

Initial Plat Approved For Subdivision

A development near Eaton's Ferry Bridge is closer to fruition this week as the Warren County Planning Board approved a preliminary plat for the area during their regular meeting held Tuesday, August 2.

Woods Landing, a planned development near Lake Gaston on a 46.5 acre tract of land, will contain seventy three-bedroom townhouses and 72 two-bedroom condominiums. Also planned for the development are tennis courts, a clubhouse, pool, pavilion, recreation area and boat slips and ramp.

The preliminary plat was approved subject to additional information that needs to be included on the plat. The board also recommended forwarding the plans to the Board of Adjustments for a conditional use permit.

In other matters, the board:

—approved a preliminary plat for East Fork Plantation, developed by Bright Leaf Land- ing Corporation. Located in the Roanoke Township on S. R. 1344, the site is planned on a 29-acre tract of land that will be divided into 42 lots with central water and individual septic tanks.

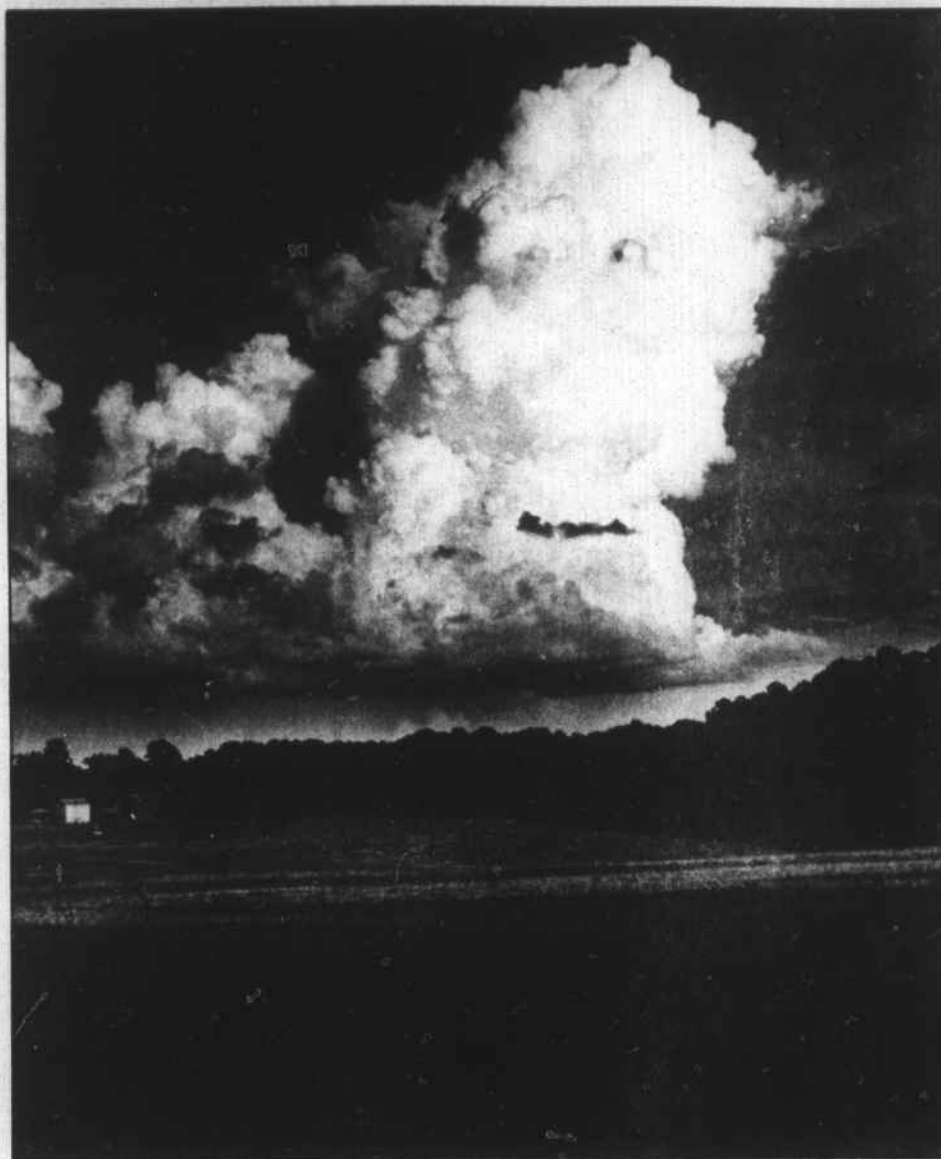
—approved a preliminary plat of Summerwoods—Section Five. Located off S. R. 1354 in the River Township, this 36.98-acre tract of land is to be divided into 32 lots to be served by central water and individual septic tanks.

