

# The Warren Record



Santa came to Warrenton in style Saturday courtesy of Karl Hehl, antique carriage collector and owner of Carriage Fuel & Oil Co., who drove the jolly fellow through the streets of Warrenton in a

horsedrawn surry during the annual Christmas Parade. Shown above with Santa are Hehl and his three-year-old daughter, Jamie. For more parade photos, see page 12. (Staff Photo)

## Closing Of Hospital Draws Citizen Protest

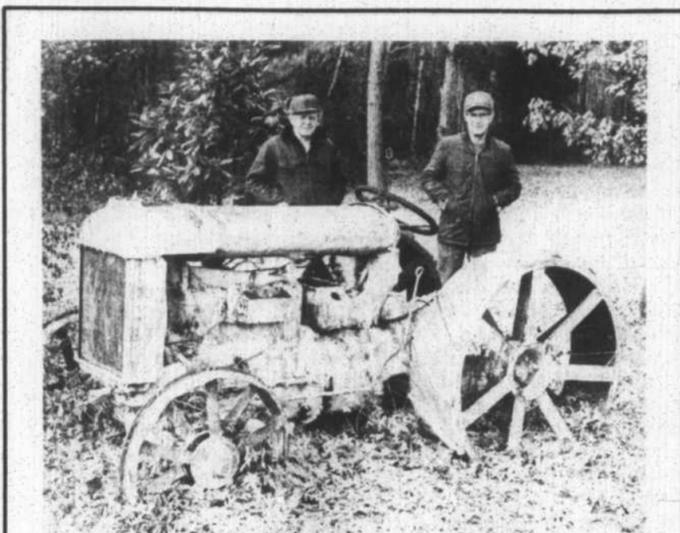
### Another Meet Set

By KAY HORNER  
News Editor

It was standing room only in Warren County Courtroom Tuesday night as local citizens protested the planned January 1 suspension of in-patient and emergency room services at financially troubled Warren General Hospital and charged county commissioners and hospital trustees with failing to explore all the options for keeping the hospital open.

A plan, agreed on last week by the two boards, calls for establishment of an urgent care center for treatment of minor traumas during a six-month period in which the hospital would undergo roof replacement and interior renovation before conversion to some type of primary health care center. (The care to be offered has yet to be determined pending a report from the N. C. Office of Rural Health which is currently conducting a study of the hospital and medical needs of county citizens. The repairs are being financed by a federal grant.)

Chief among the concerns expressed by (Continued on page 12)



Theo Hecht, left, and his brother Ernest, stand behind an antique Ford tractor which has been on the lot of E. G. Hecht and Sons in Norlina for a half-dozen years. Featured in the December issue of National Geographic, the tractor may soon be on its way to Kansas, where a man interested in restoring the tractor hopes to put it back into running condition. (Staff Photo)

## Warrenton Board Takes No Action On Request For Rezoning Property

By MARY C. HARRIS  
Staff Writer

The Warrenton Town Board voted on Monday evening to postpone action on a rezoning request which would allow for the construction of proposed apartment complexes on the Ridgeway road and West Franklin Street. Approval for the rezoning had been given by the Warrenton Planning Board during a Nov. 26 meeting and was presented to the commissioners for consideration.

Present to represent K & B Walker Corporation, developers of the proposed projects, were L. C. Cooper, corporation officer on whose land the Ridgeway Road apartments would be

built, and Warrenton lawyer T. T. Clayton, legal advisor for the corporation.

As in a public hearing on Nov. 11, the board members heard from those opposed to the Ridgeway Road project. A petition of opposition containing 42 names, objections voiced by Ron Douglas, a resident of the community, and a letter from one of the heirs of the Wortham property adjoining the land in question represented the opposition.

The commissioners determined that a decision of this import required careful consideration and so tabled the matter until a later meeting.

Mayor B. G. White presided over the 7:30 p.

m. meeting which was attended by six commissioners and several guests.

Brad Carroll, representing the Warren County Industrial Commission, reported on the meeting held Thursday at the Courthouse in the interest of historical preservation of Warrenton and Warren County. He requested the town's support for efforts to seek the funding for preservation efforts. He reported that research was being conducted regarding possible grants and that steps were being taken to make application for a Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation grant right away.

In other business, the board heard Bill Reimann of Leary Construction Co. recommend that a wax coating be applied to the interior of the water tank of the north end of town near Warren General Hospital. This measure, he said, would keep in effect the 10-year warranty offered on the repair work done on the tank by his company in 1981. Board members voted to postpone a decision on the re-coating until Reimann could inspect the tank and assess the need.

The commissioners

heard a second reading of the proposed 60-year franchise by Carolina Power and Light Company for electrical service to the town of Warrenton. The 1925 franchise now in effect will expire next year. Commissioners accepted the franchise on the second reading. Gordon Greene, representative of the power company who has recently been transferred from the Warrenton office, was present to express his appreciation for the town's cooperation during his tenure here and to pledge the continued service of his company.

## Winter Distribution Scheduled At Armory

The winter distribution of U. S. Department of Agriculture surplus foods will be held from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Dec. 19 at the National Guard Armory in Warrenton, according to Julian Farrar, Social Services director.

Five items to be distributed are rice, dry milk, honey, corn meal and cheese. The items are for low income families with income at or below gross income limits as follows: family of one, \$540 a month; family of two, \$728 a month; family of three, \$917 a month; and family of four \$1,105 a month.

