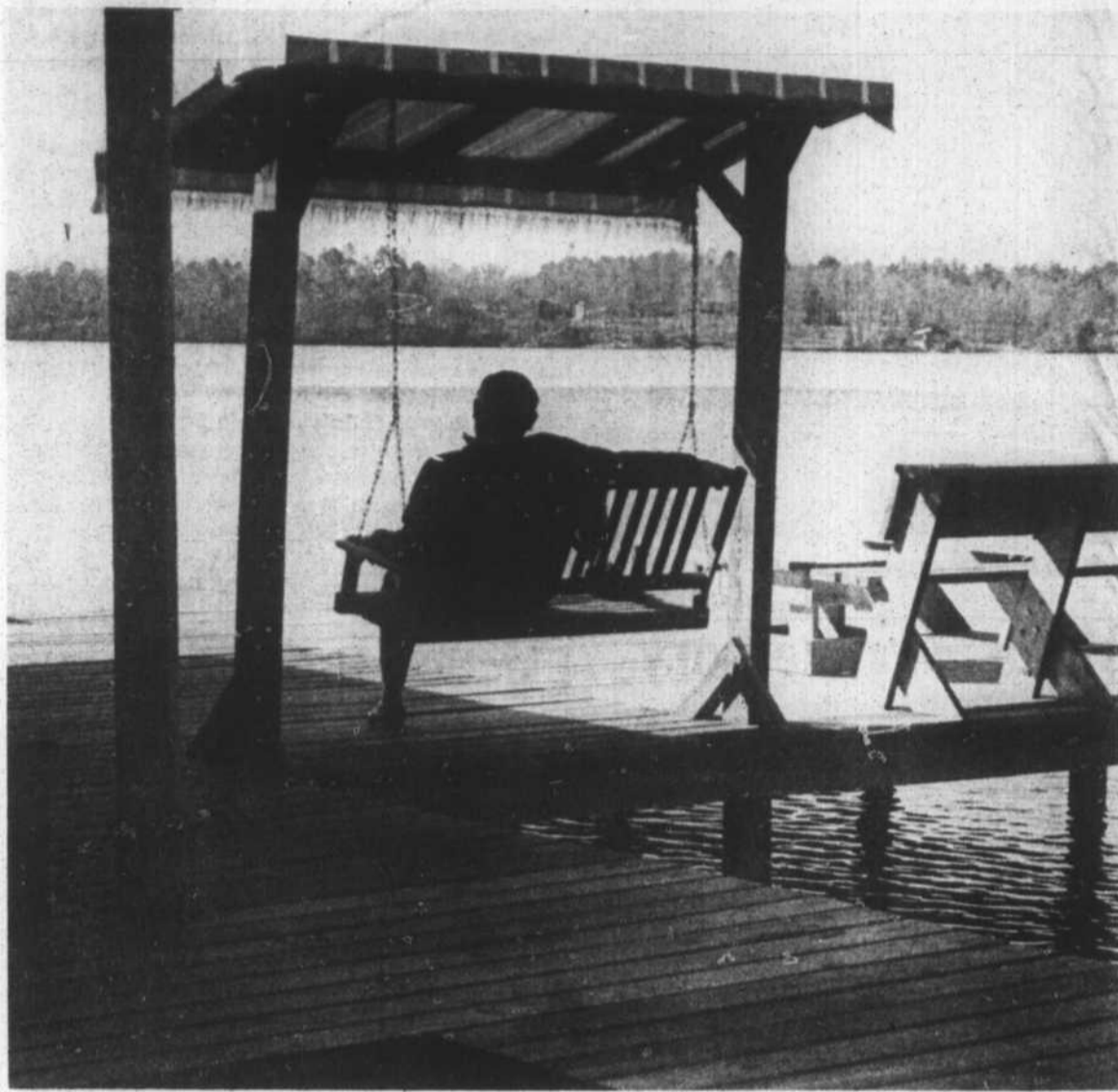


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While more than a few area fishermen made their way to Lake Gaston last weekend to take advantage of unseasonably warm temperatures, this Littleton

resident apparently found an afternoon swing more to his liking.

(Staff Photo)

After Radio Station Moves

Studio Will Be Kept Here

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

Plans are under way for the relocation to Rocky Mount of the main studio of WVSP, a public radio station based in Warrenton since its inception eight years ago.

