



Sheriff Theodore Williams, in white shirt and tie, is shown with other Warren and Vance County law enforcement officers at the site of a still destroyed last Wednesday in a raid near the Drewry community. In addition to demolishing the still, the officers disposed of about 1,000 gallons of over 60 proof

had been found in tons and barrels. The still had been discovered on July 29 and the site was raided on Aug. 31. Although no "white liquor" was found, Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton said that with twice-a-week operation, the still could have produced between 40 and 45 gallons.

Local Officials Awaiting Word On Innovative Housing Project

By THURLETTA M. BROWN, News Editor

Now that the ink has dried on the application endorsed last Wednesday, local officials and staff await notification from the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD) on the status of an innovative housing demonstration project for Warren County.

The action, taken last Wednesday evening in a special meeting convened by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners at the conclusion of a public hearing on the matter, authorized the submission of the application to NRCD by Sept. 1.

Described as "innovative" by Mrs. Cathy J. Wilson, Warren County economic development director, the proposed Warren County Self-Help Homeowner Demonstration Project would allow three low- and moderate-

income residents to purchase a home at a reduced price.

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The plan would allow persons to participate through "sweat equity." Commissioner Chairman Mrs. Eva Clayton said. According to Mrs. Wilson, work done by families, labor, carpet and painting, for example, could

be used to pay for the purchase of each home.

In the application for the project, which has NRCD approval, three families, whom the eligibility requirements of either Family or Home Administration of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, will be selected. Branch Banking & Trust Company will be available to these families for counseling on down payments and closing costs. The three fam-

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Driver Of Death Car Hospitalized

The driver of the vehicle involved in an accident on Aug. 24 that resulted in the death of a migrant farm worker remains in stable condition at a Durham medical facility.

Jose Antonio Martinez, 37, of Rt. 2, LaBelle, Fla., is still a patient at Duke Medical Center in Durham, a hospital spokesperson confirmed Tuesday. Martinez continues to receive treatment for multiple broken bones and cuts.

Cervantes J. Gonzalez, 29, of Rt. 1, Warrenton, was killed in the accident that had occurred during a race with a 1978 Plymouth on Peter Stallings Road (SR 1315). His body remains at the University of North Carolina morgue, pending final arrangements and contacts by a local funeral home with the Martinez family in Mexico, a UNC spokesperson said.

According to N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper Al Bennett, the other vehicle involved in the race has been located and there is a suspect. No more details were available, pending further investigation, the trooper said.

No Gain, No Loss Seen

Warren County is not expected to gain teachers or lose teachers based on attendance figures compiled on the tenth day of school.

Enrollment figures taken on the tenth day determine the state allocation of teaching positions and since the figures from this year are little changed from last year, no teacher gain or loss is anticipated, School Supt. Mike Williams said Tuesday.

Figures compiled on last Friday showed the following number of students in these public schools in the county:

Warren County High School—906, Vaughan Elementary School—246, Mariam Boyd—320, Northside—293, North Warren—261, Hawkins—276, John Graham—246, Norlina—224, South Warren—219 and special students—15. All told, there were 2,996 students in classes on Friday, the tenth day of the 1988-89 school year.

Fireman's Day Slated For All Day Saturday

Pig Cook-Off Is Scheduled

Fireman's Day, a day of fun and games, will be held all day Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Warren County Courthouse. The day will feature a pig cook-off, a parade, and a variety of other activities. The event is sponsored by the Warren County Fire Department and the Warren County Merchants Association.

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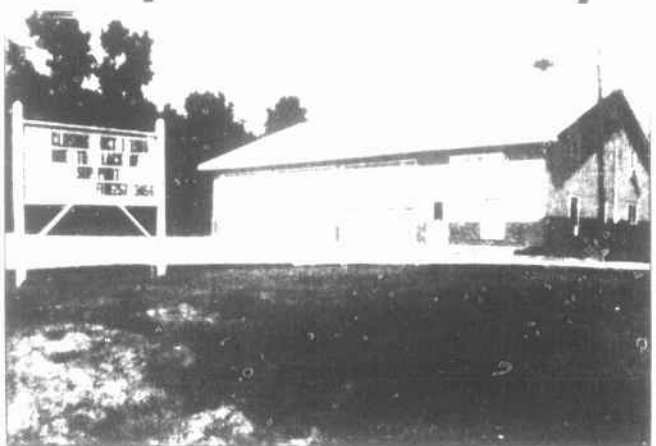
According to Gardner, fire officers from departments in the surrounding area will judge the apparatus, awarding a trophy to the first prizewinner in each of nine categories. An award will also be made to the department traveling the greatest distance to participate. At press time, 22 entrants were expected.

The annual Warren County Fireman's Day Parade will take place at 11:30 a.m. at the conclusion of the apparatus judging. Thirty-five fire vehicles, plus several new fire trucks that will be brought by a manufacturing company, will sound their sirens as they course along the parade route. Grand marshalls for the parade will be Steve Wiley (WRAL-TV's Sky's Pilot), T. H. Weldon of Skipper's Barbecue, Mike Kaplan (WTVD-11 meteorologist) and Wayne Miller of the N.C. Agricultural Department (NCSU).

