

National TV News Crew In Macon



Reynolds Price, left, of Durham, formerly of Macon, is shown telling a story about his childhood to friends Tuesday morning in Macon. The NBC Today show news crew filmed Price for a special segment which is scheduled to air Friday morning, June 9. The five-minute segment will be broadcast on the Today show be-

tween 7-9 a.m. and will feature Price's newest book "Clear Pictures," which tells of his childhood memories. Also pictured are Heidi Schulman, second from right, a correspondent reporter for the show, and Raymond Harris, a Macon resident. (Staff Photo by Diane Davis)

Several Miles Of Warren Road Expected To Get Paving Nod

If things go as expected this Friday when the North Carolina Board of Transportation meets, contracts for resurfacing several miles of Warren County roads are expected to get the nod.

According to Bill Jones, N. C. DOT information specialist, contracts to widen and resurface more than 388 miles of primary and secondary highways in 20 counties will be among the \$33.2 million in bids to be considered. Included will be a \$475,928 "cluster bid" from Wilson's W. T. Wooten for paving one section of primary roadway and 13 sections of secondary roads in Warren, Franklin and Vance Counties.

Bid singularly, the proposed work in Warren County has been estimated at about \$300,000 for the resurfacing of seven secondary roads: (1) 8.5 miles of SR 1620, from US 401 to SR 1625; (2) 2.62 miles of SR 1357, from US 158 west of Littleton to NC 903; (3) 0.04 mile of SR 1300, from US 1 to SR 1305; (4) 1.5 miles of SR 1305, from SR 1300 to SR 1306; (5) 2.55 miles of SR 1306, from SR 1305 to SR 1309; (6) 0.11 mile of SR 1534, from NC 4 to the Halifax County line; and (7) 0.5 mile of SR 1377, from SR 1362 to the end of the pavement.

According to Jones, Wooten's "cluster bid" for combined work in the three counties was lower than those submitted for the work

on a by-county basis. "The board is expected to award the contract," Jones predicted Tuesday.

The N.C. Board of Transportation will meet at 9 a.m. in Room 150 of the Highway Building at the corner of Wilmington and Morgan streets in Raleigh.

In addition to the contract affecting Warren, Franklin and Vance counties, the board will

consider contracts affecting Burke, Forsyth, Guilford, Jackson, McDowell, Orange, Cumberland, Lenoir, Edgecombe, Nash, Halifax, Johnston, Wayne, Wilson, Durham, Granville, Person, Bladen, Robeson, Harnett, Lee, Davidson and Rowan counties. Also included will be a contract to build four miles of I-40 to bypass Winston-Salem.

Intense Search Of Countryside Fails To Turn Up Trace Of Man

An intense search of the countryside north of Warrenton has still not resulted in the location of a Warren County man said to be missing since last month.

Paul Perry "Bozo" Greene, 55, was reported missing on May 3. Prior to that date, he had been seen almost weekly at HealthCo in Soul City. Greene's last visit to the medical facility was on April 26. Persons who entered his Rt. 1, Warrenton home soon after found lights burning—but no sign of Greene.

Last Thursday, 38 law enforcement officers and volunteers searched a wooded area about one-half mile north of US 158 Bypass. The site, located about one-fourth mile east from SR 1314 (Waverly Thompson Road), is behind Greene's home.

After standing about 10 feet from each other and forming a line, the searchers were told to walk about 800 paces. The person at one end of the line had been told to stand fast, as a pivotal point, as the remaining searchers made a 180-degree "wagon-wheel turn." Once the first rotation had been completed, the searchers were told to proceed in the direction of Greene's house and examine the adjoining area.

Warren County Emergency Management Director Gary Robenolt coordinated the search with the Warren County Sheriff's Department, SBI search/crime scene specialist Pat Johnson and staff from the N. C. Forestry Service. They were assisted in the search by Warren County (Continued on page 3B)

Norlina Firm Planning \$10 Million Expansion

60 New Jobs Are Forecast

A Norlina manufacturing plant is planning a major expansion which will create a minimum of 60 new jobs, a plant official acknowledged this weekend.

