



SUPT. ROBERT D. KIRK



SUPT. HOWARD L. STEWART

## Robert Kirk Is Named Kerr Superintendent

Robert D. Kirk, chairman of the Warren County Recreation Commission, has been appointed to the position of Kerr Reservoir superintendent within the N. C. Division of Parks and Recreation in the Reservoirs District.

Kirk was promoted from the position of park ranger at Kimball Point to Kerr Reservoir. He has worked for the Division of Parks and Recreation since 1977. The new superintendent is a graduate of A and T University and holds a master's degree in recreation administration from North Carolina Central University.

As superintendent, Kirk will be responsible for the seven recreation areas at Kerr Reservoir, as well as 18 permanent staff members and dozens of seasonal workers. In addition to administration, Kirk looks forward to outreach projects as well, such as coordinating educational field trips with the schools and speaking to local organizations on environmental and recreational topics.

"People don't realize how much there is to do at a recreation area in order to run it right," Kirk said. "It means long hours and lots of troubleshooting 24 hours a day, but there is a lot of satisfaction in the job, too. The real gratification is having a monumental task ahead of you and being able to bring people in line, then seeing a real family—mother, father and kids—having

a good time and appreciating the outdoors together."

Superintendent Kirk is actively involved as a coach of Little League Baseball. He and his wife, Fonda, and their two sons, Tobert III and Tennyson, are active members of the Kester Temple AME Zion Church. Upon moving to their new home at Satterwhite Point, Kirk plans to become active as a member of the Henderson community.

Kirk succeeds Howard L. Stewart, who has managed the Kerr Reservoir for 20 years. He has been promoted to Reservoirs district superintendent in charge of the three North Carolina reservoirs—Kerr Lake, Jordan Lake and Falls Lake. Presently, these three state recreation areas accommodate nearly two million visitors per year, which is expected to grow to over five million in the next few years. This is largely due to the opening of more recreational areas at the new Falls Lake and over 800 new campsites at Jordan Lake.

### Education Board

#### Sets Special Meet

A special meeting of the board of education has been set for Tuesday, March 31. The meeting will focus on the board's response to the charge to develop a request for local funding solicited by county commissioners at the recent joint meeting both boards.

In the interim, budget requests will be gathered from the administrative leadership team and compiled for presentation to the board of education for approval. The request for funds is expected to be submitted to county commissioners by April 15.

## Five Are Hurt In Accidents In Warren Co.

Highway accidents were responsible for injuries sustained last weekend by five individuals in Warren County.

A two-car collision Friday evening on SR 1237 (Manson-Drewry Road) near Manson yielded vehicle damages of almost \$8,000. Reports by the state Highway Patrol said that the vehicle driven by Ms. Martha E. Dempsey of Durham turned into the path of a vehicle driven by Earl W. Bullock of Rt. 1, Manson.

Bullock was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident. He was treated and released by Maria Parham Hospital. Damages to his vehicle are estimated at \$3,500. Damages to Ms. Dempsey's 1987 vehicle are estimated at \$4,000.

A single-car accident Sunday morning on SR 1228 (Hawk Road) near Norlina in which the car driven by Ms. Joyce B. Long of Norlina overturned resulted in injuries by both Ms. Long and her passenger, Torrey Brothers, also of Norlina.

According to Trooper R. J. Hedgepeth, Ms. Long lost control of the car. The vehicle went off the right side of the road and into a ditch. It overturned and settled on its top. Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$2,500.

### Former Staffer

#### Given USAF Medal

Colonel Ted L. Daniel, long-time congressional aide and now executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs and Reserve Mobilization, USAF, has been awarded the Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal during Pentagon ceremonies.

Daniel, a 1952 graduate of Davidson College, is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth G. Daniel of Orlando, Fla.

The 34-year-military veteran, 32 of which have been spent with the reserve components, served as executive assistant to Congressman L. H. Fountain from 1969 to 1982, and as administrative assistant to Congressman Tim Valentine for two years. He assumed his Department of Defense position in 1985.

Fresh turkey should be used within a day or two of purchase.



Warren County Emergency Management personnel Wednesday attended one of a series of classes leading to certification as EMT-Intermediates. The course, offered through Vance-Granville Community College and sponsoring hospital Maria Parham, is taught by Mrs. Vivian Loyd, Dr. George, Dr.

Banks and Dr. Keyserling (shown rear center). Fifty-five hours of course work are required. Upon certification, an additional 24 hours of study will be required for every six-month period.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

### Warren Jobless Rate

#### Shows Slight Rise

The jobless rate in Warren County has increased by only six-tenths of a percentage point for the first month of the calendar year.

Statistics received from the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina show for January an unemployment rate of 6.3 per cent as compared to 5.7 per cent for December 1986.

Although Warren is one of 82 of the state's 100 counties with a measurable increase in joblessness, the degree of increase is minimal when compared to the experience of certain other counties. Those counties experiencing the highest unemployment rates in January were Graham (28.0 per cent), Swain (22.8 per cent), Hyde (20.4 per cent) and Tyrrell (19.6 per cent).

Rates for neighboring counties for January were: Vance (8.7 per cent), Northampton (7.4 per cent), Halifax (7.7 per cent) and Franklin (6.6 per cent). The county with the lowest rate of unemployment, 3.0 per cent, was Orange.

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