

Hearing Set For Zoning Change Try

The Warren County Board of Commissioners Monday ordered that a public hearing be conducted next month to help determine whether commissioners should rezone a piece of Lake Gaston property to allow for construction of a garage and storage area.

The decision to call for a public hearing at 9 a.m. on August 4 came after Chet Forrester, zoning administrator, told the board that a request by William Leavitt of Rt. 3, Littleton for a change in zoning had not been approved by the Warren County Planning Board at its May meeting.

In a letter from Planning Board Secretary Oscar L. (Butch) Meek to Leavitt which was made available for commissioners, it was pointed out that Leavitt wanted to rezone lakeside residential property to a light industrial zone to allow for construction of the garage. Commissioners were told that the garage would be placed on a 36-acre tract of cutover land about three quarters of a mile from the shoreline of Lake Gaston between Salmon's Landing and Lake Shore Realty.

The planning board advised Leavitt that he could request a public hearing to seek the zoning change. A four-fifths majority vote of the board of commissioners would be needed to amend the zoning ordinance governing property in zoned areas of Warren County.

Proponents of the zoning change said that the River Township property, off State Road 1356, would be used for an automotive repair facility with outside storage of inoperable automobiles awaiting repair.

Owned by C. L. Wester, the property to be used is some 700 feet from the road, cannot be seen from the road and is surrounded by trees, proponents said.

Robinson Is Given Achievement Medal

Sgt. Thurston J. Robinson, son of Rosa B. and Melvin K. Robinson of Warrenton, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Sill, Okla.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Robinson is a cannon crewman with the 2nd Field Artillery. His wife, Tracey, is the daughter of James and Elizabeth Brown of Rt. 2, Macon.

Familiar Faces Are Still On Local Commissions

Although one Warren County commission got some new blood this week as members of the Warren County Board of Commissioners made appointments to fill vacancies created at the conclusion of the just-ended fiscal year, most boards retained familiar faces.

Bernadine S. Ballance, who had served one partial and one full term on the ABC Board, was re-appointed for a three-year term.

Leon Knight was named to a new three-year term on the Economic Development Commission, and three new members — Joseph Alexander, Oscar L. (Butch) Meek and L. C. Cooper — were named to replace Carolyn Schoonover, W. Monroe Gardner and Ronald Douglas. Mrs. Schoonover has moved to China, Gardner was ineligible for re-appointment after serving three full terms and Douglas was unable to serve ad-



Nine-year-old Craig Seaman and his brother, Wayne, age seven, are pictured with their pet, Uncle Howdy, winner of the Best Dressed award in the Fourth of July Pet Parade at the Henderson Mall. The boys' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Seaman of Manson. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Restaurant Robbery Bid Is Unsuccessful

An attempted armed robbery at the Golden Skillet restaurant on Norlina Road failed on the eve of the Fourth of July when the manager showed the would-be robber the way out without answering his demands for money.

Manager Brenda Henderlite said the lone black male entered the business shortly after closing time Thursday night when one of the employees unlocked the front door to allow the day's final customer to leave. Entering under the pretense of complaining about having purchased over-

cooked chicken, the man set a box on the counter and told Mrs. Henderlite to give him all the money.

The manager said the man, who was wearing short pants and a tan jacket, displayed no weapon although he said he was carrying a gun. She said the man appeared to be about 5'10" and to weigh about 200 pounds.

Mrs. Henderlite asked him to leave and he did, she said.

A report filed by the investigating officer, Warrenton Policeman George Alston, indicated the man was driving a white Oldsmobile.

Mrs. Henderlite said after the man left, she noticed the telephone cable had been cut.

The investigation is continuing.

Cars Of Deputy, Trooper Collide During Chase

A Warren County sheriff's deputy collided with a Virginia state policeman early yesterday (Tuesday) morning as the two officers attempted to apprehend the driver of a stolen Pennsylvania vehicle.

Chief Deputy Bobby Dean Bolton and Virginia State Policeman Douglas Wayne Ezell had been part of a running roadblock traveling south on I-85 in high-speed pursuit of the runaway car just prior to the collision in which Bolton's 1983 Ford rear-ended the Virginia officer's car when it stopped with other officers to overtake the driver of the stolen vehicle.

Trooper R. T. Futrell investigated the accident which occurred shortly before 5:30 a.m. There were no injuries.

Damages to the Warren County deputy's car were estimated at just under \$2,000 and the Virginia policeman's car was a total loss, reports stated.

Following another Warren County accident on Monday afternoon, Calvin Henderson, 21, of Rt. 3, Warrenton and 19-year-old Creola Jones of Rt. 2, Norlina were treated for minor injuries at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson and later released.

According to Trooper W. P. Banks, Henderson stated that he went to sleep at the wheel of the 1977 Toyota he was driving east on State Road 1001 near Brown's Baptist Church about 4:15 p.m.

The trooper reported that Henderson ran off on the right shoulder, then lost control and skidded to the left side of the highway and struck a ditch bank, causing the vehicle to overturn.

Miss Jones was a passenger in Henderson's automobile.