Anyone wishing to receive foods for an invalid or housebound individual must bring a signed statement from the individual indicating his or her income and approval for the food to be received by the representative.

## Results Of Election Released For County

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Community Committee elections were held recently for the one-year term beginning January 1, 1985.

Following is a list of townships with the newly elected committeemen listed in order of chairperson, vice-chairperson, regular member, and first and second alternate:

Fishing Creek — Edward Conn, Frank A. Gupton, Harvey B. King, Billy L. King and Danton Francis.  
Judkins — James H. Robertson, Arthur Lee Evans, David M. Hight, Matt D. Nelson, Jr., and Alex Henderson.

Sandy Creek — Willis A. Fleming, Andy B. Garrett, Raeford Pernel, Otha L. Hayes, Jr., and Owens H. Williams.

Warrenton — A. Kenneth Mustian, Ernest C. Brauer, Robert O. Rideout, Franklin Rivers and Wendell H. Wilson.

Fork — Gillis Alston, Leon S. Williams, Glenn Coleman, Sr., V. A. Dillard, and Bennie P. Collier.

Nutbush — A. P. Holtzman, Jr., W. B. Ellington, L. M. Bender, Raymond J. Seaman and James O. Green.

Sixpound — Glenn R. Riggan, Harry M. Leete, E. P. Daniel, George A. Perkinson and David Bell.

Shocco — William L. Fuller, Jr., Eugene Mustian, Jr., Edward Somerville, W. P. Jones, Lucious O'Neal, Jr.

Hawtree — Robert H. Frazier, Luther I. Perkinson, Dennis H. Stegall, Macon Myrick and James H. Taylor.

River — J. Robert King, Herbert C. Harris, Edward Warren, Abner Brown and D. S. Isles.

Smith Creek — Sidney G. Burton, Richard J. Holtzmann, Calvin Seaman, Charles W. Lynch and A. O. Johnson.

Chairperson, vice-chairperson and regular member of each community committee will be delegates to the county convention to fill vacancies on the county committee.

The convention will be held on Dec. 17, at 1:30 p. m. in the courthouse in Warrenton.



A facsimile check for \$2,848 is shown being presented recently for use by the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital. Taking part in the presentation, held at a ladies night dinner at the Warrenton Lions Den, were, left to right, Arnold Brown, temple divan; William Harrell, president of the Warren County Shrine Club; Ray Harrison, temple recorder; Joe Edgerton, treasurer of the Warren County

Shrine Club; and William Pulley, vice president of the Warren County Shrine Club. President Harrell, who said the money was the most ever raised at a local Shriner's fish fry, said he wished to express his club's appreciation to all the persons who helped make this year better than ever.

(Photo by J. B. Fleming)

## Norlina Is Featured

By PAT BAKER  
Norlina Correspondent

Theo and Ernest Hecht's Indian Museum in Norlina has been of interest to the news media for some time now.

This past fall, the Hechts were the subject of an interview by Irving Hester of WTVD-TV, Channel 11, in Durham, and a feature story published in The News and Observer of Raleigh.

Those interviews were not the first nor the last for the Hechts.

Two years ago, William L. Blewett, a researcher with National Geographic magazine, traveled down U. S. 1 from Van Buren, Maine to Key West, Fla. to research an article on the highway so well-traveled before the advent of interstates.

The reporter stopped at Hecht's Museum and spent several hours in an interview and photo session. The result was a photograph of

an old Ford tractor from the museum and a brief mention of Theo Hecht and the Norlina area in the magazine's December 1984 issue.

As Theo said recently, "It's not often that Norlina or any other area of our county makes National Geographic."

The article suggests that in years to come, the culture represented along U. S. 1 will be as revered as restored colonial Williamsburg is today.

Norlina was one of just three points in North Carolina which were mentioned by the writer. (The other two are Raleigh and Wolf Pit, a community on the border of the two Carolinas.)

The Hechts are doing much to preserve artifacts from our area which are a reflection of our heritage and our culture. For this, they and we should be proud.

## Trooper Is Given Jury Trial Promotion, Transfer Begun Here

Trooper C. E. Lockley of Warrenton has been promoted to sergeant with the N. C. Highway Patrol, and has been

transferred to Elizabethtown, effective Dec. 1, according to Russ Edmonston, public information officer with the N. C. Department of Public Safety.

Warren County was Sgt. Lockley's first assignment after completing patrol school in September 1977.

He said this week that he and his family will be moving to Elizabethtown as soon as they can obtain housing.

Sgt. Lockley's wife, Carolyn, is employed with the Warren County Department of Social Services. They have two daughters, ages four and eight.

Lockley was one of 48 officers whose promotions were announced last week. A total of seven transfers were also announced.

The changes were largely to fill vacancies left by an unusually high number of retirements in recent months according to reports.

The jury trial of Craig Lynch on two charges of breaking, entering and larceny, and safe-cracking at Arcola Grocery and Amos L. Capps Pulpwood Co. in Nov. 1982 began Monday in Warren County Superior Court.

As of Tuesday afternoon, evidence was still being presented and the case had not gone to the jury.

Two cases were disposed of by Resident Superior Court Judge Robert Hobgood of Louisburg before the jury trial got underway.

A suspended sentence and probation given Larry Wayne Hamm of Inez in 1979 for assault inflicting serious injury were revoked by Judge Hobgood because of probation violations, including a conviction in 1981 on two counts of breaking and entering.

In turn, Hamm's probation on the 1981 conviction was revoked after his admission of five (Continued on page 8B)