

# The Warren Record

## Warren County's Dogwoods Now Appear Out Of Danger

Warren County dogwood trees appear to be safe from a deadly fungus disease—for the time being, at least.

Warren County Forest Ranger Allen Norwood thinks there is a good chance the disease may be brought under control before it reaches this far east.

Norwood said he has received numerous inquiries about the disease since the outbreak in western counties was publicized in November.

But so far the good news is that there are no damaged dogwood trees in Warren County, or, if there is damage, it cannot be blamed on dogwood anthracnose.

The bad news is that the disease has caused serious damage in those areas where it has already struck. Since the disease was first identified in New York and Washington states in 1977, it

has spread eastward and southward into the Appalachian Mountains and piedmont areas.

It has been estimated that 95 percent of the dogwoods in Catoctin Park near Washington, D. C. have been killed.

Norwood said a chemical has been developed to combat the disease and this fungicide is regarded as successful.

"We're keeping tabs on it. We've already come up with a chemical, a fungicide, to deal with the problem," he said.

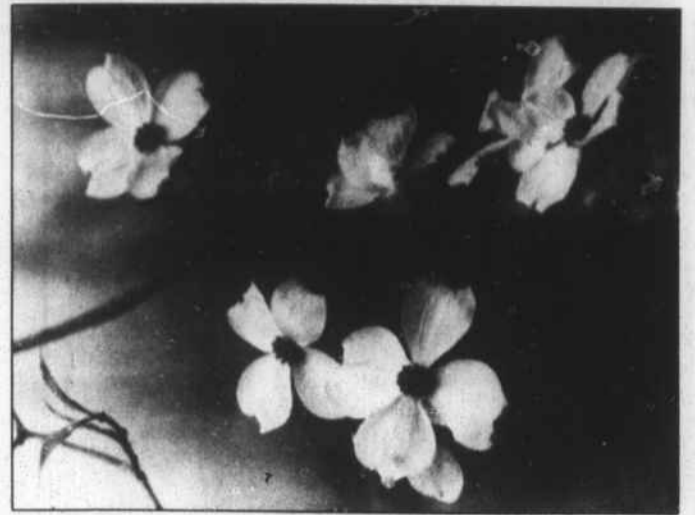
So far the disease has not been detected east of Cleveland County in North Carolina. Norwood is hopeful that the spread of the disease can be contained before it reaches this far east.

Foresters have estimated that as many as one million acres of forests of North Carolina and four neighboring states are afflicted by dogwood anthracnose. The most serious outbreak has been found in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which straddles the borders of North Carolina and Tennessee.

The disease is more prevalent in forests, probably because of the higher humidity, shade and moisture.

Infected trees develop small, purple-rimmed leaf spots with dead centers. As the disease spreads, it infects twigs which die, and eventually it reaches the main stem, killing the entire tree.

Anyone concerned about this type of disease appearing on trees is advised  
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Warren County residents were surprised by the season's first snowfall Friday morning. By noon a one-inch blanket covered the trees and landscape and forced the early closing of schools. Warming

temperatures later in the day made this brief landscape transformation only a passing scene.  
(Staff Photo by Phyllis H. King)

### New Board Officers Named

## Henderson Family YMCA To Aid In After-School Student Care

By THURLETTA M. BROWN  
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By unanimous vote, veteran board-member Yarborough Williams and newly-elected member Dr. Doris Terry Williams have been named chairman and vice chairman, respectively, for the Warren County Board of Education. The nominations were made by Mrs. Barbara Brayboy, and seconded by vacating-chairman Henry T. Pitchford in Monday night's board meeting. In accepting the position of chairman, Williams expressed his appreciation to the board for the apparent confidence shown by their vote and said he hoped to fulfill the expectations of his new role.

Prior to vacating his position as chairman of the board, Pitchford had recognized the three members who had been recently sworn in: Dr. Williams, Mrs. Brayboy and Richard Roddy, who had been re-elected to serve a second term.

The first order of business to follow the selection of new officers was the awarding of a contract to the Henderson Family YMCA for the provision of after-school care for students in grades K-6. Superintendent Michael Williams had explained to the board that the school system had begun last year to explore the possibility of an after-school care service in the county. Vendors of similar services were contacted and surveys were sent locally to ascertain the level of potential use for the service.

Over the summer, in the final session of the General Assembly, funding was awarded to schools wishing to provide the service. Warren County has received a \$30,000 grant to be used over a three-year period to begin its program.

"This fall, we became aware that the YMCA in Henderson had operated a program for Vance County for a number of years and had expressed an interest in per-

forming the same service for Warren County," Williams said.

Two members of the YMCA staff, Mrs. Ann Hughes, executive director, and Mrs. Carolyn Ellington, child care coordinator, made presentations to the board. Mrs. Hughes explained that the program was very structured with activities and nutritious meals. In addition, assistance with homework will be available to the participants. "Time spent at home can be prime time," Mrs. Hughes said.

