



Robby Rodwell of Warren Plains and Randy B. Currin of Warrenton experiment with a computer during a two-week computer workshop held recently at John Graham Middle School. They are among the 24 students from Warren, Halifax, Orange and Vance counties who participated in the course which covered such topics as parts of the micro-

computer system, instruction in the basic language, and the writing of simple programs for the TRS-80 system. Persons interested in a second 40-hour course July 16-July 27 should contact Mary Hunter or Mildred Alston at the office of the Warren County Schools — 257-3184.

(Community Schools photo by Mary Hunter)

Outlook Is Good For Warren Crop As Leaf Sale Starting Dates Given

Flue-cured tobacco sales will begin in Warren County and other markets in the northern end of the Middle Belt on August 7, the Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee announced last week.

Included in that area, in addition to Warrenton, are Henderson, Oxford, Louisburg, and Durham.

Russell King, Warren County agricultural extension chairman, said this week that approximately 4,000 acres of tobacco have been planted in the county and that the crop in general looks "very good."

"The drought in June helped the plants develop a good root system," King commented, "and crops throughout the county look much better this year than they did last year."

King said the only damage to crops he had observed was spot damage caused by lightning, and that he expected harvesting to begin in two to four weeks.

The first tobacco sales in the state will begin on July 31 in the Area B markets, which include Fairmont, Lumberton and other markets along the North Carolina-South Carolina border.

August 1 has been designated as opening day for Area C, which includes the Eastern Belt, the Sandhills and Fuquay-Varina.

Area E, which includes the Old Belt of Virginia and 10 Piedmont markets, will begin sales on August 14.

Friday sales were barred in all markets by the committee.

In a related item, King said that other crops throughout the county are also doing well.

"Early corn is ready to pollinate now and the weather we're having is ideal for that," he said. "In general, soybeans were planted a little late and it's too early to tell what kind of crop will be produced. The weather we're now having will be good to help it get going."

Lovers of Ridgeway canteloups will have only 10 to 15 days to wait for that crop, King projected, although a few are now being harvested.

Wheat and small grain crops have been harvested, but King said the oat crop throughout the county was poor because of the severe winter weather.

Observer Finds Himself Appointed

Two visitors were present at the regular July meeting of the Warrenton Town Commissioners on Monday night at eight o'clock. Mayor B. G. White presided over the meeting that lasted less than an hour. Present were Commissioners Haithcock, Clayton,

Wood, Miles and White. One of the visitors was Mrs. Katherine Mustian, whose testimony caused a reversal of a former act on the part of the board. The other was Jeff D. Palmer, a Warrenton native who upon his retirement returned to Warrenton a few years

ago. He was present as an observer who made no speech, but left the meeting as a newly appointed member of the Warrenton Planning Board.

Several weeks ago Bill Neal, superintendent of the Warrenton Water Company, told the commissioners that his company had replaced a crushed line leading from a number of homes on South Halifax Street north across the property of B. W. (Tot) Currin. He estimated the cost of material and labor to be around \$350. Unable to find records of deeds to the town, the commissioners decided it was a private line, and that the four persons served should help pay the cost of laying the new line. It was decided that the residents of the Hoskins, Mustian and Boswell homes should be assessed \$40 each and Currin should be assessed \$100, and bills were mailed out in those amounts. That was responsible for the appearance of Mrs. Mustian.

Following the reading of the minutes, Mrs. Mustian was recognized by Mayor White and spoke for about 15 or 20 minutes, during which

time she established the fact that far from being a private line, the line was built for the town by Ed Baldwin in 1946. To do that, Mrs. Mustian had to trace back to the time that Macy Pridgen was elected a commissioner, and had stated that he was going to become a commissioner in order to do away with his cesspool, as septic tanks were then called.

When she had finished speaking, Commissioner Eddie Clayton said, "I was the person who made the motion that users of the line be taxed with part of the cost; now I want to make the motion that no charge be assessed." His motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

Jeff Palmer listened with interest as Mrs. Mustian spoke, and as other business of the board was transacted, until late in the meeting when the matter of appointing a successor to Jim Davis on the Town Planning Board was brought up. Commissioner Wood said "We have a good man right here in Mr. Palmer," and then made the motion that Jeff Palmer

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Trial Is Delayed By Missing Witness

The first two days of this week's session of Warren County District Court were devoted largely to two jury trials.

As of Tuesday night, the jury in the case of Curtiss Lee Carrington, charged with breaking and entering, larceny, and possession of stolen goods in connection with the 1982 theft of 50 tires, miscellaneous garage equipment and 30 cases of beer from State Line Gulf in Norlina, was still deliberating.

Another jury trial was underway as of late Tuesday afternoon with jury selection in the trial of Craig Lynch on charges of breaking and entering, larceny,

possession of stolen goods and safecracking in connection with a 1982 incident at Arcola Grocery and breaking, entering and larceny at Amos L. Capps Pulpwood Company.

The murder trial of Hattie Mae Kersey, charged in the shooting death of her husband at their Ridgeway home last October, was continued because of the unavailability of one of the expert witnesses for the defense.

The disposition of the two cases involving jury trials and of other cases disposed of in the remainder of the session will be published in next week's issue of The Warren Record.

Special Election Upcoming

Warren's 2 Senators To Be Picked July 17

Warren County Democrats will finally cast their votes for state senators Tuesday in a primary election that was postponed because of legislative redistricting.

Before the redistricting, all of Warren County was in District 6. Warren County is now in two senatorial districts with Fishing Creek and Judkin Townships in District 10 and all other townships in District 2.

In District 2, the dean of the North Carolina Senate, J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston, is being challenged by Dr. John B. Moore of Weldon and Ahsokie lawyer Rob Lewis.

