



SENTINELS OF SPRING — Two traditional and seasonal jonquils are among the thousands now in full bloom in Warren and surrounding counties. This pair was photographed Monday in a garden on Eaton Avenue in Warrenton. (Staff Photo)

Architect Tells Board

John Graham Repairs Could Take \$1 Million

Members of the Warren County Board of Education Monday night were advised to consider an alternative to spending \$1 million for needed repairs at the main building at John Graham Middle School.

"I recommend that you not think of any long-term use of the building," Rocky Mount Architect Dan Knight, who designed the county's consolidated high school, told the board.

Knight appeared before the board — which was without members Leigh Traylor and Mrs. Kathy Wilson — to report on an extensive inspection of the main physical plant at John Graham recently conducted by his firm.

That inspection followed in the wake of discovery of a water damaged roof support truss which forced school officials to place both the auditorium and the cafeteria beneath off limits to students and faculty members.

Just to repair that damage, Knight said, would require about \$100,000. The job is complicated by the fact that the floor of the auditorium and the ceiling of the cafeteria, is not adequately supported to help bolster the roof truss.

"To correct the roof problem, we have to correct the floor problem," Knight told the board.

He said his firm's inspection revealed that two trusses have been damaged by water, but could be repaired.

Knight said a complete inspection of the main school building — built in 1915 — showed "quite a bit of deterioration, but no safety hazards."

He said inspectors found leaks and plaster deterioration in several areas, toilets that were substandard and devices needed for the physically handicapped and a boiler and piping system that "represents a potential problem."

He said it could cost \$900,000 to \$1 million to do a complete renovation. In view of the number of teaching stations in the John Graham building, he said, the board would do well to consider building a new school for approximately the same money.

money. Knight said that the masonry walls of the building are in good (Continued on page 6B)

Cheek Enters Plea

Murder Cases Dominate Time Of Superior Court

The April term of Warren County Superior Court convened here at 10 a. m. Monday with Judge James R. Strickland of Jacksonville presiding over his first term of Warren County Court.

Two murder cases had taken up most of the time of the court when court adjourned last night prior to early printing of this newspaper Wednesday morning.

Following the usual routine concerned with the opening of a court term, the court used up the remainder of the first morning with pleas and hearings. Monday afternoon the selection of a jury for the trial of Sam P. Cheek, Jr., charged with the murder of Mark Anthony Haislip at a trailer court in Norlina around 2:30 a. m. July 1982, was started.

The jury was seated

around 10:30 Tuesday morning, whereupon Cheek, through his attorney changed his plea to voluntary manslaughter, with evidence in his defense to be given Thursday morning. Evidence for the state in the Cheek case occupied the remainder of the morning session when the court recessed for dinner.

When court resumed for the Tuesday afternoon session at 2:30, Judge Strickland asked the jurors to leave the court room for around 30 minutes in order that a technical matter in the Haywood Perry murder case might be ruled upon.

The defense attorney made a motion for dismissal on the ground that the constitutional rights of his client had been violated in that he was improperly arrested and held in jail. Deputy Bobby Dean

Bolton was called to the witness stand, and recited how he had gone to the residence of Haywood Perry on Rt. 2, Warrenton, and arrested Perry, at 11:40, May 11, 1982, recited his rights at the time and started to Warrenton in order to take Perry to a magistrate. En route to Warrenton, he asked Perry what he had done with the pistol, and was told that it was in his truck. He turned around and returned to the truck where he had asked Mr. Davis for permission to look in the truck, where he found the pistol. He then returned with his prisoner to the magistrate's office, to which R. S. Rodwell, the magistrate was summoned.

Following the submission of the evidence by Deputy Bolton, (Continued on page 7B)

Congressional Support Asked

Educators Seeking \$9 Billion Aid Bill

The Warren County Board of Education Monday night agreed to contact Second District Rep. Tim Valentine urging his support of a proposed U. S. House bill which would provide

\$9 billion for school repairs throughout the country.

Members of the local board looked favorably upon a report from Supt. Mike Williams concerning proposed federal

legislation which calls for the use of unemployed workers to repair the nation's schools and libraries.

That bill, known as the Emergency Educational Facilities Repair and Renovation for Jobs Act, would authorize \$3 billion a year for six years for the repair and maintenance of schools, colleges and universities and libraries that due to a lack of funds have deferred projects such as roof repair, painting, asbestos removal and interior modernization.

