

Roof Repair At Schools Authorized

Roof and gutter repairs totaling \$29,555 at John Graham and Norlina middle schools were authorized by the Warren County Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night.

The project will include roof repairs and gutter replacement on the main building at John Graham for a total cost of \$9,864; replacement of the roof and gutters at Norlina's vocational building at a cost of \$13,101; and gutter replacement at Norlina's gym at a cost of \$6,590.

The work will be done by Owen Gupton Roofing Co. of Henderson, the only firm to submit bids on two occasions.

Funds for the repair work were included in the 1984-85 budget, according to Assistant Superintendent James Jordan.

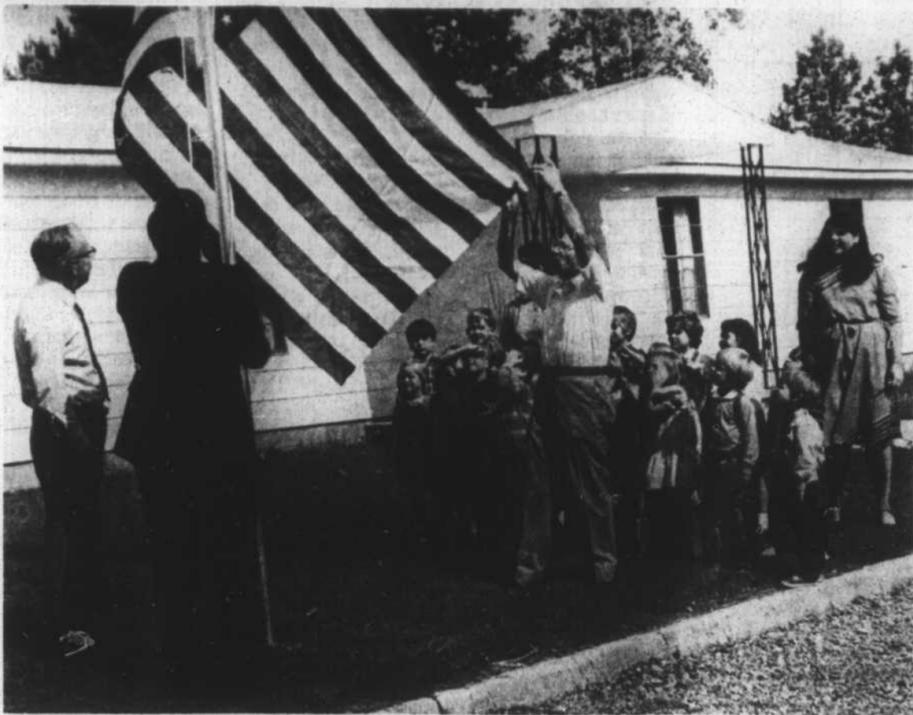
Repairs and recoating on the roof of the main building at Norlina were included in Gupton's estimate for \$4,172. However, at Jordan's suggestion, the board agreed to delete that item from the bid to allow him to investigate the possibility of coating the tin roof with a material with thermal and sealing qualities.

The board also heard, but took no action, on a report from Jordan about deterioration of the roof and windows of the old high school building on the North Warren campus.

Jordan acknowledged that the building is of "minimal value" to the school system, with only the auditorium being utilized. But he indicated that it did represent a capital investment and probably would not survive another winter without damage. He estimated cost of repairs at \$7,460.

"There are two sides to the coin," County Schools Superintendent Michael F. Williams told the board. "That's a lot of money to put into that building. But the building represents a considerable investment and we have an obligation to protect that investment."

Williams indicated (Continued on page 3)



In a Columbus Day ceremony on Monday, a U. S. Flag presented to the Norlina Christian School by Sen. Jesse Helms is hoisted at the school as students and teachers observe. Participating in the raising of the flag are Norlina Mayor Bill Perry, flag bearer; the Rev. Gary Roy, pastor of the Gospel Baptist Church and principal of the school; and Ray Eller,

church leader. The flag was flown over the nation's Capitol on August 6 at the request of Sen. Helms. The Norlina Christian School was established by the Gospel Baptist Church in Norlina and has an enrollment of 20 students in grades 4-year-old kindergarten through second grade. (Staff Photo)

Mugging Suspects Apprehended

The Warrenton Police Department was expected to draw warrants this morning (Wednesday) against five suspects arrested late Tuesday

in connection with muggings in Warren County. According to Police

Chief Freddie Robinson, the suspects were arrested while attempting a mugging in front of the Warren County Memorial Library.

