

Man Is Charged With Entry Of Local Station

A Haw River man has been charged in a Sunday night break-in at Oine Road Texaco and is awaiting an appearance in court today (Wednesday).

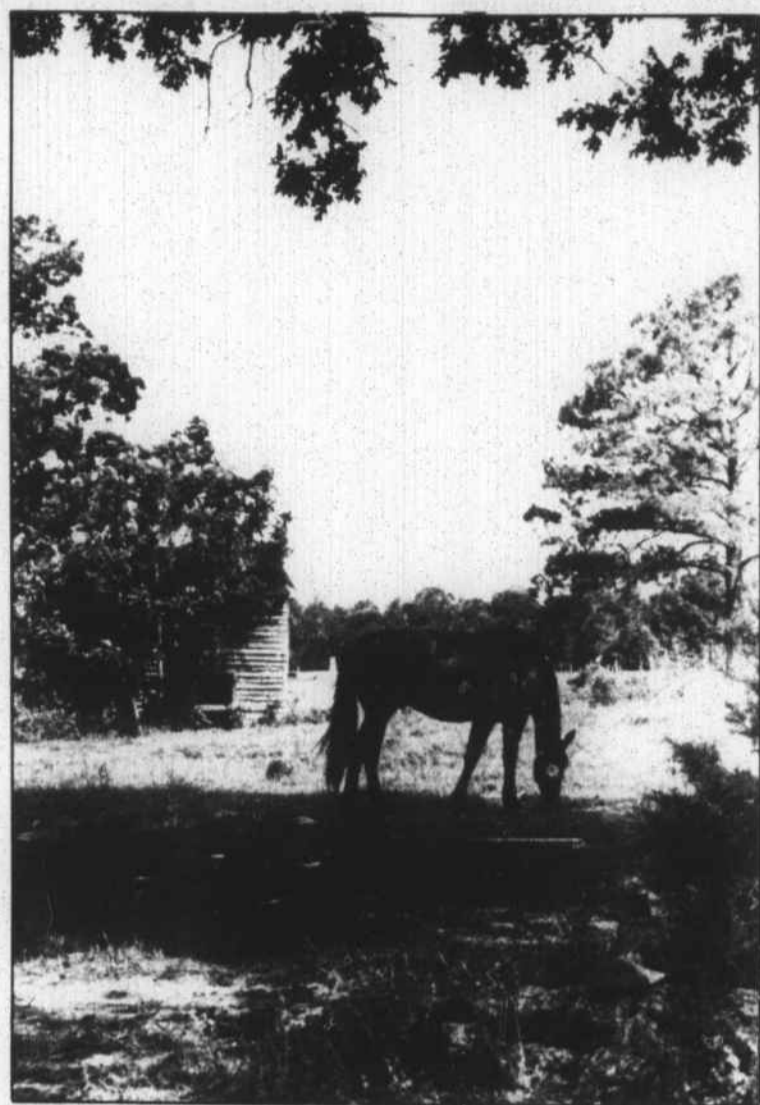
Christopher Robin Burch is charged with breaking and entering and larceny and is out under a \$1,000 bond, according to a report in the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton reported that the break-in was discovered by State Trooper Al Bennett who became suspicious when he observed a car parked on I-85 down from the exit which leads to Oine Road. After noticing two people in a nearby telephone booth, Bennett began a check of stores in the vicinity and discovered that entry had been made into the Texaco station through a side window.

Bolton said that Bennett detained the subjects in the phone booth and called the sheriff's department. Bolton and Deputy J. M. Alston responded and Burch was later charged in the incident.

Chief Deputy Bolton last week arrested David Shearin of Warrenton and charged him with manufacturing marijuana at his residence near Warren Plains.

Bolton said Shearin was growing 13 plants in his back yard. Shearin was released on bond and is due to appear in Warren County District Court today (Wednesday), Bolton reported.