Half of the proposed funds would go to local school districts "to employ unemployed individuals in maintenance, repair, renovation and reconstruction of public school facilities." Colleges and universities would receive \$1 billion yearly, with public libraries receiving the remaining \$500 million.

The bill's prime sponsor, Rep. Dale E. Kildee (D-Mich.) has said that 99 out of every 100 school districts throughout the country have been forced to defer maintenance and major renovation because of financial problems.

"That becomes a very costly delay because, as time goes on, prices get higher and the cost to do repairs increases substantially," he was quoted as saying. "In addition, a great deal of preventative maintenance has been neglected to the point where the

repair will no longer help and things must be replaced."

Superintendent Williams distributed a handout to school board members showing that Kildee has cited as an example a New York State school that had put off painting its windows because of money problems. "That seems like a minor thing," he said, "but that school has waited so long for the money to be able to do that painting that now the windows must be replaced — at \$1,000 per window."

If passed, the proposed legislation would provide that the Department of

Work Is Proceeding On Peck Expansion

Workmen have begun raising the first wall in a new 20,000-square-foot building which represents the first stage of an expansion move by Peck Manufacturing Company.

Plant Manager Bill Leary said yesterday that the walls are going up in the new building which will house a warehouse and winding department.

Announcement of Peck's major expansion was announced last fall by company officials who painted a rosy picture of the Warrenton textile operation despite

gloomy forecasts for the textile industry nationally.

The new building, of brick construction, will be served by a sprinkler system throughout. Leary said the lines were being laid underground on Tuesday.

The expansion is the first to be made by Peck since 1979, when a 9,000-square-foot addition was completed. Company officials hope to occupy the new facility in August. Spinning equipment will be put into the area now handling the warehouse and winding department, Leary said.

Ridgeway Girl Gains Recognition For Work

Ann Marie Holtzman, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Holtzman of Ridgeway has been named state 4-H project winner in poultry production. The announcement of her selection was made yesterday by George W. Koonce, Warren extension agent in charge of 4-H activities.

Miss Holtzman, one of 41 North Carolina 4-H members being recognized for project achievement this year, will be the recipient of a \$50 savings bond from the N. C. Mutual Hatchery Association for her

selection. Koonce said the local winner has been actively engaged in the poultry project for the past two years as a part of her family hatching egg production operation.

"The Holtzmans have two 40-foot by 400-foot layer houses with a capacity of 19,000 chickens," Koonce said. "Ann Marie, who has become proficient in the operation of the fully automatic equipment installed in the houses, serves most often as the person in charge of daily operations."

He said Miss Holtzman knows and carries out feeding management and environmental control operations of the houses, as well as automatic egg gathering, cleaning, stocking and grading operations as received from supervisors.

The Holtzman family began their egg production operations in 1980 and produce eggs for Perdue Farms, Inc. of Aoshkie.



MISS HOLTZMAN

Warren County Students Selected For Girls State

Two high school girls will represent Warren County at the 44th annual session of Tar Heel Girls State, to be held at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during June 12-18.

Selected to participate in this year's program from Warren Academy is Debra Jean Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown of Vaughan. Representing Warren County High School will be Lynne Overby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Overby of Norlina.

Girls State is a school of government which provides high school girls with an opportunity to study and practice citizenship in a democracy. As future voters and office holders, these participants are expected to use the knowledge obtained at Girls State.

The Girls State program is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary whose goal is to instill in the youth of America a love of God and country.

Miss Brown has served as president and treasurer of her class, as Student Council

treasurer, as a member of the annual staff and newspaper staff. She was a member of Alpha Beta honor club and the Beta Club, a member of the French Club and chorus and won the typing award as a sophomore.

She was a member of the basketball and softball teams, a cheerleader and a member of the Monogram Club.

She lists as her interests ballet, tap, jazz and toe dancing and piano.

She is a member of the Vaughan Baptist Church where she is a member of the choir.

Miss Overby is a member of the Student

Council and has been a member and accompanist of the Eagle Chorus. She is a varsity cheerleader.

A member of the Norlina Baptist Church, she is a member of Acteens and a leader of Children's Church, which is a worship service for children.

Last summer she attended the Governor's School for choral music. She is a member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Her interests include swimming and math, particularly computer science. She hopes to study at North Carolina State University.



MISS BROWN



MISS OVERBY