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Among those having key roles in the annual awards night banquet held Monday night by the Macon Woman's Club were, left to right, Miss Catherine A. Cliborne, winner of the club's educational scholarship; Dr. Ben Currin, president of

Vance-Granville Community College, who was guest speaker; and Club President Mrs. G. W. King, who presided and was also named Club-woman of the Year.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

\$743,598 Is Available

Road Construction Discussed By Board

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Representatives of the North Carolina Board of Transportation and the Division of Highways met Monday afternoon in the Petit Jury Room of the Warren County Court House to discuss proposed plans for the annual Secondary Road Construction Program for Warren County.

Although the meeting was open to the public, no citizens were present for comment or input.

The estimated secondary county construction allocation for Warren County for FY 1987-88 is \$683,598. With a balance brought forward from last year of \$60,000, the estimated budget is \$743,598.

Earl Stegall, division engineer for the Department of Transportation, discussed the proposals for 'FY 1987-88. He indicated that there were certain expectations for use of the funds: 15 percent must be used for spot stabilization, 20 percent must be used for paved roads and 65 percent must be used for paving roads and for the remaining part of the program.

Improvements for 1987-88 proposed by the department were as follows:

—\$147,000 to grade, drain and pave SR 1110 (Snow Hill Road) from end of pavement to SR 1118 (1.6 miles);

—\$250,000 to grade, drain and pave SR 1318 (Old Macon Highway) from SR 1325 to SR 1344 (2.1 miles);

—\$35,000 to place base material on SR 1117 from SR 1118 to dead end with paving to be done when funds become available (0.6 mile).

—\$30,000 to widen existing pavement on SR 1200 from SR 1218 to the Va. state line (0.9 mile);

—\$107,000 to widen existing pavement on SR 1352 from SR 1357 to the Littleton city limits (3.05 miles);

—\$103,000 for spot improvements, including stabilization on various secondary roads, county-wide;

—\$15,000 for safety projects (flashers, over-sized signs, rumble strips, etc.) to be determined with input from the department's Traffic Engineering branch;

—\$8,000 to shape-up and stabilize access road (SR 1395) to Pine Bluff subdivision (0.82 mi.)

—\$48,598 for property-owner-participation paving, drainage

improvements, road additions and contingency funds.

Stegall noted that funds would be used on the next priority ranked road, if right-of-way were not available.

The proposal used as its basis the priority listing compiled in 1986. That priority ranking will

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Taxed Fire District Is Sought In Warren

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A petition for an election to permit the establishment of a taxed fire district was submitted by the Churchill-Five Forks Volunteer Fire Department District to Warren County commissioners in their regular monthly meeting held Monday morning.

Allan Adcock, spokesperson, indicated that the petition was signed following a public hearing held in the community to explore an alternative means of funding.

Submission of the petition to county commissioners was contingent upon receipt of signatures from at least 35 percent of the resident freeholders of the district. Adcock reported that the criteria had been met with about 60 percent of the residents agreeing to sign the petition.

According to Adcock, individual fire districts may receive service on a taxed basis. "There are already some 600 fire districts in the state that have gone this route," he said.

If approved, a maximum amount of tax would be set by the state. Each fire district petitioning for the taxed status would submit to commissioners a budget. Commissioners would then approve the number of cents of the tax for use by the department.

The Churchill-Five Forks petition proposed the collection of "a special tax on all taxable proper-

ty...of an amount not exceeding 15 cents of the \$100 valuation of property."

Adcock indicated that the transition to taxed status would

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Agencies Probe

Suspected Arson

What began as a routine fire alarm has become the subject of investigations by two sheriff's departments and a state agency.

Members of the Inez fire department responded Wednesday, April 29, to a reported field fire near Fork Chapel Church. The fire in progress was on a tract of land owned by Champion International.

Upon investigation, firemen learned from Mrs. Joyce Williams of Rt. 3, Warrenton, that a man had come to her door threatening to "burn her house and the world."

Firemen reported the incident to the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

A suspect is under investigation in both Warren and Halifax counties. There have been three other fires of similar suspicious origin in Halifax County.

Officials from the Forestry Service are also investigating.

Deputy J. A. McCowan is the investigating officer for Warren County.

University Will Honor Novelist Reynolds Price

A Warren County native will receive the Duke University Distinguished Alumni Award during the institution's graduation exercises to be held on Sunday, May 10.

Reynolds Price, novelist, playwright, essayist and James B. Duke professor at Duke University, last December was chosen by the Duke University General Alumni Association as the fifth recipient of the award. Winners are selected annually from nominations received from alumni, faculty, trustees, students and members of the school's administration.

Price was born in Warren County in 1933. He received an undergraduate degree from Duke in 1955 and returned there to teach in 1958. His first novel, "A Long and Happy Life," was published in 1962.

The author's most recent novel, "Kate Vaiden," received the National Book Critics Circle Award for best novel in 1986. Other achievements include the William Faulkner Foundation Award for notable first novel.

Among those nominating Price for the Distinguished Alumni Award was previous winner and novelist William Styron, who said

Price had achieved "an enviable place among the first rank of American writers of our time. His roots are Southern, but the originality of his vision and the personal stamp of his prose style have enabled him to transcend the regional; at his best he has the grand, sweet touch of the universal."

