



Governor Jim Hunt Friday morning announces the decision by Owens Illinois, Inc. to construct a \$15 million manufacturing facility in Warren County. The plant will employ 82 persons and will manufacture corrugated shipping boxes. Looking on at the Raleigh news conference as the governor

makes the announcement is Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the Warren County Board of Commissioners. A delegation of Warren business and governmental leaders were on hand for the announcement. (Staff Photo)

To Be Built Near Ridgeway

\$15 Million Plant Landed By Warren

A major U. S. corporation will build a \$15 million manufacturing plant a mile west of the Warren County community of Ridgeway.

Governor Jim Hunt Friday announced the decision by Owens-Illinois of Toledo, Ohio to construct the multi-million dollar manufacturing facility in Warren County. His announcement came during a news conference held at 9:30 a. m. at the State Capitol in Raleigh and attended by about two dozen Warren business and civic leaders.

The Warren County plant will manufacture corrugated shipping boxes and is expected to initially hire 82 persons. The new 214,000-square-foot plant will be located on a 20-acre site on U. S. Highway 1, purchased from Mr. and Mrs. N. L. (Red) Williams. Groundbreaking is scheduled this spring.

The site is at the center of the East Carolina-Virginia market, but company officials said that had it not been for Governor Hunt's involvement in trying to locate the factory in Warren County, the plant never would have come here.

"Owens-Illinois is one of this country's outstanding firms and a leading corporate citizen of North Carolina," Hunt said. "This will be the company's seventh location in our state, and the third since 1981."

Governor Hunt was flanked by Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, and Ron Glick, vice president of Owens-Illinois and general manager of the company's Forest Products Group.

"Our new plant will be a high-technology operation," Glick said. "A computer controlled corrugator, which combines large rolls of paper into corrugated board, is the key element at this operation. This machine will be faster and will produce higher quality corrugated board than any other corrugator we currently operate."

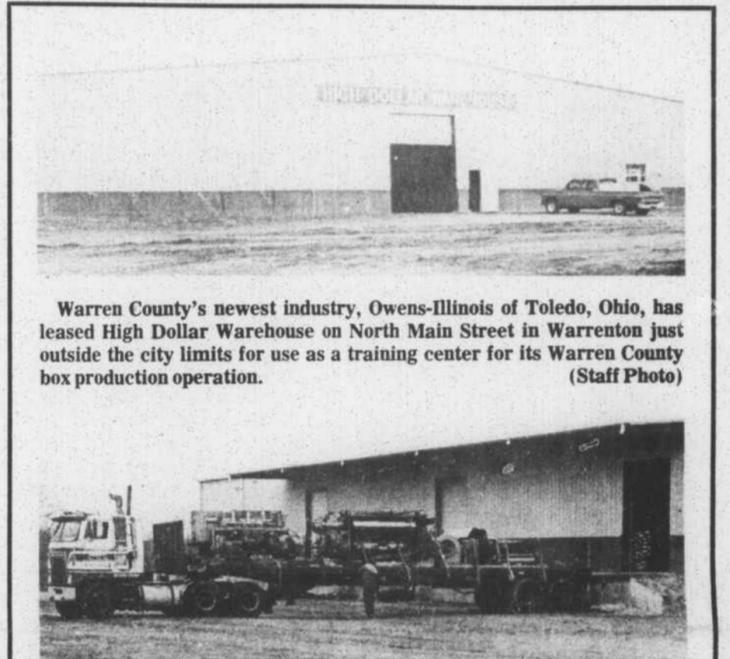
The annual payroll of the Warren plant will be approximately \$2 million. Sixty-three of the employees will receive hourly wages and 19 will be salaried. Glick declined to reveal the company pay scale, but indicated that unskilled employees will be paid the average wage for this area. He said skilled employees will be paid the same rate as skilled employees at the company's container plants in Salisbury and Rutherfordton.

Although ground-breaking is planned this

spring, company officials are anxious to get job training under way as soon as possible. The company has leased High Dollar Tobacco Warehouse in Warrenton and has already

begun hauling in machinery upon which to train new workers. All but the top management will be hired from the Warren County area through the North Carolina Employment

Security Commission, Glick said. Advertisement for workers began this week in The Warren Record. Employees temporarily working in (Continued on page 3)



Warren County's newest industry, Owens-Illinois of Toledo, Ohio, has leased High Dollar Warehouse on North Main Street in Warrenton just outside the city limits for use as a training center for its Warren County box production operation. (Staff Photo)

Training Scheduled Here

The first truckloads of equipment from Owens-Illinois began to arrive at High Dollar Warehouse this week. The company will use the High Dollar facility during construction of a 214,000-square-foot facility one mile west of Ridgeway. (Staff Photo)

already begun the transfer of equipment, and that the Stainback operation has completed all but the final stages of its move to Thompson's. In a related item, R. B. Butler, field manager for Mt. Olive Pickle Co., announced this week that Thompson's Warehouse will now be the designated cucumber receiving station for his company, which has previously used High Dollar. Butler said he is to meet with Mt. Olive's growers in this area Saturday, Feb. 18, between 8:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. at Thompson's to distribute 1984 contracts and seeds.

