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Desks Declared Surplus Property

Hundreds of used student desks may be sold to the public at bargain-basement rates, members of the Warren County Board of Education ruled Monday night.

The desks, which were declared Monday night to be surplus property, are now stored in the old Wise School, which was sold years ago to the Wise-Paschall Ruritan Club with the stipulation that the building could be used for school storage as long as needed.

School Supt. Mike Williams estimated the number of desks at between 700 and 800. He said a recent change in state law would allow school authorities to sell the desks individually, rather than at public auction which had been required in years past.

A figure of \$5 each for the used desks was tossed about by members of the board, but no final decision as to price was agreed to. Board members instructed the superintendent to determine the price at which the desks will be sold.

Williams indicated that school workmen would bring the desks to Warrenton, as needed, by the truckload and they will be available at the central office for inspection by the public.

Talk of declaring the old Afton-Elberon School surplus property was also heard after Williams reported to the board that the present leasee of the building, the Afton-Elberon Ruritan Club, might not want to renew its annual lease after this year. Williams said there was interest on the part of one unnamed person to buy the facility if it should be declared surplus property. No action was taken.

In other business coming before the board, which met with

all members present, the following action was taken:

-A request for transfer for Cassandra Thorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thorne of Vance County, from Vance to Warren school was approved.

-The resignation of Michael S. Leonard as science teacher at Warren County High School was approved, as was the appointment of Sandra Lynch as math teacher at the high school.

-The 1982-83 budget of \$7,289,219 - representing approximately \$2,000 per student - was approved as were 113 budget amendments.

-A low bid of \$3,499 from National School and Industrial Corporation was approved for the wiring for an intercom system at Warren County High School. The superintendent was authorized to negotiate with the company to determine if some speakers could also be provided.

Afton Home Hit By Thief Sunday

A robber or robbers entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Frazier near Afton (Rt. 2, Box 166, Norlina) Sunday night during the hour that Mr. and Mrs. Frazier were absent from their home, from 7:20 p. m. to 8:30 p. m., stealing articles valued at more than \$1,700. The robbery is being investigated by Chief Deputy M. D. Capps of the Sheriff's Department.

Entry was made by breaking a glass pane and unlocking the back door, after efforts to enter through a locked kitchen window were foiled by the screen which was damaged.

Warren Man Killed In Sunday Wreck

Edwin Allen Davis, 22, of Rt. 2, Warrenton was killed early Sunday when two automobiles collided on Vicksboro Road in Vance County.

Davis was dead on arrival at Maria Parham Hospital, according to reports from the Vance County Ambulance Service. A hospital spokesman said he suffered massive head injuries in the crash.

Sandy Sheril Alston, 20, of Rt. 1, Henderson was a passenger in the car driven by Davis. She suffered internal injuries and was listed in satisfactory condition at Maria Parham Hospital Monday.

The driver of the other car involved in the collision, Sandra Lynn King, 17, of Rt. 1, Warrenton, was charged with driving left of center, driving under the influence of intoxicants, and involuntary

manslaughter, according to Trooper L. A. Parker of the N. C. Highway Patrol.

Ms. King sustained only minor injuries and was treated and released from the hospital.

Trooper Parker said the accident occurred at 12:50 a. m. Davis was driving west on Vicksboro Road five miles east of Henderson.

According to reports, King's car, which was traveling east, crossed the center line and struck the Davis car. Davis apparently tried to swerve to the right to avoid the accident, but was unable to.

Damage was estimated at \$2,000 to King's car and \$3,500 to the vehicle operated by Davis and registered to Alston.

Davis was the son of Edwin and Emma Davis of Rt. 2, Warrenton.



Mrs. Minnie White, standing at left, president of the Warren County School Food Association and Mrs. Ann Killian, child nutrition director for the Warren County schools, look on as Norlina Mayor Kenneth Davis, left, and Warrenton Mayor B. G. White sign proclamations designating October 10-16 as National School Lunch week. (Staff Photo)

Policy Changes Win Endorsement

A new policy designed to make sure that county-owned cards are used only for business purposes was approved Monday night by the Warren County Board of Education following several months of consideration.

