



Warren County High School students notified last week of their acceptance to the North Carolina Governor's School are, left to right, Angela Ballance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ballance

of Warrenton; Michael Sink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sink of Littleton; and Ginger Meek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Meek of Norlina. (Community Schools Photo by Mary Hunter)

Barring Any Objections

Lease Of Property To College Approved

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
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Barring objections from members of the Board of Education, which have been requested by Saturday following their review of the language of the leasing instrument, approval has been given to lease a portion of the John Graham school property to the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees for use in the Warren County satellite facility of the college.

In their Monday night meeting, board members responded to the waiver of right of first offer by the Warren County Commissioners, which gave the board authority to deal directly with VGCC trustees, and gave tentative approval to the lease of a portion of John Graham School.

The request for delay came from Board of Education member Yarborough Williams, who felt that board members should have time to read the lease before signing. According to Williams, his reservations came not due to lack of faith, but rather from the "simple wish to know."

According to Dr. Ben Currin, VGCC president, there are two leases: the buildings will be leased for 40 years—20 years now with the option of renewal for the second 20 years; and school property on a conditional basis with provisions for sharing space with the county school system. "The lease provides for exclusive use of property no further than the wall behind the main school building," Currin said.

According to Superintendent Mike Williams, the county will retain use of the cafeteria and vocational building.

According to Al Thompson, attorney for the board of education, the lease assumes use for educational purposes. "If such use ceases during the term of the lease, the property will revert to the board of education."

The progress of the VGCC satellite facility is made possible by a \$400,000 appropriation. According to Currin, \$20-\$25,000 will be used to acquire property. The remainder will be used for the facility which will be constructed between the shop and the main school building.

Warren County commissioners will receive in their Thursday night meeting an update from VGCC officials.

In other business, the board: —Heard a report from the committee appointed to consider the condition and lease of the North

Warren High School building and agreed to continue the current agreement with the school's alumni association and to notify the association of any changes in status.

—Approved the lease of office space at Vaughan Elementary School to the State Board of Education for use in the Outside Evaluator Project.

—Approved contracts for the superintendent and assistant superintendent and awarded supplements.

—Adopted a policy on student cumulative records to acknowledge those requirements of the Buckley Amendment.

—Discussed a resolution by the Warren County Association of (Continued on page 4)

During Monday Meeting

Tentative Budget Package Is Approved

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A proposed budget package for 1987-88 approaching \$2 million for Warren County schools Monday night was approved for submission to the Warren County Commissioners by the Board of Education.

The \$1,943,400 package is the result of a special board meeting held March 31 during which budget needs as developed by the superintendent were presented to the board for review and revision. Adjustments were incorporated and the revised budget was approved for submission at the regular April meeting of the board.

The package consists of three gross components: expenditures needed to maintain current operations, plus inflation factors; expansion items needed to improve services; and capital outlay items in excess of the \$10.8 million estimated earlier.

Expenditures needed to maintain current operations are estimated in a proposed continuation budget of \$1,362,998. This amount compares to a \$1,314,589

budget for 1986-87. Line items for the proposed budget include the regular school program and support services (pupil support, instructional staff support, administrative support, school administrative support, business support, central support and community services) estimated to cost \$1,126,290, the amount of local funding requested.

Additional line items funded by federal or other external sources are not a part of the request for local funding, but they are included in the \$1,362,998 projected.

Revenues from the regular county appropriation, the one-half cent sales tax appropriated by the county, fees, fines, federal programs, food services and the fund balance, have been forecast to cover these expenditures.

The second component of the budget package, expansion items, totals \$355,402. These items are the result of a survey sent to the school leadership team asking that they list their three highest priorities for new services. All of the school principals listed the desirability of (Continued on page 4)

Services Are Conducted Sunday For Littleton Attorney Limer

Funeral services for James Harry (Jimmy) Limer, 55, of Littleton were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Providence United Methodist Church by the Rev. Scott Jones and the Rev. Tom Sweeley. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Littleton.

Mr. Limer died Friday at his home on Mosby Avenue in Littleton. He was born in Warren

County and was the son of the late James Wiggins Limer and Earline F. Limer.

A practicing attorney for 29 years, he graduated from East Carolina College with a bachelor's degree in science and received his law degree from Wake Forest College where he graduated cum laude.

Mr. Limer served as attorney for the Town of Littleton and was formerly the attorney for Warren County. He was a member of the N.C. State Bar Association, the Sixth Judicial Bar Association and the Halifax County Bar Association.

A former adjunct professor at Campbell University School of Law, Mr. Limer served on the board of trustees of Louisburg College and the board of directors for Branch Banking and Trust Company.

He was a member of Providence United Methodist Church where he had served as a Sunday School teacher and held numerous church offices.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret B. Limer.

Pallbearers were Clyde Johnson, Robert Thorne, Ross Parker, Clinton Capps, Marvin Hicks, Selby Benton, Russell Hull and James B. Martin. Arrangements were by Blacklock Funeral Home.

Resurfacing Bid Given By Warrenton Council

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A bid from S. T. Wooten and Company of Wilson has been accepted by the board of commissioners for the resurfacing of Front and Bragg streets.