Dr. Moore, a native of Washington, is a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh and Howard University School of Religion.

He is pastor of First Baptist Church in Weldon and is active in civic affairs with membership in the Halifax County Coalition for Progress and the local branch of the NAACP.

Lewis, a native of Kelford, is a graduate of Brockport State University College in Rochester, N. Y. and the University of Cincinnati. He has practiced law in Ahsokie since 1982 and is president of the Bertie County NAACP. He also serves on the board of directors of the Rural Day Care Association.

Harrington is the retired president of Harrington Manufacturing Company. He has served on numerous committees during his 22 years in the General Assembly, with 16 years of service on the Transportation Committee, and is a candidate for Senate Pro-Tem, the highest Senate position.

He has served as a trustee for Elizabeth City State University, Chowan College and Roanoke-Chowan Technical College.

In District 10, incumbent Sen. Dallas L. Alford, Jr. of Rocky Mount is being challenged by James E. Ezzell, Jr., also of Rocky Mount and former president of Sun Savings and Loan Association which

recently merged to become Conner Savings and Loan.

Alford, who served in the state Senate in 1959 and 1961, returned in 1965 and 1967 and has served consecutive

terms since 1973. Ezzell, a lawyer, served two terms in the N. C. House before resigning in 1980 to become a District Court judge for Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson coun-

ties. He left the judgeship last July to become president of Sun Savings.

Polls in Warren County will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 7:30 p. m. on election day.

Not More Than Anticipated

Property Value Increase Spurs String Of Protests

By KAY HORNER
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Response from propertyowners to the recent revaluation of real estate in the county for tax purposes has

been no more nor less than anticipated, according to Steve Whitacre with Carroll-Phelps Company, the Winston-Salem appraisal firm that handled the

revaluation. Whitacre said this week that about 350 propertyowners had requested informal hearings with the appraisers to date and that he expected to hear from a total of about 400 before hearings are concluded around August 1.

That figure represents four or five percent of the county's propertyowners, Whitacre noted. He estimated that there are 15,000 parcels of property in the county and 10,000 propertyowners.

In his experience, Whitacre commented, it is routine for three to five percent of the propertyowners to request hearings after revaluations.

Warren County commissioners adopted the new appraisal schedule last March, after an extensive field survey of real property had been conducted throughout the county by Carroll-Phelps Company.

Tax notices recently sent to propertyowners by the tax supervisor's office reflected dramatic increases in the listed value of some parcels of property, such as lakefront lots, over the listed value at the time of the last revaluation eight years ago.

However, Whitacre said this week that most of the hearings had been called because of such items as acreage discrepancies and had been resolved.

He indicated that he expected fewer than 50 complaints to be carried to the County Board of Equalization and Review which will meet next April.

According to Whitacre, new construction in the county begun this year has not yet been picked up by the tax supervisor's office and is expected to add to the real property tax base about \$4 million on the Kerr and Gaston lake areas and \$8 million throughout the county.

The revaluation, when that property is included, should increase the county's real property tax base, which was \$153 million in 1983, by 115 to 120 percent, he said.

The new tax values become effective on January 1 of next year.

Money Is Allotted

'Pork Barrel' Aid Provided Warren

Warren General Hospital and a Warrenton public radio station are among the pet projects of legislators representing Warren County that were funded last week by the General Assembly's "pork barrel" appropriations.

The bill allocated each state senator \$80,000 and each representative \$40,000 to channel to projects in their districts.

The hospital is scheduled to receive \$15,000 as requested by Sen. Monk Harrington of Lewiston and \$5,000 from Sen. James D. Speed of Franklin County. A total of \$50,000 had been requested by the hospital, according to Rep. Frank Ballance of Warrenton, but the request came in late and funds had already been committed elsewhere.

WVSP, a minority-owned public radio

station, was funded with \$10,000 from Rep. Ballance and \$5,000 from Sen. Harrington. REACH, an organization in Hollister that provides recreation and counseling for teenagers, was awarded \$3,500 of Ballance's appropriation.

"We receive about three times as many requests as we have funds for," Ballance said this week. "What we couldn't do this year, we hope to do next year. For instance, I had dearly wanted to do something for the Warrenton Community Center, but couldn't this year."

Rep. Ballance had also requested \$35,000 for restoration of the Jacob Holt House, a historical property owned by the Town of Warrenton, but that request was not funded.

Man With Local Ties Featured Nationally

The former Richmond, Va. home of an interior designer with Warren County ties is featured on the cover of the summer edition of "Better Homes and Gardens Decorating" magazine.

Six pages in the publication are devoted to the "Victorian turned - contemporary" residence of J. Phillip Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Young of the Churchill community.

Young, who grew up in Sanford, is the grandson of Mrs. Mollie Haithcock of Churchill and as a youngster often spent part of his summer vacation in that com-

munity.

His parents now live in the home where his mother, the former Cappy Haithcock, grew up, and it is ironic that Young's Virginia home was in Richmond's historic Churchill district.

Young has now relocated to New York in a move that resulted from the magazine layout. According to his mother, a New York designer saw the article and offered Young a job, which he promptly accepted.

Prior to his move, Young was associated with Miller & Rhoads, a department store in Richmond.

Vaccination Day

Set For Dogs, Cats

Dog Warden Frank Twitty has announced a one-day vaccination clinic for cats and dogs on Saturday, July 14. From 1 p. m. until 5 p. m. at the Warren County Landfill. Dr. George Davis, III of Louisburg will administer the vaccines.

This is the first year that vaccinations have been required for cats, according to Twitty. After July 14, those cats not vaccinated will be picked up by the warden.