

Delbridge To Serve As ABC Consultant With No Salary

Bill Delbridge of Norlina, a former member of the Warren County ABC Board, said this week that he has accepted an offer of a consultant position made by the board, but that he will not receive any fee in connection with his work.

Delbridge indicated that a contract has yet to be drawn up by the board, but that he has accepted the position and will be reimbursed for "reasonable" expenses although he will accept no fee.

Delbridge is one of two ABC Board members recently relieved of their duties by the Warren County commissioners in an effort to clean house and set

up an all-new board to tackle what the state ABC commission in January cited as low profitability within the county ABC system.

The ABC Board in August authorized its chairman, Mrs. Bernadine Ballance, to offer Delbridge a six-month contract with a stipend of \$200 a month.

This action brought repeated criticism from Warren County Commissioner Jack Harris, who questioned the need for such a service.

Mrs. Ballance has stated that Delbridge, a retired Norlina postmaster, was offered the position because of his information and knowledge of the ABC system.

Oct. 15 Is Target Date For Finishing

Construction on the 100-bed Warren Nursing Center on U. S. 401-158 between Warrenton and Norlina may be completed by October 15, according to Woody

Brown, director of operations for Autumn Corporation of Rocky Mount, which will manage the center.

Brown estimated last week that about 85 to 100 full-time and part-time employees will be hired at the facility.

The firm is currently in the process of filling administrative and department head positions. Personnel hired for these key positions will, in turn, begin interviewing for vacancies in the various departments sometime between October 15 and 25, according to Brown.

A target date sometime between Nov. 1 and 15 is anticipated for the admission of the first patients, but Brown cautioned that unforeseen circumstances in construction or administrative matters could cause delays.

It has been projected that the 30,000-square-foot facility, designed by C. Robert Shields and constructed by Commercial Builders, both of Rocky Mount, will have an annual payroll of \$750,000 and an operating budget of \$1,250,000.



Warren County Sheriff T. R. Williams, in white shirt, looks over an illicit whiskey making operation uncovered Monday morning by sheriff's deputies and Alcohol Law Enforcement officers. The still, located north of Drewry near the Virginia border, was ready to be run when it was found by officers. No operators were found at the scene. The raid culminated a push by ALE officers and deputies to uncover liquor and drug law violations. (Staff Photo)

Heating Cost Assistance Again Available Locally

Low-income households in Warren County will again be eligible for assistance with heating costs this winter, according to Julian Farrar, director of Social Services for the county.

Application for assistance must be made at the Department of Social Services on Ridgeway Street in Warrenton.

To facilitate the process and to prevent long waiting periods, applications will be received on an alphabetical basis, depending on the first letter of the last name.

The schedule is as follows:

A, B, and C, apply Oct. 4 and 5; D, E, and F, Apply Oct 6 and 7; G and H, apply Oct. 10 and 11; I, J, and K, apply Oct. 12 and 13; L, M, and N, apply Oct. 14 and 17; O, P, Q, and R, apply Oct. 18

and 19; S and T, apply Oct. 20 and 21; U, V, W, X, Y, and Z, apply Oct. 24 and 25.

Those who are unable to apply on the above dates may apply Oct. 26-Nov. 30, except for the holidays of Nov. 11 and Nov. 24.

The coordinator for the program has stressed the agency's need for the cooperation of all applicants so that application can be completed without undue hardship on anyone.

Applications will be accepted between 9 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. on weekdays.

Payments to eligible households will be mailed from Raleigh during the month ofuary, 1984.

To establish eligibility, the following information will be required:

1) A list of persons in the household, their

birth dates, Social Security numbers and type of income.

2) Check stubs for the month of October for each working member of the household.

3) The latest bank statement and/or savings passbook for each household member with a checking and/or savings account at a bank or savings and loan association.

4) Award letters for benefits received from Social Security, unemployment, Veterans Administration, pensions from employers, or trust funds.

5) Food stamp ID (Continued on page 6)

Board To Meet

The Warren County Board of Commissioners will have a special meeting tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p. m. at the Warren County Courthouse.

Lengthy Undercover Operation Finished With Arrests Of 15

State and local law enforcement officers have concluded a two and one-half month undercover operation aimed at curtailing drug and alcohol abuse in Warren County with the arrests of 15 Warren residents.

Announcement of the arrests was made Sunday by Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) agents and members of the Warren County Sheriff's Department. Officers said they expect to make one final arrest before the operation is considered closed.

Lawmen fanned out over Warren County at 7 a. m. Saturday to arrest persons charged with liquor and drug violations. All were accused of having dealings with one or two undercover agents working in the operation.

As many as one dozen ALE agents worked with the Warren County Sheriff's Department in rounding up the 15 charged with liquor or drug violations.

