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Warren County High School students recognized for their academic achievement during last week's second annual Scholar's Banquet are, left to right, back row, Natasha Boyd, Elizabeth Carroll, Maurice Crump, Rachel Harmon, Jasmine Hightower, Melissa Holcomb, and Mildred Kearney; second row, Helen Pierce, Enola Richardson, Laura Scott, Melissa Draffin, Alan Ellington, and Evelyn Hall; third row, Tricia Young, Renae Alston, Sharon Hawkins, Holly Howell, Tammy

Rodwell, Davida Lynne Scott, and Sharon Crews; front row, Adrian Davis, Sallie Durham, Robin Frazier, Kelly Henderson, and Aretha Richardson and Richard Roddy, N. C. School of Math and Science. Not pictured were Leonard Daeke, Christina Israel, Tracy Robinson, Kathy Schoonover, Laurie Barker, Jennifer Burton, Stephanie Clifton, Lisa Wilson, James Eric Covington and Monique Hawkins.
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Warren County's seventh and eighth graders honored at last week's Scholar's Banquet are, left to right, back row, John Graham students Timothy Evans, Steve Odom, Torea White and Angela Ballance, and Riley Kinlaw and Michelle Caulder, Norlina Middle School Students. On the middle row

are Norlina students Dana Clary, Stacie Dickerson, Opherral Eaton, Kimberly Fuller, Dawn Howard and Terry Light. On the front are Leigh Anne Perkinson, Angela Richardson and Michael Sink of Norlina.
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Students in grades four through six honored at the Scholar's Banquet are, left to right, back row, from Hawkins Elementary School, Pamela Ayscue, Tamela Ayscue, Jamie Evans, Angela Francis, Rolanda Hedgepeth, Pamela Richardson, Corey Terry, Maria Goode and Loretta Goode. On the second row, from North Warren, are Carla Norwood, Laketisha Bryant, Christine Jerman, Taramara Coleman, Alvin Shearin, Melanie Bender,

Tonya Terry, Cheryl Hendrick and Laurie Holloway. North Warren Students not pictured were Martha Barker and Christy Harmon. On the front row, are Lakesha Palmer from Vaughan Elementary School and Phyllis Alston, Tabitha Williams, Bobby Alston, Thaddeus Alston and Shornika Royster from South Warren Elementary School.
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Limited Zoning Ordinance Passed As Objections Of Farmers Heeded

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

Warren County commissioners Monday unanimously adopted a new 65-page zoning ordinance designed to address anticipated residential and industrial growth in Warren County, but a contingent of Warren County farmers and Commissioner J. T. Fleming were successful in their efforts to get the ordinance limited, at least temporarily, to the currently zoned Kerr and Gaston lake areas of the county.

Although four of the county's five commissioners are on record in favor of countywide zoning and could have carried such a motion, Chairwoman Eva M. Clayton suggested that they limit the scope of their action to allow the farmers an opportunity to discuss their concerns with the Planning Board, which formulated the ordinance along with the N.C. Department of

Natural Resources and Community Development.

But Mrs. Clayton was adamant that the board again consider the issue in the near future and cautioned that Monday's action was not to be interpreted as final.

"My concern is that we still want to revisit countywide zoning," she said, "because it's the right thing to do."

Several of the farmers who spoke have farms along U.S. 1 south of Norlina, a corridor that has been targeted for industrial zoning because of the county's investment in water and sewer service to the area.

They seemed to find little consolation in the fact that state law forbids zoning of bona fide farmland.

"I've come to beg you to consider the whole situation," Gus Daeke told the board. "At this time we have ample zoning to meet the need and we don't need coun-

tywide zoning...I think this is the thought of the majority of the people in the county...It's just premature."

Commissioner Fleming agreed. "At the time of the (public) hearing (on the zoning ordinance), I didn't commit either way," Fleming said. "But I have talked to a great number of people in Warren County since then and at least two-thirds of them are against countywide zoning. Many of them didn't even know about the public hearing...I'm going to take a stand against countywide zoning...We're taking too many rights away from the citizens."

