



**OBSERVE ONE-MAN OPERATION** — Some of the approximately 70 Warren County residents who attended a demonstration of a one-man sawmill at Arcola Lumber Company on Thursday observe a sawing exhibition. Sponsored by the N. C. Forestry Service, Warren County ASCS Office, Soil Conservation Service and the Agricultural Extension Service, the two-hour demonstration showed how portable sawmills can do custom sawing for local land-

owners. The costs of operating a portable sawmill will range from five cents to 10 cents per board foot. Hundreds of millions of board feet of timber are lost yearly in North Carolina because landowners can not sell their trees that die from insects, weather or natural causes, those attending the demonstration were told. The portable sawmill makes it easy to convert these trees into useable lumber.

(Staff Photo)

## Plant Inspection Ordered

# Dangerous Situation Found In Wing Of John Graham

A makeshift cafeteria has been set up at John Graham Middle School in Warrenton after school officials found defective roof supports which pose a safety hazard in both the auditorium and normal feeding area of the school.

Members of the Warren County Board of Education, meeting in emergency session at John Graham at 5:30 p. m. Monday, received a full report on the dangerous situation found at the school, and unanimously authorized a Rocky Mount architect to examine the entire school facility to determine its physical condition.

Superintendent Mike Williams told the board that the auditorium and old cafeteria area which is situated beneath the auditorium would be placed off limits for faculty and the school's 300 students.

It was in the roof of the auditorium that a routine inspection turned up a water damaged roof truss, one of four which support the auditorium roof. School board members and administrative personnel Monday indicated

concern that all four trusses may have suffered damage and could give way if excessive weight is placed upon the roof.

Assistant Supt. James Jordan told board members that the situation with the roof was getting "progressively worse" and that there are several other problems associated with the auditorium. He said mortar joints between bricks in the north and west wall of

the auditorium "are in bad shape" and that water is coming in through walls. He said exterior decorative edging is cracking and some is falling off.

Supt. Williams told board members that the situation at John Graham could cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000 to correct. Williams questioned whether it was worth putting "that kind of money" into a building constructed in 1915.

John Graham Principal Ben F. Howard told members that after the structural defects were discovered several weeks ago, school food personnel "did a fantastic job" of providing meals for the student body. For two days students were taken to Hawkins School where they were fed while efforts to relocate the John Graham cafeteria were undertaken.

Howard said an automobile mechanics building, constructed in 1972 but vacant since a school consolidation two years ago, had been pressed into service and that food preparation equipment from the old cafeteria had been transferred and installed.

Mrs. Ann Kilian, food service supervisor for the county, told board members that the improvised cafeteria had received approval from the county sanitarian, and that some baking was being done at Hawkins School. She said she knew of no reason why the stopgap measure could not be utilized until the end of the current school year.

Henry Faulkner, who directs the county schools' maintenance department, said that there is not sufficient electrical service to operate all the equipment found in the old cafeteria, and that some sewer problems at the new feeding site could develop because of lack of proper elevation in the sewer line serving the building.

Principal Howard (Continued on page 8)

## Criminal Court Term Will Begin Monday

Three murder cases are scheduled for trial during a term of Warren County Superior Court scheduled to begin here at 10 a. m. Monday. Judge John C. Martin of Durham will preside.

District Attorney David R. Waters is expected to prosecute the docket for the state. Contained among the 40 cases set for trial are murder cases in which Joseph Smith, Haywood Perry and Sam P.

Cheek, Jr. are listed as defendants.

A variety of cases ranging from speeding to manslaughter are included on the trial calendar. One case is on probation docket, two cases are on the forfeiture docket and nine cases are on the appearance docket.

Members of the Grand Jury are expected to determine whether to find true bills of indictment in eight cases.

## Appearance Is Slated Here By Bloodmobile

The Warrenton Lioness Club is sponsoring a Bloodmobile next Wednesday (Feb. 9) from noon until 5:30 p. m. at the Lions Den.

"Donating blood is quick and relatively painless," Lioness President Alice Robertson said recently. "After a brief interview and tests for such things as weight, temperature, pulse rate and blood pressure, one pint is taken while the donor is in a comfortable,

reclining position."

Blood must be collected seven days a week to meet the needs of patients in the 104 hospitals served by the Carolinas Blood Services Region, Mrs. Robertson said. She added that over 4.5 million people live in this geographical area, comprised of 57 counties.

Actual blood donation takes only about seven minutes. A short rest period with light refreshments follows. Blood volume is restored within several hours, and red cell volume within several weeks.

Anyone between the ages of 17 and 66, weighing at least 110 pounds, and in good health, is eligible to donate blood.

Mrs. Robertson would also like to remind county residents who gave blood samples to the Warren County Health Department in the recent sampling of those in the area adjoining the PCB landfill that they can still give a pint next Wednesday. The small sample taken at the Health Department will not effect one's eligibility to give again.

## Tests Are Negative

# No PCB Trace Found In Afton Area Wells

No trace of PCB has been found in water samples taken from 36 private water wells located near the PCB Landfill at Afton, Warren County Health Director Joseph Lennon reported yesterday.

Lennon said that he had received a report showing that each of the wells tested had less than one part per billion of the banned chemical. He said equipment used to test the concentration of PCBs is unable to detect amounts below one part per billion. The Environmental Protection Agency has said 50 parts per million or less in soil is not a threat to public health, Lennon said.

The sampling was done by Thomas C. Karnoski, an environmental engineer with the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch of the State Division of Health Services. The state's Occupational Health Laboratory in Raleigh completed the analysis, Lennon said.

