

Meet Asked On Hospital

As a result of a request made at a meeting of the Warren County Industrial Association, Warren County commissioners and Warren General Hospital's Board of Trustees are trying to set a date for an open meeting to discuss recent developments at the hospital.

The hospital board last month faced the possibility of closing the emergency room after three local physicians currently rotating emergency room duty said that they could not continue that duty and tend to their private practices.

However, the board of county commissioners last week unanimously voted to appropriate \$12,000 to keep the hospital open for 90 days while other arrangements are made.

Jim Whitley, county industrial developer, said the proposed meeting would provide a forum for the public to ask questions or make suggestions, and for county and hospital officials to get feedback from the public.

Whitley said he hoped the meeting could be scheduled the second or third week in March.

Meanwhile, hospital trustees were scheduled to meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight in regular session.

Two Charged In Arcola Theft

Two persons, alleged to have entered and robbed the Amos L. Capps Store and office at Arcola on Sunday, Nov. 11, 1982, are in custody of the law, and a third person is being sought, it was learned at the office of Sheriff Theo Williams yesterday. The arrests were made by Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton and SBI Agent J. F. Walker.

Raymond Allen Jackson, was arrested in Portsmouth, Va., on Feb. 1, 1983. He has been previously arrested in Gates County on charges of forging and uttering. His arrest was not revealed because of fear of scattering the suspects. He is being held on two counts of breaking, entering and larceny, and one count of safe robbery. He is being held under \$10,000 bond.

Kinsee McCrary Lynch, of 511 Quantical Street, Portsmouth, Va., was arrested Saturday, Feb. 11. He is charged in Warren County with two charges of breaking, entering and larceny and one count of safe robbery. He is being held under \$25,000 bond.

In the safe stolen from Capps office on Nov. 11, was a company check book. The thieves forged a signature and cashed a number of the checks, although not correctly issued. Clinton Capps had stopped payment on the stolen checks. When they were returned to those who cashed them, the culprits, were arrested on charges of forging and uttering and lodged in jail.



Trees along South Main Street in Warrenton hung heavy with ice Friday as a severe snow storm hit the Atlantic seaboard. Approximately three inches fell in Warren County, forcing a halt in school, and curtailing business activity. Warming temperatures over the weekend helped clear the roads and by today only a few stubborn remnants of the snow and ice storm remain. (Staff Photo)

Town Commissioners Meet

Uncertainty Exists Over Norlina Sewage Treatment

The Town of Norlina was on Feb. 10, 1983, notified of the status of the pumping station, Wastewater Systems Improvements at Norlina in a project memorandum from L. E. Wooten and Company, engineers for both Norlina and Warrenton. A copy of the memorandum was sent to County Manager Glenn Newsome, who turned it over to Pete Vaughan, Warrenton Administrator. It was read by Mayor B. G. White at the Monday night meeting of the Warrenton commissioners.

At the same meeting the commissioners learned of an altered agreement with the handling of Soul City water as it affects that town. They also learned that three sewage meters supposed to measure sewage from Soul City, Ridgeway and Norlina were non-functional, and that the Wastewater Treatment

Plant was flooded and beyond control.

The memorandum from L. E. Wooten and Company concerning wastewater system improvements at Norlina read as follows:

"The two pumping stations under this project as of this date have been checked and started up by the manufacturers representatives. The following date of events is listed for the town's project record files:

Southside Pumping Station

"December 29, 1982 — One existing pump was replaced by a new 150 GPM pump, and change over of 6-in. force main to the existing Warren County system was completed.

"January 5, 1983 — Second existing pump was replaced by a new 150 gpm pump.

"January 20, 1983 — Both pumps were satisfactorily checked by manufacturers repre-

sentatives, Consolidated Pump and Equipment, Inc.

Lagoon Site Pumping Station

"January 25, 1983 — Electrical work at pumping station was inspected by Warren County, and CP&L Company connected power.

