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MISS HAYNES



JOHNSON

Tax Base Said Up By \$7 Million

Warren County's tax base for 1983-84 is expected to climb about \$7 million over the approximate \$193 million tax base for 1982-83, according to County Commissioner Jack Harris.

The county tax supervisor's office is still in the process of compiling the tax valuation figures. Completion of that calculation is expected at the end of this month, according to Janice Haynes, tax supervisor.

That information is vital to county officials as they begin work on the 1983-84 budget and the establishment of the new tax rate.

The 1982 rate was 96 cents per \$100 property valuation.

The budget for the county must be adopted prior to July 1.

Norlina Receives First Sewer Bill

Based on the first month's billing, Norlina's annual charge for connecting onto the regional sewage treatment system will be well in excess of \$20,000 a year, Norlina Mayor Kenneth Davis said yesterday.

Davis said expenditures for the treatment plant for April totalled \$7,925.20, of which Norlina is expected to pay \$2,139.81. He said the amount billed Norlina was based on 27 percent of the total amount of sewage treated.

During the month, Norlina had 4,025,714 gallons of its sewage treated, while Warren County had 10,647,286 gallons treated. Soul City was charged with having 237,000 gallons of sewage treated during April.

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Judge Hobgood Will Speak At Academy's Exercise

Baccalaureate services will be held at Warren Academy on Sunday, May 22, at 8 p. m. The Rev. John Alford will deliver the sermon. The Rev. Jon Strother and Miss Wanda Carroll, a senior, will also participate in the service.

Commencement exer-

cises will be held on Wednesday, May 25, at 8 p. m., Hamilton Hobgood, retired Superior Court judge from Louisburg, giving the address. Judge Hobgood, who received his A.B. in Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his L. L. B. at Wake

Forest, served as resident superior court judge for the Ninth Judicial District from 1955 to 1980. At the present time he is part-time professor of political science at Louisburg College and an Emergency Judge of Superior Court.

Judge Hobgood's achievements and awards are many: he received the President's Award of the N. C. Conference of Superior Court Judges in 1973, the Walter B. Clark Award of the N. C. Academy of Trial Lawyers in 1976, the John J. Parker Award of the N. C. Bar Association in 1977, the Outstanding Alumni Harris Award of the Wake Forest University School of Law Student Bar Association Jurist in 1978, and the Distinguished Service Award of the N. C. Crime Commission in 1981.

Others on the program are the Rev. Gary Parker, Stewart Johnson, Julius Banzet, III, Paula Hayes, and B. L. King. The Warren Academy Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Glenn Coleman, Jr. will provide the music. The organist will be Mrs. Monroe Gardner, and

Stewart was accompanied to the meeting by Benjamin Bunch, a campaign assistant.

Stewart Is Running, But It's Unofficial

Former House Speaker Carl Stewart of Gastonia told a representative of The Warren Record Tuesday that he would definitely be a candidate for lieutenant governor of North Carolina next year, although his official announcement would not be made until October. "There is not the slightest doubt that I will be a candidate," he said.

Stewart, who lost a close race to Lt. Governor Jimmy Green in his first try for state-wide public office three years ago, met with friends and supporters at a public reception at The Carriage House from 5 to 6:30 p. m. Some 150 persons were present

for the reception where light refreshments and punch were served and Stewart buttons and bumper stickers were passed out and where he received many promises of support.

Stewart, who is legal counsel for the Warren Nursing Center now under construction on the Norlina Road, said that at the recent groundbreaking ceremonies, the contractor told spectators that he expected the building to be completed before Thanksgiving. "He now says it is running ahead of schedule," Stewart said.

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For Purpose Of Collecting Taxes

Poor And Well-To-Do Find Names Listed

By KAY HORNER
Staff Writer

At least once a year, the poor and the down-trodden in Warren County find themselves in the company of the more affluent and successful.

In May, the county and town tax collectors, in accordance with state law, publish the names of persons and businesses owning real estate for which taxes have not been paid for the preceding year.

The notices officially inform the public that liens upon the real estate described will be sold at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder.

An examination of the first of four such notices from the Warren County tax collector published in The Warren Record on May 4 indicated that taxes had not been paid on well over 1,000 parcels of land.

