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These two pictures depict a portion of the damage which occurred early last Wednesday morning when a tornado cut a path through property on both sides of State Road 1229 several miles west of Afton. The large tree in top picture was among a number lost when the funnel cloud tore through a quarter-

mile stretch of farmland shortly after 1 a. m. No injuries were reported. Lower picture shows a shed which was destroyed by the violent winds. Locally heavy windstorms were reported throughout the area Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. (Staff Photos)

## Break-In Rash Reported In Lake Gaston Vicinity

Ervin Dennis Hargrove, 28, of Macon was arrested last Wednesday and charged with breaking, entering, and larceny in the February theft of several pieces of jewelry, silver dollars valued at \$350, and a 12-volt car battery valued at \$75 from the residence of Margaret Fitts of Rt. 1, Macon.

Hargrove is also charged with possession of a firearm and misdemeanor larceny and is being held in Warren County jail on a total bond of \$5,000, secured.

The arrest was made by Sheriff's Deputy B. D. Bolton. Deputy L. W. Newsome investigated.

A spokesperson for the Warren County Sheriff's Department said this week that all the stolen property had been recovered with the exception of the battery.

### Public Hearing Scheduled Here

The Warrenton town commissioners will hold a public hearing at the Warren County Court House on Thursday, April 5, at 7 p. m. for the purpose of discussing whether or not Brehon Street should be extended.

The decision to have a public hearing was made at a called meeting of the commissioners at 6:30 p. m. on Thursday of last week. Due to the large number of persons interested in the proposal, commissioners decided to hold the hearing in the court house instead of the town hall.

The Sheriff's Department also reported that a Perdue chicken house owned by Ernest Brauer of Rt. 1, Norlina was found broken into on Sunday and 18 flats containing 540 eggs were stolen. Entry was made through the door, according to reports.

Two cases of breaking, entering and larceny in the Lake Gaston area have also been reported recently.

Donald S. Newton of Richmond, Va. reported on March 17 that his home at Wildwood Point in Littleton had been broken into and fishing equipment, binoculars and a camera with a combined value of \$475

### Mayor Has Heart Attack

Mayor B. G. White of Warrenton, who suffered a heart attack while on a business trip to Pinetops Tuesday morning with Stanley Betts of Henderson, was reported to be resting comfortably in Wilson Memorial Hospital on Tuesday night.

V. R. (Pete) Vaughan, town administrator, said this morning that he visited Mayor White at the Wilson hospital last night. He said he found Mayor White resting comfortably, but the doctors had found his heart had been injured by a previous attack of which he was probably unaware. "But," Vaughan added, "I feel that if the doctors had felt that his condition was critical, they would not have permitted him to have visitors."

had been stolen. On March 25, L. W. Locke of Enfield reported a breaking, entering and larceny at his boat house on Triton Point Road in Littleton. An aluminum boat and Mercury motor valued at \$1,000 were stolen, along with a fuel can. On March 18, Sam Davis of Wendell reported the theft of a floating

### Camping Fees Are Set

Camping user fees in 1984 for John H. Kerr Reservoir will remain at \$4.00 and \$5.00 per night per family unit at designated campgrounds. The charge is based on services and facilities available to the user. Fee payment will be made to uniformed ranger-collectors in the area.

Holders of Golden Age Passports, and those accompanying them in a

single private vehicle, receive a 50-percent reduction in the normal user fees for family-type facilities. Golden Age Passports are issued at Corps offices and by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior to applicants 62 years of age and older. There is no charge for these passports; however, an applicant must apply in person and provide proof of eligibility.

There are no suspects in any of the above four cases. All were investigated by Sheriff's Deputy L. W. Newsome, with the exception of the theft at the Davis home, which was investigated by Sheriff's Deputy Lawrence Harrison.



Dennis Paschall, director of the Warren County Ambulance Service, answers questions from participants in a babysitting clinic held at the John Graham Middle School Library on Saturday afternoon. Twenty-two girls participated in the event,

### Delegation Complains

## Local Farmers Upset Over Land Valuations

By KAY HORNER Staff Writer

A Farm Bureau committee and a representation of area farmers led by Ridgeway farmer and cattleman William Brauer appeared before county commissioners last Wednesday to protest the new appraisal schedule for county land recently adopted by the commissioners.

Brauer said the new schedule puts an "unfair tax burden" on the farmer as compared to the salaried worker.

"The farmer has the same home, furniture, and automobile (as the salaried worker), and he also has 150 acres of land to farm and his wife has to go out and get a job to help support the \$60,000 worth of machinery and equipment he needs," Brauer said.

