



Earl Stegall (left), of Norlina, a highway engineer in Henderson for the North Carolina Department of Transportation, [DOT] receives a letter of appreciation signed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. DOT Secretary Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr., (right), presents the letter as Stegall's wife, Nell, looks on. Stegall received the letter Monday, the first day of National Transportation Week, in recognition for his suggestion to improve DOT which he submitted to the State Employee Suggestion System. His suggestion now being implemented by the department, was to replace wooden engineering boxes with metal ones on pickup trucks used by construction personnel. [Photo by Bill Jones]

## Two-Plant Plan Seems Favorite For Henderson

A majority of several hundred people attending a public hearing at Henderson on Tuesday night favor the city's proposal for a two-plant sewage disposal system. The city wants a new plant on Sandy Creek in Warren County and a refurbished plant on Nutbush Creek in Vance County which flows into Kerr Lake.

Mayor George Boyd of Henderson, who called for a show of preferences, had previously blasted state and federal environmental agencies for delaying construction of a wastewater-treatment system the city has needed since 1972.

Mayor Boyd spoke out at the second public hearing called this year by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources (NER) on three alternate solutions to the city's rising sewage worries. He brought most of the 400 persons present to their feet in support of the city's proposal for two waste water treatment plants at a cost of \$13.5 to \$14.2 million.

Jack E. Ravan of Atlanta, EPA regional administrator, said in an interview that EPA and NER officials would announce their decision next month unless there are legal challenges to their decision. Construction contracts could be awarded this summer, he said.

The EPA will fund 75 per cent of the project cost with the state and city governments equally dividing the rest.

About 50 people registered to speak at the hearing, and additional comments in writing will be accepted for the next 15 days.

One speaker, Mrs. Jean Duke, who is executive (Continued on page 5)



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## Three Delegates Named To Attend Legion's Boy's State

Three high school junior boys will represent Warren County at the 1977 session of American Legion Boys State, Adjutant Russell Currin of Limer Post 25 announced this week.

Selected to participate in this annual civics workshop and sponsored by Limer Post 25 are: David Crowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray G. Crowe, Norlina High School; David Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Connell, III, Warren Academy; and Dale Shearin, son of Mrs. Julia F. Rudd, John Graham High School.

The 1977 session will be held at Wake Forest Campus in Winston-Salem.

"At Boys State," Adjutant Currin explained, "the boys from Warren County will have the opportunity to learn more of the functions of government. Also, they will get a better idea of the importance of each good citizen in discharging basic citizenship responsibilities. They will soon discover how the quality of government is related directly to the active interest and participation of each citizen."

On behalf of Post 25, Currin expressed appreciation to the schools for assistance in the sponsorship of the delegates to the 1977 session.

## Fake Social Security Agents Pull Flim-Flam On Local Man

Samuel Davis of Route 2, Warrenton, was victimized and robbed of approximately \$600 during a Thursday morning flim-flam operation.

According to reports at the Warren County Sheriff's Department, Davis said two men approached his residence in the Licksillet community under the pretense of being Social Security men from Raleigh. He allowed them into the house to talk about his Social Security.

Later, inside the house one of the men said he was a doctor and asked Davis to allow him to examine him. Davis then asked the men to leave.

Davis reported that when he turned away from the door, he was jumped from behind and thrown across the chair where the men took his wallet from his pocket. The wallet contained about \$600, Davis said.

Davis said he had recently sold some timber and had the cash on his person. He described the men to the department. One was heavy set wearing jeans and a sweater with a cap with CAT printed on it. The other man was slim, also wearing jeans, sweater and cap.

He said the men were driving a light colored car.



Miranda Rudd, a student at Vaughan Elementary School who suffers from a respiratory condition, presents a Clean Air Award to Gilbert Crofts, manager of Cochrane-Eastern. The Warrenton industry was recognized by the Tar River Lung Association for its efforts to combat air pollution. [Staff Photo]

## Warren Firm Gets Clean Air Award

The efforts of a Warrenton industry to control air pollution have been cited by the Tar River Lung Association for a special recognition.

Cochrane-Eastern, a furniture manufacturer which has spent more than \$100,000 in pollution abatement equipment, was presented a certificate of appreciation Monday. Plant Manager Gilbert Crofts, who accepted the award, said his company had spent \$25,000 for pollution fighting equipment during the past year alone.