Glenn Raven Mills, which has operated on the outskirts of Norlina since Sept. 1, 1984, is on the verge of spending \$8-\$10 million dollars and creating at least 60 new jobs, perhaps more, Howard Moss of Greensboro, director of manufacturing of the Glen Raven Texturing Yarn Groups, said this week.

A formal announcement by the company is expected once its application for industrial revenue bonds and a related HUD grant application by the Town of Norlina are completed.

Glen Raven currently occupies a building of approximately 200,000 square feet just off U. S. Highway 1 west of Norlina. It currently has 169 employees, both salaried and wage.

The Norlina plant textures nylon for ladies hose.

Unnamed Industry Eyes School Land

An unnamed industry is considering the purchase of the Warren Academy property just east of Warrenton, an official of the Warren County Economic Development Commission confirmed this week.

Mrs. Cathy Wilson, EDC director, said that the unidentified industry was looking at the purchase of the academy property and is also considering erecting its own facility here. A decision is expected in about two weeks, she said.

The Warren Academy property consists of a classroom building, gymnasium and 19.9 acres of land. Its listed price is \$250,000. Roy Pat Robertson of CIBCO Realty in Warrenton is the listing agent.

Warren Academy opened its location off N. C. 58 a mile east of Warrenton in 1971. It ceased operation in June of last year.

Honor Graduate

SFC Robert Edmonds returned home Wednesday after a three-month absence from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where he has been in school. Edmonds was chosen as the honor graduate and was recognized during the 11 a.m. services held Tuesday.

\$500,000 HUD Grant Holds Much Promise

The Town of Norlina will be a prime beneficiary of a planned \$10 million expansion by a textile manufacturing firm lying on the western outskirts of town.

Town commissioners said last week that they are hopeful of receiving a \$500,000 urban development block grant expected to be made by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Norlina is making application for that grant as part of a financing package being put together by the Warren County Economic Development Commission (EDC), which will enable Glen Raven Mills to carry out a major expansion.

At the first of two public hearings scheduled to be held prior to actual submission of the grant application, Norlina board members learned that the funds could be used for capital outlay projects in the town, and would be repaid by the expanding company at no cost to local taxpayers.

"We stand in an excellent position to get this money," Mayor W. K. (Bill) Delbridge told commissioners and three persons attending the public hearing held last Wednesday afternoon.

EDC Director Cathy Wilson told board members that an unidentified company had plans for a \$10 million expansion and the creation of 60 new jobs. She and Mayor Delbridge would only say that the plant was within the Norlina service area.

During the weekend, an official of Glen Raven Mills acknowledged that his company was the one seeking industrial revenue bonds in the \$10 million range and that the Norlina grant application was tied to these plans.

Mrs. Wilson explained that should the grant be approved for Norlina as a distressed community, the industrial plant served by the town would be authorized to invest as much as \$20 million in industrial bonds during a six-year period. Without approval of the grant, the company could only expend half that amount, she indicated.

Depending on the rate of interest when the industrial revenue bonds are sold, the amount of money expected by the town of Norlina under the grant could increase to as much as \$700,000 to \$800,000, Mayor Delbridge said.

He said funding under this particular grant would not be available until mid-July, and that Congress had appropriated no funds for the HUD program after the 1989-90 fiscal year.

At the conclusion of the brief public hearing, Commissioner Dwight Pearce expressed the board's appreciation to Mrs. Wilson for developing the unexpected funding source. Mayor Delbridge had earlier said Mrs. Wilson brought the possibility of a HUD grant to his attention approximately 10 days earlier.

Bond Of \$100,000 Set In Drug Case

A Raleigh man—arrested last Friday after being "busted" with a large quantity of cocaine in his possession—has spent his Memorial Day holiday in the Warren County Jail, after being confined there under a \$100,000 bond.

