

Search For Foster Parents Under Way

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A way to get by on a cut budget while searching for more foster parents, especially specialized foster parents, is the problem facing the specialized foster care program in Warren County at present.

At the Warren County commissioners meeting last month, the Community Based Alternatives (CBA), a division of N. C. Dept. of Human Resources, requested \$2,310 be budgeted for the program. Additional funds from CBA will bring this year's total budget to \$10,361.

Last year, the first year the program had been effected, \$17,430 was budgeted and that sum did not include administrative salaries.

At the onset of the program, initiated early in 1978 as a deterrent to juvenile delinquency, the local social services department used an employee as a coordinator for the program. The job meant finding and training foster parents, working with and placing foster children and correlating the two. As the program expanded, more families and more children made the workload almost impossible.

During April, proclaimed as Action For Foster Children Month by Governor James Hunt, the Warren County foster program took action.

A part-time foster care social worker was hired. Barbara Brantley is now in charge of recruitment, licensing, training and supervision of the homes for these specialized foster children. She also transports foster children and promotes the program through the media, civic groups, etc.

The specialized foster care program is different from the regular foster care

in that it is geared toward the older child who is experiencing problems at home or in other foster care units.

Warren County children, who according to a survey need this service, are between the ages of 10 and 16. At present the children in the program are exactly in this range.

Another function of the specialized foster care program is to help children from outside Warren County. Runaways are found often in Warren County hitchhiking along the Interstate highway or are captured by police while attempting to commit a crime.

Something must be done with these children while parents are being notified of their recovery and a decision is reached on how they will be returned. The specialized foster program takes over.

The budget calls for transportation of clients (bus tickets), \$50. This covers the cost of these runaways and transportation of Warren County children to other counties for foster care as well as transportation to the foster home.

At present, two Warren County children are placed in other counties because of lack of space. Barbara Brantley wants them back in a familiar environment.

While foster care parents receive an incentive pay, the job survives mostly on "self-satisfaction." Of the three children planned to be covered in specialized foster care next year, only a small amount is budgeted for incentive pay.

The children can stay in a home from 12 to 18 months. Most of the children in the four specialized homes at present have been placed almost a year. The program, however, can serve eight separate children

English Funeral Is Held In New Jersey

WILBUR D. ENGLISH
Funeral services for Wilbur D. English, who recently died here under tragic circumstances, were conducted on Tuesday, April 24, at 11 a. m. from the Waples Funeral Home in Camden, New Jersey, by the Rev. Joseph F. James.

Mr. English, who lived alone in a trailer home near Odell's Restaurant on Ridgeway Street, was found dead in his home on Thursday April 19 by members of the Sheriff's Department. Suffering with a heart condition, he had been dead for several days.

He had been a part-time worker at Warren General Hospital and a substitute teacher and was substituting at the Norlina High School at the time of his death. He left school on Friday afternoon when the school closed for the Easter holidays. When he failed to

during the funding period.

For the meager incentive pay, the foster parents provide care 24 hours a day just as if they were children by birthright of the parents.

One foster mother said, "If in years to come the child can reflect on one good thing we did, we have accomplished something."

Understanding and a love for children are required to make the program work no matter how much is budgeted.

Training for the specialized program is essential for parents. The key to the program is the parents' handling and meeting the needs of the children.

Couples are preferred and it is hoped that neither parent is above 65 years of age.

Recruitment of more foster parents is still under way. More children who are identified as status offenders, youth-at-risk, emotionally disturbed, abused or neglected or who are referred by courts, schools or other sources need to be placed.

If one child is spared a life of juvenile homes or prison or if one child is spared death by abuse, the program will work.

The county commissioners asked the CBA to study the budget to reduce the request, if possible. The request will be considered at the May commissioners meeting.

Warren County children needing this service cannot depend on a budget. They depend on the love and understanding that could only come from the heart of the foster homes.

For more information on the foster program, regular or specialized, contact the Department of Social Services in Warrenton.

Directors Visit Local Plant

The board of directors of Cochrane Furniture Company in Lincolnton traveled to Warrenton Thursday (today) and enjoyed a lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs at the local plant, Cochrane Eastern.

Tonight a dinner meeting will be held at the Middleburg Steak House.

Members of the board of directors include T. E. Cochrane, chairman; Jerry Cochrane, Ralph Cochrane, Dick Boggs, Bob Gosnell, Charles Merriman, Basil Turbyfill and Harvey Jonas.

