

The Warren Record



Mrs. Hazel Harris (left) and Mrs. Bessie Bartholomew, dressed as Minnie Pearl, (center) were among those who provided entertainment at the Kick-Off festivities for the new inter-generational program held Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Warren County Senior Citizens Center. Attended by over 100 senior citizens and children from Mrs. Barbara Wess' fourth grade class, the event provided an opportuni-

ty for young and old to learn about one another. The occasion, sponsored jointly by the Division of Aging and the Coordinating Council of Senior Citizens of Warren County, received coverage on the Friday, Dec. 12, evening news broadcast by WTVD-11.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

No New Projects Viewed In Latest State Road Plan

No new projects have been slated for Warren County in the latest update on North Carolina's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Included in the schedule of improvements released last week by the state Board of Transportation were the replacement of three bridges in Warren County already under construction and improvement of one potentially hazardous local rail-highway grade crossing. The projects and their estimated value are: replacement of bridge over Fishing Creek on N.C. 58, \$501,000; replacement of bridge over Fishing Creek on U.S. 401, \$632,000; replacement of bridge over Shocco Creek on State Road 1133, \$469,000; and revision of automatic warning devices at Seaboard Railroad crossing at Wise, \$8,000.

The railway crossing project was added to TIP in October 1975 and the three bridge projects in November 1983.

The improvement program adopted last week by the Board of Transportation is based, in part, on Governor Jim Martin's "Roads to the Future" program adopted by the N.C. General Assembly in July. Martin has made the state's transportation needs a top priority during his administration.

The more than \$3.1 billion Transportation Improvement Program is a non-binding plan which sets statewide construction and assistance priorities. It in-

cludes schedules for the highway program, airport improvements, assistance to rail lines, plans for bicycle routes and public transportation programs.

The update of the program approved by the board shortens by one year the period covered by the TIP, scheduling work over nine years, 1987-1995. The reduction is the first step in the board's plan to return to the seven-year transportation program specified by state law. It is condensing the document because of difficulty in

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Lawmen Request SBI Assistance

The State Bureau of Investigation has been called to assist local authorities in the investigation of fire vandalism last week at Northside Elementary School on U.S. 1 near Norlina, according to Warren County Sheriff Theodore Williams.

Williams said a small fire was discovered about 4:30 a.m. last Wednesday in a storage room near the kitchen of the school. Lewis Beal, who was making a regular delivery to the school for Pine State Creamery, detected smoke when he entered the kitchen area and located the fire in the storage room, the sheriff stated. Beal extinguished the fire with water from the kitchen and then contacted the Norlina Police Department.

Officer James Champion received the report and called for assistance from the sheriff's department, Williams said.

Deputy Mack McGowan and Chief Deputy Bobby Dean Bolton responded and contacted the State Bureau of Investigation for assistance.

Entry to the building was made by breaking a classroom window, Williams reported.

Williams said it had not yet been determined if the Northside incident were related to a similar recent break-in at Norlina Middle School.

Car Wash Planned

Willoughby and Janet Harris of Macon this week purchased the corner property taken by Municipal Parking Lot at the intersection of Bragg and E. Macon streets and are making plans to begin right away construction of a car wash on the property.

The Harris couple purchased the property from Branch Banking and Trust Company.

Mrs. Harris said in an interview Tuesday that details regarding the size of the facility have not been decided.

Farm Program Sign-Up Under Way

Provisions of the 1987 wheat, feed grain and cotton programs have been announced. Program sign-up has begun and will continue through Mar. 30, 1987.

Basic provisions of the program are listed below:

—The acreage reduction requirements are 27.5 percent for

wheat, 20 percent for feed grains (with an optional paid land diversion of 15 percent) and 25 percent for cotton.

—Price support loan rates for enrolled crops are \$2.38 per bushel for wheat, \$1.82 for corn, \$1.74 for grain sorghum, \$1.49 for

barley, \$.94 for oats and 52.25 cents per pound for cotton.

—The target price per bushel of wheat and grains is \$4.38 for wheat, \$3.03 for corn, \$2.88 for sorghum, \$2.60 for barley and \$1.60 for oats. The target price for cotton is 79.4 cents per pound.

—Projected deficiency payment rates will be the difference between loan rates and target prices. These rates are \$2.10 for wheat, \$1.21 for corn, \$1.14 for sorghum, \$1.11 for barley, \$.55 for oats and 27.15 cents per pound for cotton.

—Optional 15 percent diversion payment rates for feed grains are \$2.00 per bushel for corn, \$1.90 for sorghum, \$1.60 for barley and \$.80 for oats.

—Producers may request advance payment rates at the time of sign-up. Advance payments will be 50 percent of feed grain diversion payments, 40 percent of projected deficiency payments for wheat and feed grains and 30 percent of the projected deficiency payment for cotton. These payments will be paid one-half in cash and one-half in generic commodity certificates.