Chief Warren Deputy B. D. Bolton said a saturation search of areas of Warren County on Monday marked the finishing touches of the operation. Under the direction of ALE Officer Edward Holmes, the search netted an average size liquor still north of Drewry and a small patch of marijuana near the U. S. 158 Bypass between Norlina and Macon.

Bolton said the discovery of the whiskey still was not brought about by the arrests of the 15 men charged. Officers on foot teamed with agents aboard a helicopter to uncover the still, which contained 11 barrels of mash, but no quantity of moonshine liquor.

All of those charged in the undercover operation are scheduled to appear in Warren County District Court on Oct. 5. The names of those charged and their alleged offenses, include:

Larry Alonzo Jordan, 31, of Rt. 2, Manson, possession of marijuana. He was cited to appear in court.

Wilson Lee Somerville, 46, of Macon, possession of a fortified wine upon premises where such possession was not authorized. He was cited to appear in court.

Ralph Davis, 35, of Rt. 1, Norlina, selling non-tax paid liquor, possession of non-tax paid liquor. He posted a \$250 bond.

William Jordan, 55, of Manson, felonious possession of marijuana with intent to sell. He posted a \$1,000 bond.

Haywood June Cheek, Jr., 56, three counts of selling tax-paid liquor and four counts of possession of tax-paid liquor for sale. He

posted a \$500 bond. Bobby Harris, 25, of Rt. 1, Warrenton, possession to sell counterfeit drugs and selling and delivering counterfeit drugs. He was given a custody release.

Samuel David Alston, 28, of Warrenton, possession with intent to sell marijuana. He posted a \$250 bond.

Michael Debnam, 23, of 311 Warren Street, (Continued on page 6)

Drewry Firemen Respond

This Fire Call Was For Birds

By KAY HORNER
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The Drewry Volunteer Fire Department recently responded to a call that was for the birds—literally.

The call came from H. A. Dunaway of Satterwhite Point on Kerr Lake. One of his five cockatoos, a parrot of the same variety as the colorful fowl of TV "Baretta" fame, had been frightened when someone knocked on the front door of the home and had flown out an open back door and onto the limb of an oak tree in the yard.

The Dunaways, according to Drewry Fireman Randy Curtis, stayed up all night trying unsuccessfully to coax the bird to the ground.

Finally, they sought the assistance of Vance

County firemen, who referred them to the Drewry department.

The bird remained on his perch until Drewry firemen Curtis and L.M. Paschall, Jr. arrived on the scene and wet the bird's feathers, causing him to fly to a smaller tree. They then liberally doused the bird with water, rendering him unable to fly and causing him to fall, unharmed, to the ground.

Curtis and Paschall apparently wanted no publicity for their rescue work, and when contacted this week, Curtis said he had hoped to keep the whole thing under wraps.

Their efforts resulted in a \$50 donation from the Dunaways to the Drewry Volunteer Fire Department.

Four Enter Races In 3 Municipalities

The political pot which will be boiling by Election Day has begun to simmer as three non-incumbents and one incumbent paid their filing fee for municipal offices in Norlina, Warrenton and Macon.

At Norlina, former Mayor E. L. (Bill) Perry paid his filing fee shortly after the opening of the filing period at noon Friday in his bid to become town mayor for a two-year term.

Perry, who recently graduated from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson with a bachelor of arts degree in social science, previously served for 10 years as Norlina's mayor. He was defeated in 1981 by Kenneth Davis, who has said he will not be a candidate in the November 8 election.

Also entering the race for a seat on the five-member Norlina Board of Commissioners is K. C. Severance, former Norlina businessman and former member of the Warren County Board of Elections.

At Warrenton, political newcomer Robert (Rabbit) Brown became the first to pay his \$5 filing fee to become a candidate for one of the town's seven commissioners.

Brown, a resident of

West Franklin Street, is a graduate of John R. Hawkins High School and attended A&T College in Greensboro. He is a veteran of World War II, serving in the European and Mediterranean theaters.

At Macon, incumbent Carroll Harris, a Warrenton businessman who makes his home in Macon, has filed for another term on the five-member Macon Town Board.

Education Board Plans Interviews

The Warren County Board of Education will interview three applicants for a teaching vacancy at Vaughan Elementary Thursday night, School Supt. Mike Williams said yesterday.

The special meeting will begin at 7 p. m. in the conference room of the administration building on Cousin Lucy's Lane. It is an outgrowth of the board's regular meeting September 12 when board members balked at making an appointment of an EMH/LD teacher nominated by the school administration.

Williams said the (Continued on page 6)



Mrs. Anna Fuller, right, and Mrs. Jean Burton, volunteer workers, enter farm exhibits during registration at the Warren County Fair on Monday afternoon. (Staff Photos)



Miss Emily Ballinger, Warren home economics extension agent, checks some of the crafts entered at this year's Warren County Fair which is in progress this week.