



The U. S. Department of the Interior has approved a \$3,000 grant to the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources for rehabilitation of the Oak Chapel AME Church on East Macon Street in Warrenton. The federal grant will be matched by \$3,000 in local funds, Congressman L. H. Fountain announced. The program objective is to rehabilitate church steeple and replace deteriorated metal gutters and downspouts. Built prior to 1882, the church is a gable-end structure with an engaged tower, square in plan, with bracketed cornice at two levels with shingled tower. (Staff Photo)

Proposal To Install Cable Television Not Endorsed

A proposal proposed by Bobby Rogers, Henderson attorney, on May 12, 1980, to install cable TV at Warrenton, has not yet been approved by the commissioners of the Town of Warrenton.

A part of the delay has been that the North Carolina League of Municipalities suggested that the cable ordinance drawn up by Attorney Rogers does not fully protect the town, and that Charles Johnson, town attorney, has stated that before the town signs such an ordinance that the owners of the com-

Confusion Caused

By Identical Names

A Warren County grand jury last week found a true bill against John Thomas Harris, a black male, charging him with possession of controlled substance for purpose of sale. His case was continued with his bond remaining at \$2,000.

Harris's case was one of the four true bills found by the grand jury which gave no intimation of race. The Harris involved is not the white John Thomas Harris, a well known contractor of Warren County. The Warren Record regrets the confusion.

pany shall be known and that they will furnish proper financial statement.

This was discussed fully a few weeks ago and it was agreed that a member of the League of Municipalities should come to Warrenton and discuss with the commissioners the question of issuing a franchise for cable TV. On Monday night of this week DeWitt McCarley, assistant general counsel, North Carolina League of Municipalities, met with the town commissioners, and for an hour and a half discussed the difficulty of bringing cable TV to a small town. It is imperative, McCarley said, to be sure that any company having the wish to install

cable TV in a small town has sufficient funds to build an adequate system. He stressed the need for the town to protect adequately the needs of the town.

Finally it was agreed that McCarley should return to Raleigh and select a suitable ordinance and send it to Warrenton within the next two or three weeks for further discussion.

It was agreed that citizens of Warrenton badly want cable TV, but also agreed that the town should use the utmost care in its selection. If Warrenton, the commissioners said, is too small to support an adequate cable TV system, it would be well to find it out in time.

Phone Company Indicates It Wants Rate Increase

TARBORO — Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company Monday notified the North Carolina Utilities Commission that it will file a request for increased rates and charges within "the next few weeks."

The amount of the increase has not been determined, according to T. P. Williamson, vice

president - administration with Carolina Telephone.

The Tarboro based telephone company informed the Commission that it had tried to avoid a rate request, but found it necessary because of inflation, the increasing cost of capital needed in its business, and increased (Continued on page 11)

Leaf Sales To Begin August 6

The Warrenton Tobacco Market will begin the sale of tobacco next week. George W. Shearin, supervisor of sales for the Warrenton Tobacco Market, said yesterday that the first sale will be held Wednesday, August 6.

Opening sales are expected to begin at 9 a. m. at Centre Warehouse. Sales will follow at High Dollar, Boyd's, Currin's, Farmers and Thompson's warehouses, he said.

This season Warrenton and Louisburg will be sharing buyers, and the Warrenton market is expected to be open approximately two sale days each week. The opening sale is not expected to be full, as farmers are now in the midst of harvesting their 1980 crop, Shearin said.

Wednesday's sale will be the only one of the week on the Warrenton Tobacco Market. Other sales are scheduled here Tuesday, August 12 and Thursday, August 14.

Population Drops Here

Preliminary census figures for the Town of Warrenton, N. C., received by the town Monday, shows that Warrenton has a total of 438 housing units of which 58 are vacant for a vacancy level of 13.3 percent and a population of 907 persons, compared to 1035 in 1970.

It was believed that the 1980 census would show 1200 inhabitants, and some errors in vacant houses have already been found, Mayor Beverly White said yesterday. "It is inconceivable," he said, "that the population of the town has dropped to 907. While it is true that we have many single persons living in the town, we have many more children here now than we had 10 years ago.



