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## Calendar Is Set

## Current Expense Budget Is Higher

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The Warren County Board of Education on Monday evening voted to approve the 1985-86 budget request which a week earlier they had prepared for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. Superintendent Mike

Williams reviewed the budget request and noted, "We are asking for \$1,044,451 in current expense continuation, ...an eight percent increase over the amount received for current expense in 1984-85." The current expense continuation budget includes the regular school program and support services for the county's schools.

Commenting on the current expense expansion request of \$134,440 Williams pointed to 14 items which he said reflected the most pressing needs of the school system.

With sights set on renovation and repairs to existing buildings and the acquisition and replacement of furnishings and equipment, the capital outlay request amounted to \$202,585. Williams stated, "It is important that we urge the commissioners to fund capital outlay from the general fund and set aside the one-half cent sales tax revenues for future buildings."

The superintendent pointed out to the board members that the budget as presented is a tool for expressing the needs of the school system and for justifying the requests to the county commissioners. Once the allocation for the schools is set by the commissioners, the budget will go back to the drawing board for finalization and approval, he said.

Lengthy discussion regarding the recommended 10-month calendar for the 1985-86 school year resulted in the board's decision to accept the superintendent's proposal which would schedule orientation day for students on August 22, with the first student day on August 26.

Board member Leigh Traylor stated that he had heard a number of complaints regarding the heat in classrooms in late August, and



As part of fundraising activities for the Warren County Chapter of the American Cancer Society's Jail-a-Thon, County Clerk of Court Richard E. Hunter, Jr. was handcuffed Tuesday morning by Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton of the County Sheriff's Department and "jailed" on Courthouse Square. Hunter was released as soon as he raised his "bond," or contribution to the worthy cause.

(Staff Photo)

## Multiple Arrests Seen During Next Two Days

Arrests of prominent community members are expected on May 9 and 10 during the Warren County chapter of the American Cancer Society's Jail-A-Thon, according to Mrs. Everlyna Norwood, chairwoman of the Warren County unit.

The Jail-A-Thon is a fund-raising event through which people raise money by soliciting pledges from their friends in order to meet their "bail" following their arrest.

This year's event will be conducted on the Courthouse Square in Warrenton, Mrs. Norwood said.

People wishing to have someone arrested may call the society at 257-2141 and make a \$25 pledge. A uniformed police officer will be sent to the person's residence or office to make the "arrest."

Mrs. Norwood noted that the arrests will follow the same procedure as any other arrest, beginning with the suspect's being read his rights.

Assured of his rights, the jailee will then be transported, via police car to a mock jail. Bail will be set and the jailee imprisoned until he can raise pledges equalling the amount of his bail, Mrs. Norwood said.

Prisoners will be issued standard black-and-white prison uniforms. The cell and prisoners will be visible, for public scrutiny throughout their captivity.

Mrs. Norwood added (Continued on page 3)

## Matter Must Be Voted On Again

## Verdict Not Unanimous As Zoning Vote Taken

By KAY HORNER  
News Editor

Warren County commissioners voted four to one Monday morning in favor of a countywide zoning ordinance, but the lack of a unanimous vote will put the matter back on the agenda for the June 3 meeting.

By law, the initial vote must be unanimous for a zoning ordinance to be adopted. On the second vote, at the next regularly scheduled meeting, a majority can carry the motion.

At Monday's meeting, Commissioner J. T. Fleming cast the only dissenting vote, citing the need for "additional input" from the public.

"I'm not anti-zoning," Fleming said, "...zoning is important, but it has to be handled right. This will give us 30 days to get final approval."

Fleming's fellow commissioners seemed anxious to put the zoning matter behind them, and Chairperson Eva M. Clayton asked Fleming what he hoped to gain by the delay.

Fleming said he was continuing to hear comments on the proposed ordinance and felt the delay would have no negative impact.

The Warren County Planning Board first approached the commissioners about the need for changes in the county's current zoning ordinance a year ago when Virginia developer J. R. Brock unveiled plans for a multi-million dollar planned unit development on Lake Gaston.

Although the area around the lakes is currently zoned, the ordinance does not address multi-family dwellings, such as condominiums and townhouses.

A 65-page document, a collaborative work of the local Planning Board and the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, was presented to the board January 16 and a public hearing was held March 20.

The ordinance and accompanying map call for the majority of the county to be zoned agricultural/residential, but also address zoning for multi-family dwellings, business, industry, and mobile home parks.

After the board's vote, Fleming again reiterated

the need for additional public opinion on the ordinance, prompting an irritated Planning Board Chairman Selby Benton to respond, "We've been getting input for seven cotton-pickin' years."

Benton told the board that the Planning Board

had received several requests for approval of mobile home parks and one developer had presented an informal drawing of a proposed townhouse project on the Lake Gaston.

"We urgently need some guidelines on this," (Continued on page 3)

## Arcola Thefts Reported

## Warren Man Is Arrested Following Charge Of Rape

A Warrenton man was arrested Tuesday and charged with first degree rape and aiding and abetting first degree rape of a Franklin County woman early Saturday morning, according to Office Deputy Betsy Frazier with the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Bobby Alston, 22, of Route 3 was being held in Warren County Jail on a \$10,000 bond pending a probable cause hearing scheduled this morning in Warren County District Court.

A warrant has also been issued, but not served, on Alston's brother, Lawrence Alston, on identical charges.

Lawrence Alston, whose age was not known, lives at the same address as his brother, but is currently serving in the Army Reserve, Deputy Frazier said.

