

The Warren Record

Listing Option Planned

By KAY HORNER
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Warren County residents are listing their property with the tax supervisors of Warren County for next year have the option of taking a flat fee as an option of the listing of their dwelling or other taxes this month.

Property taxpayers are required to itemize household property.

According to Tax Supervisor James Haynes, the new system will streamline the listing of her office.

When taxpayers receive their listing notices the first of the year, they may either take the 1 percent rate, or mark a box requesting a form to itemize property.

Warren is one of the few counties in the state where taxpayers have not had the listing option, Mrs. Haynes said.

The commissioners also approved increases in the rates charged by the county Ambulance Service, effective January 1.

The increases, the first in seven years, were recommended by Service Director Dennis Paschall to bring the county's rates more in line with those of surrounding areas.

The basic rate in county for a trip from one's residence to a health facility was increased from \$20 to \$35.

If the patient is returned home, the rate is an additional \$20.

For trips outside the county, the base rate will also be \$35, with \$1.50 added for each additional mile from the county line to the health care facility.

If the patient is returned home, the rate is a flat 75 cents a mile.

The service will also begin next year to charge for supplies as

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More Than 500 Request Help

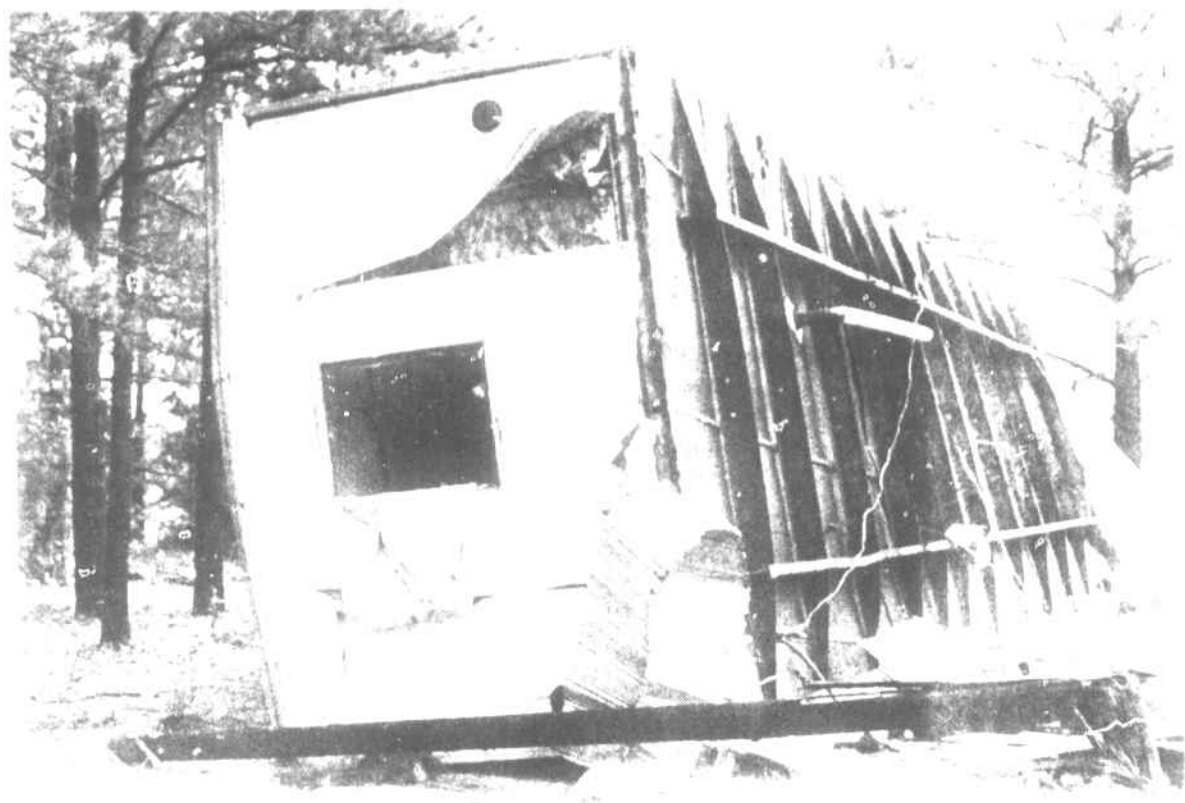
As of Oct. 30, 524 Warren County families had made application for federal low income energy assistance at the local Social Services office, Julian Farrar, Social Services director said this week.

That number equals the number of families that had made application at this time last year.

