

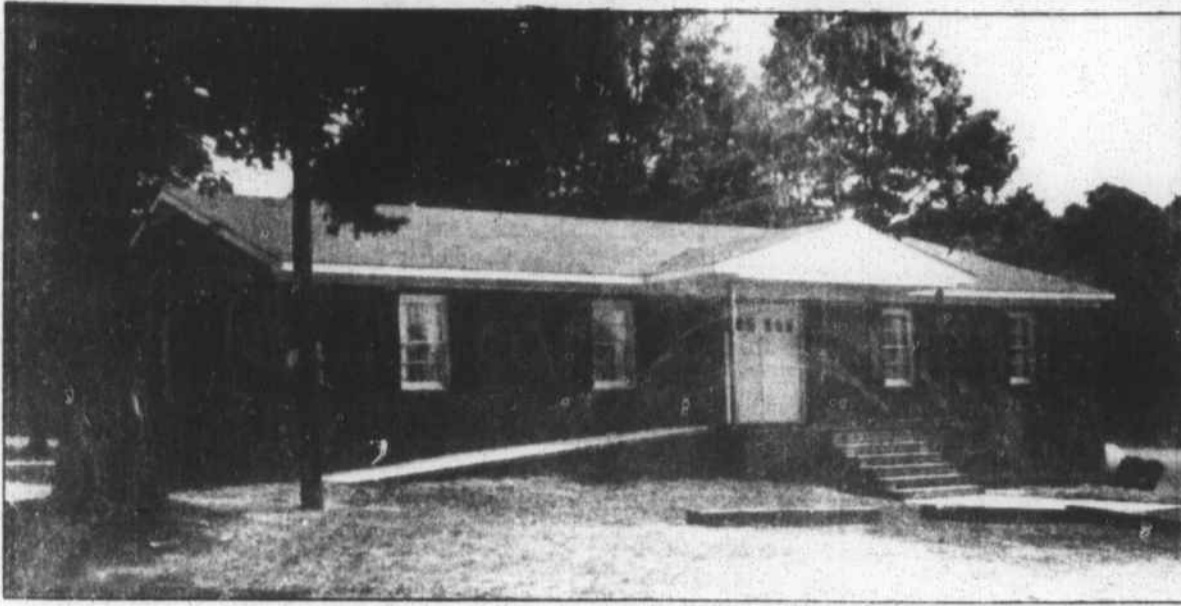
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The Warrenton Church of God dedicated a new fellowship hall (upper photo) during a service held Sunday afternoon. In the absence of the Rev. Proctor Marshall, pastor, the Rev. Calvin Wood, a church member, welcomed those gathered and presided over the occasion (lower photo). Also participating in the service were the Rev. D. E. Sprinkle of Roanoke Rapids, district overseer for

the Church of God; the Rev. Edward Smith, state overseer; and Macon Mayor M. C. Clary. Church member Leslie Wells presented plaques to Jack Paschall, the Rev. Mr. Marshall and Dodie Miller in appreciation for their outstanding efforts in making the fellowship hall a reality.

(Staff Photos by Howard Jones)

## Warren To Receive \$9 Million In Funds

Warren County stands to receive over \$9 million over the next 10 years as a result of one of the most far-reaching education measures ever enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan and House Speaker Liston Ramsay last Thursday signed into law the "Better Schools for North Carolina" legislation to give local governments over \$3.2 billion. In addition, \$185.9 million will be distributed to counties having critical needs and an inability to meet those needs, the announcement stated.

Warren County's share of the funds total \$9,339,889. The county's share of the critical needs fund has not been determined, but would be added to the initial amount, if awarded, over a 10-year period.

For the academic year 1987-88, Warren County schools will receive \$456,812 as their portion of revenues from the one-half cent sales tax dedicated to school construction, the report estimated. Although this is not entirely new money, the new law freezes at 60 percent that portion of the 1986 tax to be spent for public school construction. For 1988-89, the sales tax allocation is estimated at \$444,021; for the 10-year period, \$5,021,605.

The New Public School Building Fund will bring to the county \$263,327 in the next academic year. For 1988-89, \$114,478 is anticipated; for the 10-year period, \$1,789,517. These funds will result from the increase in corporate income taxes from six to seven percent, the same rate that individuals now pay.

The one percent increase in corporate income tax rate is expected to be offset by the repeal of the tax on inventories. Estimates of the value to counties of the repeal are based on the 1988-89 inventory tax level for 91 counties, the announcement said.

