

# The Warren Record

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## Patrol Car Wrecked In Road Chase

Warrants have been drawn against a suspect but no arrests have been made in a weekend high-speed motorcycle chase which resulted in injuries to a N.C. Highway Patrolman.

Trooper O. W. Hardy of Weldon was treated and released from Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids after he lost control of his patrol car and overturned about 8:30 p.m. Saturday night near Odell, according to a report in the Halifax County Highway Patrol office.

The report stated that the chase began when Trooper Hardy, a 19-year veteran of the Patrol, attempted to pull over speeding a group of eight motorcyclists in Littleton. One cyclist failed to heed his signal and the chase began.

The trooper followed the operator through Littleton to Macon and then down several rural roads before his car skidded on some gravel and overturned. The 1985 Ford was a total loss, according to the report.

The driver of the motorcycle faces charges of speeding 100 miles per hour in a 55 m.p.h. zone, speeding more than 15 miles per hour above the posted limit to elude arrest, failure to stop for a blue light and siren and reckless driving.

The Highway Patrol was assisted by the sheriff's departments from Halifax and Warren counties.



The Rev. Jon Strother, left, pastor of Macon United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Thomas Smith, superintendent of the Raleigh District, participate in a service of dedication for the brick structure which now houses the 100-year-old bell formerly kept in the church's steeple. The monument is a memorial to the late John Wesley Edwards and Florence Roberts Edwards and was built from donations by the Edwards family and friends. The service of dedication took place Sunday, June 1, and was followed by a luncheon in the Gardner Room of the church. Among the approximately 100 persons attending were a number of out-of-town guests, including the Edwards' sons, Wesley Lloyd Edwards and John Floyd Edwards, and their wives and children. The bell was removed from the steeple during renovations to the church in 1974.

(Staff Photo by Dianne T. Rodwell)

## County Commissioners Approve Warren's Secondary Road Plan

By KAY HORNER  
News Editor

Warren County commissioners Monday night approved the N.C. Department of Transportation's 1986-87 Proposed Secondary Road Improvement Plan as presented last week by DOT officials.

It calls for paving of 3.3 miles of road in Warren County and for total improvements of \$586,076.

However, the board included in their endorsement a request that DOT use a portion of \$80,000 designated for spot improvements throughout the county to stabilize S.R. 1100 from Ax-tell to Soul City.

That recommendation came after residents living on the road told the board that traffic on the dirt road, which is used by employees of Carolina Sport-swear, Owens Illinois and HealthCo, was in need of stabilization.

Two accidents have occurred on the road this year, one resident said, and in inclement weather residents have difficulty getting to their places of employment.

The board also voted to grant a request from Norlina town commissioners that two county trash dumpsters located in the

parking lot of Norlina Middle School be removed.

In an April letter, the Norlina commissioners charged that the dumpsters "created a public nuisance," and requested their removal.

The county board instructed County Manager Charles J. Worth to seek another location for the dumpsters.

In other business, the board:

—Renewed a one-year contract with Waste Industries for \$133,000 for solid waste collection in the county. A bid of \$95,000 received from Refuge Collection Service was rejected. Worth said the company, which had an "unproven track record," was not yet officially in business.

—Reappointed Commissioner Francis Alston to the Warren County Social Services Board.

—Heard a report from Chairperson Eva M. Clayton that the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development has been asked to formulate a five-year capital development plan for the county. The department will assist the county in the project free of charge.

—Heard a request from Mrs. Clayton that the county consider the adoption of a Fair Housing Ordinance to prohibit discrimination because of race, sex or physical handicap. "We need to consider an ordinance and go on record as accepting or rejecting it," Mrs. Clayton said.

### Fire Loss Reported At \$20,000 Locally

A piece of tree-shearing equipment valued at \$20,000 was declared a total loss after it caught on fire Friday morning about 11:40 on a logging operation between Embro and Odell.

The equipment belonged to Joe Greer of Embro.