As The Warren Record went to press, details of the arrests were sketchy and names of the suspects could not be released pending issuance of warrants.

However, Chief Robinson said two of the suspects were apprehended in the vicinity of the library, two were arrested in the woods behind Hardees where they fled on foot and a fifth was apprehended as he drove down Main Street.

All five were released into the custody of their parents pending the drawing of warrants this morning.

Two muggings were reported in Warrenton last week.

G. H. Macon, Jr. of 304 N. Main Street was robbed last Tuesday around 8:10 p. m. while unlocking the back door of his home.

According to police reports, someone grabbed Macon from behind and held him while taking his wallet from his trousers pocket.

The only description Macon was able to give was that the assailant was wearing tennis shoes and either a red shirt or red trousers.

The wallet contained about \$50 in cash, credit cards, and other identification.

In an incident around (Continued on page 3)

Warren Municipalities

Are Granted Road Funds

Warren County's three municipalities have received more than \$41,384 in state street aid allocations under the Powell Bill, according to the N. C. Transportation Secretary William R. Robertson.

The allocations, based on the community's population and the number of miles in its local streets, are distributed annually and are derived from the revenue produced by 1 3/8 cents per gallon of the state's motor fuel taxes for the preceding year.

Last year, Powell Bill provisions added \$42.3 million to the coffers of local communities throughout the state. Funds are distributed according to a legislative formula based 75 percent on population and 25 per-

cent on local street mileage which is not state maintained.

Norlina received the largest allocation of the county's three municipalities at \$19,460. With a population of 894, Norlina has 9.14 miles of non-state maintained road.

Warrenton, with a population of 1,027 and 6.62 miles of non-state maintained road, qualified for \$18,960.

Macon received \$2,965 based on its population of 148 and non-state maintained road mileage of 1.22 miles.

From this year's Powell Bill funds, the largest single check went to the City of Charlotte for \$5,427,356.

The smallest check disbursed under the act went to the municipality of Falkland in Pitt County, which received \$1,657.

Accused Killer To Return

A man charged in New York last May with the 1979 murder of William Kearney Thompson, an Inez merchant, will be extradited to North Carolina within the next two weeks, according to Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton with the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

A warrant for the arrest of Jeffery

Perry was issued on Sept. 26, 1979, two days after Thompson's badly beaten body was found in the storage room of his store. Until last May, Perry had eluded arrest.

Assisting with the investigation that led to the arrest were the FBI, North Carolina SBI and the Sheriff's Department.

Registration Is Reported Heavy

The midnight Monday deadline for voter registration for the November elections brought a flurry of activity for the county's registrars and added 208 names to the voter registration lists.

According to Ruby Jones, county elections supervisor, the elections office on Front Street in Warrenton was packed with would-be voters late Monday afternoon.

All those in line were registered before that office closed around 5:50, Mrs. Jones said. However, some registrars throughout the county continued to register people later that evening before the deadline.

A total of 10,660 voters are registered in Warren County for the upcoming election, according to figures tabulated by Mrs. Jones Tuesday morning.

Of this number, 10,211 are Democrats, 390 are Republicans, two are Libertarians, and 57 are unaffiliated.

The racial composition of the voters is 5,949 black, 4,369 white, 341 Indian and one of an unspecified race.

An April 9 tally of voter lists before the first primary indicated that 10,408 voters were registered. Of that number, 10,000 were Democrats, 357 were Republicans, and 49 were Libertarian.

In racial composition, 5,838 were black, 4,227 were white, 341 were Indian and two were of other races.

Since the April 9 tally,

77 voters have cancelled their registration in Warren County due to relocation to other areas and the names of 68 deceased voters have been removed from the voter rolls.

The names of deceased voters are removed quarterly after notification of death is received from the N. C. Department of Human Resources, Mrs. Jones said.

Visit By Bishop Scheduled Here

Warren County Methodists will be joined by Bishop Carlton P. Minnick, Jr. of the Raleigh District Sunday night in their celebration of the Bicentennial of Methodism.

Bishop Minnick will bring the evening message and serve communion at the 7 p. m. service at Norlina Methodist Church.

All Methodist churches in the county and their pastors will participate in the service.