Revenue from inventory tax redistribution will be new income for counties. It has not been earmarked specifically for school construction, but the funds may be used for such projects. Warren County's estimated share, beginning in 1988-89, is \$27,173. Over

the next ten years, the estimated value to the county is \$244,557.

The fourth component of the monies made available by the new law, monies already promised under the provisions of the Basic Education Plan, is the state's agreement to bear the cost of employing vocational education teachers and school clerical workers. For Warren County, this will mean \$96,885 in 1987-88; \$202,490 in 1988-89 and \$9,339,889 over a ten-year period. All counties are expected to receive no less than \$700 million over the next ten years.

According to the announcement, the amount that local school districts actually receive, or save, will be more than that indicated because of an upward revision in the salary figures used to calculate the cost of the Basic Education Plan.

"This comprehensive legislation ("Better Schools for North Carolina") will provide the funds needed to build new schools, replace worn-out facilities and relieve overcrowded buildings," Lt. Gov. Jordan said. It "...follows a pay-as-you-go approach that does not increase the sales tax or put an additional tax burden on individuals," he added. "This is a great day for North Carolina!"

### Officer-In-Charge

### Working At Norlina

Warrenton postal employee Shirley Comer has been appointed officer-in-charge at the Norlina Post Office until a replacement is chosen for former postmistress Sarah F. Neal who resigned, effective July 12.

Mrs. Neal, who has been with the postal service for 18 years, had been postmistress at Norlina since 1979. She is currently serving as a clerk in the Henderson Post Office.

Mrs. Comer indicated her assignment to Norlina is only temporary until applications can be received and screened for selection of a new postmistress at the Liberty Street office. "I'll be back in Warrenton soon," she said.

## Warren County Man Is Killed On Motorcycle

A Warren County man lost his life Sunday afternoon as the motorcycle he was riding was crumpled following impact with a vehicle in Henderson.

John Walker Kearney, 26, of Rt. 3, Warrenton was transported by Vance County ambulance personnel to Maria Parham Hospital, where he was pronounced dead by Dr. Mike Jones, Vance County medical examiner. The cause of death was listed as severe head injuries.

According to Highway Patrol Trooper K. W. Cooke, a vehicle being driven by Melvin T. Choplin, 73, of Henderson was traveling west on S.R. 1539 when it crossed over N.C. 39. Choplin and his wife were uninjured when the motorcycle being driven by Kearney collided with the left front side of his car.

Kearney, traveling north on N.C. 39, was thrown from his motorcycle. He was returning home from work at the Franklin County Department of Correction in Bunn, where he was employed.

The incident remains under investigation. At press time, no charges had been filed.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Snow Hill Baptist Church by the Rev. A. A. Brown. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The son of Allen A. and Mrs. Mary Lena Edwards Kearney was born Aug. 25, 1960 in Warren County. He served for four years in the U. S. Army and was a member of Snow Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include one sister, Mrs. Wendelyn K. Jefferson of Manson; and three brothers, SH-I Allen A. Kearney, Jr. of the U.S. Navy and stationed in Kingsbay, Ga., Gerald Kearney of Ahoskie and Shawn Kearney of Warrenton.

Honorary pallbearers will be Donell Bullock, Ronald Perry, Allen Hargrove, Michael Perry, George Macklin and Milo Alston.

Active pallbearers will be Clarence Jones, Joe Jones, Delton Green, Lawrence Boyd, Theodore Davis and Percell Williams, Jr.

Arrangements were by Harris-Turner Funeral Home, Inc.

## Peck Gives Approval To Place Sewer Line

### More Costs Are Avoided

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Increased costs at the Quick City sewer revitalization site, projected at \$75-100,000 in additional expense, have been avoided by Warren County, following tentative approval received last week from Peck Manufacturing to allow the installation of a sewer line across its property.

Approval, according to Reedy Carter, Warren County community development director, is contingent upon clarification of the exact location of the line with Peck's plant engineer.

Warren County commissioners had learned last Wednesday night during their mid-monthly meeting that alternate routing of the line, necessary if permission to implement the original plan could not be obtained from Peck, would result in additional expense. One alternative plan would have routed the line west of a lake in the area, but the existence of rock there would have required additional construction and geological investigation costs.

Commissioners also learned of a situation involving the old Warrenton cemetery that related to the project. A proposed drainage line would follow the property line of the cemetery. Engineers wish to avoid disturbing old, unmarked graves there. Plats of the cemetery are unavailable from either the cemetery personnel or from the Town of Warrenton, but care will be exercised to prevent damage to unknown grave sites.

