

He Went Thataway



"Just which way did that man go?" seems to be the question being asked of one another by these two cows who were seen looking over

their shoulders during a break from grazing in a pasture in the heart of Macon.

(Staff Photo by Dianne T. Rodwell)

Formalized Leave Policy Endorsed For Norlina Municipal Employees

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Norlina's nine full-time employees will be making vacation plans soon, following the adoption Monday night by the Board of Town Commissioners of a formalized leave policy.

Under the new guidelines, during their first five years of service to the town, employees will receive one week of vacation. Employees with six to 10 years of

service will receive two weeks of vacation. Those employees at the 11th year mark and continuing through retirement will receive three weeks of vacation.

All annual leave (vacation) accumulated must be taken in the year earned, the board agreed.

A sick-leave policy was also adopted. Sick leave will be accumulated at the rate of eight hours each month.

Town employees will observe nine paid holidays: New Year's, Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day, and will have two days each for the Thanksgiving and Christmas periods.

Following the successful passage of Norlina's \$300,000 bond referendum in a 161-to-eight vote, the board approved submission of a resolution declaring the results of the special election to the bond attorney. According to Mayor Bill Delbridge, Farmers Home Administration will buy the bonds at a rate of 6.375 percent. Work on the replacement of asbestos-laced transite pipe will be coordinated with the town's curbing/guttering project along US 1. Contracts are expected to be let on April 20, Delbridge said.

In other business, the board:

- Learned that computer-generated plats had been sent to the Bureau of the Census in Charlotte and that if the bureau opts to use the 2.64-members-per-household formula, and additional 250 persons would be added to the rolls, resulting in increased funding;

- Heard a report from Safety Commissioner Walter Newman concerning the safety conference he had attended in Pittsboro;

- Resolved to follow up with the proper authorities to secure more traffic signals for congested areas in the town, especially along US 1, and to seek relief from the parking congestion near Roseland Nightclub; and

- Approved an expenditure of \$750 for roof repairs to the Town Hall and Police Department.

Architect Selection Committees Named

Two Projects Are Involved

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Progress was made Monday morning toward the county's realization of the dream of a new law enforcement center and expanded court facilities, when the Board of County Commissioners appointed two architectural selection committees for the two projects.

Financing for new construction and expansion of existing facilities was made possible last year by Warren's registered voters, who approved the multi-million-dollar sale of bonds for numerous building projects.

Appointed to the architectural selection committee for the Warren County Courthouse were Commissioners Eva Clayton and George Shearin, and Richard E. Hunter, clerk of superior court.

Appointed to the architectural selection committee for the county's new law enforcement center/jail were Commissioners Patsy T. Hargrove, William Skinner and Francis Alston.

County Manager Charles J. Worth will serve on both committees, the board agreed.

Other action taken Monday morning in the interest of public safety came in the form of a resolution to request that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) change the status of the Warren County Airport, located on Airport Road, from public use to private use.

Currently, no lighting is available on the 2,000-foot turf airstrip. According to documents submitted to FAA, no aircraft are actually based at the site.

The estimated number of monthly landings on the airstrip were one propeller plane and one helicopter.

If approval is received from FAA to change the status of the Warren County Airport to private use, permission would be required before landing occurs.

The board also approved grant project ordinances for the \$28,725 Department of Commerce grant received for the renovation, prior to occupancy, of the Towle Lace Corporation plant and for the county's \$68,000 strategic planning project. Revenues which are expected to fund the strategic planning project will come from the following sources: N.C.

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Spring is jumping out all over the place now that warmer weather has taken hold. Beauty is not confined to the home flower gardens either, as this picture of a Warren woodland can attest.

(Staff Photo by Phyllis H. King)

Bethel Man Is Injured As Equipment Hits Wire

A Bethel man was hospitalized last Wednesday, following burns sustained when the grain auger he was operating struck a live power line.

James Howell Brown, 37, driver of a feed truck for Tri-County Feed Mills, of Bethel, had been operating a grain auger after making a delivery to a pig farm belonging to John Acali, located about two miles west of Littleton, when the auger struck a power line. Following contact with the power line, four tires were burned from the right rear axles of the 10-wheel Tri-County truck and a hole was seared in the vehicle's grain bin.

According to David Proctor, of Halifax Electric Membership Corporation, the power surge is believed to have triggered a circuit and resulted in an outage for area customers which lasted about one hour.

The Littleton Fire Department used a pike pole to remove the

Locals Report

Three Blazes

Three calls for assistance have been answered by the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Kenny Clayton said Tuesday:

- On March 28 at 9:50 p.m., a dumpster, located on the Baltimore Road in front of the Warren County Landfill was reported to be ablaze. The cause of the fire is unknown and no damage was done;

- On April 2 at 1:10 a.m., Mrs. Georgia Harris, of 322 Hall Street, believing that her oil heater was on fire, summoned firefighters. Upon their arrival, the firemen found that a damper on the unit had been closed, causing fumes from the heater to build up in the residence, and used exhaust fans to aerate the premises.

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Warren County High School students selected to attend the 1989 session of Governor's School are, left to right, Richard Meador, Mateland Mayes and Craig Sipe. Meador and Sipe will attend Governor's School East in Laurinburg where they will study choral music and natural science, respectively, while Miss Mayes will attend the western school in Winston-Salem and study English. The N.C. Governor's School is the state's oldest residential academic summer school.

(Community Schools Photo by Mary Hunter)

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auger from the line and Brown was transported to Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids by the Warren County Emergency Medical Service. He was admitted there for treatment of burns to his extremities.

Unemployment Rate Is Down

Warren County recorded an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent during February, the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina has reported.

Warren was one of 67 Tar Heel counties with a jobless rate of below five percent. ESC analysts regard five percent as near full-employment.

While the number of jobless in Warren County stood unchanged from 360 in February 1988, the labor force grew by almost 300 during the same period, lowering the unemployment rate from 4.7 percent.

The unemployment rate in neighboring counties for February of this year was 6.1 percent in Vance, 3.6 percent in Franklin, 5.7 percent in Halifax and 4.2 percent in Northampton.

Retail Sales Here Exceed \$5 Million

Retail sales in Warren County amounted to more than \$5 million during the month of January, the latest monthly report of state sales and use tax made by the N.C. Department of Revenue has revealed.

Retail sales during the first month of this year stood at \$5,157,345 in Warren.

Figures for neighboring counties showed Vance with \$26,065,617, Franklin with \$11,854,432, Halifax with \$36,336,138, and Northampton with \$4,768,873.