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ETCHING OF ZION METHODIST CHURCH IN NORTHERN WARREN COUNTY

Thanksgiving

Let's give thanks, and show thanks, for our bountiful good fortune. Thanksgiving is a time to remember and rejoice.

Superintendent Says

New Proposals Would Affect Local Teachers

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Staff Writer

One of the changes being proposed to the 1983 General Assembly by the Legislative Select Committee on Education appointed in 1981 would have a significant effect on the method by which teachers in North Carolina are granted pay raises, if approved.

Currently, teachers are given across-the-board increases in salary. These increases are not related to performance. The select committee has proposed that criteria such as performance as well as time in service be used in evaluating the merit of salary increases.

Teachers are now evaluated with the idea of pointing out weaknesses and strengths and devising programs to help the teacher correct deficiencies, according to Michael F. Williams, Warren County superintendent of schools. Raises are not withheld because of poor performance.

Of the 14 proposals being made by the committee, three relate to teacher performance and salary reviews.

"These, if approved, will have as big an impact on public education as anything being considered," Williams said.

"The proposals will put the pressure on us to devise ways to make it a good procedure," he commented. "It's like getting a saw for Christmas. You can use it to build or to cut your foot off."

The committee will also recommend that the State Board of Education develop criteria and procedures that will encourage lateral entry into teaching by skilled individuals in the private sector.

Another proposal that could effect Warren County significantly is that block grant appropriations be considered for public school systems in lieu of the current system of line-item budgeting. At present, certain amounts are budgeted

by the state to school systems for particular items, such as fuel and instructional supplies. If that amount is not used by the end of the fiscal year for the purpose designated, it reverts back to the state. With block grant appropriations, the

school systems would receive a certain amount of funding to be used as they see fit.

The committee suggests that beginning with the school year 1984, at least six systems and not more than 20 systems be

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Hawkins Building Out

Senior Citizens Center Not Included In Funding

The recently announced Community Development Block Grant awarded Warren County will not include appropriations for a senior citizens center, according to County Manager Glenwood Newsome.

Funds to renovate a building on the campus of Hawkins School in Warrenton were requested in the proposal submitted to the state. But the county received only 70 percent of the funds requested on the grant application and the funding for the center falls under the local-option category.

The county requested \$531,500 and was awarded \$340,707.

Allen Hawks, project director with the Warren County Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens said other sources will be opening up in the not too distant future, and he hopes to apply for those funds.

The building on the Hawkins campus contains 6,600 square feet. A recent estimate for

renovation of the building came in at \$115,600 for materials and labor, if the work is done by a contractor.

"The senior citizens center would be a great attribute to the county," Hawks said.

The Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens, which is funded federally under the Title III Older Americans Act and locally by the county, rendered

services to approximately 450 senior citizens last year on a budget of \$45,000.

The bulk of the funds awarded by the grant will be used to construct water and sewer lines and to provide indoor plumbing for the Red Hill area located east of Warrenton's town limits. The remainder of the funds will be used for housing rehabilitation in the same area.

Ballots Mailed For ASC Voting

Warren County farmers were reminded this week that it is again time for ASC committee elections.

T. E. Watson, Warren County ASCS executive director, said that ballots were mailed to Warren County farmers on Monday and that farmers have until December 6 to return their ballots to elect community committeemen to serve in 1983.

He pointed out that these ASC committees provide the important service of administering government farm programs to the farm community, and that farmers are encouraged to use this opportunity to take part in this important election and to vote on the most qualified persons to represent them as community committeemen.

Watson said that ballots were mailed to all known eligible voters, and these ballots must be postmarked or returned not later than

December 6. Any person, he said, who does not receive a ballot and thinks he is eligible to vote may obtain a ballot from the Warren County ASCS office.

"All voters should sign the certification on the envelope for the ballot to be counted," he emphasized. "Each year a large number of ballots cannot be counted because the voter failed to sign the ballot envelope in space provided."

Ballots will be publicly tabulated on December 13 at 9 a. m. in the county ASCS office. In each of the 11 communities a chairperson, vice chairperson, regular member, first and second alternates will be elected. The three elected committeemen in each community will become delegates to the county convention to fill vacancies on the county committee. The County Convention will be held on December 20 at 1:30 p. m.

