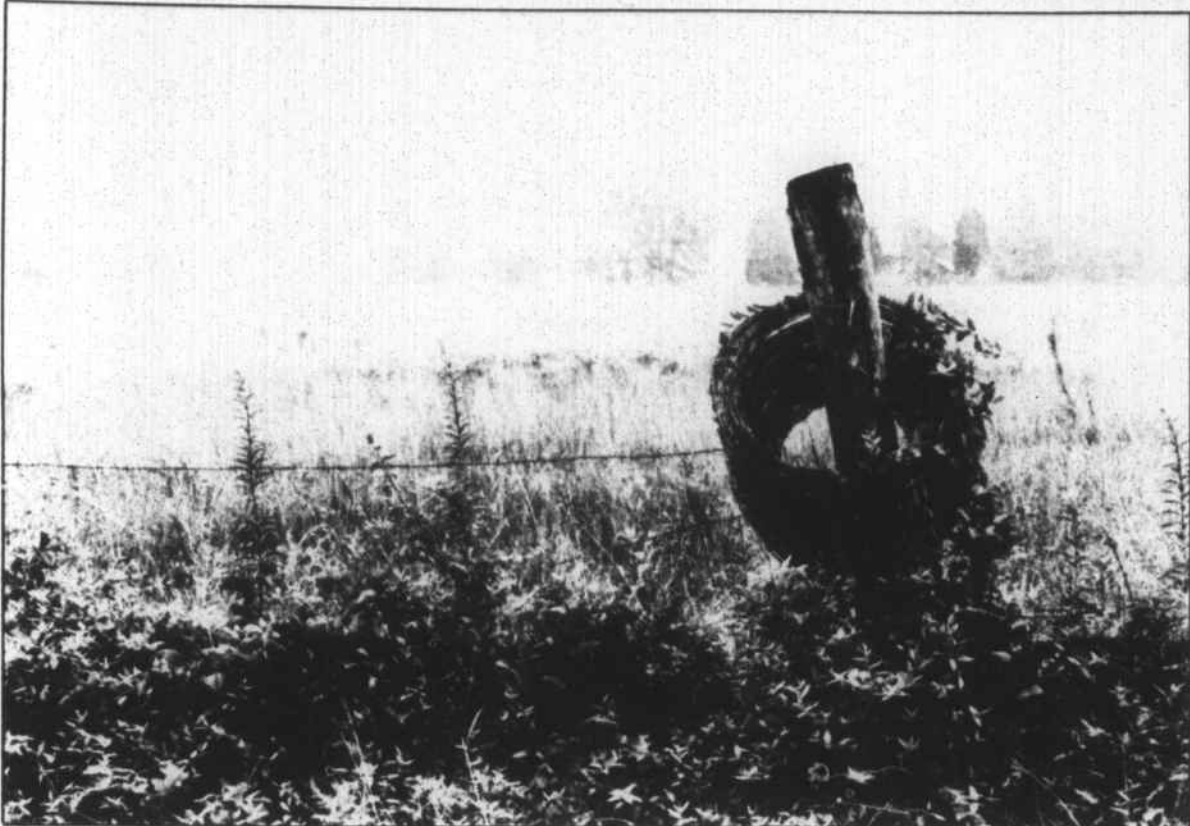


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As a roll of barbed wire awaits the resumption of fence building, it proves attractive to honeysuckle which has become intertwined with the threads of wire on this post on Highway 401 near Afton. (Staff Photo by Dianne T. Rodwell)

## Housing Rehabilitation Work To Start Soon In Town Of Norlina

Rehabilitation of property in the eastern section of Norlina is expected to begin in about 30 days, an official of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development told members of the Norlina Board of Commissioners meeting Monday night.

Rosemary McLane of Raleigh, program coordinator for the Community Development Block Grant received by the Town of Norlina, told commissioners that some 20 applications for rehabilitation work in the Wash-

ington Street area have been received, and that officials were anxious to get along with the project.

At the request of Ms. McLane, town board members approved a resolution which provides guidelines for investor-owned property to be rehabilitated during the project. One provision of the resolution is that owners of rental property to be upgraded must execute a rent control agreement which allows rent not to exceed 30 percent of the tenant's adjusted gross income and that this must be agreed to for a five-year period.

