

## Call For Help Is Answered

By HELEN HOWARD

Many residents of Warren County have dreamed of a luxurious vacation in the Caribbean Islands. Some have fulfilled those dreams, others not. But Jim Elam is going to the Caribbean—not on a luxurious vacation—but to work.

Elam will represent the Warrenton Baptist Church on the Island of Barbados for a 15-day expedition to build a church there.

The Rev. William Crouch, pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church said the whole experience began with Missionary Moments, a certain time set aside each Sunday to recognize a missionary and remember him with prayer. The following day, the Rev. Mr. Crouch writes to the missionary remembered.

One such missionary told Jim Marchburn of Forest City of the Warrenton Baptist

Church's interest in missionaries. And Jim Marchburn phoned the pastor for help in a project to build a church.

James G. Elam, who works at the Farmers Home Administration and is a member of the church, volunteered to go to build a missionary church on the island. He volunteered 15 days of his time at his own expense. The trip is figured to cost over \$700.

Within three days following Elam's decision, church members had contributed all the funds for his trip, according to the Rev. Mr. Crouch.

Elam will leave Tuesday morning, March 22. On Sunday night the church will hold a Commissioning Service in his honor at 7:30 p. m.

Elam is off to the Caribbean with plans to work, but it might turn out to be the vacation of his dreams.

# Board Agrees On Site For Consolidated High School

## Development Of Big Tract Is Suggested

J. B. Martin, heating and plumbing contractor, appeared before the Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting Monday night with Highway Engineer Earl Stegall of Norlina to discuss development of a large tract of land between Highway 401 and the Warrenton-Warren Plains Road. Martin said he brought along Stegall to help him interpret some of the markings on an aerial map of the property.

Martin said that he was working on a topographical map of three tracts of land, embracing some 365 acres of land, and lying from the Mustian tract on Highway 401 to the old Box Mill on the Warrenton-Warren Plains road. He said that he would be able to present this map to the Board of Education within the next two weeks. He said that property owners of the tract were Kenneth Mustian with 225 acres, Richard Davis with 30 acres and W.A. Connell with 100 acres. He said that all had expressed a willingness to sell this land for county development.

Martin said that the proposed map would show roads and possibly extension of roads and water and sewer line. At the time that Martin appeared before the board, the Board of Education was interested in part of the Mustian land as a possible site for a consolidated high school. Later during the meeting the board decided to purchase another site.

Tuesday morning Martin said that the Board of Education's action would have no effect on his plans to furnish a topographical map of the property and its development. He said that Stegall was helping him in his spare time in doing preliminary surveys. Later he would employ an engineering firm to prepare the maps.

The Rev. John Bowman, new Methodist minister for Shady Grove in Inez and Bethlehem at Areola, appeared before the board to allow his son, John Wallace Bowman, to continue attending school at Vaiden-Whitley in Wake County for the remainder of this year. In order for the student to participate in athletics, Supt. Peeler said he must secure a release from the Warren County Board of Education. The board voted to grant John Wallace a release.

Frank Ballance and Jules Banzet were invited to appear before the board to discuss their interest in being appointed board attorney. Ballance appeared before the board at 8 p.m. to express his willingness to reduce his retainers fee of \$250 substantially, and to discuss his duties under the retainer's fee and charges for other work.

Banzet appeared at 8:30 p.m. and made his proposal which was in line with the proposal made by Ballance and he also discussed his duties as covered in a retainer's fee.

Ballance said that his participation in a federal suit over a civil rights matter, had been decided by the court, and was dormant, and should have no effect on his serving as board attorney. Banzet said that the fact that he is president of Warren Academy should be no bar to his employment or interfere with his duties to the Board of Education. A member said that both men had made a good presentation and it was

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James G. Elam, Warren County supervisor for FmHA, presents a certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers Holtzmann of Ridgeway following their selection as the Farmers Home Administration Farm Family of the Year. District Director Richard T. Duke (left) looks on.

