

Driver Snaps Utility Pole

A Warrenton man driving at a high rate of speed struck a power pole in Norlina early Tuesday afternoon, resulting in damage to the pole and the driver's vehicle.

Ivan Oliver, 32, of Rt. 3, Warrenton, was driving his 1986 Mercury on S. R. 1320 (Warren Plains Road) at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the vehicle and ran off the left side of the road, colliding into a power pole at the intersection of S. R. 1320 and Division Street. Due to the impact of the collision, the pole was broken in half.

Oliver was taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson after sustaining injuries to his mouth and back. He is being held for observation there.

Oliver has been charged with driving while impaired and careless and reckless driving. Damages to his vehicle were estimated at \$6,000.

Norlina Police Chief Charles Galantis was the investigating officer.



Shown is the vehicle driven by Ivan Oliver Tuesday afternoon after he ran into a power pole at the intersection of the Warren Plains Road and Division Street in Norlina. Chief Charles Galantis of the Norlina Police Department estimated the damage

to this 1986 Mercury at \$6,000. Oliver was transported to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson for injuries sustained in the accident.

(Photo by Brenda Clarke)

Household Size Decreases Here; 3 Now In Family

In keeping with both national and state trends, the average household in Warren County has declined from 3.05 persons in 1980 to an estimated 3.0 persons in 1986, statistics collected by the U.S. Bureau of the Census have shown.

According to a report issued by the Census Bureau, the average household in the United States declined from 2.75 persons in 1980 to 2.67 persons in 1986.

Nationally, this is the smallest household size on record since the agency began compiling household data in 1940.

Trends seen in North Carolina show that the average household has declined from 2.78 persons in 1980 to an estimated 2.70 persons in 1986.

The Census Bureau defines a household as including all persons occupying a housing unit. This housing unit may be a house, an apartment, a group of rooms or even a single room, if that room is occupied as a separate living quarter. Members or occupants of a household are defined as any group of persons sharing living quarters or, in the case of one-person households, any single person occupying separate living quarters.

Reasons for the Decline

Demographic experts attribute the decline in household size to a number of factors. A significant number of those persons born during the baby boom from 1946 to 1964 have elected to have significantly fewer children than their parents.

The trend of fewer births has been apparent both nationally and locally. While the population of Warren County increased from 16,232 in 1980 to an estimated 16,700 in 1986—2.9 percent, the number of persons under 18 years of age in Warren County fell from 4,813 to 4,525 to an estimated 4,525 in 1986—6.0 percent.

The proportion of the population of Warren County aged less than 18 years fell from 29.7 percent in 1980 to an estimated 27.1 percent by 1986.

On the national level, the population of the United States increased from 226,545,805 in 1980 to 241,038,000 by 1986—6.4 percent. However, the number of persons aged less than 18 years in the United States declined from 63,659,400 to 62,753,200, or by 1.4 percent. By contrast, the national proportion of persons under 18 years of age declined from 28.1 percent to 25.8 percent.

Fewer Births, More Households

At the same time that the proportion of children in the population was declining both locally and nationally, the number and proportion of households relative to population increased from 1980 to 1986.

On the national level, the number of households increased from 80,389,673 reported in 1980 to 89,670,400 in 1986—11.5 percent.

In Warren County, the number of households increased from 5,257 in 1980 to an estimated 5,600 in 1986—6.5 percent.

More Singles, More Elderly

Several other factors appear to have contributed to this trend. There are an increasing number of one-person households.

Americans are marrying later in life than in previous generations. As a result, there are significantly more single persons living alone than in the past.

Additionally, there are more elderly Americans than at any time in the nation's history. Many elderly persons continue to maintain their households after the death of a spouse.

Finally, the higher incidence of divorce, as well as the higher incidence of unwed parents, has led

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Trooper Brings Felony Charges

What began as a routine investigation of a vehicle traveling slowly, but weaving, on US 1 has ended in felony drug-related charges and traffic citations for an area man, N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper A. M. Bennett said this week.

Dorico Garcia, 24, of Wise, was arrested last Saturday after being stopped by the trooper. Garcia had been traveling south on US 1 in a 1982 Pontiac T-1000 before he had driven into the Campbell's Store lot without first using his turn signal.