The new grass of springtime and the shade of trees once again in full foliage provide all the ingredients for a contented life for this equine. (Staff Photo by Dianne T. Rodwell)

Police Department At Full Strength Here

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer

Warrenton's police department is now operating with a full force of officers, Police Commissioner A. A. Wood informed fellow commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday night in the town hall.

Three new officers assumed their duties on May 26 upon their completion of the basic police school at the Henderson Police Academy. They are George Alston, Robert Cox and Peter Lannon.

George Alston, 30, is a native of Warren County and resides in the Rabbit Bottom community. He is a graduate of John Graham High School and has been a maintenance employee for J. P. Taylor Company of Henderson and a truck driver for Richard Coleman of Inez.

Northampton County native Robert Cox was formerly employed as an officer for a security system in Raleigh and as a machine operator for Airmold Plastics in Weldon. The 36-year-old police officer and his wife, Elaine, are expecting their first child.

Newcomer to the town, Rhode Island native Peter Lannon

moved to Warrenton in December and resides at the Colonial Lodge, which his wife's parents purchased a year ago. The 28-year-old Lannon and his wife, Debbie, are the parents of two children. Before the move to Warrenton, Lannon worked as a stock and sales employee for Warwick Lumber Company and as a machine operator for Whitman Paper, both in Warwick, R.I.

The commissioners Monday night also heard Finance Commissioner Eddie Clayton explain preliminary recommendations for what he called a "workable budget" for the next fiscal year for the Town of Warrenton.

The commissioners will meet again to review and possibly change the figures before the public hearing scheduled for June 23.

The preliminary figures reflect approximately a five-percent increase over last year's budget and call for no increase in the 55-cent tax rate now in effect.

The overall budget, which includes the general fund as well as wastewater, water and sewer and revenue sharing funds, totals \$607,661 as it now stands.

The finance committee Monday night recommended that the commissioners consider a one-dollar-per-month increase in the water rates and a two-dollar increase for sewer service. The anticipated revenue from the increases totals approximately \$35,000, Clayton said. The town has been notified of an expected regional water system rate increase, it was noted.

Final budget decisions will be made by June 30.

Also Monday night the town commissioners heard James Parnell, local manager for Carolina Power and Light Company, assure them of the safety of the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant now under construction in Wake County. Parnell distributed a 25-page packet of material giving general information about nuclear power, the Harris plant and the emergency preparedness plan for it and differences between the Harris plant and the Chernobyl plant in Russia where an accident occurred recently.

In another matter, the commissioners voted to convert liability insurance coverage for the town from a local agency, Warrenton Insurance and Real Estate, to a

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Track Closing Is Planned Seaboard's Line From Virginia To Norlina Affected

Seaboard System Railroad has taken the first in a series of steps necessary before abandoning 73.5 miles of track between Norlina and South Collier, Va., south of Petersburg.

The railroad this week published notice of its intent to file with the Interstate Commerce Commission an amended System Diagram Map changing the track from Category 3 to Category 1.

Tracks in Category 1 are those targeted to be abandoned or discontinued.

Owen Pride, manager of news and media relations with CSX

Corporation, of which Florida-based Seaboard is a unit, said Tuesday that only three customers are now served by the track and that continued operation was no longer profitable for Seaboard.

Abandonment has been proposed in two segments, from Norlina to Meredith, Va., 18.8 miles of track, and from Meredith to South Collier, 54.7 miles of track.

Pride said Seaboard did not anticipate "sufficient opposition" to the abandonment to cause Seaboard officials to keep the track in operation.

There is a second north-south route, Pride noted, through Rocky Mount, Wilson and Fayetteville, which can be utilized by customers of the Norlina-South Collier route.

The abandonment process, which includes requirements of public notices and a 30-day protest period, could be completed no earlier than next January, Pride said.

If there is opposition and an investigation is called for, the process will take longer.

Appropriation By County Lauded

School Superintendent Expresses Pleasure Over Funding For System

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

Noting that the allocations for Warren County Schools in the proposed 1986-87 Warren County budget were "the closest we've ever come to an appropriation meeting our request," Superintendent Michael F. Williams told members of the Board of Education Monday night that he was "very pleased" with the funding as outlined for the schools.