After hearing from Board Chairman Henry Bobbitt that the lack of policy was causing a problem of public relations, board members discussed at length the matter of automobile use before approving a motion by Leigh Traylor that none of the board-owned cars be allowed to be driven home at night except when approved by the superintendent.

"This is not intended to be a punishment" for those to whom automobiles have been assigned, Traylor told the board.

A part of the new policy, which will become effective Nov. 1, requires that employees of the school system may drive the automobiles only in the process of performing duties directly related to the position held by the employee.

Board members expressed their awareness that by providing an automobile to an employee they were in a sense supplementing salary, and agreed to take a look at the policy when next year's budget is drawn up to see how employees losing

the use of cars could be compensated.

In other action concerning school policy, board members agreed to make no change in the present policy which authorizes the payment of a tuition fee for children whose parents reside outside Warren County or outside North Carolina.

Adopted was a new policy regarding the development and approval of an agenda for the board, a new policy regarding cultural arts instruction by private teachers, and a new policy regarding make-up days in the 10-month school calendar.

Board members were given a look at the operation of North Warren Elementary School by Principal W. T. Ramey. Ramey told the board of programs designed to improve the education of the school's 280 students, and he put in a plug for activity buses and a full-time librarian. Among physical needs at the school, he told the board, are the repair of a roof and of pipes filled with mud and corrosion leading to one of the school's water fountains.

He said that while the school has no service of music or art teacher this year, students are given instruction in the two areas by other teachers one day a week.

Rotarians Hear Talk By District Governor

Building bridges to improve world understanding and peace was one of the topics covered by Rotary District Governor Franklin Ayer of Chapel Hill when he addressed the Warrenton Rotary Club on October 5.

Governor Ayer told the group it was important that all 904,000 Rotarians throughout the world work together in a common effort for the cause of peace and world understanding. "If this old world of ours stands a chance of survival it will be

through international organizations such as Rotary where we have members united in a common purpose."

For Rotarians, Ayer said, that purpose is the "advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service."

During his visit, Ayer discussed the local Rotary club's activities this year with Gordon A. Greene, president of the Warrenton Club, and other club officers.

Special Week Is Observed By Warren Schools

Warren County schools are joining schools across the nation in celebrating National School Lunch Week (NSLW) during October 10-16. "School Lunch: America's No. 1 Energy Source" is the 1982-1986 program theme developed by the American School Food Service Association that will be observed.

Special emphasis for NSLW 1982 is "Eat Well, Your Body Can Tell!" Now more than ever, Americans are concerned about good nutrition and physical fitness. One way to be healthy is to develop healthy habits early in life since these habits will stay with children all of their lives. A school lunch is an excellent example of good nutrition.

The American School Food Service Association along with local school food service staffs are promoting proper nutrition since six out of ten leading causes of death are related to poor nutritional habits.

Highlighting the week's activities will be a school lunch that includes colorful and taste-tempting oriental delights: oriental chicken, stir-fried vegetables, steamed rice, fruit fantasy, Chinese almond cookie, and milk. This special menu will be served Wednesday, Oct. 13. The meal represents a basic school lunch that includes items from the four basic food groups: meat or meat alternative, fruit and/or vegetables, bread or bread alternative and milk. A school lunch also provides one third of the recommended daily allowance for children.

As reviewed in the

Jack Marin Will Address GOP Convention Locally

Jack Marin, Republican candidate for Congress from the 2nd Congressional District, will be the guest speaker for the Warren County Republican Convention on October 19 at 7:30 p. m. at the Warren County Courthouse. John Hawkins, county

Protests Continue

Last PCB Loads Reaching Dump

At 4:48 p. m. Tuesday the last truckload of PCB-laden soil from North Carolina highways was dumped into a landfill at Afton in Warren County, two weeks ahead of schedule, Capt. Bobby Clark, in command of units of the Highway Patrol here, said late Tuesday afternoon.

As the trucks were finally completing their task a greatly reduced number of Citizens Concerned About PCBs were marching toward Raleigh where they planned to hold a march on the capital today. Ken Ferruccio, president of the Concerned Citizens, is quoted as saying that he did not have a permit to march in Raleigh and that he would not ask for one.