According to Trooper Bennett, the suspect appeared nervous, when asked for his operator's license and registration card.

Garcia told the trooper he had just purchased the car. Although the suspect could not produce a registration card or evidence of insurance coverage, Garcia did possess a North Carolina title, but for a car with Virginia plates.

Garcia was taken to the patrol vehicle. While he was sitting inside the patrol vehicle, a small quantity of cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$100, fell to the floor of the vehicle.

The suspect was taken before the magistrate before being housed in the Warren County Jail under a \$5,000 bond. He has been charged with felony possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, having no operator's license, display of a fictitious registration plate and having no financial responsibility. Garcia's 96-hour hearing was scheduled for today (Wednesday) in Warren County district court.

Warrenton Restaurants Will Have New Ownership

The Rafter's Steak and Seafood Restaurant, located on Hwy. 58 east in Warrenton, has been sold this week. Owned and operated for a number of years by Mr. and Mrs. Sol Fleming, the new owners are Phyllis and Lee Peele of Rt. 3, Warrenton.

According to Mrs. Peele, they will begin operation on August 1 and everything will stay the same. The only changes she said would take place are to the menu, where they plan to add Cape Hatteras seafood, and the decoration, which will be changed slightly to add a nautical atmosphere.

She and her husband are former residents of Cape Hatteras, where he was a commer-

cial fisherman. Mrs. Peele also noted that they have had experience owning restaurants in Cape Hatteras.

The Peeles moved into the Inez community two years ago when they decided to raise cattle. They have five children, four sons and a daughter.

"We are very excited about this," said Mrs. Peele in a telephone interview Tuesday morning. "It will take time to get adjusted."

The Peeles will also operate Fleming's Cafe on Main Street in Warrenton. The pool located on the Rafter's lot will continue to be operated by Mr. Fleming until Labor Day.

Estimated \$1.4 Million Savings Seen Locally Because Of Discount Program Participation

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The county's recent decision to take advantage of the Discount Purchase Program made available to borrowers by Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) will result in an estimated savings of \$1.4 million, Warren Coun-

ty Manager Charles Worth said last Wednesday night.

In his report to the Warren County Board of County Commissioners during their regular mid-monthly meeting, Worth explained that although the amount of estimated savings was subject to change, based on fluctuating

interest rates and other factors, the \$1.4 million projected was a fair estimate of principal and interest to be saved over the life of the bonds.

The buy-back option was exercised as the county sought to save on the costs of retiring the bonds that remain outstanding for construction at Warren County High School and for sewer projects. While the actual unpaid principal remaining for the school bond issue totaled \$2,002,000, the FmHA discount would require that only \$1,176,395.22 in principal be repaid. On the outstanding principal balance of \$638,000 for the sewer project bond, only \$340,245.40 in principal is to be repaid under the buy-back option.

The addition of interest, legal fees and other related costs has put a \$1,548,661.55 price tag on the buy-back option.

To participate in the buy-back option, a deposit of \$140,663 from county funds was required. The balance of the amount needed was paid with loan funds secured by the county from First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.

The board also lent its support to applications submitted recently that, if approved, would bring \$140,000 to Warren County. After praising the county manager for his surveillance of unanticipated deadlines and actions taken to ensure submission of the applications, two resolutions were passed:

—that the board endorsed the request for \$120,000 from the N.C. Housing Finance Agency Energy

Conservation and Housing Rehabilitation Incentive Program for energy conservation projects for about 30 low-income Warren County residences; and

—that the board endorsed the request for \$20,000 from the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development Land Records Management Program to continue the county's proposed multi-year \$374,000 mapping project.

The board also approved the Salary Pay Plan, as required by the state, for the county's health department and social service department staffs.

In other business, the board approved two change orders for the Quick City Drainage and Utility Improvements Project contract. At the request of Raleigh-based Wilbur Smith Associates, the original contract amount of \$293,739.00 was increased to \$406,544.70.

