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John Killian presents the Conservation Farm Family of the Year Award to the E. C. Brauer Family of Ridgeway during a luncheon held Monday at The Carriage House here. Receiving the award is E. C. Brauer, while Mrs. Brauer and son-in-law Mike Roope look on. (Staff Photo)

Conservation Award Is Presented E. C. Brauer Family Of Ridgeway

The Ernest C. Brauer Family of Ridgeway has received the Conservation Farm Family of the Year Award. The award was presented by John Killian of the Warren Soil and Water Conservation District during a luncheon meeting at The Carriage House in Warrenton on Monday.

Brauer, his wife Margie, their son-in-law Mike Roope and daughter, Donna, were selected for their "fine work in soil conservation."

The Brauer Family farms tobacco, soybeans, corn and small grain. The conservation practices they have on their cropland includes grass

waterways, field borders, terraces, diversions, contour farming, crop rotation, minimum tillage and a farm pond for irrigation.

In addition to row crops, the Brauers were cited for an excellent cow-calf operation. Ernest and Mike "practice good pasture manage-

ment and rotate their herds to prevent overgrazing," Conservation District officials said.

The family was commended for their hard work to improve their woodland. They practice good woodland management in addition to helping protect the wildlife, it was noted.

Leaves Being Handled Improperly

Gusty winds of fall are rapidly depleting trees of their leaves and Warrenton citizens as a whole are paying little attention to a request of the town commissioners not to place leaves in the street, Commissioner Eddie Clayton, chairman of the Street Committee, told the Warrenton Town Commissioners in an hour-long session of the board Monday night. In spite of this, Clayton said, the town is busy and making good progress in removing the leaves.

The Monday night meeting was largely concerned with committee reports and a brief discussion concerning renewing a lease with Hy Diamond for the Police Building on the corner of Main and West Market Street. In the new three-year lease presented by Diamond for approval of the commissioners was a request for

increasing the rent from \$75 to \$90 a month. Mayor White asked that the contract be reviewed by the Police Committee in regard to other charges and restrictions contained in the old list and retained in the proposed new list.

Commissioner Gordon Halthcock, chairman of the Water Committee, told the commissioners that pipe had arrived and would soon be installed on Warren Street. He also told the commissioners that he understood that an arrangement had been made with the Soul City Sanitary District for it to install a chlorine dispenser at Soul City, and that it is his understanding that the county would take over duties of the Sanitary Committee on Jan. 1, 1981.

Due to the absence of Commissioners A. A. Wood, chairman of the Fire Committee, and Charles M. White, Jr.,

chairman of the Committee on Zoning and Historical Preservation, no reports were heard from these committees.

Commissioner Richard Hunter, chairman of the Finance Committee, told the commissioners that the town seems to be on schedule with tax collections and budget expenditures were in line.

Commissioner A. C. Fair, chairman of the Railroad Committee, said that enough heavy rails had been received to make needed repairs at the crossing at General Box and Lumber Company.

Mayor White told the commissioners that pro-

gress is being made on plans for annexation on both Franklin and Ridgeway Street Extensions by the end of the present fiscal year.

Mayor White also told the commissioners that he had attended the meeting of the N. C. League of Municipalities in Raleigh for parts of two days, where he learned that most towns are having the same problems as Warrenton. He said that commissioners from other towns, governed by three and five men boards, were surprised to find that Warrenton's Town Board is composed of seven members.

During Monday Night Session

Board's 'Racial Policies' Attacked By Petitioners

More than 350 Warren County residents have called on the Warren County Board of Education to take immediate action to end what they see as racial discrimination in the hiring and promotion policies of the board.

A petition bearing the names of the citizens was presented Monday night during the regular meeting of the Board of Education by Frank Ballance, spokesman for the Warren County Political Action Council.

The petition contends that the board "now appears to be moving away from what at one time appeared to be a spirit of cooperation between the races in the operation of the school system."

Spokesmen at Monday night's session - held in the Mariam Boyd Library to accommodate the crowd on hand - said the recent hiring of Ben Terrell, a white, over James T. Wilkerson, a black, as principal of the new consolidated high school was indicative of the racist trend. They contended that Wilkerson, principal of John R. Hawkins Junior High, should have been hired if the board wanted to be consistent with its promise to promote from within the county system.

"The selection of Terrell is totally unacceptable," Mrs. Janice Crump, one of two spokesmen for the Council, said. "We would like a written response within 15 days," she added.

Mrs. Crump, who is chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, said Monday night's appearance by the predominately black delegation was "an expression of outrage."

She said the board "changed the rules in the

middle of the game" when it came to hiring Terrell last month. She cited the selection of Supt. Mike Williams, a white, who was hired from within the system, as an indication that the board looked within the

system when it came to filling new or vacant positions.

She expressed resentment that the board had been unresponsive when asked to name a black man to finish the unexpired term of the late E. A.

Turner, and the failure of the board to name the new consolidated high school for Turner, who was serving as chairman of the Board of Education at the time of his death.

Ballance, the other official spokesman for the Political Action Council, said the conduct of the board "demonstrably violates the spirit and letter of the law as well as the court order in the case of Turner vs. the Warren County Board of Education."

Ballance also spoke of numerous other problems within the school system, "most notable of which is the absence of district lines, resulting in the overcrowding of some schools and the under use of others."

