



Members of the Warren County Planning Board look over a map of the proposed F & M Mobile Home Park being developed a mile south of Warrenton at the intersection of State Roads 1602 (Hamme's Mill Road) and 1600 (Baltimore Road). The 30-lot park, developed by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ferguson of Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McGhee of Rt. 4, Durham, received the board's

final approval. Looking over the park map are, left to right, Cathy Wilson, industrial developer who serves as recording secretary of the board; Chairman Selby Benton, Secretary Butch Meek, Zoning Administrator Chester Forrester, Board Member Freddie Hargrove and Paul Gower, Health Department sanitarian.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

## Subdivisions Are Approved

The creation of two small subdivisions in Six Pound Township was looked on with favor by the Warren County Planning Board which met here in regular session on Thursday night.

The subdivisions—both on the shore of Lake Gaston—won board approval after owners or their representative appeared before the board.

A nine-lot subdivision, to be known as Section II of Robinson Ferry Estates, was given the approval of the board subject to an inspection by the Warren County Health Department.

Plans for the subdivision were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Willie T. Robinson, developers of the project. Eight lots comprising Section I of the subdivision had won board approval in 1983.

The board also looked favorably on plans of Tanglewood Land Company's Pete Rudd to develop 10 lots in North Carolina making up part of Timbucto Subdivision straddling the Virginia-North Carolina line.

Surveyor Marvin Crutchfield of Chase City, Va., representing Rudd, told the board that the entire subdivision, which includes 49 lots in Virginia and two commonly shared with North Carolina, had access from a North Carolina road. He said the Mecklenburg County, Va. Planning Board was considering final approval Thursday night.

Approval was given to the preliminary plat presented by Crutchfield.

Clyde Harris, representing himself and John Nelson of River Forest Associates, appeared before the board for informational purposes.

Harris showed the board a sketch of two buildings planned for location near the Dockside Restaurant on Lake Gaston. Both structures will serve as a base of operations for a program, entitled "Discover Lake Gaston," developed by River Forest Associates.

The board also learned, as a matter of information, of a division of property in Smith Creek Township by Donna Lynn Frazier Paschall and Susan Rose Frazier to provide a two-acre tract of land to be used by First Baptist Church of Norlina as a cemetery.

## Resurfacing Bids Sought By Warrenton Officials

By MARY C. HARRIS  
Staff Writer

The Town of Warrenton this week began advertising for bids for the resurfacing of two Warrenton streets, Mayor B. G. White told commissioners Monday night at their regular monthly meeting.

Both Front Street and Bragg Street are targeted for improvements as soon as procedures can be completed for soliciting and awarding bids on the projects. The bid opening is scheduled for Monday, March 23, the mayor said.

Up for consideration by the commissioners Monday night were a number of budget amendments recommended by accountant Kermit Copley and the town administrator's office to allow transfer of funds for covering expenses not anticipated when the budget was prepared and approved at the beginning of the fiscal year. The board approved all amendments, which were necessary to cover insurance and

bonds at the wastewater plant, maintenance and repairs on town-owned vehicles and various supplies.

Board members reviewed a list of delinquent taxpayers who Mayor White said had been reminded by letter of their tax obligations. The commissioners instructed office personnel to advertise the list as early as guidelines allow in order that collections may be facilitated.

Street Commissioner Bobby Edmonds reported the National Guard had assisted in clearing the town's streets following the several inches of sleet which fell during February. The commissioners commended the Guard's efforts in easing travel difficulties following the storm.

Commissioner Charles White announced plans for a walking tour of Warrenton scheduled for April 5 by the Warren County Historical Association. A number of houses and churches would be open to the public during the tour, he said.

## School Needs Top \$3.2 Billion In Assessment Made By State

Warren County's estimated \$10.8 million school project was included in the projected \$3.2 billion estimated recently by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as the cost of providing "good school facilities" across the state.

According to State Superintendent Craig Phillips, the estimated cost of providing good school facilities for children in North Carolina rose from the \$2.2 billion estimate in a 1984 survey to the dollar amount reported in the latest survey of city and county boards of education and boards of county commissioners.

