

The Warren Record

DWI Defendants Donating Many Hours Of Service

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Warren County DWI (driving while impaired) offenders sentenced to community work service under the Safe Roads Act have donated more than 458 hours to local projects since the program began last October.

According to Arie Davis, coordinator of the local program, 30 people have been admitted to the program and 13 have successfully completed their assignments. Fifteen are still in the program, and two have failed to complete the court-ordered community service.

Those who fail to complete the program, Ms. Davis said, are served with a court order to show cause.

"Sometimes the judge will give them additional time to complete the service," Ms. Davis said. Otherwise, they are ordered to begin their active jail sentence.

DWI offenders convicted of non-grossly aggravating drunk driving can be sentenced to 24, 48 or 72 hours of community service as a part of their sentence for driving while impaired.

Community work service programs were established in each of the state's 34 judicial districts to handle DWI offenders sentenced to community service. The programs were set up under the direction of the chief district court judge in each judicial district.

Of those charged with DWI while driving in Warren County, about one-third are not residents

here and their work service is being administered by their home county.

Among the places DWI offenders have been placed for service by Ms. Davis are the volunteer fire departments, Waste Water Treatment Plant, the county courthouse, the National Guard Armory and the public school system.

Statewide, DWI offenders have donated more than 110,000 hours of work to local community projects since October, according to Heman R. Clark, secretary of the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

"The DWI Community Work Program is a core element of the Safe Roads Act," Clark said. "It ensures that DWI offenders just don't pay a fine and walk away from their offense. They must work off

their punishment by making a positive contribution to society." To date, more than 6,960 defendants have been sentenced to community service work for DWI convictions across North Carolina.

The program has enjoyed a 94 percent successful completion rate by those sentenced, while six percent have failed to live up to the terms of the sentence, according to Jim Scarcella, director of the N. C. Division of Victim and Justice Services.

Of the state's 100 counties, Forsyth recorded the most admissions to the DWI community service program at 435. It was followed by Wake County with 372 admissions, Cumberland with 293, Buncombe with 231 and Mecklenburg with 219.

Jones County had only two admissions, the least of any of the counties.

Murder Suspect Nabbed

A break in a five-year-old Warren County murder case came yesterday (Tuesday) when the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Jeffery Perry in New York City and charged him with the September 1979 murder of William Kearney Thompson, an Inez merchant.

A warrant for Perry's arrest in connection with the murder was issued on September 26, 1979, two days after Thompson's badly beaten body was found in the storage room of his store, according to a spokesperson for the Warren County Sheriff's Department. Since that time, Perry has eluded arrest.

Bond for Perry was set Tuesday at \$150,000 by a federal magistrate in New York, where Perry is being held pending his decision on whether he will fight extradition. If he chooses to do so, a hearing will be held by New York authorities to determine if enough evidence exists to warrant turning him over to the County Sheriff's Department.

According to reports, Thompson, 78, was found in the storage room of his store by Glenn Coleman, Jr., a local sawmill owner, less than an hour after his death.

No motive was determined for the slaying, (Continued on page 12)



Warrenton Junior Woman's Club presented annual awards to clubwomen for their outstanding service Friday night at Middleburg Steak House. Clubwomen and their awards shown above are (left to right) Jan Crenshaw, Live Loving Award; Karen Coker, Clubwoman of the Year Award; Jill Wemyss, New Clubwoman of the Year Award; and

Junelle Blaylock, Congeniality Award. Macon Wemyss, who is not pictured, was awarded the Carter Award which is given to the man who does the most to further the work of the club. (A photo of the officers of the club for the 1984-85 year is on page 4). (Staff Photo)

Voters To Return To Polls Tuesday

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Warren County voters Tuesday will determine the outcome of two local races and help decide three statewide races in a second primary election.

Registered Democrats will decide whether incumbent Register of Deeds Jim H. Hundley will retain his office against a challenge by Margaret J. Pettaway, a teacher's aide at Mariam Boyd School.

In the May 9 primary, Hundley garnered 2,511 votes, finishing first in eight of Warren County's 14 precincts. Mrs. Pettaway trailed in the four-way race with 1,885 votes. Other contenders, Sheriff's Deputy Lawrence E. Harrison and Kathy H. Wilson, a member of the Warren County Board of Education, received 686 and 620 votes respectively.)

The race for the District Five seat on the non-partisan Board of Education will be determined by registered voters of all parties.

Retired public school teacher Cora T. Watson led a three candidate field in the first primary with 2,502 votes.

In Tuesday's run-off she will face former Board of Education member Joyce D. Odom, who received 2,198 votes. (Newcomer Al L. Cooper, Jr. rounded out the field in that primary with 781 votes).

In the May 8 primary for governor, Warren County voters by a large margin favored Clinton

businessman and farmer D. M. (Lauch) Faircloth, but Faircloth came in third across the state and county Demo-

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Top Scholars Named At Warren Co. High

Sherry Lynne Wilson has been named valedictorian and Edgar Monroe Limer has been named salutatorian for the 1984 graduating class of Warren County High School. They will have key roles in next month's graduation exercises.

In addition to having the highest average, Sherry has received numerous honors and awards while at WCHS. She has been a Governor's School nominee, a Morehead nominee, a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Science Club, and a marshal.