Nuclear energy provides about one-eighth of all electric power generated in this country, reports National Geographic. In Vermont, 80 percent of the electricity produced comes from nuclear power.

return to the school on Thursday morning following the holidays, Principal Hege asked the Sheriff's Department to investigate.

Mr. English was born April 23, 1930, in Camden, N. J. to Iva Davis English and Samuel Davis. He attended the J. C. Whittier Public School and later was a student at Camden High School. He was then inducted into the military service and served on active duty in the Korean conflict. Upon his return, he did his college work in Camden and was employed at Cooper and East Jersey Hospitals for a number of years in a professional capacity.

He was an active member and Sunday School teacher at the First Nazarine Baptist Church in Camden. Upon moving to Warrenton he continued to teach Sunday School.

He is survived by his mother, Iva English; three brothers, Earl, James and Theodore; two sisters, Margaret and Marcy. He is also survived by an aunt, Mrs. Frances Jones of Warrenton.

Interment was in Sunset Memorial Park, Pennsauken, New Jersey.

Pallbearers were Lloyd Miller, Theodore Davis, Jr., Andre Miller, Willie Davis, William Baxter, Weldon Bazemore, Thomas Foster and Kenneth A. Smith.

Memorial Service
At 11 a. m. on April 24, the Hawkins Junior High School conducted a memorial service for Mr. English when Principal J. T. Wilkerson praised the character and ability of Mr. English and Mrs. Theresa O. Brown recited the poem, "Let Me Live By The Side Of The Road."

Mr. Wilkerson said that "the principal, faculty, students and staff at Hawkins Junior High School express their deepest sympathy for the death of Mr. Wilbur English. During the 1978-79 school years, Mr. English did volunteer team teaching and substitute teaching at our school. His depth of interest for the total school program, the enrichment we received through his services and his lovely expressions will cause us to love and remember him for many years to come."

This week, Mrs. Gaul, a nurse at Warren General Hospital, wrote the following lines in memory of Mr. English:

A Tribute To Wilbur English

The death of Wilbur English has left his friends at Warren General Hospital in a state of inconsolable grief.

Wilbur had a zest for living that was contagious. He cared about people and gave unselfishly of himself to all around him. His tremendous love and understanding for young people made him one of the best teachers Warren County has ever known. He was respected and admired by his students because of his unpretentiousness and his ability to make each one of them feel that they were special.

Wilbur was a versatile and multi-talented person. He was an impeccable dresser, a marvelous dancer and a great cook. When you were in his company you couldn't help but smile because he made you feel happy just to see him.

If more people were like Wilbur English this world would be a better place in which to live. We thank God that we were fortunate enough to know him.

PAT GAUL

MARY TURNER WITHERS
Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Turner Withers, 66, of

Deaths And Funerals

Philadelphia, Pa., were conducted at 8 p. m. on Monday, April 23, from the Temple of Divine Love, 1518 W. Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., by the Rev. C. L. Jones, pastor. Interment was at Warrenton.

Mrs. Withers, the third child of the late William T. and Queen Elizabeth Turner died on April 18. She was born on Nov. 29, 1913, in Warren County. She became a member of St. Stephen's Baptist Church, Warrenton.

When she located in West Philadelphia, she joined the Pinn Memorial Baptist Church where she was a loyal and devoted member until she left in 1966 to join in membership with her husband at the Temple of Divine Love Church. She was a member of Christ Circle No. 10, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Credit-Bradford Memorial Charity Club, and the John R. Hawkins Alumni Association.

She is survived by her husband, Fred H. Withers; a daughter, Ella Alston; a son, Joel L. Woodard; four sisters, Mrs. Irene Alston, Mrs. Ada Jones, Mrs. Beulah Dougherty, and Mrs. Arlunah Shakoar; three brothers, Jethro, William T. Jr., and Ernest Turner; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

PATRICIA BARNHILL

ROCKY MOUNT - Funeral services for Mrs. Patricia Davis Barnhill, 46, were conducted at 4 p. m. Friday from Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Pinewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Barnhill died on Wednesday of last week. She was a Montgomery Ward Company sales clerk. She is survived by her widower, R. Kenneth Barnhill; a son, Kenneth Michael Barnhill of the home; a daughter, Miss Donna Barnhill of the home; her mother, Mrs. Estelle Nance Davis of Rocky Mount; a brother Horace Davis of Somerset, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Helen Pope of Warrenton; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Clara Davis of Rocky Mount.