Line items to which the increase may be attributed include: unbid rock excavation (\$63,075), unbid stone stabilization (\$6,237.54), unbid undercut excavation (\$2,406.30), drainage improvements (\$7,886) and sewer line materials (\$7,294.80).

Unknown Motorist

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After Auto Theft

An unknown man was chased into Warren County Monday after allegedly stealing a vehicle from Vance County.

On Monday afternoon, Sgt. R. C. Daniels of the Henderson-Vance Vice Unit was checking on information concerning a possible car theft in Vance County. He sighted what he thought was the stolen car and approached the vehicle. As he did, the driver of the car took off.

Sgt. Daniels followed in pursuit of the car for approximately 10-12 miles, with the chase beginning on the Vicksboro Road in Vance County. He followed the car onto the back of a farm off S. R. 1131 in Warren County. The driver of the stolen automobile then stopped the vehicle, got out and ran into nearby woods.

Sgt. Daniels called for assistance from the Vance County Department of Correction for dogs that are used to search for escapees. After searching for an extended period of time, law officials lost track of the unknown man.

The stolen vehicle was recovered. It was reported to be a 1988 Lincoln Continental Town Car.

Advisory Board Posts Are Filled By Board

Positions on a number of county advisory boards were formalized last Wednesday night in action taken by the Warren County Board of County Commissioners.

Bradley Carroll and Colonel John Jenkins were re-appointed to serve three-year terms on the county's Economic Development Commission. Upon receipt of a letter of resignation from board member Floyd McKissick, Cal White will also be appointed for a three-year term.

Curtis Palmer and Tom Traylor were re-appointed to serve three-year terms on the county Parks and Recreation Commission. Mrs. Mary Lou Thompson was also appointed for a three-year term.

Mrs. Johnnie Johnson and Richard Alexander were re-appointed to three-year terms on the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments' Nursing Home Communi-

ty Advisory Council. Mrs. Vivian Paynter was also appointed to a three-year term, pending receipt of notification of her willingness to serve.

Sherman Johnson was re-appointed to a three-year term on the county's ABC board.

Jimmy Roberts and M. O. Dunlevy were appointed to one-year terms on the county's Fire Commission. Everett King was appointed for three years; David Proctor for two years. Commissioner J. T. Fleming was also appointed to serve until the end of December of this year.

Mrs. Eva Clayton was appointed to the HealthCo Board.

Selby Benton and Mrs. Margaret Woods-Bullock were appointed to three-year terms on the county's Zoning Board of Adjustment.

An appointment to fill a vacancy on the Domiciliary Home Community Advisory Council was tabled until a future meeting.

Deadline For Conservation Signup Moved Back By Federal Officials

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has extended the seventh signup for the 10-year Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) through Aug. 31. The signup began July 18 and was scheduled originally to end Aug. 5.

Vern Nepl, associate administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said that extension will give producers more time to consider the effects of the drought.

Nepl said also that cropland which had been hayed in counties approved for drought relief is eligible during this signup for entry into CRP for the 1988 crop year if the land meets other program requirements.

Acreage designated as Acreage Conservation Reserve

and Conservation Use for the 1988 program year is not eligible for entry into the CRP for 1988, he said.

Nepl said the total CRP contracts from the first six signups have enrolled more than 25.5 million acres. The USDA goal is to bring 40-45 million acres into the program by the end of 1990.

Under this conservation program, producers receive annual payments to keep highly erodible land out of production and planted with a protective cover which can include trees. In addition to the annual rental payments, CRP participants also receive up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing the vegetative cover.

Filter strips, cropland areas 66-99 feet wide with a permanent

cover, next to streams, lakes and estuaries, will be eligible for CRP in the seventh signup even if the cropland does not meet the soil erosion criteria, Nepl said. This provision was introduced in the sixth signup last February to permit farmers to use CRP enrollment as a cost-effective option to control nonpoint source pollution emptying into water resources.

Also, only have one-third of the area to be planted to trees has to be predominantly highly erodible to be eligible for CRP. Nepl encourages producers seeding grass to plant additional cover to protect wildlife and serve as windbreaks.

Producers interested in enrolling their cropland in CRP should contact their local ASCS county office.