In all, Farrar said, 1,210 families applied last year for the one-time payment that was made in February.

The department began taking applications on Oct. 15 and program regulations require termination of the application process on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the end of the work day.

Information about income requirements and the application process is available at the Social Services office on Ridgeway Street in Warrenton or by calling 257-3242 or toll free 1(800)662-7030 in Raleigh.



This mobile home belonging to Michael Martin in the Oine community was deemed a total loss after being toppled during tornado-like winds Sunday. (Staff Photos by Dianne T. Rodwell)

Tornado Touches Down In Oine, Causing Some Property Damage

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An apparent tornado touched down in the Oine community Sunday evening a little before 8:30, overturning a mobile home, upsetting storage buildings and uprooting trees, according to Sheriff Theodore Williams.

Williams stated that his department received a call about 8:25 p. m. from Oine resident Britt Paynter stating that a tornado had apparently swept through his neighborhood. Minutes later, it was reported that the mobile home of Michael Martin of the same community had been overturned. No one was in the home at the time. The dwelling was term-

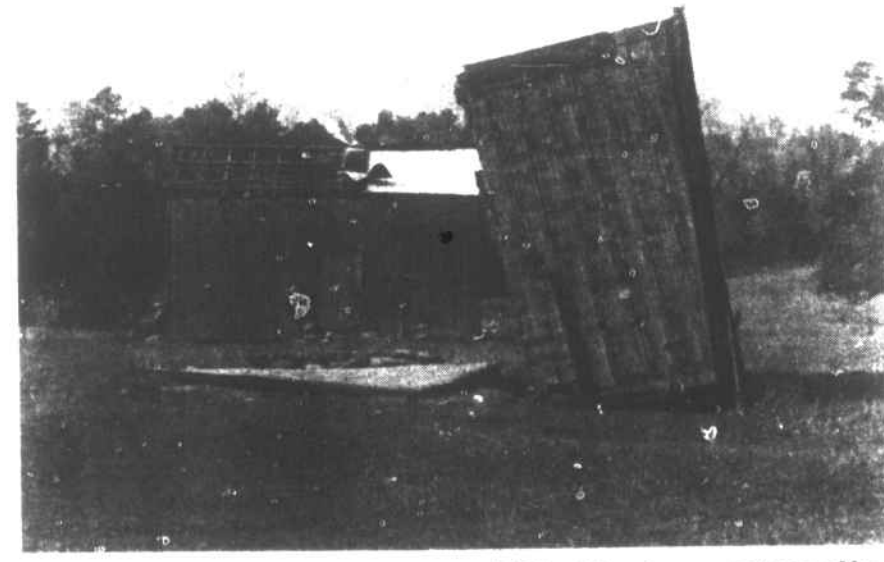
ed a total loss, Williams said.

Another neighbor, Hubert Vaughan, reported to the Warren Record damages to three structures at his residence. One storage building was moved from its rock foundation, and the foundation itself was also dislodged in the storm. Vaughan stated that damage to the building would probably have been more extensive except for the bales of hay which were stored inside. Vaughan's tobacco strip-house was also turned on end by the winds. The building was empty, Vaughan stated. The third structure on Vaughan's property affected by the storm was a shed under which his

pickup truck was parked. Vaughan stated that the shed was completely picked up and deposited beside the truck and there was no evidence of damage to the vehicle.

Tommy Burton,

owner of a Texaco station in the community stated Monday that he had recovered some of the pellets of hail during the Sunday night storm and that some pieces measured as large as a half-dollar.



This tobacco striphouse on the property of Hubert Vaughan was set on end by winds during a Sunday evening storm. In the background is a second building near Vaughan's residence damaged during the storm.



Pictured above is Oine resident Hubert Vaughan's storage building which was shifted from its rock foundation during an apparent tornado which swept through the area Sunday evening.

Toll-Free Phone Line To Link Lake Gaston With County Seat

By KAY HORNER
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Residents of Warren County living in the Littleton telephone exchange area will soon be able to call the Sheriff's Department and county manager's office toll-free.

County commissioners voted Monday at their regular meeting to install an 800 line which would connect county residents of the 1991 exchange with the two county offices toll-free.

Installation cost of the system, which will also enable the county manager and sheriff's staffs to call Littleton toll-free is \$199. Monthly charge for the two lines is \$75.50 plus usage rate. The rate for between one and 15 hours of usage per month is \$13.61 an hour.

