



These six juniors at Warren County High School will serve as marshals for commencement exercises for the Class of 1983 to be held Friday night beginning at 7 o'clock. Selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, this year's marshals are,

from left, Stacey Lawhorne, Monroe Limer, David Perkinson, Lynne Overby, Susan Smith and Sherry Wilson. For list of graduates, see page 8.

(Community Schools Photo)

Town Gets Recertification

The Town of Norlina has received official notification from Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. that it has been certified as a recipient of the N. C. Governor's Community of Excellence Award for the third consecutive year.

Notification of the recertification came from Norlina Mayor Kenneth Davis, and followed a May meeting of representatives of the N. C. Department of Commerce with Norlina representatives to determine if the town met qualifications to receive the award again.

Also present at the meeting were Warrenton representatives who

in past years have worked hand-in-hand with Norlina officials to receive the governor's award. However, Warrenton Mayor B. G. White said this morning that Warrenton has received no official notification, but that he felt that if Norlina received recertification,

Warrenton would too.

The designation as a Community of Excellence is designed to help communities take those steps needed to make them attractive to economic development.

Winning communities are given special promotional attention when working with in-

dustries looking for a plant site in North Carolina.

Mayor Davis said that the Town of Norlina will officially receive its award from the governor at a statewide economic development conference scheduled for the Raleigh Civic Center on October 19.

Not Guilty Verdict Given After Manslaughter Trial

A Norfolk man was found not guilty of manslaughter last week in Warren County Superior Court in the death last August of Ronnie Carlisle of Gaithers-

burg, Md. in a boating accident on Lake Gaston.

William Bryan Slade was represented in the jury trial by Charles M. White, III, of Warrenton and David Sousa of Henderson.

Slade was found guilty of operating a motorboat without navigational lights, and was fined \$50 and ordered to pay cost of court.

A charge of operating a motorboat in a reckless and negligent manner was dismissed for insufficient evidence.

The state was assisted in prosecution by Gilbert Chichester of Littleton.

In other cases disposed of by Judge John C. Martin of Durham, Earl Limer, convicted during an earlier term of three counts of assault, was ordered confined to the N.C. Department of Correction for three years, suspended for five years with super-

vised probation. He was ordered not to have in his possession or subject to his control any firearm or other deadly weapon, and to submit to a treatment regimen as prescribed by the director of Vance-Franklin-Warren County Mental Health Services and to participate in that treatment until released in writing by the probation officer and the treating physician. He was ordered to pay \$5,436 restitution to Nathaniel Brantley of Warrenton and to pay a fine of \$1,000 and court costs.

A motion in the case of Melvin Anderson on a charge of attempted arson was allowed which would have Anderson committed to Dorothea Dix Hospital for examination to determine his capacity to proceed with the trial.

Other cases were as follows:

Raymond Allen Jackson, charged with breaking, entering, and

Another Shipment Of Cheese On Way

The Warren County Department of Social Services will receive another shipment of United States Department of Agriculture Surplus cheese tomorrow (Thursday).

Due to limited supply, Warren County is to receive only 75 percent or 18,000 pounds of its requested 24,000 pounds, according to notification received by Julian Farrar, Social Services director this week. Farrar said distribution would be held the entire week of June 13 or until all the shipment is depleted.

New USDA regula-

tions (for the month of June only) make the cheese available to the elderly age 60 or over, disabled persons receiving Social Security and/or SSI, recipients of AFDC, Food Stamps, and Medicaid, and also those persons with gross income at or below 150 percent of the 1982 non-farm poverty level.

This cheese will be given out from the mobile unit behind the Social Services building on Ridgeway Street in Warrenton.

Volunteers are again requested to help with the distribution.

Mobile Homes Affected

Change Made In Local Tax Listing

By KAY HORNER
Staff Writer

Mobile homes that have underpinning or additions rendering them permanent structures will be considered real estate rather than personal property in future tax assessments as a result of a vote by the Warren County commissioners in their regular meeting Monday.

Steve Whitaker with Carroll-Phelps Co. of Winston-Salem recommended that the specifications in his contract with the county governing single and double-wide mobile homes be changed to make valuations "more fair."

He noted that modular homes are appraised as real estate, and that in many instances, especially on nearby Kerr and Gaston lakes, the mobile homes are sold with the property.

The board voted affirmatively on Whitaker's request, but asked that he present to them at a later date the exact wording of the change.

The board also voted to grant 145 releases presented by tax supervisor Janice W. Haynes for corrections on the listing of real estate and personal property. The releases amounted to about \$6,000. Mrs. Haynes told the board that the county had gained about \$39,000 in bills to those who had failed to list property.

The board also voted to grant a five percent reduction in the value of property in Rennhaven Subdivision after Whitaker stated that the value previously set was not accurate because the developer had not developed the land as anticipated and now had an "excess" of undeveloped land.

A reduction in the \$2,000 tax value of Lake Gaston Estates was also granted based on appraisal information.

Refunds totaling less than \$163 were granted to three county residents who were inaccurately assessed or had improperly listed property.

Calls For Four-Cent Tax Hike

Commissioners Given '83-'84 Budget Look

By KAY HORNER
Staff Writer

A proposed balanced budget for fiscal year 1983-84 of \$4,326,575 was presented to Warren County commissioners by County Manager Glenwood Newsome at their regular meeting Monday.

The budget represents an approximate 9 percent increase over the current year, and an ad valorem tax rate increase of four cents, from 96 cents to \$1 per \$100 valuation.

