

Local Hospital Costs Well Below National Average

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The cost of hospital rooms in North Carolina is below the national average, and of 58 North Carolina cities surveyed this year in an Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States study, Roanoke Rapids had the lowest average private-room rate at \$83 per day. Durham had the highest at \$240 per day.

The average private-room rate in the state was \$130, and in the nation, \$167.50.

A survey of four hospitals serving residents of Warren County found the lowest private-room rate

of \$114-\$120 at Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill, Va. and the highest, \$149, at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson. Both rates are for rooms with baths. Warren General Hospital in Warrenton charges \$136 for a private room with bath, and Franklin Memorial Hospital in Louisburg charges \$132.

All four hospitals have recently increased rates with the beginning of the fiscal year in October.

Warren General's rates increased by 10 percent while Maria Parham, Franklin Memorial, and Community Memorial increased rates by \$6, \$12 and \$10, respectively.

According to information published recently in

The News and Observer, private room rates at two Raleigh hospitals after October increases were \$119-\$163 for Wake Medical Center and \$140 for Rex Hospital. Raleigh Community Hospital will raise its rates an average of eight percent in January, bringing its rate for a private room to \$142.

The Equitable study showed that for 1982, the average intensive care cost in the state was \$339.50 per day, and in the nation, \$408.50.

The intensive care rate at Maria Parham is \$203 per day, and \$250 per day at Community Memorial. Franklin Memorial has no intensive care unit, but its cardiac care unit costs the patient \$135 per day. Warren General Hospital has no intensive care or

cardiac care units.

Semi-private rooms with baths at the four area hospitals are slightly less expensive than private accommodations. Maria Parham charges \$143 for a semi-private room; Warren General, \$129; Franklin Memorial, \$128; and Community Memorial, \$108.

Equitable's survey was based on responses from 2,518 hospitals in 1,685 cities nationwide.

It found that only three states had lower average private-room rates than North Carolina. They were Mississippi (\$99), Arkansas (\$124), and South Carolina (\$126.50).

Dismissals Taken In PCB Cases

The December term of Warren County Superior Court, which convened here at 10 a. m. Monday with Judge James H. Pou Bailey of Raleigh presiding, was expected by court officials to adjourn around noon today (Wednesday).

The early adjournment, in spite of the greater part of Monday and some of Tuesday being consumed by a hard-fought jury trial, was due in part to voluntary dismissal of all cases appealed from a recent court term called for the trial of citizens impeding trucks hauling PCB-laden soil to the Afton Landfill.

Defendants, all of whom had been found guilty of impeding traffic, profiting by this bit of court leniency were Sidney Louis Moody, Dollie Bullock Burwell, Arthur A. Brown, Odessa B. Hawkins, Floyd B. McKissick, Sr., John David Stevenson, Floyd E. Neal and Ben Franklin Chavis. A number of other cases were continued, among which were two cases in which Earl Limer was charged with assault by

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Local Policeman To Be Newest Deputy

Lawrence Edward Harrison, a native of Warren County, is expected to be sworn in as the county's second black deputy early next week.

Harrison, 39, has been with the Warrenton Police Department for five years. He is a 1961 graduate of North Warren High School, and he and his wife, the former Eva Goins, have two sons who are students at Warren County High School.

The other black deputy, Thomas Henry



STATE CHAMPION — Harry Leete, a Warren County farmer, displays a plaque presented him Friday by the N. C. Corn Growers for achieving a yield of 209 bushels of irrigated corn on an acre of land, tops in the state. Attending the recognition ceremony at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh with Leete was County Extension Chairman Russell King, left. (Staff Photo)

Election Results Given For Warren Committeemen

Fifty-five Warren County farmers have been elected to one-year terms on the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service community committees during elections just held.

The chairperson, vice chairperson and regular member of each community committee will be delegates to the coun-

ty convention to fill vacancies on the county committee. The convention will be held December 20 at 1:30 p. m. in the Warren County Court House.

Following is a list of townships with the newly elected committeemen listed in order of chairperson, vice chairperson, regular member and first and second alternate:

FISHING CREEK — Edward Conn, Frank A. Gupton, Harvey B. King, Billy L. King and George Harrison.

JUDKINS — Matt D. Nelson, Jr., Arthur Lee Evans, James M. Overby, James H. Robertson and Hughey C. Spruill.

SANDY CREEK — Willis A. Fleming, Raeford Pernell, Andy

B. Garrett, Otha L. Hayes, Jr. and Owens H. Williams.

WARRENTON — Ernest C. Brauer, A. Kenneth Mustian, Robert H. Dunston, Robert O. Rideout and Franklin Rivers.

FORK — Leon S. Williams, Gillis Alston, Bennie P. Collier, Irvin Smith and V. A. Dillard.

NUTBUSH — A. P. Holtzman, Jr., W. B. Ellington, Thomas E. Edwards, L. M. Bender and Raymond J. Seaman.

SIXPOUND — Cecil P. Pope, O. C. Leonard, E. P. Daniel, George A. Perkinson and John Henry Palmer.