He said the petitioners wanted to serve notice on the board that they would seek "corrective action in the courts and otherwise as they deem appropriate."

During the session, Dr. L. B. Henderson, Jr., the board's only black, said he wanted the record to show that Terrell had not been selected unanimously, but rather on a vote of 3-2.

The board was advised by Attorney Al Thompson that any action to terminate Terrell's employment would constitute breach of contract. Terrell is expected to join the school system in early January.

While taking no action at Monday night's meeting, board members indicated their willingness to talk further with petitioners or their representatives in an effort to resolve the controversy.

In other action Monday night, the Board of Education

Approved a request from Mrs. Betty Harris that her children, Forest Vaughan and Regina Vaughan, both third (Continued on page 8)

Man Critically Hurt

Flying Saw Blade Slashes Victim

By **BIGNALL JONES**

A homemade wood saw disintegrated near Oine on last Saturday afternoon and the flying blade severed the owners jaw, cut his left side and hip bone.

The owner of the rig, Edward Scott Pigg of Norlina, was still alive at Duke Medical Center in Durham and was in intensive care on Tuesday afternoon.

With Pigg at the time of the accident was Alton Curtis of near Drewry, who saved Pigg's life.

When Pigg, who has an invalid wife, completed work recently on the annex to the Medical Center, he with other workmen were laid off. He returned home to Norlina. Here Alton Curtis entered the picture.

He said in a telephone conversation on Tuesday afternoon that in an effort to help Pigg he told him that he could have the wood from a one and a half acre wood lot which Curtis owned. Pigg had made a saw rig powered by an automobile engine and towed by a truck.

On last Saturday morning around 10 o'clock Curtis accompanied Pigg to the wood lot and began to assist him in cutting wood. Pigg was removing and piling the wood as it came off the saw.

Around 3:30 or 4 p. m., Curtis said, the whole saw outfit seemed to come apart, and he was thrown to the ground. Pigg was thrown about 25 feet through the air. When Curtis reached him, he was lying on his side, bleeding badly and unconscious. Curtis placed him on his back and put a block of wood under his head. He then removed clotted blood from Pigg's mouth in order to let him breathe.

"He really was dead by this time, with no pulse and no sign of breathing. I gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until life returned. Then I drove the truck to where he was lying and picked him up and placed him in the back of the truck. God must have given me the strength that I needed for ordinarily I would not have been able to lift him."

Curtis drove the truck to Warren General Hospital from which Pigg was taken by ambulance

to the Duke Medical Center in Durham.

Curtis explained his efforts in befriending Pigg: "I have never had very much," he said, "and when I can help someone who has much less I try and help."

Pigg's accident was a tragedy and a traumatic experience to Curtis. But it was not the only tragedy. The second tragedy is Pigg's wife, Mary P. Pigg, 52, suffering with a heart condition, and varicose veins and leg ulcers that makes walking difficult. Because of the heart condition, she receives welfare assistance of little over \$100 a month. She has no other means of support, and it is unlikely that her husband will ever be able to contribute to her support. They have no children.

Curtis said that Pigg never asked for food stamps.

Mrs. Pigg said when she called the office of The Warren Record on Tuesday afternoon to report the accident, that she called in the hope that people might learn of her husband's plight and her own plight in the hope that they might receive help. This was the reason, she said, for her calling both The Warren Record and The Henderson Daily Dispatch.

Blaylock Honored As A Top Teacher

Gilbert Blaylock, drafting instructor at John Graham Senior High School, has been selected as one of the ten top instructors of the Region III area. Blaylock was given the honor at a recent dinner meeting for vocational education instructors held at Northern Nash High School in Nash County.

Blaylock was selected by teachers and staff members of Region III. The awards are given annually to teachers who exhibit the most outstanding achievements in teaching and work with VICA, the youth organization of trades and industry.

Attending the meeting at Northern Nash was State Sen. James Speed of Louisburg, the superin-



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tendents of schools in Rocky Mount, Nashville and Tarboro, and all local directors of Region III. Also attending were special guests from N. C. State University and the regional director, Sam Shugart, and his staff.

Athletic Field Work Authorized By Board

The Warren County Board of Education Monday night authorized Superintendent Mike Williams to proceed with plans to ask the National Guard to assist in grading new athletic fields at the consolidated high school. The approval followed a discussion of plans for the fields, which were drafted by architect Dan Knight, who also drew specifications for the new school.

Williams told the board that there is approximately \$9,000 available for paying for work on the field. It is understood that the board would repay the guard for fuel and any materials used in construction of the fields.

In other action, the board indicated it wants to talk with those responsible for two unpaid bills at John Graham before taking any action to pay the bills.

The old bills from the 1979-80 school year are in the amount of \$4,500 to Oxford Sporting Goods for athletic equipment and \$1,700 to Josten's for the school yearbook. The board was asked to consider paying off both bills in order to avoid finance charges. The board would be repaid for the athletic equipment bill from revenue generated by athletic events. No method of repayment of the yearbook bill was suggested.



Mickey Ellis of Vaughan is shown with a 12-point buck which he killed in Judkins Township on Saturday. Ellis was hunting with a 12-gauge shotgun when he dropped the 175-pound deer. He said it is the largest he has ever killed. Ellis hunts with Reid Brothers Hunting Club. (Staff Photo)