



DOUBLEWINNER—The North Main Street home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hawks received an unusual honor in the Warrenton Lions Club Christmas Decorations Contest when it received first place in both categories of competition. The Hawks home took top honors for both exterior decoration and interior decoration as seen from the outside. Winning second place in the interior competition was the Rodwell

Street home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gaskill. Taking second place in exterior competition was the Eaton Avenue home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davis. Contest chairman V. R. (Pete) Vaughan said the winners would receive their cash awards during a Lions meeting next month.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

20 Percent Cost Overrun Seen At Health Facility

Board Members Are Disturbed

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Income for the Warren County Medical Facility renovation project has increased because of low bids which exceeded the original proposal of \$846,636 by nearly 20%.

During a special meeting on Wednesday night of last week, commissioners accepted construction bids for the project. The contracts total \$944,046, which is more than 10%, or \$97,000 over the budget's construction line item.

Construction contracts approved were a general construction contract with Light's General Construction, Inc. of Oxford in the amount of \$540,590; a mechanical construction contract with D. L. Johnson Mechanical, Inc. of Wilson in the amount of \$196,088; a plumbing construction contract with Pemberton, Inc. of Rocky Mount in the amount of \$53,058; and an electrical construction contract with Watson Electrical Construction, Inc. of Rocky Mount in the amount of \$154,310.

The total project budget has been set at \$1,079,500, which includes the costs of construction, architectural fees in the amount of \$73,000 and \$20,000 for other expenses, such as moving fees.

However, several reductions were noted in the revised budget, including decreases in equipment and furniture costs, moving expenses and legal fees.

To meet the new budget, the board agreed to delete \$40,000 in contingency funds and \$25,000 in interest payments from the previous budget amount. The contingency money will be used later in the project as needed.

Income for the project has increased through additional funding by the state and county. A loan from FmHA represents \$500,000 of the total amount, while the county will receive a \$300,000 grant from the N.C. Office of Health Resources Development.

In addition, the county requested that interest on the \$300,000 grant from the Health Resources Development office be retained by the county. The interest amount is estimated to be \$20,700, bringing the total grant amount up to \$320,700.

The county allocated an additional \$55,000 for the project, bringing the county's total contribution to nearly \$260,000. These funds will come from the money earned by selling used hospital equipment (\$15,000) and using interest from the county's earlier \$200,000 project contribution. Remaining funds will come from the county's undesignated fund balance.

In related matters, Commissioner Eva Clayton expressed her disapproval of a change order in the asbestos removal contract with ACMC, Inc. for the Warren Medical Facility. An additional 550 linear feet of asbestos pipe insulation and mechanical steam piping was discovered following a physical examination of the facility. The pipes were said not to be shown on the original building mechanical drawings, and because of this were not included in the original scope of work.

The additional pipe footage will increase the asbestos removal contract by \$8,250, bringing the total sum to \$42,454. A 16-day extension was granted for the removal, along with the new contract price.

"Someone missed something," Mrs. Clayton said. "But how can you miss 550 linear feet of pipe? That's longer than this building," she said, referring to the county courthouse.

Following the approval of additional funds for the asbestos removal, the county board unanimously approved a proposal from Construction Control Service Corporation to provide construction manager services to oversee the Warren Medical Facility renovation project. The vice president of the Durham firm is Lewis H. Myers, a former Soul City employee and former official with the N.C. Department of Commerce. The services offered by the firm include con-