Home Tour Slated

Five homes in and near Warrenton will be decorated for the Christmas Season and opened for visitors during a Holiday Homes Tour planned for Sunday, December 5.

Sponsored by Warren Academy, the tour will include the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Frazier, Bragg Street; Mr. and Mrs. W. Jack Harris, North Main Street; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy P. Thompson, Church Street; Mr. and Mrs. W. Macon Wemyss, Country Club Road; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. White, III, Halifax Street.

Tour hours will be in the afternoon from four o'clock until nine o'clock, and the cost of the tour is five dollars.

Tickets will be available on the day of the tour at each home, or they may be purchased in advance by contacting Mrs. James C. Harris, Jr. at 257-3430.

Taking Of Oaths To Be Big Event

Newly elected Warren County officials will take the oath of office at noon at the Warren County Courthouse on Monday, Dec. 6.

George E. Shearin, Sr., Eva M. Clayton and Francis L. Alston, county commissioners; Henry T. Pitchford, Jr., and Yarborough Williams, Jr., Board of Education members; Richard E. Hunter, Jr., clerk of Superior Court; Theodore R. Williams, sheriff; and Nat B. White and John K. Kilian, Soil Conservation Service supervisors will formally take office then.

John R. Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc., a non-profit and tax exempt corporation, will sponsor other activities during the day. At 4 p. m. a parade will be held in the Town of Warrenton, at 7 p. m. a banquet will be held at Warren County High School, where the guest speaker will be Arthur Teale, Jr., administrator of the Urban Mass (Continued on page 8)

Cost Of Policing PCB Dump Here Is Reported By State Officials

North Carolina spent about \$787,000 to keep law enforcement officers and the National Guard in Warren County while PCB-laden soil was trucked to a controversial landfill, a state official said Monday, according to a news article in The News and Observer on Tuesday morning.

According to this article, most of the

Surplus Cheese On Hand Again

The Warren County Department of Social Services has received another shipment of United States Department of Agriculture surplus cheese.

All current food stamp recipient households are eligible to receive the cheese, sealed in plastic loaves of five pounds each, with no new certification needed.

Those households may begin picking up their cheese at the Social Services office on Ridgeway Street on November 30 from 8:30 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Other households interested in receiving cheese may make application at the Social Services office between 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. Monday through Friday.

Certification will be made on the basis of family income up to 130 percent of the poverty level, and liquid reserve held by the household not exceeding \$1,500.

money went for expenses of highway patrolmen, N. C. Department of Correction personnel and SBI agents, said William W. Phillips, Jr., a spokesman for the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. The amount spent for travel, meals, lodging, helicopter fuel and crews totaled about \$107,000 Phillips said. Payroll costs, which would have been incurred anyway, were about \$680,000.

Expenses for the cleanup of the contaminated soil from more

than 200 miles of roadsides in Eastern North Carolina and construction of the landfill were not included.

The state began cleaning up the PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) from state roadsides Sept. 15. Once widely used as an insulator the chemical was banned after it was shown to cause cancer and reproductive disorders in laboratory animals. The PCB was dumped illegally along the roads and in isolated areas of Fort Bragg in 1978.

With completion and

sealing of the landfill due by the end of this month, area opponents asked for further chemical tests of the soil.

Kenneth Ferruccio, president of Warren County Citizens Concerned About PCB, called for tests to determine the presence of chlorinated dibenzofurans, a highly toxic element present in some types of PCB.

"Let's have a chemical analysis before we cap the landfill," Ferruccio said in an interview. Noting that chlor-

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AWARDED CERTIFICATE — Mrs. Roger Ormsby, center, accepts a certificate of commendation presented by the Little Garden Club in recognition of the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby in beautifying property of the Colonial Lodge in Warrenton. She was cited for her significant contribution to the

overall community environment by the club. Making the presentation are, left, Mrs. Selma O. Perkinson, chairman of Civic Beautification of the club, and Mrs. Rosa B. Fleming, president of the Little Garden Club. (Staff Photo)