It was Fleming's nay vote on countywide zoning at last month's board meeting that put the matter back on the agenda this week.

By state law, a zoning ordinance cannot be adopted on the initial vote unless that vote is unanimous. Thereafter,

a majority can carry the motion.

Planning Board Secretary O. L. "Butch" Meek charged that the rights of the small landowner were being overlooked by the farmers.

"As it stands now, you're not protected against somebody putting up a honky-tonk next door," Meek said. "Not everybody has a 1,000 acres and lives in the center. Those with small acreage need protection."

A disgruntled Selby Benton, chairman of the Planning Board asserted that some of the farmers were misinformed about the ordinance.

His request that those who had read it raise their hands brought no response.

"I don't want to seem judgmental," Mrs. Clayton said. "But when I hear a farmer say he won't be able to handle his produce in the way
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Employee Raises Are Included Proposed Warren Budget Calls For 72-Cent Rate

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

A 1985-86 Warren County budget calling for a 28-cent reduction in the county's ad valorem property tax rate of \$1 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by County Manager Charles J. Worth.

The reduction to 72 cents reflects an increase from \$224 million to \$412 million in the county's tax base, generated by the recent property revaluation.

For the first time, salary increases ranging from 5 percent to 15 percent are being proposed for county employees as opposed to the customary across-the-board salary increases.

While the budget calls for the majority of county employees to receive a 6 percent raise, some clerical workers were singled out for 15 percent raises in an attempt to eliminate inter-departmental inequities in pay.

Worth said the move could be considered a precursor to a merit pay system.

"We strongly suggest that the commissioners consider a review of the pay plan to determine if there are inequities within our system," Worth wrote in his summary to the board.

The budget also proposes funding for eight new positions, including two ambulance service attendants, a deputy sheriff, recreation director, administrative assistant/grants facilitator for the county manager's office, and a building inspector and secretary.

Total funding for all eight positions is \$85,000. Because of the uncertainty over whether the federal Revenue Sharing Program will be extended for another year, Worth budgeted only one quarterly payment of that funding totaling \$90,436.

Of that amount, the proposed budget allocates \$50,000 to Warren County Schools to be held in reserve for capital improvements with the balance to be used for repairs to the roof of the courthouse.

The schools requested a total of \$1,381,476 in funds for 1985-86. Funding of \$1,208,833 is being recommended, a 13.5 percent increase over last year, Worth said.

If Revenue Sharing

Ends Course

Marine Pfc. Xavier T. Hargrove, son of Lawrence A. and Yvonne S. Hargrove of Rt. 2, Norlina, has completed the Basic Automotive Mechanic's Course.

During the 12-week course at the Motor Transport School, Camp Lejeune, Hargrove received instruction on the procedures to inspect, service and repair the wheeled vehicles used by the Marine Corps.

funds are approved for the entire year, Worth has proposed that the schools receive an additional \$25,000, with the remainder earmarked for courthouse renovations, jail repair and construction, county offices repair, purchase of an ambulance, and up-

grading of the county communications system.

Only the county manager's summary of the proposed budget was available at presstime yesterday, however Worth said the board was scheduled to receive the entire budget proposal at a meeting last

night.

Public hearings on the Revenue Sharing and General Fund portions of the budget have been scheduled for 7 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., respectively, on Tuesday, June 18.

The 1985-86 budget must be adopted by July 1.

Some 200 WCHS Seniors To Graduate On Friday

Approximately 200 seniors are expected to receive diplomas during commencement exercises at Warren County High School on Friday, June 7, at 7 p. m. Mrs. Valeria J. Alston, a chemistry teacher at Vance Senior High School in Henderson, will be the commencement speaker, according to J. T. Wilkerson, principal.

Mrs. Alston, who received a Bachelor's degree from Shaw University and a Master's degree from North Carolina Central University, has done graduate work at East Carolina University and at the University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill. She was recently chosen as one of 50 outstanding chemistry teachers of the United States selected to attend the Dreyfus Chemistry Institute held at Princeton University this summer. She is the wife of Roosevelt Alston of the WCHS faculty.

