



These six students from Warren County High School have been nominated for the Governor's School Summer Program. They are, front row, left to right, Elizabeth Pierce (Arts), Christy Harmon (Academic) and Richard Meador (Arts). On the back row, left to right, are Mateland Mayes (Academic), John Meares (Arts) and Craig Sipe

(Academic). The Governor's School of North Carolina is a summer residential program for academically gifted high school sophomores and juniors. These students will be considered by a statewide selection committee and will be notified in April of their selection.
(Community Schools Photo by Mary Hunter)

For Waste Disposal Study

\$5,000 Is Earmarked For Regional Effort

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Warren County's board of county commissioners in their regular mid-monthly meeting last Wednesday night allocated from contingency \$5,000 to be placed into the pot that will fund a regional solid waste management study for five Region K counties. Similar actions have also been taken by boards in Granville and Person counties, and according to Warren County Manager Charles Worth, the remaining two counties are expected to follow suit within the next two weeks.

Warren—along with Region K members Franklin, Granville, Person and Vance counties—had been asked by the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG) to each contribute up to \$5,000 to fund a study to examine alternatives that would reduce the volume of refuse in landfills. According to Walter S. Rogers, Region K Solid Waste Committee vice chairman, the action was recommended by COG because of changes in regulations regarding landfills, the volume of waste in existing landfills and the diminishing useful life remaining at each of the landfill sites.

Following approval by all five boards, Camp, Dresser and McKee Engineering Firm of Raleigh will perform the study. Tasks expected to be included are: an examination of existing solid waste volumes in individual counties and for Region K; 20-year projections of waste quantities and landfill space needs; the identification of legal changes that will impact disposal systems; an analysis of the desirability of a multi-county landfill to supplement the operation of separate county landfills, an analysis of recycling programs; and the identification of proven techniques for energy recovery and volume reduction.

Worth called the allocation a sound one, stating that substantial savings would result since the county would need to have an assessment done and that participation in the Region K project would provide results at less cost to the county than through individual purchase. Worth said the county did not know the volume of refuse in its landfill. That would be one item of information provided by the study.

"This will not cure all, but it may be sufficient to at least bring about an awareness of the problems," Chairman Eva Clayton said.

A second COG venture—an agreement for a Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) economic development assistance project—also received a nod from the county's board of commissioners. The board accepted from JTPA a \$3,000 allocation to be used in industrial recruitment projects that would result in jobs for eligible persons. According to Mrs. Cathy J. Wilson, Warren County economic development director, the funds will be used for upgrading site information, utilizing the services of a surveyor to make site pictorials and for advertising.

In an unrelated action, the Warren County Housing Authority came one step closer to action with the approval by the commissioners of bylaws and the appointment of five housing authority commissioners. Appointed to two-year terms were Marilyn Nelson and Glenn Richardson. Appointed to three-year terms were Geneva Fitts, the Rev. Tim Russell and Commissioner Francis Alston.

Warren County's first housing authority was authorized in 1971, but appears never to have met. According to board attorney Charles Johnson, the authority's charter and articles of incorporation

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Downtown Warrenton To See Another Restaurant Shortly

Mrs. Jeanette Fleming, former owner and operator of both the Rafter's and Fleming's Cafe, has announced her plans to open a new restaurant on Warrenton's Main Street.

Slated for opening around March 1, the new restaurant will be located at 139 South Main Street in the building occupied most recently by West Plumbing and Heating and previously by the old Red & White Grocery.

"We plan to remodel the building completely, including fresh paint both inside and out, as well as new carpet," Mrs. Fleming said Tuesday in a telephone interview. The seating capacity for

diners has been estimated at about 100.

According to Mrs. Fleming, the name of the new restaurant has not been determined.

The new establishment will be a family restaurant with complete menus, Mrs. Fleming said. Offerings will include steaks, seafood, Brunswick stew, hot meals, daily specials and sandwiches, all reasonably priced, she added, noting that breakfast, lunch and dinner would be served.

Initially, the new restaurant will be closed on Sundays.

Hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Former Deputy Helps Locate Stolen Pigs

A Warren County farmer, through his own investigations, has ensured that at least some of the men involved in the theft of livestock from his Wise area farm will have their day in court.

Dorsey Capps on Dec. 13 had reported the theft of 37 feeder pigs valued at \$1,850 from his farm. Deputy Harold Seaman took the initial report.

