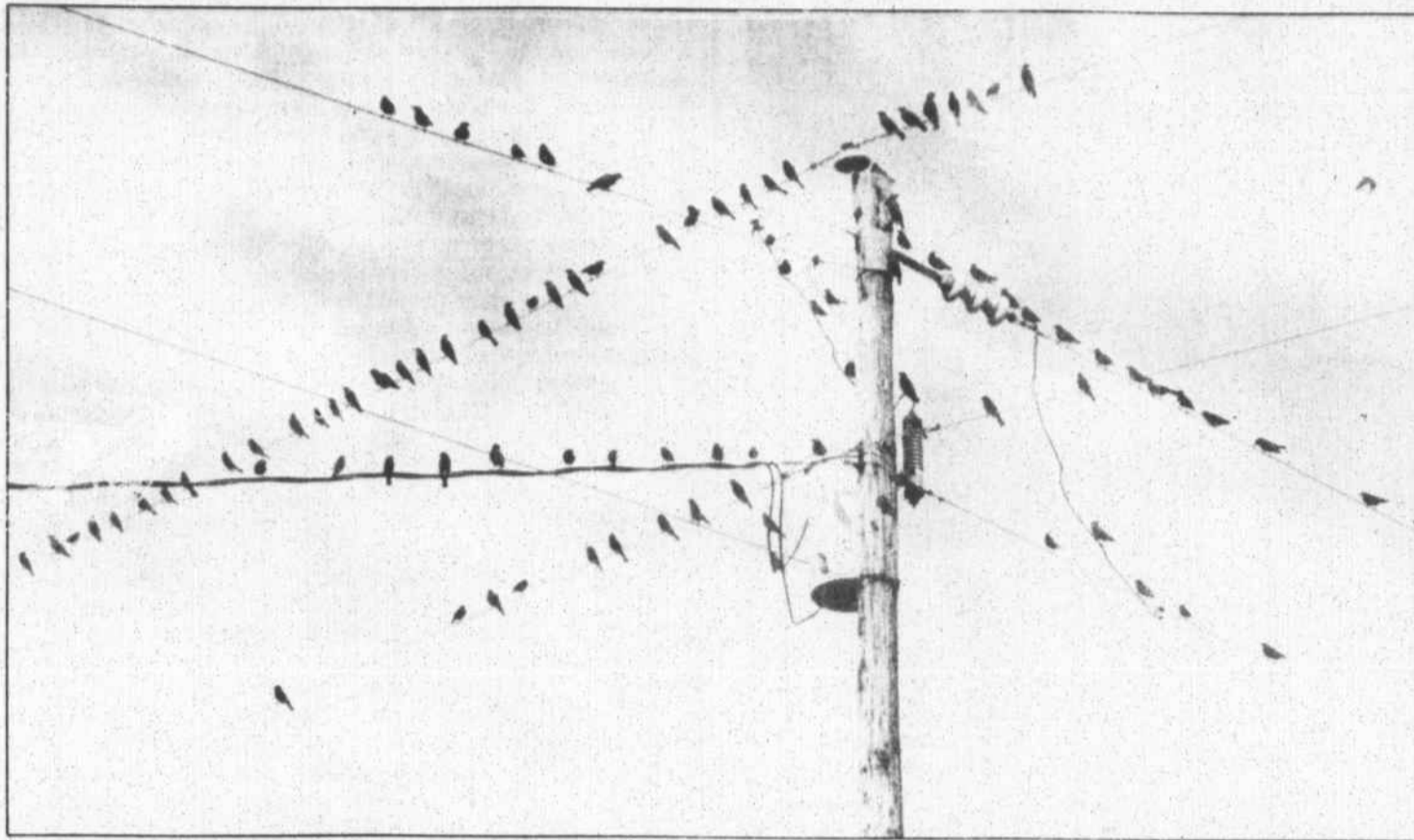


## Party Lines



Birds of a feather are shown flocking together on these utility lines located on Connell Road between Warrenton and Warren Plains. Huge flocks of the black birds can be seen against autumn skies throughout Warren County.

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## Grant Of \$50,000 May Be Asked By Warren Company

By THURLETTA M. BROWN  
News Editor

A \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant will be requested from the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development when an unnamed company submits an application, Warren County Commissioners were told last Wednesday night. Although no citizens were present for the public hearing scheduled to receive citizen input on the matter, Mrs. Cathy Wilson, Warren County economic development director, told the board that the unnamed company desired to use CDB funds to purchase an existing Warren County facility.