Others appearing on the graduation program are Robin Lynn Frazier, WCHS Female Athlete of the Year; Monique DeShea Hawkins, salutatorian; Adrian Brantley Davis, valedictorian; J. T. Wilkerson, principal; Michael Williams, superintendent; and Reginald Somerville, class president.

The WCHS Band and



MRS. ALSTON

Eagles Chorus will provide the music.

Due to the limited seating capacity, attendance is by ticket only.

Four Requests Are Considered

Four requests were given consideration by the Warren County Planning Board during their 7:30 p. m. meeting on Thursday, May 30.

John L. Hamme, surveyor representing the Mabel H. and William Williams property, asked for permission to appear before the Board of Adjustment in behalf of a plan for use as building sites three lots of the property. The Planning Board had previously disapproved the plan as the lots in question do not satisfy the requirement of 200

feet for building sites.

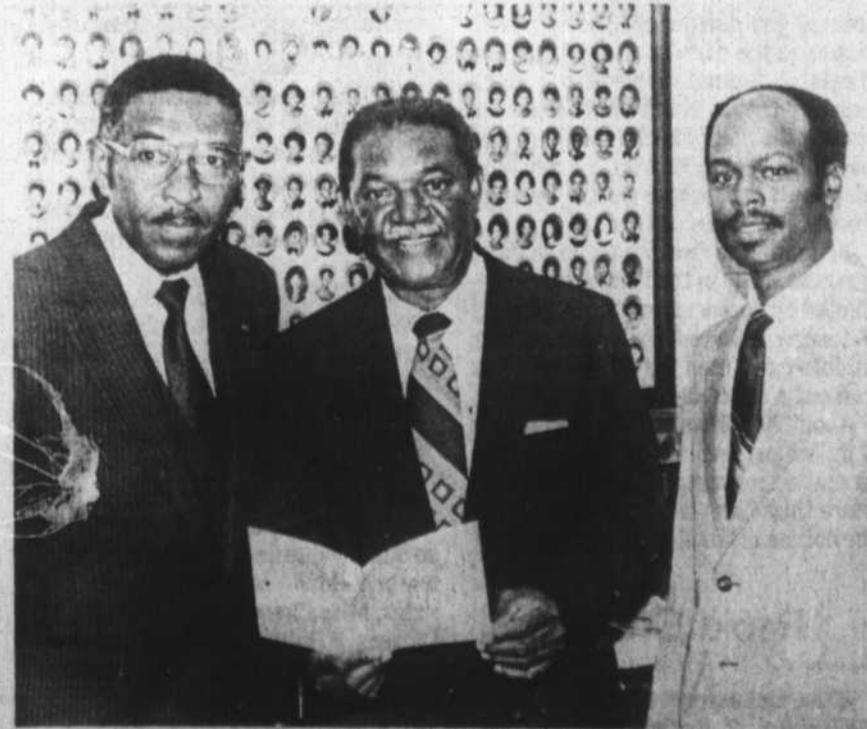
The Planning Board later reviewed the subdivision regulations and determined that the matter was one for consideration by the County Commissioners and not the Board of Adjustment. Hamme has been so advised, according to Mrs. Cathy Wilson, spokesperson for the Planning Board.

Final plats were approved for seven lots in North Wise Subdivision, for which Wallace Cawthorne represented Ivey Bolton.

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Spruill presented a sketch plan for two lots on Highway 43 near Pittman's Store. The Planning board informed Spruill that additional information was necessary before the preliminary plan for the lots could be considered.

Request for the change of a well site on property owned by Nelson and Harris Developers at Spinnaker Pointe was granted. The site was approved for Hunter's Creek Section Three adjoining Spinnaker Pointe.



Having principal roles in a meeting of former masonry students from Warren County schools who met Saturday at Warren County High School for a banquet were, left to right, Ralph (Pete) Peters of Washington, D. C., the main speaker; W. E. Exum, veteran masonry instructor in Warren County schools; and Roger L. Alston, a Warren native now living in Maryland, who introduced the featured speaker.
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