The well sampling was the latest in a series of tests performed in the area to determine if PCBs from the landfill were entering the environment. Monitoring wells on each side of the landfill and samples of both water and sediment from nearby Richneck Creek and a tributary examined late last year detected no PCB contamination.

Lennon said the most recent testing — that of air samples at and near the landfill — was con-

## Warren County Jobless Rate Up

Warren and 42 other Tar Heel counties experienced a rise in the unemployment rate during December, figures just released by the Employment Security Commission (ESC) reveal.

Warren County's unemployment rate for December stood at 14.2 percent, up from a November jobless rate of 13.6 percent.

The ESC report showed that 750 of Warren's employment pool of 5,270 workers were idle in December.

In December 1982, 52 counties recorded double digit unemployment. In the same month a year ago, 19 counties had unemployment rates of 10 percent or more.

The statewide total unemployment rate was 9.0 percent in December and 9.5 percent in November.

Among Warren's neighbors, Vance had a December jobless rate of 12.9 percent, Franklin recorded 10.1 percent unemployment, and Halifax had 11.2 percent of its work force idle.

cluded early this week. In this testing, done by the Battelle Memorial Institute of Columbus, Ohio working under contract with EPA, sophisticated equipment was put into operation on Wednesday of last

## In Wake Of Dispute

# Hospital Problem Solving Steps Are Being Discussed

By KAY HORNER  
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Three Warrenton physicians were continuing coverage of Warren General Hospital's emergency room today, despite a letter of January 6 to the hospital's board of trustees stating their intention to cease providing evening and weekend emergency room coverage as of yesterday.

Roy Pat Robertson, chairman of the hospital board, said this week that the possibility of staffing the emergency room with resident doctors from Duke Medical Center on weekends was being looked into. He said that this alternative would be less expensive than the one previously discussed where physician services would be secured through an agency. He estimated the cost of the Duke services at \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year, as opposed to \$250,000 a year for agency services.

"They're taking steps in the right direction," Dr. Donald R. Coffman, one of the three physicians involved, said yesterday. "As long as everybody is acting in good faith, we'll negotiate."

The dispute over emergency room duty came to a head last week. Drs. Coffman, Kirit Trivedi, and Mark Pomerans had stated their intention and the hospital board responded that failure of a doctor to provide emergency room coverage when scheduled would result in that doctor's loss of staff privileges at Warren General.

Dr. Pomerans said last week that the doctors were seeking relief from having to be on call every week for two or three nights and one or two weekends each month.

Robertson and Frank Hinson, hospital administrator, had expressed concern that the hospital could not continue to operate under state law without an emergency service with appropriate facilities and one or more duly licensed physicians available or on call for emergencies at all times.

week and operated until early this week. Samples were taken near the main vent pipe in the center of the landfill and at various distances from the landfill, including a sampling in the yard of Dennis

## At Soul City

# Industrial Facility Ready For Occupancy

Dr. Pomerans' office said this week that a two-week schedule for rotation of emergency room duty had been drawn up and was ready for distribution to the doctors.

Although his signature appears on the Jan. 6 letter from the physicians to the board, Dr. Pomerans is under contract to the hospital

## Ready For Occupancy

# Industrial Facility Ready For Occupancy

Officials of Central Sportswear are eyeing Monday as the starting date of operations in their 73,144-square-foot facility in Soul City.

Jerry Costa, vice president of manufacturing with Campus Sportswear, parent company of both Central Sportswear and Carolina Sportswear in Warrenton, said operations in the Warren Industrial Building at Soul City will be handled initially by some 35 workers who will be transferred from Carolina Sportswear.

The Soul City facility — known as SoulTech I when built in 1975 at a cost of more than \$1 million — will be the site of an operation involving the cutting of knit shirts.

The move to the new facility will open the way for 60 new jobs at Carolina Sportswear in finishing, sewing and supervision, Costa said. In two years, it could mean 120 new jobs at Carolina Sportswear.

Because of the state of the economy, Costa would not predict the number of new jobs created by the expansion to Soul City, but he said estimates on the work force have not changed since the company announced plans to locate in Soul City last August. Then it was estimated that the move would create between 150 and 175 new jobs.

Some 50,000-square-foot of the Soul City building has been renovated to make room for cutting equipment. Work on the remainder, to be developed as office

Harris, nearest resident to the landfill.

Lennon said the Ohio research organization "is trying to do a thorough job" and that he expects to receive a report on the air sampling shortly.

until March 8, and has stated his intention to honor his contract.

The hospital is also seeking to fill two staff positions following the resignation of a medical technologist and director of nursing. However, Hinson said these resignations were received prior to the recent developments over staffing of the emergency room.

## Scouts In Area Face Activities

Special activities are on tap later this month for 115 Warren County Scouts who will be taking part in Anniversary Week activities, Scout Executive Dave Flory said this week.

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The events will begin with a Feb. 5 gathering at the Henderson Mall where all troops, packs and explorer posts have been invited to set up displays, Flory said.

On Feb. 6, which has been designated Scout Sunday, all Scouts are invited to participate in Sunday services at their churches.

On Feb. 8, the Boy Scouts' 75th birthday, Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school and later attend a 6:30 p. m. birthday party at the Henderson Mall. During the party Scouts will enjoy free cake and juice and will see North Carolina's largest Scout emblem, Flory said.

Warren County now has 11 troops and packs. Among them are Pack 617, sponsored by Warrenton Baptist Church (Continued on page 3)