



Rita Webber, second from right, representative of Life Flight of Duke Medical Center in Durham, presents local rescue personnel four portable landing lights for use during night landings in Warren County by the helicopter medical service. Receiving the lights on behalf of the county are, left to right, Glenwood Rose,

Warren County Rescue Squad; Dennis Paschall, Warren County Ambulance Service; Walter Gardner, Warrenton Rural Fire Department; and Allen Adcock, Warren County Fire Association. (Staff Photo)

Hospital Renovation Is Nearly Complete, Commissioners Told

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Extensive renovation and repairs to the facility which until last February housed Warren General Hospital are 99 percent complete, according to a report received Monday by Warren County commissioners at their regular monthly meeting.

The report was submitted by C. Robert Shields, a Rocky Mount architectural firm hired to oversee the project.

The work, funded by a \$152,000 federal Economic Development Administration grant and a county match of \$60,000, included replacement of the roof and major interior renovation.

The hospital, whose inpatient services were suspended during renovation, is expected to reopen in the fall, but it will no longer be a county-owned hospital.

The commissioners have announced their intent to lease Warren General Hospital to a non-profit corporation and negotiations are underway with Community Memorial Hospital of South Hill, Va. and Bute Development Corporation, composed of local citizens interested in saving the hospital, for a plan to reopen the 37-bed facility.

The second of two public hearings required by law before a county can divest itself of operation of a hospital had been scheduled for August 21. However, the board voted Monday to postpone that hearing until August 28 at the request of Community Memorial officials and directors of the Bute Development Corporation to allow them time to finalize the proposal.

As previously outlined, it will provide for the operation of the hospital by the corporation with management and medical consultant services provided by Community Memorial.

The final proposal, on which the August 28 public hearing will be held, will be available for review by the public 10 days prior to the hearing, according to County Manager Charles Worth.

Worth also told the board that Holden, Moss, Knott & Company, CPAs, was expected to begin a final audit of the hospital within 10 days.

The commissioners have requested that the audit be completed before their September decision on the leasing of the hospital.

In other business, the board: —Voted to renew the county's contract for solid waste disposal service with Waste Industries, Inc. for another year at a cost of \$110,000. Although the board expressed no dissatisfaction with the current service, it requested Worth

to study other options for waste disposal and report back to the board before next year's renewal date.

"Our dump sites are a sore spot with some of our citizens because the facilities are not in good condition," Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the board, said. She noted that the county is responsible for site maintenance and urged the county manager to "look into how we can provide better service for our citizens...who are not altogether satisfied."

—Appointed Warren County Health Director Dennis Retzlaff to the Kerr Area Regional Transportation System Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Joe S. Lennon, who recently retired as county health director.

—Denied additional funding for the Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens of Warren County for a clerical

position for August and September, but authorized expenditure of funds

for the position from the current budget allocation to the council. The council is faced with the vacancy in the position, funded by the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program, due to a resignation and will be unable to secure another worker from that program until October.

—Appointed Cornell Mills, manpower director with the N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs in Warrenton, to the Region K Private Industry Council.

School Opening Details Given

Orientation Day Set For Warren

The first day of school for students in Warren County will be Orientation Day on August 22, according to Mike Williams, superintendent.

Schools will open at their regular time (approximately 8:15 a. m.) on August 22, and will close that day prior to lunch. The first full day for students will be August 26, and on this day students will be officially enrolled in school.

Williams noted that bus routes are essentially the same as last year, but urged parents to have their children out early the first few days. "If transportation problems arise, parents should contact the school principal involved," Williams said.

New families in the area should report immediately to the Central Office for school assignments, rather than wait until August 22, according to Williams. Parents of children who will be five years old by October 16, who have not registered their children for kindergarten, should report to the appropriate school now to complete registration.

The fee schedule for the new year is as follows:

Grades K-6—instructional supplies, \$3.00; insurance, regular school days, \$6.25, 24-hour coverage, \$39.00.

Grades 7-8—instructional supplies, \$3.00; vocational fees, \$3.00; band fees, \$5.00; insurance, regular school day \$6.25, 24-hour coverage, \$39.00.

Grades 9-12—instructional supplies, \$3.00; vocational supplies, \$3.00 per trimester; band fees, \$5.00; choral fees \$3.00; science fees, \$3.00; insurance, regular school day, \$6.25, 24-hour coverage, \$39.00.

Instructional supply fees are required of all students in all grades.

Author To Speak At Teachers' Meet

Dr. Howard Maniloff, author of North Carolina's new Basic Education Program, will serve as the guest speaker at Warren County's opening teachers' meeting on August 19 at Warren County High School, according to Mike Williams, superintendent.

Dr. Maniloff works for the State Department of

Public Instruction and has been instrumental in steering the basic education program through the State's General Assembly. The program outlines certain basic requirements which will be required of and provided by all school systems throughout the state.

The August 19 meeting will begin at 8:30 a. m. Following the meet-

ing, all teachers will stay at the school for the remainder of the day for various workshops and meetings. Teachers will report to the school to which they are assigned on August 20.

Teachers will have three workdays prior to Orientation Day, August 22, and another workday on August 23 before the first full day of school on August 26.

Warren Academy Plans Outlined

Headmaster B. L. King has announced plans for the opening of Warren Academy for the 1985-86 school year. Students will report to school on Wednesday, August 28, at 8:30 a. m. and will be dismissed at 11:15 a. m.