## Residents Of Ridgeway Honored

# Rodgers Holtzmann Family Named As Top Farm Family

By JAMES G. ELAM  
County FmHA Supervisor  
The Rodgers H. Holtzmann family of the Ridgeway community has been selected as Warren County Farmers Home Administration Farm Family of the Year. This selection is made

## Police Alerted To Speed, Litter

The Warrenton Police Department has begun a campaign to reduce speed and control litter in the town. Police Chief Freddie Robinson said on Tuesday that the speed limits "will be strictly enforced."

He noted that the crackdown had become a necessity. Citing excessive speed along Main Street and the "back streets" and the "incredible amount of trash" along the streets and on the Courthouse Square, Robinson reported that the police force had to set up the campaign.

Drivers are cautioned that the speed limits throughout the town are 35 mph unless otherwise posted. Robinson noted that the speed limit from Marshall Street on South Main to Church Street on North Main is 20 mph. He also said that along Bragg Street and other streets parallel to Main Street the speed limit is 20 mph.

"Radar will be used at all times," the chief said.

Robinson said that the law regarding litter provides a \$50 fine and court costs if found guilty. He described "litter" as bottles, cans, paper and trash.

## Extension Agents Honored By State

Two Warren County extension workers have been honored for their long service by the North Carolina State Extension Service.

County Extension Chairman Laverne B. Hardage was cited for his 30 years of service and Agricultural Agent Leonard C. Cooper for his 25 years.

The awards were made in a special ceremony March 14 at the McKimmon Center at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Hardage began his extension career as an assistant county agent in Warren County in 1945. Cooper first worked as an assistant county agent in Wayne County in 1954 and came to Warren County in 1958.

## Property Off Bypass Is Selected

Members of the Board of Education voted unanimously Monday night to purchase some 65 acres of land on the Norlina by-pass as the site of a proposed consolidated high school.

The land is owned by Mrs. Hal Connell and Allen (Clitty) Hawks, with the larger part of the tract being owned by Mrs. Connell. Price of each parcel was \$1500 an acre.

Leigh Traylor, who conducted negotiations for the property, said that the actual amount of land could not be determined without a survey of the property, that it was between 60 and 70 acres and that he would say it is approximately 65 acres until a survey is made. Based on the 65-acre estimate the total cost of the site would be \$97,500. The county commissioners will be asked to provide some \$30,000 for the purchase of the site. The difference will be paid by the board of education from funds on hand.

The Board of Education has a million dollars on hand from the state bond issue of several years ago. None of this money may be used for site purchase but will be used for construction. If the county is unable to obtain a government grant for a consolidated school, the county commissioners will be asked to call for a bond issue for the additional funds needed.

Some two years ago a site committee appointed by the board of education recommended a site on the north side of the Norlina by-pass which was approved by the board. The state found this property too narrow and would not give its approval. The committee then recommended a site on the south side of the by-pass as its first choice and the Mustian site on Highway 401 as its second choice.

At its January meeting, the board said that either site would be suitable and it would favor the site with the lowest per-acre cost.

At the February meeting of the board, Traylor told the members that he had seen M. D. Abbott, Mrs. Kearney Watkins, Mrs. Hal Connell, Bud Endecott and Allen (Clitty) Hawks, and that they had agreed to sell part of their property for a school site, but no price was specified. Traylor was asked to contact these property owners and obtain a price for their land and report his findings at the March meeting of the board. Dr. L. B. Henderson, Jr., was asked to contact Kenneth Mustian and to also make his report at the March meeting.

Dr. Henderson told the board that Mustian had said that he would sell property off Highway 401 for \$2000 an acre. Traylor reported that Mrs. Kearney Watkins, Mrs. Hal Connell, and Allen Hawks each had agreed on a price of \$1500; that Bud Endecott, due to improvements he had made on his property, asked \$5000 per acre for his property. Abbott's price was not reported. Traylor said that he had been able to obtain more land than he had anticipated from Hawks and that he felt that the some 65 acres obtained from these two landowners would be sufficient and he would recommend that it be purchased by the board.