He charged that the farmer is taxed three to one what the salaried worker is because of the levy on his personal property, land, and farm equipment.

The new appraisal schedule proposed by Carroll Phelps Co. of Winston-Salem after field surveys of county

property could double the county's current tax base of \$223 million.

Although the current tax rate in the county of \$1 per \$100 value could be lowered, land values would be increased significantly.

### FM Station Is Approved For Warren

Warrenton is one of 684 cities in the U.S. where a new FM radio channel may be assigned as a result of changes in the Federal Communications Commission regulations on station locations, it was announced last week in Washington, D.C.

The FCC published the changes and has invited interested and qualified applicants from each of the cities to indicate their interest by May 14.

Larry D. Ellis, Denver-based telecommunications consulting engineer, commented that the FCC action, "represents an unprecedented opportunity for many communities to gain additional local radio coverage."

He noted that almost three-fourths of the 684 cities involved in the proposal do not have an FM station at this time.

The FCC has invited interested parties to file statements reflecting their interest and their ability to undertake construction and operation of an FM station in Warrenton.

"It's probable that if no one files comments with the FCC expressing interest in applying for the new station in Warrenton, the open FM channel will be assigned to another city," Ellis said.

The channel proposed for Warrenton would be on a frequency of 107.3 MHz, and could have a transmitting power of 3000 watts, sufficient to cover an area of 712 square miles around Warrenton according to the Denver Engineer.

"It's an unfair tax burden the farmers are taking," Brauer told the commissioners. "We need some relief. I believe the county commissioners have the authority to do this if they see fit."

Brauer noted that in some states, such as Pennsylvania, county income taxes have been adopted which give the farmer a "better break."

He requested the (Continued on page 6)

### For Hospital Roof

## Repairs Assured By Federal Grant

Warren County has been awarded a \$152,000 federal Economic Development Administration grant for improvements to Warren General Hospital, according to County Manager Charles Worth, who was notified of EDA's decision by U. S. Senator John East's office last Friday.

The county's application was originally submitted in July 1983 and was one of more than 190 reviewed by EDA. Although county officials had been optimistic about Warren's chances of landing the grant, the county's application was not among the 150 requests finally granted.

However, the county's application was reviewed again recently resulting in favorable action by EDA.

The county in its first application requested \$140,000 with a \$60,000 matching grant from the county.

Worth said the amount quoted to him by Sen. East's office was \$152,000.

"I have received no specifics from EDA on the grant yet," Worth said yesterday morning. "We're not certain if there is an increase in the federal grant, or if the figure given us includes the \$60,000 match."

Worth said he hopes to receive official notification from EDA this

week, along with additional details on the amount of funding.

Hospital Administrator Frank Hinson said Monday that the grant will be used for roof repairs at the hospital. Leaks in the roof have caused severe damage to the interior of the facility and have been cited by county commissioners as a priority for repair.

Hinson said the roof repair will probably cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and that no estimates on repair of the interior have been quoted.

In a related matter, the county commissioners last Wednesday night before their mid-monthly meeting conducted the second of two required public hearings on an application for a \$750,000 community development block grant. Commissioners heard support for the grant from several citizens, including Warrenton Mayor B. G. White, who appeared as a private citizen.

The commissioners have targeted the Quick City area on the northern outskirts of Warrenton for upgrading of water lines and installation of sewer lines as well as rehabilitation of houses if the grant is approved.

Deadline for the grant application is April 15.

### Warrant Names Chief

A warrant against Warrenton Police Chief Freddie Robinson charging non-support of an illegitimate child was taken out last week by a Vance County woman, according to a report in the Henderson Daily Dispatch last Wednesday.

The story stated that the warrant against Robinson was taken by Patricia Younkin of Rt. 2, Henderson and that it alleges that Robinson has failed and refused to provide support for an illegitimate child born to her on March 9.

The warrant indicates that Ms. Younkin alleged that the child was Robinson's and that she had made a request

for support on March 14, according to the article.

The Warren Record was unable to reach Chief Robinson yesterday for comment.

### State Senate Race Uncertain

The primary election of May 8 for State Senate has been postponed for Districts 2 and 10, of which Warren County is a part, due to the 1984 legislative restructuring of districts, according to Ruby Jones, supervisor of elections for Warren County.

The May 8 election primary will be held as scheduled for all other offices.

held under the auspices of the Warrenton Junior Woman's Club. Those taking part learned of infant and toddler care, games for pre-school children, first aid and safety. All participants received diplomas at the end of the session. (Staff Photo)