Stanley Wellman, 33, was arrested on May 26 after being stopped on Warrenton's South Main Street by area law enforcement officers.

According to Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton, Warren County officers had been "working the case" with the Henderson Vice Unit.

The Warren County Sheriff's Department had been asked by the Vance County officers to be on the lookout for a 1989 Thunderbird.

The vehicle and Wellman were sighted on South Main Street by Deputy W. T. Winston. With the assistance of other officers, an emergency search of the Thunderbird was conducted. A large, but unspecified quantity of cocaine was confiscated.

According to Bolton, the drug had been concealed behind the upholstery of the vehicle's passenger door.

Bolton said the cocaine, which was in capsule form, had an estimated street value of \$5,000.

The suspect has been charged with two counts of cocaine trafficking and confined in the Warren County Jail under a \$100,000 bond. Wellman's court date has been set for June 7.

Assisting Deputy Winston were Henderson Vice Unit Det. Sgt. R. C. Daniel, Warrenton Police

Chief Freddie Robinson, Warren County Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton, Sgt. Harold Seaman and Deputy Sean Brake.

According to a UNC Institute of Government publication, "Punishment Chart for North Carolina Crimes," conviction of one count of trafficking in cocaine results in imprisonment of 17-40 years and fines ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

Word Awaited On Architects

An architectural firm for the design and construction of two of the county's main building projects will hopefully be selected by the end of next month, County Manager Charles Worth said Tuesday.

Earlier this year, two committees were appointed by the board of county commissioners and charged with selecting architects for the planned \$1.2 million courthouse renovation and annex, and \$1.565 million law enforcement center.

According to Worth, ten candidates have been interviewed. Representatives of six firms have been interviewed by the courthouse architectural selection committee and four have been interviewed by the law enforcement architectural committee.

Although the county manager declined to identify the firms, he noted that all 10 were based within the state.

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Superintendent's Salary Put At \$73,000

Educators Finds Selves Back In Auto Business

The Warren County school system is back in the car business, thanks to action taken last week by the Warren County Board of Education.

A part of the employment agreement with Dr. John William Thompson, new superintendent of schools here, is the provision of an automobile.

The county school system got out of the car business in 1985, when the Warren County Board of Education voted in June to cease using its fleet of vehicles.

Prior to that action, cars had been provided for the superintendent, two assistant superintendents, several program directors, one high school principal and two middle school principals.

The county-owned fleet was left parked at the office of the

superintendent. Those Warren County Schools administrators to whom cars had been assigned drove their personal vehicles to their places of employment. Gasoline and maintenance for the vehicles were provided at the county school bus garage.

The board of education voted to cease using the fleet of cars beginning in July of 1985. That action had been caused by the frequent state of disrepair of the vehicles.

Dr. Thompson's car will be provided as a part of his four-year contract awarded by the board of education on Tuesday night of last week.

The new Warren County superintendent of schools will receive a salary of \$73,000.

Dr. Thompson's current salary as assistant superintendent of secondary education in Guilford County is \$58,000. He is expected to begin work in Warren County on July 5.

Before leaving his post in January to assume a Roanoke Rapids superintendency, former Warren County superintendent of schools Michael Williams had received a \$47,868 base salary, as is specified on the state salary schedule.

To that amount was added a local supplement of \$3,850, for a total annual salary of \$51,718.

The state salary scale is determined using factors which include years of experience, attainment of educational credentials and other variables.

Dr. Thompson holds a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has served as assistant superintendent for secondary education in Guilford County since 1986. He was principal of the 1400-student Durham High School from 1981 until 1986. Before serving as assistant principal at Southwest Guilford High School in High Point from 1980 until 1981, he had been assistant principal at Reidsville Senior High School from 1974 until 1980. He had taught mathematics since 1967 at Salisbury's East Rowan High School and Reidsville Junior High School.

The new superintendent plans to spend two days each week in the county before assuming his post here full time on July 5.