



Serenity is the keynote of autumn's panorama as nature slows in preparation for the winter dormancy. This view is typical of many found in Warren County at this time of year and was photographed near Macon.
(Staff Photo by Dianne T. Rodwell)

Suit For \$5 Million Settled Out Of Court

County Pays \$35,000 Sum

A \$5 million lawsuit alleging discrimination by county officials in the 1982 hiring of a county extension chairman is being settled out of court.

Although the file on the case has not been officially closed, Warren County commissioners last week allocated \$35,000 for settlement with Home Economics Extension Agent Emily Ballinger on charges of sex and age discrimination, breach of contract promising equal opportunity, and conspiracy to deprive her of equal protection under the law.

The suit was filed two years ago by Miss Ballinger, then 55, after the hiring of Russell C. King, then 34, as extension chairman.

Miss Ballinger had alleged that King was named to the chairmanship even though he was less qualified than she because of background, education and experience.

The commissioners voted to allocate the funds to settle the suit, which would have been tried in U.S. District Court, from the county's contingency fund.

Miss Ballinger, who continues to serve as an extension agent, declined to comment on the settlement.

County Attorney Charles T. Johnson said this week that the county, in making the settlement, made "no admission of liability" and labeled the action "purely a compromise of disputed claims."



Lion B. G. White, chairman of the Warrenton Lions Club's Scholarship Committee, is pictured with scholarship winner Stephanie Clifton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Clifton of Warrenton. The presentation of the \$500 scholarship was made at a recent Lions meeting. Miss Clifton, a 1986 honor graduate of Warren County High School, is attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Serving with White on the committee was Lion John Coleman.

Food Distribution Is Planned Locally

The National Guard Armory will be the distribution point for the fall quarterly distribution of USDA surplus foods on Sept. 24, Julian Farrar, Social Services director, stated this week.

The distribution will include six food items: rice, flour, cheese, milk, corn meal and honey.

All active food stamp households have received a computer-printed authorization card that will serve as application and certification, the director noted. This card must be presented at the armory by food stamp households who plan to participate in the commodity program, Farrar said.

Low income families who wish to participate in the distribution with income at or below the following gross income levels will qualify: family of one, income of

\$581; family of two, income of \$785; family of three, income of \$988; family of four, income of \$1,192; and family of five, income of \$1,396.

Distribution is expected to begin about 7:30 a.m. and to end around 4 p.m., Farrar said.

Anyone picking up for an invalid or household individual must bring a signed statement from the individual showing income and their approval for the food to be received by the representative.

Food Stamp households needing someone to pick up food for them will need to write the name of the person to pick up the food on the back of the card and sign their own name on the back right-hand side of the card before giving the card to the person who is to receive the food, Farrar pointed out.

List Of Jurors Drawn For Civil Court Term

Jurors drawn for the civil term of Warren County District Court beginning September 29 at 10:00 a.m. are as follows:

Marie Thornton, William Jackson Hicks, Judith Carroll Ross Walker, Maurice Lee Stainback, Cassie Fields Henderson, James Arthur Bryant, Lelia Anne Richardson, Juanita Copeland, Lessie Richardson Mills, Phyllis Loyd Wells, Annie Iola Durham, Catherine Williams, Joseph Lee Greene, Elwood Johnson Burgess and Annie Cooper Rawles.

Also, Mary Jones Crostic, John Earl Alston, William Howard Allen, Cecelia L. Kearsey, Branch Otis Richardson, Jr., Vilma Jerman Gatling, Kathleen Newcombe Baugh, Clinton Alphonso Allgood, Margaret Jordan Pettaway, Betha Lee Richardson, Tammy Marie Hudson, Charlie Edward Tyson, Veronica Darlene Fields, Bobby Jewel Williams and Irene H. Terry.

Also, William Henry Shaw, James Louis Daeke, Nancy Harris Williams, Allen Augustus Kearney, Jr., Clinton Powell, C. nie Faye Hedgepeth, Maxine Richardson Silver, Barbara Mae Allen, Wanda Faye Moore John-

son, Selver Silver, Alpheus Perry, Jr., Kathy Powell Raines, Ethel Alford Barrett and Ethel Alford Barrett, Elmer Wells and Lyndel Davis Alexander.

Jurors deferred from a previous term are listed as follows:

Melba Newsom Barker, Hester Evans Davis, Henrietta Isreal and Marie Jones King.

Annual 4-H Pullet Show And Sale Set

The annual 4-H Pullet Show and Sale will be held Friday, Sept. 19, at the Warren County Fairgrounds, George W. Koonce, Warren County Extension agent, 4-H, announced yesterday.

Koonce said that free admission to the fairgrounds will be granted to all attending the show and sale.

Approximately 70 five-month old high production sex link pullets will be sold in multiples of 6 and 12 per pen, Koonce said. The highest bidder will get the purchase. Average sales prices are estimated at \$5.50 per bird.