SHOCCO — Melvin T. Abbott, William L. Fuller, Jr., Edward Somerville, Eugene

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Pitchford Is Elected Chairman Of Board

Supplement Hike Asked

Warren School Supt. Mike Williams Monday night called on the Board of Education to consider increasing the amount of supplements paid Warren school personnel when budget-drafting time rolls around in several months.

Williams told the board that many years ago the board had begun the practice of paying supplements of \$150 a year to teachers, but that last year the supplements were slashed in half in order to balance the budget.

The superintendent supplied members of the board with figures showing salary supplements in 20 North Carolina school systems of comparable size to Warren.

The figures revealed that of 11 units paying teacher supplements, the supplement ranged from \$343 to \$482. Nineteen systems pay a band director's supplement, he reported, ranging from \$1,050 to \$1,441. Warren pays its band director a \$75 supplement.

Principals of elementary and middle schools in more than 10 systems paying supplements range from \$1,059 to \$1,150 for elementary principals and from

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PRESIDES — Henry T. Pitchford, new chairman of the Warren County Board of Education, is shown during Monday night's session. At left is Al Thompson, attorney for the board. (Staff Photo)

Board Meets Early At Mayor's Urging

The regular December meeting of the Warrenton town commissioners was held at 5:30 p. m. instead of 7:30 p. m. Monday at the request of Mayor B. G. White. Commissioners who had believed that the meeting was held earlier on account of the icy streets and bitter cold were told at the meeting by Mayor White, an employee of Bowers and Burrows, that he made the request so he might attend the company's annual Christmas banquet at the Middleburg Steak House.

White was somewhat apologetic, but the commissioners assured him that they were glad that he asked and cooperated by attending to town business without undue delay. All the commissioners were present except Charles M. White, III. Also present were Bill Neal, superintendent of the Warrenton Water Company and Freddie Robinson, police chief, both of whom were dismissed early.

Neal said the Warrenton Wastewater Treatment Plant is being operated manually without trouble, although one or two contractors are still making a few minor adjustments. He said that the Norlina sewer connections have been completed, with the exception of electric power, which is expected to be completed in the next few days. He said when Norlina sewage is pumped to the regional sewer plant in Warrenton, that enough volume will be received to operate the plant automatically. Until this is done, he said, no efforts will be made to do so.

Police committee chairman A. A. Wood announced that Police Officer Lawrence Harrison had given the required two weeks notice of resignation, and the board decided to

3 Renewals Are Delayed

Members of the Warren County Board of Education Monday night elected Henry T. Pitchford to serve as its chairman for the next two years.

Pitchford, head of the Warren County Chapter of the NAACP and an employee of Peck Manufacturing Company, defeated Henry Bobbitt, who had served as chairman for the past two years.

The board moved swiftly Monday night to elect a new chairman. Pitchford was nominated by new board member Yarborough Williams, while Leigh Traylor, one of the board's two white members, nominated Bobbitt. When the vote was taken, Bobbitt received only the vote of Traylor and Pitchford won handily.

Again on nomination of Yarborough Williams, Traylor was nominated as vice chairman to serve until December 1984. No other nominations were put forward and Traylor was elected.

While action was rapid on the matter of who will guide the school board, action on who will run the school system on a day-by-day

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Police Probing Theft Of \$900

Warrenton police are still investigating a robbery in South Warrenton on Monday, Dec. 6, Police Chief Freddie Robinson said yesterday. He also said a similar robbery recently occurred in Henderson. Whether or not there may be any connection between the two robberies, has not been determined.

Mrs. Flossie Renn, an employee of IGA, according to Robinson, was returning home from work after the store had closed, when two men wearing ski masks, stepped from shrubs and accosted Mrs. Renn on her porch, snatching her purse and fleeing. The purse is said to have contained some \$900.

'Annie' Or 'Anne' Debate Fueled

Speculation over the proper spelling of the name of the daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee who lies buried in a Warren County cemetery was further fueled this week by a photostat of the birth record of the Lee children. The photostat was provided by Mrs. Joyce Kotal of Warrenton, historian of the Warren County Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who photographed a copy of the birth record while on a visit to Arlington.

The debate over whether the state erred in erecting an historical marker which tells of the tragic death of Robert E. Lee's daughter, "Annie Carter Lee," was provoked by a feature story carried last August in The Warren Record.

That story pointed out that the state marker, and a state-erected roadside directional sign, both refer to the daughter as "Annie." The story also suggested that there are many who believe that the name has been misspelled during the more than a century since the Lee daughter died in 1862 at a Warren County

resort. These insist that the young woman was named "Anne."

Follow-up research to that story was done by former Warrenton attorney W. W. Taylor, Jr., who now practices in Raleigh. He found references to Miss Lee in Dr. D. S. Freeman's four-volume biography of General Lee, which referred to the daughter as "Annie Carter Lee."

Mr. Taylor wrote that "in numerous references throughout the first two volumes of Freeman's biography she is always referred to as Annie, up to and including letters that General Lee wrote to his other children after learning of her death..."

The photostat copied by Mrs. Kotal gives the names and birthdates of the seven Lee children and shows that their first child was born at Fort Monroe and the six younger Lees — including the Miss Lee in question — were born at Arlington House.

Written by hand, but plainly legible, is the information about Miss Lee, who is listed as "Anne Carter Lee."



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