The preliminaries for one scheduled event will precede the Saturday morning activities. The Pig Cook-Off contest, sponsored again by the Warren County Merchants Association, will begin on Friday, Sept. 9, at 3 p.m. Jimmy Harris, cook-off chairman, said "That is the time that participants in the cooking contest should come to the Lion's Den to pick up their pigs and get set," he explained. Persons who have not received the rules and regulations should contact him at 257-1428, he added.

Fig "cookers" for 1988 and their sponsors are as follows:

Bill Hall/David Hall, Warren County Furniture Exchange; Butch Meek/Dean Andrews (Nationwide Insurance); Gene Pendergrass/Mike Garrett (Gilbert Manufacturing Co.); Cochrane employees (Cochrane Furniture Co.); Henry Holtzman/Ronnie Stevenson (Willoughby's); Mickey Ellis (Record Printing Co.); Robert Dunston/Gregg Campbell (Pat Pinnell); Bill Robertson (Continued on page 6)



The sign located in front of the Churchill-Five Forks Fire Department shown above greets passers-by and informs them of the department's closing on October 1. The fire department has planned to cease operation due to the defeat of a tax fire district by a 96-38 vote. A public hearing to gain citizen input on the shut-down is scheduled for September 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Warren County Courthouse. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Special Meeting Set To Discuss Fire Units

At the request of David Proctor, speaking on behalf of the Warren County Fire Commission, a public hearing has been set for Monday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. to receive citizens' comments on the plight faced by the Churchill-Five Forks Fire Department and the other fire departments in Warren County.

Proctor prefaced his request by reading the letter of intent to cease responding to calls, effective Oct. 1. The letter had been given to the fire commission by the Churchill-Five Forks Department in a called meeting held Aug. 29.

According to John E. Mason, Churchill-Five Forks fire chief, less than 15 percent of the

residents in the community were able to vote in the Aug. 29 referendum that had been called to poll eligible voters about the creation of a taxed fire district. Most of the property owners are non-residents, who, by state law, are ineligible to vote. Mason explained.

Commissioner George Shearin said he had talked with a number of non-residents, who were in support of the taxed fire district.

The non-residents have circulated a petition and they wish to be heard," Mason confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the board of county commissioners agreed to support the need for a public hearing.

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Smith Creek Subdivision Is Granted Board Approval

The Warren County Planning Board approved a subdivision to be located in the Smith Creek Township during its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Representatives of Harris Investments, Inc. presented preliminary plats for Hilltop Oaks subdivision, a planned unit development to be located in the Smith Creek Township, north of Norlina. The subdivision, to contain duplex-type residential housing, will utilize Norlina's water and sewer lines.

The board approved the plats subject to the developer meeting the following requirements:

- paved streets, with the exception of curbing and gutters;
- utilities installed and in place;
- development of a landscape plan;
- and hold a meeting with the Town of Norlina to make sure that the plats meet with their standards.

In other matters, the board approved Phase Two and Phase Three of F & M Mobile Home Park, located on the Baltimore Road, subject to the presentation of a letter from the Town of Warrenton indicating the approval for the use of town water and sewage lines. This project will make available more lots for sale to the public.

—approved Phase Two of Country Oak Estates, a mobile home park to be located on the Airport Road, developed by Greentree Land Development Company. The development will contain a central water system

and will also allow for 42 lots to be sold to the public.

Heard an update from the Board of Adjustment's public hearing held last week on Woods Landing and Bright Horizons Recreation, both to be located on Lake Gaston.

approved a final plat for Rosa Hawkins Yancey. The plat indicated where Ms. Yancey had cut off an acre lot of her property in the Warrenton Township.

Lake Gaston Ladies Are Now Organizing

The Lake Gaston Ladies' Club is now organizing for the 1988-89 year.

Membership is open to ladies who live on Lake Gaston. Activities that will be a part of these meetings include arts, needlecraft, quilting, golfing and exercising.

The officers for the approaching year are Lynn Frongillo, president; Jan Tomlinson, first vice president; Rusty Scroggins, second vice president; Olive Banner, treasurer; Carolyn Palmer, assistant treasurer; Dot Haltenhoff, secretary; Marge Buzzell, assistant secretary; Margaret Low, luncheon treasurer and Mary Luck, telephone/publicity.

The first meeting of the club will be held Sept. 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Captain Joe's Restaurant in South Hill, Va. Those ladies who live on the lake and wish to join the club may make reservations for this meeting by Sept. 12 by calling Margaret Low at 537-0256.

Lake Gaston Residents Plagued By Vandalism

Vandalism and theft continue to plague Lake Gaston-area residents, Sheriff Theodore Williams said this week.

Arlene F. Lawrence reported an incident of vandalism on Sept. 4. An outbuilding at the Lawrence's Lake Gaston Estates residence had been marred with

Quick Response

Helps Cut Damage

Firefighters of the Drewry Volunteer Fire Department Friday morning quickly answered a call regarding a house fire in the community, possibly preventing the fire from causing major damage.

According to A. P. Holtzman, a faulty chimney was the cause of a blaze at the rental home of James Watkins of Drewry, occupied at the time by Alfred B. Wood and family. A fire in a tin wood heater caused flames to develop at the place where the flue-pipe enters the chimney.

Upon arrival on the scene, firemen found the wood siding in flames around the chimney, with the fire nearing the roof.

Firemen were able to extinguish the fire in a matter of minutes.

No estimate of the damage was reported.