



Firemen and equipment from four rural volunteer fire companies answered a fire call to this frame one-story home of Mrs. Pauline Watson of Perrytown at 3 p. m. on Friday of last week. Efforts of the firemen were in vain and the home was a total loss. Origin of the fire and value of the home has not

been determined. Answering the call were nine rural firemen, a pumper and tanker from Warrenton; a company from Ridgeway with pumper and tanker, the first to arrive at the scene; Cokesbury, with a pumper; and Afton-Elberon, with a pumper and a tanker. (Staff Photo)

## Commissioners Authorize Extra County Trash Pickup

Trash collection at 16 solid waste dumpster sites in Warren County will be increased from two to three times a week through September in an effort to alleviate an overflow trash situation that Warren County Commission Chairperson Eva M. Clayton termed "deplorable" at the board's regular meeting Monday.

Thirty dumpsters at the 16 sites serving the Lake Gaston area, Warren Plains, and at the caution light on Highway 158 at Macon will be serviced on Saturday, in addition to regular pick-up on Monday and Thursday.

The commissioners hope that the additional pick-

up will handle the increased usage experienced during the summer months.

The cost to the county of the Saturday pick-up will be about \$248 per week, and is scheduled to begin immediately and continue through September.

The board instructed the county manager and finance officer to find funds for the pick-up, which was not budgeted for.

The commissioners' action came after discussion Monday with representatives of Solid Waste Industries, the firm that empties the dumpsters for the county, Henry Holtzman, solid waste landfill supervisor for the county, and two residents of Wildwood Point subdivision.

A common complaint of lake residents during the past year has been that dumpsites are not emptied often enough to handle summer volume and that trash and debris are left at the site.

Holtzman told the commissioners Monday that his department has only three employees, and that one person is assigned the responsibility of cleaning up debris around the more than 100 dumpsters in the county.

Two residents of Wildwood Point subdivision again appeared before commissioners to comment on the dumpster site on State Road 1362 at Lizard Creek near the entrance to the subdivision.

Donald Frech, president of the Wildwood Point Propertyowners Association, and Dale Oberg showed the commissioners a diagram of the dumpster area and made suggestions as to how it could be improved by paving the access road and clearing underbrush now hiding the dumpsite from the road. It has been suggested that the lack of visibility of the site makes users more prone to litter the area.

However, the dumpsters are on property owned by VEPCO, and the county has been requested by VEPCO to find another site.

Mrs. Clayton noted that improvements at the site would be contingent on VEPCO allowing the county to keep its dumpsters there.

Mrs. Clayton appointed a committee consisting of herself, and Commissioners George Shearin and William Skinner to look into the various problems relating to the county's solid waste disposal sites.

## Board Vetoes Referendum

# Hearing Scheduled On New Sales Tax

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Warren County commissioners will forego a referendum on the one-half cent sales tax recently authorized by the General Assembly and will decide themselves whether or not to levy the tax after a public hearing on the matter later this month.

In their regular meeting Monday, the commissioners scheduled the public hearing for August 17 at 8 p.m. at the Warren County Courthouse.

Chairperson Eva Clayton suggested that the hearing be held in September, to give the Warren County Board of Education and concerned citizens ample notice of the meeting and time to prepare comments.

The school system will receive 40 percent of the revenues from the new tax over the next five years for capital school construction and 30 percent for the same over the following five years, as required by law.

However, Commissioner Jack Harris said he felt the school board would be on hand for the public hearing even if it were held within the next few weeks, and that he favored having the hearing and acting on

the tax as soon as possible because of the revenue involved.

Law requires that the hearing be advertised in the public press a minimum of one time at least 10 days in advance.

Warren County stands to gain significantly in tax revenues from the new tax because of a formula that calls for distribution by population rather than point of sale.

An additional \$367,000 could be brought into county coffers annually by enactment of the tax, depending on participation by other counties throughout the state.

## No Action Is Taken

# Ouster Of Delbridge Is Discussed In Private

Warren County Commissioners met for two hours in executive session Monday to discuss requests by recently ousted ABC Board member Bill Delbridge of Norlina, but reconvened in open session having reached no final decision.