According to Mrs. Wilson, the local business, a small operation employing 14 employees, would probably close at the beginning of the year if assistance is not received.

Chairman Eva Clayton noted that Warren County had experienced a good success rate with its CDB applications, citing receipt of funds earlier by Nekoosa Packaging and Perdue. "Hopefully, we will be as successful as we have before," she said.

Mrs. Wilson reported that officials in Raleigh, who had offered advice on how best to structure the application, "seemed receptive."

Commissioner George Shearin commended Mrs. Wilson and her staff on their efforts to seek funds to ensure employment for local residents.

The second public hearing, scheduled originally for Nov. 30, at the Warren County Courthouse was cancelled yesterday.

The board also received from Durham-based Garrett, Sullivan, Davenport, Bowie and Grant the contracted audit report for July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987. According to the report, Warren County had complied with generally accepted accounting principles and with state and federal funding accounting requirements. "You have done a good job," Dewitt Sullivan said.

Chairman Clayton queried Sullivan about a need for concern as the county prepares for a possible bond referendum.

Sullivan responded that Warren County was "in the best posture from an accounting standpoint, but financially, that's something else."

In other business, the board: —Authorized the purchase from the Kerr Lake Regional

Water Plant Reserve Fund, at no cost to Warren County, of two caustic soda storage tanks for the regional water plant.

—Deferred until its December meeting a request for renovations to the Warren County courthouse.

—Scheduled three public hearings for Jan. 20—6:30 p.m. to discuss the establishment of a public housing authority; 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Warren County road signing project; and 7 p.m. to discuss re-adoption of local sales tax.

—Received a presentation from Kurt Jenne of the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill on strategic planning.

—Received the tax collector's report of \$211,270.60 collected last month, of which the \$673,982.13 (1987 taxes collected to date) represented 21.41 percent, as compared to 16.76 percent collected during the same period last year.

—Received the interest income report of Nov. 13 showing October receipts of \$6,970.83 for the general fund (\$32,894.88 year-to-date) and receipts of \$1,894.36 for revenue sharing (\$6,961.40 year-to-date).

—Recognized officially Henry Hayes as Warren County director of Social Services.

—Cancelled the December mid-monthly meeting.

The board also made the following appointments:

—Reedy Carter and Mrs. Cathy Wilson to the 1990 Census Local Review Program;

—George E. Shearin, Sr. to the Firemen's Local Relief Fund board of trustees;

—Henry Hayes as public official to the Franklin-Vance-Warren board and human services representative to Kerr Area Transportation Authority;

—Jim Elam to the Warren County Planning Board; and

—Mrs. Kathy Wilson to the Roanoke River Basin Association board of directors.

A decision on the Warren County holiday schedule for 1988 was postponed.

## Explorer Post Is Planned By Local Lawmen

An Explorer Post for Boy Scouts and non-scouts, who have interest in law enforcement, will be initiated in Warren County, Roger Skirvin, district executive for the Great Northern division, announced this week.

All boys and girls in grades 9-12 with interest in scouting and law enforcement are asked to attend a special sign-up session to be held Monday, Nov. 30, from 7-8 p.m. at the Warren County Courthouse.

"The most popular Explorer Post nationwide, statistics show, is that dedicated to law enforcement," Skirvin said.

According to Skirvin, Sheriff Theodore Williams and his staff will sponsor the law enforcement post. "This will be an especially good opportunity for scouts and non-scouts to learn more about this area," Skirvin said.

The cost of enrollment is \$4. Participants in the law enforcement Explorer Post will also receive a subscription to Explorer magazine, which is published every two months, Skirvin explained.

"This is an excellent way to learn and have fun at the same time," Skirvin said, "and we hope that the young men and women in Warren County will opt to take advantage of it."

## Five-County Hunting Crackdown Reported

# 'Wolfpack Operation' Arrests Made

Five persons arrested in Warren County were among the 44 individuals in five northeastern counties who were arrested last month on misdemeanor charges lodged by the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission, officials announced last week.