"February 8, 1983 — Pumping station was satisfactorily started up by manufacturer representative, Usemc Inc. This pumping station was ready to be in operation."

In the at-times-heated discussion that followed the reading of the memorandum it was brought out that Warrenton had not been notified in November when sewage from Norlina's south sewage system was turned into the Warrenton sewage line, on a temporary basis, nor had Warrenton been officially notified of the connections as listed in the engineers' report to the Town of Norlina.

Indignation rose when Water Supt. Bill Neal pointed out that none of the three sewage meters are in operation, and thus he has no accurate way of knowing how much sewage is going into the treatment plant nor how much waste water is being received and from where it is coming.

County Attorney Charles Johnson, when asked for comment about the change in water rates made by county commissioners on February 7, said that until meters are operating the town cannot ascertain the cost of treating sewage, and until that cost is known any rates set are arbitrary.

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Seaboard Gives Notice

Rail Line To Norlina Could Be Abandoned

By KAY HORNER
Staff Writer

Thirty-three miles of railroad track between Roanoke Rapids and Norlina may be abandoned and service discontinued by the Seaboard System Railroad, according to a public notice published this week in The Warren Record.

The railroad has filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) a revised System Diagram Map showing that the track between Roanoke Rapids and Norlina has been assigned to category 1, which means that the filing of the abandonment or discontinuance application is anticipated.

Thomas Lynch, a spokesman for the railroad at its Charlotte office, said the track was reclassified for abandonment or discontinuance because it is used so little and is not profitable to operate.

Seaboard's line from Creedmoor to Henderson with a branch at Oxford and its line from Pender to Scotland Neck were assigned to category 1 several months ago, Lynch said.

According to Lynch, the notice of intention is made public through the media, and four months later, the railroad is permitted to file an application with ICC. ICC receives objections to the application. If objections are sufficient, an oral hearing is scheduled. If not, evaluation is made on written objections.

A hearing is held to determine if the impact of abandoning or discontinuing the railroad is sufficient to deny the application.

"Another company could take over the tracks, but if we can't make money on it, I doubt any others can," Lynch said.

Officials of Seaboard and of Warrenton Railroad Co. met yesterday to contact shippers on the railroad and to appraise the situation. Graolin Formyduval,

an owner of Warrenton Railroad, said yesterday morning that he didn't know what effect Seaboard's decision would have on his operations, and that he would

have a better idea of Warrenton Railroad's position after that meeting.

Results of the meeting were not available at press time.

Two-Year Terms Granted

New Contracts Approved For Top School Officials

The Warren County Board of Education Monday night approved a new two-year contract for Supt. Michael Williams and his two top assistants.

The unanimous decision to give two-year contracts to Williams and to two assistant superintendents, Mrs. Rachael Ricks and James Jordan, was handled routinely by the board, which two months ago

balked at awarding the contracts and ordered the matter tabled for two months.

On Monday night the same board member who argued for postponing the decision in December, Yarborough Williams, made a motion that the contracts be awarded. The board could have renewed the contracts for up to four years, but could not extend the contracts of assistant

superintendents beyond that of the superintendent.

Supt. Williams told the board that it would be necessary to draft a new contract for the board's final approval, and Board Chairman Henry Pitchford appointed himself and Henry Bobbitt, a board member, to assist the superintendent in preparing the contract.

While the renewal of contracts was a cut-and-dried matter for the board, not so was the matter of finding a replacement for Mrs. Kate Harvey Moore, media supervisor for the school system who intends to resign on or before March 31.

The board spent the bulk of a 90-minute executive session listening to complaints from Mrs. Irene Robinson, local teacher and one of 30 applicants for the post, concerning the manner in which applicants were selected to be interviewed for the upcoming vacancy.

After the session was opened to the public, Chairman Pitchford indicated that Mrs. Robinson had requested that she be granted an interview, but board members failed to take any action on the request for lack of a motion.

