

The Warren Record

Holiday Hours To Be Observed By Many Locally

Many Warren County citizens will get a holiday from work on Independence Day, Friday, July 4. City and county officials will get the day off, and all city and county offices will be closed on Friday. The offices will reopen for regular hours on Monday, July 7.

Banks in Warren County will also be closed Friday.

The U. S. Postal Service will not provide home delivery of mail on Independence Day, and the Warren County post offices will be closed for the day.

City garbage in Warrenton will not be collected on Friday. Town Manager Pete Vaughan said yesterday that the garbage collectors would try to get as many people from their Friday schedule as they can on Thursday. Garbage collection will resume on Monday.

Garbage will not be collected in the Town of Norlina's business district on July 4, but will be collected as scheduled in residential areas Thursday.

Warren Farms Viewed By 100

One hundred agricultural extension employees from across the state toured the farms of Herman Durham and Jack O'Neal, both of Warren County, last Wednesday. The Durham's farm demonstrated soybeans and the O'Neal's farm demonstrated tobacco.

The purpose of the tour, according to Dr. Daniel Lyons, agriculture and natural resources coordinator at N.C. A&T University, is to highlight and share the accomplishments of the farmers in the Farm Opportunities Program (F.O.P.) The F.O.P. is designed to aid small and part-time farmers in adopting the methods and technologies they need to protect, develop and maximize their resources, while increasing their production.

These two Warren County farms were chosen because they represent unique or exceptional work being done by Warren County farmers.

The tour was in conjunction with Gov. James G. Martin's proclamation of June 22-28 as Small Family Farms Appreciation Week in North Carolina. The Agricultural Extension Program at North Carolina A&T scheduled a six-county tour of small scale farms in the Piedmont. This is the third year that A&T has sponsored the small-farm tour. Previous tours have included sites in the western and southern regions of the state.

Firemen Answer Three Local Calls

Warrenton Rural Fire Department responded to three fires last week.

At 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, the firemen responded to a woods fire on Highway 1001 across from the N.C. Department of Transportation maintenance facility. The fire was on the property of Frank Newell. The fire later reignited and firemen had to return to the site on Monday morning at 5:30 a.m. The fire burned one-half acre.

On Thursday, there was a woods fire on Highway 43 below Liberia on Jesse Baxton's property. The department was assisted by the N.C. Forestry Service in this fire.

Also on Thursday, at 8:20 a.m. a toaster at the home of Robert V. Allen of Eaton Avenue in Warrenton shorted out and caught fire. The only damage done was to the toaster.



Incoming chairman of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, Richard (Dicky) Whitten, left, Henderson city councilman, presents a plaque of appreciation to the outgoing chairman, Warrenton Mayor B. G. White, during the 14th Annual Meeting last Thursday at the Warrenton Lions Den. Looking on is Region K's executive director, Neil Mallory. (Staff Photos by Mary C. Harris)

White Leaves COG Position

Warrenton Mayor B. G. White last Thursday stepped down from his one-year term as chairman of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments. His successor, Henderson City Councilman Richard (Dicky) Whitten, assumed office at the 14th Annual Meeting which convened Thursday at the Warrenton Lions Den.

Elected officials from the five counties and 15 municipalities which comprise Region K were present for the annual get-together which this year included a memorial tribute to the late J. D. (Don) Everett, former executive director of Region K.

Everett's wife and children accepted from W. A. Miles, Warrenton commissioner and former chairman of the Region K Council, a plaque commemorating the dedicated service of Everett from Jan. 2, 1974 until his death on Sept. 12, 1985.

Neil Mallory, executive director of Region K since Jan. 6, addressed the gathering and presented the annual report which gave highlights of the council's work with the aging, economic development, emergency medical services and Job Training Partnership Act.

"The budget of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments is based on contributions from the member units of governments (five counties and 15 municipalities). The 49 cents per capita contribution for 1985-86 is \$71,658 or 6.05 per cent of the operating budget of \$1,183,782," Mallory's report stated.

Other officers who assumed their positions for the next term with Chairman Whitten were Creedmoor Mayor John T. Stallings, vice-chairman, and Roxboro Councilman Randall Thompson, treasurer.

The outgoing chairman, in his final letter to council members, stated, "I sincerely appreciate the strong support and cooperation the board members have given me during my term of office. The experience gained during the past year has enhanced my knowledge of the various programs of our council and helped me to realize even more the need for a strong region."

Counties in the Kerr-Tar Region are Warren, Vance, Granville, Franklin and Person.

Filing To End

The filing period for candidates for Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District supervisors in the November General Election ends Monday, July 7, at noon, according to Ruby Jones, elections supervisor.

Two seats, currently held by Nat B. White and John Lujan, are up for election. Mrs. Jones said, and neither incumbent had filed for re-election as of Tuesday afternoon.

Durham Firm Given Auditing Contract

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

Warren County commissioners Monday night agreed to continue for a second year with the Durham accounting firm of Garrett, Sullivan & Company for the county's 1985-86 audit.

Chairperson Eva M. Clayton, in reviewing bids offered by the Durham firm as well as two others, noted that Garrett, Sullivan & Company was a minority firm, a fact which Commissioner J. T. Fleming said should not bear on the board's decision.

"Race is not a fact at all to consider," Fleming said, "and I also feel we should change auditors each year to avoid discrepancies..."

Mrs. Clayton countered that Warren County should "be on record as encouraging minority businesses."

"Without any question," she commented, "we shouldn't choose solely for race. But we should be on record as encouraging business with minorities if they can do the work. Correct me if I'm wrong, but there is no evidence that any (other) minority firm has ever had a contract with this county...You may say race shouldn't be a factor, but apparently race has been a factor when I look at the history of this county."