The 20-year-old victim, who was not identified, reported that Bobby Alston offered her a ride home from Harold's Place, a Louisville nightclub and that when she got in the car, Alston took her elsewhere.

Alston allegedly picked up his brother and the victim reported she was raped by both men somewhere in the Inez community.

She returned home after the alleged incidents and was taken to

Franklin Memorial Hospital. Hospital staff notified the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Frazier said.

Sheriff's Deputy T. H.

McCaffity investigated and made the arrest.

Also reported to the Sheriff's Department this week were two thefts in the Arcola community. (Continued on page 3)

## Tobacco Numbers Drop In Warren

A number of Warren County farmers who have traditionally grown tobacco have elected not to grow it this year, and other holders of tobacco allotments have chosen to sell them. Indications are that many such decisions have been made because of the uncertainties surrounding the flue-cured tobacco program.

Thomas Watson, director of the Warren County office of the U. S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) reported this week that for the 1985 crop year, 75 farms in the county sold 192,769 pounds of tobacco to 39 farms.

In quoting the figures for lease-transfer agreements, Watson noted that some farmers who had in the past leased their quota had decided to sell instead. He reported

the lease-transfer of 2,142,635 pounds from 975 farms to 270 farms.

There was, he said a three- and - one - fourth percent reduction in allotments and quotas for Warren County for 1985.

Of the 604 effective tobacco allotments for the county for this crop year, Watson said that 456 farms had designated 5,682,642 pounds to warehouses. This amount, he said is almost 95 percent of the total quota. Designations may exceed the actual quota by 10 percent. April 15 was the deadline for lease-transfer agreements and for warehouse designations.

The total effective allotment of tobacco for 1985 in Warren County is 2,893.75 acres, according to the local ASCS office.

## 40 Years Ago: War Ends In Europe, GI's Are Coming Home

The following article noting the end of the war in Europe appeared in the May 11, 1945 issue of The Warren Record under the headline "Few Yanks to Remain in Germany; formal announcement of V-E Day Brings Rejoicing Here; stores Close and Special Church Services Are Conducted."

At 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning President Harry S. Truman officially declared the end of the War in Europe and reminded his listeners that a big job still was ahead of the nation in imposing unconditional surrender on Japan. He asked that the people continue at their jobs to back the soldiers who are fighting and will fight Japan.

Work, work, work, is the motto he offered to the nation.

Following the announcement, the President proclaimed Sunday, May 13, as a day of thanksgiving for victory and as a memorial day for soldiers who have given their lives in World War II.

Locally, after the president's announcement flags were placed in front of the stores of the town, the merchants closed their doors for the day, and many citizens attended special thanksgiving services at the Methodist, Episcopal, and Baptist churches. There was no celebration here as the feeling of thanksgiving over the end of the war in Europe was tempered

by the realization of the cost of the victory and the task still ahead of the nation in defeating Japan.

The announcement of the President was an anticlimax as the Associated Press had announced the end of the war in Europe on Monday, but there was no confirmation of the story until the President's official announcement on Tuesday.

Plans for bringing the boys home from Europe, many of whom will be sent to Japan after a furlough here, are being worked out. Indications at present are that members of Company B who left here in 1940 will be among the first discharged from military service, based upon length of service, combat service and other points to be used. However, this is not definite, but expected.

All of the 3,500,000 United States Troops in Europe, except for a garrison of 400,000, will be withdrawn within a year and most soldiers going from Europe to the Pacific will come by way of the United States and will get furloughs, it has been disclosed.

Gen. Brehon B. Sommervell, chief of the Army service forces, and members of his staff, discussing redeployment plans at a press conference, said that withdrawal of troops from Europe began immediately after V-E Day and that the first 45,000 would arrive in the United States this month.

Wounded and liberated prisoners will get priority on return trips. Nearly 40,000 wounded have been coming home monthly, and all the rest in Europe should be back in three months, Sommervell said.

Furloughs for men going to the Pacific via the United States will be 30 days or more. Other troops will go directly to the Pacific and some are already on the way.

Allied combat and service troops have already been transferred from Italy to combat zones in the Pacific, according to Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, deputy supreme commander of the Mediterranean theater.

Sommervell told the news conference that once the troops arrive in this country, they will be sent to 22 Army personnel centers distributed throughout the United States. Wherever possible, the soldiers will be sent to the personnel center closest to their home.

Within a week after arriving in this country, Sommervell estimated, the soldiers should reach home for furlough or permanent release, as the case may be. Furloughed men, on completion of their leaves, will go back to the personnel centers and will be formed into groups and sent to assembly points for reassignment and special training.

The personnel centers to which the troops will go after reaching this country include Ft. Bragg, N.C., serving North and South Carolina.

President Truman today signed into law the bill extending the Selective Service Act one year, and it was officially announced that draft calls "will continue to be large."

The bill extends the draft act for 12 months beyond May 15, 1945, or until the end of the Pacific War, whichever comes first.

In a report on "phase two" of the war, Fred M. Vinson, head of the office of war mobilization, said the exact size of the induction calls ahead cannot be calculated at this time.

Release of men with long and hard service, he said, will require a higher level of calls because of the desire to spread the burden of military service among the largest possible proportion of the population.

He said that almost every soldier in this country, except those who have already been overseas or who are physically disqualified, already is earmarked for foreign service.

Vinson reported that the Army would discharge 2,000,000 officers and men within the next 12 months, starting immediately, but that almost the entire Navy will be employed against Japan.

The Army will be cut from 8,300,000 to a force of 6,968,000 for the "main attack" against Japan and to occupy conquered territories, he said.