



KERR LAKE AT REST—For the most part, the leaves and boats have gone at Kerr Lake, but summer-like cloud formations float overhead, beckoning the shorecomber and hiker to spend some time at a Warren County resort area which never seems out of season.
(Staff Photo by Diane Davis)

New Business To Open At Site In Soul City

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
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A new data processing business is expected to open its doors one week from today (Wednesday), and as many as 25 computer operators will begin their employment and training.

Data Service America will begin operations next week in the HealthCo Pharmacy building in Soul City, Mrs. Jean Hofheimer, the Richmond, Va. resident who is opening the new business, said Tuesday.

Mrs. Hofheimer confirmed that on Monday an agreement to lease had been executed with Rep. James P. Green, a Henderson physician. The current agreement lasts for a period of five years. Data Service America will occupy two bays in the pharmacy building, a total of 1,800 square feet. "We expect to occupy even more in the future," Mrs. Hofheimer said.

Data Service America will open under a contract with an unidentified corporation. Mrs. Hofheimer said the initial contract with the corporation is for eight years. "But these jobs will be around for a long time to come," she added.

Mrs. Hofheimer selected Warren County as the location for her new business after checking the demographics on file in Raleigh. "I came to the conclusion that there was virtually full employment across the state." But optimum employment levels are not always what they may appear to be.

"I looked for a more rural county in which there were a number of women who were underemployed," Mrs. Hofheimer said. "Warren County also offered accessibility to urban corridors which will be necessary with our planned expansion." Northampton County was also considered as a possible site.

Initially, 25 computer operators will be hired. "I can see an additional 25 employees coming in January and we will grow even more in the next couple of years," Mrs. Hofheimer said.

Interviews for those first 25 employees are being conducted today (Wednesday) and on Thursday at the Employment Security Commission in Henderson.

Response to the new employment opportunities on Monday was described as "overwhelming" by Mrs. Cathy Wilson, Warren County Economic Development Commission director.

Mrs. Flora Shotwell, an ESC employment interviewer, said Tuesday that well over 100 persons have expressed interest in the positions. Over 50 applicants have taken the re-

quired typing tests, about two-thirds of the persons who had been scheduled.

Applicants who had completed the typing tests had been instructed to call ESC after noon on Tuesday and on Wednesday to schedule their interviews. By the end of the work day on Tuesday, 38 interviews had been scheduled: 25 for today and 13 for Thursday.

According to an ESC representative, more typing tests will be given on Wednesday afternoon and more interviews will be scheduled.

"We want Mrs. Hofheimer to have the best applicants she can get," Mrs. Shotwell had said earlier.

"So many of the applicants have had introductory computer training at Vance-Granville Community College, and that is very encouraging," Mrs. Hofheimer said.

Mrs. Hofheimer will interview all applicants personally. She will also review all applications and test results. "There may be some ladies who have done poorly now, and may need to be encouraged to try again," she said. "In addition, some of the applicants who, on paper, have done poorly, may still have the skills that are needed."

Renovations for Data Service America's new home are underway by Warrenton Construction Co. "They've been especially good about working at night to ensure that our schedule is met," Mrs. Hofheimer said.

"In fact, everyone has been especially nice and cooperative in this
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Another Deer Crashes Into Warrenton Store

By HOWARD JONES
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For the third time in just over three decades, a deer has crashed through the plate glass window of a Warrenton store and gone on a rampage.

The latest incident took place Sunday morning about 8:15 when a young buck—estimated to weigh 70-75 pounds—shattered the display window of the vacant Leggett building at the corner of Main and East Market streets.

Before the deer was caught in a net and freed, he had run frantically over two floors of the former department store,

leaving a trail of blood caused when his nose was cut as he crashed into the building.

Warrenton Police Chief Freddie Robinson, who saw the deer break into the building, said he was attracted to the deer's presence by the sound of hoofs clacking along the pavement.

Robinson and new police officer Rufus Alston were crossing East Macon Street in front of the Town Hall when they witnessed the entry.

Robinson said he called wildlife officer Conley Mangum and that the officers, along with Macon Robertson and Bobby
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Waste Disposal Problem Growing

Regional Landfill Meeting Is Held

Solid waste disposal will soon become more complicated, thanks to actions taken in the 1989 session of the N.C. General Assembly.

The solid waste law revisions which were ratified in the waning days of the session established a hierarchy of managing solid waste. Reduction of the amount of waste at its source is the preferred practice. The least preferred practice: disposal in landfills.

County Manager Charles Worth said Monday that Warren County's landfill has less than two years remaining usefulness. "We are still looking at alternate sites, but the possible participation in a regional disposal plan makes it wise not to go too far," he said.

