

Roof Leaks Cause Hospital Damage

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Leaks in the roof of Warren General Hospital are so extensive that hospital administrator Frank Hinson said this week that it would be easier to point out areas where the roof doesn't leak than to point out areas where it does.

During a tour of the facility, the Warren Record found that water damage to the walls and ceiling throughout the

hospital had caused paint to peel and plaster to fall. Damage in one of the private rooms had rendered it no longer usable.

Trash cans were situated at the entrance to the operating room, in the scrub area, to catch water. In another area, plaster had fallen from a corner of the ceiling, leaving the steel in the structure exposed.

In the X-ray Department, water had dripped down the wall

and eaten away at the plaster directly over an electrical outlet.

"During a recent snow, we had trash cans and buckets across one of the main patient halls to catch the water leaking from the ceiling," Hinson said.

According to Hinson, a new roof was put on the building about seven years ago by CAR-VA Roof Maintenance and Weather Proofing Co. of Henderson. He said there apparently have

been problems with the roof leaking ever since that time.

Mrs. Eva Clayton, chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, said this week that she had been asked by Hinson to have the commissioners inspect the hospital. She indicated that the Facility Committee of the board, chaired by Jack Harris, would be visiting the hospital, although a date had not been set. "However, the

board will respond very soon to the request."

Mrs. Clayton said the board had received no "Official communication" regarding the problems with the roof at the hospital, but that they were "generally aware" that the hospital needed extensive repair work in several areas.

"The question, of course, is not whether to repair the roof, but how

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RAIN DAMAGE — A corner of a room in Warren General Hospital shows the damage that has been caused by roof problems.
(Staff Photo)

Lawmen Recover \$25,000 In Stolen Goods From Lake



Halifax Sheriff Bill Bailey and Detective Sam Sledge joined Warren Sheriff Theo Williams and Deputy Thomas McCafferty at Farmers Warehouse Monday to examine this boat and other stolen merchandise recovered following a week-long effort to round up the stolen property.
(Staff Photo)

Two Nash Men Face Multiple Charges

The recovery of approximately \$25,000 in stolen property believed taken mostly during a rash of break-ins at Lake Gaston summer homes has led to the arrest of two Nash County men, the Warren County Sheriff's Department reported yesterday.

Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton said the Nash County men, both residents of Rt. 1, Middlesex, although not neighbors, have been charged with felonious possession of stolen property, and that additional charges are expected to be lodged against the pair.

County Jail was also pressed into service as a storage area for the recovered goods.

Bolton said that he began uncovering the stolen property a week ago, and that he was assisted by the Zebulon and Middlesex police departments in addition to the Nash County Sheriff's Department. He said several members of the Warren County Sheriff's Department had aided in the recovery.

Final Report Date Listed

May 10 is the final date to file a 1983 crop acreage report for wheat, barley, oats and rye, Thomas E. Watson, executive director of the Warren County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, reminded local farmers this week.

All producers of these crops should file crop acreage reports in order for the farm to receive history credit and for proven yield purposes, as applicable, he said.

Producers participating in the 1983 Reduced Acreage and PIK programs for wheat must file a wheat acreage report by the May 10 deadline or they will be ineligible for benefits under the 1983 programs, Watson reported.

"Conserving use acreage must be designated by May 10 unless the producer is participating in the 1983 crop program," he said.

"Producers participating in both the wheat and corn program will have until June 15 to designate their set-aside under both programs."

Accuracy in certifying program acreages is essential and only the farm operator, farm owner or properly authorized agent may file an acreage report, Watson reminded growers.



Warren Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton is shown Tuesday morning with a small portion of the stolen goods recovered after a multi-county investigation. Most of the loot is believed stolen during a string of break-ins at Lake Gaston.
(Staff Photo)

After Board's Vote

Mayor Signs Application

Norlina Mayor Kenneth Davis Monday night signed an application for \$8,300 in state funds to do the groundwork for a proposed community development block grant which would be used primarily to upgrade a black residential area of town.