—disapproved a preliminary plat for B and N Campground because of zoning requirements. Currently, the proposed area located in the Nutbush Township near S. R. 1205 is zoned residential. In order for the board to approve the plat, the area needs to be zoned as a lakeside camping district. Also, a variance from the Board of Adjustments is needed due to the proposed lots being less than the 4,000 feet required for an individual campsite by the Warren County Zoning Ordinance.

—took no action on Bright Horizons Recreation Center due to more information that is needed on the water and sewage disposal.

—reviewed a trip taken by members Butch Meek, Cathy Wilson, Bradley Carroll and Margaret Woods-Bullock, home economics extension agent, to Franklin County. They viewed the county's new convenience centers for solid waste disposal. In each one-half to one-acre lot located in Franklin County, there are approximately six dumpsters. Cathy Wilson was appointed by the board to find locations in Warren County for a similar project to present to the Warren County Commissioners.

High And Mighty



These spectacular cloud formations—looking much like a heaping serving of mashed potatoes awaiting a dollop of hot, creamy gravy—were

spotted recently near William Bender's farm, located between the Afton and Cokesbury communities. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

3 Vehicles Are Damaged

Three vehicles were damaged Sunday night in a freak accident that occurred at the N. C. Welcome Center entrance on I-85 South near Norlina, according to N. C. Highway Patrol reports.

All three vehicles were entering the Welcome Center area at approximately 10:30 when they ran over a recapped tire that was in the middle of the access road. The first vehicle, a 1987 Chrysler that was being driven by Troy Edward Robertson, Jr. of Winston-Salem, received \$300 in damage.

The second vehicle, a 1983 Mazda being driven by John Lee Burns, Jr. of Winston-Salem, received \$75 in damage. The third vehicle, a 1986 Nissan Maxima being driven by Anthony Tony Spicer of Raleigh, received damages estimated at \$150-\$200.

Trooper R. A. Ennis was the investigating officer.

Macon Woman Hurt In Suspicious Fire

A Macon woman was injured in a Monday afternoon fire at her home that is believed to be the work of an arsonist.

Mary Townes, 65, was listed in serious condition Tuesday morning at the burn center at N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill where she was transferred after being taken to Maria Parham Hospital by the Warren County Emergency Medical Services ambulance.

An EMS report indicates that Mrs. Townes received possible second-degree burns on both arms and shoulders and on the lower part of her left leg. She was also found to have some third-degree burns after an examination at Maria Parham Hospital.

Two units of the Macon Rural Fire Department were dispatched at 4:35 p.m. to the home, located on U. S. 158 near the

Macon post office. Two units from the Warrenton Rural Fire Department were also called to assist.

According to the fire report, Mrs. Townes and her husband, Sam Townes, were inside the two-story white frame house when the flames started. The husband left the house and was uninjured by the flames.

A neighbor, M. G. Stegall, notice Mrs. Townes sitting on her front porch near the front door, with flames coming out of the door and burning her. Unaware of the fire, Mrs. Townes was rescued by Stegall and was described as being possibly intoxicated.

Stegall was treated for first-degree burns he received to the hand in his rescue attempts.

Firemen stayed on the scene approximately 45 minutes and contained the fire to the hall area and in the ceiling and rafters of the home. An estimate of the damage to the structure was unavailable.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation.

Supervisor Is Appointed

Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, supervisor of the Warren County Child Support and Enforcement Agency, has been appointed to the steering committee of the newly organized Child Support Chapter of the North Carolina Social Services Association.

The specialty chapter of the association recommends legislative program and policy needs for the Child Support Program.

Mrs. Harris will represent the chapter on the IV-D Committee, an advisory committee responsible for the review of program policy.

Warren Recipients Of Survivor Funds See Numbers Drop

A recent Social Security Administration report has indicated that 3,100 Warren County residents received retirement, survivor or disability benefits as of Dec. 31, 1986. Expenditures through the programs totaled \$1,054,000, a 4.0 percent increase, while nationally, the increase lagged behind at only 2.2 percent.

