

Board Gives Approval To Improvement Package

Lighting for the baseball field at Warren County High School and purchase of an activity bus were part of a \$108,623 capital improvement package approved Monday night by the county Board of Education.

The two largest single items, the lights and the bus, were approved at a cost of \$32,000 and \$26,500, respectively.

Approval of the 12 projects comprising the package leaves slightly less than \$17,000 in this fiscal year's capital outlay budget.

A breakdown of other expenditures in the package includes grounds improvements at Northside Elementary at \$10,000, film projector replacement at \$2,100, a computer for the high school library at \$2,500, kindergarten equipment at \$1,000, chairs for the high school theater at \$1,750, and physical education equipment for grades seven through 12 at \$6,298.

Funding for seeding and fencing fields, a van, two automobiles, and a pickup truck totaling \$43,300 was declined in favor of \$26,475 for four new projects: repairs to the South Warren heating system, replacement of gutters at Norlina Elementary and PTA projects at South Warren and Vaughan elementary schools.

The board tabled a decision on the purchase of two cars at a cost of \$17,500. School Superintendent Michael F. Williams urged the board to decide whether the system will continue to provide cars for administrative staff travel.

Currently, there are 18 people on the staff, including central office personnel and school principals, but only 10 cars.

Williams cited the inequity that arises because all staff members do not have access to a car.

The board delayed their decision until Williams, who expressed concern that the cost of replacing the cars could not be justified, could provide additional information at the next meeting.

The board also received a report on capital improvement projects totaling \$139,582. Although that

figure is \$1,100 over the amount budgeted, Williams explained to the board that interest earned on the investment of capital outlay funds would provide the difference.

Three representatives from the N. C. School of Science and Mathematics in Durham presented a demonstration to the board of an extended classroom project in which Warren County High School is participating.

Through a telephone hook-up, similar to those used by corporations for conference calls, students at Warren County High will be able to communicate with classes and faculty at the Durham school.

The resource will be used by Mrs. Ann Laonipon's physics class.

Warren is one of only two counties in which the program is being used. The other is Lincoln County.

The board also accepted two resignations Monday night.

Donna H. Gardner, speech-language clinician resigned "in protest" of the Quality

Assurance Program, which evaluates beginning teachers.

Loree S. Harris, English teacher at Warren County High, resigned to accept a position with Vance County Schools after 10 years with Warren County Schools.

In addition, the board approved a request to the State Department of Public Instruction for exceptions to classroom sizes for the third grade at Northside Elementary and the second grade at Vaughan Elementary.

The board also voted to send two school board members to California for a convention of school board members. The trip was approved after a split vote in which concern was voiced that the cost of the trip, \$2,300, was excessive in light of current needs in the system.

The board set a special meeting date on Jan. 22 to review contracts for Superintendent Williams and assistant superintendents James B. Jordan and Rachael Ricks.



Present for a Monday morning meeting to plan for the Heart Fund Drive in Warren County were, standing, left to right, Mrs. Adair Crute, N. C. American Heart Association area director, Mrs. Margie Watson, local chairman of the professional Division; Mrs. Karen White and Mrs. Linda Wood, local chairmen of the church workers division;

Bradley Carroll, local treasurer; Sam F. Padgett, Warren County Heart Association president; and George W. Koonce, Warren County extension agent, 4-H. Seated are, left to right, Mrs. Doris Dryden, representative of the Warren County Health Department, and Mrs. Elsie Weldon, local special gifts chairman. (Staff Photo)

New Leaf Lease, Transfer Law In Effect

Thomas E. Watson, county executive director, Warren County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said a new law governing the lease and transfer of flue-cured tobacco allotments and quotas became effective with the 1985 crop year.

"The law provides that the consideration offered for the tobacco allotment and quota which is leased and transferred may not be paid until the tobacco produced under the lease is marketed," Watson said. If the tobacco allotment and quota is rented and planted on the farm for which the allotment and quota was established, there are no restrictions on when the rent can be paid.