Norlina Officials Are Informed

Funds Needed For Repair

By KAY HORNER Staff Writer
Norlina town commissioners Monday night sent the town clerk and mayor to the drawing board to find funds for repairs to the town's water tank on U. S. 1 south near the Harriet-Henderson facility.

The commissioners voted to proceed with needed repairs if funds were available, and Town Clerk Mae Gums said yesterday afternoon that cost of the work would be covered from the town's surplus funds.

A proposal for repair work was presented to the commissioners by Bill Raymond, representative of Leary Construction Company, at their regular meeting.

The proposal provides for a coating of the interior of the tank and painting of the exterior after a general cleanup of the tank and spot priming.

The cost of the project is estimated by Raymond at \$8,700. Repair of pits, which Raymond described as indentations more than half-way through the

steel of the tank, will cost an additional \$1.50 per pit. Repairs to seams, Raymond said, will run \$7.50 per lineal foot. Raymond's inspection of the Norlina tank Monday was the first since the tank was erected 14 years ago.

He told the commissioners that a water tank should be inspected every seven years. "When you let a tank go that long without inspection, you normally have serious repair problems," Raymond said. "There is considerable breakdown in the interior coating of the tank, but we really can't tell about the rust until we get the steel ground and cleaned down."

Raymond said the tank can be drained and an inspection made within a day. "At that point, you can decide what you want to be done," he explained. The commissioners have not yet authorized the repair of pits or seams.

Because the town has two water tanks, there will be no interruption in water service to residents, Raymond said. In other business, town commissioners were told by Town Attorney Julius Banzet, III that they should be prepared to refund inventory taxes collected in error from the Warren County ABC Board on its Norlina store for the years 1980, 1981 and 1982.

The taxes have been collected for more than (Continued on page 13)

Warren Students Hurt In Mishap

Six Warren County High School students were treated and released from Warren General Hospital Monday afternoon following a school bus accident on State Road 1305.

One of the students, 17-year-old James Arnette Copeland, was also

the driver of the bus, according to Highway Patrolman C. E. Lockley.

Copeland sustained a minor hip injury, Trooper Lockley said.

Other students treated at the hospital for minor bruises following the 3:15 p. m. accident were: Sharon Jefferson, 16; Clinton Williams, 15; Clementine Judkins, 17; Marcia Barnes, 16; and Jackie Mayfield, 13.

According to Trooper Lockley, Bus No. 24 was traveling south on Warren Plains Road when it ran off the right side of the road and into a shallow embankment.

Reports indicate that Copeland told troopers that he took his eyes off the road to turn on the windshield wipers after it began raining.

Trooper Lockley said the bus was apparently traveling at a high rate of speed from the high school toward Warrenton. He added that the shoulders of the road are very narrow.

The accident did an estimated \$500 damage to the school bus.

No other vehicles were involved in the accident, Lockley said.

College Access Ramps Planned

Plans are now in the design stage for access ramps from Interstate 85 to Vance-Granville Community College, and the project could be under contract as early as July, according to Joseph C. Hamme, member of the N. C. Board of Transportation.

The Department of Transportation is currently in the process of acquiring rights-of-way for the project which Hamme estimated would cost in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million.

John K. Nelms, Granville County industrial developer and chairman of the board of the college, said yesterday that plans called for a diamond-shaped exchange, with access from both the north and southbound lanes of the interstate.

"It will enable us to better serve people in Warren county as well as South Granville and Virginia," Nelms commented.

Ninety percent of the funding for the project will come from federal funds, Nelms said, and 10 percent from state funds.

Magazine Ban Is Sought Anew

Joe Lennon, Warren County health director and member of the Warrenton Baptist Church, who appeared before the Warrenton Town Commissioners at their regular January meeting seeking to prevent the sale of pornographic material in Warrenton, again appeared before the board on Monday night.

While he was accompanied at the January meeting by Brad Carroll he came alone to the meeting Monday night, and left after a brief statement. He said that while he had suggested at the January meeting that Warren County be asked to pass an anti-pornography ordinance, he had concluded that this request not be made, as he felt that Warrenton should first pass such an ordinance and let the movement spread.

At the January meeting Lennon brought copies of several objectionable magazines which he stated he had

bought from Willoughby's, a convenience store and from Rite Aid Discount Pharmacy. He (Continued on page 3)

Democratic Precinct Meetings Are Slated

Democrats from Warren County will caucus at their precinct polling places on Thursday, March 1, at 8 p. m. Anna S. Butler, chairman of the Warren County Democratic Party announced yesterday. Any registered Democrat is eligible to attend.

"These precinct meetings represent grass-roots democracy in action," Mrs. Butler said. "Democrats all over North Carolina will be gathering to elect delegates to their county Democratic convention

and to discuss and pass resolutions on issues that concern them and to strengthen the State Party's Party to People Program."

Mrs. Butler stressed that the Democratic Party is seeking broad participation in its meetings in every precinct in the county and to continue to build on this strength at the county convention. We urge all Democrats to attend these meetings and to show their interests in good government."