A Regional Landfill

The regional disposal plan to which Worth referred is a possible regional landfill for solid wastes from the five Region K counties. The counties of Warren, Franklin, Granville, Person and Vance comprise Region K.

Some months ago, the Region K counties contracted with the engineering firm of Camp, Dresser & McKee to conduct a \$25,000 feasibility study for regional waste management. Warren's contribution to the study was \$5,000 allocated by the county commissioners.

On Nov. 16, representatives from the Region K counties met in Henderson for an update on the study. Warren County was represented by Worth and Gary Robenolt, emergency management coordinator.

According to the engineers' report, a regional landfill for waste from the five counties would be financially feasible.

The engineers projected that the annual cost of creating individual landfills in each county would range from \$28.82 to \$41.10 per ton. That estimate includes site development and operating costs.

By contrast, the engineers estimated that the cost of a new regional landfill would be only \$16.12 per ton.

"But it is up to each county's government to commit to participation," Worth said. The engineers' report and an assessment of Warren's interest in a regional landfill are expected to be agenda items for the board of county commissioners in their December or January meetings.

What The Legislation Does
An Act To Improve The Management Of Solid Waste (SB 111) mandates North Carolina to reduce the amount of garbage it produces. By
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HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE—An Oakville community family lost their home on Friday morning of last week after a fire engulfed the two-story frame structure and its contents. When local fire departments arrived on the scene, left stand-

ing were two of the home's walls. The home was owned by Henry and Pattie Townes. Henry Townes, an employee of the Town of Warrenton, is still living on the site in a makeshift shelter.
(Staff Photo by Diane Davis)

One Is Injured, Oakville Family Left Homeless In Friday Blaze

By DIANE DAVIS
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A house fire on Friday morning of last week caused injury to one and left an Oakville community family without a home.

A two-story frame house on Rt. 1, Macon which belonged to Henry and Pattie Townes was destroyed by fire between 9 and 10 a.m. on Friday of last week after a fire which was said to have started near a gas heater downstairs spread throughout the house.

One of the house's occupants, Lola Johnson, 28, jumped from a window on the first floor after flames nearly prevented her escape. She was later taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson by Warren County Emergency Medical Services for minor burns on her face and arms. She was treated in the hospital's emergency room and released.

The Macon Rural Fire Department was called to the scene after Robbie Ross, a firefighter with the Churchill-Five Forks Volunteer Fire Department, spotted smoke coming from the area. Ross had been deer hunting in nearby woods, and used his fire radio to report the flames.

Macon Fire Chief Lynn Henry said that upon arrival, there were only two walls partially standing.

"Because of the lack of a phone, they weren't able to make the call" in time to prevent the fire from spreading throughout the house, Henry said. He said he knew it would probably be too late for firemen to

save the structure, as he could see smoke from the Macon fire department, which is three and a half miles away.

Inside the house when the fire ignited were Ms. Johnson, Anjuan Townes, 9, Terrence Johnson, 3, Margaret Townes and Nancy Townes, who were visiting for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Firemen from the Macon department, as well as from the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, were on the scene about 45 minutes to an hour, Henry said.

Henry could not give an estimate on the damage done to the contents of the home.

Mrs. Pattie Townes, an employee of The Warren Restaurant in Warrenton who has been staying with her daughter, Christine Steverson, in Afton since the fire, said Tuesday afternoon that she is grateful for all that everyone has done to help her family get back on their feet again.

Donations of money have come from area churches, including a \$50 donation from the Greater Ashley Chapel in Vaughan and a \$100 donation from New Bethel Baptist Church in Macon.

She also said a \$100 donation came in from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greene, as well as a number of donations of food and clothing from friends.

Those wishing to contribute food, clothing or money to help the Townes family can call Mrs. Townes at The Warren Restaurant, 257-1306.



EQUIPMENT MOVES INTO PLANT—Workers move button-making equipment into the former Warren Academy school building on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The plant is now known as Saber International, and operations at the local facility are expected to begin

in January. The company expects to employ more than 40 persons from the surrounding areas and estimates an income of \$3.2 million after 18 months producing buttons and related accessories of the apparel industry.
(Staff Photo by Diane Davis)

Lawmen Charge Vance Resident

A Vance County resident has been arrested as the Warren County Sheriff's Department continues its three-month investigation of area break-ins.

Alexander James Hart, 27, of Henderson, was arrested on Sunday by Chief Deputy B. D. Bolton and will have a 96-hour hearing today (Wednesday) in Warren County District Court.

Hart will face charges of breaking and/or entering and larceny in the Oct. 30 crime at the Drewry residence of Clifton Randall Curtis, Chief Deputy Bolton said goods valued at about \$2,300 were reported stolen from the Curtis home. Among the missing items were a leaf blower, one color television, two VCR's, assorted
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