The matter apparently dead, Supt. Williams later said that Mrs. Robinson, who has been a member of the Warren school system for 22 years, and who now teaches the third grade at Mariam Boyd School, was not one of five candidates selected for interviews by Assistant Supts. Ricks and Jordan. From this list of five, not more than four applicants will be selected by the two assistant superintendents and Supt. Williams for presentation to the Board of Education.

The board tentatively set Feb. 22 as the date upon which interviews for the media post will be held by the board.

Supt. Williams said he was pleased, but not surprised, at the number of applicants for the 12-month position. He said the job pays a monthly salary of from \$1,704 to \$2,490, depending upon the employee's certification rating and experience.

Family Escapes Mobile Home Fire

The Wayne Neal family was lucky to have escaped from a mobile home with no physical damage during a fire that totally destroyed the dwelling early on Wednesday morning of last week, according to Capt. Walter Gardner of the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department, who said the fire was flaming over their heads when they awoke around 4:20 a.m.

Damage to the building was estimated to have been \$8,000 and damage to its contents \$5,000.

Seven firemen with a crashwagon responded to the call to the home between Embro and

Odell. The fire originated from a wood stove.

They assisted Macon's unit whose firemen responded with a pumper and a tanker and Arcola firemen with a pumper and a tanker.

A second dwelling fire occurred at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday of last week when four firemen were sent to the trailer home of Virginia Richardson on State Road 1614 at Afton. The Warrenton rural firemen assisted Afton rural firemen.

The fire originated from a stove. Damage to the trailer was estimated at \$2,555.

Eleven rural firemen (Continued on page 5)

Zoning Amendment Is Given Approval

An amendment to the official zoning act of the Town of Warrenton previously made by the Warrenton Board of Adjustment, following a public hearing in the town municipal building was approved by the Warrenton commissioners Monday night. The amendment was effective upon its adoption.

The tract covered four acres of land on the A. K. Mustian tract on the Norlina Road, upon which it is contemplated will be built a series of houses to be inhabited only by senior citizens.

In the motion adopted by the commissioners, the property was changed on the zoning map from zoning district R-30 (Residential) to zoning district R-8, (also residential.)

Two Judges Appear, Jurors Not Needed

By HOWARD JONES

Two Superior Court judges appeared in Warrenton on Monday morning, each prepared to preside over a civil session of court, and 65 jurors showed up, found their services were unneeded, drew their \$8 per diem pay, and went on their way.

These unusual aspects of a term of Warren County Superior Court were about the only developments to note during a term which ended about 2:30 p.m. on the same day it began.

Superior Court Clerk Richard E. Hunter, Jr. said that both Judge James Long of Yanceyville and Judge John

Martin of Durham were on hand to convene court.

He said Judge Martin had originally been assigned to conduct court in Onslow County, but that term was cancelled. He said state court officials failed to notify Judge Long, who was to have been Judge Martin's replacement.

The one case which required the services of jurors was settled out of court before jurors reported for duty, Hunter said.

Action was taken on a total of ten cases during the session. One case, Eleanor Green Ellis vs. Maurice Crump and Frank Ballance, was continued for the term.

Courtroom Praised By Durham Judge

By KAY HORNER
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Judge John C. Martin of Durham took time last week during a session of Warren County Superior Court to compliment the citizens of the county on their courtroom.

He noted that of the more than 35 courtrooms he has presided over, Warren County has one of the best maintained and most orderly.

In later conversation, Judge Martin said that acoustics are so poor in some courtrooms in the district that testimony must be suspended

when people enter or leave the courtroom and he commended the county for its remodeling efforts.

The present courtroom is Warren County's third, and was built in 1906 to replace the courthouse built in the 1850s by Jacob Holt, Edward Rice, and Francis Woodson.

The courtroom, on the second floor of the courthouse, seats about 300 and during remodeling in 1968 the ceilings were lowered, and carpeting and panelling were installed.