



A year ago this dining hall at Camp Willow Run on Lake Gaston was almost completely gutted by fire, requiring extensive renovation. Today, the facility, a non-denominational Christian camp, is in top-notch shape and ready for the influx of more than 1,000 campers expected this summer. The

camp, which hosts church-related as well as private groups, is noted for its unusual camping accommodations — a line of railroad cars which have been transformed into barrack-type living quarters.

(Staff Photo)

Both Sides Heard At Zoning Meet

Pros, Cons Discussed

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Countywide zoning may be viewed by some as a means to ensure orderly growth and development, but for others, it represents one more encroachment of government on the rights of landowners.

Both views were represented at a public hearing last Wednesday night attended by about 50 citizens.

"You've got a whole lot of zones in good working order...and I don't see that you need anything added," Gus Daeke, a Ridgeway farmer, told commissioners. "We can hardly go out the back door without permission anymore. We've got enough zoning. We don't need a lot of red tape and rigamarole."

But Eatons Ferry resident Jim Brooks, representing the 180-plus members of the Eatons Ferry Homeowners Association, commended the Planning Board for its efforts and endorsed the proposed ordinance with only minor revisions suggested.

Currently, only the Lake Gaston and Kerr Lake areas of the county are zoned, primarily for single-family residential development.

Under the proposed ordinance, presented to the commissioners in January by the Planning Board, most of the county would be zoned agricultural/residential. Zoning categories on lakeside property would be expanded to address anticipated development, including multi-family dwellings. The ordinance also calls for zoning for light industry in certain areas.

"We are recommending countywide zoning for future industrial development, to preserve the agricultural stability of the county and to provide for orderly growth on the lake," Planning Board Secretary O. L. "Butch" Meek told the commissioners last week. "The only areas which would be zoned industrial are those on which the Industrial Board has an option or those which are already industrial."

While no one expressed opposition to zoning revisions to address lakeside development, zoning of farmland was solidly opposed by all but one farmer who spoke.

William Brauer, a dairy farmer and a member of the Planning Board, cited a recent example in the Town of Warrenton where rezoning for construction of an apartment complex had been denied because of citizen protest to the

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Warrenton Rotary President Sam Padgett enjoys the distinction of being the only Warrenton Rotarian to be named a Paul Harris Fellow, an honor given to members in whose name \$1,000 has been contributed to the Rotarian Foundation International within a 12-month period. The contribution on behalf of Padgett was made by his wife and father. Although the official presentation of a medallion and letter of recognition was made to Padgett at a recent Rotary District 771 meeting in Pinhurst, Padgett (left) is shown above with Warren County Vice President George (Pepl) Perkinson at a ceremonial presentation last week at the club meeting. The work of the Rotary Foundation includes a scholarship program for foreign and American scholars and a hunger relief fund.

Health Director Lennon Will Leave Warren Post

Warren County Health Director Joe Lennon last week submitted to the County Board of Health his resignation from the post he has held for the past six-and-one-half years.

Lennon, a native of Columbus County, came to Warrenton after retirement from a 30-year career in the health care field with the State of North Carolina.

His last post there was assistant state health director for hospitals.

Lennon said his retirement from his current post was simply a move "whose time had come."

A part-owner, along with N. L. "Red" Williams of Norlina, in Warren Nursing Center, Lennon said he will be involved with Williams in development of a proposed complex adjacent to the nursing center.

Plans for that development, announced earlier this month, call for a shopping center flanked by an office complex and residential area.

Lennon said this week that the complex might include residential accommodations for retirees in conjunction with services offered at the nursing center.

Lennon and his wife, Marguerite, will continue to live in their Warrenton home after his retirement, effective May 1.

A member of Warrenton Baptist Church, Lennon has been active in the religious and civic life of the community.

According to County Manager Charles Worth, who is assisting

the board of health in finding a replacement for Lennon, the position will be advertised within the next few days and applications will be received until April 25.

The tentative schedule calls for interviews to begin April 29, with selection of a new director by June 3 to be on

board by July 1.

The state's regional personnel director is assisting the county board with application reviews, Worth said.

The Health Board will fill the post after consultation with county commissioners, Worth added.

Baltimore Road Area Targeted For Funds

An informal meeting between the Warrenton Town Board and representatives of L. E. Wooten Company of Raleigh last Thursday evening resulted in a decision to apply for funds for the Town of Warrenton through the Community Development Block Grant program for revitalization and sewer improvements in the Baltimore Road section of town.

Town Administrator V. R. (Pete) Vaughan reported Tuesday that the planning grant received last October

had funded the study conducted by L. E. Wooten and the town is ready now to proceed with application for funding to carry out the proposals. The section of town under consideration extends to the Warren County Landfill.

