weeks, causing the shortage of food and staple items.

Both food and monetary donations are welcome, Ms. Burke said.

For further information, contact Ms. Burke at (919) 492-9693 or the Warren County Social Services Department at 257-3242.

Mrs. Grady Haynes, tax supervisor, suggested that no action be taken on the bids at the Tuesday meeting. She asked that bids be delayed until personal interviews could be held with a representative of each of the bidding companies. The commissioners agreed and voted to have a hearing with representatives on Tuesday, Sept. 14, or Tuesday, Sept. 21, whichever night would suit the bidder. Meeting time will be at 7:30 p. m. in the Warren County Courthouse.

The commissioners approved a large number of tax releases, mostly of small amounts, as recommended by Mrs. Haynes. Chairman Harris told the commissioners that the items totalled some \$1500, and many were for automobiles listed in wrong townships or county. The board approved the releases.

The board authorized the purchase of a three-quarter ton Chevrolet pickup truck for the Warren County Landfill from Rowe Chevrolet Buick Company of Louisburg for the sum of \$7,594 following the opening of bids.

County Manager Glenn Newsome reported that following instructions from the board he had advertised for bids for the truck and only received two bids after advertising it twice. He received one bid from Rowe and one from Randy Currin's Chevrolet for \$8,354. The law requires that the board accept the low bid.

The commissioners appointed three mem-

bers to the Personnel Advisory Board. Named as the woman member was Mrs. Shirley Holtzman White; named as the minority member was L. B. Henderson, Sr., and named as the business representative was Frank Liner, superintendent of Cochrane Company. Mrs. White and Henderson were named for two-year terms; and Liner for a one-year term, in order that future elections may be staggered.

The commissioners appointed three members of the EMS Board for one year terms. They were Frank Hinson, administrator of Warren General Hospital, Dr. Kirit D. Trivedi and Dennis Paschall of the Warren County Ambulance Service.

The commissioners accepted the resignation of Al Fleming as chairman of the Warren General Hospital Board with instructions to the county manager to write a letter to Fleming expressing the board's appreciation of the service he rendered to the county. Upon recommendation of the hospital board the commissioners appointed Glenn Riggan of Macon to succeed Fleming as a member of the board. The hospital board appoints its own chairman.

The commissioners approved a bond for Judy Harris, employed in the office of the tax supervisor.

September 11-17 has been approved for the "Clean-Up Litter" campaign in Warren County. The commis-

## By County Commissioners

# Voting Machines Given Approval

It is possible that voting machines may be used in Warren County in the General Election in November in two of its largest precincts, because of action taken by the board of county commissioners here on Tuesday.

Funds for these machines were placed in the 1980-81 budget at the request of the Board of Elections, but when there was a hold up in delivery, was omitted from the 1981-82 budget. This was revealed when Mrs. Janice Crump appeared before the commissioners at the August meeting asking that efforts be made to get the machines here in time for the November election.

County Manager Glenn Newsome agreed to advertise bids for the machines, which he did and informed Mrs. Crump and the commissioners that the costs of the machines, including two demonstrations, were \$19,250 cash, or they could be bought for \$6,000 a year on a five-year lease purchase agreement.

Since no funds for funding the machine had been placed in the budget, Chairman Jack Harris informed the commissioners that it would have to come out of the contingency fund, and that \$15,700 was all the money left in this fund.

Commissioner Clyde Edwards said that he would not vote for the purchase due to the low state of the contingency fund. He could not obtain a second for his motion.

Mrs. Crump pointed out that the machines would pay for themselves and said she felt that due to its importance that some \$4,000 could be taken from this fund, which would be enough under a

leasing plan. Commissioner George Shearin made the motion that the county buy the machines, but was unable to obtain a second to his motion.

There was some more salesmanship shown by Mrs. Crump, and Newsome said that the machine would have to be bought within 30 days. He said he did not like paying the extra funds required under a leasing fund, and would see what kind of a bargain could be reached. There was some more silence, when Chairman Harris said that the board would have to make a decision. Whereupon, Commissioner Shearin re-introduced his motion which was seconded by Commissioner Herbert Harris. When Chairman Harris called for a vote, Commissioner William Skinner voted with Shearin and Harris, and committed the board to the purchase.

Julian Farrar, Welfare Superintendent, appeared before the board to discuss sterilization as a part of Family Planning. He said that the county paid only 10% of the cost of the program, and that the county would need to find funds for the work, as federal and state funds were on hand. He estimated that from \$200 to \$300 would be needed to carry on the program for another 30 days or until more funds could be found. Farrar said that without these funds applications would have to be rejected. The commissioners voted to appropriate \$300 from the contingency funds, cutting this fund from \$16,000 to \$15,700 when Mrs. Crump made her plea.

A representative of Wildwood-Gaston Rural Fire Department appeared before the board

with a map that would increase the district from three to four miles, and a request that the company be accredited. He said that he had applied to the Fireman's Commission for approval. Chairman Harris told the representative that without the endorsement of the fire commission the board could not accredit the company. He said he would try to get this approval.

A proposal that certain sections of roads in Warren County be added and other be deleted was submitted by the N. C. Department of Transportation, with these additions and deletions give on a map in the packet of each commissioner. Chairman Jack Harris said that he had carefully inspected the proposals, many of which dealt with taking curves out of roads, and had discussed these with District Engineer Ross. As a result, he said, he had concluded that the county would not lose any road mileage as a result of the proposed changes. The commissioners gave their approval to the plan.

County Manager Newsome reported Warren County Schools 1982-83 grassroots arts program allocation of \$2,380.

He also reported that the July sales and use tax collection in Warren County were \$25,843.22.

### Halifax Youths Charged In Theft

Two Halifax County teenagers have been charged with stealing \$3,500 in merchandise from Capps Store in Arcola last week. The two are also facing charges in Halifax County.

Warrants have been drawn for the arrest of Steven Michael Cummons, 18, of Rt. 2, Enfield and Grady McClellon, 18, of Rt. 3, Roanoke Rapids.

Deputy Sheriff Bobby Dean Bolton reported that the two teenagers were arrested Friday in Halifax County on other charges and admitted they entered the Arcola store.

Stolen on September 1 Arcola break-in were four chain saws, several hand tools and wrenches, a cash register containing \$30, four steel rolls of cable and three cases of motor oil.

Most of the merchandise was recovered, but the cash register was reportedly thrown into the Roanoke River.

Deputy Bolton reported that the men entered the garage area of the Arcola store by cutting through wire and raising a window.

## October 4 Is Final Day For Registering

October 4 is the last day for residents of Warren County to register to vote in the November 2 general election, according to Mrs. Ruby W. Jones, county elections supervisor.

Voters who are already registered do not have to re-register to vote in that election.

Voters who have moved since the last election are reminded that they must notify the Board of Elections of their change in address by that date.

Any voter who will be out of the county on election day or who will be unable to go to the polls because of sickness or physical disability may vote by absentee ballot or one-stop voting.

The deadline for application for an absentee ballot or for one-stop voting is 5 p. m. on Thursday, October 28.

The polls will be open on election day from 6:30 a. m. until 7:30 p. m.

Any questions about registration, absentee ballots, one-stop voting, location of polling places, or other election matters may be answered by calling Mrs. Jones at 257-2114.

The Warren County Board of Elections office is located in the Hendricks Building at 105 Front Street in Warrenton.