The survey figure reflects the cost of housing all students in safe, attractive and functional facilities which are in compliance with the recommendations of the Basic Education Program.

In commenting on the survey results, State Superintendent Phillips said he appreciated the time and effort spent by local boards and school system officials on the surveys. "I think we

now have a comprehensive picture of the facility needs of systems in this state." He added that "A solution must be found to ease the school facility needs to keep up with the Basic Education Program implementation."

Governor Jim Martin's proposal for a \$1.5 billion state bond issue to help finance local school projects is often mentioned as a solution to needed finances. Dr. Phillips did not endorse this proposal which is expected to be considered this spring by the N. C. General Assembly.

Wake County reported the largest estimate of needs—\$337,173,321—of all responding counties. Amounts reported by neighboring county and city systems in descending order of magnitude appear below:

System	Projection
Franklin	\$32,756,500
Vance	\$26,168,650
Nash	\$22,439,000
Roanoke Rapids	\$21,021,951
Rocky Mount	\$19,200,000
Halifax	\$13,275,910

## Walking Tour Of Warrenton Planned Next Month

A walking tour of Warrenton has been slated for Sunday, April 5, by the Warren County Historical Association.

Billed as "Warrenton in the Spring," the tour will feature eight historical sites, including two churches and five houses in Warrenton and one house at Inez.

Tour hours are set for 1-6 p.m. Cost of tickets is \$5.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church and the Warrenton Presbyterian Church, both on North Main Street, will be open for the tour as will the following houses: Somerville-Graham House on Front Street, home of Mrs.

George Franklin; Wilson-Christmas-Davis House on West Macon Street, currently known as Traub's Inn; Fitts-Mordecai-Plummer House on Plummer Street, home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hunter, Jr.; Whit-some (Coleman-White-Jones (Continued on page 10)

## Educators Meet Monday

# Snow Make-Up Days Scheduled By Board

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Tuesday's snow flurries and those yet to come may not negate the solution reached Monday night by board of education members to the problem of days missed by the recent snow and ice.

Eleven student days have been missed due to snow: Jan. 22-23, 26-30 and Feb. 17-20. Two student days were made up on March 5 and 6 after teacher work days originally scheduled for those dates were moved to Jan. 29-30. Nine student days remain to be made up.

State law allows the board of education to shorten the school term by two days. A third day may be forgiven if the last day of the school year would fall on Monday.

Available to the board in its Monday night meeting for conversion from annual leave, legal holiday or work day status were five days at Easter (April 20-24) and Memorial Day (May 25). All but two days at Easter (April 20-21) will be converted to regular school days. (Memorial Day-May 25-has lost its holiday status.)

The last day for students will be Wednesday, June 10. Final teacher work days will be June 11, 12, 15 and 16.

The board also approved a request for an additional \$8,400 in county funds to support the interscholastic athletic program for the spring. Current operating procedures assume that football, the primary revenue sport, will pay for itself and provide income sufficient to cover the non-revenue-producing spring sports. Reports received from principals, James Wilkerson and the Rev. Willie T. Ramey, indicated that revenue lost as a result of inclement weather would make this impossible for the upcoming spring season.

Reports from Superintendent Mike Williams indicated that \$24,920 had been spent to operate the programs at WCHS, John Graham and Norlina. In addition, \$6,500 in board funds has been budgeted and spent for coaching supplements. Because athletic participation is an important part of some students' educational experiences and because collegiate recruitment often provides opportunities not otherwise available, the request was approved.

Following its 75-minute closed executive session, the board made plans to draft a questionnaire to furnish residence information; took no action on three cases regarding school attendance in districts outside that of residence and approved the following requests:

—That Tiwanda Talley be permitted to continue attending Northside School.

## Bank Break-In Try Said Unsuccessful

An apparent break-in attempted Saturday night at First Citizen's Bank netted only frustration for the would-be robbers and minor damage to the exterior of the Main Street financial institution.

According to Brad Carroll, vice president, individuals tried to break into the night depository. "There was only damage to the wood paneling amounting to about \$100," he said. "Either someone scared them off or the lights and location caused them to give up."

The incident is being investigated by the Warrenton Police Department.

—That Kyiandra, Corei and Shawn Sommerville be permitted to continue attending school in Warren County.