Mayor B. G. White noted at the regular board meeting Monday night that the company had agreed to begin work within 30 days of bid acceptance and promised completion of the projects within 30 days. Approximately one day's work for each street would be required, White said.

The board voted to set aside \$34,276 in Powell Bill funds to finance the resurfacing projects.

At the suggestion of Water Superintendent Bill Neal, the board voted to up the cost for both water and sewer taps in town to \$250. Neal pointed out that the current \$150 price for sewer taps does not cover expenses and suggested an adjustment may also be due in the \$200 pricetag on

water taps. The price to the consumer for out-of-town taps for both water and sewer will be based on installations cost as has been the custom, the commissioners decided.

In another water department matter, the board expressed concern at the delinquent water bill for Floyd McKissick's Soul City trailer park. Town Administrator Vernon R. (Pete) Vaughan said the bill amounts to \$437. He was instructed by the board to contact county officials in an effort to collect payment on the account which falls under the county's jurisdiction. The trailer court is located in an area where the water and sewer lines are county-owned and the town is hired by the county to collect payment.

Mayor B. G. White announced the collection to date of approximately \$147,000 in 1986 taxes to support the \$146,000 budget (Continued on page 4)

Three Students Win Nomination

For the first time since 1982, three Warren County students have been selected to attend the North Carolina Governor's School.

Angela Ballance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ballance of Warrenton, has been selected to attend Governor's School East in Laurinburg, and will devote the six-week term to the study of math.

Chosen to attend the eastern school in choral music was Scott Sink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sink of Littleton.

Ginger Meek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Meek of Norlina, will attend Governor's School West in Winston-Salem in the area of Social Science.

The North Carolina Governor's School is the oldest statewide summer residency program in the nation for academically gifted rising junior and senior high school students. The program offers a non-credit, stimulating and enriching curriculum for 800 students in academic areas such as foreign language, performing arts, philosophy, computer technology and the study of self and society.

The North Carolina Governor's School is operated by the Division for Exceptional Programs in the State Department of Public Instruction.

Norlina Police Chief

Suspended By Mayor

Veteran Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams has been suspended after being administered a breathalyzer test Saturday by the State Highway Patrol.

Norlina Mayor E. L. (Bill) Perry confirmed Tuesday that Williams, chief of the Norlina Police Department for more than a dozen years, was given the test routinely administered in driving while impaired cases.

Perry is now acting as Norlina's police chief.

Appeals Court Overturns Decision In Damage Case

A Franklin County court decision awarding \$786,940 in damages to Warren County property owners whose farmland is near the PCB landfill in Afton has been overturned by the N. C. Court of Appeals.

Henry Twitty and his son, William, sued for damages to the 775 acres of land they own near the site where the state buried the waste in 1982. They won the suit in Franklin County and were awarded \$786,940, but the state appealed the decision.

Although the value of the land may have declined because placement of the landfill there is a nuisance, the appellate court ruled that the Twittys had pro-

duced no evidence showing the waste had harmed their farmland by leaking into the neighboring water or soil. It said that property owners must prove their use of land has been harmed before they can collect damages and that simply owning property next to the landfill is no entitlement to damages.

The state acquired 142 acres in Afton to dispose of the 31,000 gallons of polychlorinated biphenyl chemicals which were dumped illegally along 240 miles of rural roads in the state in 1978. Nineteen acres were used to bury the chemicals. The rest was donated by the state to Warren County as a buffer between the landfill and other property.

Two Ambulance Servicemen Facing Charges In Durham

Two members of the Warren County Ambulance Service, both currently on leave of absence from the department, are scheduled to face trial in Durham County District Court on charges of breaking and entering and larceny in Durham County.

Russell Lee Norwood, 19, of Rt. 3, Warrenton, and his companion, Daniel Anthony Faucette, 23, of Rt. 2, Henderson, were arrested April 3 by Durham police officers responding to an alarm at Water World, Inc., a Durham business.

When officers arrived, they found plate glass smashed on the south side of the building. According to police reports, more than \$2,000 in diving equipment, including a diving outfit, swimming masks, an underwater

camera and three air containers, had been gathered in what appeared to be preparation for theft. Some of the items had been placed in a pillowcase.

Durham officers saw someone running toward the rear of the store and Norwood and Faucette were apprehended by Officer J. Pradka in a fenced-in area behind the store. The van in which the two were riding was found parked at a cemetery adjacent to Water World, Inc.

Norwood and Faucette were released after each posted a \$2,500 secured bond.

According to Durham Police Officer McDonald Vick, Norwood and Faucette are scheduled to appear in court on April 21.



Theoseus T. Clayton, Jr. takes the oath to practice law, administered by District Court Judge Charles W. Wilkinson last Wednesday in the Warren County Courtroom. Clayton was presented to the court by his father, T. T. Clayton, Sr. (left),

local attorney. Also pictured are the new attorney's wife, Debra, at his left, and his mother, Chairman of County Commissioners Eva Clayton, also an attorney, at far right.