

Community Service Awaits Those Convicted Of Driving While Impaired

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Warren County's first defendants charged with driving while impaired under the state's newly enacted Safe Roads Act won't appear in court until Nov. 9, but a DWI coordinator has been on the job since Sept. 15 organizing a DWI Community Work Service Program.

Under the law, sentencing for those convicted of DWI may involve in part a choice of a jail sentence or community service. When the defendant opts for the latter, Arie Novella Davis, one of the DWI coordinators for the 9th Judicial District, goes to work to place the defendant with a public service agency for "volunteer" work.

A Warren County native and a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Miss Davis works under the chief district court judge. She is responsible for the program in Warren, Franklin, and part of Vance County.

Although it is difficult to know how many people will be involved in the Community Service Work Program, Miss Davis is geared to process about 850 people a year in the three-county area. She and Mary Colenda Caudle, DWI coordinator for Gran-

ville County, will share responsibilities for Vance County.

The new law, which eliminates plea bargaining for drunken driving cases, provides several levels of punishment.

A 10-day revocation of one's driver's license is automatic for drivers charged with DWI who either refuse to take the blood alcohol test or have a blood alcohol concentration of .10 percent or more.

Other sentencing may involve a choice of community service or jail, along with permit revocation and fines.

For instance, one of the least severe sentences involves 24 hours in jail or 24 hours of community service, or a 30-day loss of driving privileges, or any combination of the three. A fine of up to \$100 may also be imposed.

The two most severe levels of punishment require a mandatory jail sentence of from 14 days to two years and a fine of up to \$2,000 or a jail sentence of from seven years to one year and a fine of up to \$1,000.

The law is complex, and the judge is given discretion in determining punishment.

Legislation provides for consideration by the

judge of grossly aggravating factors, aggravating factors, and mitigating factors.

Among the mitigating factors are a safe driving record and a slight impairment because of alcohol intake.

It is in these cases that the judge may offer the defendant the choice of a jail sentence or community service.

Sgt. S. S. Bailey with the N. C. Highway Patrol said this week that exact figures on DWI arrests in this area had not been tallied, but that arrests were down "for now."

"The response from the public has been good," Sgt. Bailey commented. "Publicity has had a bearing on this. But we really don't know how long it will continue like this."

Richard E. Hunter, Jr., Warren County clerk of court, said Monday that his office had processed only three DWI charges since the law went into effect earlier this month.

Heman R. Clark, secretary of the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, recently expressed appreciation to Chief District Court Judge Claude W. Allen of the 9th District and his

committee for the "long hours and hard work they have put in to get the (Community Service Work Program) underway. It is a splendid example of state and local officials working together for the public good."

"I believe the community work service program is going to be the linchpin upon which the structure of the Safe Roads Act stands," Clark said. "We anticipate that up to 50,000 persons a year could be sentenced to community service work for DWI."

"It is through this program that the community and the courts can work together to ensure that the Safe Roads Act is effective and reduces the terrible carnage drunk drivers have been causing on our highways."

The program has been established in each of the state's 34 judicial districts, and 57 DWI community work coordinators have been employed to work in the program.

The program is funded through a \$1.5 million appropriation by the 1983 General Assembly. Each defendant sentenced to community service work pays a fee, and those fees will fund the program after the first year.

Warren Bridges To Be Replaced

Three bridges in Warren County are included in a list of sub-standard bridges targeted for replacement by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The state Board of Transportation added

Local Woodyard

Changes Hands

Continental Forest Industries, which has operated its woodyard on Highway 158 in Norlina for approximately 13 years, has recently sold the yard to Stone Container Corporation, a firm based in Chicago, Ill. The transfer was part of a multi-million dollar deal which included Continental's Papermill in Hopewell, Va., where most of the Norlina wood shipments are sent.

When Continental first opened the yard in the early 1970's, the yard was equipped to handle shortwood only. In 1981 a slashing machine was added to process longer wood up to tree-length material.