Kindergarten students will report and register on Tuesday, August 27, from 8:30—11 a. m. and will not be in school on Wednesday, August 28, but will resume classes on Thursday, August 29.

King also listed the faculty for the upcoming year. Among the teachers are two newcomers to the staff, Miss Claudia Coleman of Inez and Mrs. Linda W. Wood of Warrenton. Teachers returning from the previous year are Mrs. Harriet D. Banzet, Mrs. Robin B. Young, Mrs. Betsy S. Brown, Mrs. Emily B. Burrows, Mrs. Justyn F. Jackson, Mrs. Jill W. Coleman and Mrs. Katy W. Jones.

Other staff members are Mrs. Alice Fleming, librarian; Mrs. Anne Ross, school store manager, Mrs. Libby Moseley, secretary; and Mrs. Bertha Hargrove, custodian.

The school store will be open to students on opening day for the purchase of snacks and school supplies, King said.

The headmaster noted that the school is now accepting applications for the coming year and encouraged interested persons to contact the school office at P. O. Box 676, Warrenton, N. C. 27589 or telephone 257-3556.

Change Is Made For Next Meet

The Norlina Town Board, which normally meets the first Monday night in the month, will meet next month on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Improper Use Of Market Cards Causes Closer Look

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is increasing its monitoring of the tobacco program to detect possible violations involving the improper use of flue-cured tobacco marketing cards.

"There are specific penalties for misuse of tobacco marketing cards," said John J. Cooper, state executive director of the North Carolina Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

County ASCS offices issue marketing cards to producers for their use in marketing flue-cured tobacco. Marketing cards are issued for each farm for which quotas have been established. Using the card to market tobacco produced on any other farm and allowing use of the card by another person to identify tobacco produced on another farm are violations of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and USDA's tobacco marketing regulations.

Cooper said both violations constitute false identification of tobacco and will result in a reduction in producer allotments and quotas, the assessment of severe monetary marketing quota penalties and other

possible civil and criminal liabilities.

"A typical case of false identification occurs when a producer shares in tobacco that is produced on several different farms but markets the tobacco on marketing cards without regard to the farm of production," Cooper said.

"Producers can avoid this and many of the other false identification cases by using more care in keeping the production from each farm separate during the curing and storing processes."

Cooper said there are other typical misuses of marketing cards.

"Producers with tobacco poundage available on their cards improperly allow producers on another farm or warehouse operators to market tobacco on those cards. Some producers who own a farm for which a marketing quota is established and also rent a farm having a tobacco marketing

quota may market the tobacco from both farms on the rented farm's marketing card. As a result of this action, all undermarketings — tobacco quota not sold — are reflected on the marketing card issued

for the operator's own farm although undermarketings may have occurred on both farms.

"There may be cases also of possible cross-marketing of tobacco between farms in situations where the tobacco crop is short and an insurance claim is expected to be filed with USDA's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation on one or more farms," Cooper said.

The flue-cured tobacco producer is responsible for the proper handling of the flue-cured tobacco marketing card.

Board Approves Line Connection

The Norlina Board of Commissioners Monday night agreed to allow a 12-house development north of town to tie into the town's sewer system, provided two fire hydrants are installed and on condition the plan meets with the approval of the town's engineers.

The approval came after Dwight Elam appeared at the routine business meeting and discussed problems encountered by residents using septic tanks in the housing development owned by Dr. J. P. Green of Henderson.

Norlina Is Given \$533,845 Grant

Governor Jim Martin and Tommy Rhodes, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, yesterday announced Community Development Block Grant awards for 12 counties and 47 cities, including Norlina.

The grants, totaling \$34.5 million, will be used to rehabilitate over 1,900 substandard houses, make water, sewer and street improvements, and finance other revitalization activities in low and moderate income neighborhoods. The award to Norlina is for \$533,845.

The grants represent a portion of North Carolina's \$42.2 million CDBG allocation for fiscal year 1985.

In NRCD's 16-county Raleigh region, 15 towns and one county are among the grant recipients. Commenting on the awards in the region, Raleigh Office Manager Jerry Wall said, "These 15 grants will significantly impact community improvement efforts all across this area."

"In addition to the benefits from water, sewer and street improvements and the rehabilitation of 604 houses, the construction jobs involved in these activities will have a positive effect on the region's economy," he stated.

Wall said an unfortunate aspect of the CDBG program is the amount of funds available compared to the amount requested. "Statewide, applications for the community revitalization grants totaled over \$105 million, more than three times the amount of money available for these activities," he said.

Grants are awarded on the basis of a competitive scoring system that rates each project on community needs, project design, percentage of benefit to low and moderate income persons, other public and private funds committed to project activities, and the project's consistency with state policies and programs.

All 100 counties and all cities, except for the state's 16 largest municipalities, are eligible to apply for the block grants. The 16 largest cities receive CDBG funds directly from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Williams Is Named Recreation Head

Richard Lee "Dickie" Williams of Norlina was unanimously named to the newly-created post of Warren County recreation director Monday by county commissioners.

Williams, who for a number of years has volunteered his time to recreation programs in the county, was recently cited by the board for his contribution.

A native of Littleton, Williams, 31, will begin his duties on Aug. 16.

A graduate of Atlantic Christian College with a B.S. in health and physical education, Williams is currently employed as an agent for Home Security Life Insurance Company.

He was recommended for the county position, which pays \$14,676, by the Warren County Recreation Commission.