HONORED — N. C. Agricultural Extension Service Director T. C. Blalock presented outstanding 4-H volunteer leader awards to a Warren County team in Raleigh recently. Receiving the awards were, left to

right, Mrs. Portia D. Barnes, Mrs. Mary Jefferson, Mrs. C. N. Arrington, Mrs. Joyce Lewis and James Jefferson.

5 Local Persons Honored

RALEIGH — Five Warren County residents were honored in Raleigh July 23 for their volunteer work with the 4-H youth program in North Carolina.

From Warrenton, honored were Mrs. Portia D. Barnes, Mrs. Mary Jefferson, Mrs. C. N. Arrington, Mrs. Joyce Lewis and James Jefferson, leaders of the Best Better 4-H Club.

Mrs. Barnes was honored individually as well, receiving one of 14 individual leader awards presented.

The Warren County team was one of six selected from throughout North Carolina to receive the awards, which were presented at a special luncheon during 4-H Congress on the North Carolina State University campus.

Making the presentations were Director T. C. Blalock and State 4-H Leader Donald Stormer of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service. Also participating were representatives of the two sponsoring organizations, Larry Sykes of Philip

Morris U. S. A. and Charles Harvey of the N. C. Bankers Association.

"Each leader brings something special to 4-H work" the citation honor-

ing the Warren team read. "Their ability to work together as a team has built a strong 4-H club."

The 4-H program is

conducted in North Carolina by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service through county extension agents and local volunteer leaders.

Suspect Is Arrested In Thefts From Post Offices

LOUISBURG — While the U. S. Postal Service inspectors were waiting for a pattern to develop, the Franklin County Sheriff's Department arrested a Nashville man last Thursday for breaking into post office boxes at Louisburg. Franklin County Sheriff William T. Dement said the arrest resulted from a simple "good business practice" when a county merchant copied down a license number from the vehicle of a man who had cashed a check at the store. The arrest was made in conjunction with an investigation by the Sheriff's Department, Louisburg Police, Nash County Sheriff's Department and

postal service inspectors, said Sheriff Dement.

Franklin County Sheriff's Department Detective Wesley Denton said he has been contacted by Jimmie Strickland, a rural store owner when similarities appeared on checks cashed two weeks apart at his store east of Louisburg on N. C. 56. Strickland had copied down the license number of a vehicle operated by a man who had cashed a check several weeks earlier, and became suspicious when a second check was presented last Wednesday. The vehicle and license number was the same as the earlier occurrence.

Acting with Nash Coun-

ty Sheriff's deputies, Detective Denton arrested Jerry Lee Bryant, 32, of Rt. 2, Nashville, N. C. and impounded Bryant's 1974 Ford LTD. Denton reportedly found mail in Bryant's vehicle which had been taken from the Louisburg Postal Station. Bryant's vehicle was confiscated under recent enacted legislation which allows the practice for vehicles used in the transport of stolen goods.

Franklin County authorities issued charges against Bryant for uttering a check stolen from a Rocky Mount Post Office, forgery of a check stolen from the Louisburg Post Office and for three charges of breaking, entering and larceny of postal boxes at the Louisburg station.

Bryant is in Franklin County Jail under a \$20,000 bond.

Evidence in the case has been forwarded to U. S. Postal Inspectors R. H. Locklear and Ed Bye. The postal inspectors reportedly are in possession of eleven stolen checks which were reportedly cashed in Louisburg by local merchants.

According to Detective Denton, the suspect may have cashed a check in the amount of \$676.00 without being required to present valid identification to the merchant. Bryant reportedly told inquiring merchants he had "left his billfold with all his identification" at home.

Both Franklinton and Youngsville postal stations may issue warrants for breakins which allegedly occurred at their locations. Youngsville postal authorities were unaware that a breakin had occurred at their station when advised by the Sheriff's Department.

According to Denton, Bryant allegedly used a (Continued on page 2)



This is the Hardees team which went undefeated in Junior League baseball play here this season. Team members are, first row, left to right, Timmy Vaughan, Roy Crews, Eric Green, Waverly Taylor, Mark Pitchford and Steve Williams. On second row are

Michael Bolton, Ricky Pitchford, Roy Kearney, King Perry and Joel Hurst. On back row are Coach A. T. Robertson, Manager Freddy Rodwell and Coach Morris Aycock. (Staff Photo)