The award was made on behalf of the ten-county lung association by Miranda Rudd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rudd of Arcola. She is one of 15 million Americans who suffer from emphysema, chronic bronchitis and asthma, and was selected to make the presentation, the only one of its kind presented this year in Warren County.

In recognizing Cochrane-Eastern, the Tar River Lung Association pointed out that the Warrenton industry has met the air quality control standards for clean air.

"Some 40,000 Americans each year lose their lives to crippling lung disabilities," the association pointed out. "We wish to publicly say 'thank you' to Cochrane-Eastern for purifying the air emitted."

## Second Beginners Day Is Scheduled For Local Pupils

Beginners' Day will be held again next week in Warren County Schools, according to Mrs. Heath L. Beckwith, Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

Mrs. Beckwith said that all students, both in kindergarten and first grade who have not registered, will need to be registered next week as follows: Vaughan Elementary School, Monday, May 23; Mariam Boyd Elementary School, Tuesday, May 24; Northside Elementary School, Wednesday, May 25; South Warren Elementary School, Thursday, May 26.

The hours are from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock. The students do not need to come, just the person registering them. Nurses will be on duty to check on immunizations.

Mrs. Beckwith asks that those registering students be sure to bring a birth certificate and records of shots. No child, she said, who was in kindergarten (Continued on page 5)

## Buyers Beware

By RUTH MINCHER

LITTLETON—Officials of the rescue squad organizations in Halifax and Warren Counties this week say that they have not authorized anyone to solicit money or advertisements in their name.

They warned that any business or industrial firms being contacted by an unidentified woman for such money or ads "should report the incident to the proper authorities and should not make any donations to her."

The contacts are being made by telephone and the caller, who does not give any address to which contributions can be mailed, says she is calling on behalf of the rescue squads concerning a "manual," to be published. The caller says the "contributions should be made in cash, rather than checks" and if the person called agrees, "an envelope for mailing 'will be sent' to that person.

Spokesmen for the Roanoke Valley, Warren County, Hollister and Enfield Rescue Squads said that they have not authorized any such solicitations in their squad's name.

## Crop Said Good

Tobacco is looking good in some sections of Warren County in spite of lack of rain. L. B. Hardage, extension chairman, said yesterday. Some farmers have not yet planted their tobacco, Hardage said, adding that what the county needs is a good rain.

## Gottschalk Is Named District Legion Head

Legionnaire Leland Gottschalk has been elected district commander of the North Carolina's District Five of the American Legion.

District Five encompasses posts located in Roxboro, Creedmoor, Oxford, Franklinton, Henderson, Louisburg and Warrenton with a membership of approximately 7,000 Legionnaires.

Commander Gottschalk will assume his duties July 1. While his functions are many and varied, his primary responsibility will be that of membership. This is the first time in more than 20 years that a district commander has been chosen from Warren County, Adjutant Russell Currin noted this week.

Howell Steed of Afton was the last Warren Legionnaire to hold the district post.



GOTTSCHALK

### Attend Meeting

Mayor W. A. Miles and City Manager Bill Davis of Warrenton are attending a meeting of the National League of Cities conference in Atlanta, Ga., where EDA will explain policy of expending funds created by President's Public Works project.

Mayor Miles and Manager Davis will also meet with the EDA officials in Atlanta to iron out some problems holding up the release of \$7,800 which was retained by EDA from the Warrenton sidewalks grant.

## Battlefield Bravery, Brotherhood Recalled

By DON STITH

Thirty-three years ago this week, brotherhood on the battlefield cost the life of a young Warren County soldier for whom a Warrenton American Legion post was later named.

The bravery of the young soldier who died on a steaming island in the South Pacific almost a third of a century ago was recalled this week by members of Moses S. Davis Post 260 of the American Legion.

Moses Davis, the first Warren County black soldier to die in the South Pacific in World War II, was killed May 17, 1944 in the Solomon Islands as he attempted to rescue his white lieutenant.

Davis, known as "Sonny," was one of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel G. Davis of the Liberia Community who served in the armed forces during the Second World War. His life ended—age 23—at a place called Bougainville.