Fire Captain Walter Gardner said Warrenton Rural Fire Department responded to the fire, sending a brush truck into the woods where the equipment was located to keep the fire from spreading to the forestland.

Cause of the fire was unknown. The department also responded to a brush fire on Baltimore Road about four miles outside Warrenton's city limits Thursday at 9 p.m.

## State Trooper Is Assigned Here

RALEIGH—The 78th State Highway Patrol Basic School graduated 48 troopers in ceremonies held Thursday at the Highway Patrol Training Center.

William P. Blanks of East Arcadia is a member of the graduating class and has been assigned to Warrenton.

Joseph W. Dean, secretary of the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, said about the graduating class, "We are very proud of these graduates. They have successfully completed a very rigorous course of law enforcement training and will make fine ad-

ditions to our troopers already on the road."

The troopers took 785 hours of instruction in more than 71 courses during their 20-week school. Courses included instruction in human relations, criminal and constitutional law, firearms training, precision driving and other law enforcement subjects.

The new troopers reported to their duty stations on Tuesday. They will continue their education through on-the-job training and in-service schools during their careers with the State Highway Patrol.

## From 69 Cents To 76 Cents

# Proposed Budget Calls For Tax Hike

By KAY HORNER  
News Editor

A 1986-87 Warren County budget calling for an increase in the ad valorem tax rate from 69 cents to 76 cents per \$100 valuation was presented to Warren County commissioners by County Manager Charles J. Worth Monday night.

The board has worked with Worth during the past month on preparation of the budget, but at least one commissioner expressed his dissatisfaction with the increase.

"I'm concerned that we're still looking at a seven-cent increase," Commissioner J. T. Fleming told fellow board members. "Seventy-six cents per \$100 valuation is still too high."

The proposed General Fund budget, at \$5,966,905, represents a 6.7 percent increase over last year's budget as adopted. But Worth said yesterday that he anticipated that budget amendments between now and the end of the fiscal year would bring that increase closer to five percent.

Fleming also expressed dissatisfaction with a proposal for a four percent across-the-board raise for county employees.

The increase was granted, along with special increases of up to 15 percent in some cases, to correct what Worth in his budget message termed "a number of inequalities within our system."

Positions targeted for special increases are in clerical positions and jailer, dispatcher, janitor, dog warden and emergency management positions.

According to Worth, about 20 positions are affected.

"On the one hand, we're closing gaps then turning around and giving four percent increases which widen the gap," Fleming said. "I think the people in Warren County are going to demand that we do better than this."

A public hearing on the proposed budget has been scheduled for June 18, but a contingent of Warren County volunteer firemen were on hand Monday to protest a \$39,000 reduction in the overall allocation for county fire departments.

The budget creates a \$25,000 contingency fund to be administered by the Warren County Fire Commission, but cuts allocations for 12 of the 17 volunteer fire departments serving the county in half, from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

"There was some feeling that the \$10,000-allocation to the departments last year were too much," Worth said.

Lynn Henry, secretary of the County Fire Commission, made a brief request that funding be reinstated, but held further comments for the public hearing.

The proposed budget gives Warren County Schools a total of \$1,337,441 designated as follows: \$1,112,411 for current expenses, \$35,000 for expansion, and \$190,000 for capital outlay.

The schools, which last year received a total of \$1,208,833, had requested \$1,500,000. Of that amount, \$1,142,541 was requested in current expenses, \$124,963 for expansion and \$219,700 for capital outlay.

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds of \$50,000 were also earmarked for the schools.

Other highlights of the proposed budget include:

—\$31,571 for purchase of new computer software for Warren County Courts and for the County Board of Elections and hardware for the Finance Department.

—\$62,124 for operation of the newly created Central Communications Department at the Sheriff's Department.

—The addition of six ambulance attendant positions as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act ruling on overtime payment. Two positions were added

after the adoption of the 1985-86 budget and funding for four more, at \$12,000 per position, is included in the proposed budget.

—An increase in the county's participation in the Warren County Agricultural Extension Service from \$83,489 to \$95,997.