But while the Warren County Sheriff's Department conducted its investigation of the disappearance of the porkers, Capps immersed himself in surveillance and fact-finding work of his own.

Capps contacted Chief Deputy Haskin Cox and Sgt. John Kirkland of the Mecklenburg County, Va. Sheriff's Department and through their combined efforts, 23 of the Capps feeder pigs were found on Jan. 18 in Union Level, Va.

According to Capps, the 23 pigs were found in a chicken pen, complete with a camper that had been provided for the animals to use as a sleep shed.

Arrested by the Mecklenburg County officers on charges of possession of stolen property and placed under bonds of \$2,000 each were Raymond Edwards and Robert Bishop, both of Union Level, Va. The men have posted bonds, but await trial in Mecklenburg County, Va. Capps said. No information was available on the potential for additional charges in Warren County.

On Friday of last week, Robert Lee Pitchford, Jr., 21, of Rt. 3, Warrenton, was arrested in Mecklenburg County, Va. on charges of breaking and entering, and larceny of livestock.

Pitchford waived extradition and was transported from Virginia to Warren County on Monday of this week by Sgt. Lawrence Harrison. The suspect has posted a \$2,500 bond and has been released to await a Feb. 8 court appearance in Warren County district court.

According to Capps, a warrant has also been drawn for breaking and entering and larceny of the 37 feeder pigs on a second suspect, Danny Ray Chapman, of South Hill, Va.

Chapman remains in Virginia and no additional information was available on his status at press time. The investigation is being continued by Sgt. Lawrence Harrison and Sgt. Harold Seaman.

Capps said he took an active role in the investigation because this was the second incident of livestock theft since he has raised animals at his farm in Wise. "I'd just like the public to know that persons should not think they can get away with stealing my livestock," he said.

Although the Capps incident is coming closer to prosecution, the allegations of another series of livestock thefts involving the

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Revenue Bonds Are Sought

Furniture Plant Plans \$4.5 Million Project

Warren County's citizens will soon be asked to express their opinions concerning the issuance of \$4.5 million in industrial revenue bonds to fund a planned multi-million-dollar expansion at Cochrane Furniture's Warrenton plant.

Although no bond referendum will be held, a public hearing on the matter is required by law. Because the indebtedness will be repaid by Cochrane revenues, the sale of bonds will not result in an indebtedness for Warren County and the construction of the proposed expansion will result in increased tax revenues for the Town of Warrenton.

On Monday, Feb. 6, at 9:15 a.m.—just prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners—citizens' comments will be sought in a public hearing, the board agreed last Wednesday night.

The proceeds from the sale of the \$4.5 million in industrial bonds will be used to finance a 35,000-square-foot expansion at Cochrane. Expected to be included are an enlargement of an existing finishing room and a rough mill.

According to Cochrane officials, new employment opportunities will be made available for about five persons, initially, with the potential of 50 positions within five years. With expanded staffing, Cochrane would be able to add a third shift for some of its personnel and increase the size of its second-shift staff. In addition, the expansion is expected to save employment for about 500 area residents. Wages to be paid are expected to be above the average weekly manufacturing wage paid here.

Warrenton's division of the Lincolnton-headquartered Cochrane Furniture Company—officially known as the Eastern Division—opened its doors in 1969. The personnel rolls there carry 231 employees. Although the local plant now purchases the panels used for furniture construction, the acquisition of a rough mill would permit employees to make the panels locally. Once the new rough mill is operational, following delivery from sawmills outside of the state to Warrenton of oak, cherry and maple boards, procedures would be implemented locally to reduce the moisture content of the wood from 90 percent to about eight percent. Guided by lasers, computer-operated saws would remove flaws and cut the boards in-

to strips—the product required by the Eastern Divisions current furniture construction crews. Local employees use those strips to produce furniture for shipment to Lincolnton for final assembly.

The expansion site is just south of the existing 125,000-square-foot North Main Street operation. The existing facility is located on a 40- to 45-acre tract.

According to Larry McKinney, Eastern Division plant engineer, the 15-acre site that has been purchased has been cleared and grading will begin shortly. The

tract had been the property of Willard Formyduval, who had purchased the old Warrenton Railroad. One of the acres, site of an old Scout cabin and tennis courts, had been owned by the Town of Warrenton.

Occupancy in the new addition is expected in mid-June, McKinney said.

Cochrane Furniture about one year ago opened a new upholstery division in Lincolnton, bringing the employment roster there to about 700, McKinney added.