His brothers, George and Willard, survived the war.

The news of his death reached his family on May 29, 1944 in the form of a telegram addressed to his mother, Mrs. Lula R. Davis. The text of that telegram is as follows: Mrs. Lula R. Davis, Route One, Macon, N. C. — The Secretary of War desires for us to express his deepest regret that your son, Technician Fifth Grade Moses S. Davis, was killed in action 17th May on Bougainville. Letter follows (signed

Dunlop, acting adjt. general).

Technician Fifth Grade Clarence Reese, in a letter to Mrs. Davis shortly after her son's death, explained that Davis crawled under barbed wire to save his lieutenant, who had been wounded and cut off from his platoon during a reconnaissance mission. While attempting to save the lieutenant's life, "Junior," as Reese referred to Davis, lost his own life.

Reese had been assigned to the 93rd Infantry Division with Davis and was at his side when he was killed. For his heroic deed Davis' mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel G. Davis, received his bronze star for gallantry and a purple heart for a wound inflicted in combat.

In another letter addressed to Mrs. Davis, Andrew L. Johnson, brigade chaplain, posthumously commended Moses as "a soldier of exemplary character and ability; his devotion to duty was unquestioned and he was well liked by his fellow soldiers." This was reflected in the letters and sympathy cards that poured into the Davis home from soldiers who had served on the battlefield with Moses.

One such letter was sent to Mrs. Davis from Technician Fifth Grade Walter J. Jefferies, who said that "Junior" was a good soldier and a brave one and that when duty called, Davis would answer without hesitation. "His death has really touched me,"

Jefferies wrote.

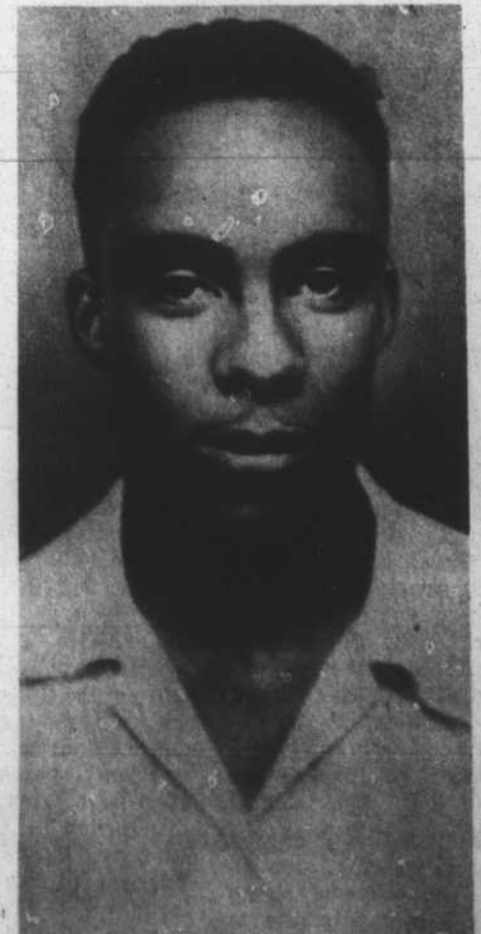
An old schoolmate of Moses, Robert "Rabbit" Brown, who served during World War II in Europe, said that Moses was a smart student at Hawkins High School.

"He didn't play a lot of sports but he was popular around the campus," Brown recalled. Brown didn't learn of his friend's death until he had returned from the European campaign. According to Brown, "everyone loved Moses."

Davis was buried in the United States Armed Forces Cemetery on New Georgia in the Solomon Islands. His body was brought to Warren County after the defeat of Japan and buried in Little Zion Baptist Church Cemetery at Liberia. His mother recalls his funeral as that of a hero with all the attachments, full military rights, flag and honor guard.

The official letter notifying Mrs. Davis that her son would be posthumously awarded the bronze star and purple heart was received on February 5, 1945. It said that Colonel Herbert M. Pool, the commanding officer of Camp Butler had been selected to present the decorations. The presentation was made by Colonel Pool to Mr. and Mrs. Davis later that year.

Mrs. Davis still feels the shock of his death over 30 years later. "My son died fighting for his country," she proudly remembers.



MOSES S. DAVIS