



Warren County farmers and other interested citizens watch a machinery demonstration during the Fifth Annual On-Farm Crops Tour sponsored by the Warren County Agricultural Extension Service

on June 22. The demonstrations allowed growers to experience "first hand" some production practices which can be followed to improve crop yields.

(Photo by Russell King)

Administration Of Pool Rejected By County Board

On the advice of the county attorney, Warren County commissioners last Wednesday denied a request from the Soul City Parks & Recreation Association, Inc. (PRA) that the county take over the administrative responsibilities of the Soul City pool.

Janice R. Crump, president of the association, had in March requested that the county manager's office retain the county's proposed \$12,500 allocation to the pool budgeted for 1984-85 and pay pool expenses, including salaries and payroll taxes, from his office.

The proposal was made, Mrs. Crump indicated, because PRA has no administrative staff and it is "therefore impossible for us to monitor the expenditure of county money as required by the management of the pool."

County Attorney Charles Johnson warned that the county could be creating a legal liability by such action and that it could make pool employees eligible for retirement benefits, Workmen's Compensation, and other benefits available to county employees.

The pool, although open to the public, is privately owned.

"The county should not provide services to a private corporation," Johnson said.

He suggested that if the association had a volunteer who would write checks and carry out other administrative functions, the county could provide assistance in an accounting capacity without creating a liability.

The commissioners voted to make no changes in the manner of distribution of funds to the association for pool operation.

In other business, the board agreed to consider the possibility of financing a portion of the cost of installing a 900-foot water line to Swing Transport's proposed construction site adjacent to Owens-Illinois' property on U.S. 1 near Ridgeway.

The Warren Group, a local real estate and investment firm, has, on the behalf of Swing Transport, requested the county to install a six-inch water line or to allow Swing Transport to install its own one-inch line.

Swing Transport is the primary carrier for Owens-Illinois, and plans to construct a garage and office facility employing about 15 to 20 local people.

It was noted by Commissioner Jack Harris that it would be beneficial for the county to work with Swing Transport to pay the difference between the cost of installing a one-inch line and a six-inch line to prepare for future development in the area.

The matter was tabled until next month for the county manager to investigate the cost of such a project.

The commissioners also voted Wednesday to retain the services of the accounting firm of Watts, Scobie & McLamb, Inc. of Raleigh for another year at a cost of \$6,000. A bid of \$7,000 was also received by the minority firm of Garrett, Sullivan & Company of Durham.

Chairperson Eva M. Clayton cast the only dissenting vote, saying that although she had "no problem" with the Raleigh firm, she felt it a "good idea" to change accounting firms "every now and then."

County Manager Charles Worth presented a statement from C. Robert Shields, a Rocky Mount architect, for professional services rendered in connection with plans for the renovation of Warren General Hospital and construction of a new county Health Department facility.

Worth explained that a bill for \$3,300 had already been paid by the county for the project and that the current bill exceeded the architect's original cost proposal.

Commissioner George Shearin, who is also chairman of the Warren County Board of Health, noted that the additional

Farm Visits Are Paid By Local Folks

According to Russell C. King, county extension chairman, the Warren County Agricultural Extension Service sponsored its Fifth Annual On-Farm Field Crops Tour on Friday, June 22.

The tour group departed from Warrenton at 9:30 a. m. and made stops at five farms to gain firsthand information on how to improve crop yields.

At the farm of Nick Williams, they observed a demonstration of foliar application of nitrogen. Methods of johnson grass control were demonstrated on a field of soybeans belonging to William L. Fuller, Jr. The next stop was Michael Norwood's farm, where rates of harvest were discussed. Phosphorus rates were emphasized at the farm of Stephen Alston. The tour ended with a demonstration on corn varieties and the Marliss Drill at Harry Lee's.

Lunch was served the group at Lake Gaston Estates Marina, and the tour ended about 1:30 p. m. King stated that on-farm tests such as these play a very important role in the Warren County Agricultural Extension program.

Water Withdrawal Public Hearing Set

A public hearing by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to present and receive comment on the targeting of Lake Gaston as one of the most feasible sources of water to supply the long-range needs of cities and counties in the Hampton Roads, Va. area will be conducted tonight (Wednesday) at 5 p. m. at Saint Paul's College gymnasium in Lawrenceville, Va.

Lake Gaston tops the list of eight possible water sources for the area, including the Chowan and James rivers.

It is estimated by the Corps that 55 million gallons per day will be needed for the area which includes Norfolk, Portsmouth and Chesapeake.

A permit has already been granted the City of Virginia Beach to construct a pipeline from Lake Gaston and draw a maximum of 60 million gallons of water a day from the lake to supply that area's water needs.

Warren County is currently part of a lawsuit by the State of North Carolina to prevent the transfer of water from the Roanoke River basin to southeastern Virginia.

Tax Rate Stays Same

Board Finds \$60,000 For Warren Schools

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

Warren County's Board of Commissioners adopted the county's 1984-85 budget ordinance last Wednesday night, but not before granting Warren County schools an additional \$60,000 in allocations for current expenses over what had been recommended by County Manager and Budget Officer Charles Worth.

The impassioned pleas of Schools Superintendent Michael F. Williams for more funds at a public hearing last Monday night led to a meeting Tuesday between county and school officials and resulted in a boost to the schools' budget.