Some of these tracts are part of unsettled estates, others are owned by people who are unemployed,

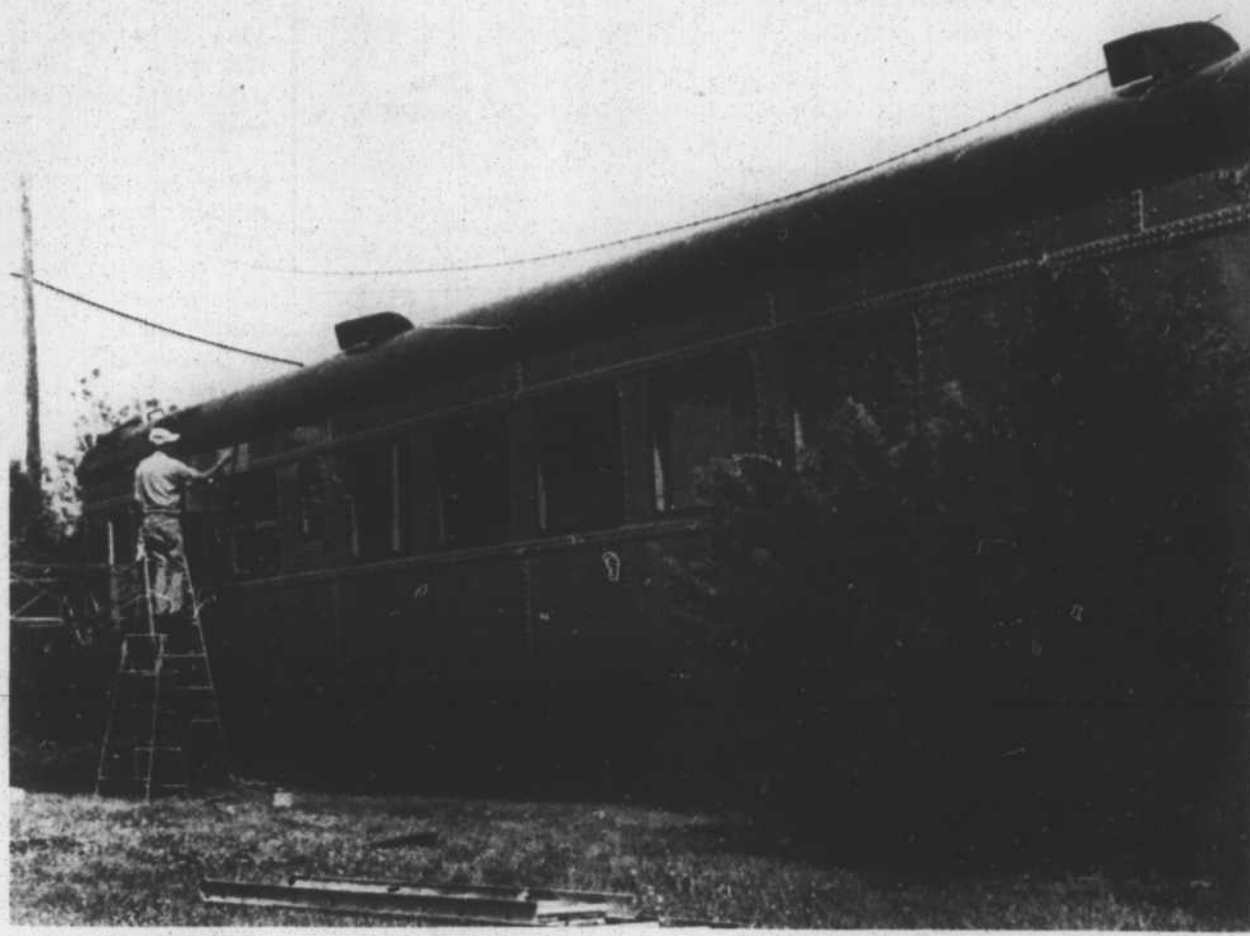
and others are owned by people whom economic circumstances have left unable to pay the taxes owed.

But some tracts are owned by people gainfully employed in government, in the practice of law, and in private enterprise.