MRS. EMILY WATSON HUDGINS

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily Watson Hudgins, 81, were conducted at 1:30 p. m. Sunday from Greater Lovely Hill Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Macon, by the Rev. M. R. Hedgepeth, pastor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Hudgins died on Wednesday, April 25. The daughter of the late James and Maggie Watson, she was born in Warren County on June 28, 1897.

She joined Greater Lovely Hill Baptist Church at an early age and was a faithful member and worker in the church, Sunday School and missionary circle. She was also active in the Friendly Three Rural Development Club.

Mrs. Hudgins was the widow of the late William S. Hudgins. To this union were born two daughters, one of whom preceded her in death. She worked in New York for 23 years, retired and came home to join her family and church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Nannie H. Spruill of Warrenton; three sisters, Mrs. Willie G. Kearney of Warrenton, Mrs. Ophelia Swinson of Greensboro, and Mrs. Clara B. Hooker of New York; three brothers, Elihue and Romey Watson of New Haven, Conn., and Luther Watson of Louisville; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

MRS. WILLIE BEATRICE JORDAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Willie Beatrice Jordan, 84, were conducted on Thursday of last week at 3 p. m. from Harris-Turner Funeral Home Chapel in Warrenton, by the Rev. W. T. Ramey,

III. Interment was in the Ridgeway Baptist Church cemetery.

Mrs. Jordan, daughter of the late Chester and Kizie Gill, was born April 23, in Warren County. She died on April 22 at Warren General Hospital. She remained a member of Ridgeway Baptist Church until her death.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Susie Braxton of Middleburg; a son, Mark Russell of Ridgeway; four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Levister, Mrs. Marinda Hargrove, Mrs. Queen Russell and Mrs. Carrie Tally, all of Macon; seventeen grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

WILEY V. BROWN

ROANOKE RAPIDS - Funeral services for Wiley V. Brown, 88, were conducted Monday at 3 p. m. from Quankie Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Brown, a retired carpenter, of Rt. 3, Roanoke Rapids died Saturday.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy Griffies Brown; two sons, B. W. and James Donald Brown of Roanoke Rapids; three daughters, Mrs. Maybell Pair of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Carl Cook of Chesapeake, Va., and Mrs. Katherine Harris of Macon; a sister, Mrs. Martha Armstrong of Enfield; 24 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

JOHN EDDIE WOODARD
Funeral services for John Eddie Woodard of Franklin County were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. at Perry's Chapel Baptist Church in Franklin County. The Rev. F. M. Strickland officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Woodard died Thursday at Wake County Medical Center, Raleigh from injuries received in a recent automobile accident. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Woodard of Franklin County.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertie R. Woodard of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Mamie Yarborough of Louisburg, Mrs. Geneva Alston of Jersey City, N. J., Mrs. Bernice Perry of Warrenton, Miss Ruth E. Woodard of the home; one step-daughter, Mrs. Pauline Richardson; two sons, Clifton E. Woodard of Louisburg, Donsil Woodard of the home; his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Woodard of Louisburg; three sisters, Mrs. Mamie Powell and Mrs. Mary Alston of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Lealer Perry of Teaneck, N. J.; one brother, Mr. Jethro Woodard of Boston, Mass., and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Wright, Thomas Jones, Harvey Gallaton, Richard Cheek, Henderson Holliday and Kemp Watson.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucille Richardson; three sons, Horace A. and Herbert Richardson, Jr., of Warrenton and Bobby Jones Richardson of Fort Meade, Md.; three daughters, Nancy Carol Richardson, Sandra E. Richardson and Norma Richardson, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. Annie B. Richardson and seven sisters and three brothers.



HERBERT RICHARDSON

Richardson Rites Held At Hollister

HOLLISTER - Funeral services for Herbert Jones Richardson, 56, of Route 3, Warrenton, were conducted at 2 p. m. from the Mt. Bethel Indian Baptist Church by the Rev. Te-cumseh Brayboy. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Richardson, manpower developer, died on Thursday of last week in Franklin Memorial Hospital in Louisburg. He was extremely active in matters concerned with the advancement of the Haliwa Indian Tribe.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucille Richardson; three sons, Horace A. and Herbert Richardson, Jr., of Warrenton and Bobby Jones Richardson of Fort Meade, Md.; three daughters, Nancy Carol Richardson, Sandra E. Richardson and Norma Richardson, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. Annie B. Richardson and seven sisters and three brothers.

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