

## Additional Jobs Slated At Norlina

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A Norlina textile company which filed for bankruptcy two years ago is back on its feet and planning an equipment and work force expansion in the near future.

Norlina Mills, producer of fine denier nylon for ladies hosiery, has paid settlements to all creditors as ordered by the courts under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act, according to company President W. Richard Fero.

Included in those settlements was a payment of \$43,000 in delinquent county taxes.

According to Susan W. Brown, county tax collector, the mill has "substantially satisfied their debt" in delinquent taxes, and in addition, has paid current taxes due.

Norlina Mills, which had a total debt of approximately \$3 million when bankruptcy was declared, was acquired last summer by Glen Raven Mills, Inc.

The parent company, Fero said this week, is adding equipment to the local plant and between 17 and 20 new employees are expected to be hired next year.

The company currently employs 90 people.

Last year, Fero told county commissioners that the company's financial straits were traceable to the purchase of faulty texturing machines from a French company with financing through the French government. The machines, Fero said, could not produce yarn that could be dyed evenly.



Two new Warrenton police officers were introduced to the Town Board Monday evening and are pictured with Police Chief Freddie Robinson and chairman of the police committee, Commissioner A. A. Wood. Shown, left to right, are Chief Robinson, new

officers Olympus Richardson of the Parktown community and Purcell Williams, Jr. of Drewry, and Commissioner Wood.

(Staff Photo)

## For Zoning Changes

## Warrenton Board Denies Requests

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A red light flashed before developers of proposed apartment complexes on the Ridgeway Road and West Franklin Street on Monday evening when the Warrenton Town Board decided against rezoning the properties to allow for the construction.

Request for both zoning changes had come from the K and B Walker Corporation, which proposed to build an apartment development for rent to paying tenants and on West Franklin Street a subsidized apartment project for senior citizens and handicapped persons.

The vote was the culmination of a series of meetings which began

in early November with a public hearing before a joint meeting of the Warrenton Planning Board and the Town Council. Present at that meeting and voicing their opposition were a number of residents of the Ridgeway Road neighborhood.

The Warrenton Planning Board voted on Nov. 26 to recommend the requested rezoning of both properties to the Warrenton Town Board, whose responsibility it is to make the final decision.

The matter was considered by the councilmen at their December meeting, but it was decided that further consideration should be given the issue and that the vote should be delayed until a full board was present.

All members were in attendance for the Monday meeting. In considering the rezoning request for the property located at 305 and 307 West Franklin Street from R-12 (medium density residential) to R-8 (high density), six councilmen voted against the change, while Commissioner Eddie Clayton voted in favor of the rezoning. Clayton stated that his vote was based on the fact that no one had expressed any opposition to him regarding the Franklin Street project.

The vote was unanimous against the rezoning of property belonging to L. C. Cooper on State Road 1107, locally known as the Ridgeway Road. The request for change from R-20 (low density residential) to the R-8 high density classification was denied, the councilmen explained, in view of the objections which had been raised by neighbors of the community in question both at the public hearing and to commissioners individually.

Present at the meeting were L. C. Cooper and Preston Buckley, officers of the K and B Walker Corporation, and their attorney, T. T. Clayton. The three representatives expressed their frustration and lack of understanding of the objections to the projects. Buckley noted that he attributed much of the opposition to disapproval of his political preferences and campaigning in recent elections.

In answer to a question from Buckley regarding the possibility of considering again the proposal, Mayor B. G. White pointed out that a zoning ordinance

## Clothing Classes Set

Clothing construction classes will begin again on Jan. 15, at the Hallwa/Saponi Tribal Center. Classes will start at 7 p. m. and end at 10 p. m. The class will last for 11 weeks ending March 28. Registration fee is

\$15. Instructor for the class is Mrs. G. Richardson. Those interested in attending should contact the Hallwa/Saponi Tribal Center at 586-4017 or 586-6242.

## For Warren Hospital

## Bid For Funding Is Turned Down

The hope that state officials would earmark \$150,000 for medical services in Warren County in light of the hospital's current financial straits was dashed this week when the Council of State declined the county's request.

Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the county commissioners, said late yesterday afternoon that she understood the decision was based, in part, on a concern that such action might set a precedent for bailing out financially troubled hospitals t

out the state. In addition, the council, which also declined funding for two other projects, is beginning its new term with fewer funds than normally on hand.

"They had \$600,000 and our request was for \$150,000," Mrs. Clayton said. "I'm obviously disappointed, but I still resolve that we'll find the funds. It is unfortunate, however, that the state did not take the opportunity to respond to what I thought was a worthy request."