Deputy Leaves

Sheriff's Office

Deputy Thomas H. McCaffity has resigned from his position with the Warren County Sheriff's department to assume new responsibilities with the Department of Corrections Division of Adult Probation and Parole.

He has enrolled in a six-week training session being conducted at the N. C. Justice Academy in Salemburg.

McCaffity joined the staff of the Warren County Sheriff's department in Dec. 1982.

According to Ms. Betsy Frazier, office deputy, the move represents career advancement. "He did a good job here and we were sorry to see him go," she added.

Bid Letting

For Facility

Slated In June

Bids for construction of a satellite facility to be operated in Warrenton by Vance-Granville Community college are expected to be called for later this month.

Dr. Ben Currin, president of the community college, made the announcement Monday night during an awards night banquet held at The Rafterns by the Macon Woman's Club.

Dr. Currin said college officials are hopeful that a contract for construction of the facility—made possible by a grant from the legislature of \$400,000—could be let sometime in June, and that construction can begin in September.

The VGCC president told clubwomen and guests that it is hoped the Warren County annex, to be housed in a new structure and two existing buildings leased from Warren County for 40 years, might be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1988.

He said property to allow access to both Ridgeway and Spring streets has been acquired.

Dr. Currin said that officials are proceeding with plans for a Small Business and Civic Center to be developed on the main VGCC campus between Henderson and Oxford. He said the building would feature an auditorium, with a seating capacity of over 1,000 persons, and expressed the belief that it will become the frequently used center of activity in the four-county area which the college now serves.

Dr. Currin was introduced by Mrs. G. W. King, club president, who presided over the annual gathering. Mrs. K. G. Copley, club chaplain, gave the blessing.

Mrs. King was one of four clubmembers honored Monday night as she received the Club-woman of the Year Award from Awards Chairperson Mrs. Ben Hilliard.

Other awards included the Fine Arts Award, given Mrs. Bernard Thompson; the Annie Haynes Leadership Award, given Mrs. C. E. Thompson; and the Congeniality Award, given Mrs. Lynn Henry, who was unable to be present.

Miss Catherine A. Cliborne was presented the Ellie Nicholson Scholarship Award by Mrs. Bernard Thompson, filling in for Mrs. M. B. Hilliard. Parents of Miss Cliborne, a 1987 graduate of Vance Academy, were special guests of the club.

Thieves Make Big Haul

Silver flatware and serving pieces valued at more than \$21,000 were taken from the residence of Mrs. Rufus S. Jones on Battle Avenue last week, according to a report by the Warrenton Police Department.

Officer George Alston, who investigated the incident, said Mrs. Jones notified the police department Saturday morning after she noticed a table out of place and then discovered the theft. The time of the robbery could not be determined exactly but Mrs. Jones suspected it occurred during the time she was out for a walk on Friday, the officer said. There was no forced entry into the residence.

Animal Control Officer Named

Warren County has a new animal control officer.

Johnny Myron Williams, special deputy with the Warren County Sheriff's department, assumed the position on Monday, April 20. The appointment was made following the retirement due to illness of former animal control officer Frank Twitty.

Williams will continue as special deputy, a position which he has held since Feb. 1984.

The new animal control officer is an alumnus of John Graham High School, graduating in 1975. Previous employment experiences include farming, brick masonry and construction.

He is married to Robin Scott Williams, a social worker with the Warren County Department of Social Services.

Requests for service should be made through the office of the Sheriff.

Observance Planned

National Nursing Home Week will be observed next week at Warren Nursing Center, according to Administrator Gilen Meibaum.

Activities scheduled during the observance include: Monday, balloon lift-off; Tuesday, hot dog sale; Wednesday, cook-off; Thursday, Mexican fiesta; and Friday, wrapping the May Pole and homemade ice cream.

Session Is Conducted

Parking regulations, complaints regarding trash dumpsters and fire department interests were among the routine business discussed at the Norlina Town Board meeting Monday evening.

No action was taken by the board, Town Clerk Mae Gums reported.

Alston said neighbors of Mrs. Jones had reported seeing someone on the property at the time the incident could have occurred. The department is continuing the investigation.

Gas Feed Blamed

For Wise Wreck

A man visiting the Wise Truck Stop early Sunday morning faces traffic violations following a freak occurrence that resulted in damages to two other vehicles.

James E. Evans of Wooster, Ohio, reported that the accelerator pedal of the 1972 Dodge he was driving stuck, causing him to lose control of the car. Evans' car plowed into two parked cars.

The incident was reported at 12:20 a.m.

Damages of \$1,200 each were estimated for the 1975 Oldsmobile owned by Robert Mayo of Rt. 2, Norlina, and the 1981 Dodge owned by Robert F. Strobert of Woodbridge, Va.

Evans has been charged with fictitious tag, no insurance and improper vehicle equipment.

Deputy Harold Seaman was the investigating officer.



The flood gates at Kerr Dam were opened last week as the lake hit the highest point in its 34-year history and threatened to flood property below the dam.

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