The commissioners increased the current expense appropriation by transferring \$21,039 from a \$58,000 contingency fund and the county manager's budget and funneling \$38,961 from the 1983-84 one-half percent sales tax revenue into current expenses.

Originally, the budget recommended \$6,190 less in current expenses for 1984-85 than the schools had for 1983-84. The school system had requested \$1,023,716.

In a memo Friday to Board of Education members, Williams said the additional funds, although almost \$60,000 short of what was requested, would "reduce significantly the possibility that we will have to cut personnel in order to balance the budget," but would leave the system "with a very tight budget on non-salary items."

"From another perspective, one of the moves dips into the 1983-84 one-half percent sales tax money, money which we intended to set aside for construction. It is unfortunate that the commissioners have set this precedent," Williams said.

Law requires that a minimum of 40 percent of the one-half percent sales tax proceeds be allocated to the schools for capital outlay.

Williams last Monday voiced strong objection to the county's using those proceeds, projected at \$140,000, for the entire capital outlay allocation funds which Williams contended the schools were to get regardless.

"The budget includes no money from either the General Fund or Revenue Sharing for capital outlay. This is a precedent which we protested strongly but to no avail," Williams said in the memo.

In the 1983-84 budget, the schools received \$100,000 in Revenue Sharing for capital outlay.

Williams has contended that the tax revenues

were intended to supplement the county's capital outlay appropriation and should not have been used to provide the entire capital outlay budget.

Williams also projected in his memo that of the \$140,000 for capital

outlay, only about 75 percent would be available by the end of the 1984-85 fiscal year ending June 30, 1985.

According to Worth, the county does not receive sales tax revenues until about 45 days after the end of

each quarter, and the schools would not receive revenues for the quarter ending June 30 until August.

By the same token, Worth said, revenues collected in the last quarter of 1983-84 will be

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Commissioners Are Named

Suit Asking For \$5 Million Is Filed By Extension Agent

The Warren Record has learned that a \$5 million lawsuit was filed in March by a Warren County home economics extension agent alleging discrimination in the selection of a county extension chairman two years ago.

The civil suit was filed in U. S. District Court in March by Miss Emily Ballinger charging the Warren County Board of Commissioners, N. C. State University and the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service with sex and age discrimination in the selection of Russell C. King, then associate agricultural extension agent, as extension chairman in 1982.

The suit alleges that Miss Ballinger's civil and constitutional rights were violated, and that she was the victim of a "conspiracy" aimed at denying her these rights.

Miss Ballinger, then 55 and a 33-year veteran of the Extension Service, alleges that King, then 34, was named to the chairmanship even though he was less qualified than she because of background, education and experience.

King had been employed with the Extension Service for two years and eight months, the suit states.

The N. C. Agricultural Extension Service was established as a part of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences of N. C. State University by federal and state legislation to "extend" the education service of the university to the people of the state as it relates to agriculture, home economics, 4-H and youth, and community and natural resources development.

Employees of the Extension Service are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, but the Extension Service recommends applicants for appointment.

Miss Ballinger alleges that prior to 1982, the Extension Service procedure as it related to Warren was to recommend only one candidate to the commissioners for county chairman and that the

defendants "with other unnamed co-conspirators" recommended both King and her for the position to "avoid responsibility" in the event she filed a discrimination charge.

"The defendants... did submit the plaintiff's name to the commissioners for consideration, while at the same time working surreptitiously and permitting other to work surreptitiously, to see that plaintiff did not get the position," the suit alleges.

The suit names as defendants then-Warren County commissioners W. J. Harris, Clyde R.

Edwards, William T. Skinner, III, Herbert C. Harris, George E. Shearin, Sr., both individually and as county commissioners and then-county Manager Glenwood Newsome, both in his official capacity and individually.

Harris, Skinner and Shearin are still on the board.

King and other employees of N. C. State Agricultural Extension Service are also named individually and as agents of the service and N. C. State University and Bruce R. Poulton, university

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Youngster Killed In Local Accident

Six-year-old Gary Dean Carroll, Jr., a Warren County youth who was hit by a car Wednesday evening near Warren Plains Baptist Church, died Thursday at Duke Medical Center in Durham.

The accident occurred about 7 p. m. as he played with a group of children just minutes before a Bible School class was to begin at the church. Carroll attempted to retrieve a stray Frisbee and apparently inadvertently dashed across State Road 1305, into the path of a car driven by Robert William Clayton of Warren Plains.

No charges were filed against the driver of the car, as law officials said the accident appeared to have been unavoidable. Clayton was traveling north when the accident occurred.

The youth sustained severe head injuries and was taken unconscious to Warren General Hospital. He was im-

mediately transferred to Duke where he was treated in the pediatric intensive care unit. According to a hospital spokesman, he died about 4 p. m.

Carroll was the son of Gary Dean Carroll, Sr. of Rt. 1, Warrenton and Jaulua Leonard Carroll of Halifax County.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at Warren Plains Baptist Church. Burial was in Warren Plains Memorial Garden.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Daniel Carroll of Halifax County; the maternal grandparents, Jim and Jeanie Leonard of Halifax County and the paternal grandparents, Ben H. and Ruby Carroll of Macon.

Pallbearers were Randy Carroll, Ken Carroll, Jesse Carroll, Randy Shearin, Dennis Stegall and Tommy Stegall.

Early Next Week

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, The Warren Record will be published on Tuesday of next week.

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