—Producers who underplant their permitted program crop acreage may, under some conditions, receive deficiency payments on up to 92 percent of the permitted acreage. To be eligible, at least 50 percent of the permitted acreage of the applicable crop(s) must be planted and at

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Warren Suspect Is Being Sought

Sheriff Theodore Williams announced Tuesday that a breaking and entering and attempted safe robbery had occurred Wednesday, Dec. 3, between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. at Mama's Country Kitchen. Milton Ayscue is the owner of the Oine-based establishment.

According to B. D. Bolton, investigating officer, a juvenile was arrested Monday with a petition for breaking and entering and attempted safe robbery. "There is also a warrant for John Edward Plummer of Rt. 1, Norlina," Bolton added. "The 20-year-old black male is wanted for felonious breaking and entering and safecracking," he reported.

Plummer was still at large as of Tuesday morning.

Comprehensive Course Is Under Way Locally

The Warren County Court Room has been the site of a comprehensive course on radiological monitors. Taught by Ralton Harris (North Carolina State University radiological protection officer), Dr. Al Coots (North Carolina State University chemistry department) and Linwood Dunn (N. C. Division of Emergency Management), the 12-hour course will result in C.E.U. credit through Vance-Granville Community College for those who pass the required examination.

Those firemen, law enforcement officials, rescue workers and health professionals devoting

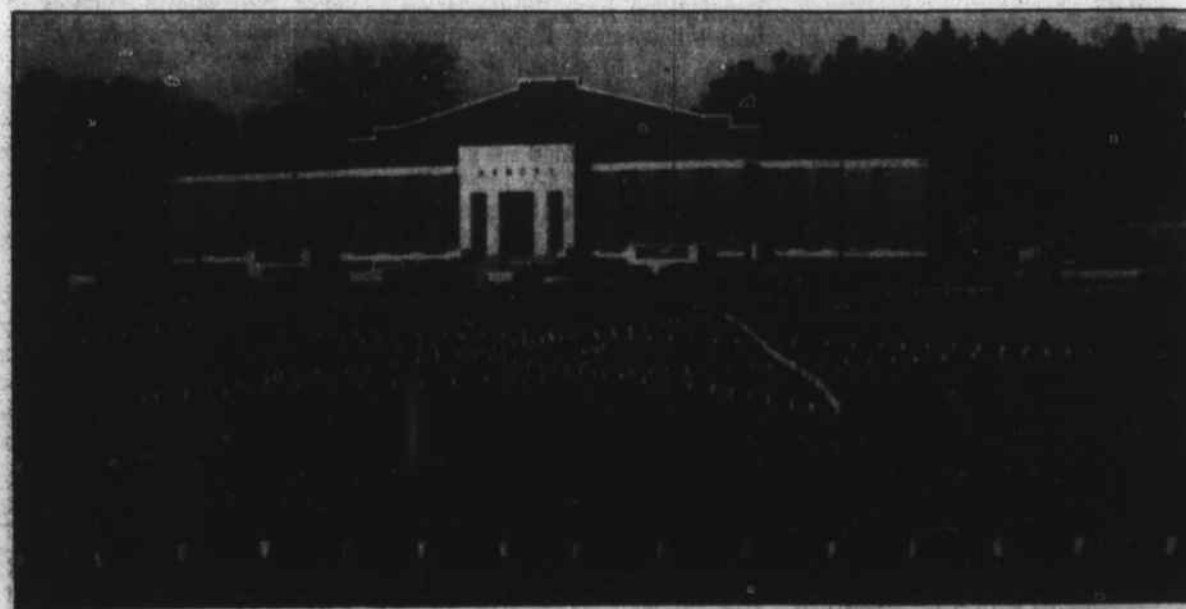
their Thursday evenings from 7 until 10 in the two-week period, Dec. 9-18, have received instruction in the use of radiological monitors. According to Gary Robenolt, emergency management coordinator, knowledge of the devices becomes crucial in the event of transportation accidents involving radioactive materials or in times of nuclear war. "Federal and state laws require that counties have these classes, and participation is to our advantage since it is very likely that hazardous and radioactive materials are transported through the county along I-85 and U.S. 1," Robenolt said.

Valentine Elected Congressional Whip

Congressman Tim Valentine was unanimously elected Zone Whip by the Democratic House Members from North Carolina and Virginia yesterday.

As Zone Whip, Valentine will represent North Carolina and Virginia members in meetings with House leaders. He will act as a liaison between the two delegations and the leadership officers of the House. Valentine is among 20 Zone Whips who will represent their states when the legislative agenda is considered by the leadership.

"I am gratified by the confidence that my colleagues have shown in me," Valentine said. "I hope to use this position to ensure that the interests of eastern North Carolina are represented and considered carefully by House leaders."



The "Christmas Star" was but one of the symbols depicted in the Christmas Joy Of Lights the evening of Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Army Ground School. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxilliary of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, the event was the result of hours of painstaking arranging and re-arranging

of numerous candles. Shown here are preparations made during daylight hours to ensure that the Army Ground School shone bright in the display to be remembered by all who saw it.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)



Deputy Mack McGowan of the Warren County Sheriff's Department dusts for prints during investigation of a break-in and fire last Wednesday morning at Northside Elementary School. The State Bureau of Investigation is assisting local authorities.

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