The service will feature the hymns of John and Charles Wesley, the forefathers of Methodism, and a choir composed of members of area churches will perform two Wesley anthems under the direction of Mrs. Janet Coleman.

Following the service, a reception will be held in the fellowship hall of the church where banners from the Methodist Churches in the county will be on display.

A newcomer to his Raleigh post, Bishop Minnick's visit will be his first to Warren County. He was assigned to the Raleigh District this past July after serving as bishop in the Jackson



BISHOP MINNICK

area. He has pastored churches in Richmond, Williamsburg, and Arlington, Va. and served as district superintendent of the Alexandria, Va. District from 1978-1980.

A graduate of Lynchburg College in Virginia, Bishop Minnick received a bachelor of divinity degree and a master of theology degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

He is married to the former Mary Ann Adams of Lynchburg and they have four children.

New Postal Officer Arrives For Duty

The new face at the Warrenton Post Office is that of John E. Price, who is serving as officer-in-charge during the search for a person to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Bruce Bell as postmaster.

Bell's retirement was effective October 3, and Price indicated that he would be the acting postmaster during the 60 to 90 days normally required to seek a replacement. During this period, the screening committees will be

accepting applications and making the decisions necessary toward naming a new postmaster.

Price, whose home is in Selma, is staying in Henderson during his term here. He has been with the postal service for 17 years, the last 10 of which he has spent as the superintendent of postal operations in the Smithfield Post Office. Prior to that he served as a postal clerk, and his first job with the system was as a part-time carrier.

He complimented the "exceptional employees" of the Warrenton Post Office and expressed appreciation for their helpfulness during his orientation to the office here and to the area in general. Adding to the adjustment which inevitably comes with change has been the redecorating currently being done at the post office.

Price's wife and two sons live in Selma. On his hours away from the postal service, he enjoys restoring antique cars and camping.



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Delegation Is Impressed With Historic Tarboro Efforts

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

A group of Warren County citizens and officials interested in historical preservation visited Tarboro last Wednesday to see firsthand what the Eastern North Carolina community has done to revitalize its downtown.

The visit by the group, which included Warren County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Eva M. Clayton and Industrial Developer Jim Whitley, was prompted after a meeting last summer between state and county officials in which Tarboro was cited as an example of a local community that had been successful in using historical preservation as a tool for economic growth.

The group met with Watson Brown, director of planning and community development for Tarboro, who explained how the Edgecombe County town had gone about its revitalization effort.

"They started off on a small scale 20 years ago," Whitley said this week, "and things have just mushroomed since that time."

Through revolving loans, various grants, and the involvement of private developers, the town has financed new construction and restoration projects

that have increased the tax base while improving the quality of life for local citizens, Whitley said.

One of the most impressive projects is a multi-million dollar retirement home, Whitley commented. It stands on a piece of property that at one time produced only \$5,000 in ad valorem tax revenue. Now it produces \$100,000 for the tax coffers.

Tarboro businessmen attest to the success of the revitalization effort and estimate that business is up as much as 25 percent as a result of improvement to properties, Whitley indicated.

"We need to get a handle on a similar effort," he said. "We don't have the same tax base or population base, but could do something on a smaller scale."

J. Myrick Howard, executive director of the Historical Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., in speaking at the meeting with county officials last July said that Warren County had one of the most "remarkable" set of buildings remaining from its history of any county in the state.

"When you bring people in to restore homes, you put money back into the tax base," Howard said, "and looking at it over the long term, you can use it to attract industry."

Richard Hunter, Warren County clerk of court and member of the county Historical Association, said yesterday that he would like to see a new attitude toward historical societies and their work.

"An historical society doesn't have to be little old ladies in tennis shoes," Hunter said. "Historical preservation and economic development can be partners and people throughout the community can participate in the society's efforts."

The Historical Association has a current membership of about 100, Hunter said, but the majority are people from outside the county who have ancestral ties here.

"State officials realize the potential Warren County has to use its architecture as an economic resource," Hunter commented. "I think the county commissioners ought to look into hiring someone to do full-time economic development with an eye toward utilizing the architectural and historical resources here."

Others in the group traveling to Tarboro were Monroe Gardner, chairman of the County Industrial Commission, L. C. Cooper and Brad Carroll, members of the Citizens United for Progress Task Force, and Warrenton Mayor B. G. White.