Although the number of Warren County recipients represents a 1.6 percent decline from the 3,150 local residents who received benefits one year earlier, nationally, the number of persons receiving the benefits increased by 1.5 percent for a comparable period. At the end of 1985, there were 37,058,345 recipients. By the end of 1986, national recipients had increased to 37,621,560.

Many Groups Affected

Locally, 2,790 or 90 percent of those residents receiving benefits were adults, while 310 (10 percent) were children. In Warren County, 190 of these were surviving children of deceased workers, 90 were children of disabled workers and 30 were children of retired workers. Nationally, 91.3 percent of recipients were adults and 8.7 percent were children.

According to the report, none of these recipient totals include recipients of benefits through the Supplemental Social Security program.

Social Security's retirement, survivor and disability programs affect more Americans than any other single federal program with 15.6 percent of all Americans receiving benefits at the end of 1986. In Warren County, 18.6 percent of all residents received benefits, as compared with 19.0 percent in 1985.

With the exception of federal civilian employees and certain state and local government employees, the overwhelming majority employed Americans pay the Social Security taxes, which support and maintain these benefits. The Social Security Administration estimates that about 95 percent of employed Americans and their families are covered by Social Security and that more than two out of three elderly Americans depend upon Social Security for more than 50 percent of their incomes.

Retirement Benefits

Retired workers and their dependents account for the majority of Social Security recipients, both nationally and in Warren County. At the end of 1986, 2,110 residents of Warren County received social security retirement benefits, a 3.1 percent increase from 1985. Retired workers, their children and spouses made up 68.1 percent of all persons receiving benefits in Warren County. Retirement benefits in Warren County, including benefits paid to the spouses and children of retired workers, were \$769,000, or 73 percent of total local expenditures through the retirement, disability and survivor programs. The

average retired worker's monthly benefit was \$397 in December of 1986, with monthly averages of \$203 and \$233 being paid to spouses and children.

At the end of 1986, over 26 million Americans received retirement benefits through Social Security, a 1.9 percent increase. Nationally, retired workers, their spouses and children constituted 70.4 percent of all persons in the United States receiving retirement, survivor or disability benefits that year. Nationally, an average retired worker's monthly benefit was \$488 in December of 1986, with \$252 and \$204 being paid to spouses and children.

Survivor Benefits

Another 660 persons in Warren County received survivor benefits as of the end of 1986, a decline of 12.7 percent from the 756 persons receiving such benefits the previous year. Total survivor benefits paid were \$200,000, with an average monthly payment of \$303. Persons receiving survivor benefits represented 21.3 percent of social security recipients in Warren County and 19 percent of recipients nationally at the end of 1986. Nationally, the average monthly benefit was \$409.

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Youths Charged In Two Break-Ins

Two area youths have been returned to the custody of their parents following their arrest Saturday as suspects in early morning break-ins at two Warren County establishments, Warrenton Police Chief Freddie Robinson said Monday.

The arrests were made by Chief Robinson and Officer Robbie Ayscue after an investigation of unlawful entry into Willoughby's, Inc. on E. Macon Street and R & H Service Center on W. Franklin Street.

R & H Service Center was found to have been entered on Saturday at 1 a.m. Entry had been gained by throwing a rock through a window at the back of the building, Chief Robinson said. Damage to the window has been estimated at \$100.

The .38 calibre Smith and Wesson pistol reported stolen by the youths was recovered in Littleton.

The same youths have been implicated in the 5 a.m. break-in Saturday at Willoughby's, Inc. Entry into the business was also gained by using a rock to break a window at the front of the building.

The \$100 in cash and assorted "sparklers" that had been reported missing were recovered from the youths, Chief Robinson said. Damage to the window has been estimated at \$300.

Juvenile petitions on charges of breaking and entering and larceny have been issued on the two youths, the police chief said.



Mrs. Mary Townes was transported to Maria Parham Hospital Monday afternoon by Warren County EMS workers after she received second- and third-degree burns in a fire in her house. She was later transported to the burn center at N. C.

Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill and is listed in serious condition there. The cause of the fire is believed to be arson and is under investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)



Second District Congressman Tim Valentine (left) presents Warren County Clerk of Court Richard Hunter with a United States flag that has been flown over the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C. The flag will be flown over the Warren County Courthouse.

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