In other business coming before the board, John Smiley, operator of Smilin' Jack's Restaurant in Oine, appeared to announce his plans to open a game room in Norlina.

Smiley said he hopes to operate an establishment which will be a credit to the town, and that should the game room become a nuisance, he would close it down immediately.

He said he plans to open the game room in the building which formerly housed Village Pharmacy, and that he intends to operate five days a week (Tuesdays through Saturdays) with adult supervision on all times. He said the room would contain coin-operated games and vending machines and will not include pool tables.

Smiley said he had determined since moving into the county earlier this year that there were few recreational opportunities for young people, and that he intended to provide the

game room as a service. He said he would be satisfied with a break-even operation.

Former commissioner Will Hicks appeared before the board to complain of bad conditions at the corner of Division and Liberty streets resulting from work to upgrade the municipal water system. Hicks said that during rainy periods the area is muddy and the need for ditching is evident.

"Anything you can do will be a great help," Hicks said.

Board members were informed by Town Clerk Mrs. Mae Gums that a pay-for-play pool table is being operated in Norlina in violation of the town's pool room ordinance, and Police Commissioner Dwight Pearce was asked to have the police department investigate.

Before adjournment of the 50-minute meeting, board members ordered that the September meeting be held on the second Monday of September so as not to conflict with Labor Day holiday plans of commissioners and town residents.

## Board Is Looking At Local Location

Warren County commissioners are apparently looking with favor on a South Main Street location to house several public agencies.

Commissioners, following receipt of proposals from local real estate brokers, toured three Main Street locations during a recess of their Monday meeting before instructing County Manager Charles Worth to negotiate with W. Monroe Gardner for use of a building he offered the county.

Gardner's building, at 136 South Main Street, would provide the county with 1,425 square feet of floor space for a monthly rental of \$673.27. The landlord would provide heat, electricity, water, chilled drinking water, air conditioning, window washing, toilet supplies, janitor service and supplies and lamp replacement.

Gardner's offer appeared more attractive to commissioners than did offers from brokers James C. Harris, Jr. and Selby G. Benton.

Harris, of Harris Realty, offered to renovate to county specifications the former Western Auto building on North Main Street and to lease 6,000 feet to the county for five years. Cost to the county would be \$1,600 per month, plus utilities, for the first three years, and \$1,800 per month for the remaining two years.

Benton, of Benton Real Estate Company, offered to provide office space in a brick building at 126 North Main Street which was

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## Water, Sewer Extension Wins Blessing Of Board

### Perdue Plans New Project At Soul City

The Warren County Board of Commissioners Monday offered to exert its best effort possible to run water and sewer lines to a site in Soul City where Perdue, a Maryland-based poultry company, plans to erect a \$3 million hatchery.

A decision to seek state assistance in providing the \$138,800 needed to extend utilities to land already owned by Perdue came shortly after Economic Development Director Cathy Wilson appeared to tell the board that Perdue hoped to begin work on the new facility later this month.

The hatchery, she told commissioners, would offer employment to 30 persons initially, and eventually might afford employment to twice that number.

She said, based on the current tax rate, the tax revenue from the hatchery project would be sufficient to retire the cost of the water and sewer extension in seven years.

Commissioner George Shearin argued that the county needed to "make an investment" in the proposed facility and the board agreed that state funding offered the brightest hope.

Should state funding fail, the board agreed, commissioners should look to resources available locally. It was agreed that the best source of local funding might come from revenue sharing monies and the board agreed with Commissioner J. T. Fleming that the reserve fund should only be tapped as a last resort.

In other action Monday, commissioners heard Chairperson Eva Clayton say "there is a dire need" for additional monies to meet Warren County's needs, and agreed to hold a public hearing on August 20 to consider the levy of

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Davidson Extension Chairman William C. Holtzmann is shown with a plaque he received from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Holtzmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holtzmann of Warren County, is a graduate of Norlina High School. He is married to the former Marie Cobb of Norlina and they have three daughters.

## Native Of Warren

### William Holtzmann Given Award By National Group

William C. Holtzmann, Davidson County extension chairman, has won a national award for his work with the Agricultural Extension Service.

The National Association of County Agricultural Agents has presented Holtzmann with a Distinguished Service Award at its annual meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., July 27-Aug. 1. He was one of six North Carolinians honored.