Autos Ram Head-On

3 Warren Residents Killed In Car Wreck

Three Warren County residents lost their lives last weekend in a two-vehicle collision—the first traffic fatality for Vance County of the new year—and will be buried today (Wednesday), following a joint funeral in an area church.

Thomas Earl Richardson, 29, Cornelius Richardson, 13, and James Anthony Kearney, all of Rt. 2, Warrenton, were killed last Friday night, following a head-on

Mobile Home Burns Tuesday Near Wise

The trailer of a Warren County couple was destroyed early Tuesday morning, but they were able to save a small amount of their belongings.

According to Bruce Perkinson, chief of the Hawtree Volunteer Fire Department, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David George, Rt. 1, Warrenton, on SR 1304, was completely destroyed by fire around 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.

A smoke alarm in the house woke the Georges up, allowing them enough time to salvage two baskets of clothing.

The fire, believed to have been ignited from an electrical malfunctioning, started in the kitchen area of the trailer.

Damage to the 1986 model single-wide mobile home was estimated at \$12,000. The damage to the contents was estimated at \$5,000.

Firemen were on the scene for approximately two and a half hours.

All Goes Well At Hospital

For Donor And Recipient

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Life is looking a whole lot brighter now that Duke University Medical Center physicians have successfully transplanted a healthy kidney into the small body of six-year-old Jennifer Lynn Henry.

"We're very thankful to God, the doctors and all of our friends for everything," Mrs. Karen Henry, Jennifer's mother, said Monday in a telephone interview.

According to Mrs. Henry, Jennifer was taken out of the intensive care unit two days after the surgery which was performed last Wednesday. "The kidney is working beautifully!" she said.

Prior to the surgery, Jennifer, a victim of renal dysplasia since birth, had only one partially-

working kidney. The second kidney had been dormant.

Duke physicians performed the four-hour operation last Wednesday and transplanted Mrs. Henry's right kidney into Jennifer's body. To remove Mrs. Henry's kidney without bruising it, she said, Duke surgeons removed the bottom portion of her eleventh rib.

"Each day Jennifer's eating a bit better," Mrs. Henry said, noting that her kidney function and lab tests were all normal.

According to Mrs. Henry, Jennifer's intravenous devices were removed on Sunday and she has been walking around.

On Monday, Mrs. Henry was hopeful that she would be released today (Wednesday). Jennifer's release date will be determined soon.

collision on the Vicksboro Road (SR 1533), about one mile on the other side of the Warren County border.

According to the report filed by N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper D. G. Hinson, the 1980 Oldsmobile being driven at an excessive rate of speed by Thomas Earl Richardson had been travelling east on SR 1533 before crossing the center line and colliding head-on with a 1987 Toyota being driven by Charles Albert Lawrence, 23, of Henderson. Lawrence was treated for lacerations on his face, arms and legs at Maria Farham Hospital before being released. Damages to his vehicle have been estimated at \$5,000 and Lawrence has been charged with driving while impaired and having a revoked driver's license.

Following impact, the Richardson Oldsmobile reportedly traveled 56 feet into the air and landed on its top, before skidding an additional 26 feet, righting itself and coming to rest in a wooded area. All occupants of the Oldsmobile were thrown from the vehicle, the trooper's report showed. Damages to the Richardson vehicle have been estimated at \$3,000.

Assisting Trooper Hinson was Sgt. A. C. Joyner. Members of the Vance County Sheriff's Department, the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department and the Vance County Rescue Squad were also present at the accident scene.

Town Buys Cruiser

A 1984 Ford LTD has been purchased by the Town of Norlina and is expected to be in service early next week, Norlina Police Chief Charles Galantis said this week.

The vehicle has been purchased from the Department of Administration in Raleigh as a replacement for the police cruiser that was wrecked in the high-speed chase that occurred along US 1 at the end of last year.

According to Chief Galantis, the police equipment from the wrecked 1983 vehicle will be installed into the 1984 Ford.

Two On Dean's List

Two Warren County residents have been named to the dean's list for the fall '88 semester at Meredith College, according to Dr. Allen Burris, vice president and dean of the college.

Miss Jennifer Paige Burton and Miss Erika Lynn Roddy have achieved dean's list status. Miss Burton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Burton of Rt. 1, Norlina. Miss Roddy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Roddy of Sunny Acres in Littleton.