Chairperson Eva M. Clayton told the board in their regular meeting that she had met with Delbridge at his request and that he had taken personally his removal from the ABC Board "for no cause," that he felt his resignation, offered in January of this year but not accepted then, was no longer effective, and that in his opinion, the board's action reflected negatively on him.

Before going into

executive session, she reported to the commissioners that Delbridge wanted them to rescind their action or allow him a public hearing. Mrs. Clayton also said that Delbridge had been in contact with attorneys and that legal action against the board was a possibility.

"I'm not sure a public hearing would help resolve the issue," Mrs. Clayton said, continuing that lawsuits are "sometimes inevitable." Delbridge, contacted yesterday, said that

Mrs. Clayton had assured him in their meeting that he was "due" a public hearing. He had no comment on the possibility of a lawsuit, saying "I wouldn't want to give the impression that I'm trying to threaten them."

The controversy began in January when the state ABC Board recommended changes in the Warren County ABC operation to increase profitability.

At that time, the board consisted of (Continued on page 8)

## Near Golf Course

# New Development Is Given Final OK

Final approval of the Warren County Planning Board was given Thursday night to plans for a new residential development near the Warrenton Golf Course.

Members of the planning board, meeting in regular monthly session, gave their unanimous approval to the final plat of Foxfield Manor, a subdivision near the eastern edge of the Warrenton Golf Course which will be developed by Warrenton Insurance and Real Estate.

The proposed subdivision just off Highway 58 was one of four getting approval from the planning board.

Three other developments were given preliminary approval. John Nelson and Clyde Harris, developers of River Forest Subdivision in Warren County, were on

hand to go over plans for a 44-lot subdivision, half in Warren and half in Halifax, which will adjoin the Ferncliff Development on Lake Gaston.

The proposed subdivision, which as yet is unnamed, covers 102 acres. All lots in the tract are waterfront lots, the developers said.

Members of the planning board also gave their approval to creation of five lots in River Forest Subdivision, a 21-lot development first unveiled in 1982.

Preliminary approval was also given a plat of a subdivision in Sixpound Township owned by Willie Robinson. The plans for the 17 lot subdivision were presented by C. Eugene Bobbitt, Warrenton surveyor.

## Land Purchase Near

Negotiations are underway for the sale of two parcels of property in Soul City, according to Charles Worth, of Charles J. Worth and Associates, Realtors.

A church-related group from out-of-state is interested in the Pleasant Hills subdivision of 71.5 acres subdivided into 85 residential lots, and industrial land of about 100 acres, Worth said.

Worth said he could not comment further until the transaction was completed, and projected a mid-August closing date.

The property is now owned by the federal government.

## Low Bid Is Rejected Monday By County Body

Warren County commissioners at their regular meeting Monday voted to reject a low bid of \$21,102 submitted for work at the Warren County solid waste landfill and ordered that the project be readvertised for bids at the recommendation of County Manager Glenwood Newsome.

Newsome said he felt even the low bid, submitted by Harold Harris, was too high for the work involved.

The work, on the second phase of landfill construction, calls for the digging of a disposal trench and sediment control basin.

In other business, the

commissioners approved a contract for services of the Special Deputy Child Support Enforcement Agency. Funds for the contract were budgeted for this fiscal year, and 70 percent will be reimbursed by federal agencies.

The commissioners also designated Chairperson Eva M. Clayton as a voting delegate to the N. C. Association of County Commissioners meeting August 11, 12 and 13 in Greensboro.

They also approved the Arcola and Drewry fire departments for recertification, as recommended by Commissioner George Shearin, fire commissioner.



Children were much in evidence Sunday afternoon at Hebron Methodist Church as an ice cream and cake party was enjoyed by both young and old members of Hebron, Macon Methodist and Warren Plains Methodist churches. Hand-cranked

freezers and home-made cakes were placed at tables labelled with months of the year, and members having birthdays during a particular month sat at the specially designated table. (Staff Photos)