Drainage in the driveway of the cemetery is also a problem. Carter has met with local engineers and will soon meet with state district engineers to secure their

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This Sheriff's department cruiser was demolished following Thursday night's high-speed chase in hot pursuit of the stolen Kenworth truck that was rammed by its driver into the right side of the county vehicle. The stolen vehicle and its fleeing driver were finally brought to a stop when the tires of the truck were shot by attending officers. Damages to the cruiser, driven by Warren County Deputy Harold Seaman, are estimated at \$4,000. (Photo by Howard Jones)

### Lawmen Shoot Tires

## High-Speed Chase Ends After Cruiser Demolished

High-speed chases back and forth across the North Carolina/Virginia line have resulted in recapture of a stolen vehicle, at a cost of total loss of county property.

Dennis Hinton, 30, of Wise, led Warren County deputies, Norlina policemen and state Highway Patrol troopers Thursday night on a high-speed chase along U.S. 1, then northward on I-85 to South Hill, Va., then back on U.S. 1 to Wise, before facing a showdown at the Wise Truck Stop on I-85.

Hinton rammed the stolen truck into the right side of the patrol car being driven by Deputy Harold Seaman, who had attempted to block Hinton's escape from the truck stop. The demolished county vehicle is valued at \$4,000.

Officers then shot out the tires on the Kenworth tractor truck and arrested Hinton. The driver had sustained lacerations requiring treatment at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson.

Hinton was released after emergency treatment and was taken before a magistrate on charges of larceny of a vehicle and two counts of assault on a police officer.

Involuntary commitment papers were secured for Hinton. According to Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton, Hinton was admitted to John Umstead Hospital at Butner to await court disposition of the case.

According to Norlina Police Chief Charles J. Galantis, Hinton tried a number of times during the chase to ram his vehicle into those being driven by law enforcement personnel. One Virginia State Police car was severely damaged and another was hit during the hour-long chase.

"We were fortunate there were no personnel injuries," Galantis said. "Luckily, there was light traffic."

The tractor, property of L. H. Hunt of Richmond, Va., suffered damages estimated at \$1,000. The vehicle, stolen in Richmond last week, was found at the home of Hinton last week and impounded at Community Motors of Norlina. Charges were not pressed against Hinton at the time of the initial recovery.

According to Chief Galantis, Hinton is believed to have straight-wired the Kenworth tractor and driven it from the lot. A Community Motors attendant, who saw him leaving, signaled to Norlina Police Lt. James Champion, who sounded an alarm and began the chase. Five Virginia state policemen joined in the chase after Hinton crossed the North Carolina/Virginia line.

North Carolina law enforcement personnel involved in the chase, in addition to Norlina Police Chief Galantis, Norlina Police Lt. Champion, Chief Deputy Bolton and Deputy Harold Seaman, were: Warren County Sheriff Theodore Williams; Sgt. Lawrence Harrison, Deputies Clarence Adecock, Ronnie Bassett, Mac McCowan and Johnny Williams, as well as Highway Patrol Trooper N. D. Satterfield and another unidentified state trooper.

## Delbridge Enters Race For Mayor Of Norlina

W. K. "Bill" Delbridge has filed for mayor of Norlina, subject to the November election.

"I have been a native of Norlina all of my life except those years in college and army service during World War II. Being a life-long resident, I recognize our needs and will establish new goals," Delbridge said.

After college Delbridge returned to Norlina where he took a job at Kerr Dam as a purchasing agent. In 1957 he was appointed postmaster at Norlina and served in this capacity until his retirement over 20 years later.



DELBRIDGE

At the age of 23 he was elected as the youngest director ever of a bank in North Carolina. He has served continually in this capacity for 40 years.

In the mid-50s Delbridge accepted the chairmanship of the Finer Carolina Program in Norlina and was a winner in its class. In 1965 his post office was one of 13 recognized by the White House in its beautification program.

Boy Scouts have played a major part of his civic life. He started out as a scoutmaster and was on the Oconeechee Executive Committee and Board for over 10 years. For this service he was the recipient of one of scouting's highest lay awards, the Silver Beaver. While with the Post Office he was the congressional liaison in Warren County for Congressman L. H. Fountain.

Delbridge has served on many committees in the community. He was the first co-chairman of the Warren County Industrial Commission, member of the Board of Trustees of Warren General Hospital, and the ABC Board. He is a member of the Norlina Methodist Church, having served on many of its boards. Some of his past memberships are the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled

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