

ABC Board Lease On Norlina Store Expires This Year

The Warren County ABC Board's lease on the building housing the Norlina ABC store expires in May, and local ABC Board officials met last week with Warren County commissioners in a closed session to discuss relocation of the store.

According to ABC Board Chairperson Bernadine Ballance, no decision has been reached by the two boards.

"The lease is up in Norlina as of May 31, and we're just in a position where we need to do some exploration," Mrs. Ballance said last week.

The building, located on U.S. 1, is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Foster B. Robertson of Alexandria, Va. It was purchased in March 1982 from Warren County ABC Board Supervisor Macon Wemyss and his wife.

Robertson is Wemyss' brother-in-law.

According to William F. Hester, Jr., administrator with the N.C. Board of Alcoholic Control, the property was sold after the board was advised by the N.C. Attorney General's office that the possibility of a conflict of interest existed in an ABC Board employee leasing a building to the board for which he worked.

For the past three years, the ABC Board has leased the building for \$200 a month.

Relocation of the store has been discussed in the past by board officials with an eye toward upgrading the facility and providing additional parking.

"Mrs. Ballance is trying to modernize the Warren County ABC system," Hester said, "and the state ABC Commission certainly supports her endeavors."

Damage Is Caused By Unattended Unit

A fire started by a kerosene heater left unattended Wednesday resulted in an estimated \$5,000 in damage to a mobile home in Norlina, according to O. L. "Butch" Meek with the Norlina Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire was reported by a neighbor at the residence of Gregory Williams on Kearney Street about 9:15 Monday night. The residence was unoccupied at the time, Meek said.

It took firemen about 40 minutes to extinguish the blaze, which Meek said was confined primarily to the hallway and one room which were gutted.

Three trucks and 12 firefighters responded to the call.

Peden Is Given Highway Post

James M. Peden, Jr. of Raleigh was recently appointed by Governor James G. Martin to represent Division Five, including Warren, Vance, Person, Granville, Franklin, Durham, and Wake counties, on the state Board of Transportation. He is among 21 appointees to the board.

In making the announcement, Governor Martin stated, "Possibly more than any other state board, the Board of Transportation directly affects the daily lives of North Carolinians. I feel confident that we have chosen people who will take their new responsibilities seriously and will represent well the citizens of their divisions."

Members of the Board of Transportation serve as a link between the citizens of the state and their transportation system, formulating policies and priorities for the Department of Transportation.

Peden and the other incoming board members, representing 14 highway divisions across the state, will take their oaths of office on Jan. 24 in the board room of the Highway Building in Raleigh.

Four Fire Calls Answered Here

The Warrenton Rural Fire Department responded to four fire calls from Wednesday noon of last week until Tuesday night. In two of the town fires the Warrenton Rural Fire Department was assisted by the Warrenton Fire Company. No serious damages resulted from any of the fires.

The fire of Wednesday of last week occurred at Warren Academy on Rt. 43 where Auto Engine 64 of the Inez Fire Department was on fire. Five members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department responded with a pumper. The fire was extinguished but \$150 in damages resulted from burnt wires.

On Thursday of last week at 9:45 p. m. both the Warrenton Rural Fire Department and the Warrenton Town Company responded to a chimney fire at 517 West Franklin Street. Four men with a pumper responded from the rural fire department.

Seven rural firemen with a pumper responded to a dumpster fire on the Baltimore Road at 3:25 p. m. on Saturday. The fire was extinguished with water. No damage was reported.

Students at John Graham Middle School (Continued on page 9)



Pictured with a television set given by Norlina Mills to the Senior Citizens Center on the campus of Hawkins Elementary School in Warrenton are, left to right, Bill Woodard, representative of Norlina Mills; Mrs. Miriam Coleman, staff member at the Senior Citizens Center; James Durham, employee of Norlina Mills; and Dick Feroe, president of Norlina Mills. The presentation, made in honor of the company's employees in appreciation for their faithful service, was complemented by the Norlina Mills' purchase of two months' cable television service for the center. David Harris of Harris Electronics in Warrenton was instrumental in the purchase of the television. (Staff Photo)

Hollister Man Charged With Arcola Break-Ins

A Hollister man was arrested early Saturday morning and charged in connection with break-ins at three Arcola stores.

According to Chief B. D. Bolton with the Warren County Sheriff's Department, Benjamin Alphonso Williams of Route 1 was arrested around 5 a.m. after Deputies Lawrence Harrison and Johnny Williams discovered break-ins at Arcola Grocery, George Davis' Store, and Fleming's Store.

The discovery was made while the deputies

were on routine patrol, Bolton said.

Missing from all three stores were a small amount of change and cigarettes.

Williams was released on \$500 bond and is scheduled to appear in Warren County District Court on Jan. 30.

Also assisting in the investigation were Deputies William Richardson and Milo Alston.

Bolton also reported Tuesday that N.C. Department of Correction officials are working to return to Warren County a fugitive charged with 19 counts of breaking and entering and theft.

Richard Douglas Griffin, 34, of Middlesex was jailed recently in Bingham County, Idaho after a state trooper there discovered the man was wanted in Warren County.

According to Bolton, Griffin was charged in April 1983 with 19 break-ins at Lake Gaston residences, beginning in September 1982.

Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 worth of stolen items were found in Griffin's home at the time of his arrest, Bolton said.

Included in the items were stereos, televisions, guns, radios, and furniture.