On Fleming's motion, the board voted to continue with Garrett, Sullivan & Co. for another year and to consider changing firms for the two years following.

Garrett, Sullivan & Co. submitted a base bid of \$6,800. A bid of \$6,850 was received from the Raleigh firm of Watts and Scobie and \$7,440 from William L. Stark & Co. of Henderson.

In other business, Gary Robenolt, county emergency management coordinator, requested that the board adopt a Warren County Disaster Relief and Assistance Plan to prepare the county to "cope with hazardous material spills." The board unanimously approved the plan.

The board also discussed the deterioration of the Hendricks Building, which now houses several county agencies. The board has agreed that because of the state of the building, other quarters should be found for the agencies now housed there.

Several properties are available in Warrenton and the board has received lease proposals from Monroe Gardner and Selby Benton, who own buildings on Main Street. The board requested County Manager Charles J. Worth to compile a list of available properties in Warrenton for their consideration.

New Hours Set

The Warren County Board of Elections has adopted new office hours.

Effective Monday, July 7, the office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The change was made in an effort to make the office more accessible to those who work.

Board Approves Four-Cent Hike In Warren's Rate

By JAY JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A 1986-87 Warren County budget of \$6,233,405 was adopted Monday by a three-to-two margin with Commissioners William Skinner and J. T. Fleming voting against and Chairperson Eva M. Clayton and Commissioners Francis Alston and George Shearin voting in favor of the budget.

The budget increases the ad valorem tax rate from 69 cents to 73 cents per \$100 valuation, a three-cent decrease in the rate initially proposed by County Manager Charles J. Worth.

Although the tax rate was decreased, the total budget was increased from \$6,138,905 to \$6,233,405.

Worth said yesterday his initial budget proposal was figured on an estimated tax base of \$416 million. The final figure was \$426 million.

Warren County's volunteer firemen, who appeared in full force at a recent budget hearing to protest proposed cuts in their funding, were successful in getting funding restored.

The fire departments and rescue squad were allocated \$102,200 out of the general fund, an increase of \$1,900 over last year, and \$50,000 from federal Revenue Sharing funds.

The new budget also calls for an across-the-board salary increase of \$402 for all county employees, in lieu of a four-

Valentine Plans

Warrenton Visit

Second District Representative Tim Valentine will be in Warrenton on Monday, July 7, to meet with Warren County citizens.

Valentine will be in the courtroom of the Warren County Courthouse from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. He will be available to discuss any matters of interest to residents of Warren County.

"Communicating with the people of the Second District has been among my top priorities since I came to Congress, and I have found that informal citizens meeting such as this are an excellent way to meet with individual citizens and learn their concerns," he said. "I hope that everyone with any matter of concern to discuss will take advantage of this opportunity."

percent increase as proposed by the county manager.

It also establishes a capital reserve fund of \$75,000 from the fund balance appropriation. The board earmarked those funds in light of the anticipated need for renovation of existing county facilities or acquisition of additional facilities.

Before adoption of the budget, Commissioner Fleming moved that the board shave \$20,000 off the allocation for Warren County Schools and \$20,000 from the fund balance appropriation to bring the tax rate down another cent, but his motion died for lack of a second.

Rate Unchanged In Town Budget

Warrenton's commissioners Monday night finalized the figures which will govern the town's financial picture for the next 12 months and settled on a budget totalling \$612,661, according to Town Administrator V. R. (Pete) Vaughan.

The figures are based on the same 55-cents tax rate as last year's budget and for the first time provide for a retirement program for employees of the town, Vaughan said.

Also among projected expenditures for the new fiscal year, which began yesterday (Tuesday), were the purchase of a police car and street truck.

The breakdown of figures for the new budget showed the following:

- Wastewater, \$122,250;
- Water and Sewer, \$294,000;
- General Fund, \$307,435; and
- Revenue Sharing, \$5,000.

Subtraction of \$116,024 in transfers from one fund to another yields the total budget amount of \$612,661, Vaughan said.

As of July 1, monthly rates for water and sewer customers of the town increased, water rates by \$1 and sewer by \$2, Vaughan reminded.

Final figures for the fiscal year just ended were not available due to last-minute budget amendments.

No Change Is Seen

Macon residents can expect a new fiscal year very much like the one which ended Monday, Town Clerk Wanda Clary said yesterday (Tuesday).

Town commissioners met Monday to place their final stamp of approval on the budget which took effect Tuesday.

Based on a tax rate of 30 cents per \$100 in property valuation, the budget which was adopted totalled \$58,938 and included no new provisions, Mrs. Clary noted.

The budget was broken down as follows:

- General Fund, \$38,665;
- Street-Powell Fund, \$17,445; and
- Revenue Sharing, \$2,828.

Tax Rate The Same

Norlina's budget for the new fiscal year which began July 1 totalled \$335,123, Town Clerk Mae Gums said Tuesday.

The breakdown of figures was not available, but Mrs. Gums said the new budget provided for last year's tax rate to remain in effect. The figures are based on a property tax rate of 50 cents per \$100 valuation.

Also in the budget are provisions for salary increases ranging from 2.5 to five percent for town employees.



New officers of the Warrenton Rotary Club, who were presented during Ladies Night on Tuesday, June 24, at the Lions Den, are pictured above with the outgoing president. From left to right are Richard Hunter, secretary-treasurer; Kermit Copley, president; George (Pepi) Perkinson, outgoing president; and Kari Hehl, vice president. (Staff Photo by Mary C. Harris)