The total allocation recommended for the schools is \$1,337,441, an increase of \$128,578 over last year's budget.

Of that amount, \$35,000 is earmarked for upgrading of annual supplements paid by the county to certified school personnel.

For classroom teachers, librarians and guidance counselors, the increase would be from \$75 to \$200.

Other increases are as follows: assistant principals, \$75 to \$300; elementary principals, \$150 to \$500; middle school principals, \$150 to \$600; high school principal, \$500 to \$1,000; and the six program directors in the central office, from no supplement to \$500.

The \$35,000 allocation and \$190,000 proposed for expansion represent 60 percent of the revenues from the additional one-half percent sales tax revenues. State law requires that at least 40 percent of those tax revenues go to the schools.

This is the first year funds have been designated for expansion items, a move Williams described as a step forward.

Board member Richard Roddy suggested that the board be represented at the June 18 proposed county budget hearing.

The budget calls for an increase in the ad valorem tax rate from 69 to 76 cents per \$100 valuation.

Roddy noted that the increase had resulted in additional funding for the schools and that the commissioners deserved the board's "moral support."

"We've gone when we've been mad (about the proposed budget), so we ought to go now to let them know we're pleased," Roddy said.

The board also discussed at length, and then tabled, a decision on renovation of the now-vacant administration building at Hawkins Elementary School.

Assistant Superintendent James Jordan presented an estimate of \$24,000 to stabilize the building.

A new roof and spot repairs are needed.

Board Member Yarborough Williams argued for renovation.

"It's a good structure and I can't see sitting idly by and not making improvements to keep the building from continuing to fall down," Williams said.

A private concern has approached the board about leasing the building for use as a day care center and Williams went on record in favor of renovation "whether the building is rented or not."

However, Supt. Williams expressed concern about using taxpayer money to make improvements on a building that would be leased to a private business with the pressing needs elsewhere in the school system.

"With the needs that we have for buildings that we have

children in," Supt. Williams said, "I can't see in good conscience spending money on a vacant building."

The building is now leased to the John R. Hawkins Alumni and Friends at no charge with the provision that they pay fire insurance premiums on the facility.

Supt. Williams told the board that he could foresee no time when the building would be needed for school purposes.

Number Of Prospective Summer Students Drops

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

Warren County Schools had anticipated having 135 students in its first summer session for third, sixth and eighth grade students who failed to meet state promotion standards.

But a pleased Superintendent Michael F. Williams told the board at its regular meeting Monday night that only 56 students failed to meet those standards and as a result, the remaining 79 slots had been opened to 22 students who failed to meet local promotion standards and 57 students who were promoted but who school officials felt would benefit from summer study.

The summer study program was mandated statewide by the General Assembly for those who failed to meet the Minimum Skills Diagnostic Test for their grade level.

In other action Monday, the board accepted the following resignations:

Ruby D. Amos, classroom teacher at Mariam Boyd Elementary School retiring after 45 years;

Gail F. Bullock, social studies teacher at Warren County High School, resigning after 12 years to pursue graduate studies;

Frances L. Smith, classroom teacher at Mariam Boyd, resigning after 13 years to relocate nearer her home in South Carolina;

Clara Champion, Amelia Robinson and Conrey Silver, all food service employees, retiring with 28, 21 and 10 years of service, respectively.

Two teacher transfers were approved. Brenda Holloman and Rebecca Blaylock, both ECIA Chapter 1 reading teachers at Norlina Middle School, will become regular classroom teachers at Mariam Boyd.

Employment of the following was also approved:

Gwendolyn Levister and Pamela Shearin, ECIA Chapter 1 reading teachers at Norlina; Jacqueline Cozart, classroom

teacher at Vaughan Elementary; Paula Aycock, classroom teacher at Hawkins Elementary School; and Sarah Shutt, classroom teacher at Norlina.