A week-long "wolfpack operation" was staged during the first week of hunting season—Oct. 11-17—during which wildlife officials were concentrated in areas with records of more violations than others, Harvey Conley Mangum, master officer with the Wildlife Resource Commission, of Rt. 2, Macon, said.

According to Mangum, wildlife officials worked 24-hour shifts in the special crackdown effort. "To supplement their efforts, an airplane flew to provide constant surveillance of the area, except during periods of bad weather," Mangum said.

The special surveillance was also conducted in Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax and Northampton counties, Richard B. Hamilton, assistant commission director, reported.

About 23 of the commission's 210 enforcement officers were involved in the efforts conducted in the five counties, Hamilton said.

A total of 47 misdemeanor citations were issued: 26 for night deer hunting, two for illegal doe kills, one for simple possession of marijuana and one for possessing a stolen vehicle. In addition, other charges filed included hunting without a license and failing to report a deer kill, officials noted.

The Warren County infractions cited involved two "doe deer cases" and two "firelighting cases," Mangum said. Killing a doe out of season carries with it a \$250 minimum fine, a two-year suspension of hunting license, and a \$279 replacement fine.

According to Mangum, the replacement fine dollar amount is the amount calculated by game management personnel as the cost of raising a deer from birth to the age of release into the wild. A conviction for night deer hunting can cost an offender his hunting license, plus fines ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.

In addition to fines and suspended licenses, infractions may also result in confiscation by the commission of vehicles, guns and other instruments used in the hunting crime, officials said. Confiscated items are retained by the

commission's Hunter's Safety Program or by the county sheriff's department, Mangum explained.

Mangum reported that the two firelighting cases had been heard, but that the three doe hunting cases had been continued.

According to Mangum, deer are not the only prizes for whom hunters are willing to risk punishment. "Hunting turkeys out of season results in a big problem in Warren County—especially this

time of year," he said. Mangum noted that only male turkeys, not hens, may be killed.

"We no longer have such a large number of wild turkeys here," he said, "due to a combination of factors." Those factors are illegal hunting and the logging industry, Mangum said.

Because of the relatively large number of logging operations here, wild turkeys must adapt by roaming from block of woods to block of woods, Mangum said. "There are more turkeys here

than people would suspect," he said. Mangum noted that the wild turkeys in the area are not the "broad-breasted" variety that are common to grocery stores. "The commercial variety are usually grain-fed and under-exercised," he said. "Wild turkeys are a lot thinner."

Persons who wish to report hunting violations may call Master Officer Mangum at 257-2961, or they may call the Wildlife Resource Commission at 1-800-662-7137.

## Stray Bullet Enters Truck Cab

By DIANE DAVIS

A Warren County man found himself in a predicament that most will never encounter. Lee Peele, of Rt. 3, Warrenton, was traveling home on Hwy. 58 just south of Liberia last week when a bullet struck his truck.

"It sounded like something had exploded inside my truck. I didn't know what had happened," said Peele in a telephone interview.

The bullet had been fired from a 30-30 rifle, apparently not intended for Peele. It entered into his vehicle at an angle, penetrating just below his wiper blade and piercing through his gas gauge. The bullet fell onto his jacket, and it was then that he realized that his truck had been shot.

"I didn't think anyone would have been shooting at me. But I knew that if someone was shooting, I better get out of there."

The bullet was most likely a stray, fired by a hunter nearby. Peele said that he did not know whether that type of gun was allowed in the area, so he checked around to find out which types of guns are allowed. After he found out that a 30-30 rifle can be used legally, he stated, "I'm not mad. I just wanted to make sure that everything was okay." He believes that the person who fired the shot probably does not even know what happened.

No estimate of the damage to Peele's truck has been made, and luckily no injury was sustained from the incident.



Members of the Warren County Shrine Club are shown here presenting to representatives of Sudan a check for \$3,014.82 raised for the benefit of crippled children. The funds were raised in the organization's annual fish fry held last August at the Warren County fairgrounds, and were presented last Wednesday night during a "Ladies Night" event held by the local group at the Rafter's. War-

ren County Shrine Club President A. A. Wood (third from left) is shown presenting the check to Sudan Outer Guard John S. Phillips (second from left). Also pictured are Sudan Recorder R. Ray Harrison (far left), Warren County Shrine Secretary Ellis Fleming (second from right) and Sudan Treasurer Elwood Cagton (far right). (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)