

# The Warren Record



Mrs. Jake Norwood of the Oline community is pictured with a seven-week-old mutation with four legs which hatched in a broiler house on the Norwood poultry farm. A similar specimen was stolen from the farm a few years ago. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## Local Agencies Are Given Temporary Housing Space Room Made At Hospital

By KAY HORNER  
News Editor

After deadlocking last month in a vote on interim use of Warren General Hospital, Warren County commissioners Monday night voted to grant temporary space in the hospital complex to the Area Mental Health Clinic, Ambulance Service, and a South Hill, Va. physicians' group.

The action followed a work session last week on the proposal submitted by Chairperson Eva M. Clayton.

The Mental Health Clinic, currently housed in two trailers on hospital grounds, will not utilize hospital space per se, but will occupy part of the medical office building adjacent to the hospital. It also houses the offices of Dr. Kirit Trivedi.

The Ambulance Service will be relocated from the county jail on East Macon Street to the hospital within 30 days, and the South Hill specialists will occupy the hospital's operating suite.

Warren Health Plan, which has operated a clinic at the hospital since it closed a year ago, will continue to operate out of its current quarters.

The financially-ailing hospital closed last February for federally-funded renovations. Faced with declining patient census and mounting debts, county commissioners, on the advice of the State Office of Rural Health and other health-care professionals, opted to get out of the hospital business.

A local, non-profit citizens group is interested in leasing the hospital for operation under management of South Hill's Community Memorial Hospital, but to date has been unsuccessful in securing needed start-up funding.

The commissioners granted the additional space to the various entities with the understanding that the arrangement is subject to change, depending on the final disposition of the hospital.

The board also authorized County Manager Charles J. Worth to seek bids for replacement of the roof on the medical office building.

According to Worth, the roof, which has undergone numerous repairs, is again leaking and causing serious water damage.

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PITCHFORD

## Two More Pay Filing Fee For Local Races

Henry Pitchford, chairperson of the Warren County Board of Education, made his bid for another term official Friday with his filing for the May 6 primary election.

A race was also assured for the District 4 seat on the County Board of Commissioners with the filing Monday morning of Inez native Ernest Boyd Harris.

Harris, who will oppose incumbent George E. Shearin to represent Sandy Creek, Shocco and Fork townships, is president and part-owner of Goins & Harris Realty and Auction Service and is a livestock farmer.

"I'm running for the Board of Commissioners because I think I've reached a time in my life when I can serve the people of Warren County and direct the spending of the tax dollar in a way that will be beneficial to all in the county," Harris said in an interview Monday.

A graduate of John Graham High School and auctioneering school in Fort Smith, Ark., Harris has taken several courses at N.C. State University.

A member of Inez Baptist Church, he serves as secretary of Inez Volunteer Fire Department and as representative to the Warren County Firemen's Association.

He is also a director of the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association and a member of the Warren County Cattlemen's Association.

The son of James C. Harris, Sr. and the late Frances Harris, he is married to the former Anne Thompson of Warrenton. They have one son.

Pitchford is seeking his second full term as Warrenton's representative on the Board of Education. He was appointed in 1981 to complete the unexpired term of Dr. L. B. Henderson, who resigned, and was elected to the board in 1982.

A 1960 graduate of John R. Hawkins High School, Pitchford is a foreman at Peck Manufacturing Company.

He is president of the Warren County chapter of the NAACP and is a member of the Second Congressional District Black Caucus, Warren County Legal Assistance Service, Warren County Political Action Council, N.C. School Board Association, and the State Coordinating Health Council.

A member of Coley Springs Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon, Pitchford is married to the former Dorothy M. Townes. They have four children.

## Term To Begin

Warren County Superior Court will convene for a criminal session Monday at 10 a.m. with Judge Robert H. Hobgood, Jr. presiding.

Sixty-six cases have been scheduled on the court's docket.

## Damages Heavy As Trucks Hit

An accident on U.S. 401 South at Hudgins Hill Bridge Thursday did a total estimated damage of more than \$23,000 to two trucks.

According to a report filed by Highway Patrolman A. M. Bennett, Ricky Dale, 28, of Rudy, Ark. was traveling north in a 1984 International truck when he slowed down on approaching a survey crew.

A 1983 Kenilworth truck, driven by Claude Alexander Spencer, 43, of Leesville, was traveling behind Dale and attempted to stop while coming down a hill and subsequently slid into the back of the truck driven by Dale.

Dale's truck skidded to the right of the highway and came to rest on the right shoulder, reports indicate, and Spencer's truck came to rest in the center of the highway.

No charges were filed in the 2:30 p.m. accident.

