



Members of the Warren County Rescue Squad and Sheriff's Department, survey the remains of the light plane that crashed here Friday afternoon.

## Town Budget Is Approved Cuts Restored

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ly as he told the commissioners, "If you have a good young man, keep him and pay him."

On the other hand Dr. Tom Holt appeared to protest the payment of \$16,000 mainly on the ground that \$6,000 in one year was a big jump.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Whitley appeared to protest any increase in the tax rate, with Mrs. Whitley doing most of the talking. She wanted parking meters restored as a money-making project, pointing out that often she made a hurried trip to Warrenton and was unable to find a place to park, which, she said, was a definite contrast to affairs when the town had parking meters. In mentioning the hardships of higher taxes, she said that it was particularly hard on poor widows.

Eddie Clayton appeared to protest that high government salaries were making it impossible to hire help at a reasonable rate. He said that he had nothing against the town manager, rather likes him, but just feels that local government salaries were too high.

Another vocal protestor was Thomas Gaskill, a former town commissioner, who said that while he likes Manager Bill Davis, he felt that a \$6,000 raise was ridiculous. Mrs. Hugh White pointed out that she had worked long and hard without any such salary increase. Gaskill said that Davis knew what the job paid when he accepted it.

Davis said that it was true that he accepted the job for \$10,000, that at the time he was out of work and needed money to support his family and pay for his home. Since that time, he said, inflation and an increased family made it impossible to live on

a salary less than \$16,000, which is in range of salaries paid county managers over the state. He said it was simple if he is to meet his obligations, and he intends to do so, he must have an income of \$16,000. If he couldn't make it with the town, he would have to find other work.

When he read of his duties as town manager, told of the money he had saved the town, and the funds and materials he had brought into the town as town manager, of the trips taken, and hours of work, and the increasing amount of paper work connected with government grants, he said that he had been worth every penny of his salary.

A majority of the commissioners seemed to agree with him.

## Warrenton Market Will Open Aug. 2

The Warrenton Tobacco Market will open for the 1977 auction season on Tuesday, August 2, it was decided in a meeting in Raleigh on Thursday. Opening dates were also set for other belts except the Old Belt of North Carolina and Virginia, which will be decided at a meeting in Raleigh on July 21.

Delay in the Old Belt opening was necessary because the crop will not be matured until later. The Middle Belt is opening about a week later than last year, when sales began on July 27.

## Entertained

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Orvis were entertained at a coffee hour by members of the congregation of Emmanuel Episcopal church following his last worship service Sunday morning.

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board and they favored further reductions in the county budget.

Herbert Avent, executive director of HealthCo at Soul City, told the commissioners that they should have known that the seven men who had appeared before them did not represent the county, and scored them for calling a public hearing at 9:30 in the morning, when many persons could not be present. He also said that in cutting the budget the commissioners were not saving any money, just deferring payment and passing the burden onto their children.

Mrs. Janice Crump, unsuccessful candidate for member of the board of education, losing to Leigh Traylor, in pointing out that our children are our most valuable resources from whom must come the leaders of tomorrow, said that the commissioners could not spend too much money on education.

Jack Stewart, industrial developer for Soul City, told the commissioners that the job of attracting industry to the county was made much more difficult by their failure to support those things which would make life more attractive for the personnel of the industries that might locate in Warren County. Industry location hunters want to know, first, about schools and medical facilities, they want to know about recreational facilities and they want to know about the type of government we have. He said that sometimes he wondered why Warren County appropriated any money at all to an industrial director. The county has only a part-time director, he said, and expenditures are much too small. He contrasted this to the \$200,000 being spent annually by Soul City.

## Chamber Seeks Consolidation

The Warren County Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting at the Rafter's Monday night went on record as endorsing the building of a consolidated high school for Warren County.

It agreed to write letters to members of both the Board of Education and the County Commissioners pointing out the urgency of such construction not only for the benefit of the children but also as a stimulant to public growth. Bill Fleming, president of the chamber, presided over the meeting.

Lewis Myers reported on the feasibility of a Welcome Wagon in the county. He said that details for the project will be ready by the next meeting.

The group also voted to hire Mrs. Janice Willard to contact all new members throughout the county. It was agreed that the Warren County Chamber should write a letter to the county commissioners in support of industrial growth in the county with proper monies appropriated.

It was agreed that the president will appoint a nominating committee to select people to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and officers for the Chamber.

## Cards Of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my friends, neighbors, nurses and doctors, each and everyone for being so kind to me during my long illness. Also, thank you for your prayers and flowers at the recent death of my mother. May God bless all of you.

MRS. J. J. JONES

We would like to thank the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Dorsey Capps, B. D. Bolton and the Norlina Police Chief Romey Williams for the speedy recovery of our stolen tractor.

A. P. HOLTZMAN AND SON

The family of the late Milton S. Brown wishes to thank their many friends for all cards, flowers, visits, money, food, and for expressions of sympathy shown to them during the passing of their loved one. May God ever bless and keep you.

VAN BROWN, Wife SISTER & BROTHER

I wish to thank my many friends for their expression of love and good will while I was a recent patient in Warren General Hospital and since my return home. I would particularly like to thank the doctors, nurses and orderlies for their kindness and help. May God bless you all.

FERNIE MILLER

I wish to express to each of you my appreciation for the many acts of kindness during my illness.

