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Workers at the Peck Box Company in Warrenton are shown here last Friday as they assembled a table that was the part of the last shipment to Vancouver, Wash. (The railroad, Willard Forman said,

majority stockholder of the railroad, said last week that the volume of business on the railroad was not enough to justify its continued operation.

Staff Photo by Kay Horner

## Warrenton Railroad Ends Century Of Operation

As the century ends, the Warrenton Railroad closed its doors last weekend. A final train of 100 cars left the station on Saturday, marking the end of a century of operation. The railroad, which was founded in 1885, had served the community for over 100 years.

The railroad's history is filled with challenges and triumphs. It was built to connect the local community to the rest of the state. Over the years, it has seen changes in ownership and technology, but it has always remained a vital part of the local economy.

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## Domestic Quarrel Results In Injuries And Arrests

A Saturday night domestic quarrel resulted in injuries to two men and assault warrants on two residents of Rt. 2, Warrenton, according to reports in the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Helena Cheek Carter has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon and her boyfriend, Roy Alston, has been charged with assault on a female. Deputy J. A. McCowan, assisted by Auxiliary Deputy Johnny Williams, investigated the incident.

The report stated that Ms. Carter and Alston had spent the afternoon partying and that Ms. Carter became upset when Alston danced with another unidentified woman. She reportedly came upon the couple with a piece of broken glass and cut Alston on the upper arm.

As the couple struggled with each other, another person at the gathering, Samuel Cheek Williams, reportedly attempted to break up the brawl. The report stated that Ms. Carter also cut Williams, whose injuries required 47 stitches. Alston's cut required 16 stitches.

Alston was treated and released at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson and Williams was treated and released at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Louisburg. Both were taken for treatment by private vehicle.

A hearing for Ms. Carter and Alston is scheduled for Sept. 10. Another report in the sheriff's office listed the theft of a pocketbook belonging to Mrs. Barbara M. Gupton of Vance County on Labor Day.

Deputy McCowan investigated and reported that Mrs. Gupton had left her pocketbook in the floor of her locked automobile parked behind Wise Truck Stop, which her husband, Jimmy Gupton, manages.

While she was inside eating a meal with her husband, she reported that someone broke the side window of the driver's door and took the pocketbook, which contained jewelry valued at \$8,000, between \$450 and \$500 in cash and an assortment of keys, titles and other papers.

## July Jobless Rate Stays Unchanged

The July unemployment rate for Warren County remained basically unchanged for the month of July, a trend which appeared statewide.

Warren County's July rate, which was reported in a recent release from the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, was 8.3, identical to the June rate.

Among the neighboring counties, Franklin recorded the greatest variance from the rate of the previous month, down to 5.7 percent from June's 7.4 percent.

Granville County's July unemployment rate declined slightly, to 5.7 percent from 5.8 the month before. Halifax and Vance counties both showed increased rates of unemployment.

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## Warren Receives \$102,000 In Distribution Of Taxes

In the state's largest distribution of intangibles tax ever made to local governments last week, Warren County received more than \$100,000, according to a release from the N.C. Department of Revenue.

The \$72.8 million statewide total was distributed to 468 municipalities and all 100 counties and totaled a \$60 million increase over last year's intangibles tax.

Warren County received a total of \$102,893.18, with \$93,996.96 designated for the county government, \$2,529.43 for Macon, \$2,529.43 for Norfolk, and \$6,183.99 for Warrenton.

## Tobacco Growers Get Most Money

Tobacco growers realized their highest averages of the 1985 selling season during last Thursday's sale on the Warrenton Tobacco Market, Mrs. Alice R. Robertson, sales supervisor, has reported.

## Change In Zoning Is Given Approval

Approval was given Monday night by the Warrenton Planning Board to a zoning change for the property located at the intersection of Highway 158 and West Franklin Street.

## Regional Water Is Requested

A six-month study was conducted by Warren County to determine the feasibility of a regional water system at the intersection of the bypass and U.S. 158.

## Proposal Is Submitted For Operation Of Hospital

By Kay Horner, News Editor  
The Vance-Warren Comprehensive Health Plan has submitted a proposal to the Warren County Board of Commissioners for the operation of the hospital.

The proposal, which was presented at a public hearing on Monday night, calls for the hospital to be operated as a non-profit organization.

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