The association cited Holtzmann, a Warren County native, for his "effective leadership of a well-rounded extension program that serves the citizens of North Carolina's 10th largest county."

In addition to his duties as chairman, Holtzmann has conducted an educational program that has helped to increase yields and improve quality of flue-cured tobacco. His pesticide educational program has led to the certification of 500 farmers in the use of restricted-use pesticides.

Under his leadership, Davidson County was one of the pioneer counties for Extension Teletip, a statewide, toll-free telephone information service.

A 26-year veteran of extension work, Holtzmann received his B.S. degree and M.Ed. degree from N.C. State University.

Other 1986 recipients of Distinguished Service Awards from North Carolina are Kenneth E. Vaughn, Iredell County extension chairman; William C. Bledsoe, a district supervisor in Asheville, who works in counties within the Tennessee Valley Authority; John G. Richardson, program leader for the North-western Extension District and former Robeson County extension chairman; James E. Goff, Harnett County extension chairman; and James L. Peele, Bertie County extension agent.

## Warrenton Student Given \$1,000 For Reagan Letter

Katherine Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. (Jack) Harris of Warrenton and a rising junior at Vance Academy, has been presented at \$1,000 check by Rotary District 771 in recognition of her winning entry in the Rotary "Letters for Peace" contest. The award was made by Gov. Bill Stone of Raleigh at a meeting of Henderson Rotary Club, which conducted the preliminary contest that selected Miss Harris' letter for further competition.

The contest was open to students 14 to 18 years old who

wrote letters to recognized world leaders and entered them in local Rotary competition. The district winner wrote to President Reagan.

Most letters were addressed to the president and to Premier Gorbachev of Russia.

Miss Harris' letter has been sent to Rotary International headquarters, where it will compete for \$12,500 in regional and international awards.

Judge David Britt of Raleigh, chairman of the district judging committee, said that choosing a winner was difficult. He cited the following as writing a letter with special merit: Steve Charles Berndt, Vance Academy, submitted by Warrenton Rotary Club.

More than 2,000 letters were entered in 30 local contests sponsored by Rotary Clubs of District 771, according to Barrie Davis of Zebulon, district contest chairman.

Davis said that awards given club winners ranged from a trip to the Statue of Liberty dedication to cash prizes for educational purposes.

Because of the great interest and keen competition seen in the first "Letters for Peace" contest, the district is considering similar competition during the coming year.



MISS HARRIS

## Accident Hurts

### Youth At Norlina

A Norlina youth remained in critical condition at Duke Medical Center Tuesday afternoon from head injuries suffered the day before in a four-wheeler accident in a field near his home.

Lee Leonard, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Leonard of Terrell Street, Norlina, was still unconscious but vital signs were reportedly good on Tuesday afternoon, a spokesperson said.

The youth was thrown into the air Monday afternoon when the four-wheeler he was driving hit a ditch, according to other youngsters who were standing nearby at the time. The incident occurred about 4:30 p.m.

Leonard was taken by Warren County Ambulance Service to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson and by Life Flight from there to Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

## Fee Schedule Is Listed On School Opening Eve

The first day of school for students in Warren County will be Aug. 25, according to Mike Williams, superintendent.

School will begin for students this year with a full day of classes, and not the traditional orientation day. Doors will open at the regular time (approximately 8:15 a.m.) on the 25th and students will be officially enrolled on that day.

Williams noted that the bus routes are essentially the same this year as last and urged parents to have their children out early for the first few days of school. "There could be problems of transportation at the beginning of school, and if so, parents should contact their child's principal," said Williams.

New families in the area should report to the county schools central office immediately for school assignments, rather than wait until the 25th, Williams added.

Parents of children who will be five years old by Oct. 16 and who have not registered their children for kindergarten should report to the appropriate school now to complete registration, he noted.

The fee schedule for the new year is as follows:

Grades K-6—instructional supplies, \$3; regular school insurance, \$7.25; 24-hour insurance, \$39.

Grades 7-8—instructional supplies, \$3; vocational fees, \$3; band fees, \$5; regular school insurance, \$7.25; 24-hour insurance, \$39.

Grades 9-12—instructional supplies, \$3; vocational supplies, \$6 per year; band fees, \$5; choral fees, \$6; science fees, \$3; regular school insurance, \$7.25; 24-hour insurance, \$39.

Instructional supply fees are required of all students in all grades.