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## For Town Of Norlina

# No Increase Is Seen In Tentative Budget

By MARY C. HARRIS  
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A tentative budget for the next fiscal year, water and street improvements and nuisance-causing dogs claimed the attention of the Norlina commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

No increase in the tax rate and no salary increases were included in the tentative budget which totaled \$143,029.

Figured on a tax rate of 50 cents per \$100 valuation, the initial budget, which is subject to change before adoption, is almost identical to the budget which the town followed in the fiscal year now ending.

Anticipated revenues for the General Fund of Norlina, including taxes and licenses, auto tags, county ABC permits, interest and Cable TV, amounted to \$143,085.

Items covered by the General Fund expenditures include administration, police and fire departments, and streets and sanitation.

Provision for a new billing machine for the town office, estimated at \$10,000, was included in the figures tentatively sanctioned by the commissioners.

A public hearing is scheduled for June 21 at 7 p.m., followed by a meeting of the commissioners at 7:30 p.m. to review the budget and make any changes deemed advisable.

## Two Women From Warren Named To State Council

Two Warren County women are among 15 North Carolinians named by Governor Jim Martin to the North Carolina Council on Sickle Cell Syndrome. The appointments are effective immediately, and the terms of the members will be at the pleasure of the governor.

Among the appointees are Clarice R. Greene of Warrenton and Martina Goode of Norlina.

Mrs. Greene is a kindergarten teacher at Mariam Boyd School, and is a member of the Golden Circle, a Masonic organization which offers assistance to the needy. In addition, she has done volunteer work with the N. C. Department of Human Resources' Sickle Cell Syndrome program.

Ms. Goode is a public health dental hygienist who works in Franklin, Warren, Halifax and Northampton counties.

The 15-member Council on Sickle Cell Syndrome was created to further public education about sickle cell syndrome and related genetic disorders, to assist citizens in paying medical expenses as a result of sickle cell syndrome, to help rehabilitate

in the section of the budget labeled Powell Bill Fund, funded by the state for street maintenance, the commissioners added a \$2,000 expenditure for a tamping machine. Anticipated revenue in the Powell Bill Fund was \$25,128 and expenses were projected at \$24,455.

The commissioners voted to award the contract for improvements to the water system to John T. Harris Construction Company of Hazz. The local contractor's bid of \$115,593.50 was the lowest of four submitted for the project. Other bidders were Halifax Builders, George W. Kane and Roanoke Construction Company.

A pre-construction conference is scheduled for June 11, following which work is expected to begin right away. The project is to be completed by October.

Commissioners voted to engage Warrenton Construction Company to repair potholes on the streets of Norlina. Town Clerk Mae Gums noted that James C. Harris, Jr. of the company had inspected and marked all potholes and had agreed to make the needed repairs for \$4,141. Harris was also to be contracted to pave atop the new water line when completed, commissioners directed.

For the third consecutive month, the problem of dogs running at large in Norlina took a

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## New Clerk Hired For Municipal Post

Lori Myrick of Warrenton has begun a period of in-service training for assuming the duties of deputy town clerk held for several years by Debbie Formyduval, according to Town Administrator Vernon R. (Pete) Vaughan.

Miss Myrick started work in the town hall on May 26 and is working with Mrs. Formyduval, whose resignation is effective June 13, Vaughan said.

The new employee is a 1965 graduate of Warren County High School and has attended Vance-Granville Community College in Henderson.

sickle cell patients to establish centers for testing sickle cell syndrome, and to promote research in the diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

## Feeding Programs Planned In County

Warren County schools will operate three feeding programs this summer in connection with planned programs at three county schools.

The Extension Service of Warren County will operate summer camps at Norlina Middle School (June 17-27) and Hawkins Elementary School (July 1-11). Breakfast and lunch will be offered to all children under 18 during these weeks.

The Warren County Board of Education will operate a summer school program at Warren County High from June 23 through July 24. Breakfast and lunch will be served to all children under 18 years of age.

This summer food service program for children is available to all children without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.