The prospect of one's property being sold at public auction for non-payment of taxes and the embarrassment of having one's name published in the local paper seem incentive enough to get most citizens to pay promptly.

However, the process involved in selling such property at public auction is long and complicated, according to Susan W. Whitley, Warren County tax collector.

"In the four years I've been county tax collector, we've only had about two different sales of actual property, with five or six tracts involved in each,"



FACE-LIFTING — Norlina's public library, housed in a railroad car in the center of town since June, 1976, got a fresh coat of paint last week from

Joe Edgerton, shown above, and Kathy Mustian. The unusual library building houses approximately 7,000 volumes. (Staff Photo)

Two Arrested After Break-In

An investigation following a break-in of a mobile home on Kerr Lake, owned by Mrs. Naomi Berry of Colonial Heights, Va., early in May led to the arrest of the alleged robber, and the alleged "fence" and recovery of part of the stolen goods by Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton on Tuesday morning.

Arrested by Bolton Tuesday morning was John Glenn Coleman, of Rt. 1, Manson, who was charged with felonious possession of stolen goods. He was released in the custody of his mother and was expected to be given a 96-hour hearing in District Court this morning.

Also arrested by Bolton on Tuesday and charged with felonious breaking, entering and receiving was William Leon (Moon) Mayfield of Brown Circle, Soul City. He was placed under \$1,000 bond for a 96-hour hearing in District Court this morning.

Among the recovered items as listed by Bolton were a 19-inch color TV; two black and white TVs; one 5-band radio; one 8-track tape deck with detachable speakers; and one mini AM-FM radio with ear-phones.

Not recovered were the following items listed as being stolen

from a shed behind the trailer: one 10-amp. battery charger; one Coleman lantern; five rods and reels; fishing equipment, and one 6-gallon gasoline can.

No One Injured As Sheriff's Car Strikes Vehicle

Late for a funeral at 11:05 a. m. Friday, May 13, Deputy Sheriff Harold Seaman became involved in a serious accident here as he attempted to pass two cars on a yellow line. Freddie Robinson, police chief and investigating officer, reported Monday.

Chief Robinson said evidence was that two cars were headed north on Main Street with the leading car owned and operated by "Hoot" Holler, owner of Martin Well Company. The following car was not identified. Overtaking the two cars, Deputy Seaman attempted to pass on a yellow line. He passed the first car, but crashed into the Holler vehicle which was making a left turn into a street leading to his home.

Both cars were badly

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County Salaries Are Not In Line, Report Indicates

Warren County's key officials fare more poorly than do their counterparts in each of Warren's neighboring counties, statistics released by the Institute of Government have revealed.

The salaries are included in an annual publication recently made public. It shows that Warren is on the bottom of the salary scale when compared with officials in Vance, Franklin, Halifax and Northampton counties.

The figures, contained in "County Salaries in North Carolina," are as follows:

SHERIFF	
Warren	\$17,000
Vance	24,960
Franklin	22,469
Halifax	23,003
Northampton	22,656
COUNTY MANAGER	
Warren	\$27,748
Vance	31,509
Franklin	31,509
Halifax	31,593
Northampton	32,004
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
Warren	\$1,555
Vance	3,000
Franklin	3,120
Halifax	1,670
Northampton	1,896
REGISTER OF DEEDS	
Warren	\$15,282
Vance	21,672
Franklin	16,988
Halifax	22,455
Northampton	20,364
FINANCE OFFICER	
Warren	\$19,548
Vance	24,960
Franklin	21,426
Halifax	21,908
Northampton	20,352
TAX SUPERVISOR	
Warren	\$15,281
Vance	23,820
Franklin	19,542
Halifax	21,908
Northampton	11,820
VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER	
Warren	\$11,757
Vance	15,804
Franklin	15,498
Halifax	13,789
Northampton	11,820
SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR	
Warren	\$20,520
Vance	24,960
Franklin	21,723
Halifax	29,356
Northampton	27,396
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	
Warren	\$32,490
Vance	43,392
Franklin	34,740
Halifax	45,393
Northampton	42,552
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION CHAIRMAN	
Warren	\$23,155
Vance	25,857
Franklin	27,590
Halifax	34,386
Northampton	37,007