In other business, the board: —Accepted the resignation of Ms. Sharon R. Hopper, industry/education coordinator at WCHS, effective Feb. 13.

—Approved the employment of Randall D. Willie, industry/education coordinator at WCHS, effective March 10.

—Approved the employment of Ms. Hope Weissbord, math teacher at WCHS, effective March 17.

—Heard a report on the one remaining vacancy—job placement counselor at WCHS (one-half position).

—Heard a report on personnel turnover.

—Heard a report on the Annual Writing Assessment results.

—Heard a report on class size exceptions.

—Approved overnight trips requested by the WCHS Distributive Education Club, S.A.D.D., the National Honor Society, seven academically gifted students, Student Council members and members of the North Warren Safety Patrol.

—Approved amendments to the 1986-87 budget.

—Heard comments from representatives of the North Warren Alumni Association regarding their wish to lease the old administration building there.

## By School Patrons

# Concerns Are Voiced Over New Proposals

Parental concerns remain in the forefront of issues presented to the Warren County Board of Education. Present at the Monday night meeting of the board were parents with concerns about the proposed long range building plan and the impact of that plan and its planned transfer of sixth graders from the South Warren attendance area. Also present were parents to discuss the need for parental involvement in committees appointed to study the impact of weighted grade point averages and the current format of grade reporting.

Speaking from the Fishing Creek Township/Arcola-area was parent Glen Richardson, who spoke on the proposal to transfer 150 students from the Warrenton attendance area to Vaughan. "Our area is the only one in the county without a school," he said, "and our children must be bussed further than any others in the county." According to Richardson, Fishing Creek-area students are bussed 16-20 miles under the current configuration of school assignment.

Richardson provided insights gleaned from his earlier participation on the high school site committee as a vehicle for current considerations of the proposed middle school. "At that time, we had problems with the selection of a site," he said. "There were problems with sewer requirements and before it was all over, the dollar amount that we started with was not what we ended up with," he reported.

"You say that it will be \$7,000,000 now, but I think that it will end up being eight, nine or ten million before it is all over," Richardson was reacting to the middle school portion of the proposed \$10.8 million school capital needs project.

"Large is not always best," he said. "A building cannot teach."

As an alternative to the proposed construction of a middle school, Richardson suggested modification of existing structures. "The Hawkins elementary building is in good shape. The gym needs some work. Why not add a wing and then the middle school would not be needed?" he said. "North Warren has a 27-acre tract. Why not add another wing and move Norlina students there?"

Richardson admitted to having distance from day-to-day school concerns over the last five years, but he spoke to current observations of a financial nature. "My

taxes have increased by \$200 already. That increase will be more with a bond referendum for the \$10.8 school project."

The issue of teacher morale was addressed. "When teachers with advanced degrees are passed over and appointments to the position of assistant principal are given to individuals with only four-year degrees, morale is not good," he said. "Building a new school will not solve that type of problem."

"Ten years ago, Warren County had a good school system. Today I'm not so sure," Richardson lamented. "Maybe the board knows something, but I don't," he concluded.

Board member Yarborough Williams acted as spokesperson for parents of the South Warren attendance area with concerns about issues raised in the January meeting of the board—the transfer of the sixth grade from the school. "There is a love by parents for the school," he said. Williams added that reports from the PTA president indicated that parents were forming a

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## Lawmen Impound Several Illegal Gambling Devices

Three illegal gambling machines have been impounded in the Warren County Sheriff's Department following citations issued last month by the state Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency.

Removed from the Wise Truck Stop and Restaurant were three illegal gaming devices: Draw 80 Poker, Electronic Video and Silver Falls. Use of slot machines and related devices is illegal in North Carolina. The machines discovered are of the variety that pay quarters for credit points earned in play.

F. E. Flowers, ALE agent assigned to Warren, Vance and Franklin counties, during routine inspections of ABC permits, had discovered the machines on the premises of the business operated by James Roger Gupton. When warnings to remove the machine were ignored, citations were filed and the machines were impounded. Flowers was assisted by other ALE agents and Sgt. Lawrence Harrison.

Gupton's court date has been set for March 25.