The last arrests made by Highway Patrolmen guarding the trucks from protesters was made late last Thursday afternoon when seven protesters were jailed and released on bonds. They were Mary Frances Jones B. Allen, Lawrence Alvin Bullock, Sallie Ann Crews, Golden A. Frinks, Ethel W. Greene, Vincent M. White, and Emma W. Williams. This brought the total number of arrests to 507 since Sept. 15 when the first soil was placed in the landfill.

All that remains before the landfill can be covered and capped is completion of the pickup of contaminated soil where PCBs also were dumped in 1978. The federal government has given a private contractor until Oct. 27 to complete that cleanup.

According to William W. Phillips, assistant to the secretary of the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the pickup Tuesday concentrated on backtracking over small areas where testing determined the PCB level were too high after an initial scraping of soil 3 inches deep.

"Tuesday's pickup brought to 241 miles the total length of roadway covered by state crews since the cleanup began Sept. 15. When it was over 6,440 truckloads of dirt had been carried to a landfill in Afton designed and constructed to hold the contaminated dirt."

As reviewed in the

early Wednesday morning printed News and Observer:

"It was on Aug. 3, 1978, that a test of oil spilled in Johnston County showed it was contaminated with high levels of the chemicals, short for polychlorinated biphenyls. Used for years in electrical transformers, along the roads to keep dust down and for other purposes because of the stable properties of the chemicals. The PCBs were outlawed after they had been found to cause cancer in animals.

"An investigation followed the discovery of the chemicals in 14 counties and three men pleaded guilty to state criminal charges stemming from the incident. They had been hired to dispose of the chemical by Robert E. Ward, Jr., of Raleigh, president of Ward's Transformer Company. Ward is being sued for \$12.5 million in actual and punitive damages because of the dumping. Ward was convicted on federal charges because of the incident."

Seven protesters against the landfill filed a formal complaint with the Highway Patrol on Tuesday, alleging that a state trooper who passed them on Monday while on a march from Warrenton to Raleigh nearly ran over them.

Evelyn G. Lowery, wife of the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said the group of about

75 was just south of Rolesville on U. S. 401 when a patrol car "going very fast swooped by us," nearly hitting them.

She said the patrolman then stopped and told them to get off the roadway. Mrs. Lowery said the group was on the shoulder. He may have been trying to harass or intimidate us," she said. "But whatever the reason, it was life threatening. It was too close for comfort."

Major Glenn D. Russell of the Highway Patrol said he would begin investigating the complaint Wednesday morning.

The marchers reached the Saint Matthews Baptist Church, just outside Raleigh on U. S. 401 Monday night, but called off a scheduled march to the Capitol. Instead, they rallied Tuesday night at the New Bethel Church of Christ on Poole Road in Raleigh.

The protesters contend the landfill is unsafe and was placed in Warren County because its residents are poor and politically weak and because most are black.

The state has maintained that the landfill is the safest and most feasible method for disposing of the chemicals, and that the Warren County site was chosen because it was judged to be the best location based on a number of criteria.

Public Uninformed About Variance

While the Warrenton Planning Board is required to hold a public hearing before a zoning ordinance may be amended, such is not true of the Board of Adjustments before granting a variance. While the board is required to hold public meetings there is no requirement that it notifies the public of such meetings.

This was learned at the regular October meeting of the Warrenton Town Commissioners on Monday night when a reporter asked why was not a hearing held before Mr. and Mrs. Creed Satterwhite were permitted to erect a trailer at their home in an annexed section of the town contrary to no trailer ordinance covering the town. The reporter was not protesting that the Satterwhite trailer was a hardship case, which it is, but how it should have been permitted without the commissioners knowing anything about it until the trailer was installed.

V. R. "Pete" Vaugh-

an, town administrator said that he followed the law strictly in the granting of the permit; that the law grants the Adjustment Board to grant a variance provided that none of the applicant's neighbor's objected. He said that he turned the application over to the Board of Adjustment, which granted the variance.

Only five of the commissioners were present, Commissioners Melvin "Butch" Scott and A. A. Wood being absent. Commissioners Lanier, White, Haithcock, and W. A. Miles said they knew nothing of the action. Only Commissioner Eddie Clayton said that he was familiar with the request for a variance.

Mayor White said the Board of Adjustment would meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Municipal Building to consider a variance concerning the possible construction of a multiple dwelling federal housing project.

During the session lasting nearly two hours (Continued on page 4B)