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Afton rural firemen shed their firefighting gear to put carpentry skills to work rebuilding the stage for their annual moneymaking project, Hee-Haw,

scheduled for May 11 at High Dollar Warehouse. The stage used for previous shows was burned in the recent fire at Currin's Warehouse. (Staff Photo)

Board Gets \$6.55 Million In Budgetary Requests

Estimates Received

By KAY HORNER
News Editor
If all county agencies were to be funded as requested in Warren County's 1985-86 budget, the county ad valorem tax rate would have to be raised from \$1 to \$1.34 per \$100 valuation, County Manager Charles Worth figured this week. Requests totaling \$6,550,000 have been received by Worth, who estimated that a figure closer to \$5 million would be more realistic.

All requests are in, and Warren County commissioners are now in the process of paring down those requests so they can, by July 1, approve a balanced budget as required by law.

Because the federal Revenue Sharing program, which in the past has funded the Warren County Jail, county fire departments and rescue squad, county hospitals, and public schools, may be eliminated by Congress, Worth said no Revenue Sharing funds would be budgeted for operating expenses in the proposed budget.

Should Revenue Sharing be continued, Worth commented, any funds received by Warren County would be earmarked for capital improvements.

Members of the Warren County Board of Education, in an effort to ensure that the financial needs of the school system were understood by the commissioners, invited that board to join it for budget deliberations this past Monday night.

"I was pleased with the night's work," Schools Superintendent Michael F. Williams said yesterday. "There was active discussion, and everyone left with a thorough understanding of issues at hand."

Although a tentative budget has been presented to the county manager, the Board of Education is expected to finalize its budget request at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, Williams said.

A recent revaluation of property has increased the county's tax base, but the county is facing loss of funds from federal and state cutbacks which county officials feel eliminates the possibility of a decrease in the county tax rate.

The county's 1984-85 budget involved a General Fund of \$4,424,365 and Revenue Sharing of \$379,000, with no increase in the county's tax rate.

Principal Breaks Leg

Mariam Boyd Principal Walter Sweeney is hospitalized this week in Wake Medical Center with a broken leg following a mishap Thursday. Sweeney, who was in Raleigh to attend a meeting on school administration, was en route to dinner when he jumped over a low wall



Patty Alston of Warrenton is shown above with a white cane she received Monday in Warrenton. The cane was presented by Warrenton Lion A. C. Fair. The local Lion's Club is distributing white canes to the visually impaired as part of a project being carried out in conjunction with the N.C. Association for the Blind and the local Department of Social Services. (Staff Photo)

Firemen, Emergency Service Crews Get Look At Life Flight

Warren County firemen and emergency service crews were called into action Sunday afternoon for a firsthand look at Life Flight, a helicopter service providing transportation for critically ill or injured patients to area hospitals.

Life Flight, which is based at Duke University, operates within 150 miles of Durham to transport patients to Duke University Hospital or to other tertiary care centers in the area.

Sunday, an automobile accident involving six injuries was simulated by local firemen and emergency medical technicians with the county Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad on Sid Cooper's farm near Macon.

The exercise called for stabilizing "patients" on the ground and directing the arrival of Air Flight, a twin-jet Bell 222-UT helicopter.

Warren County is one of about 10 counties targeted for a training drill to orient local emergency crews with the helicopter service, according to Dennis Paschall, director of the Ambulance Service.

"Basically, the service is for trauma injuries such as automobile accident victims and heart attack victims who are in life-threatening situations," Paschall said, noting that the service was not designed to handle routine transfers.

The helicopter, which can cruise at 150 mph and can carry two patients, made Sunday's trip from a refueling stop at Raleigh-Durham Airport to the Macon landing site in 16 minutes, Paschall said.

The helicopter requires a 60-square-foot land-

ing sight at day, increased to 100 square feet at night, and the lack of prominent landmarks in rural counties was one of the reasons Life Flight crews were interested in a drill in Warren County.

According to Norlina Fireman and member of the Fire Commission O. L. "Butch" Meek, Life Flight depends on local crews, in Warren County volunteer firemen, to clear a landing site.

"We heard them coming Sunday before they were able to spot us," Meek said this week. "Fortunately, they have a radio system so sophisticated that they can program it to monitor the frequencies of the fire departments or the Ambulance Service."

The helicopter, which is equipped with cardiac monitoring and defibrillation equipment, wound dressings for burns, and equipment for cervical spine injuries and pediatric cases, can be called into service by physicians, hospitals, ambulance and rescue squads, law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and industrial representatives.

Cost of the service is based on a flat fee of \$150, plus a fee per loaded mile and cost of medications and supplies.

Meek said the helicopter would provide an invaluable back-up for firemen, and noted that it could be called into service on occasions such as the recent fire at Currin's Warehouse in which a firemen was pinned under a wall and suffered broken bones and burns requiring immediate transport to a Raleigh hospital.