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The Year In Review

- Jan. 4..... Warren Superintendent Accepts Post In Halifax
- Jan. 11..... Date Decided For Bond Issue Vote In Norlina
- Jan. 18..... Man Is Stabbed In Incident At Area Night Club
- Jan. 25..... Furniture Plant Plans \$4.5 Million Project
- Feb. 1..... New School Figure Nears \$9 Million
- Feb. 8..... Board Exploring Greater Service For Lake Citizens
- Feb. 15..... Major Industrial Project Planned At Soul City Site
- Feb. 22..... Board Votes For C-FF Fire District
- March 1..... Major Expenditure Slated By Telephone Company
- March 8..... Board Approves Site Purchase For New School
- March 15..... Vaughan Mail Suspension To Take Effect On Saturday
- March 22..... Warren Employment Shows Gain of 20.8 Percent
- March 29..... Norlina Votes Approve Bond Issue By Large Margin
- April 5..... Architect Selection Committees Named
- April 12..... School Budget Awaits Tuning By Board Today
- April 19..... Planning Board Calls For Waste Ordinance
- April 26..... Injunction Filed Against Lake Property Developers
- May 3..... Norlina Board Moves To Extend Contract
- May 10..... Boards To Confer On Fund Request
- May 17..... SBI Asked To Probe Alleged Impropriety Here
- May 24..... New School Chief Chosen
- May 31..... Norlina Firm Planning \$10 Million Expansion
- June 7..... Manager Proposes 9-Cent Tax Increase
- June 14..... Rafters, Pool Are Shut Down
- June 21..... Over \$13,000 Seized In Sunday Drug Raid
- June 28..... Candidates Eyeing Filing Period Opening
- July 5..... Six-Cent County Tax Hike Is Approved
- July 12..... Zoning Code Change Too Late To Stop Funeral Home
- July 19..... Principals Are Switched By Board of Education
- July 26..... Health Department Gets Rental Space
- Aug. 2..... Half-Million-Dollar Grant Wins HUD's Endorsement
- Aug. 9..... Lawmen Destroy Whiskey Still; Man Is Arrested
- Aug. 16..... Lawmen Investigate Possible Arson Cases
- Aug. 23..... Marijuana Valued At \$1.6 Million Seized
- Aug. 30..... Byrd's Planning Enlargement of Shopping Center
- Sept. 6..... Button Plant Locates Here
- Sept. 13..... Illegal Drugs Confiscated Friday
- Sept. 20..... Lawmen Seize Cash, Drug Paraphernalia
- Sept. 27..... Nightspot Cutting Probed By Lawmen
- Oct. 4..... Two Defendants, Out On Bond, Busted Again For Drugs
- Oct. 11..... New Principal Named WCHS
- Oct. 18..... Dr. Green Elected To Fill House Seat
- Oct. 25..... 83-Year-Old Father Of 11 Is Still Missing
- Nov. 1..... Incumbent, Mayor Square Off In Mayor's Showdown
- Nov. 8..... \$43 Million Approved For Widening U.S. 158
- Nov. 15..... Proposed Warrenton Annexation Linked To More Funds
- Nov. 22..... New Program Hopes To Reduce Dropouts
- Nov. 29..... New Business To Open At Site In Soul City
- Dec. 6..... New Norlina Board Accepts Resignation of Police Chief
- Dec. 13..... Two Men Die In Shootings
- Dec. 20..... School Emptied By Bomb Scare
- Dec. 27..... 20 Percent Cost Overrun Seen

Note: These headlines were taken from the front pages of 1989 issues of The Warren Record.

Two Illegal Entries Are Probed By Police

Santa Claus must have come up short in at least one instance this year, Warrenton police report.

An unknown person, obviously in need of funds, took matters into his own hands during Christmas and broke into a Warrenton coin-operated laundry and took an estimated \$80 in coins.

Billy Hawks, owner of Hawks Laundromat on Ridgeway Street, reported to town police yesterday that he had discovered two commercial washers at his place of business had been broken into, causing some \$100 in damage.

Sgt. George Alston of the Warrenton Police Department said an un-

known type of tool was used to prize open the coinbox on the washers after a door to the business had been forced open.

Police have no leads in their investigation of a break-in and theft at Wood's Cash Grocery on Dec. 23.

Officer Rufus Alston found the rear door open at the business, and recovered an automobile turn signal handle used to slide a restraining bar across the door to gain access.

Owner Brent Dillard, called to the scene, reported that some \$70 in cash and food stamps had been stolen, along with a .38 caliber pistol valued at \$100.

Dwelling Destroyed

A Ridgeway tenant dwelling was gutted by fire Tuesday night as firemen called in the Warren County Sheriff's Department to investigate the cause of the flames.

A one-and-a-half-story frame house on SR 1224 (Ridgeway-Drewry Road) belonging to Rodgers Holtzmann of Ridgeway burned in a 9 p.m. fire Tuesday. The Ridgeway Fire Department responded with a pumper and a tanker and 15 men.

Upon arrival at the scene, the home was said to be engulfed in flames, and assistance from the Drewry and Norlina fire departments was requested.