Sherry received achievement awards in chemistry, Algebra II, typing and history. She has been selected for the National Register of Outstanding High School Students, the United States Leadership Merit Award, and the National Science Merit Award for Chemistry and Physics.

Listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and the

Society of Distinguished American High School Students, Sherry recently has received the honor of being selected as a North Carolina Scholar, a new program begun by the State Board of Education in 1983 whereby students who have fulfilled the curriculum requirements of maintaining certain averages in required courses are given special recognition. Sherry is the first and only graduate from Warren County High School to receive this honor.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Wilson of Rt. 2, Warrenton, Sherry is planning on entering the pre-med program at North Carolina State University, where she has been selected into the Honors Program and has received the Lowe Scholarship.

Monroe, who has the second highest average of the senior class, is also the recipient of (Continued on page 8B)

Public Facilities Examined By Panel Studying Best County Building Use

The facility needs of Warren County schools and county government brought local officials together recently for an overall look at school properties.

Warren County Schools Superintendent Mike Williams told the group that new facilities are needed for middle school students while fewer small elementary school facilities are called for.

Although the Board of Education has not yet developed specific plans for meeting these needs, Williams said it appears that any plan developed will call for the abandonment of one or more of the current nine campuses in the system. Williams indicated

that the board would like to work with the county on its facility needs with an eye toward utilization by the county of buildings the school system can no longer use.

Members of Citizens United for Progress, a local task force appointed last year to explore ways to improve the quality of living in the county, revealed that their recent study of facilities indicated the need for:

-An agriculture center to house the Warren County Extension Services Department and the ASCS offices;

-County office space for the Sheriff's Office, county manager, in-

dustrial developer, Board of Elections and other county officials.

-Facilities and staffing for a recreation program;

-A permanent branch of Vance-Granville Community College in the county; and

-The possible relocation of Warren County Memorial Library and establishment of branches in the county.

According to Williams, the Board of Education is proceeding with its development of specific plans to remedy the school facility problems while giving attention to the facility

needs of the county.

The Board of County Commissioners, represented by Chairperson Eva M. Clayton at the meeting, and Citizens United for Progress will also work together on the county's facility needs.

Others present at the meeting were Henry Pitchford, chairman of the Board of Education; James Jordan, assistant superintendent of schools; Brad Carroll and L. C. Cooper, co-chairmen of Citizens United for Progress; and L. C. Henderson, Jr., Glenn Richardson and Nancy Blankenship, members of the facilities committee of CUP.

Reading Program To Begin On June 11

Library Plans To Get A Jump On Summer Season

Although summer doesn't officially begin until June 21, Warren County Memorial Library plans to get a head start on the season with the beginning of its Summer Reading Program on June 11.

In keeping with this summer's 400th anniversary of the landing of the British on Roanoke Island, the theme of the statewide public library reading program will be "North Carolina Celebrates! 1584-1984."

The program, which will continue through August 17, is open to all school-age youth beginning with kindergarten.

"But we especially want to urge those who will be in fourth and eighth grades in the fall to participate in the program," Mary Louise Limer, librarian, said this week, noting that these are the grades in which North Carolina history is taught.

Although the emphasis of the program is on reading books on the state's history, other activities including crafts and games will be included.

"The library will supply reasonable materials for craft projects," Mrs. Limer said, "and we want the children to feel free to come into the library to make things relating to history as well as to read."

Essentially, the reading program is loosely structured, with youth reading at their own pace and using the library facility whenever they can.

However, several events have been planned during the two-month session.

"Bear Facts," a storytime all about bears will be held for three and four-year-olds on Wednesday, July 11, from 10:30 to 11:15 a. m. Youngsters are invited to bring their own bears as special guests.

Storytime for children who this fall will be in kindergarten will be held each Friday beginning July 13 and continuing through August 17 from 10:30 to 11 a. m. Children in grades K-2 will meet on the same days from 11:15 a. m. to noon.

Dates of craft sessions for both older and younger youth will be announced later, as will the date of a session for older youth with Dr. G. Ray Selby, a native of England and rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Warrenton.

Younger children are invited to visit the library to work on a coloring book depicting great moments in our nation's history. The book is large enough for two or three children to color at one time, according to Mrs. Limer.

On August 13, a drawing will be held for posters of the Lighthouse at Cape Hatteras and of Blackbeard, the pirate.

Older youth will be encouraged to read three books on North Carolina history during the two-month program, Mrs. Limer said.

Those completing the program will receive a certificate signed by Mrs. Limer and the program's honorary statewide sponsor, Deneen A. Graham, Miss North Carolina.

"We want to encourage children in the community to take advantage of the library," Mrs. Limer commented, adding that 100 new children's books were recently purchased and are now on the shelves. "It's really our county's only cultural resource."

Registration for the summer program is now underway.

For more information, see Mrs. Limer at the Warren County Memorial Library adjacent to the Courthouse in Warrenton, Monday through Friday, from 10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. and from 1:30 to 5 p. m. The library is also open on Saturday, from 10 to noon.



Serving as valedictorian and salutatorian for graduation ceremonies next month at Warren County High School will be Sherry Wilson and Monroe Limer. (Community Schools Photo)