Under Stone's ownership the yard will continue to buy both shortwood and longwood. Employees on the yard are Jimmy Bowen, Eddie Hicks, and supervisor Trent Tatum. Two foresters, Hunter Roop and Carolyn Coleman Currin, are responsible for supplying the yard with wood. Stone will do business in Warren and surrounding counties as Stone Forest Resources Incorporated.

new bridge replacement projects totaling over \$165 million to the list of bridges scheduled for replacement at its Friday meeting in Raleigh.

The board's will provide an average of \$85 million a year in state and federal funds to replace over 500 bridges during 1985 and 1986.

In addition, the board continued 162 active replacement projects currently included in the department's Transportation Improvement Program. The active projects are either in the planning stage or under construction.

The Warren County bridges included in the replacement program are:

—The bridge on U. S. 401 which crosses Fishing Creek, scheduled for replacement in 1985 at a cost of \$345,000.

—The bridge on N. C. 58 which crosses Fishing Creek, scheduled for replacement in 1986 at a cost of \$190,000.

—The bridge on State Road 1133 which crosses Shocco Creek, scheduled for replacement in 1986 at a cost of \$215,000.

Federal-aid funding will come from revenues generated by the five cent per gallon federal gas tax hike approved by Congress in April. State funds approved by the 1983 General Assembly will be used to match federal-aid.

In remarks to the board, state Secretary of Transportation W. R. (Continued on page 10)



Warren County 4-H'ers Tony Majors (helper), Jim West, Ben Pulley, Henry Pulley, Sallie West, Nat West, Paula Pulley and Dan West (left to right) and Robin West (not pictured) showed ten steers in the State Junior Steer Show at the N. C. State Fair on October 14. Appreciation is extended to the following businesses who helped to buy the steers at the public auction on October 14: Winn Dixie, Raleigh; Warren FCX, Warrenton; N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, Raleigh; Branch Banking and Trust Co., Littleton; Carolina Production Credit Association, Halifax and Jackson; Stallings Milling Co., Louisburg; Farm Tractor and Equipment Co., Henderson; Gus Lancaster Stockyard, Rocky

For Annual State Steer Show

Littleton Club Shares Top Honors As 4-H'ers Converge On Raleigh

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Eight Warren County 4-H club members showed ten steers in the State Junior Steer Show at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh on Oct. 14. The 4-H'ers—Robin West, Sallie West, Nat West, Jim West, Dan West, Henry Pulley, Paula Pulley and Ben Pulley—are all members of the Golden Star 4-H Club in Littleton. Dan West won high honors with a second place in the State Junior Fitting and Showmanship Competition.

The ten steers were sold at public auction on Oct. 14 for a total of \$8,288.00 plus. Their combined weight was 11,538 pounds. Virginia Packing Company in Suffolk, Va. paid \$56.75 cwt floor price for all steers over 1,000 pounds and \$53.75 cwt for all steers under 1,000 pounds.

Businesses in Warren, Vance, Edgecombe, Halifax, Franklin, Nash and Wake counties helped to buy the Warren County 4-H steers. All money up above the \$56.75 floor price was contributed by the businesses identified in the photo's caption. This local support made possible the success of the Junior Steer Show and Sale at the State Fair and Warren County 4-H Beef Program. Their support is greatly appreciated by the 4-H exhibitors, their parents, and the Warren County Agricultural Extension Service.

In the Market Steer competition, a total of \$590.00 worth of premiums were divided among the eight

Mount; Citizens Insurance and Bonding, Warrenton; Branch Banking and Trust Co., Warrenton; First Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Warrenton; Peoples Bank & Trust Co., Norlina; First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Roanoke Rapids; IGA, Warrenton; Bowers and Burrows Oil Co., Warrenton; Dillard's Auto & Tractor Parts, Inc., Littleton; A. M. Newsom Agency, Inc., Littleton; Norfleet's Hardware, Inc., Warrenton; Bullock Oil Co., Warrenton; W. A. Miles Hardware Co., Warrenton; Carbisco, Inc., Rocky Mount; H & R Block, Henderson and Warrenton; and Traylor's Hardware, Inc., Norlina.

