



Monday's snowfall lingered on the branches framing the home of Mrs. Virginia Pearsall of Warrenton and gave Warren County students two days of vacation. Approximately six inches of snow was reported. School officials announced yesterday

that students will make up the snow days on Thursday, April 19, and Monday, May 28, Memorial Day. Saturday, Feb. 11, will be a teacher workday.

(Staff Photo)

## Warren Political Pot Bubbles As Candidates Beat Deadline

A flurry of last-minute filings for political office in Warren County Monday has assured contests for key county posts in the May 8 primary, although several office seekers will make their election bid without competition.

Running without opposition will be James T. Fleming, seeking a seat on the Board of County Commissioners, and Richard Roddy, seeking a seat on the Board of Education.

The most crowded field is that competing for the register of deeds position. Incumbent J. H. (Jim) Hundley, who has held the post for many years, will have opposition from Mrs. Kathy H. Wilson, a former member of the Board of Education; from Lawrence Harrison, a Warren deputy sheriff; and from Mrs. Margaret J. Pettaway, a teacher's aide at Mariam Boyd Elementary School.

Hundley was the first to file, announcing his bid several weeks ago. The other three filed Monday prior to the noon deadline.

Three candidates are in the race for the seat

on the board vacated by Mrs. Wilson. They are Mrs. Joyce Darnell Odom, a former board member who is currently employed as a bookkeeper; Al L. Cooper, Jr., a production technician for Abbott Laboratories in Rocky Mount and the operator of a grocery store in Arcola; and Mrs. Cora T. Watson, a resident of Vaughan and a veteran Warren school teacher who retired several years ago.

While Roddy, a Warren businessman who operates Lake Gaston Supply Co., is unopposed in his bid to replace veteran board member Henry Bobbitt, who did not seek re-election, there is competition for the third seat up for election. That is the seat now held by Leigh Traylor of Norlina. Opposing Traylor will be Robert Douglas Kirk, Jr., a park ranger at Kimball Point State Recreation Area.

Fleming, Warrenton businessman, has a clear way in his race for the seat held by W. J. (Jack) Harris of Warrenton, who did not seek re-election to the

Board of County Commissioners. There is however, competition for the second seat to be filled by voters in May. That is the seat held by William Skinner, who

filed for re-election. Contesting Skinner for the post will be Archie D. Williams of Arcola, a Warren native and retired lawyer and judge.

## Commissioners Hear Plea Renewed For Road Repair

Two residents of Minnie Yancey Road in Soul City once again appeared before Warren County commissioners Monday with a plea for assistance in getting their road upgraded.

The only hindrance to the dirt road being accepted by the state for improvements is the signature of Perdue, Inc. on a petition granting the required right-of-way.

Seven families with a total of 24 people live on the road, which has been described to the commissioners as a dirt road with no gravel and wide enough for the passage of only one vehicle.

Perdue, Inc., a Maryland-based poultry industry with about 1250 acres in Soul City, has related to com-

missioners in the past that it could not sign the right-of-way because the road might interfere with its proposed building site.

Residents of the area have indicated that their prime concern is an adequate road to get in and out of their property, and that they would have no objection to relocation of the road for the convenience of Perdue.

Willie Davis, a resident of the area who has appeared before the commissioners on behalf of his neighbors for the past seven years, said that he recently purchased a four-wheel drive vehicle, which was the only way to travel the road in bad weather.

Commissioner George Shearin, who has visited the site, called the road

## Revitalization Planned

# Quick City Targeted For New Grant Funds

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Warren County commissioners Monday targeted the Quick City area north of Warrenton for revitalization should the county receive a positive response to an application for a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant.

Willie Griffin, Warren County community developer, told the commissioners at their regular meeting that he had discussed the grant with representatives of the Warren County Health Department and the Town of Warrenton, and that it was generally agreed that the needs of the Quick City area should be addressed.

A recent study by Region K staff of the Council of Governments also named the area as one of three in the county needing revitalization. Of the other two, the Baltimore Road and the Red Hill areas, the latter is in the process of being revitalized by another Community Development Block Grant.

In a public hearing held before the commissioners' meeting, members of the Quick City community related the problems they face with poor drainage and rust in the water supply.