Local Shriners Taking Part In Effort

Warren County Shriners will be out this week participating in the seventh annual Sudan Temple "Shrine Paper Distribution" according to Nobel Joe Edgerton, president of the Warren County Shrine Club.

The local Shriners are

offering their newspapers to raise funds to operate their Shriners Hospital for children. According to Sudan Temple Potentate, C.E. "Mac" Carpenter, it took in excess of \$110 million to operate the 19 Orthopedic Hospitals

and three Burns Institutes in 1984.

More than a quarter million children have benefited from these hospitals since they were begun in 1922 by the Shriners. No government funds support any of these hospitals, and 100 percent of the funds raised by the Shriners for their hospitals go for that purpose.

The newspapers will tell the story of the Shriners and their hospitals. It will feature stories by patients and former patients and their parents. It will have photographs of these patients and from the hospitals.

The hospitals stand ready to take any child, regardless of race, color, or creed, who needs help. Applications for admission to Hospitals and Burns Institutes may be obtained from any Shriner or Sudan Temple, P. O. Drawer 490, New Bern, North Carolina 28560. Children from North Carolina are sent to the Shriners Hospital for

Crippled Children in Greenville, S. C. or the Shriners Burns Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio.

President Edgerton pointed out that the (Continued on page 8)

Planning Board Approves Lots

The Warren County Planning Board approved two of five lots proposed for a tract off Highway 1001 in Warrenton Township at its regular meeting last Thursday night.

The plat for property owned by Mabel H. and William Williams was presented by John Hamme, surveyor, of Henderson.

The remaining three lots, according to O. L. "Butch" Meek, secretary to the board, were not approved because the depth of the lots did not meet county standards.

Lot approval was granted subject to approval by the Warren County Health Department.

Extensive Damaged Caused By Two Fires

A fire Thursday at R. C. Williams Lumber Co. in Hollister resulted in a total loss to one building and an unestimated amount of damage to an adjacent building, according to Chief Gary Harris with the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department.

Firefighters from Arcola and six other area fire departments fought the blaze for more than three hours.

No cause for the fire, which did extensive damage to equipment and inventory, has been determined, Harris said. Also last week, a grease fire in a home in

Odell did extensive damage to a two-story frame building, just recently remodeled, Harris reported.

The fire, in the home of Tommy Burgess on the Odell-Vaughan Road, began about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The kitchen, dining room, and utility room received the most damage, Harris said, but other rooms suffered smoke damage.

Again this week, departments throughout the county have responded to brush and woods fires, and the statewide ban on burning is again in effect.

Kindergarten Signup Beginning Next Week

Warren County Schools kindergarten registration has been scheduled for the 1985-86 school year, according to Rosalind Gilliam, elementary supervisor.

The registration is open to every child who is five years old on or before October 16 of this year. Parents should take to registration the child entering kindergarten and the child's birth certificate and immunization record.

A pre-school screening program will be available for all registering children. This 30-45 minute screening will include hearing, speech and basic skills, and results of the screening will be available to parents at a later date.

Parents are reminded that prior to the first day of school, each child entering kindergarten should have a physical

Jobless Rate Falls In Warren

Warren and neighboring counties followed a statewide trend and showed a significant drop in the unemployment rate for March, according to figures released recently by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission.

Commission spokesman Bob Campbell stated, "The North Carolina economy is responding positively to seasonal influences helping to lower the unemployment rate in most counties across the (Continued on page 8)



Ned Clark gives a demonstration in basket-weaving to students at Vaughan Elementary School during their observance of North Carolina Heritage Week April 22-26. On Monday a display of many old articles was set up in one of the empty classrooms. Among the items on display were handmade quilts, bedspreads, baby clothes, cooking pots and pans, baskets, butter churns, oil lamps, and old clocks. There were also pieces of old farm equipment, including cotton scales, a cream separator, mule collars and hames, single trees, cross-cut saws, and hand tobacco planters. Thursday was designated as a demonstration day, and students in grades K through six were able to observe a number of customs of the past. In addition to Clark's basket-weaving, the children saw Mrs. Joe Riggan make butter, Mrs. Beatrice Howard make lye soap, Mrs. Jeremiah Vick make straw brooms, and Mrs. Alice Howard explain crocheting. (Community Schools Photo)

Parker Leaving For S. C. Call

Dr. Gary E. Parker, pastor of Warrenton Baptist Church, has resigned to become pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Sumter, S.C.

The resignation was accepted with regret by the congregation at a business session following the Sunday morning worship service.

A South Carolina native, Dr. Parker came to Warrenton in Spring 1982.

A graduate of Furman University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Baylor University, he will begin his new pastorate next month.

Dr. Parker's wife, Melodie, is a teacher at South Warren School.

The Parkers also have an infant daughter, Andrea Joy.