Drewry responded with two trucks and five men, while Norlina responded with three trucks and 10 men.

None of the assisting pumpers or tankers was used to fight the flames.

The house had been occupied by the Drumgo family at the time of the fire. No cause for the fire has been determined, and the incident is being investigated.

Firemen were on the scene for more than an hour.

Injuries Are Reported

Icy Spots Are Downfall For Warren Residents

Tree limbs were not the only limbs that gave way during December's ice and snow storms which pulled a slippery sheet over Warren County.

Several county residents are nursing broken limbs after having lost their footing on the tricky ice deposited by early-season winter weather.

Mrs. Gracie Clary, mother of Macon Mayor M.C. Clary, fell last Wednesday and broke her wrist. After treatment at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson, Mrs. Clary is recuperating at the Wilson home of her daughter, Mrs. Elton Gupton.

Mrs. Hannah Moseley of Warren Plains slipped on the icy steps of her home and fell, breaking her left shoulder and cracking two ribs. After treatment at Community Memorial Health Center in South Hill, Va., she is recovering at her home.

Edgar Thompson of Inez slipped on ice Dec. 20 at his home, Cherry

Warren Resident

Renamed To Post

A Warren County resident is among eight persons named by Gov. Jim Martin to the Advisory Commission for the N.C. Museum of Natural History. All eight will serve until Aug. 31, 1991.

The governor reappointed Leland Gottschalk of Afton to the commission which sets policy for the museum.

Gottschalk, a former chairman of the Republican Party in Warren County, is a retired farmer and carpenter.

15 Warren Permits

Part Of State List

Fifteen permits for residential construction in Warren County were included in the building activity report for North Carolina in a just-issued report from State Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks.

Brooks reported that two single-family units—valued at \$113,000—were among Warren's authorized construction, while 13 additions and alterations with a value of \$224,475 were listed.

New Unit In Service

For the next 45 days, Warren County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will be utilizing a unit from the Warren County Rescue Squad.

The back-up unit will be used while one of the EMS vehicles is being repaired at Robinson's Body Works in Windsor, Va.

The unit will be manned by EMS personnel.

Chimney Draws

Blame In Fire That Guts Home

Firemen believe that an uncovered chimney opening was the cause of a fire which destroyed a Manson house.

A Saturday morning fire in the home of Leroy Wyche on Route 1, Manson was responded to by firemen from the Soul City, Ridgeway and Drewry fire departments. The two-story frame home was located on U.S. 1 less than a mile from the Vance County line.

Soul City Chief Herman Jordan reported that the fire was reported at 10:22 a.m. Twelve men from the local department, as well as a pumper and tanker, responded to the call. The Ridgeway and Drewry departments each responded with 10 men and a pumper and tanker.

Upon arrival, Jordan said the upstairs portion of the home was engulfed in flames. Firemen stayed on the scene nearly five hours as they let the fire burn through the home. Wyche had agreed to let the structure burn.

Jordan estimated the value of the home prior to the fire between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

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Quick Thinking Helps Save Life Of Infant

The grandson of a Warrenton couple proved the value of first aid training during the Christmas holidays when he was credited with possibly saving the life of a baby in Johnston County.

Ricky Bartholomew of Princeton, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bartholomew of 517 Eaton Ave., Warrenton, received front-page newspaper publicity in his home county last week for his heroics.

According to The Smithfield Herald, Ricky "learned about CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) when he was in the eighth, 10th and 11th grades at Princeton High School. And the procedure was clear in his mind when he needed it most."

Ricky was working at his holiday job at a checkout counter in Roses in Selma when a woman in line called out: "Somebody help me!"

The Herald reported that her baby had stopped breathing. "The little boy had turned blue."

"Ricky placed the child on the counter and began administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation." Two other Roses employees assisted, the newspaper account said.

"Soon, the youngster began breathing and his normal color returned. The Selma Rescue Squad was called, and the child was later examined at Johnston Memorial Hospital," the newspaper reported.

Ricky's father, Fred Bartholomew, former principal of John Graham High school in Warrenton and now principal of Princeton High School, said he was "really proud" of his son's presence of mind.

Ricky, 19, is the youngest of Fred and Deanna Bartholomew's three children. He is a freshman at Lenoir Community College, which he is attending on a baseball scholarship.

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