Warren County's programs will operate in the cafeterias at Northside, Vaughan, South Warren and Mariam Boyd elementary schools from 2:30-5:30 p.m. each school day. The cost for participation will be \$20 per five-day week. "That cost will be significantly less should students participate for less than five days each week," Mrs. Hughes said.

According to Mrs. Hughes, the second and third child in a family would qualify for a 10-percent discount.

Hired from Warren County will be a site director and a group leader for each of the four programs. If needed, a third individual will be hired for each program to ensure a 1-to-10 staff/participant ratio.

Dr. Doris Terry Williams cast the only dissenting vote, saying that consideration should be given to awarding the contract to vendors in Warren County who might be able to provide the service. She also asked that more comprehensive information be shared with her to supplement the "skeleton outline" brought before the board in Monday night's meeting.  
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### 502 Home Sites Created In 1988

## Almost 500 Warren Acres Carved Into Building Lots

By HOWARD JONES  
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Almost 500 acres of Warren County land was subdivided into building lots during 1988, with the main activity coming in three townships bordering Lake Gaston.

This figure was among those released Monday by Cathy Wilson, secretary of the Warren County Planning Board, who turned over computer-generated subdivision statistics to Planning Board Chairman Butch Meek and County Manager Charles Worth.

Planning board statistics for the year nearing an end show that 502 new building lots won final approval by the planning board during the group's 12 meetings of 1988.

By far, the most activity occurred in River Township, where 230.6 acres were divided into 268 lots. Roanoke Township had 54.8 acres divided into 74 lots and Sixpound had 72.08 acres divided into 60 lots.

Fourth among townships in the number of lots winning the planning board's final approval this year was Sandy Creek Township, in the southwestern portion of Warren County.

There, 87.9 acres of land was carved into 54 building lots in what Chairman Meek said "represents a spillover of population from Vance County."

Other townships in which subdivision activity was reported were Fishing Creek with four lots, Judkins with six, Warrenton with 22, Nutbush with 11 and Shocco with three.

Latest approval of a subdivision came last week at the December meeting of the Warren County Planning Board, and, as might be expected, it involved land in Roanoke Township.

Mrs. Anne Hawfield of Littleton and Gene Bobbitt of Louisville appeared before the board to answer questions about East Fork Plantation, a Roanoke Township subdivision containing 43 lots of 25.8 acres.

Board members Meek, Freddie Hargrove and Jim Elam, who were considering final approval of the subdivision plat, were told that sewage disposal for all lots was assured, and that the subdivision would be served by a central well already in place and approved by the state.

Developers told the board that East Fork would be "a first-class development" containing all water-front lots and that the gravelled roads serving the subdivision would be entirely paved.

Also given final approval at the December meeting was a 113-acre tract from which eight building lots—most in the two-acre range—were being carved

out. The subdivision, owned by Lillie Hawkins, is located in the Vicksboro community.

Chairman Meek said the subdivision was being done in preparation of settling an estate.

The planning board, minus members T. T. Clayton and Karl Hehl for this meeting, gave its stamp of approval to Section B of Oakridge, a subdivision planned on 7.5 acres in Roanoke Township.

While developer Gene Bobbitt indicated that this portion of the subdivision—situated on property formerly owned by Henry Wall—would contain nine lots, he only plans "to sell a lot or two."

A request for final approval of the Hill Top Acres Subdivision in the Enterprise community of River Township was tabled because of an unfinished inspection by health department personnel. The subdivision calls for nine lots created from 15 acres.

Planning Board members agreed to ask one local developer, Charles Orr, a resident of the Keats Peninsula Road in Nutbush Township, to appear before the board and provide the board with combined plats of land subdivided "in order to avoid future right-of-way problems."

Meek told fellow board members that regulations had not been followed along the way and  
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### Skull Is Still Unidentified

Warren County law enforcement officers are still awaiting word from the state's medical examiner in Chapel Hill as to whether identification has been made of a human skull found Nov. 26 in the Vaughan area of the county.

Sheriff T. R. Williams said the skull was taken to the medical examiner's office for identification. "At this point, we don't know whether it's the skull of a man or woman," the sheriff said.

Sheriff's deputies learned of the skull's discovery after a dog brought it to a home located several hundred yards off U. S. Highway 158. "We have no idea where the dog found the skull," Sheriff Williams said.

He said his office received a report in 1984 of a woman missing in the Vaughan area. Her body was never found, Sheriff Williams added.



A double honor was announced for Warren County High School senior Paul Dickerson, left, at a Voice of Democracy awards program held at the Norfolk Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. Dickerson, who will attend the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill next year, was named as winner of the VFW-essay contest at both the county and district levels. He received a \$100 savings bond for his county first-place finish, and will receive a cash award for finishing first at the seven-county district level. His essay on "Preparing For America's Future"

will be entered in state competition. Dickerson's local selection was announced by Mrs. Mary Ann Hill, program chairman. His district honor was announced by Jimmy Woodall of Rocky Mount, center, VFW District III commander. At right is Amie Ridout, second place county winner and recipient of a \$50 savings bond. Christy Harmon, third-place county winner and recipient of \$25 in cash, was not present. A reception was held following the award announcements for local contestants.  
(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)