H. E. BOBBITT

I would like to express my thanks for the kindness and help while I was in the hospital. To the doctors, nurses and the whole Warren General staff, may God bless each of you.

MRS. JENNIE M. WILLIAMS



MAKEDA



MOSLEY

## First In Art Series Staged At Soul City

The Soul Cultural Arts and Historical Society presented the first of its special events programs, entitled "Rhythmic Impressions," on Saturday, June 25, at 8 p. m. This cultural explosion featured Betty Cheek Mosley, visual artist; the Rachiim Ausar-Sahu Jazztet and poetry by Makeda. Approximately 130 people poured into the community room at Soul City to enjoy local art in its best form.

Ms. Mosley gave a short lecture on her subject matter and techniques. Betty graduated Cum Laude from UNC-Greensboro with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and continued her education at Howard University receiving her Master's degree in 1971.

From 1972 until 1976 she held exhibitions in many places including University of Maryland; Art Barn, Washington, D. C.; Pan African Cultural Center, Washington, D. C.; Washington Opportunity for Women Center; University of North Carolina-Greensboro; University of California; and Congressional Black Caucus Art Exhibit on Capitol Hill in Washington. She is presently a producer for WVSP-FM radio in Warrenton.

Appearing next was Warrenton's Third Century Artist, Rachiim Ausar-Sahu. Rachiim has been a teacher and assistant principal. He received his undergraduate education in New York at Long Island University and continued with graduate studies at Philadelphia University.

His instrument is the bass fiddle. His accompanists were Hugh Peterson on drums, Rudy Tyson on piano and Reginald Williams on saxophone. In addition to his duties as Third Century Artist, Rachiim has many other ties with professional musicians and appears at the Mardi Gras in Raleigh. He is also teaching Music Appreciation at Vance-Granville Community College.

The formal set was closed out by a dramatic poetry reading by Makeda. Makeda is the pen name for Joycelyn McKissick Myers. She holds a graduate degree from Harvard University and was previously an Instructor of Creative Writing in the Federal City College Lorton Prison Project in Washington, D. C. Currently she teaches Creative Writing and Black Literature in the Vance-

Granville Community College Program at Butler.

Makeda has had poetry published in "Southern Exposure," Vol. III, No. 1, edited by Toni Cade Bambara and Leaa Wise. Currently she is compiling, and editing an anthology of works by the inmates at the Federal Penitentiary at Butler. Since returning home to Soul City Makeda has read at N. C. Central University and was featured in the First Annual N. C. Black Artists Festival this spring.

A reading was also given by Jaren Hailey, guest poet from Washington, D. C.

The program was made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and with the cooperation of the Soul City Foundation.

# Thank You

I would like to express my appreciation to the many persons who indicated their strong support of my proposed nursing home during a public hearing held last week in Henderson.

Jesse B. Martin

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Lion Kenneth Davis [left] receives the Lion of the Year Award from Al Fleming. Lioness Nellie Gardner [right] plays at her last official Lions meeting, after playing for the organization since 1956.

## Davis Named 'Lion Of Year'

Lion Kenneth Davis was presented the Lion of the Year award for outstanding services to Lionism during the past 12 months and Clinton Capps was installed as the new president at the regular meeting held on Friday, June 24, at the Lions Den.

Lion Kenneth was presented the Lion of the Year plaque by Past President Al Fleming. He has been a Lion for more than 20 years, joining the Little Creek Lions Club in Norfolk, Va., in 1956. Upon returning to Warren County in 1975, he joined the Warrenton Lions Club and became secretary in July, 1975, a position he still holds.

Davis has received high honors as an outstanding secretary from local, state, and international levels. He has assisted the blind and offered aid through the Boys Home in Lake Waccamaw, The International Youth Exchange and assisted the citizenry of Warren County in many other areas of Lionism.

Lion Al Fleming epitomized Lion Kenneth as an outstanding Lion, a man of sterling character, and a good friend. All present stood and applauded as Lion Kenneth approached the podium to receive the award.

Governor Howard Stallings, District Governor of

District 31-G, installed the new president and other officers at the meeting. Others installed were Norfleet Cliborne, first vice-president; Owen Robertson, third vice-president; John Coleman, Lion Tamer; Bill Connell, Tail Twister; Kenneth Davis, secretary; Dick Miles, treasurer; and Jimmy Roberts, Past President; with directors, Jack Harris, David Dodd and W. A. Miles.

Lioness Nellie Gardner was presented a silver tray by the Warrenton Lions Club. She has played the piano at the Lions' meetings since 1956 and has announced her retirement from this role.

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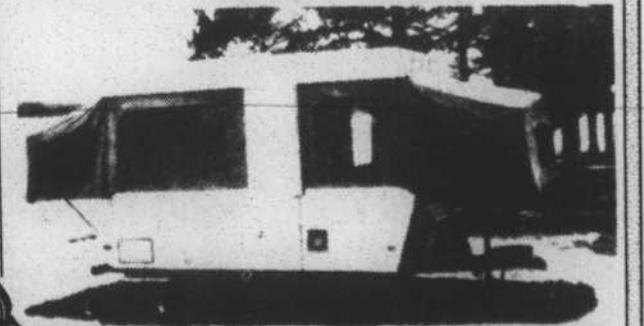
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