The funds, Mrs. Clayton said, were to be used for emergency or urgent care services in the county.

The county commissioners have accelerated their monthly allocations to Warren General Hospital to keep it open until Jan. 31 while a citizen's group explores ways to keep the in-patient facility open. The debt of the hospital, which was originally scheduled to cease in-patient services Jan. 1, currently exceeds \$265,000.

Mrs. Clayton said plans now call for looking to the federal government for

assistance through federally - funded HealthCo.

"HealthCo will have to participate and has expressed interest in participating to the limit of its resources," Mrs. Clayton said.

She has also received inquiries from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem and a multi-health service, Alliance of Health Systems, which operates two hospitals (Continued on page 8)

## March 15 New Deadline

## Board Extends Tax Listing Time

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The tax listing period for real and personal property in Warren County was extended from January 31 to March 15 by county commissioners Monday at the request of Janice Haynes, county tax supervisor.

Mrs. Haynes said the mailing of abstracts, which list real and personal property recorded for the preceding year, had been hampered by the increased number of taxpayers listing property in person this year.

Abstracts are usually mailed to county residents during January.

"I don't know why, but this year we've had more people coming in to the office to list than we've ever had," Mrs. Haynes explained.

According to Mrs. Haynes, she and her staff of two will prepare by hand approximately 16,000 abstracts this year.

Those who list their property at the tax office will not be mailed abstracts.

The board also authorized an increase in salaries for nine professional-level employees of the Warren County Health Department at the request of the County Health Board.

The increases for six nurses, an environmental health coordinator, and health director, will be funded by the state and involve no additional county appropriations.

Employees of the Health Department, which receives a majority of its funding from state and federal sources, fall under the state's personnel policy.

According to County Health Director, Joe Lennon, the increases, which are retroactive to July 1984, will bring employees closer in line with the salary ranges recommended by the state.

In a related item, County Manager Charles Worth, who was authorized by commissioners in October to proceed with a review of salaries and job classifications for county employees, said this week that he hopes to present

preliminary findings of his study, conducted with the help of the state personnel office, at the board's mid-monthly meeting Jan. 16.

The majority of the county's approximately 100 employees are with the Health and Social Services departments and fall under state policy. They will not be included in the study.

The commissioners also approved an agreement with St. Augustine's College in Raleigh to provide assistance to the county in its application for a N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development Block Grant.

The county had planned to apply for the grant for rehabilitation of the Quick City area on the northern outskirts of Warrenton last year, but awarding of a \$750,000 NRCD grant in connection with the location by Owens-Illinois, Inc. of a plant near Ridgeway made the county ineligible for further grant funds until 1985-86.

The college will provide technical assistance in the grant application free of charge through a U. S. Housing and Urban Development grant awarded the college for such projects.

A resident of the Quick City community appeared before the board to urge the commissioners not to "forget" Quick City, and the board assured him that the community was still being considered for rehabilitation.

## Firemen Respond To Three Alarms

The Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department responded to two fires on Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning, Captain Walter Gardner said yesterday. Both fires were in the vicinity of Warrenton and the Town Volunteer Company assisted at the Saturday afternoon fire.

Gardner said that on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 3 p. m., the call for a large fire was received by both companies. Upon arrival firemen found a 4-room building used to (Continued on page 3B)

## Pool Halls Are Outlawed By Norlina Commissioners

Pool halls in the Town of Norlina became a thing of the past Monday night when town commissioners adopted an ordinance banning such establishments.

The board repealed a 1947 ordinance governing pool halls and adopted one banning pool halls or billiard halls for which "a charge is directly or indirectly made."

In the past, the town has issued licenses for the operation of pool halls. The new ordinance stipulates that anyone currently holding such a license may continue to operate his business until July, when the license expires. However, no new licenses will be issued effective Monday night.

The commissioners are also investigating the legality of banning on-premises sale of alcohol within town limits.

In other business, the town board:

—Authorized the hook-up of a fire hydrant on Darden Street at a

cost of \$1,200. The hydrant was purchased some time ago, but hook up had been delayed in hopes that it might be funded as a part of a Community Development Block Grant the town applied for last year. The grant was denied in August, and Commissioner Dwight Pearce urged immediate hook-up of the hydrant which had been promised by the board to residents of the area.

—Adopted a resolution honoring the late R. B. "Ben" Lloyd for his contribution to the town as a commissioner and his "devotion to the community and to his fellow-man."

—Approved a franchise agreement with Carolina Power & Light Company authorizing it to operate within the town limits for 60 years.

—Voted to reapply for a state Community Development Block Grant, with the first public hearing to be held Feb. 4 at 7 p. m. in the town