Board members scheduled a hearing for April 11 to hear public comment on the plans and to listen to any suggested changes. The hearing will be preparatory to application for funds, which must be submitted by April 15.

Murder Trial Is Slated

An Inez man is scheduled to stand trial next week in Warren County Superior Court for the 1979 murder of Inez merchant Kearney Thompson.

Jeffrey Perry, 23, eluded law enforcement officers until last May when he was arrested in Bronx, N.Y., culminating a six-year investigation that involved the FBI, North Carolina SBI, and the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

A warrant for Perry's arrest had been issued on Sept. 26, 1979, two days after Thompson's badly beaten body was found in the storage room of his store.

Perry was extradited to North Carolina last October and is being held in Warren County Jail pending his trial.

A total of 31 cases are on the docket for the April session of Superior Court, to begin Monday at 10 a.m.

Man Credited With Saving Dad

A Warren County man saved his father from their burning home in Arcola last week, but both were hospitalized with burns and were still undergoing treatment this week.

Ed Boone arrived about 12:18 p. m. last Friday at the home he shares with his father, Luther, only to find the dwelling on fire and his father still inside.

According to reports, the younger Boone suffered burns on his hands, face and back while rescuing his father, who suffered back burns.

Luther Boone was undergoing treatment and his son was a patient at the Jaycee Burn Center at N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill Tuesday, where he was transferred from Nash General.

Twenty firemen from the Warrenton, Arcola, and Inez department responded to the call at the two-story frame dwelling on Rural Paved Road 1513 about three miles north of Arcola.

The house, owned by Bravid Watson, was completely destroyed.

'Lost' Gas Tank Is Discovered

A 10,000-gallon gasoline tank at the Warrenton County landfill has been untapped for several years despite the fact that its use could mean a savings to the county, Warren County commissioners were told last Wednesday night at their mid-monthly meeting.

The tank was installed during the gasoline shortage of the 1970's to fuel county-owned vehicles but County Manager Charles Worth told the board last week that the meter and control device on the tank were not operative and the tank had been unused for some time.

The board authorized Worth to purchase gas for the tank and to implement a system for monitoring its use.

Unleaded gasoline will be purchased on a wholesale basis for use in county vehicles, primarily those assigned to the Warren County Sheriff's Department and Ambulance Service.

Currently, gasoline for county-owned vehicles is purchased at area service stations.

"We're spending money for gas that we shouldn't be," Vice Chairman George Shearin, who presided over the meeting in the absence of Chairwoman Eva M. Clayton, told the board. "We've got to look at every way to cut expenses, and this is one."

In other business, the board voted to support in principal a housing project of the N.C. Senior Citizens' Federation, Inc., headquartered in Henderson, but was forced by state statute to

deny a request for funding.

The federation requested start-up capital of \$500 for a housing project for the elderly and handicapped, slated for construction in Manson.

Because the county has no Housing Authority, it is prohibited from making such a contribution to a private organization for construction purposes,

Worth said this week.

The board also took the following action:

—Appointed to the newly formed Warren County Recreation Commission Robert Kirk, Tom Traylor and Curtis Palmer for three-year terms, Rebecca Dilliard, Maurice Crump, and Victor Hunt for two-year terms, and Dickie

Williams, John Hawkins and Dr. L. B. Henderson, Jr. for one-year terms. Delton Green, Tecumseh Brayboy, Tasker Fleming, Sherman Hargrove, Sonny Peoples, and Mary Hunter were appointed as alternates.

—Heard a request from the Littleton Civic and Planning Association for funding in the county's 1985-86 budget.



Warrenton Lions Jack Groves, left, and G. B. Hull arrange furniture in preparation for the chicken barbecue dinner planned by the Warren County Lions for Wednesday, April 3, to raise funds for the annual White Cane project. Plates will be served from 11 a. m. until 7:30 p. m. at a cost of \$3.50 and may be eaten at the Lions Den or taken out.

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Lions Planning Big Feed Here

The Warrenton Lions Club will sponsor an "All-Day Feed" of barbecue chicken dinners next Wednesday, April 3, to raise funds for its annual White Cane project.

Through White Cane projects, funds are raised by Lions Clubs nationwide for purchase of aides for the blind and sight impaired, according

to David Gardner, local project chairman.

"This is a vehicle through which we are able to help with the purchase not only of canes, but leader dogs, phone dialers, braille writers, and other aides needed by those who are visually handicapped," Gardner said.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds from the

drive are used for the blind and visually handicapped.

Tickets are available from any one of the 66 members of the local Lions Club at a cost of \$3.50 each. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. and orders can be eaten at the Lions Den or taken out.