Court reports indicate that Griffin failed to appear (Continued on page 9)

Parade Appearance Slated By Dancer

Wayahsti Richardson, young Indian dancer of near Essex, has been invited to participate in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D. C. on Monday, Jan. 21. Accompanied by his parents, Arnold and Patricia Richardson, he will lead the Indian delegation in the parade.

The Richardson family will be sponsored by the American Indian Heritage Foundation in commendation of their efforts to maintain the traditional Indian values through their lifestyle, thought, and art.

Wayahsti, the great-nephew of Chief W. R. Richardson of the Halliwa-Saponi Tribe, made his dancing debut at the age of two at the annual Halliwa-Saponi Powwow in Warren County 10 years ago. Since that time, he has

performed throughout the country and has won numerous awards.

Each summer, Wayahsti and his parents travel extensively, participating in Indian cultural events. In 1983, he received the second-place trophy at the National Indian Championship Dance-off near Dallas, Tex. During the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tenn., Wayahsti performed six shows per day for 10 days at the North Carolina Exhibit.

One recent honor was an opportunity to meet Princess Anne of England during the 400th anniversary kickoff celebration at Manito last summer. Wayahsti presented her a traditional Indian beaded bag.

The youth is a seventh-grade student at Eastman School in Enfield.



Wayahsti Richardson, left, 12-year-old Indian dancer of the Halliwa-Saponi tribe, with his parents, Patricia and Arnold Richardson of near Essex. Wayahsti will lead the Indian delegation in the Inaugural Parade on Monday, Jan. 21, in Washington, D. C.

Zoning Ordinance Revisions To Go To Commissioners

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Revisions to Warren County's zoning ordinance, seven months in the making, will be presented to Warren County commissioners tonight (Wednesday) at their mid-monthly meeting.

The 65-page document has been prepared by the Warren County Planning Board and the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

The written proposal itself does not delineate which areas of the county are zoned. That information is determined by an accompanying map, which will become a part of the ordinance, if adopted, according to O. L. "Butch" Meek, secretary to the planning board.

Currently, only the Lake Gaston and Kerr Lake areas of the county are zoned, primarily for single-family dwellings and neighborhood business and recreation classifications.

The proposed ordinance also addresses multi-family dwellings, industry, business, mobile home parks, as well as planned unit developments.

Among the new areas proposed for zoning is a corridor from Warrenton to Norlina along U.S. 158 and 401 and from Norlina to Soul City along U.S. 1.

Zoning of these areas, Meek said, has been proposed to protect the county investment in water and sewer lines there.

The proposed ordinance also provides for

Date Wrong

It was incorrectly reported last week that the tax listing period for real and personal property in Warren County had been extended from Jan. 31 to March 15.

The listing period has been extended until March 1.

The Warren Record regrets the error.

agricultural and single-family residential categories in other areas of the county.

State statute prohibits the regulation of bona fide farmland and whatever is on land at the time it is zoned can

remain there until it is no longer used for that purpose.

Before any revisions to the current ordinance can be adopted by the county commissioners, a public hearing must be held.

ASCS Figures Show

Leaf Allotment Down 11 Percent

Warren County's tobacco acreage allotment for 1985 shows an approximate 11-percent reduction from the allotment for the county last year, according to county ASCS figures.

Thomas E. Watson, executive director of the Warren County ASCS Office, reported Tuesday that the 1985 allotment for the county totals 3008.75 acres, down from the 3405.36 acres in 1984.

Watson noted that over-marketings and under-marketings from previous years are reflected in the allotment. "Allotments for individual farms vary, and notices were mailed to growers on Jan. 14," he reported.

Farmers are allowed to market up to 110 percent of their quota in a given year, with any excess deducted from the following year's quota. Under-marketings may be carried over and added to the following year's quota.

Last month the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced that acreage allotments and poundage quotas for the 1985 season would be cut by 3.7 percent. The reduction in Warren exceeds that figure because the 1984 effective allotment had been upped to compensate for under-marketings in 1983.

"In 1984, the county's tobacco growers over-

marketed 68,884 pounds, which is lost this year in addition to the 3.7 percent cut," Watson explained.

"Warren County farmers in 1984 marketed 6,222,884 pounds, which represented 101 percent of the quota. When the over-marketings and the 3.7 percent cut are figured in, the 1985 effective quota for the county amounts to 5,460,398 pounds," Watson said. "We could sell up to 110 percent of that quota, which would total 216,446 pounds less than last year," he reported.

Sales of farms and allotments have resulted in a reduction in the number of Warren County farms with tobacco quotas for 1985. Tobacco quotas have been established for 1,618 farms for 1985, as compared to 1,794 farms in 1984.

A total of 224 Warren farms under-marketed in 1984, while 254 over-marketed. "Because over-marketings will be deducted from this year's quota, those will have the larger cuts," Watson pointed out.

Faulty Pump Gives Holiday To NW Pupils

Students at North Warren School had a day off from their classes on Tuesday because of a burned-out water pump, according to James Jordan, assistant superintendent of Warren County Schools. The problem was detected on Monday and workmen installed a new pump and replaced some 20 feet of pipe to restore adequate water service to the school, Jordan stated.

Teachers reported for work as usual, and Jordan indicated on Tuesday that it appeared that work would be completed to allow classes to resume on Wednesday.

All schools in the county were closed on Friday due to icy roads in the early morning. Schools had dismissed at midday on Thursday when falling snow affected driving conditions. Friday was the first holiday from classes due to inclement weather this year.