Damage to Dale's truck, registered to J. B. Hunt Transport, Inc. of Hillside, Ill. was estimated at \$3,500 and damage to Spencer's truck, registered to W. Sonny Beacham, Inc. of Ansonville, was listed at \$20,000.

No injuries were reported.

## Unscheduled Stop Made By Flying Servicemen

By KAY HORNER  
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Not long after the first automobile rolled off Henry Ford's assembly line, an irritated passenger no doubt asked a forgetful driver the question that has become legendary in the annals of gasoline-driven transportation—"How far will it go on empty?"

Two members of the U.S. Army stationed at Newport News, Va. were flying home from Orlando, Fla. Monday when the answer to that question became frighteningly clear.

Their four-passenger private plane began to spit and sputter over Interstate 85 in the vicinity of the Wise exit. Searching his maps for the nearest landing strip, the pilot located Warren County's Martindale Airstrip in the Paschall community. The airstrip was created some years ago to serve an ill-fated development planned on Lake Gaston.

The pilot managed to land the plane on the edge of the airstrip, safely away from a stand of tall pines. Although the aircraft was mired in mud and underbrush, the pilot and his passenger were uninjured.

They hit the road and traveled about two miles to the home of Ida King Bolton. Mrs. Bolton's daughter, Dorothy Bolton, took the men to South Hill, Va. where they began making arrangements once again to get airborne.

The men, Ms. Bolton said, had become lost in Monday's heavy fog and were attempting to get back on track when forced to land the plane around 6 p.m.

The pilot was named Clay Wilkins, but the name of his companion is not known.

Grateful for their escape without injury, the two testified that "God was their co-pilot," Mrs. Bolton said.

## Limb Pickup Service Offered Residents By Norlina Council

Norlina commissioners took action at their regular meeting Monday night to offer residents limb pick-up service, beginning the fourth Thursday in February.

The motion stipulated that limbs must be in lengths not to exceed six feet and in bundles weighing no more than approximately 50 pounds for pick-up by the street department. The service will be offered at no charge and on the fourth Thursday of each month, the commissioners decided.

Fire Chief Gene Medlin appeared before the board to report the findings of his recent inspection of fire hydrants stationed throughout the town. The inspection, he said, was part of an effort to apply for a more economical fire insurance rate for residents in Norlina. Medlin handed Mayor Bill Perry and the commissioners a copy of his findings, specifying the hydrants with malfunctions.

Medlin expressed particular concern for the lack of a functioning hydrant in the vicinity of Norlina Middle School and the commissioners ordered replacement of the broken hydrant immediately to serve that area.

The commissioners further marked for fire hydrants the federal funds available in excess of the \$21,000 already designated for the water line on Division

Street. The funds would be matched by local monies for a total of \$12,000 which would allow for 10 new hydrants.

The commissioners denied the request of Felton Davis for water and sewer service to four lots which he is developing near the intersection of Grande and Harris streets. A fifth lot owned by

Davis and located at the intersection has access to the water and sewer systems, but commissioners pointed out that a town ordinance requires that developers assume responsibility for hooking onto the system. "We are not justified in spending the taxpayers' money to develop personal property," Mayor Perry noted.

## David Henderson Honor In Store In Warren Co.

Warren County commissioners agreed Monday night that the time was long overdue for county citizens officially to honor one of their own, Drewry native David Henderson.

In 1982, Henderson led Warren County High School's boys' basketball team to the state's Class 3-A championship.

After graduation, Henderson was recruited by Duke University's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski and in his four years at Duke has ranked among the ACC leaders in scoring, field-goal accuracy and free-throw accuracy.

Henderson, who testifies to having learned early on to bal-

ance academics and sports, will graduate this spring with a degree in economics.

County Manager Charles J. Worth suggested that the county have a "David Henderson Day" to honor its native son, noting Henderson's "exemplary" all-around performance at Duke.

"He's a role model for the students at the high school," Worth said, "and he's deserving of our recognition."

The board authorized Worth to proceed with plans for David Henderson Day.

Worth said he anticipated activities for the day would be funded through contributions.



"Carolina Country" magazine editor Owen Bishop and Warren County artist Dianne T. Rodwell look over a color rendition of a painting by Mrs. Rodwell which will be featured on the front cover of the magazine this month. The opaque watercolor, entitled "Ignorance Is Bliss," depicts a duck family nesting in a discarded shotgun shell box. "Carolina Country," published by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives, is read monthly in more than 333,000 homes. The work by Mrs. Rodwell, a part-time photographer and graphic artist for The Warren Record, was purchased by a Montana state senator at the 1983 Unlimited Art Auction in Fairfield, Mont.