Lease and transfer of tobacco allotments and

quotas occurs when the allotment and quota is moved from one farm to another by means of a Lease and Transfer Agreement. Both parties are required to sign a certification of compliance when the leasing agreement is filed with ASCS. "It is especially important for both parties to adhere to the leasing agreement as severe penalties will be assessed for failure to do so," Watson said.

Flue-cured tobacco leasing and transferring will end with the 1986 crop year, according to Watson. "Beginning with the 1987 tobacco crop, the allotment and quota may be utilized only on the farm to which the allotment and quota are assigned," he commented.

Beginning with the 1986 crop, the owner of a flue-cured tobacco allotment and quota must sell or forfeit the allotment and quota if flue-cured tobacco has not been planted or considered planted on the farm during at least two of the preceding three years. When tobacco allotment and quota is leased and transferred from a farm, it is considered as planted on the farm from which the allotment and quota was transferred.

Watson said flue-cured tobacco allotments and quotas may be sold year-round since the sale is a permanent transaction. However, the seller must offer the buyer the option to pay in no more than five equal fall installments.

Portrait Is Completed

By RUTH MINCHER
A Littleton artist, Mrs. Daphne Person Clark, has recently finished a perfectly beautiful and most impressive portrayal of

Christ which will hang in the foyer of Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Church near Littleton.

When this writer first looked at it after its

completion, this Bible verse came to mind, "Come Unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give thee rest. Take my yoke upon you, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11: 28-30).

As I told the artist what came to my mind, she said, "That is the title they have given the picture, 'Come Unto Me.' It could not have a more fitting title.

Mrs. Clark, wife of James T. (Tar) Clark, studied art for six years, including two years of portrait painting with Mrs. O'Flaherty of Wake Forest. Through the years she has painted more than 75 portraits, mostly in oils. Among them a number of Littleton residents. She also does children's portraits and many years ago, she painted the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Macon Moore of Littleton. They were really "speaking likenesses."

She really loves the Oriental influence and has painted murals as well as original Chinese ladies that were lovely.

She also painted scenes, mostly for the homes of her two sons, William and Edward Fitts.

"Painting the portrayal of Christ has been entirely different," she says. She was commissioned to do this and she says it has taken three months. The first month she thought about it and prayed about it. The second month she began sketching hands and faces. In the meantime, she said she was "studying every picture of Christ I could find."

The third month she declares that she really went to work with the paint brush.

The finished picture measures five feet across the bottom and almost five feet at the top. She painted it in a Gothic arch.

Her favorite artist is Rembrandt, who she says influenced her



This portrayal of Christ, painted by Littleton artist Daphne Person Clark, will hang in the foyer of Weaver's Chapel United Methodist Church. The board members of the church commissioned Mrs. Clark to do the painting.

(Photo by David C. Clark, Jr.)



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Notice Of Public Hearing Town Of Warrenton

The citizens of the Town of Warrenton are hereby informed that the Town intends to apply to the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). In an effort to involve the citizens of Warrenton in the planning of the Town's Community Development Program, a public hearing will be held at the Town Hall on January 21, 1985 at 7:30 p. m. The purpose of the hearing will be to explain the Small Cities CDBG Program and to allow the citizens of Warrenton to express their views concerning community development needs and priorities.

B. G. WHITE, Mayor

Town Board Has Meeting

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Officers were presented by Commissioner A. A. Wood, chairman of the police committee.

Brad Carroll, representing the Warren County Industrial Development Commission, informed the board that on Wednesday, Jan. 15, Paul Stevens from the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources Division of Archives and History would be in town to meet with the commission and other interested persons to make recommendations for the further restoration of the Jacob Holt House. The meeting, Carroll said, would be in preparation for the town's application for funds to finance the renovation project.

Carroll asked that the board select two commissioners to meet with the group and to participate in the planning of historical preservation for Warrenton. Commissioner Charlie White, as chairman of the zoning and historical committee, volunteered and Mayor White asked Commissioner W. A. Miles to serve also.

In other business, Commissioner Clayton, finance chairman, noted that the collection of town taxes was proceeding satisfactorily.

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