Koonce said free crates and free crating service will be furnished to all buyers.

Warren Volunteers To Be Honored

A Warren County civic organization and two school volunteers will be honored by Gov. James G. Martin during a ceremony in Raleigh on Wednesday, Sept. 24. The Warren County Jaycees, represented by President Ricky

Bryant, and Ms. Alice Howard of Rt. 3, Littleton and Ms. Barbara young of Henrico, both volunteers at Vaughan Elementary School, are expected to be present at a reception and ceremony in honor of central

North Carolina's outstanding volunteers at the annual Governor's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony for 1986.

Local county committees in all of North Carolina's 100 counties were invited to choose award

recipients and submit the nominations to the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs, which has scheduled the reception to begin at 2 p.m. at the Executive Mansion, followed by the awards ceremony at 3 p.m. in the Highway Building auditorium.

Governor and Mrs. Martin will formally present the governor's awards for outstanding volunteer service and official North Carolina volunteer pins. According to Governor Martin, this regional recognition is an important part of the administration's efforts to encourage and honor North Carolina's many volunteers.

"The governor's award for outstanding volunteer service is North Carolina's tribute to the tireless efforts and boundless care that so many of our citizen volunteers contribute to their communities and to their state," Governor Martin said.

Three Guns Taken From Local Store

Three guns were taken from the display window of a Warrenton hardware store Sunday morning, according to a report in the Warrenton Police Department.

Policeman George L. Alston discovered a broken window at W. A. Miles Hardware on South Main Street about 6:30 a.m. Sunday when he made regular rounds. Alston said there was no evidence to suggest how the window was broken, except by apparent blow.

Taken were one rifle and two shotguns, the officer said, and as of Tuesday there were no leads in the incident, which is still under investigation.

The damaged window at the hardware store has been replaced, Alston noted.

Norlina Methodists Plan Celebration Of Founding

Norlina United Methodist Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 21, the Rev. Gene Cobb, pastor, has announced.

The Rev. Mr. Cobb will deliver the sermon at the 11 a.m. worship service, which will also include a reading of the church history and remembrance of former pastors along with other regular facets of

worship. Music will be presented by the sanctuary choir and the children's choir, Cobb said.

The anniversary observance will also serve as a kick-off for revival services which are scheduled for Sunday through Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

The Rev. Curtis Campbell, pastor of the church from 1977-1982, will deliver the sermon on Sunday, Cobb said. During Monday's service, the Rev. Sidney Epperson, pastor from 1968-1971, will preach. The Rev. Bruce Pate, pastor from 1964-1968, is scheduled to bring the message on Tuesday and Rev. Cobb will preach at the final service on Wednesday.

The church was organized in 1910 and established in September 1911, when it was called the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The church held the name until 1939 when it became known as the Norlina Methodist Church, Cobb said. After the union with the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1968, the name was changed to Norlina United Methodist Church.

Since 1960 the church has been a station church with its own parsonage.

Cobb invites the public to attend all services, including a covered dish supper scheduled for Sunday at 6 p.m.

Expansion Funds Ready

Expansion funds totaling \$2803 from the state's Division of Youth Services are available to public or private programs in the county which aim at delinquency prevention, according to Katherine Hilliard, chairperson for the Warren County Task Force on Delinquency Prevention.

Mrs. Hilliard announced the availability of the funds at the September meeting of the Task Force on Monday. "Public or private programs providing direct services to juveniles ages 10-17 for residential programs, and 7-17 for all other programs, are eligible to apply for funding," Mrs. Hilliard said.

Programs must take place during the 1986-87 fiscal year, and the targeted youth population must be involved with juvenile court for status offense or delinquency petitions, or must behave in a manner that places it at risk of such court involvement, according to Mrs. Hilliard.

Those interested in applying for the funds should contact Mary Hunter at the Warren County Schools Central Office for an application, 257-3184. Applications must be presented at the Oct. 20 meeting of the Task Force, which will be held at Warren County High School at 1:30 p.m. Applications will be reviewed and funding decisions will be made for the Nov. 17 meeting.

Baptists Observe 75th Anniversary

Some 200 members, former members and guests joined together in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Norlina Baptist Church last Sunday.

The Rev. Bob Lowman, pastor, led the 11 a.m. service of worship and Dr. Joe Babb, director of missions for the Cullom Baptist Association, delivered the sermon.

According to Lowman, a highlight of the service was the distribution of booklets which held copies of letters from seven former pastors: Dr. Charles Howard, Dr. J. C. Lanning, Rev. Malcolm Hutton, Rev. Billy Fallaw, Rev. Elton Cooke, Rev. Steve Gandy and Rev. Jack Little.

Special music during the worship service was presented by the adult choir, Lowman said.