The breakdown of the budget figure is \$3,899,575 from the General Fund and \$427,000 from the Revenue Sharing Program.

A five percent salary increase was proposed for county personnel, but no merit increases were recommended.

Increased appropriations called to the board's attention by Newsome included those for Warren County Schools System for current expense and for the office of Industrial Development and the Warren County Department of Social Services.

The amount budgeted for Warren County Schools fell significantly below the amount requested.

The amount requested from the General Fund for current expense was \$1,093,291; \$906,246 was budgeted. The capital outlay request was \$562,155 of which \$100,000 was budgeted from Revenue Sharing.

The county Department of Social Services had requested the funding for seven new positions to help with paperwork involved in the Food Stamp and Aid to Families with Dependent Children programs. Only three of these positions were budgeted for, Newsome said.

That department's proposed funding is \$1,057,574, an increase of \$105,431 from the current year.

The recommended funding for Industrial Development is \$46,590, an increase of \$9,590 over the current year. Of this amount, \$14,060 is for the employment of a full-time secretary for the industrial developer. The position is part-time in the current budget at \$6,700 per year. Funds for rental of office space were also increased to \$2,200 from \$900, to cover locating the industrial developer in close proximity to the county manager's office.

Appropriations for the Debt Service Fund total \$211,620. Of this amount, \$110,650 is for interest on the new school bond and \$37,000 is for principal on the bond. The remainder includes \$20,000 for old school bonds, \$1,950 for interest, and \$34,000 for sewage treatment bond interest, and \$8,000 for principal.

The budget for the Warren County Sheriff's Department totals \$158,912 from the General Fund, an increase of \$18,912 over the current budget. A special designation for salary supplements for the sheriff and deputies totaling \$6,084 was also recommended.

The Regional Water System was budgeted \$92,000 for the purchase of water, a decrease of \$5,000 from the current year.

A total of \$140,343 was budgeted for the Warren County landfill, a decrease of \$34,660 from the current budget. In that budget, \$83,280 was budgeted for waste industries, an item divided between the general fund and Revenue Sharing in the proposed budget.

Revenue sharing funds decreased \$55,000 from the amount budgeted for fiscal year 1982-83. Newsome said the decrease was the result of unanticipated expenditures in the fund.

The budget includes appropriations from

care, \$30,000 for a new roof, \$20,000 for painting and repair of walls, \$42,000 for equipment, and \$60,000 for emergency room physicians were not budgeted.

Revenue sharing funds for the hospital in the current year totalled \$81,172.

Revenue sharing funds designated for volunteer fire protection and rescue squads totalling \$104,053 were budgeted, an increase of a little over \$25,000.

A request for capital outlay from Revenue Sharing to repair the roof and paint the outside of Warren County Jail were also not included in the budget. However, \$1,200 was allotted for stainless steel commodes and sinks at the jail.

The total amount of Revenue Sharing designated for the jail is \$69,538, an increase of \$11,850.

In his report to the commissioners, Newsome said

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By Norlina Board

Policemen Given Holiday Schedule

Town policemen will be entitled to compensatory time off for working six holidays a year under a new policy adopted Monday night by the Norlina Board of Commissioners.

The policy was approved following a motion by Commissioner Jim Overby that Norlina policemen be given the same consideration as is given other town employees concerning holidays. It was noted that policemen must work on holidays, and thus it was ordered that they be given a day off for each of six holidays worked during the year.

The holiday policy was one of two items affecting the police department which was tabled at the May meeting of the town board. At that time commissioners were asked to grant a cost-of-living increase and give consideration to a more liberal holiday policy.

At Monday night's meeting, the matter of pay increases was discussed, but no action was taken, pending

adoption of a final budget for 1983-84. Just when that will be was not determined Monday night. In order for the board to comply with the law, a tentative budget, based on last year's budget figures, was adopted, and Town Clerk Mae Gums said she would have a budget for the board's consideration prior to the June 30 fiscal year end.

In other action, Mayor Kenneth Davis said he would contact officials of the Warren County school system to see if an alley between Norlina Middle School and Dr. D. R. Coffman's property could be closed at one end to cut down on pedestrian traffic in the area.

The interest of the board in closing the alley came after Commissioner James Vaughan reported that the property "is being used for a little of everything, including smoking dope."

In the report of committees, Vaughan told fellow board members that the Fire Department had answered five calls during May, two in town and three in the fire district.

Commissioner William Leonard reported that the police department had answered 15 calls and made 13 arrests during the previous month. Commissioner Ben Lloyd reported that the water department was "staying busy."

At the request of Commissioner Overby, the board agreed to meet informally each Monday night with Street Supt. James Boyd and Police Chief Roney Williams to provide a work list for the week.

Dissension riled the town meeting on two occasions.

The first occurred when commissioners argued over the question of replacing a water line to Lee (Continued on page 8)



Captain Paul Kearney, right, commanding officer of the Warrenton National Guard unit, presents retiring SFC Martin L. Vaughan with a certificate of appreciation for Vaughan's 32 years of service during a Sunday morning ceremony in the Warrenton Armory. Vaughan, the unit's mess sergeant for many years, was commended by past and present Guardsmen, and was later given a rod and reel and fishing tackle box by his fellow soldiers. His wife and daughter, Penny Sue, were present for the ceremony, and Mrs. Vaughan was given a plaque recognizing her contributions as a Guardsman's wife.

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