

OBITUARIES

MARIE R. WARRINGTON
KENANSVILLE - Mrs. Marie Register Warrington, 53, a former member of the American Cancer Society, Girl Scout area leader, president of Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary, Sunday School teacher for United Methodist Church, a member of the administrative board of the United Methodist Church, former president of United Methodist Women, secretary for Duplin Country Club, former president of Duplin Country Club Ladies Golf League and former member of the Raleigh Chapter Eastern Star, died Wednesday. Funeral, Community Funeral Home. Graveside service, Cedar Grove Cemetery, New Bern.

Surviving: husband, Larry David Warrington; son, Larry David Warrington Jr. of the home; daughters, Miss Holly Warrington of the home, Miss Alice Warrington of Fort McClellan, Ala.; mother, Ms. Mary Gaye Finn of the home.
 In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society were suggested.

ALBERT B. CRAFT
BEULAVILLE - Albert Beasley Craft, 61, died Thursday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home. Burial, Whaley Cemetery.

JUDY W. VANN
MAGNOLIA - Mrs. Judy Edna W. Vann, 57, died Tuesday. Funeral, First Baptist Church. Burial, Little Mission Cemetery.

GENEVA W. MERRITT
WALLACE - Mrs. Geneva Whitman Merritt, 48, died Thursday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home. Burial, Riverview Memorial Park.

EARNEST A. STRICKLAND
BEULAVILLE - Earnest Alton Strickland, 74, died Saturday. Funeral, Community Funeral Home. Burial, East Duplin Memorial Gardens.

ROOSEVELT WILSON
ROSE HILL - Roosevelt Wilson, 82, died Wednesday. Funeral, Friendship Baptist Church. Burial, church cemetery.

JIM P. MILLER
BEULAVILLE - Jim Parrott Miller,

84, of Colonial Heights, Va., died Tuesday. Graveside service, East Duplin Memorial Gardens.

JOHN K. DAWSON
KINSTON - John K. Dawson, 67, died Tuesday. Graveside service, Baker family cemetery.

MARTHA S. POWELL
WALLACE - Mrs. Martha Sheffield Powell, 103, died Wednesday. Funeral, Wallace Presbyterian Church. Burial, Rockfish Cemetery.

ALBERT B. CRAFT
BEULAVILLE - Albert Beasley Craft, 61, died Thursday. Arrangements by Edgerton Funeral Home.

LEROY L. SMITH
FAISON - LeRoy Louis Smith, retired principal of Hargrove High School, died Monday. Arrangements by Rhodes Funeral Home, Warsaw.

ROBERT L. RHUE JR.
PINK HILL - Robert Leonard Rhue Jr., 60, of Route 1, Pink Hill, died Sunday. Funeral, Howard & Carter

Funeral Home. Burial, Westview Cemetery.

KATIE R.O. WEEKS
MOUNT OLIVE - Mrs. Katie Rose Odom Weeks, 87, died Wednesday. Funeral, Tyndall Funeral Home. Burial, Faison Cemetery, Faison.

FRANK T. CLIFTON
MOUNT OLIVE - Frank Thomas Clifton, 72, died Thursday. Memorial service, First United Methodist Church. Burial, Wayne Memorial Park.

THOMAS H. MCGOWAN
WALLACE - Thomas Hall McGowan, 71, died Sunday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home. Burial, Rockfish Cemetery.

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Board Studies Tornado Damage

Tornado damage in Duplin County recently amounted to an estimated \$2.5 million to \$3 million, emergency services coordinator Hiram Brinson told the county commissioners last week.

He said damage to the Scott Jones warehouse and Red Hill Fixtures Co. at Calypso was estimated at \$500,000.

Federal and state emergency services workers met in the Faison fire station to review the county's situation and hear people's needs.

Brinson said the social services department had six of its people in training sessions Sunday and Monday of last week to enable them to handle applications for assistance.

The former Kenansville Elementary School and the New Duplin Tobacco Warehouse at Wallace were being used to store donated food and supplies, Brinson added.

"People have really rallied to

help," Brinson said.

He asked that people who want to make donations send them to the Duplin County Disaster Fund, Box 125, Kenansville, NC 28349.

The county landfill will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. seven days a week as long as anyone wants to haul storm debris to it, he said.

In other business, the commissioners heard county departments' 1984-85 budget requests totaling \$11,654,180.

The board received the "wish list" from County Manager Ralph Cottle. If all the requests were granted, it would require a county property tax rate of 96.25 cents, an increase of 21.25 cents per \$100 assessed valuation from the current 75-cent level.

Last year the board approved a 1983-84 budget of \$8,717,208. If the board had approved the requested "wish list" of more than \$12 million, a tax rate of \$1.32 per \$100 valuation would have been required, Cottle said.

The 1984-85 request would require \$6,096,330 from county property tax, if approved. Each cent of property tax levy brings in \$63,337.20.

Tax supervisor Frank Moore said the county's tax revenue will be higher this year than last, but no figures will be available until May.

The requested budget did not include across-the-board salary increases as an employee classification study is being made by the Institute of Government. This will be completed in May.

Also last week, the board refused to forgive Carolina Telephone Co. a \$1,632 late tax payment penalty. The board directed county attorney Russell Lanier to get a ruling from the state attorney general.

The problem stems from refusal of the state to recognize postmark dates from company postage meter machines, because the dates can be changed by company employees. Many companies, including the telephone company, use the machines.

The phone company property tax returns carried a mailing date of Jan. 5; the last day before the penalty went into effect. The county received the return Jan. 9.

The law, which went into effect in 1977, had been widely ignored, according to Jack Derrick, lawyer for the telephone company. He said the company's problem is that its returns to 50 counties and 200 towns are involved.

Lanier said six other firms in the county were penalized for the same reason. He said the Institute of

Government told him the county couldn't forgive the penalty.

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Tornado Victims Warned Of Fraud Attempts

Federal and state officials warned consumers in counties affected by the recent tornadoes to beware of attempts at fraud by "flim-flam" artists.

Citizens who have questions about people offering these or other services should: check with the local Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau or, in the case of contractors, the local Homebuilders Association; ask to see proper identification or licenses; and contract the Consumer Protection Division of the N.C. Attorney General's office at 733-7741 if there are complaints or questions.

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