County Manager Charles Worth noted that the majority of growth in the county is in the Lake Gaston area and that the toll-free number would provide a needed service for residents of those areas who previously have had long distance charges when calling the county seat.

The system is being installed by United Telephone/Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The board also took a step it hopes will resolve longtime problems with controls at the county's Wastewater Treatment Plant, which serves Warrenton, Soul City and Norlina.

The controls at the plant are frequently "knocked out" during electrical storms and R. W. Buck, Jr. with L. E. Wooten and Company, engineers of the system, has suggested that the problem could be eliminated by extending the power line on U.S. 401 at least 500 feet past the entrance to the plant.

The Town of Warrenton oversees maintenance at the plant and Town Administrator V. R. (Pete) Vaughan said this week that the engineers hoped extending the line would take the power surges that have caused previous outages beyond the plant.

Cost of the extension, according to Buck, is \$1,200.

Worth told the board that the town has offered to pay half the cost of the work.

The board authorized the work contingent on the town's participation.

The board also disposed of the following business:

—Appointed James Parnell, manager of Carolina Power & Light Company's Warrenton office, to fill the unexpired term of Michael J. Theiler on the county Economic Development Commission. Theiler recently resigned after being transferred out of the county. Parnell's term expires June 1987.

—Authorized the payment of \$1,120 from the

county's contingency fund to Piedmont Communications Co. Inc. for expenses incurred in relocation of fire dispatching equipment to the new Police Information Network dispatch office at the Sheriff's Department.

Approved a contract, subject to the county attorney's approval with Reimbursement Specialists, Inc. of New Jersey for recovery of additional reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid in connection

with services rendered patients at Warren General Hospital. Payment for the company's services is limited to one-third of the amount recovered for the county.

Approved 54 corrections in tax listings due to clerical or listing errors as recommended by Tax Supervisor James Haynes.

Voted to forward to the N.C. Department of Transportation a petition from property owners on S.R. 1639 near Hollister. (Continued on page 2B).

Leonard Is Winner Of Seat On Board Of Norlina Council

The only contested race in Warren County's municipal elections yesterday brought an upset with the election of William Leonard to the Norlina Board of Commissioners.

Leonard, a commissioner before his defeat two years ago, beat out incumbent K. C. Severance with a vote of 167. Severance received 106 votes.

Incumbent Norlina commissioners returned to office and votes garnered by each are as follows: James Vaughan 201; Walter Newman, 183; Dwight Pearce, 183; and Eleanor Hayes, 166.

Mayor E. L. Perry received 177 votes.

Incumbent Warrenton Mayor B. G. White was returned to office with 144 votes and votes of support for town commissioners were as follows: Eddie Clayton, 130; Phil Daniel, 133; Bobby Edmonds, 136; W. A. Miles, 134; Ray Shearin, 134; Charles W. White, III, 132; and A. A. Wood, 131.

In Macon, incumbent Mayor M. C. Clary received 39 votes and votes for incumbent commissioners were as follows: W. L. Edwards, 37; Carroll Harris, 37; W. R. Shaw, 38; and Glenn Riggan, 41.

Katherine Hilliard, a write-in candidate, will round out the five-member board. She received 21 votes.

Ten voters also cast their ballots for Lynn Henry in that race, and write-in votes were cast in smaller numbers in all three municipalities.

To Be Held Nov. 14 Deadline Nearing For Dinner Signup

Citizens interested in attending the kick-off meeting and banquet of the Warren Committee of 100 on Thursday, Nov. 14, at The Warrenton Lion's Den should make reservations this week, according to Cathy Wilson, Warren County Economic Development director.

The committee is a group of local citizens seeking to enhance economic development and growth in the county under a program that has proven successful in several surrounding counties.

The committee, which is seeking to enlist 350 members and raise \$50,000 in contributions, is pleased with response thus far to the effort, Mrs. Wilson reported to Warren County Commissioners Monday.

Membership dues are \$100 for individuals and \$200 for businesses, and some local businesses have already pledged in

excess of \$2,000 to the project, Mrs. Wilson said.

Contributions to the organization are tax-exempt, and the committee will function as a separate entity from the county's Economic Development Office.

The board gave its endorsement to the Committee of 100 and Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, chairperson of the board, urged fellow commissioners to lend their support individually to the development effort.

The Nov. 14 program will begin with a reception from 6-7:30 p.m., followed by a barbecue chicken dinner prepared and served by local fire departments.

Several state officials involved in economic development on the local level are scheduled to speak.

To make reservations or for more information about the Committee of 100, call 257-2888.

Cost of the dinner is \$6.