According to Jereann King, program director, renovation of studio facilities at 224 Tarboro Street, across the street from Edgecombe Technical College, is in progress and the first broadcast from the new studio is tentatively scheduled for May.

The station will also maintain a studio in Warrenton, Ms. King said last week, primarily for recording and involving local residents in programs.

"We hope to make Warrenton a top-notch studio and we hope people in Warrenton and surrounding areas will continue to be involved in WVSP," Ms. King said. "We especially want to encourage young people to participate."

Although telephone hookups will allow live interviews from the Warrenton studio, the station will not broadcast live from Warrenton after the Rocky Mount studio is in operation.

"Initially, we had hoped to have a dual broadcast license for Rocky Mount and Warrenton," Ms. King

said. "But the cost of another microwave to take the signal to the tower was \$25,000 and we just didn't have the funds."

The move, however, will result in no change in the station's broadcast area, which includes Warren, Vance, Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton, Wilson and Wake counties, and parts of Durham, and Pitt counties.

"The relocation will strengthen the station for better programming and long-range survival," Valeria Lee, WVSP general manager, said yesterday. "It will ensure the type of community medium WVSP was intended to be."

Ms. Lee stressed WVSP was not severing its ties with Warrenton. "We will be maintaining a close relationship with Warren County and will provide a link with other communities," she explained.

The station, which broadcasts 19 hours a day, seven days a week at 90.9 FM, has trained more than 100 young people in radio broadcasting and some have pursued careers in the field, according to Ms. King.

The station, which is a National Public Radio affiliate, has four full-time staff members, and the staff hopes to increase its volunteer staff in the near future.

Funding for the relocation has been provided by Rocky Mount area businesses, including Hardees, Belk Tyler, Abbott Laboratories, Carolina Power & Light Co., Carolina Telephone and Telegraph, Planters Bank and Peoples Bank.

The station also received a grant from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation of Winston-Salem and a loan from the New York-based Local Initiative Support Committee, which is interested in development of northeastern North Carolina.

WVSP is a minority company privately owned by Sound and Print United.

Rites For Oakley Held On Sunday

A memorial service for Howard Freeman Oakley, 83, was conducted at 3 p. m. Sunday at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church by the Rev. John Cameron West.

Mr. Oakley died Friday at Warren Nursing Center. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force, having served during World War II. Active in civic and religious activities of the community, he was a leader in the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, and

held membership in the Warrenton Lions Club, the American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was past president and stockholder of the Warrenton Railroad.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith Perry Mitchiner Oakley; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Flagle of McLean, Va. and Mrs. Mildred Zanger of Littlestown, Pa.; two step-children, John P. Mitchiner, Jr., of Annandale, Va. and W. C. Mitchiner of Roxboro; and four step-grandchildren.

Demos To Meet

All Warren County Democratic precinct meetings will be held Thursday night, March 7, at 8 p.m. at the designated precinct polling places.

Each precinct will elect officers, committee members, and delegates to the April 13 county convention.

For further information, contact Anna G. Butler, Warren County Democratic chairperson, at 257-3633 or your precinct chairman.

The first meal was served Friday at Warren County's newest nutrition site at the recently renovated Warren County Senior Citizens Center on the campus of Hawkins School. When the program first began in April 1974, hot meals were served each day

Between Warrenton And Norlina

New Shopping Center, Development Proposed

A plan to build a shopping center—flanked by an office complex and a residential development—midway between Norlina and Warrenton was unveiled publicly Thursday night at a meeting of the Warren County Planning Board.

Bringing the major construction proposal before the board was Warren Health Director Joe Lennon, acting in the capacity of private citizen, who discussed plans to build the development on a 71.3-acre tract now owned by M. C. Hicks and on which developers have an option.

The project would be developed on land adjoining the property of the Warren Nursing Center, which Lennona and three other men — N. L. (Red) Williams, William Hall and Mike Barnhill—built several years ago.

The same four developers of the nursing center would construct the shopping center and residential development if plans are followed through.

"This is just a concept we would like to pursue," Lennon told planning board members Thursday night. "This is the first draft—nothing is set in concrete."

Lennon said the developers hoped to build apartments for the elderly, or retirement facilities as he later referred to them, near the nursing center if an arrangement connecting the planned facilities and the center can be worked out.