Marty Allen, Warren County sanitarian, noted that sewage outbreaks in the community, especially during the spring and fall rain cycle, were of special concern to the Health Department.

The population density and the small lot sizes added to problems with the septic systems, he said.

If approved, the grant would provide for

upgrading of water lines and installation of sewer lines to the area, as well as rehabilitation of targeted houses to bring them up to minimum standards required by law for habitation.

Griffin told the com-

missioners that in some cases, this could involve the county's acquisition and demolition of houses and relocation of residents.

The grant is funded by the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and

Community Development.

The deadline for the application is April 15, and Griffin said he expected word on the grant shortly after the department's 60-day review period.

## One Hurdle Is Cleared

# Board Approves Issuance Of Bonds For Expansion

Warren County commissioners Monday gave their unanimous approval to plans by Harriet & Henderson Yarns, Inc. to seek Industrial Revenue Bonds to finance a portion of a proposed \$15 million expansion to a facility it owns on U. S. 1 south of Norlina.

The Henderson-based textile firm is seeking bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10 million.

Marshall Cooper, president of the company, told commissioners that the proposed expansion would create about 100 jobs and would be a "state of the arts" textile operation.

However, he joined the firm's financial vice president in cautioning that the project is only in the planning stage and that it is dependent on the revenue bonds and a federal Urban Development Action grant.

The final approval for issuance of the revenue bonds must come from the N. C. Department of Commerce.

In response to

## \$6 Million In

## Property Found

A recent field survey of Warren County property by Carroll-Phelps Co. of Winston-Salem and the work of the county tax supervisor's staff has resulted in about \$6 million in discovered property being added to the tax listings for county residents, Mrs. Janice Haynes, tax supervisor, told county commissioners Monday.

When property that has not been listed is discovered, the tax supervisor is required by law to add penalties for each year the property was not listed. This penalty becomes a part of the tax due.

Mrs. Haynes Monday presented county commissioners with the names of 11 Warren County residents who were requesting compromises on the tax due on property recently discovered.

Mrs. Haynes recommended a compromise that would lower the total due from \$9,695 to

questions about whether the facility would be "hi-tech" and require skills not possessed by Warren County workers, Ross noted that people with "average intelligence" would be "brought on line" with training available from suppliers of equipment and from community colleges. Both he and Cooper reassured the commissioners that Warren County workers

would be employed and that there were no plans to "import" workers from other areas.

If the necessary funding is secured for the project, renovation and receiving of equipment could begin the latter part of this year, with production starting up next year, according to Ross.

Harriet & Henderson employs about 1,600 people.

## Need For Larger Quarters Is Told

The need for larger office facilities to include an area where conversations could be held in confidence brought Warren County Sheriff Theo Williams before county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday.

Sheriff Williams, whose entire department currently operates out of a single room at the entrance to the Warren County courthouse, related the need for an area where interrogations could be handled in confidence and where such functions as fingerprinting and photographing could be carried out in orderly fashion.

The planned relocation of the federal Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) and the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) from the basement of the Agricultural Building

adjacent to the county courthouse will provide additional office space for the county.

Sheriff Williams asked the commissioners for consideration of his department's needs, and the commissioners have also heard from Russell King, county extension chairman, who would like additional space for his staff already housed in the building.

County Manager Charles Worth and Commissioner Jack Harris voiced the opinion that with minor renovation, both departments could be provided space.

The ASCS and SCS staffs plan to vacate their current quarters as soon as renovations are complete on new quarters on Main Street in the building that formerly housed the Carriage House restaurant.

## Snow Interrupts Session Of Court

Snow accumulation throughout Warren County forced Judge Giles R. Clark of Elizabethtown to convene and then immediately adjourn Monday's session of Warren County Superior Court.

Warren County Clerk of Court Richard Hunter said that only a few defendants scheduled for court appearances were able to make it into Warrenton.

Court was reconvened

yesterday morning and most of the day was devoted to the jury trial of James Russell Fuller on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to inflict serious injury.

The disposition of that case was not available at presstime and will be carried along with other cases heard this week in Superior Court in next week's edition of The Warren Record.

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