(Extension Service Photo)

Warren County 4-H exhibitors. In the junior division, placing and premiums were: Class 1-A—Henry Pulley, tenth and \$55.00; Dan West, third and \$90.00; Class 2-A—Paula Pulley, ninth and \$60.00; Jim West, eighth and \$65.00; Class 3-A—Ben Pulley, tenth and \$55.00; Class 4-A—Sallie West, 16 and \$25.00; Class 5-A—Henry Pulley, 15th and \$30.00; Nat West, tenth and \$55.00; Jim West, fifth and \$80.00; Class 1-B (Senior Division)—Robin West, sixth and \$75.00.

Dan West also did extremely well in the Junior Showmanship Contest, placing second overall and winning \$70.00 premium money.

The Extension Staff is grateful to the 4-H'ers for their many hours and hard work in preparing these cattle for the show. We thank the parents—Fred and Rosamond West, Justice and Virginia West and Travis and Judy Pulley—for their enthusiasm and tremendous support of their children.

Other youths ages 9-19 are invited to participate in the 1984 Junior Beef Cattle Shows. Now is the time to start. Most show participants buy their cattle one year in advance. Interested Warren County youth should contact Chet W. Maxey, Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent, or Glenn Woolard, Associate Extension Agent, 4-H, at 257-3640 or 101 South Main Street in Warrenton. Other youths should contact the livestock or 4-H agent in their respective counties.

282 Have Registered

New Voter Drive Has Impact Here

Figures recently tallied by the Warren County elections supervisor indicate that a nationwide drive to get more blacks registered to vote has had an impact in the county.

Since last fall, 282 voters have registered in Warren County. Of that number, 229 are black, 52 are white and one is Indian.

According to Mrs. Ruby Jones, election supervisor, only a few of those registered since last election are Republican, with the vast majority being Democrats.

The additions to the roll of registered voters

brings the total in the county to 9,510.

Of this figure, 5,249 or slightly more than 55 percent, are black.

The U. S. Census of 1980 lists the population of Warren County at 16,232, with 60 percent black, 36 percent white and 4 percent other races.

The county is predominantly Democratic, with fewer than 400 Republicans registered.

More than 1,570 voters are registered to vote in the municipal elections scheduled next month for Macon, Warrenton, and Norlina.

Brauer Is Selected Year's Top Ruritan

William Brauer of Norlina was presented the Ruritan of the Year Award by the Norlina Ruritan Club at its annual Ladies Night meeting on October 11.

President Clifton Hicks made the presentation, noting that Brauer, a member of the Warren County Fire Commission, had been a faithful worker in the club as well as a member of the Lutheran Church, the Warren County Farm Bureau, and the Cattleman's Association.

Brauer was described as "one who would lend a helping hand wherever needed."

The Norlina Woman's

Club served dinner to the group and during a short business session, new officers were elected.

An address of welcome was given by Vice President Wayne Kinton and the response was given by Mrs. Pattie Brauer.

Entertainment for the evening was presented by "The Brighter Side" of Durham. Group members are Patricia Hicks, Earl Echols, Margaret Cash, and Wayne Bridges.

An inspirational program of gospel songs was presented and the meeting closed with the singing of "Goodnight Ladies" by the men.

Stabilization Receives 69 Percent Of Offerings

In the Warrenton Tobacco Market sales Monday, 69 percent of the 333,135 pounds of tobacco sold went to Stabilization, according to Alice R. Robertson, sales supervisor.

The sales totalled \$537,949 with an average of \$1.61 per pound.

Mrs. Robertson said that about 20 percent of the tobacco sold during the season has gone to

Stabilization, with a total of 5,018,990 pounds sold for \$8,413,998.

The average price per pound for the season is \$1.68.

Two sales are scheduled for next week, Mrs. Robertson said, but the Tobacco Board of Trade which meets today may decide to cancel one of those sales.

Second Meeting Set

Warren County commissioners, who in the past have met only once a month in regular session, will tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 o'clock hold the first of their regularly-scheduled night sessions.

The board voted in its last meeting to convene in a regular session on the third Wednesday night of each month to provide the working public with greater access to the board.

The board also meets on the first Monday of the month at 9:30 a. m.

Both sessions are held in the Warren County courthouse.