New Date Set

A meeting of the Warren County Industrial Commission and Town of Warrenton officials to discuss economic development and revitalization previously scheduled for March 19 at 7:30 p.m. has been postponed.

The meeting will be held on March 26 instead.

He explained that a call button might enable residents of the elderly apartments to make use of the nursing staff.

Lennon said his group

believed that the apartments for the elderly, as well as a few regular apartments built with single school teachers or young couples in mind

should be situated near a shopping center, and his group has proposed construction of an eight-acre shopping center (Continued on page 4B)

Five Changes Are Sought In Town's Zoning Code

Public comment regarding five proposed changes to the Warrenton Zoning Ordinance will be heard by the Warrenton Planning Board at a 7 p. m. meeting on March 19 at the Warrenton Town Hall, according to the V. R. (Pete) Vaughan, town administrator and zoning enforcement officer.

At the public hearing, citizens are encouraged to speak their views on the proposed changes to assist the Planning Board in making decisions regarding rezoning.

A request for rezoning a portion of property belonging to Leonia C. Henderson, located along State Road 1332

across from State Road 1326, has been submitted to allow M. B. Corporation of Raleigh to establish an apartment complex. Part of the property, in the area commonly known as "Red Hill," is now zoned to permit such development, but Vaughan indicated that the project would also require a portion of land not currently zoned to accommodate the apartments.

Residents of the neighborhood on Ridge-way Street beginning at Currin's Minute Mart to and including the property of Walter Hodges have requested rezoning of the area from C-11 (highway business) to R-20 (residential).

A third proposal to be considered at the public

hearing is the rezoning of property owned by Jack L. Hawks located on State Road 1001 next to the Starlight Palace, from R-20 (residential) to C-11 (highway business). Plans for a muffler shop on that property are in the offing if the request is approved, Vaughan stated.

Property belonging to Bowers and Burrows Oil Company at the intersection of Highway 158 and N. C. 58 is also up for rezoning discussion. The owners have requested that it be changed from R-12 (residential) to C-11 (highway business) to permit re-opening of the service station located on the property. State law requires that

upon failure to use a "spot zoning" permit for as much as six months, the property in question automatically reverts to the zoning status of the neighborhood.

The final rezoning request is for the property of High Dollar Warehouse on West Franklin Street to be changed from R-12 (residential) to C-11 (highway business) to allow expansion of the area now known as White's Building Supply. The owners of the property propose to reopen a building supply business on the property, but have indicated the need for additional space available in the warehouse.

Banzet Wins Grant For Study At Duke

Julius Edmond (Jule) Banzet, IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Banzet, III of Warrenton and a senior at Woodberry Forest School in Woodberry Forest, Va., is one of 38 North Carolina high school students awarded the Duke-North Carolina Honors Scholarships for study at Duke University.

The honors scholarships, available only to students from North Carolina, are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic achievement in high school or preparatory school.

They provide recipients with \$3,000 a year for study and are funded by the university as part of a program to recognize North Carolina's leading high school seniors.

On a two-year program at Woodberry Forest, a preparatory school, Banzet has maintained an honor academic record; has been inducted into Los Hidaigos, National Spanish Honor Society; and has been selected to the position of Prefect, one of the highest honors bestowed upon Woodberry students.

Responsibilities of a Prefect include helping to maintain the honor system and having charge of a dormitory. Banzet has served as business manager of the school yearbook and is a member of the Math Team, Monogram Club, Hop and Lounge committee, Civil War Club,

North Carolina Club, and Chapel Council. He is a member of the varsity football and track teams and has served as student coach for the freshman football team.

Before transferring to Woodberry Forest, Banzet received his educational background from Warren Academy where he was an honor roll student, chief marshal, National Beta Club member, Student Council representative, yearbook staff member, class officer, and junior varsity and varsity basketball player.

In the spring of 1983, Banzet served in the Governor's Page Program and in the summer of 1983, he attended The North Carolina Governor's School West at Salem College in Winston-Salem. He is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and is a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Warrenton.



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to senior citizens at the Old Wise School. Other sites have served the program during the intervening years, most recently the Norlina Firehouse. Mrs. Joan Hight is the program director for Region K. (Staff Photo)