Mayor Davis put his signature on the planning grant application moments after the Norlina town board voted unanimously to ask for initial funding. The deadline for receipt of the grant is May 2, and town officials are expected to learn if they will receive the funding by mid-August.

At Monday night's meeting, the second in eight days in which public input was sought, representative of the town's engineering firm, L. E. Wooten and Company, said a preliminary survey showed that prime consideration should be given to upgrading facilities in a residential area of East Norlina served by Sugar Hill, Washington and Kearney streets. The neighborhood is split by the railroad and U. S. Highway One.

The Wooten representative, Bucky Moore of

Greenville, said a study of the black neighborhood showed that 90 percent of the neighborhood's 93 dwellings were substandard. Additionally, he said, 71 were found to be served by inadequate water lines and 68 are served by inadequate streets. He said all 93 dwellings have inadequate drainage and are subject to periodic flooding.

In addition to the black neighborhood, Moore said two smaller target areas, occupied by persons of moderate or low incomes, had been isolated and would be studied for possible aid if a community

block grant is received. Wooten engineers will conduct the preliminary study which could lead to receipt of a block grant next year.

In their last effort to gain a block grant for rehabilitation in the town, commissioners were unsuccessful in their 1977 application.

The bulk of the funds in the planning application will go for base mapping, door-to-door surveys and engineering analysis, Moore said.

Some 15 residents of the black neighborhood were on hand to witness the final step in the planning grant application procedure.

Repairs Said Expensive For Local Radio Station

WVSP Radio, 90.9 FM, will be conducting a fund-raising marathon this weekend to help pay expenses incurred recently when the station's transmitter malfunctioned, according to Robert Lynch, director of development for the station.

There were several technical problems at the transmitter, according to Lynch, and the station was off the air for about six weeks

during repairs.

Repairs at the transmitter were very expensive, Lynch said, costing \$6,600 for parts only.

"We're hoping that the fund-raiser this weekend, and the concert by Juicy at the Triple Oaks Club on Highway 301 between Enfield and Whitakers Friday night, will help us with expenses," Lynch said.

WVSP is a public radio station.

Democrats To Gather

The Warren County Democratic Executive Committee will meet Thursday, April 28, at The Carriage House in Warrenton at 7 p. m. This will be a Dutch dinner meeting and all members are asked to be present.

Members of the Executive Committee consist of those chairmen and first vice chairmen elected at the March 3 precinct meetings, the president of the Democratic Women's Club and the present officers.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on recommendations from the chairperson for appointments to the Warren County Board of Elections, together with any other items of business to be conducted.

"This notice is being published in adherence to the guidelines of the plan of organization of the Democratic Party of North Carolina," Mrs. Patsy T. Hargrove, chairperson of the Warren County Democratic Executive Committee, said.

Referrals Behind Physician's Move

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The primary consideration in the decision of a South Hill, Va. surgeon to practice one day a week in Warrenton was the number of patients being referred to him from the Warren County area.

Albert L. Daw, M.D. will open his office Monday on the Warren General Hospital campus on Ridgeway Street.

In Warrenton this week, Dr. Daw said he anticipates that much of his practice will be on an outpatient basis. However, he will use Warren General Hospital to perform simple surgical procedures involving no extensive hospitalization.

Dr. Daw, a native of Washington, N. C., has practiced for four years in South Hill in association with Frederick Sturmer, Jr. M.D. in Southside Surgical Associates.

Initially, Dr. Daw will be on duty in the Warrenton office on Mondays. Eventually, he will be joined by Dr.

Sturmer in rotating duty in Warrenton.

Dr. Daw, a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia.

He served his surgical residency at Prince George's County Hospital in Maryland, and is certified by the American Board of Surgery.

He is also a diplomate, American Board of Surgery, and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.



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