Following some discussion the board voted to purchase the Connell-Hawks site. Board members also said that any

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## Headed Warehouse Body

# Dan Currin, Local Tobacconist, Dies

Daniel Gaston Currin, 54, of Route 1, Henderson, President of the Warrenton Tobacco Board of Trade and owner of Currin's Warehouse in Warrenton died at Manteo at 3 a.m. Wednesday.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Thursday from Gillburg United Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Don Allred, assisted by the Rev. J.L. Joyce. Interment will be in the Middleburg Town Cemetery.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Currin, Mr. Currin was a native of Granville County and owner of Currin's

## Officers Elected

### By Fire Company

Members of the Warrenton Fire Department elected officers for the 1977-78 term Monday night, naming Leon Cheek to serve his third term as captain of the local fire company. Walter Barnes was re-elected lieutenant.

Don Stith was elected to serve his second term as secretary. John Harris, Jr., was named chaplain and Robert Coleman was elected marshal. James T. Arrington was elected to his first full term as treasurer. Arrington was named acting treasurer last fall when Chief McCarroll Alston resigned because his duties as chief prevented him from holding a second post.

In other matters discussed at the meeting, Chief Alston told the company that he had received 100 "Red Balls" from the Warren County Jaycees and that he wanted them distributed to the senior citizens in Warrenton. He also said that if the company needed more, the Jaycees had promised him that they would get them.

The chief told his men that time was running out for them

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# Three Fires Engage Warrenton Volunteers

Three fires were reported during the past week by the Warrenton Rural Fire Department and two by the Macon Rural Fire Department. The three fires which the Warrenton Company answered all occurred on Saturday, March 11.

The Warrenton Rural Company dispatched eight men and two trucks to the home of Earl Limer at 9:50 Saturday to answer a chimney and oil stove fire. No damage resulted.

At 12:30 nine men and two trucks answered a call to a woods fire at the home of Jasper Johnson at Carroll Town, Route 2, Macon. The firemen saved a stable and outbuilding but half an acre of

Warehouse in Oxford. For many years he was engaged in the warehouse business in Warrenton where he was a member of Limer Post No. 25 of the American Legion. He was a member of the Gillburg United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Betty Ellis Currin of the home; one son, Daniel G. Currin, III, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. David Tillotson of Middleburg and Mrs. Charles G. Watkins of Raleigh; and a brother, George Spencer Currin of Charlotte.

The family, which received friends on Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home in Henderson, requested that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to Vance County Chapter of the Heart Association, Box 39, Henderson, N.C.

Active pallbearers will be Oliver D. Ellis, Oliver W. Hershman, V.T. Grissom, Joe Hinton, L.T. Patterson, Jack E. Burroughs, C.B. Finch and Maurice Boyd.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Warrenton Tobacco Board of Trade.

# Former Resident Gives \$2,000 To Restoration

A gift of \$2,000 to help toward restoration of the Jacob Holt House here has come from a former Warrenton resident.

Mrs. Frances Tarwater, who now makes her home in Lynchburg, Va., is the donor, members of the Warrenton Board of Commissioners were told Monday night.

Mrs. Anna Butler, a member of the board, revealed Monday night that Mrs. Tarwater had made the Holt house the major beneficiary in a \$2500 check mailed to the Warren County Historical Society for renovation purposes. Included in the check was \$500 earmarked for the Buck Spring Plantation renovation.

Mrs. Tarwater's husband, the late John Tarwater, was born in the Jacob Holt House, which is located at the corner of Bragg and Franklin streets. The money will be used with town and federal appropriations to restore the homeplace of Holt, former architect and builder who once had his home and workshop there. The house and lot were given to the town by Mrs. Butler.

Red Balls to place on bedroom windows of Warrenton residences are being distributed by the Warrenton Firemen and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Warrenton Firemen.

In case of fire these balls should indicate to the firemen where members of the family sleep and should prevent the waste of precious time in preventing injury to probable victims.

If you fail to get a ball, which is a red decal, please call or notify Fire Chief McCarroll Alston, or the president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Annie Mae Alston—257-3919. Give your name, address and number of decals needed.



WHITLEY

## New CETA Head Named

Jim Whitley, 23, Wednesday accepted a position as CETA Director for Warren County, replacing Glenn Pierce who will move to Elkin.

Whitley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Whitley of Warrenton, is a 1976 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where he majored in Political Science.

Since his graduation he has been employed with a collection agency in Charlotte. He is unmarried and at the present time is living with his parents in Warrenton.

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