In other business, the board:

—Granted a request from Nancy McCann that her daughter be allowed to enter kindergarten a year yearly.

—Denied a request from Carrie Banks that her grandson be permitted to attend kindergarten classes at Mariam Boyd Elementary rather than Vaughan Elementary.

—Approved agreements of understanding for use of the schools by the American Red Cross and Warren County Government in emergency situations. The agreements were presented by Emergency Management Coordinator Gary Robenolt as part of the county's emergency preparedness plan.

—Approved agreements with Vance-Granville Community College for continuation of welding and calculus courses taught by VGCC faculty at Warren County High School.

—Received copies of the State Department of Education Accreditation Report. On June 17, a team from the department will be in Warren County to review the report. Following their review, a recommendation will be made to the state Board of Education regarding local accreditation.

Lisa Leete Ends Career At State

Lisa Leete recently graduated from North Carolina State University with a B.S. in agronomy and a concentration in agri-business.

Miss Leete, who made the Dean's List for the spring semester, has been employed by Farm Credit Service of Halifax County as a loan officer.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leete of Route 1, Macon.

Protect Your Bases, Farmers Are Advised

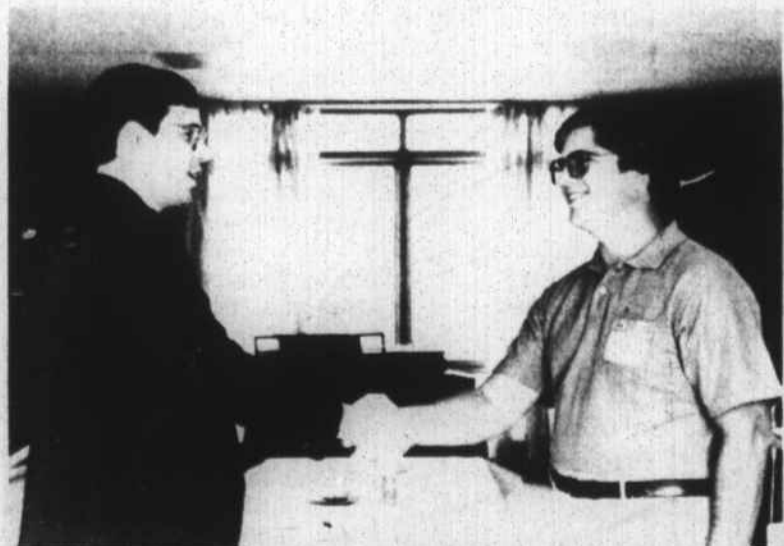
All farmers should file an acreage report to protect their acreage bases, regardless of whether they participate in the 1986 commodity programs or not, according to Thomas E. Watson, Warren County ASCS executive director.

By certifying crop acres, farmers establish documentation for future crop acreage bases as well as eligibility for various benefits if they decide to participate in farm programs, Watson said.

"It is very important for farmers who are participating in the 1986 programs to file acreage reports, because without them, they are not really participating," Watson explained. "We must have the report in order to determine the level at which producers are eligible for price support loans, deficiency payments and other program benefits."

Farm program participants are required to report crops and

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About 70 people with ties to Warren County businesses were on hand at Lake Gaston's Tanglewood Shores Country Club in Bracey, Va. last Thursday afternoon for Industry Appreciation Day, an annual event sponsored by the County Economic Development Commission. Kevin Kennelly, deputy secretary of the N.C. Department of Commerce, was the keynote speaker for the luncheon meeting, followed by an afternoon of recreation. Kennelly spoke on economic development across the state, noting that North Carolina is targeted, along with California, Texas, Florida and Arizona, for half the population growth of the country between now and the year 2,000. Competition for industry sitings is keen, Kennelly said, with 10,000 economic development groups across the nation vying in 1984 for 1,200 major industry sitings. Kennelly is shown above (left) with Brad Carroll, vice president of First Citizens Bank in Warrenton and member of the Economic Development Commission. (Photo by Kay Horner)