Damages to the Toyota were estimated at \$1,000.

Banks was charged with driving left of center, the patrol report stated.

Trooper Futrell investigated a single-car accident on Saturday in which Mrs. Ruby Clary of Ridgeway Street, Warrenton hit a ditch bank in order to avoid collision with another vehicle.

Mrs. Clary was taken by ambulance to Maria Parham Hospital where she was admitted for treatment of abrasions and released yesterday.

According to the report, Mrs. Clary was driving on Rural Paved Road 1107 near Warrenton when she was forced to the right side of the highway in order to avoid hitting a vehicle turning in front of her onto Rural Paved Road 1118.

No charges were filed in the accident.

Damages to Mrs. Clary's 1973 Chevrolet were estimated at \$2,500, the report stated.

Collection Of Local Taxes Running Ahead Of Last Year

Collection of 1985 Warren County taxes is running some 2.3 percent higher than at the same time last year, Finance Officer Susan W. Brown told members of the Warren County Board of Commissioners meeting here Monday.

Mrs. Brown said that a total of \$2,758,143.08 has been collected thus far, which is 93.73 percent of the taxes owed.

In a report submitted to the county board, Mrs. Brown reported that interest income for the first six months of the calendar year totalled \$143,132.41.

Other reports brought to the commissioners' attention were submitted by the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department, the Warren County Inspection Department, the Agricultural Extension Service, the Warren County dog warden and the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department reported that deputies drove a total of 17,836 miles in performance of duties and received a total of 124 complaints. Officers spent a total of 45 hours in court.

Some 64 building permits were issued during the period from May 27 through June 27, according to the report of Zoning Administrator Chester A. Forrester, III.

Dog Warden Frank Twitty reported that a total of 135 dogs were picked up in June and 104 were destroyed.

Uncle Sam To Foot Bill For Recruitment Effort

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will foot the entire bill for an attempt to attract minority-owned business and industry to Warren County.

This was assured Monday when the Warren County Board of Commissioners signed a one-year letter of agreement with a Detroit-headquartered consulting firm whose work here will be financed by the federal government.

Holland Consulting, Inc., which has provided management and technical assistance to communities for the past 12 years, will provide the direction for enhanced retail and industrial development in Warren County.

Holland had its start in the same area where the nation's worst urban riot erupted on Detroit's 12th Street in July 1967 and claimed 43 lives in four days of shooting and looting. A decade after the riots, Holland had a strong hand in bringing neighborhood business back to the riot area and creating a considerable number of jobs.

Today, according to Herbert J. Sawyer, management consultant with Holland's Atlanta office, Holland is developing 21 commercial complexes, including ones in Durham and High Point. Sawyer met with Warren commissioners Monday to express his hope that Holland "could help with relocation of expanding businesses" which he said were headquartered in the North but wanted to be closer to southern markets.

According to the five-page letter of agreement, Holland is expected to help Warren County in selecting the site for a commercial park, and will conduct feasibility studies for potential projects and lend assistance in developing a local organization to own the land or buildings.

Cathy Wilson, executive director of the Warren County Economic Development Commission, was on hand to ask commissioners to make sure that existing industry-hunting groups in the county be involved in the new recruitment effort.

In other business Monday, commissioners

—Received a letter from the National Association of Counties urging commissioners to contact members of Congress and request their support of a House resolution calling for continuation of the Federal Revenue Sharing Program scheduled to expire September 30.

—Appointed Chairperson Eva M. Clayton to be Warren's voting delegate to the annual conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to be held in Winston-Salem Aug. 14-17.

—Received from Gary Robenolt, emergency management coordinator for Warren County, a proposed Warren County Disaster Relief and Assistance Plan.

—Received a proposed agreement between Warren County and the 4-H Council drafted by George W. Koonce setting forth guidelines for use of the county's 4-H bus.



MRS. PRICE



MRS. ROBERTSON

State Officers Planning Appearance At Norlina

Two state vice presidents will be on hand Friday as members of the 14th District of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs hold an annual district summer workshop meeting in Norlina.

Mrs. L. O. (Ree) Robertson of Warrenton and Mrs. J. P. (Norma) Prince of Asheville will be featured speakers for the day.

Mrs. Robertson, first state vice president, has been a member of the NCFWC for 27 years and was a member of the Norlina Junior Woman's Club for 15 years and never missed a meeting. She has been highly active in club and community work.

A tax accountant, Mrs. Robertson is married and the mother of three grown children.

She serves as sales supervisor of the Warrenton Tobacco Market.

Mrs. Price, second state vice president, is a former recording secretary of the state federation. She has been a member of the Asheville City Council since 1977 and has served for two years as vice mayor.

A graduate of Flora Macdonald College with a degree in mathematics, Mrs. Price is married and the mother of two daughters.

District 14 President Mrs. W. Frank (Eunice) White of the Mary Jamieson Club of Oxford will preside at Friday's meeting to be held at the Norlina Baptist Church.

Hostesses for the day will be members of the Norlina Woman's Club with members of the Macon Woman's Club being responsible for the coffee hour.